

# Strongly Monolithic Characters of Finite Groups

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- *$G$  is a Frobenius group with an abelian Frobenius complement of order  $f$ . Also,  $G'$  is the Frobenius kernel and is an elementary abelian  $p$ -group.*

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## Character table of $SL_2(\mathbb{F}_3)$

class	1	2	3A	3B	4	6A	6B	
size	1	1	4	4	6	4	4	
$\rho_1$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	trivial
$\rho_2$	1	1	$\zeta_3^2$	$\zeta_3$	1	$\zeta_3^2$	$\zeta_3$	linear of order 3
$\rho_3$	1	1	$\zeta_3$	$\zeta_3^2$	1	$\zeta_3$	$\zeta_3^2$	linear of order 3
$\rho_4$	2	-2	-1	-1	0	1	1	symplectic faithful, Schur index 2
$\rho_5$	2	-2	$\zeta_6^5$	$\zeta_6$	0	$\zeta_3$	$\zeta_3^2$	complex faithful
$\rho_6$	2	-2	$\zeta_6$	$\zeta_6^5$	0	$\zeta_3^2$	$\zeta_3$	complex faithful
$\rho_7$	3	3	0	0	-1	0	0	orthogonal lifted from $A_4$

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## Theorem (Erkoç, Güngör, Özkan, 2022)

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## Character table of $A_5$

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$\rho_5$	5	1	-1	0	0	orthogonal faithful

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## Theorem (Ito-Michler)

*Let  $G$  be a finite group and let  $p$  be a prime divisor of  $|G|$ . Then  $p$  does not divide  $\chi(1)$  for every nonlinear irreducible character  $\chi$  of  $G$  if and only if  $G$  has a normal abelian Sylow  $p$ -subgroup.*

## Theorem (Isaacs ve Passman, 1968)

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- $\chi(1)$  is a prime for every strongly monolithic character  $\chi$  of  $G$ .
- Every strongly monolithic character of  $G$  is monomial.

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## Character table of $A_5$

class	1	2	3	5A	5B	
size	1	15	20	12	12	
$\rho_1$	1	1	1	1	1	trivial
$\rho_2$	3	-1	0	$\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$	$\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$	orthogonal faithful
$\rho_3$	3	-1	0	$\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$	$\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$	orthogonal faithful
$\rho_4$	4	0	1	-1	-1	orthogonal faithful
$\rho_5$	5	1	-1	0	0	orthogonal faithful

## Definition (Qian, Wang, Wei, 2007)

Let  $G$  be a finite group and let  $\chi$  be an irreducible character of  $G$ . The number  $a(\chi) := |G : \ker \chi| / \chi(1)$  is said to be the codegree of the character  $\chi$ .

## Lemma (Qian, Wang, Wei, 2007)

*Let  $G$  be a group and  $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$ . Then*

*(i) For any  $N \trianglelefteq G$  with  $N \leq \ker \chi$ ,  $\chi$  may be viewed as a character of  $G/N$ , and the codegree  $a(\chi)$  of  $\chi$  is independent of the choice of such  $N$ .*

*(ii) If  $M$  is a subnormal subgroup of  $G$  and  $\psi$  is an irreducible constituent of  $\chi_M$ , then  $a(\psi)$  divides  $a(\chi)$ .*

## Theorem (Lu, Meng, 2024)

*Let  $G$  be a solvable group. Then,  $h(G) \leq |\text{cod}(G)| - 1$ .*

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**Theorem (Erkoç, Yılmaztürk, 2024)**

$h(G) \leq |\text{cod}_{\text{msm}}(G)| + 1$  for all finite solvable groups  $G$ .

$\text{cod}_{\text{msm}}(G) = \{a(\chi) : \chi \in \text{Irr}_{\text{msm}}(G)\}$  where  $\text{Irr}_{\text{msm}}(G)$  denote the set of monomial strongly monolithic characters.

## Theorem (Lu, Meng 2024)

*Let  $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$  and  $K = \ker(\chi)$ . Either of the following conditions guarantees the  $\psi \in \text{Irr}(G)$  with  $\text{cod}(\psi) > \text{cod}(\chi)$ :*

*(1)  $K \not\subseteq F(G)$ ;*

*(2)  $K = F(G) < G$ , and  $G/K$  is solvable, where  $F(G)$  is the Fitting subgroup of  $G$ .*

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