

**Lemma 1.** Let  $M \in \Lambda\text{-mod}$  with  $\underline{\dim} M = \mathbf{d}$ , and let  $x \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbf{d}}\Lambda$  such that  $M$  corresponds to the  $G$ -orbit  $G.x$ . If  $U \subseteq M$  is a submodule, then the direct sum  $U \oplus M/U$  corresponds to a  $G$ -orbit contained in  $\overline{G.x}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{d}' = \underline{\dim} U$ . Then  $\mathbf{d}'' = \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{d}' = \underline{\dim} M/U$ , since  $e_i(M/U) \cong e_i M / e_i U$  canonically.

For each  $i \leq n$ , choose an ordered  $K$ -basis for  $e_i U$  and supplement it to an ordered basis for  $e_i M$ .

Suppose  $x = (x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in Q_1}$ . Since  $\alpha U \subseteq U$  by hypothesis, the  $x_\alpha$  have the following block format. If  $\alpha : e_i \rightarrow e_j$  then

$$x_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} A_\alpha & C_\alpha \\ 0 & B_\alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $A_\alpha$  is a  $d'_i \times d'_i$  matrix and  $B_\alpha$  is a  $d''_i \times d''_i$  matrix.

For each  $c \in K$ , define an element  $g(c) \in \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n} M_{d_i}(K)$  as follows:

$$g(c) = (g(c)_1, \dots, g(c)_n)$$

where

$$g(c)_i = \begin{bmatrix} cI_{d'_i} & 0 \\ 0 & I_{d''_i} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $I_m$  is the  $m \times m$  identity matrix.

Clearly,  $g(c) \in G = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n} \text{GL}_{d_i}(K)$  whenever  $c \in K^\times$ .

Now consider the morphism of varieties

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : K &\longrightarrow \text{Rep}_{\mathbf{d}}(\Lambda), \\ c &\longmapsto \left( \begin{bmatrix} A_\alpha & cC_\alpha \\ 0 & B_\alpha \end{bmatrix} \right)_{\alpha \in Q_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe: for  $c \in K^\times$ , we have

$$\psi(c) = (g(c)_{\text{end}(\alpha)} x_\alpha g(c)_{\text{start}(\alpha)})_{\alpha \in Q_1} = g(c).x \in G.x$$

Since  $\psi$  is Zariski-continuous,  $\psi^{-1}(\overline{G.x})$  is closed in  $K$ , and thus  $\psi^{-1}(\overline{G.x}) = K$ .

In other words,

$$\psi(0) = \left( \begin{bmatrix} A_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & B_\alpha \end{bmatrix} \right)_{\alpha \in Q_1} \in \overline{G.x},$$

but clearly the orbit of  $\psi(0)$  in  $\overline{G.x}$  represents the direct sum  $U \oplus M/U$ .

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