

EXAMPLE

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with $\omega :=$ primitive 3rd root of 1_e.

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Zeros follow from Coe. 17.7 as

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- 1st Orth. Rel. 1st & 5th rows: $0 = 1 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot \chi_5(g_2) + 1 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 \Rightarrow \chi_5(g_2) = 1$

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$$\chi(A_5) =$$

$$\left(\zeta := e^{2\pi i/5} \right)$$

- Same method as for χ_4 yields: $\chi_2 = \psi \uparrow_{\langle (12345) \rangle}^{A_5} - \chi_4 - \chi_5$ with $\psi = \chi_3$ in Ex. 4.
- Finally $\chi_3 := \overline{\chi_2}$