

In preparation for the computation of the character table of  $G$ , we first note that  $G$  has *five* conjugacy classes, represented by  $1, a, a^3, b, b^2$ . (This is an easy group-theoretic computation, which we omit.) Thus, we expect to have *five* irreducible complex representations. Obviously,  $[G, G] = \langle a \rangle$ , so  $G/[G, G] \sim \langle b \rangle$ . This shows that there are three 1-dimensional representations  $\chi_i : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ , which are trivial on  $\langle a \rangle$ , with  $\chi_1(b) = 1$ ,  $\chi_2(b) = \omega$ , and  $\chi_3(b) = \omega^2$ , where  $\omega$  is a primitive cubic root of unity. Next, we construct a 3-dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -representation  $D : G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_3(\mathbb{C})$  by taking

$$D(a) = \begin{pmatrix} \zeta & & \\ & \zeta^2 & \\ & & \zeta^4 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } D(b) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\zeta$  is a primitive 7th root of unity. (It is straightforward to check that the relations between  $a$  and  $b$  are respected by  $D$ .) If  $D$  is a reducible representation, it would have to “contain” a 1-dimensional representation. This is easily checked to be not the case. Thus,  $D$  is irreducible, and we get another irreducible 3-dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -representation  $D'$  by taking

$$D'(a) = \overline{D(a)} = \begin{pmatrix} \zeta^6 & & \\ & \zeta^5 & \\ & & \zeta^3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } D'(b) = \overline{D(b)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that we have  $D \not\cong D'$ , since they have different characters, say  $\chi_4$  and  $\chi_5$ . We have now computed all complex irreducible representations of  $G$ , arriving at the following character table:

	1	$a$	$a^3$	$b$	$b^2$
$\chi_1$	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_2$	1	1	1	$\omega$	$\omega$
$\chi_3$	1	1	1	$\omega$	$\omega$
$\chi_4$	3	$\alpha$	$\alpha$	0	0
$\chi_5$	3	$\alpha$	$\alpha$	0	0

(where  $\alpha = \zeta + \zeta^2 + \zeta^4$ ).

From the first column of this character table, we see that the Wedderburn decomposition of  $CG$  is:  
 $CG \sim \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \times M_3(\mathbb{C}) \times M_3(\mathbb{C})$ .