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### Abstract

We review pedagogically non-Abelian discrete groups, which play an important role in the particle physics. We show group-theoretical aspects for  $S_3$  and  $A_4$  concrete groups, such as representations, their tensor products. We explain how to derive, conjugacy classes, characters, representations, and tensor products for these groups (with a finite number).We also present typical flavor models by using  $A_4$  group. Breaking patterns of discrete groups and decompositions of multiplets are important for applications of the non-Abelian discrete symmetry. We discuss these breaking patterns of the non-Abelian discrete group, which are a powerful tool for model buildings.

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# Chapter 1 Introduction

We have demonstrated group-theoretical aspects for  $A_4$  group explicitly, such as representation and their tensor products. We have shown them explicitly for non-Abelian discrete group  $A_4$ , and discussed how to drive conjugacy classes, character tables, representations and tensor products for these groups ( $A_4$ ).

A4 (discrete group of even permutations of four items) emerged as a unique discrete group that can duplicate the TBM (tribimaximal mixing) pattern in a very cost-effective manner among all the discrete groups explored in the literature. It's a smalles group with a three-dimensional representation that can accommodate three flavours of leptons and explain the textures of fermion mass matrices. [Karmakar, 2018] In the quark sector, models based on the  $A_4$  symmetry as a possible family symmetry were first introduced in Refs. [Wyler, 1979] Branco, Nilles and Rittenberg, 1980]. After the impact of the symmetry on the Yukawa matrices is known, some structure for the vacuum expectation values (vev) has to be assumed before moving on to the mass matrices and respective phenomenological predictions.

Degee, Ivanov, and Keus[ Degee, Ivanov and Keus, 2013] have introduced a geometrical procedure to minimize highly symmetric scalar potentials, and solved the problem for a three Higgs doublet model (3HDM) potential with an  $A_4$  or an  $S_4$  symmetry. In this thesis, we consider models with three Higgs doublets  $\phi_i$  in a triplet representation of  $A_4$  and The models contain only three generations of left-handed quark doublets  $Q_L$ , right-handed up-type quark singlets  $u_R$ , and right-handed down-type quark singlets  $d_R$ .[Felipe, Serodio and Silva, 2013]

# Chapter 2 Group theory

Group Theory is the study of symmetry, whenever an object or a system's property is invariant under a transformation than we can analyze the object using group theoretic methods.

### 2.1 GROUP

### 2.1.1 Definition of a Group

A group G consists of a set of entities  $g_{\alpha}$  called group elements. Which we could compose together. Composition or multiplication satisfies the following axioms :

1. Closure :- Given any two elements  $g_{\alpha}$  and  $g_{\beta}$ , the product  $g_{\alpha}.g_{\beta}$  is equal to another element g in G.

$$g_{\alpha}.g_{\beta} = g_{\gamma}$$

2. Associativity: Composition is associative

$$(g_{\alpha}.g_{\beta}).g_{\gamma} = g_{\alpha}.(g_{\beta}.g_{\gamma})$$

3. Existence of the identity: There exists a group element, known as the identity and denoted by I, such that

$$I.g_{\alpha} = g_{\alpha} \text{and} \quad g_{\alpha}.I = g_{\alpha}.$$

4. Existence of the inverse: For every group element g,there exists a unique group element, known as the inverse of  $g_{\alpha}$  and denoted by  $g_{\alpha}^{-1}$ , such that

$$g_{\alpha}^{-1}.g_{\alpha} = I$$
 and  $g_{\alpha}.g_{\alpha}^{-1} = I$ .

#### 2.1.2 Abelian nonabelian groups

A group for which the composition rule is commutative is said to be abelian.

$$g_{\alpha}.g_{\beta} = g_{\beta}.g_{\alpha}$$

And a group for which the composition rule is not commutative is said to be nonabelian.

$$g_{\alpha}.g_{\beta} \neq g_{\beta}.g_{\alpha}$$

Examples of group :- 1. The two square roots of 1, (1, -1), form the group  $Z_2$  under ordinary multiplication.

2. Similarly, the three cube roots of 1 form the group  $Z_3 = 1, \omega, \omega^2$  with  $\omega = \exp(\frac{2\iota\pi}{3})$ . and the four fourth roots of 1 form the group  $Z_4 = 1, \iota, -1, -\iota$ , where famously (or infamously)  $\iota = \exp(\frac{\iota\pi}{2})$ . More generally, the N, Nth roots of 1 form the group  $Z_N = \exp(\frac{\iota2\pi j}{N})$ : j = 0, ..., N - 1. The composition of group elements is defined by  $\exp(\frac{\iota2\pi j}{N}).\exp(\frac{\iota2\pi k}{N}) = \exp(\frac{\iota2\pi (j+k)}{N}).$ 

#### 2.1.3 Multiplication table

A finite group with n elements can be characterized by its multiplication table. We construct a square  $n \otimes n$  table, writing the product  $g_i g_j$  in the square in the  $i^{th}$  row and the  $j^{th}$  column:



Table 2.1: Multiplication table

### 2.1.4 Homomorphism and isomorphism

A map  $f: G \to G'$  of a group G into the group G' Is called a homomorphism If it preserves the multiplicative structure of G,

$$1.if f(g_1) f(g_2) = f(g_1 g_2) \tag{2.1}$$

$$2.f(I) = I($$
 the identity of G is mapped to the identity of G'). (2.2)

A homomorphism becomes an isomorphism if the map is one-to-one and onto.

### 2.2 Representation Theory

Given a group, the idea is to associate each element g with a  $d \otimes d$  matrix D(g)such that

$$D(g_1)D(g_2) = D(g_1g_2)$$

for any two group elements  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ . The matrix D(g) is said to represent the element g, and the set of matrices D(g) for all  $g \in G$  is said to furnish or provide a representation of G. The size of the matrices, d, is known as the dimension of the representation.

#### 2.2.1 Equivalent representations

Two representations, D(g) and D'(g), are really the same representation (more formally, the two representations are equivalent) if they are related by a similarity transformation.

$$D'(g) = S^{-1}D(g)S$$

As explained in the review of linear algebra, D(g) and D'(g) are essentially the same matrix, merely written in two different bases, with the matrix S relating one set of basis vectors to the other set. Then given a representation D(g), define D'(g) by similarity transformation with some S whose inverse exists. Then D(g) is also a representation, since

$$D'(g_1)D'(g_2) = (S^{-1}D(g_1)S)(S^{-1}D(g_2)S)$$
$$= S^{-1}D(g_1)D(g_2)S$$

$$= S^{-1}D(g_1g_2)S$$
  
= D'(g\_1g\_2). (2.3)

#### 2.2.2 Reducible or irreducible representation

The vector space  $v_j$ , on which representation matrices act, is called a representation space such as  $D(g)_{ij}v_j$  (j = 1, ..., n). The dimension n of the vector space  $v_j$  (j = 1, ..., n) is called as a dimension of the representation. A subspace in the representation space is called invariant subspace if  $D(g)_{ij}v_j$  for any vector  $v_j$  in the subspace and any element  $g \in G$  also corresponds to a vector in the same subspace. If a representation has an invariant subspace, such a representation is called reducible. A representation is irreducible if it has no invariant subspace. In particular, a representation is called completely reducible if D(g) for  $g \in G$  are written as the following block diagonal form,

$$\begin{pmatrix} D_1(g) & 0 & & \\ 0 & D_2(g) & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & D_{r'}(g) \end{pmatrix}$$

where each  $D_{\alpha}(g)$  for  $\alpha = 1, ..., r$  is irreducible. This implies that a reducible representation D(g) is the direct sum of  $D_{\alpha}(g)$ ,

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{r} \oplus D_{\alpha}(g). \tag{2.4}$$

# Chapter 3

### $S_3$ Group

#### $S_N$ GROUP

All possible permutations among N objects  $x_i$  with i = 1, ..., N, form a group,

$$(x_1, ..., x_n) \to (x_{i1}, ..., x_{iN})$$
 (3.1)

This group is the so-called  $S_N$  with the order N!, and  $S_N$  is often called as the symmetric group. In the following we show concrete aspects on  $S_N$  for smaller N. The simplest one of  $S_N$  except the trivial  $S_1$  is  $S_2$ , which consists of two permutations,

$$(x_1, x_2) \to (x_1, x_2), (x_1, x_2) \to (x_2, x_1)$$

This is nothing but  $Z_2$ , that is Abelian. Thus, we start with  $S_3$ . [Ishimori et al., 2009]

### **3.1** $S_3$ Group

 $S_3$  consists of all permutations among three objects,  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and its order is equal to 3! = 6. All of six elements correspond to the following transformations,

$$e: (x_1, x_2, x_3) \to (x_1, x_2, x_3),$$
$$a_1: (x_1, x_2, x_3) \to (x_2, x_1, x_3),$$
$$a_2: (x_1, x_2, x_3) \to (x_3, x_2, x_1),$$

$$a_3 : (x_1, x_2, x_3) \to (x_1, x_3, x_2),$$
  
$$a_4 : (x_1, x_2, x_3) \to (x_3, x_1, x_2),$$
  
$$a_5 : (x_1, x_2, x_3) \to (x_2, x_3, x_1).$$

Their multiplication forms a closed algebra, e.g.

$$a_1 a_2 : (x_1, x_2, x_3) \to (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$
$$a_2 a_1 : (x_1, x_2, x_3) \to (x_3, x_1, x_2),$$
$$a_4 a_2 : (x_1, x_2, x_3) \to (x_1, x_3, x_2),$$

i.e.,

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$$a_1 a_2 = a_5,$$
  
 $a_2 a_1 = a_4,$   
 $a_4 a_2 = a_2 a_1 a_2 = a_3,$ 

Thus, by defining  $a_1 = a, a_2 = b$ , all of elements are written as

Note that aba = bab. The  $S_3$  group is a symmetry of an equilateral triangle as shown in Figure . The elements a and ab correspond to a reflection and the  $2\pi/3$  rotation, respectively.

 $S_3$  is the group of all permutations of three objects and it has 6 elements divided into three irreducible representation, namely, two singlets 1, 1' and one doublet 2. The orthogonality relation

$$\sum_{\alpha} [\chi_{\alpha}(C_1)^2] = \sum_{\alpha} m_n n^2 = m_1 + 4m_2 + 9m_3 + \dots = 6$$
(3.2)

and

$$\sum_{n} m_n = 3$$

where  $m_n \ge 0$ , then  $(m_1, m_2) = (2, 1)$ . Thus, irreducible representation of  $S_3$  include two singlets 1, 1' and a doublet 2.

Character Table of  $S_3$  representations

Conjugacy class	Order	$\chi_1$	$\chi_{1'}$	$\chi_2$
$C_1$	1	1	1	2
$C_2$	3	1	1	-1
$C_3$	2	1	-1	0

Table 3.1: Character table of  $S_3$ 

### **3.1.1** Matrix representation of $S_3$

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix},$$
$$ab = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, ba = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, bab = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

### **3.1.2** Tensor products of $S_3$

Tensor products of irreducible representation for  $S_3$ . Two one-dimensional representation denoted by 1 and 1', and one two-dimensional representation denoted by 2. Then,

Tensor products of two doublets  $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)$ 

$$\Gamma_{l_{\alpha} \times l_{\alpha}}{}^{\alpha}(g) \otimes \Gamma_{l_{\beta} \times l_{\beta}}{}^{\beta}(g) = \Gamma_{l_{\alpha} l_{\beta} \times l_{\alpha} l_{\beta}}{}^{red.}(g) = \oplus a^{\alpha} \Gamma^{\alpha}$$
(3.3)

$$D_{2\times 2}{}^{\alpha}(g) \otimes D_{2\times 2}{}^{\beta}(g) = D_{4\times 4}{}^{red.}(g)$$
 (3.4)

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 1} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 y_1 \\ x_1 y_2 \\ x_2 y_1 \\ x_2 y_2 \end{pmatrix}_{4 \times 1} = reducible vector space = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1 \times 1} \\ B_{1 \times 1} \\ \begin{pmatrix} C \\ D \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Direct product of  $S_3$  group representation

$$\Gamma(e) = e \otimes e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \Gamma(a) = a \otimes a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Gamma(b) = b \otimes b = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \Gamma(ab) = ab \otimes ab = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{3}{4} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Gamma(ba) = ba \otimes ba = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ \frac{3}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \Gamma(bab) = bab \otimes bab = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{3}{4} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ \frac{3}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix},$$

### Projection matrices for $S_3$ irreducible representation

$$P_{\chi^{\alpha}} = \frac{l_{\chi^{\alpha}}}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \overline{\chi}^{\Gamma^{\alpha}}(g) \Gamma(g)$$
(3.5)

here,  $l_{\chi^{\alpha}}$  and |G| is order 6.

$$P_{\chi^{\alpha}}\begin{pmatrix} x_1y_1\\ x_1y_2\\ x_2y_1\\ x_2y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1\times 1}\\ B_{1\times 1}\\ \begin{pmatrix} C\\ D \end{pmatrix}_{2\times 2} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\left[\Gamma(a) + \Gamma(ab) + \Gamma(ba) + \Gamma(ba) + \Gamma(bab)\right]}$$
(2.6)

$$P_{\chi_1} = \frac{1}{6} [\Gamma(e) + \Gamma(ab) + \Gamma(ba) + \Gamma(a) + \Gamma(b) + \Gamma(bab)]$$
(3.6)

$$P_{\chi_{1}} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$P_{\chi_{1}} \begin{pmatrix} x_{1}y_{1} \\ x_{1}y_{2} \\ x_{2}y_{1} \\ x_{2}y_{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{1}y_{1} \\ x_{1}y_{2} \\ x_{2}y_{1} \\ x_{2}y_{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x_{1}y_{1}}{2} + \frac{x_{2}y_{2}}{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $1 = (x_1y_1 + x_2y_2)$  linear combination.

Similarly,

$$P_{\chi_{1'}} = \frac{1}{6} [\Gamma(e) + \Gamma(ab) + \Gamma(ba) - \Gamma(a) - \Gamma(b) - \Gamma(bab)]$$
(3.7)

$$P_{\chi_{1'}} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{\chi_{1'}}\begin{pmatrix}x_1y_1\\x_1y_2\\x_2y_1\\x_2y_2\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}0 & 0 & 0 & 0\\0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0\\0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0\\0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}x_1y_1\\x_1y_2\\x_2y_1\\x_2y_1\\x_2y_2\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}0\\\frac{x_1y_2}{2} - \frac{x_2y_1}{2}\\-\frac{x_1y_2}{2} + \frac{x_2y_1}{2}\\0\end{pmatrix}$$

 $1' = (x_1y_2 - x_2y_1)$  linear combination.

and

$$P_{\chi_2} = \frac{1}{6} [2\Gamma(e) - \Gamma(ab) - \Gamma(ba)]$$
(3.8)

$$P_{\chi_2} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 y_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 y_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x_1 y_1}{2} - \frac{x_2 y_2}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{\chi_2}\begin{pmatrix}x_1y_1\\x_1y_2\\x_2y_1\\x_2y_2\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2}\\0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0\\0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0\\-\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}x_1y_1\\x_1y_2\\x_2y_1\\x_2y_2\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}\frac{x_1y_1}{2} - \frac{x_2y_2}{2}\\\frac{x_1y_2}{2} + \frac{x_2y_1}{2}\\\frac{x_1y_2}{2} + \frac{x_2y_1}{2}\\-\frac{x_1y_1}{2} + \frac{x_2y_2}{2}\end{pmatrix}$$

$$2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2y_2 - x_1y_1 \\ x_1y_2 + x_2y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 linear combination.

1. Tensor products of two doublets  $(x_1, x_2)$   $(y_1, y_2)$ 

The linear combinations corresponding singlets and doublet

1:  $x_1y_1 + x_2y_2$ , 1':  $x_1y_2 - x_2y_1$ 

and

$$2: \left(\begin{array}{c} x_2y_2 - x_1y_1 \\ x_1y_2 + x_2y_1 \end{array}\right)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = (x_1y_1 + x_2y_2) \oplus (x_1y_2 - x_2y_1) \oplus \begin{pmatrix} x_2y_2 - x_1y_1 \\ x_1y_2 + x_2y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$2 \otimes 2 = 1 \oplus 1' \oplus 2$$

2. Tensor products of singlet (y) and doublet  $(x_1, x_2)$ 

$$(y)_{1'} \otimes \left(\begin{array}{c} x_1\\ x_2 \end{array}\right)_2 = \left(\begin{array}{c} -yx_2\\ yx_1 \end{array}\right)$$

$$1' \otimes 2 = 2$$

3. Tensor products of singlet (x) and (y)

$$(x)_{1'} \otimes (y)_{1'} = (xy)_1$$

 $1' \otimes 1' = 1$ 

, and  $% \left( {{{\left( {{{\left( {{{\left( {{{\left( {{{}}}} \right)}} \right)},and} \right)}_{ij}}}} \right)} \right)$ 

$$1 \otimes any = any$$

# Chapter 4 $A_4$ Group

### $A_4Group:$

 $A_4$  is the group of even permutations of four objects and it has 12 elements divided into four irreducible representation, namely, three singlets 1, 1', 1" and one triplet 3.

The orthogonality relation

$$\sum_{\alpha} [\chi_{\alpha}(C_1)^2] = \sum_{\alpha} m_n n^2 = m_1 + 4m_2 + 9m_3 + \dots = 12$$
(4.1)

and

$$\sum_{n} m_n = 4$$

where  $m_n \ge 0$ , then  $(m_1, m_2, m_3) = (3, 0, 1)$ . Thus, irreducible representation of  $A_4$  include three singlets 1, 1' 1' and a triplet 3.

Character Table of  $S_3$  representations

Conjugacy class	Order	$\chi_1$	$\chi_{1'}$	$\chi_1$ "	$\chi_3$
$C_1$	1	1	1	1	3
$C_3$	2	1	1	1	-1
$C_4$	3	1	ω	$\omega^2$	0
$C_{4'}$	3	1	$\omega^2$	ω	0

Table 4.1: Character table of  $A_4$ 

### **4.0.1** Tensor Products of $A_4$

Tensor products of irreducible representation for  $A_4$ . Three one-dimensional representation denoted by 1, 1' and, 1", and one three-dimensional representation denoted by 3. Then,

(1.) First, the alternating group  $A_4$  can be defined in terms of two generators S, T satisfying the representation rules.

= 1

$$S^{2} = T^{3} = (ST)^{3}$$
$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Conjugacy classes

 $C_1: e$ 

 $C_3: S, TST^2, T^2ST$  $C_4: T, TS, ST, STS$  $C'_4: T^2, ST^2, T^2S, TST$ 

**4.0.2** Matrix representation of  $A_4$ 

Tensor products of irreducible representions.

$$\Gamma_{l_{\alpha} \times l_{\alpha}}{}^{\alpha}(g) \otimes \Gamma_{l_{\beta} \times l_{\beta}}{}^{\beta}(g) = \Gamma_{l_{\alpha} l_{\beta} \times l_{\alpha} l_{\beta}}{}^{red.}(g) = \oplus a^{\alpha} \Gamma^{\alpha}$$

$$(4.2)$$

Tensor products of two triplets  $(a_1, a_2, a_3), (b_1, b_2, b_3)$ 

$$D_{3\times 3}{}^{\alpha}(g) \otimes D_{3\times 3}{}^{\beta}(g) = D_{9\times 9}{}^{red.}(g)$$
(4.3)

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix}_{3\times 1} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}_{3\times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1b_1 \\ a_1b_2 \\ a_1b_3 \\ a_2b_1 \\ a_2b_2 \\ a_2b_3 \\ a_3b_1 \\ a_3b_2 \\ a_3b_3 \end{pmatrix}_{9\times 1} = \text{reducible vector space} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ B_{1'} \\ C_{1''} \\ \begin{pmatrix} D \\ E \\ F \end{pmatrix}_{3s} \\ \begin{pmatrix} G \\ H \\ I \end{pmatrix}_{3a} \end{pmatrix}_{9\times 1}$$

### Direct product of $A_4$ group representation

Similarly,

,

$$\Gamma(tst^2), \Gamma(t^2st), \Gamma(t), \Gamma(ts), \Gamma(st), \Gamma(t^2), \Gamma(st^2), \Gamma(t^2s), \Gamma(tst), \Gamma(sts)$$

### Projection matrices for $A_4$ irreducible representation

$$P_{\chi^{\alpha}} = \frac{l_{\chi^{\alpha}}}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \overline{\chi}^{\Gamma^{\alpha}}(g) \Gamma(g)$$
(4.4)

here, 
$$l_{\chi^{\alpha}}$$
 is dim. and  $|G|$  is order 12.  

$$P_{\chi_1} = \frac{1}{12} [\Gamma(e) + \Gamma(s) + \Gamma(tst^2) + \Gamma(t^2st) + \Gamma(t) + \Gamma(ts) + \Gamma(sts) + \Gamma(t^2) + \Gamma(st^2) + \Gamma(t^2s) + \Gamma(tst)]$$
(4.5)

 $1 = (a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3)$  linear combination.

$$P_{\chi_{1'}} = \frac{1}{12} [\Gamma(e) + \Gamma(s) + \Gamma(tst^2) + \Gamma(t^2st) + \omega\Gamma(t) + \omega\Gamma(ts) + \omega\Gamma(st) + \omega\Gamma(sts) + \omega^2\Gamma(t^2) + \omega^2\Gamma(st^2) + \omega^2\Gamma(t^2s) + \omega^2\Gamma(tst)] \quad (4.6)$$

1'=  $(a_1b_1 + \omega^2 a_2b_2 + \omega a_3b_3)$  linear combination.

$$P_{\chi_{1}} = \frac{1}{12} [\Gamma(e) + \Gamma(s) + \Gamma(tst^{2}) + \Gamma(t^{2}st) + \omega^{2}\Gamma(t) + \omega^{2}\Gamma(ts) + \omega^{2}\Gamma(st) + \omega^{2}\Gamma(sts) + \omega\Gamma(t^{2}) + \omega\Gamma(st^{2}) + \omega\Gamma(t^{2}s) + \omega\Gamma(tst)] \quad (4.7)$$

1"=  $(a_1b_1 + \omega a_2b_2 + \omega^2 a_3b_3)$  linear combination.

$$P_{\chi_3} = \frac{3}{12} [3\Gamma(e) - \Gamma(s) - \Gamma(tst^2) - \Gamma(t^2st)]$$
(4.8)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0\\ a_{1}b_{2}\\ a_{1}b_{3}\\ a_{2}b_{1}\\ 0\\ a_{2}b_{3}\\ a_{3}b_{1}\\ a_{3}b_{2}\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} D\\ E\\ F \end{pmatrix}_{3s} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{2}b_{3} + a_{3}b_{2}\\ a_{3}b_{1} + a_{1}b_{3}\\ a_{1}b_{2} + a_{2}b_{1} \end{pmatrix}_{3s}$$

,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0\\ a_{1}b_{2}\\ a_{1}b_{3}\\ a_{2}b_{1}\\ 0\\ a_{2}b_{3}\\ a_{3}b_{1}\\ a_{3}b_{2}\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} G\\ H\\ I \end{pmatrix}_{3a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{2}b_{3} - a_{3}b_{2}\\ a_{3}b_{1} - a_{1}b_{3}\\ a_{1}b_{2} - a_{2}b_{1} \end{pmatrix}_{3a}$$

1. Tensor products of two triplets  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$   $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$ 

The linear combinations corresponding singlets and triplet

1: 
$$a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3$$
,  $1' : a_1b_1 + \omega^2 a_2b_2 + \omega a_3b_3$ ,  $1" : a_1b_1 + \omega a_2b_2 + \omega^2 a_3b_3$ 

and

$$3_{s}: \begin{pmatrix} a_{2}b_{3} + a_{3}b_{2} \\ a_{3}b_{1} + a_{1}b_{3} \\ a_{1}b_{2} + a_{2}b_{1} \end{pmatrix}, \ 3_{a}: \begin{pmatrix} a_{2}b_{3} - a_{3}b_{2} \\ a_{3}b_{1} - a_{1}b_{3} \\ a_{1}b_{2} - a_{2}b_{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Tensor products of singlet (a) and triplet  $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$ 

 $1'\otimes 3=3$ 

and

 $1"\otimes 3=3$ 

3. Tensor products of singlet (a) and (b)

 $1 \otimes 1 = 1$ 

 $1' \otimes 1" = 1$ 

and

,

$$1 \otimes any = any$$

(2.) Another two generators s , t satisfying the alternating group  ${\cal A}_4$  representation rules,

$$s^2 = t^3 = (st)^3 = 1$$

$$s = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2\\ 2 & -1 & 2\\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \omega^2 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \omega \end{pmatrix}$$

Conjugacy classes

$$C_1: e$$

$$C_3: s, tst^2, t^2st$$

$$C_4: t, ts, st, sts$$

$$C'_4: t^2, st^2, t^2s, tst$$

Then representation matrix  ${\cal A}_4$ 

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad s = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad tst^{2} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega & 2\omega^{2} \\ 2\omega^{2} & -1 & 2\omega \\ 2\omega & 2\omega^{2} & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ t^{2}st = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega^{2} & 2\omega^{2} \\ 2\omega & -1 & 2\omega^{2} \\ 2\omega & 2\omega & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega \end{pmatrix}, \quad ts = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2\omega^{2} & -\omega^{2} & 2\omega^{2} \\ 2\omega & 2\omega & -\omega \end{pmatrix}, \\ sts = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega & 2\omega^{2} \\ 2\omega & -\omega^{2} & 2 \\ 2\omega^{2} & 2 & -\omega \end{pmatrix}, \quad tst = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega^{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad st_{2} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega & 2\omega^{2} \\ 2 & -\omega^{2} & 2\omega^{2} \\ 2 & 2\omega & -\omega^{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad tst = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega & 2\omega^{2} \\ 2 & -\omega^{2} & 2\omega^{2} \\ 2 & 2\omega & -\omega^{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad tst = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega^{2} & 2\omega \\ 2 & -\omega & 2\omega^{2} \\ 2 & 2\omega & -\omega^{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad tst = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega^{2} & 2\omega \\ 2 & 2\omega & -\omega^{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad tst = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega^{2} & 2\omega \\ 2 & 2\omega & -\omega^{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad tst = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega^{2} & 2\omega \\ 2 & 2\omega & -\omega^{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad tst = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega^{2} & 2\omega \\ 2\omega^{2} & -\omega & 2\omega^{2} \\ 2\omega^{2} & 2\omega^{2} & -\omega^{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad tst = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega^{2} & 2\omega \\ 2\omega^{2} & -\omega & 2 \\ 2\omega^{2} & -\omega^{2} & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad tst = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega^{2} & 2\omega \\ 2\omega^{2} & -\omega & 2 \\ 2\omega^{2} & -\omega^{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad tst = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega^{2} & 2\omega \\ 2\omega^{2} & -\omega^{2} & 2 \\ 2\omega^{2} & -\omega^{2} & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad tst = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\omega^{2} & 2\omega \\ 2\omega^{2} & -\omega^{2} & 2 \\ 2\omega^{2} & 2\omega^{2} & -\omega^{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

Tensor product of  $A_4$ :

tensor product of two triplet  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$   $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3)$ 

$$D^{\alpha}_{3\times3}(g) \otimes D^{\beta}_{3\times3}(g) = D^{red.}_{9\times9}(g) = \otimes m^{\alpha}D(g)$$

$$\tag{4.9}$$

$$\Gamma(s) = s \otimes s = \frac{1}{9} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix}_{3\times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \beta_1 \\ \alpha_1 \beta_2 \\ \alpha_1 \beta_3 \\ \alpha_2 \beta_1 \\ \alpha_3 \beta_2 \\ \alpha_3 \beta_1 \\ \alpha_3 \beta_2 \\ \alpha_3 \beta_3 \end{pmatrix}_{9\times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ B_{1'} \\ C_1^{*} \\ D \\ E \\ F \end{pmatrix}_{3s} \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ B_1 \\ B_2 \\ B_2 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_4 \\ \beta_4$$

Similarly

,

$$\Gamma(tst^2), \Gamma(t^2st), \Gamma(t), \Gamma(ts), \Gamma(st), \Gamma(t^2), \Gamma(st^2), \Gamma(t^2s), \Gamma(tst), \Gamma(sts), \Gamma($$

$$P_{\chi^{\alpha}} = \frac{l_{\chi^{\alpha}}}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \overline{\chi}^{\Gamma^{\alpha}}(g) \Gamma(g)$$
(4.10)

here,  $l_{\chi^{\alpha}} isdim$ . and |G| is order 12.

$$P_{\chi_1} = \frac{1}{12} [\Gamma(e) + \Gamma(s) + \Gamma(tst^2) + \Gamma(t^2st) + \Gamma(t) + \Gamma(ts) + \Gamma(st) + \Gamma(sts) + \Gamma(sts) + \Gamma(t^2) + \Gamma(t^2s) + \Gamma(t^2s) + \Gamma(tst)] \quad (4.11)$$

$$P_{\chi_{1'}} = \frac{1}{12} [\Gamma(e) + \Gamma(s) + \Gamma(tst^2) + \Gamma(t^2st) + \omega\Gamma(t) + \omega\Gamma(ts) + \omega\Gamma(st) + \omega\Gamma(sts) + \omega^2\Gamma(t^2) + \omega^2\Gamma(t^2s) + \omega^2\Gamma(tst)] \quad (4.12)$$

$$P_{\chi_{1,"}} = \frac{1}{12} [\Gamma(e) + \Gamma(s) + \Gamma(tst^2) + \Gamma(t^2st) + \omega^2 \Gamma(t) + \omega^2 \Gamma(ts) + \omega^2 \Gamma(st) + \omega^2 \Gamma(sts) + \omega \Gamma(t^2) + \omega \Gamma(st^2) + \omega \Gamma(tst)] \quad (4.13)$$

$$P_{\chi_3} = \frac{1}{4} [3\Gamma(e) - \Gamma(s) - \Gamma(tst^2) - \Gamma(t^2st)]$$
(4.14)

1. Tensor products of two triplets  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$   $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3)$ 

The linear combinations corresponding singlets and triplet

1: 
$$\alpha_1\beta_1 + \alpha_2\beta_3 + \alpha_3\beta_2$$
, 1':  $\alpha_3\beta_3 + \alpha_1\beta_2 + \alpha_2\beta_1$ , 1":  $\alpha_2\beta_2 + \alpha_3\beta_1 + \alpha_1\beta_3$ 

and

$$3_{s}: \begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha_{1}\beta_{1} - \alpha_{2}\beta_{3} - \alpha_{3}\beta_{2} \\ 2\alpha_{3}\beta_{3} - \alpha_{1}\beta_{2} - \alpha_{2}\beta_{1} \\ 2\alpha_{2}\beta_{2} - \alpha_{3}\beta_{1} - \alpha_{1}\beta_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$3_{a}: \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{2}\beta_{3} - \alpha_{3}\beta_{2} \\ \alpha_{1}\beta_{2} - \alpha_{2}\beta_{1} \\ \alpha_{3}\beta_{1} - \alpha_{1}\beta_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix} = (\alpha_1 \beta_1 + \alpha_2 \beta_3 + \alpha_3 \beta_2)_1 \oplus (\alpha_3 \beta_3 + \alpha_1 \beta_2 + \alpha_2 \beta_1)_{1'} \oplus (\alpha_2 \beta_2 + \alpha_3 \beta_1 + \alpha_1 \beta_3)_{1''} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha_1 \beta_1 - \alpha_2 \beta_3 - \alpha_3 \beta_2 \\ 2\alpha_3 \beta_3 - \alpha_1 \beta_2 - \alpha_2 \beta_1 \\ 2\alpha_2 \beta_2 - \alpha_3 \beta_1 - \alpha_1 \beta_3 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 \beta_3 - \alpha_3 \beta_2 \\ \alpha_1 \beta_2 - \alpha_2 \beta_1 \\ \alpha_3 \beta_1 - \alpha_1 \beta_3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$3 \otimes 3 = 1 \oplus 1' \oplus 1'' \oplus 3_s \oplus 3_a$$

2. Tensor products of singlet  $(\alpha)$  and triplet  $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3)$ 

$$(\alpha)_{1'} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha\beta_3 \\ \alpha\beta_1 \\ \alpha\beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1' \otimes 3 = 3$$

and

$$(\alpha)_{1"} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \beta_2 \\ \alpha \beta_3 \\ \alpha \beta_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1"\otimes 3=3$$

3. Tensor products of singlet  $(\alpha)$  and  $(\beta)$ 

$$(\alpha)_{1'} \otimes (\beta)_{1"} = (\alpha\beta)_1$$
$$1' \otimes 1" = 1$$

 $1 \otimes any = any$ 

### Chapter 5

## Model with three Higgs doublets in the triplet representation of $A_4$

### 5.1 The potential of the three Higgs fields

The three Higgs doublets fields  $\phi_i = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3)$  transform in a triplet representation of  $A_4$  symmetry,

$$3: \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Or products of the  $\phi_i = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3)$  and  $\phi_i^{\dagger} = (\phi_1^{\dagger}, \phi_2^{\dagger}, \phi_3^{\dagger})$ ,

$$\begin{split} \phi^{\dagger} \otimes \phi &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi^{\dagger}{}_{3}\phi_{2} + \phi^{\dagger}{}_{2}\phi_{3}, \phi^{\dagger}{}_{3}\phi_{1} + \phi^{\dagger}{}_{1}\phi_{3}, \phi^{\dagger}{}_{1}\phi_{2} + \phi^{\dagger}{}_{2}\phi_{1}) : 3_{s} \\ &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi^{\dagger}{}_{3}\phi_{2} - \phi^{\dagger}{}_{2}\phi_{3}, \phi^{\dagger}{}_{3}\phi_{1} - \phi^{\dagger}{}_{1}\phi_{3}, \phi^{\dagger}{}_{1}\phi_{2} - \phi^{\dagger}{}_{2}\phi_{1}) : 3_{a} \\ &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\phi^{\dagger}{}_{1}\phi_{1} + \phi^{\dagger}{}_{2}\phi_{2} + \phi^{\dagger}{}_{3}\phi_{3}) : 1 \\ &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\phi^{\dagger}{}_{1}\phi_{1} + \omega^{2}\phi^{\dagger}{}_{2}\phi_{2} + \omega\phi^{\dagger}{}_{3}\phi_{3}) : 1' \\ &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\phi^{\dagger}{}_{1}\phi_{1} + \omega\phi^{\dagger}{}_{2}\phi_{2} + \omega^{2}\phi^{\dagger}{}_{3}\phi_{3}) : 1'' \end{split}$$

(5.1)

Here  $\omega = \exp(\frac{2\iota\pi}{3})$ , and s, a stand for the symmetric and anti-symmetric triplet components.

The  $A_4$ -symmetric 3HDM can be represented by the following potential [Degee, Ivanov and Keus, 2013]

$$V = -\frac{M_0}{\sqrt{3}} (\phi_1^{\dagger} \phi_1 + \phi_2^{\dagger} \phi_2 + \phi_3^{\dagger} \phi_3) + \frac{\Lambda_0}{3} (\phi_1^{\dagger} \phi_1 + \phi_2^{\dagger} \phi_2 + \phi_3^{\dagger} \phi_3)^2 + \frac{\Lambda_3}{3} [(\phi_1^{\dagger} \phi_1)^2 + (\phi_2^{\dagger} \phi_2)^2 + (\phi_3^{\dagger} \phi_3)^2 - (\phi_1^{\dagger} \phi_1)(\phi_2^{\dagger} \phi_2) - (\phi_2^{\dagger} \phi_2)(\phi_3^{\dagger} \phi_3) - (\phi_3^{\dagger} \phi_3)(\phi_1^{\dagger} \phi_1)] + \Lambda_1 [(Re\phi_1^{\dagger} \phi_2)^2 + (Re\phi_2^{\dagger} \phi_3)^2 + (Re\phi_3^{\dagger} \phi_1)^2] + \Lambda_2 [(Im\phi_1^{\dagger} \phi_2)^2 + (Im\phi_2^{\dagger} \phi_3)^2 + (Im\phi_3^{\dagger} \phi_1)^2] + \Lambda_4 [(Re\phi_1^{\dagger} \phi_2)(Im\phi_1^{\dagger} \phi_2) + (Re\phi_2^{\dagger} \phi_3)(Im\phi_2^{\dagger} \phi_3) + (Re\phi_3^{\dagger} \phi_1)(Im\phi_3^{\dagger} \phi_1)]$$
(5.2)

Here parameters  $M_0$  and  $\Lambda_i$  are assumed to take generic values.

Degee, Ivanov, and Keus have introduced a geometrical procedure to minimize highly symmetric scalar potentials, and solved the problem for a three Higgs doublet model (3HDM) potential with an  $A_4$  or an  $S_4$  symmetry. And it is found that the possible vev(vacuum expectation values) alignments for the  $A_4$  symmetric potential which may correspond to a global minimum are[ Degee, Ivanov and Keus, 2013]

$$\nu(1,0,0),$$

$$\nu(1, 1, 1)$$

$$\nu(1, \eta, \eta^*), \text{ with } \eta = \exp i\pi/3,$$

$$\nu(1, \exp i\alpha, 0), \text{ with any } \alpha.$$
(5.3)

Possible representation of the left-handed quark doublets  $(Q_L)$ , the right-handed up quark singlets  $(u_R)$ , and the right-handed down quark singlets  $(d_R)$ , when the three Higgs doublets are in a triplet representation 3.

$Q_L$	$u_R$	$d_R$
3	3	3
3	3	three singlets
3	three singlets	3
3	three singlets	three singlets
three singlets	3	3

Table 5.1: Possible representation of the left-handed quark doublets  $(Q_L)$ , the righthanded up quark singlets  $(u_R)$ , and the right-handed down quark singlets  $(d_R)$ , when the three Higgs doublets are in a triplet representation 3

The notation "three singlets" stands for the following independent possibilities for the fields in each of the three generations:

$$(1, 1, 1), (1, 1', 1"), (1, 1, 1'), (1', 1', 1'), (1, 1', 1'),$$
  
 $(1', 1', 1"), (1, 1, 1"), (1', 1", 1"), (1, 1", 1"), (1", 1", 1").$ 

### 5.2 Yukawa Lagrangian terms and quark mass matrices

We are now ready to construct the Yukawa matrices for the various cases. As a first example, let us consider the case  $\phi \sim 3$ ,  $(\bar{Q}_{L1}, \bar{Q}_{L2}, \bar{Q}_{L3}) \sim (1, 1, 1'), d_R \sim 3$  and  $u_R \sim 3$ . We start with the down sector. Since  $\bar{Q}_{L1}$  is in the 1 representation, it must couple to the  $(\phi \otimes d_R)_1$  combination from Eq.(5.1). The same is true for  $\bar{Q}_{L2}$ , with an independent coefficient.

This leads to the Yukawa terms

$$\alpha_1 \bar{Q}_{L1} [\phi_1 d_{R1} + \phi_2 d_{R2} + \phi_3 d_{R3}] + \alpha_2 \bar{Q}_{L2} [\phi_1 d_{R1} + \phi_2 d_{R2} + \phi_3 d_{R3}]$$
(5.4)

Since  $\bar{Q}_{L3}$  is in the 1' representation, we can only obtain a singlet with the 1" combination  $(\phi \otimes d_R)_1$ " in Eq.(5.1). This leads to the Yukawa term

$$\alpha_3 \bar{Q}_{L3} [\phi_1 d_{R1} + \omega \phi_2 d_{R2} + \omega^2 \phi_3 d_{R3}]$$
(5.5)

Once the fields  $\phi_i$  are substituted by the vevs  $\nu_i$ , these terms give the down-type quark mass matrix,  $M_d$ 

$$M_d = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \nu_1 & \alpha_1 \nu_2 & \alpha_1 \nu_3 \\ \alpha_2 \nu_1 & \alpha_2 \nu_2 & \alpha_2 \nu_3 \\ \alpha_3 \nu_1 & \omega \alpha_3 \nu_2 & \omega^2 \alpha_3 \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ with arbitrary complex constants } \alpha_i.$$

The up-quark Yukawa terms

$$\beta_{1}\bar{Q}_{L1}[\phi_{1}u_{R1}+\phi_{2}u_{R2}+\phi_{3}u_{R3}]+\beta_{2}\bar{Q}_{L2}[\phi_{1}u_{R1}+\phi_{2}u_{R2}+\phi_{3}u_{R3}]+\beta_{3}\bar{Q}_{L3}[\phi_{1}u_{R1}+\omega\phi_{2}u_{R2}+\omega^{2}\phi_{3}u_{R3}]$$
(5.6)

A similar analysis of the up-type quark mass matrix,  $M_u$ 

$$M_u = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \nu_1^* & \beta_1 \nu_2^* & \beta_1 \nu_3^* \\ \beta_2 \nu_1^* & \beta_2 \nu_2^* & \beta_2 \nu_3^* \\ \beta_3 \nu_1^* & \omega \beta_3 \nu_2^* & \omega^2 \beta_3 \nu_3^* \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } \beta_i \text{ are arbitrary complex constants.}$$

We define the Hermitian matrices

$$H_d = M_d M_d^{\dagger}, H_u = M_u M_u^{\dagger}, \tag{5.7}$$

As a second example, let us consider the case  $\phi \sim 3$ ,  $(\bar{Q}_{L1}, \bar{Q}_{L2}, \bar{Q}_{L3}) \sim (1, 1', 1'')$ ,  $d_R \sim 3$ , and  $u_R \sim 3$ . We find Yukawa terms and quark mass matrix for down sector:

$$\alpha_1 \bar{Q}_{L1} [\phi_1 d_{R1} + \phi_2 d_{R2} + \phi_3 d_{R3}] + \alpha_2 \bar{Q}_{L2} [\phi_1 d_{R1} + \omega \phi_2 d_{R2} + \omega^2 \phi_3 d_{R3}] + \alpha_3 \bar{Q}_{L3} [\phi_1 d_{R1} + \omega^2 \phi_2 d_{R2} + \omega \phi_3 d_{R3}]$$
(5.8)

$$M_d = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \nu_1 & \alpha_1 \nu_2 & \alpha_1 \nu_3 \\ \alpha_2 \nu_1 & \omega \alpha_2 \nu_2 & \omega^2 \alpha_2 \nu_3 \\ \alpha_3 \nu_1 & \omega^2 \alpha_3 \nu_2 & \omega \alpha_3 \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ with arbitrary complex constants } \alpha_i.$$

And for up-type quark sector yields:

$$\beta_{1}\bar{Q}_{L1}[\phi_{1}u_{R1} + \phi_{2}u_{R2} + \phi_{3}u_{R3}] + \beta_{2}\bar{Q}_{L2}[\phi_{1}u_{R1} + \omega\phi_{2}u_{R2} + \omega^{2}\phi_{3}u_{R3}] + \beta_{3}\bar{Q}_{L3}[\phi_{1}u_{R1} + \omega^{2}\phi_{2}u_{R2} + \omega\phi_{3}u_{R3}]$$
(5.9)

$$M_{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_{1}\nu_{1}^{*} & \beta_{1}\nu_{2}^{*} & \beta_{1}\nu_{3}^{*} \\ \beta_{2}\nu_{1}^{*} & \omega\beta_{2}\nu_{2}^{*} & \omega^{2}\beta_{2}\nu_{3}^{*} \\ \beta_{3}\nu_{1}^{*} & \omega^{2}\beta_{3}\nu_{2}^{*} & \omega\beta_{3}\nu_{3}^{*} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } \beta_{i} \text{ are arbitrary complex constants.}$$

If the Higgs potential is invariant under  $A_4$ , it has been shown of Eq.(5.3) the possible vev alignment  $\nu(1, 1, 1)$  and  $\nu(1, \eta, \eta^*)$ . In that case  $M_d$  and  $M_u$  are digonalized,

$$M_{d} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ 1 & \omega^{2} & \omega \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{1} & \alpha_{1} & \alpha_{1} \\ \alpha_{2} & \omega \alpha_{2} & \omega^{2} \alpha_{2} \\ \alpha_{3} & \omega^{2} \alpha_{3} & \omega \alpha_{3} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ 1 & \omega^{2} & \omega \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 3\alpha_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3\alpha_{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3\alpha_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$
(5.10)

and

$$M_{u} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ 1 & \omega^{2} & \omega \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_{1} & \beta_{1} & \beta_{1} \\ \beta_{2} & \omega\beta_{2} & \omega^{2}\beta_{2} \\ \beta_{3} & \omega^{2}\beta_{3} & \omega\beta_{3} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ 1 & \omega^{2} & \omega \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 3\beta_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3\beta_{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3\beta_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$
(5.11)

$$H_d = M_d M_d^{\dagger} = 3\nu^2 \begin{pmatrix} |\alpha_1|^2 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & |\alpha_2|^2 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & |\alpha_3|^2 \end{pmatrix},$$
(5.12)

$$H_{u} = H_{u} = M_{u}M_{u}^{\dagger} = 3\nu^{2} \begin{pmatrix} |\beta_{1}|^{2} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & |\beta_{2}|^{2} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & |\beta_{3}|^{2} \end{pmatrix},$$
(5.13)

meaning that, in these cases, all quark masses are non-vanishing and non-degenerate.

Requiring non-vanishing quark by itself, restricts the representations of  $Q_L; u_R; d_R$ to the five possibilities s; 3; 3, 3; s; s, 3; s; 3, 3; 3; s, and 3; 3; 3, where s stands for (1, 1', 1"), with the vevs restricted to  $\nu(1, 1, 1)$  or  $\nu(1, \eta, \eta^*)$ .

# Chapter 6 Conclusions

We have studied the possibility of generating the quark masses in the context of three Higgs doublet models extended by discrete  $A_4$  symmetry. Assuming that the Higgs fields are in the triplet representation of the discrete group. We show that none of the feasible vev alignments that correspond to a global minimum of the scalar potential leads to phenomenologically feasible mass matrices for the Standard Model's three generations of quarks.

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