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A matrix representation of a group G is a group homomorphism between G and $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$, that is, a function

$$X : G \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C})$$

such that

- $X(gh) = X(g)X(h)$,
- $X(e) = I$

Notice that this definition is equivalent to the group representation definition when the vector space V is finite dimensional over \mathbb{C} . The parameter n (or in the case of a group representation, the dimension of V) is called the *degree* of the representation.

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