

# CHARACTER THEORY OF FINITE GROUPS SS 2022

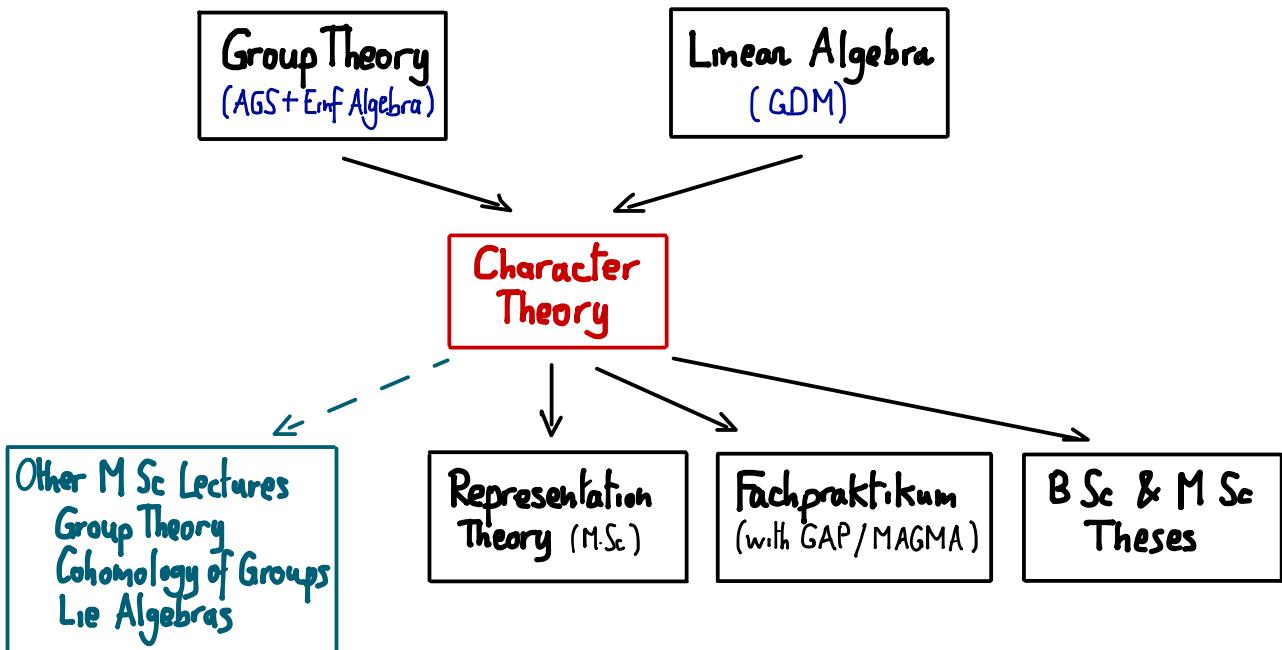
## A ORGANISATION

- LECTURE → Mondays 10:00 - 11:30 (13x)
- EXERCISES → Fridays 12:00 - 13:30 (7x)      Start 1st Week
  - Assistant Bernhard Böhmler
  - Exercise Sheets to be downloaded from my webpage.

- SCHEINE To obtain an Übungsschein you need
- 2 out of 8 points on the exercises to hand in (Sheets 2 to 7)
  - attendance to the exercise class:  
in part.: present 2 solutions at the BB.

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## B BEFORE AND AFTER



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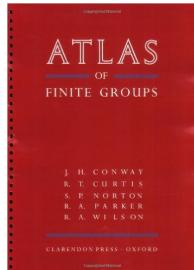
## C INTRODUCTION

### (1) Character Theory in the 2020 Mathematics Subject Classification



[www.ams.org/msc/msc2020.pdf](http://www.ams.org/msc/msc2020.pdf)

### (2) The ATLAS OF FINITE GROUPS



J.H. CONWAY, R.T. CURTIS, S.P. NORTON, R. PARKER, R.A. WILSON,  
*Atlas of Finite Groups*. Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1985.

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### (3) Aims of the lecture

→ Character Tables of finite groups

- What are they?
- Elementary methods to compute them
- What information about finite groups do they contain?

→ Give a proof of

Burnside's  $p^aq^b$ -Theorem  
(1911)

Let  $p, q$  be prime numbers and let  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .  
Then any finite group of order  $p^aq^b$  is soluble

# Example of a character table

	[1]	$[q_2]$	$[q_3]$	$[q_4]$	$[q_5]$	$[q_6]$
$\chi_1$	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_2$	3	-1	1	0	$\alpha$	$\bar{\alpha}$
$\chi_3$	3	-1	1	0	$\bar{\alpha}$	$\alpha$
$\chi_4$	6	2	0	0	-1	-1
$\chi_5$	7	-1	-1	1	0	0
$\chi_6$	8	0	0	-1	1	1

$$\alpha := \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{7}}{2}$$

Conclusions (E.g.)

- \*  $|G| = 168$
- \*  $G$  non abelian
- \*  $Z(G) = \{1\}$
- \*  $G$  simple

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$(\Rightarrow G \cong PSL_2(\mathbb{F}_7))$

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## D PROGRAMME

- I Linear representations of finite groups
- II Characters of representations
- III The character table
- IV Burnside's  $p^aq^b$ -Theorem
- V Induction and restriction
- VI Brauer's Characterization of characters