

Applications of Group Theory

Lectures	Tue	10:00 - 11:30	PHY 9.1.09
	Thu	10:00 - 11:30	PHY 9.1.09
Exercises	Fri	10:00 - 11:30	PHY 5.0.21

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1. Trivial representations

Show that every symmetry operator for every group can be represented by the (1×1) unit matrix. Is it also true that every symmetry operator for every group can be represented by the (2×2) unit matrix? If so, does such a representation satisfy the Wonderful Orthogonality Theorem? Why?

2. Character table of the Group D_4

Using the properties of the characters introduced during the lecture, construct the character table for the group D_4 . Assign to each irreducible representation the correct name according to the Mulliken notation. Finally, calculate which irreducible representations are contained in the one associated to the three dimensional vector space \mathbb{R}^3 .

Frohes Schaffen!