

35. Decomposition of Kronecker Products of Representations of the Inhomogeneous Lorentz Group

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We shall consider irreducible decomposition of the Kronecker products of unitary representations of the proper orthochronous inhomogeneous Lorentz group which we shall denote by G . In the present paper we give explicit solution of this problem, except some cases. Our method is based on the theory of induced representation, which was considered by G. W. Mackey [1]. The details of the results will be reported in another paper.

§ 1. It is known that all irreducible unitary representations of G are classified in the following types.

a) $\mathfrak{D}^0(\sigma)$. Let H be the homogeneous Lorentz group. We can consider it the factor group of G by the real four-dimensional vector subgroup N of G . We can define canonically an irreducible representation $\mathfrak{D}^0(\sigma)$ of G from an irreducible representation σ of the factor group H . σ is characterized by a pair of parameters (s, t) , according whose values σ 's are classified into three series. (i) Principal series: s is a non-negative integer, t is pure imaginary. (ii) Supplementary series: $s=0$, $0 < t < 1$. (iii) Identity representation: $(s, t) = (0, 1)$.

b) $\mathfrak{D}^1(\rho, b)$. Consider the three-dimensional rotation group R , which is a subgroup of H . Its irreducible representation $\rho \equiv \rho(m)$ is decided by the highest weight m , which is a non-negative integer. We choose a character $\chi(x) = \exp(ibx_1)$ ($b \neq 0$) for the element $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_0)$ of N , and construct a representation of RN as the product of $\rho(m)$ and $\chi(x)$, and lastly we induce a unitary representation $\mathfrak{D}^1(\rho, b)$ of G from this representation of RN . Then $\mathfrak{D}^1(\rho, b)$ is irreducible.

c) $\mathfrak{D}^2(\lambda, c)$. In the case b), we replace R with the three-dimensional proper Lorentz group L , the representation ρ of R with an irreducible representation λ of L and the character $\exp(ibx_1)$ of N with $\exp(icx_0)$ ($c > 0$) respectively. Then the induced representation $\mathfrak{D}^2(\lambda, c)$ from $\exp(icx_0)\lambda$ of LN is irreducible. There are four series of irreducible representations λ of L : (i) Principal series: λ^l ($1/4 \leq l$). (ii) Supplementary series: λ^l ($0 < l < 1/4$). (iii) Discrete series: λ_p ($p = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$). (iv) Identity representation: I.

d) $\mathfrak{D}^3(\kappa, +)$ and $\mathfrak{D}^3(\kappa, -)$. We employ the motion group M over two-dimensional Euclidean space as the third subgroup of G , and let κ