

# Algebraiske grupper og moduliteori

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## 1 Representation theory in general

## 2 Algebraic groups

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $A$  be a finitely generated  $k$ -algebra. An *affine algebraic group* is a quadruple  $(A, \mu_A, \epsilon, \iota)$  where  $\mu_A : A \rightarrow A \otimes_k A$  (the *coproduct*),  $\epsilon : A \rightarrow k$  (the *coidentity*),  $\iota : A \rightarrow A$  (the *coinverse*) are  $k$ -algebra homomorphisms, satisfying the following conditions:

1. Coassociativity. The following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\mu_A} & A \otimes_k A \\ \mu_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{id}_A \otimes \mu_A \\ A \otimes_k A & \xrightarrow{\mu_A \otimes \text{id}_A} & A \otimes_k A \otimes_k A \end{array}$$

2. The following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & k \otimes_k A & & \\ & \nearrow \epsilon \otimes \text{id}_A & & \searrow \cong & \\ A & \xrightarrow{\mu} & A \otimes_k A & & A \\ & \searrow \text{id}_A \otimes \epsilon & & \nearrow \cong & \\ & & A \otimes_k k & & \end{array}$$

and is equal to the identity.

3. Inverse. The following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\epsilon} & k \\
 \downarrow \mu & & \downarrow \\
 A \otimes_k A & \xrightarrow[\text{id}_A \otimes \iota]{} & A \otimes_k A \xrightarrow{\cdot} A
 \end{array}$$

Here the right arrow is the morphism making  $A$  a  $k$ -algebra. The last arrow in the lower sequence is multiplication in  $A$ . ■

**Definition 2.2.** An *action* of an affine algebraic group  $G = \text{Spec } A$  on an affine variety  $X = \text{Spec } R$  is a morphism  $G \times X \rightarrow X$  defined dually by a  $k$ -algebra morphism  $\mu_R : R \rightarrow R \otimes_k A$  satisfying the following two conditions.

1. The following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 R & \xrightarrow{\mu_R} & R \otimes_k A \\
 \searrow \text{id}_R & & \downarrow \text{id}_R \otimes \epsilon \\
 & & R \simeq R \otimes_k k
 \end{array}$$

2. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 R & \xrightarrow{\mu_R} & R \otimes_k A \\
 \downarrow \mu_R & & \downarrow \mu_R \otimes \text{id}_A \\
 R \otimes_k A & \xrightarrow[\text{id}_R \otimes \mu_A]{} & R \otimes_k A \otimes_k A
 \end{array}$$

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### 3 Representations of algebraic groups

Let  $G = \text{Spec } A$  be an affine algebraic group over a field  $k$ .

**Definition 3.1.** An *algebraic representation* of  $G$  is a pair  $(V, \mu_V)$  consisting of a  $k$ -vector space  $V$  and a  $k$ -linear map  $\mu_V : V \rightarrow V \otimes_k A$  satisfying the following two conditions:

1. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\mu_V} & V \otimes_k A \\ & \searrow \text{id}_V & \downarrow \text{id}_V \otimes \epsilon \\ & & V \simeq V \otimes_k k \end{array} \quad (1)$$

is commutative.

2. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\mu_V} & V \otimes_k A \\ \mu_V \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_V \otimes \text{id}_A \\ V \otimes_k A & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_V \otimes \mu_A} & V \otimes_k A \otimes_k A \end{array}$$

is commutative. Here  $\mu_A$  is the coproduct in the coordinate ring of  $G$ . ■

**Remark.** In lieu of Definition 1.2, we see that any action of an algebraic group  $G$  on an affine variety  $X = \text{Spec } R$  is a representation of  $G$  on the infinite-dimensional  $k$ -vector space  $R = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ .

We often drop the subscript from  $\mu_V$  unless confusion may arise. The same comment applies to tensor products. They will always be over the ground field unless otherwise stated. We will sometimes refer to a representation  $(V, \mu_V)$  sometimes as “a representation  $\mu : V \rightarrow V \otimes A$ ” and sometimes as just “a representation  $V$ ”.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $\mu : V \rightarrow V \otimes A$  be a representation of  $G = \text{Spec } A$ . Then:

1. A vector  $x \in V$  is said to be *G-invariant* if  $\mu(x) = x \otimes 1$ .
  2. A subspace  $U \subset V$  is called a *subrepresentation* if  $\mu(U) \subseteq U \otimes A$ .
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**Proposition 3.3.** Every representation  $V$  of  $G$  is locally finite-dimensional. Precisely: every  $x \in V$  is contained in a finite-dimensional subrepresentation of  $G$ .

*Bevis.* Write  $\mu(x)$  as a finite sum  $\sum_i x_i \otimes f_i$  for  $x_i \in V$  and linearly independent  $f_i \in A$ . This we can always do, by definition of tensor product and bilinearity. Let  $U$  be the subspace of  $V$  spanned by the vectors  $x_i$ .

Now, by the commutativity of the diagram (1) it follows that

$$x = \sum_i \epsilon(f_i) x_i.$$

By the commutativity of the second diagram in the definition, it follows that

$$\sum_i \mu_V(x_i) \otimes f_i = \sum_i x_i \otimes \mu_A(f_i) \in U \otimes A_k \otimes_k A.$$

Because each term of the right-hand-side is contained in  $U \otimes A \otimes A$ , it follows that  $\mu_V(x_i)$  is contained in  $U$  since the  $f_i$  are linearly independent.

Thus  $x$  is contained in the finite-dimensional representation  $\mu_V|_U : U \rightarrow U \otimes A$ .  $\square$

Repr. of  $\mathbb{G}_m$ .

Euler operator.

Characters.