

On the Category Theoretic Implications on Induced Representation of Finite Groups

Part 2: Induced Representation Theory

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I've now discovered a lifehack for learning math, which is to sign up to give a talk about something I don't know super well

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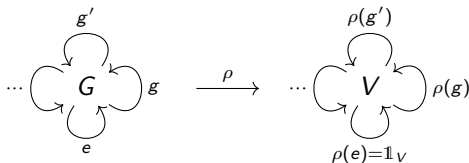
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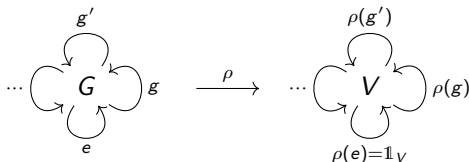
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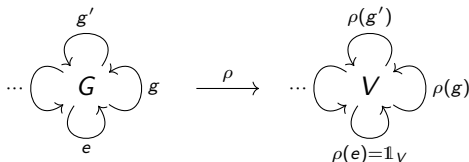
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$$\{\eta_X : F(X) \rightarrow G(X)\}_{X \in \mathcal{C}_0}$$

in \mathcal{D} such that for every arrow $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathcal{C} , the following diagram commutes:

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Therefore, $a\varphi + \psi \in \text{Hom}_G(V, W)$, i.e. $\text{Hom}_G(V, W)$ is a \mathbb{K} -vector space.

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$$\gamma(g)f = \sigma(g) \circ f \circ \rho(g)^{-1}.$$

From now on, for the rest of the talk, all groups are finite groups. Also, all the vector spaces are finite dimensional.

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Since we are restricting the domain of the representation $\rho : G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V)$, we call this the **restriction** of the representation ρ of G .

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This gives rise to a functor

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called the restriction functor. It takes a representation of G and restricts it to a representation of H .

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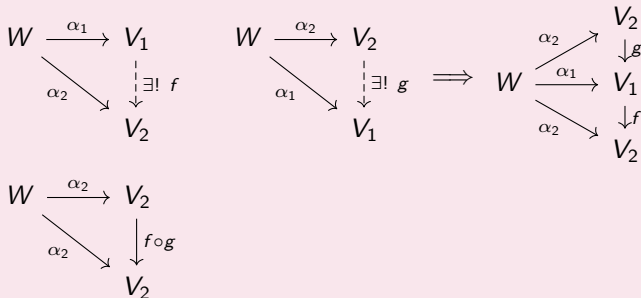
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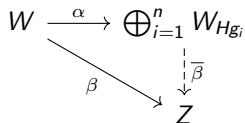
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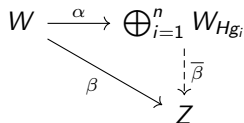
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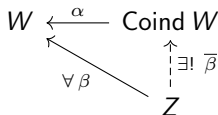
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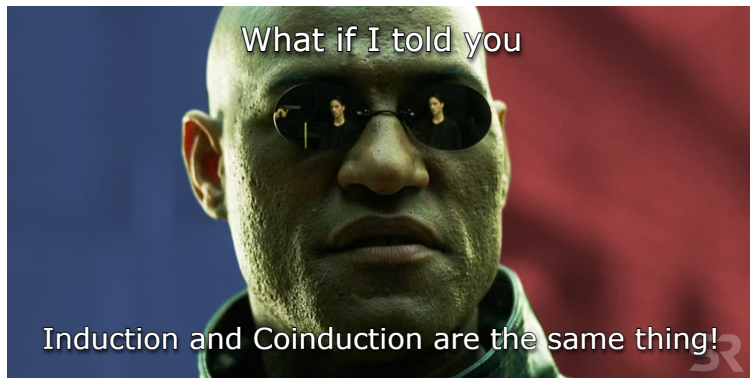
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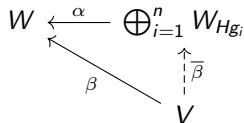
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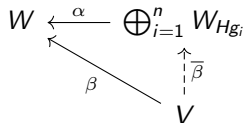
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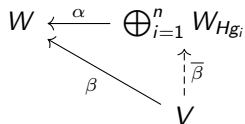
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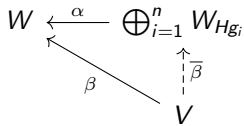
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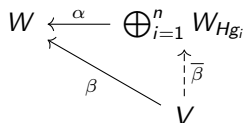
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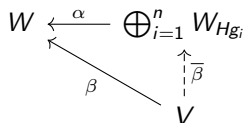


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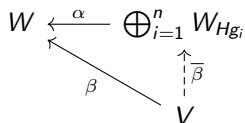
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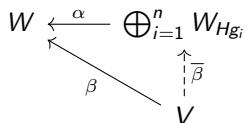
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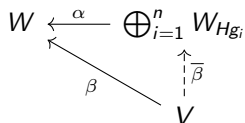
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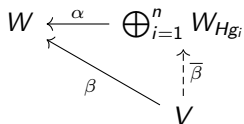
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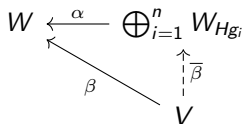


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