

Appendix I. Appendix

I.1. Finite dimensional function spaces of observable functions

Given a set of observable functions $\mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{X}} = \{x_1, \dots, x_m \mid x_i : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R}, \forall i \in [1, m]\}$, we can interpret these functions as the components of a vector-valued function $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots] : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$, that enables the numerical representation of the state ω as a point in a finite-dimensional vector space $\mathbf{x}(\omega) \in \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$. For the objective of our work, we will also interpret $\mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{X}}$ as the basis set of a finite-dimensional function space $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{X}} : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R}$, such that any observable function $x \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{X}}$ is defined by the linear combination of the basis functions $x_{\alpha}(\omega) := \langle \mathbf{x}(\cdot), \alpha \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i x_i(\omega) = \mathbf{x}(\omega)^{\top} \alpha$. Where $\alpha = [\alpha_1, \dots] \in \mathbb{R}^m$ are the coefficients of x in the basis of $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{X}}$, and the notation $x_{\alpha}(\cdot)$ highlight the relationship between the function x and its coefficient vector representation α .

I.1.1. SYMMETRIES OF THE STATE REPRESENTATION

When the dynamical system possess a state symmetry group \mathbb{G} (def. 1), appropriate numerical representations of the state are constrained to be \mathbb{G} -equivariant vector-value functions (see eq. (7) and prop. 2). This ensures that the symmetry relationship between any state $\omega \in \Omega$ and its symmetric states $\mathbb{G}\omega := \{g \triangleright \omega \mid g \in \mathbb{G}\}$ is preserved in the representation space \mathcal{X} , such that $\mathbb{G}\mathbf{x}(\omega) = \{g \triangleright \mathbf{x}(\omega) \mid g \in \mathbb{G}\} \subset \mathcal{X}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \omega & \xrightarrow{g \in \mathbb{G}} & g \triangleright \omega \\ \downarrow \mathbf{x} & & \downarrow \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x}(\omega) & \xrightarrow{g \in \mathbb{G}} & g \triangleright \mathbf{x}(\omega) \end{array} \quad (7)$$

I.1.2. SYMMETRIC FUNCTION SPACES

When \mathcal{X} is a \mathbb{G} -symmetric space, the group is defined to act on any chosen basis set of the space, including the observable functions $\mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{X}}$. This, in turn, ensures that the finite-dimensional function space $\text{span}(\mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{X}}) := \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{X}} : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ features the symmetry group \mathbb{G} , being the elements of the space \mathbb{G} -equivariant functions, i.e., $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{X}} = \{x \mid g \triangleright x_{\alpha}(\omega) = x_{\alpha}(g^{-1} \triangleright \omega) = x_{g \triangleright \alpha}(\omega), \forall g \in \mathbb{G}\}$ (see def. 2). Where the notation $g \triangleright x_{\alpha}(\omega) = x_{g \triangleright \alpha}(\omega)$ describes the action of a symmetry transformation on an observable function, as a linear transformation on its coefficients vector representation α .

I.2. Group and representation theory

Definition 2 (Group action on a function space) *The (left) action of a group \mathbb{G} on the space of functions $\mathcal{X} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, where Ω is a set with symmetry group \mathbb{G} , is defined as:*

$$\begin{aligned} (\triangleright) : \quad \mathbb{G} \times \mathcal{X} &\longrightarrow \mathcal{X} \\ (g, x(\omega)) &\longrightarrow g \triangleright x(\omega) \doteq x(g^{-1} \triangleright \omega) \end{aligned} \quad (8a)$$

From an algebraic perspective, the action inversion (*contragredient representation*) emerges to ensure that the symmetry group in the function space is a homomorphism of the group in the domain $(g_1 \triangleright g_2) \triangleright x(\omega) \doteq x((g_1 \triangleright g_2)^{-1} \triangleright \omega)$. Which can be proven by a couple of algebraic steps:

$$(g_1 \triangleright (g_2 \triangleright x))(\omega) = (g_1 \triangleright x_{g_2})(\omega) = g_2 \triangleright x(g_1^{-1} \omega) = x((g_2^{-1} \triangleright g_1^{-1}) \triangleright \omega) = x((g_1 \triangleright g_2)^{-1} \triangleright \omega) \quad (8b)$$

From a geometric perspective, when \mathcal{X} is a separable Hilbert space, each function can be associated with its vector of coefficients representation $x_{\alpha}(\cdot) := \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i x_i(\cdot) = \mathbf{x}(\cdot)^{\top} \alpha$. Here, $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots]$ represents the basis functions of \mathcal{X} . As the function space is symmetric, the group \mathbb{G}

acts on the basis set, leading to a group representation acting on the basis functions $g \triangleright \mathbf{x}(\cdot) = \rho_{\mathcal{X}}(g)\mathbf{x}(\cdot)$. The unitary representation of the group \mathbb{G} on the function space is denoted by $\rho_{\mathcal{X}} : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}(\mathcal{X})$, which is an invertible matrix/operator. This representation enable us to interpret the symmetry transformations of the function space as point transformations, where the points are the function's coefficient vector representation α , that is:

$$\begin{aligned} g \triangleright x_{\alpha}(\cdot) &:= \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i x_i(g^{-1} \triangleright \cdot) \\ &= (\mathbf{x}(g^{-1} \triangleright \cdot))^{\top} \alpha \\ &= (g^{-1} \triangleright \mathbf{x}(\cdot))^{\top} \alpha \\ &= \mathbf{x}(\cdot)^{\top} g \triangleright \alpha \\ &= x_{g \triangleright \alpha}(\cdot) \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Lemma 1 (Schur's Lemma for Unitary representations (Knapp, 1986, Prop 1.5)) Consider two Hilbert spaces, \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{X}' , each with their respective irreducible unitary representations, denoted as $\bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}} : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}(\mathcal{X})$ and $\bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}'} : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}(\mathcal{X}')$. Suppose $\mathsf{T} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}'$ is a linear equivariant operator such that $\bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}'} \mathsf{T} = \mathsf{T} \bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}}$. If the irreducible representations are not equivalent, i.e., $\bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}} \not\sim \bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}'}$, then T is the trivial (or zero) map. Conversely, if $\bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}} \sim \bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}'}$, then T is a constant multiple of an isomorphism (def. 4). Denoting I as the identity operator, this can be expressed as:

$$\bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}} \not\sim \bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}'} \iff \mathbf{0}_{\mathcal{X}'} = \mathsf{T} \mathbf{h} \mid \forall \mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{X} \tag{10a}$$

$$\bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}} \sim \bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}'} \iff \mathsf{T} = \alpha \mathsf{U} \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \mathsf{U} \cdot \mathsf{U}^H = \mathsf{I} \tag{10b}$$

$$\bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}} = \bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{X}'} \iff \mathsf{T} = \alpha \mathsf{I} \tag{10c}$$

For intiution refer to the following [blog post](#)

Definition 3 (Group stable space & Group irreducible stable spaces) Let $\rho_{\mathcal{X}} : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}(\mathcal{X})$ be a unitary representation on the Hilbert space \mathcal{X} . A subspace $\mathcal{X}' \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ is said to be \mathbb{G} -stable if

$$\rho_{\mathcal{X}}(g)\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{X}' \mid \mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{X}' \quad \forall \quad \mathbf{w} \in W, g \in \mathbb{G}. \tag{11}$$

If the only \mathbb{G} -stable subspaces of \mathcal{X}' are \mathcal{X}' itself and $\{\mathbf{0}\}$, the space is said to be an irreducible \mathbb{G} -stable space.

Definition 4 (Homomorphism, Isomorphism and equivariant linear maps) Let \mathbb{G} be a symmetry group and \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{X}' be two distinct symmetric Hilbert spaces endowed with unitary representations $\rho_{\mathcal{X}} : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}(\mathcal{X})$ and $\rho_{\mathcal{X}'} : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}(\mathcal{X}')$, respectively.

A linear map $\mathsf{T} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}'$ is said to be \mathbb{G} -equivariant if it commutes with the group representations: $\rho_{\mathcal{X}'}(g)\mathsf{T} = \mathsf{T}\rho_{\mathcal{X}}(g) \mid \forall g \in \mathbb{G}$. The space of all \mathbb{G} -equivariant linear maps is referred to as the space of homomorphisms (structure preserving maps) and its denoted as $\text{Homo}_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}')$. The spaces are said to be isomorphic if the \mathbb{G} -equivariant map is invertible. The space of all invertible \mathbb{G} -equivariant linear maps between \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{X}' is denoted as $\text{Iso}_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}') \subset \text{Homo}_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}')$.

Graphically, the diagrams of a homomorphism and isomorphism between \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{X}' are:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\rho_{\mathcal{X}}} \mathcal{X} \\
 \downarrow \tau \quad \downarrow \tau \\
 \mathcal{X}' \xrightarrow{\rho_{\mathcal{X}'}} \mathcal{X}' \\
 \underbrace{\hspace{10em}} \\
 \text{Homomorphism}
 \end{array}
 &
 \tau \in \text{Homo}_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}')
 &
 \begin{array}{c}
 \mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\rho_{\mathcal{X}}} \mathcal{X} \\
 \downarrow \tau \quad \downarrow \tau \\
 \mathcal{X}' \xrightarrow{\rho_{\mathcal{X}'}} \mathcal{X}' \\
 \underbrace{\hspace{10em}} \\
 \text{Isomorphism}
 \end{array}
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 \quad \tau \in \text{Iso}_{\mathbb{G}}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}') \quad (12)$$