# The χ-subgroup of the Alternating groups An

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### Abstract

In this paper we study the structure of irreducible characters of Symmetric groups  $S_n$  and the Alternating groups  $A_n$  to find  $\chi$ -subgroup for the Alternating groups when  $\chi$  is a non-linear character of degree less than 32.

## 1. Introduction

Let G be a finite group, if  $\chi$  is an irreducible character of G then a subgroup H of G is called a  $\chi$ -subgroup if there exist a linear character  $\theta$  of H such that  $< \chi_H$ ,  $\theta > =1$  where <,> is the inner product of restriction of  $\chi$  to H and  $\theta$ , this is define by DIXEN in [2],[3] and [4], when he using the character restriction method of  $\chi$ -subgroup to construct a representation of G affording  $\chi$ .

In this paper we using the Dixon's definition to find  $\chi$ -subgroups of  $A_n$  when  $\chi$  have degree less than 32

## 2. The irreducible characters of $S_n$

In this section we can label the irreducible characters of  $S_n$  by partitions of n, since the number of irreducible characters of a group is equal to the number of conjugate classes .We denote the irreducible character labeled by the partition  $\lambda$  by  $[\lambda]$ , and the set of all irreducible characters of  $S_n$  by  $Irr(S_n)$ , so  $Irr(S_n) = \{ [\lambda] : \lambda \cdot n \}$ , where  $\lfloor$  is a partition of n by  $\lambda$ . The notations used in this section can be found in [5] and [6].

# Definition (2.1) :

A partition  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_I)$  of  $n, n \in \mathbb{N}$  is a decreasing sequence  $\lambda_1 \ge ... \ge \lambda_I > 0$  of integers with  $|\lambda| = \sum_{i=1}^{I} \lambda_i = n$ 

,for short we write  $\lambda + n$ . The integer I=I( $\lambda$ ) is the length of  $\lambda$ , the number  $\lambda_i$  are the parts of  $\lambda$ . We also write the partition exponentially as  $\lambda = (I_1^{a_1}, ..., I_m^{a_m})$ 

,  $I_1 > ... > I_m > 0$  , when we have  $a_i$  parts of size  $I_i$ .

## Definition (2.2) :

Let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_I)$  be a partition of n. The *Ferrers* diagram of  $\lambda$  is an array of n dots having I leftjustified rows with row i containing  $\lambda_i$  dots for  $1 \le i \le$ I. The dot in row i and column j has coordinates (i,j) , as in a matrix.

## *Example (2.2.1)*

The partition  $\lambda = (4,4,2,1) = (4^2,2,1)$  has Ferrers diagram

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Given a partition  $\lambda$ , one obtains another partition  $\lambda'$ , the conjugate partition of  $\lambda$ , by transposing the Ferrers diagram about its main diagonal .So for  $\lambda = (4^2, 2, 1)$  the Ferrers diagram for  $\lambda'$  is .In the following sections we use the classification of  $S_n$  and the atlas of finite groups in[1] to show that for all characters  $\chi$  of degree less than 32 there always exist  $\chi$ -subgroup ,and in most cases these can be chosen as p-subgroups.

This paper has two sections .The <u>section 2</u> discuss the irreducible characters of Symmetric groups  $S_n$ , and in <u>section 3</u> we find  $\chi$ -subgroups of alternating groups  $A_n$ .Finally we summarize our results with in the table -1-.

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and 
$$\lambda = (4,3,2^2)$$
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If  $\lambda$  is a partition of n, then each inner corner dot of the Ferrers diagram of  $\lambda$  is *a node* whose removal leaves a diagram, the Ferrers diagram of a partition of n-1. Note that the inner corner of  $\lambda$  are exactly those nodes at the end of a row and column of the diagram of  $\lambda$ . Thus the nodes at the end of rows of  $\lambda=(4^2,2,1)$  have coordinates (1,4),(2,4),(3,2) and(4,1).

# Definition (2.4) :

If  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_I)$  is a partition of n. We say the partition has *level* k if  $k = \lambda_2 + ... + \lambda_I (= n - \lambda_1)$ . Similarly we say that the corresponding irreducible character  $[\lambda]$  of  $S_n$  has level k.

### *Example (2.4.1)*

The principal Character  $\mathbf{1} = [n]$  is a character of level 0.

By the definition above the number of irreducible characters of level k of  $S_n$  is equal to the number of partitions of k so when n=9, the characters [6,2,1], [6,3] and [6,1<sup>3</sup>] have level 3.

Now the following theorem shows the behavior of irreducible characters of  $S_n$  when we restrict them to the subgroup  $S_{n-1}$ , and we can see it in [6].

### Theorem (2.5) (Branching theorem) :

If 
$$\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_l) + n$$
, then  
 $[\lambda]_{S_{n-1}} = \sum_{i=1}^{I} \in_i [\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_i^{\setminus}, ..., \lambda_l]$  where  $\lambda_i^{\setminus} =$   
 $\begin{cases} \lambda_{i-1} & \text{if } \lambda_i \rangle \lambda_{i+1} & \text{or } i = 1 \\ \lambda_i & \text{if } \lambda_i = \lambda_{i+1} \end{cases}$ 

And  $\epsilon_i=0$  if  $\lambda_i^{\setminus} = \lambda_i$  other wise  $\epsilon_i=1$ . Lemma (2.6): If  $r \ge 1$  and  $[\lambda]$  is an irreducible character of  $S_n$  of level  $k \ge r$  then the level of each constituent of  $[\lambda]_{S_{n-r}}$  is at most k. Furthermore  $[\lambda]_{S_{n-r}}$  has at least one constituent of level k-r.

In particular for r=k the principal character is a constituent of  $[\lambda]_s$ .

# **Proof :**

By the definition (2,4) and the Branching theorem the constituents of  $[\lambda]_{S_{n-r}}$  have level *k*, in case  $\lambda_1^{\ \ } = \lambda_1$ -1, and level *k* -1 in the other cases.

On the other hand, if k > 0 then  $[\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_{I-1}, \lambda_{I}-1]$  is a constituent of level *k*-1 of  $[\lambda_{I}]_{S_{n-1}}$ .

Now by induction on r the constituents of  $[\lambda]_{S_{n-r}}$  have level at most k and  $[\lambda]_{S_{n-r}}$  has a constituent of level k - r. If r = k then  $[\lambda]_{S_{n-r}}$  has a

constituent of level 0 which is the principal character. *Definition* (2.7) :

If v = (i, j) is a node in the diagram of  $\lambda$ , then its *hook* is

 $H_{v} = H_{i,j} := \{(i, j') : j' \ge j\} \cup \{(i', j) : i' \ge i\}$ 

with corresponding *hooklength*  $h_v = h_{i,j} := |H_{i,j}|$ . *Example (2.7.1)* 

If  $\lambda = (4^2, 2, 1)$ , then the circle dots in

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are the hook  $H_{2,2}$  with hooklength  $h_{2,2} = 4$ . Now the following theorem gives the degrees of irreducible characters of  $S_n$ , which we can see it in [6].

# Theorem (2.8) (Hook Formula):

If 
$$\lambda$$
 is a partition of n , then

 $[\lambda](1) = \frac{n \cdot}{\prod_{(i,j) \in \lambda} h_{i,j}}$ 

**Theorem** (2.9) :

Let  $k \ge 0$  be fixed, and suppose  $(\lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I) \vdash k$ .

Consider the irreducible character  $[\lambda] = [n-k, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_I]$  of  $S_n$  of level k. Then  $[\lambda](1)$  is a polynomial in n of degree k.

## Proof:

Let  $H_{ij}$  be the hooks of the diagram of  $[\lambda]$  corresponding to the nodes (i, j). By definition (2.7) we have  $|H_{ij}|=h_{ij}\leq k$  for  $i\geq 2$ . Also there exist n-k hooks,  $H_{1j}$ , such that  $|H_{1j}|=h_{1j}$  has a value of the form (n -  $m_j$ ) with  $m_1 < m_2 < \ldots < m_{n-k}$  for  $1\leq j\leq n-k$ .

Simplifying the Hook Formula,

 $[\lambda](1) = \frac{n \cdot}{\prod_{(i,j) \in \lambda} h_{i,j}} = \frac{n \cdot}{(\prod_{(1,j) \in \lambda} h_{1,j})(\prod_{(i\geq 2,j) \in \lambda} h_{i,j})}$ 

only k factors remain in the numerator. This means  $[\lambda](1)$  is a polynomial in  $\,n$  of degree k .

Now we can see theorem(2.10) and theorem(2.11) in [6].

# **Theorem** (2.10):

Let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I)$  be a partition of n of level k. If  $0 \le r \le \lambda_1 - \lambda_2$ , then  $[\lambda_1 - r, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]$  is a constituent with multiplicity one in  $[\mathcal{A}]_{S_{n-r}}$  and all other constituents have level < k.

# Proof:

If  $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0$  then r = 0.

Now suppose  $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 > 0$ . By induction on r. (i) If r =1 the Branching Theorem shows

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda \end{bmatrix}_{S_{n-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 - 1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_l \end{bmatrix} + \sum_{i=2}^{l} \in_i \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_i^{\vee}, \dots, \lambda_l \end{bmatrix}$$
  
where  $\lambda_i^{\vee} = \begin{cases} \lambda_{i-1} & \text{if } \lambda_i \rangle \lambda_{i+1} & \text{or } i = 1 \\ \lambda_i & \text{if } \lambda_i = \lambda_{i+1} \end{cases}$ 

and  $\epsilon_i=1$  if  $\lambda_i^{\setminus}=\lambda_i-1$  other wise  $\epsilon_i=0$ 

The constituent  $[\lambda_1 - 1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]$  has level k and has multiplicity one in  $[\lambda]_{S_{n-r}}$  and the other constituents have level k-1.

(ii) Suppose the theorem is true for  $r \ge 1$  and we have

$$[\lambda]_{S_{n-r}} = [\lambda_1 - r, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I] + \sum_j e_j \psi_j \qquad , \text{where}$$

 $[\lambda_1 - r, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]$  is the constituent of level k , and  $\Psi_i \in \operatorname{Irr}(S_{n-r})$  have level< k.

(iii)We prove the theorem for r + 1. If we restrict [ $\lambda$ ] to  $S_{n-(r+1)}$  then we get

$$[\lambda]_{S_{n-(r+1)}} = [\lambda_1 - r, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]_{S_{n-(r+1)}} + \sum_j e_j (\psi_j)_{S_{n-(r+1)}}$$

.Using the Branching theorem we have  $[\lambda_1 - r, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]_{S_n(r)} = [\lambda_1 - (r+1), \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]_{S_n(r)} +$ 

$$\sum_{i=2}^{I} \in_{i} [\lambda_{1} - r, \lambda_{2}, ..., \lambda_{i}', ..., \lambda_{I}]$$

where  $[\lambda_1 - (r+1), \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]$  has level k

and  $[\lambda_1 - r, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_i', ..., \lambda_I]$  have level k-1.

On the other hand since the characters  $\psi_j$  have level < k so by Lemma (2.6) the constituents of  $(\psi_j)_{S_{ne}(rel)}$ 

have level < k. This means none of the constituents of  $(\Psi_j)_{S_{n-(r+1)}}$  are equal  $[\lambda_1 - (r+1), \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]$ . Therefore  $[\lambda_1 - (r+1), \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]$  is the only constituent of  $[\lambda]_{S_{n-(r+1)}}$  of level k and has multiplicity

## one. Th<u>eorem (2.11) :</u>

Let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_I)$  be a partition of n have level k. Suppose  $\lambda_I = n-k \ge k+\lambda_2$ , then for all  $m \ge n$  the characters  $[m-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]_{Sn-k}$  and  $[n-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]_{S_{n-k}}$  have the same constituents. Furthermore  $[n-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]$  is a constituent with multiplicity one for both of these characters.

# Proof:

We use induction on *m*: If m = n then there is nothing to prove .

Suppose m > n and  $[m-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_l]_{Sn-k}$  and  $[n-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_l]_{Sn-k}$  have the same constituents and  $[n-2k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_l]$  is the only constituent of level k with multiplicity one for both of these characters. We prove the Theorem for m+1.

By using the Branching Theorem we have  $[m+1-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]_{S_m} = [m-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]_{S_{n-(r+1)}}$  where

$$+\sum_{i=2}^{\prime} \in_{i} [m+1-k, \lambda_{2}, ..., \lambda_{i}, ..., \lambda_{I}]$$

$$\lambda_{i}^{\prime} = \begin{cases} \lambda_{i-1} & \text{if } \lambda_{i} \rangle \lambda_{i+1} & \text{or } i=1 \\ \lambda_{i} & \text{if } \lambda_{i} = \lambda_{i+1} \end{cases}$$

Since  $[m-k, \lambda_2,...,\lambda_I]$  is a constituent of  $[m+1-k, \lambda_2,...,\lambda_I]_{S_m}$  and by assumption

 $[m-k, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_I]_{S_n}$  and

 $[n-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_1]_{S_{n-k}}$  have the same constituents so each constituent of  $[n-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_1]_{S_{n-k}}$  is a constituent of  $[m+1-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_1]_{S_{n-k}}$ .

Now we show each constituent of

 $[m+1-k, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_1]_{S_{n-k}}$  is a constituent

of  $[n-k, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_I]_{S_{n-k}}$ .

Let  $1 \leq r \leq k$ . We claim each constituent of  $[m+1-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]_{S_{(m+1)-r}}$  is either a constituent of  $[m-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_1]_{S_{m-(r-1)}}$  or a character of level k -r (note that (m + 1) - r = m - (r - 1)). Using the Branching Theorem, if (i) r = 1 then  $[m+1-k, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_1]_{S_{(m+1)-1}}$  has two different constituents,  $[m-k, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_1] = [m-k, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_1]_{S_m}$  and  $[m+1-k, \mu_2, ..., \mu_I]$  where  $\mu_2+...+\mu_I = k-1$ . (ii) r = 2 then the constituents of  $[m+1-k, \mu_2, ..., \mu_I]_{S_{(m+1)-2}}$  are either  $[m-k, \mu_2, ..., \mu_I]$ which is a constituent of  $[m-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_1]_{S_{m-(2-1)}}$ or  $[m+1-k, \eta_2, ..., \eta_I]$  where  $\eta_2 + ... + \eta_I = k-2$ . This means each constituent of  $[m+1-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_1]_{S_{(m+1)-2}}$  is either a constituent of  $[m-k, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_I]_{S_{m-(2-1)}}$  or a character of level k-2. Therefore for  $1 \le r \le k$  if  $[m+1-k, \tau_2, ..., \tau_1]$  is a constituent of  $[m+1-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_1]_{S_{(m+1)-r}}$  of level r-1 then each constituent of  $[m+1-k, \tau_2, ..., \tau_I]_{S_{(m+1)-r}}$  is either  $[m-k, \tau_2, ..., \tau_1]$  which is a constituent of  $[m-k,\lambda_2,\ldots,\lambda_I]_{S_{m-(r-1)}} \text{ or } [m+1-k,\delta_2,\ldots,\delta_I]$ 

where  $\delta_2 + \ldots + \delta_I = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}$ .

(iii) if r = k then each constituent of  $[m+1-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]_{S_{(m+1)-k}}$  is either a constituent of  $[m-k, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_1]_{S_{m-(k-1)}}$  or a character of level 0 which is the trivial character 1. Therefore by restricting the character  $[m+1-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_r]$  on  $S_{n-k}$  we have each constituent of  $[m+1-k, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_1]_{S_n}$  is either a constituent of  $[m-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I]_{S_{n-k}}$  or the trivial character **1**. Now by assumption  $[m-k, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_1]_{S_{n-k}}$  and  $[n-k, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_1]_{S_{n-k}}$  have the same constituents and on the other hand by lemma (2.6) the principal character is a constituent of  $[n-\mathbf{k}, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_I]_{S_{n-k}}$ . Thus each constituent of  $[m+1-k, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_1]$  is constituent of а  $[n-\mathbf{k}, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_1]_{S_{n-k}}$ . By using theorem (2.10) the character  $[n-2k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_1]$  is a constituent of  $[m+1-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_1]_{S_{n-k}}$  with  $S_{n-k}$  multiplicity one. This completes the proof.

Suppose  $n \cdot k \ge k + \lambda_2$  in  $[\lambda] = [n-k,\lambda_2,...,\lambda_I]$  for  $k = \lambda_1,...,\lambda_I$  then using

the Branching Theorem we have

$$\begin{split} \left[\lambda\right]_{S_{n-r}} &= \left[n-k-1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_I\right]_{S_{n-r}} + \\ & \sum_{i=2}^{I} \in \left[n-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_i', ..., \lambda_I\right]_{S_{n-r}} \end{split} \text{ for } r \geq 1 \end{split}$$

Now if  $n \cdot r \ge k + \lambda_2$  then the constituent of level *k* has multiplicity one and if we want to know the structure of  $[\lambda]_{S_{n-r}}$  we need to know the structure of

 $[n-k, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_i, ..., \lambda_I]_{S_{n-r}}$ . It means that if we want to know the structure of

characters of level k, we should know the structure of characters of level k-1. Then by this recursive method we can get the structure of all irreducible characters of  $S_n$  when we restrict them on  $S_{n-r}$ .

Now in the following theorem we describe the restriction of the irreducible characters  $[\lambda]$  of  $S_n$  of level k = 1, 2, 3.

 $\frac{\text{Theorem } (2.12)}{1. \text{ If } [\lambda] = [n - 1, 1] \text{ then for } n - r \ge 2} \\ [\lambda]_{S_{n-r}} = [n - (r + 1), 1] + r.1 \\ 2. \text{ If } [\lambda] = [n - 2, 2] \text{ then for } n - r \ge 4 \\ [\lambda]_{S_{n-r}} = [n - (r + 2), 2] + r [n - (r + 1), 1] + \frac{r(r - 1)}{2}.1 \\ 3. \text{ If } [\lambda] = [n - 2, 1^2] \text{ then for } n - r \ge 3 \\ [\lambda]_{S_{n-r}} = [n - (r + 2), 1^2] + r [n - (r + 1), 1] + \frac{r(r - 1)}{2}.1 \\ 4. \text{ If } [\lambda] = [n - 3, 3] \text{ then for } n - r \ge 6 \\ [\lambda]_{S_{n-r}} = [n - (r + 3), 3] + r [n - (r + 2), 2] + \frac{r(r - 1)}{2} [n - (r + 1), 1] + \frac{r(r - 1)(r - 2)}{6}.1 \\ \end{cases}$ 

5. If 
$$[\lambda] = [n - 3, 1^3]$$
 then for  $n - r \ge 4$ 

$$[\lambda]_{S_{n-r}} = [n-(r+3),1^3] + r[n-(r+2),1^2] + \frac{r(r-1)}{2} [n-(r+1),1] + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{2} .1$$

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6. If 
$$[\lambda] = [\mathbf{n} - 3, 2, 1]$$
 then for  $\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{r} \ge 5$   
 $[\lambda]_{s_{n-r}} = [\mathbf{n} - (\mathbf{r} + 3), 2, 1] + \mathbf{r}([\mathbf{n} - (\mathbf{r} + 2), 2] + [\mathbf{n} - (\mathbf{r} + 2), 1^2])$ 

+ r(r-1) [n-(r+1),1]+ 
$$\frac{r(r-1)}{2}$$
 [n-(r+1),1]+  $\frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{3}$ .1

# **Proof:**

It is clear by induction on r.

# Example(2.12.1)

Let we consider the irreducible character [n-4,3,1] of level 4 of  $S_n$  then by induction on  $r \ge 1$  we can show  $[n-4,3,1]_{S_{n-r}} = [n-(r+4),3,1] +$ 

$$\sum_{i=1}^{r} ([n - (r + 4 - i), 2, 1]_{S_{n-r}} + [n - (r + 4 - i), 3]_{S_{n-r}})$$

which by using parts (4) and (6) of the theorem above gives us all constituents and their multiplicities.

Similarly for the other characters of level 4 of  $S_n$  we have

## 3. The $\chi$ -Subgroups of $A_n$

In this section for all irreducible characters  $\chi$  of degree less than 32 of alternating group  $A_n$  there exists a  $\chi$ -subgroup ,and then in most cases this can be chosen as a p-subgroup .We list our results in the table -1- .

### Definition (3.1) :

Let G be a finite group and  $\chi$  be an irreducible character of G. The subgroup H of G is called a  $\chi$ -subgroup if there exists a linear character  $\theta$  of H such that  $\langle \chi_{B}, \theta \rangle = 1$ .

Since the alternating group  $A_n$  is a normal subgroup of index 2 in  $S_n$ , so by Clifford's Theorem the restriction of each irreducible character of  $S_n$  to  $A_n$  is either irreducible or splits into two conjugate irreducible characters of  $A_n$ .

Let  $\lambda \vdash n$  and  $\lambda$ ' be the conjugate partition of  $\lambda$ . If  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_I) \vdash n$  with  $\lambda_1 \neq I$ , then clearly  $\lambda \neq \lambda$ '. Under the condition  $\lambda \neq \lambda$ ',  $[\lambda]_{A_n}$  is irreducible. Therefore the following characters are irreducible  $[n-1,1]_A$  for  $n \geq 4$ 

,  $[n-2,2]_{A_n}$  for  $n \ge 5$ ,  $[n-2,1^2]_{A_n}$ ,  $[n-3,3]_{A_n}$  for  $n \ge 6$ ,  $[n-3,1^3]_{A_n}$  for  $n \ge 8$  and  $[n-3,2,1]_{A_n}$  for  $n \ge 7$ . This proves the following theorem.

<u>Theorem (3.2) :</u>

Let  $r \geq 0.$  Then the restrictions of irreducible characters of  $A_n$  decompose as follows:

**1.** For 
$$\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{r} \ge \mathbf{4}$$
  
 $[n-1,1]_{A_{n-r}} = [n-(r+1),1]_{A_{n-r}} + r.1$ .  
**2.** For  $\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{r} \ge \mathbf{4}$   
 $[n-2,2]_{A_{n-r}} = [n-(r+2),2]_{A_{n-r}} +$ 

$$r[n-(r+1),1]_{A_{n-r}} + \frac{r(r-1)}{2}.1$$

3. For n - r  $\ge$  6  $[n-2,1^2]_{A_{n-r}} = [n-(r+2),1^2]_{A_{n-r}} + r[n-(r+1),1]_{A_{n-r}} + \frac{r(r-1)}{2}.1$ 

4. For 
$$\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{r} \ge \mathbf{6}$$
  
 $[n-3,3]_{A_{n-r}} = [n-(r+3),3]_{A_{n-r}} + r[n-(r+2),2]_{A_{n-r}} + \frac{r(r-1)}{2}[n-(r+1),1] + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{6}.1$   
5. For  $\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{r} \ge \mathbf{8}$   
 $[n-3,1^3]_{A_{n-r}} = [n-(r+3),1^3]_{A_{n-r}} + r[n-(r+2),1^2]_{A_{n-r}} + \frac{r(r-1)}{2}[n-(r+1),1] + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{6}.1$ 

**6.** For 
$$n - r \ge 7^{2}$$

$$\begin{split} & [n-3,2,1]_{A_{n-r}} = [n-(r+3),2,1]_{A_{n-r}} + r([n-(r+2),2]_{A_{n-r}} + \\ & [n-(r+2),1^2]_{A_{n-r}}) + r(r-1)[n-(r+1),1]_{A_{n-r}} \\ & + \frac{r(r-1)}{2}[n-(r+1),1] + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{3}.1 \end{split}$$

Now consider the characters  $\chi:=[n-1,\,1]$  , [n-2,2] and  $[n-2,1^2]$  of degrees n-1,  $(n^2-3n)/2$  and  $(n^2-3n+2)/2,$  respectively.

<u>Theorem (3.3) :</u>

1. If  $n \ge 4$  and  $\chi = [n-1,1]_{A_n}$ , then  $A_3$  is a  $\chi$ -subgroup. 2. If  $n \ge 6$  and  $\chi = [n-2,2]_{A_n}$  or  $[n-2,1^2]_{A_n}$ , then Syl<sub>A6</sub>(3), a Sylow 3-subgroup of  $A_6$ , is a  $\chi$ -subgroup.

## Proof :

Suppose  $\chi = [n-1,1]_{A_n}$ . By theorem (3.2) with n - r = 4 $\chi_{A_n} = [3,1]_{A_n} + (n-r).1$ . On the other hand a simple calculation shows that  $[3,1]_{A_n} = 1 + \varphi_1 + \varphi_2$  where  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are distinct non-trivial linear characters of A<sub>3</sub>. Therefore  $\chi_{A_3} = (n-3).1 + \varphi_1 + \varphi_2$ . This means  $\langle \chi_{A_3}, \varphi_1 \rangle = \langle \chi_{A_3}, \varphi_2 \rangle = 1$  and A<sub>3</sub> is a  $\chi$ -subgroup by definition (3.1).

Let H := Syl<sub>A6</sub>(3) be a Sylow 3-subgroup of A<sub>6</sub>. Then H is an abelian subgroup of order 9 and Irr(H) = {  $\varphi_1$ ,...,  $\varphi_2$  } where  $\varphi_1 = 1$  and  $\varphi_2$ ,...,  $\varphi_9$  are non-trivial linear characters of *H*. If  $\chi = [n-2,2]_{A_1}$ , then by

 $\chi_{A_6} = [4,1^2]_{A_6} + (n-6)[5,1]_{A_6} + \frac{(n-6)(n-7)}{2}.1$  where

This implies  $\langle \chi_H, \varphi_i \rangle = 1$  for  $6 \le i \le 9$ , and by

 $[4,1^{\circ}]_{H} = 2\varphi_{1} + \sum_{i=1}^{9} \varphi_{i}$  and  $[5,1]_{H} = \sum_{i=1}^{5} \varphi_{i}$ . Therefore

 $\chi_{H} = 2\varphi_{1} + \sum_{i=1}^{9}\varphi_{i} + (n-6)\sum_{i=1}^{5}\varphi_{i} + \frac{(n-6)(n-7)}{2}.1$ 

 $=\sum_{i=6}^{9}\varphi_{i}+(n-5)\sum_{i=2}^{5}\varphi_{i}+\frac{n^{2}-11n+34}{2}.1$ 

definition (3.1) the proof of (2) is complete.

theorem (3.2) with n - r = 6 shows  $\chi_{A_6} = [4,2]_{A_6} + (n-6)[5,1]_{A_6} + \frac{(n-6)(n-7)}{2} \cdot 1$ .

On the other hand a simple calculation shows that  $[4,2]_{H} = \sum_{i=1}^{9} \varphi_{i}$  and  $[5,1]_{H} = \sum_{i=1}^{5} \varphi_{i}$  for a suitable ordering of

the characters  $\varphi_i$ . Therefore

$$\chi_{H} = \sum_{i=1}^{9} \varphi_{i} + (n-6) \sum_{i=1}^{5} \varphi_{i} + \frac{(n-6)(n-7)}{2} \cdot 1$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{9} \varphi_{i} + (n-5) \sum_{i=2}^{5} \varphi_{i} + \frac{n^{2} - 11n + 32}{2} \cdot 1$$

and this implies  $\langle \chi_H, \varphi_i \rangle = 1$  for  $6 \le i \le 9$  as required.

Now consider  $\chi = [n-2,1^2]_A$ . Then by theorem

# (3.2) with n - r = 6,

# (3.4)Summary

Table -1- $\chi$ -Subgroups of $A_n$ which are p-subgroup			
G	<b> G </b>	$1 \le \chi(1) \le 32$	χ- subgroup
$A_5$	2 <sup>2</sup> .3.5	3 ,4 ,5	Syl(3)
A <sub>6</sub>	$2^3.3^2.5$	5 ,8 ,9 ,10	Syl(2)
A <sub>7</sub>	2 <sup>3</sup> .3 <sup>2</sup> .5.7	6 ,10 ,14 ,15 ,21	Syl(3)
A <sub>8</sub>	2 <sup>6</sup> .3 <sup>2</sup> .5.7	7 ,14 ,20 ,21 ,28	Syl(3) for χ(1) <28 Syl(2) for χ(1) =28
A9	2 <sup>6</sup> .3 <sup>4</sup> .5.7	8 ,21 ,27 ,28	A <sub>3</sub> for χ(1) =28 Syl(2) for χ(1) ≠28
A <sub>10</sub>	2 <sup>7</sup> .3 <sup>4</sup> .5 <sup>2</sup> .7	9	A <sub>3</sub>
A <sub>11</sub>	2 <sup>7</sup> .3 <sup>4</sup> .5 <sup>2</sup> .7.11	10	A <sub>3</sub>
A <sub>12</sub>	2 <sup>9</sup> .3 <sup>5</sup> .5 <sup>2</sup> .7.11	11	A <sub>3</sub>
A <sub>13</sub>	2 <sup>9</sup> .3 <sup>5</sup> .5 <sup>2</sup> .7.11.13	12	$\mathbf{A}_{3}$

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# شخوص الزمرة الجزئية للزمرة المتناوبة An

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