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**REPRESENTATION THEORY — EXERCISE SHEET 4**

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Throughout,  $K$  denotes a **field** and  $G$  a finite group. Furthermore, all  $KG$ -modules considered are assumed to be *left* modules and finite-dimensional over  $K$ .

**A. Exercises for the tutorial.**

**EXERCISE 1.**

- (a) Let  $H, L \leq G$ . Prove that the set of  $(H, L)$ -double cosets is in bijection with the set of orbits  $H \backslash (G/L)$ , and also with the set of orbits  $(H \backslash G)/L$  under the mappings

$$HgL \mapsto H(gL) \in H \backslash (G/L)$$

$$HgL \mapsto (Hg)L \in (H \backslash G)/L.$$

This justifies the notation  $H \backslash G/L$  for the set of  $(H, L)$ -double cosets.

- (b) Let  $G = S_3$ . Consider  $H = L := S_2 = \{\text{Id}, (1 2)\}$  as a subgroup of  $S_3$ . Prove that

$$[S_2 \backslash S_3 / S_2] = \{\text{Id}, (1 2 3)\}$$

while

$$S_2 \backslash S_3 / S_2 = \{ \{\text{Id}, (1 2)\}, \{(1 2 3), (1 3 2), (1 3), (2 3)\} \}.$$

**EXERCISE 2.**

Let  $M$  be a  $KG$ -module.

- (a) Prove that the following  $KG$ -submodules of  $M$  are equal:

- (1)  $\text{soc}(M)$ ;
- (2) the largest semisimple  $KG$ -submodule of  $M$ ;
- (3)  $\{m \in M \mid J(KG) \cdot m = 0\}$ .

[Hint: In words,  $\{m \in M \mid J(KG) \cdot m = 0\}$  is the largest submodule of  $M$  annihilated by  $J(KG)$ .]

- (b) Deduce from (a) that  $\text{rad}^n(M) = J(KG)^n \cdot M$  and  $\text{soc}^n(M) = \{m \in M \mid J(KG)^n \cdot m = 0\}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 2}$ .
- (c) Check that we have chains of  $KG$ -submodules of  $M$  given by:  
 $\cdots \subseteq \text{rad}^3(M) \subseteq \text{rad}^2(M) \subseteq \text{rad}(M) \subseteq M$  and  $0 \subseteq \text{soc}(M) \subseteq \text{soc}^2(M) \subseteq \text{soc}^3(M) \subseteq \cdots$

**EXERCISE 3.**

If  $H \leq G$  and  $P$  is a projective  $KH$ -module, then  $P \uparrow_H^G$  is a projective  $KG$ -module.

**B. Exercises to hand in.**

**EXERCISE 4.**

Let  $H, L \leq G$ , let  $M$  be a  $KL$ -module and let  $N$  be a  $KH$ -module. Use the Mackey formula to prove that:

- (a)  $M \uparrow_L^G \otimes_K N \uparrow_H^G \cong \bigoplus_{g \in [H \backslash G / L]} (\text{Hom}_K(M \downarrow_{H \cap gL}^{gL}, N \downarrow_{H \cap gL}^H)) \uparrow_{H \cap gL}^G;$
- (b)  $\text{Hom}_K(M \uparrow_L^G, N \uparrow_H^G) \cong \bigoplus_{g \in [H \backslash G / L]} (\text{Hom}_K(\text{Hom}_K(M \downarrow_{H \cap gL}^{gL}, N \downarrow_{H \cap gL}^H)) \uparrow_{H \cap gL}^G).$

**EXERCISE 5.**

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be  $KG$ -modules. Prove the following assertions.

- (a) For every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ , we have

$$\text{rad}^n(M \oplus N) \cong \text{rad}^n(M) \oplus \text{rad}^n(N) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{soc}^n(M \oplus N) \cong \text{soc}^n(M) \oplus \text{soc}^n(N).$$

- (b) The radical series of  $M$  is the fastest descending series of  $KG$ -submodules of  $M$  with semisimple quotients, and the socle series of  $M$  is the fastest ascending series of  $M$  with semisimple quotients. The two series terminate, and if  $r$  and  $n$  are the least integers for which  $\text{rad}^r(M) = 0$  and  $\text{soc}^n(U) = M$  then  $r = n$ .

**EXERCISE 6.**

Let  $S$  be a simple  $KG$ -module and let  $P_S$  denote the corresponding PIM (i.e.  $P_S / \text{rad}(P_S) \cong S$ ). Let  $M$  be an arbitrary  $KG$ -module. Prove the following assertions.

- (a) If  $T$  is a simple  $KG$ -module then

$$\dim_K \text{Hom}_{KG}(P_S, T) = \begin{cases} \dim_K \text{End}_{KG}(S) & \text{if } S \cong T, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (b) The multiplicity of  $S$  as a composition factor of  $M$  is

$$\dim_K \text{Hom}_{KG}(P_S, M) / \dim_K \text{End}_{KG}(S).$$