

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  $K$ .

Recall that  $M \mid N$  means that the  $KG$ -module  $M$  is (isomorphic to) a direct summand of the  $KG$ -module  $N$ .

#### A. Exercises for the tutorial.

**EXERCISE 1** (Proof of the Converse of Maschke's Theorem for  $K$  splitting field for  $G$ ). Assume  $K$  is a splitting field for  $G$  of positive characteristic  $p$  with  $p \mid |G|$ . Set  $T := \langle \sum_{g \in G} g \rangle_K$ .

- (a) Prove that there is a series of  $KG$ -submodules given by  $KG^\circ \supsetneq I(KG) \supseteq T \supsetneq 0$ .
- (b) Deduce that the regular module  $KG^\circ$  has at least two composition factors isomorphic to the trivial module  $K$ .
- (c) Deduce that  $KG$  is not a semisimple  $K$ -algebra using Theorem 8.2.

**EXERCISE 2.**

Let  $M, N$  be  $KG$ -modules. Prove that:

- (a)  $M \cong (M^*)^*$  as  $KG$ -modules (in a natural way);
- (b)  $M^* \oplus N^* \cong (M \oplus N)^*$  and  $M^* \otimes_K N^* \cong (M \otimes_K N)^*$  as  $KG$ -modules (in a natural way);
- (c)  $M$  is simple, resp. indecomposable, resp. semisimple, if and only if  $M^*$  is simple, resp. semisimple, resp. indecomposable.

**EXERCISE 3.**

Let  $0 \longrightarrow L \xrightarrow{\varphi} M \xrightarrow{\psi} N \longrightarrow 0$  be a s.e.s. of  $KG$ -modules. Prove that if  $M \cong L \oplus N$ , then the s.e.s. splits.

[Hint: Consider the exact sequence induced by the functor  $\text{Hom}_{KG}(N, -)$  and use the fact that the modules considered are all finite-dimensional.]

**B. Exercises to hand in.**

**EXERCISE 4.**

Let  $M, N$  be  $KG$ -modules. Prove that:

- (a) the map

$$\begin{aligned}\theta := \theta_{M,N} : M^* \otimes_K N &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}_K(M, N) \\ f \otimes n &\mapsto \theta(f \otimes n) : M \longrightarrow N, m \mapsto \theta(f \otimes n)(m) = f(m)n\end{aligned}$$

is a  $K$ -isomorphism;

- (b)  $\text{Tr}_M$  is a  $KG$ -homomorphism and  $\text{Tr}_M \circ \theta_{M,M}^{-1}$  coincides with the ordinary trace of matrices;
- (c)  $M \mid M \otimes_K M^* \otimes_K M$  and if  $\text{char}(K) \mid \dim_K(M)$ , then  $M \oplus M \mid M \otimes_K M^* \otimes_K M$ . (This is more challenging!)

**EXERCISE 5.**

Prove that  $\text{Coind}_{\{1\}}^G(K) \cong (KG)^*$  as  $KG$ -modules by defining an explicit  $KG$ -isomorphism.

[Warning: with their  $KG$ -module structures  $\text{Coind}_{\{1\}}^G(K)$  and  $(KG)^*$  are isomorphic but not equal!]

**EXERCISE 6.**

Let  $U, V, W$  be  $KG$ -modules. Prove that there are isomorphisms of  $KG$ -modules:

- (i)  $\text{Hom}_K(U \otimes_K V, W) \cong \text{Hom}_K(U, V^* \otimes_K W)$ ; and
- (ii)  $\text{Hom}_{KG}(U \otimes_K V, W) \cong \text{Hom}_{KG}(U, V^* \otimes_K W) \cong \text{Hom}_{KG}(U, \text{Hom}_K(V, W))$ .

**EXERCISE 7 (Optional Exercise).**

Investigate whether the statements of Exercise 2, Exercise 4, and Exercise 5 can be generalised to the case in which  $K$  is an arbitrary commutative ring and the  $KG$ -modules are free of finite rank when seen as  $K$ -modules.