

Group Representation 3

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1 problem

PROBLEM I Let φ is representation of $GL_n(K)$ over K^n . And $\varphi(A)\alpha := A\alpha$. Prove: φ is faithful and irreducible and n -dimensional.

SOLUTION. Obviously it's n -dimensional. If $A \neq B$, then exists $\alpha \in K^n$ s.t. $(A - B)\alpha \neq 0$. So $\varphi(A)\alpha \neq \varphi(B)\alpha$. So $\varphi(A) \neq \varphi(B)$, so φ is faithful. To prove φ is irreducible, we only need to prove there is no invariant subspace of K^n . Obviously for $\alpha, \beta \in K^n \setminus \{0\}$, obviously there exists $A \in GL_n(K)$ such that $A\alpha = \beta$. So there is no nontrivial invariant subspace of K^n . So it's irreducible. \square

PROBLEM II For $A \in GL_n(K)$, let $\psi(A)X = AX, \forall X \in M_n(K)$. Then:

1. ψ is n^2 -dimensional representation of $GL_n(K)$ over K .
2. For $j : 1 \leq j \leq n$, let $M_n^{(j)}(K) := \{(a_{ik})_{n \times n} : a_{ik} \neq 0 \rightarrow k = j\}$. Prove $M_n^{(j)}$ is invariant subspace of $GL_n(K)$. Let ψ_j is subrepresentation of ψ in $M_n^{(j)}$, prove ψ_j is irreducible and $\psi = \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \psi_j$.
3. Prove $\psi_j \cong \varphi$, where $\varphi = (\text{PROBLEM I}).\varphi$

SOLUTION. 1. Obviously $M_n(K)$ is n^2 -dimensional, so ψ is n^2 -dimensional. Easily we have $\psi(AB)X = ABX = \psi(A)BX = \psi(A)\psi(B)X$, so $\psi(AB) = \psi(A)\psi(B)$. So ψ is representation.

2. For $X \in M_n^{(j)}, A \in GL_n(K)$, we have $(AX)_{ik} = \sum_t a_{it}x_{tk}$. So for $k \neq j$ we have $(AX)_{ik} = \sum_t a_{it} \cdot 0 = 0$. So $AX \in M_n^{(j)}$. So $M_n^{(j)}$ is invariant subspace. Easily $M_n(K) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^n M_n^{(j)}$, so $\psi = \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \psi_j$. From 3 we know $\psi_j \cong \varphi$, and from PROBLEM I we get φ is irreducible, so ψ_j is irreducible.

3. Consider $\tau : M_n^{(j)} \rightarrow K^n, (\tau(X))_k := x_{jk}$, then τ is isomorphism. Easily get τ is isomorphism from ψ_j to $(\text{PROBLEM I}).\varphi$. So $\psi_j \cong \varphi$.

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PROBLEM III Let $K = \mathbb{C}$ and $n = 2$ in (Group representation second homework). (PROBLEM III), prove the subrepresentation of φ over $M_2^0(\mathbb{C})$ is irreducible.

SOLUTION. Since every matrix in $M_2(\mathbb{C})$ can be diagonalized, so $\forall X \in M_2^0(\mathbb{C}), \exists A \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{C}), \varphi(A)X = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$. So for a invariant subspace V , we have $X \in V \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \in V \rightarrow \forall Y \in M_2^0(\mathbb{C}), Y \in V$. So φ is irreducible. \square

PROBLEM IV Assume $n \geq 3$ and $n \nmid \text{char } K$, prove: the n -dimensional permutate representation of S_n can be decomposed as the direct sum of a main representation and a $(n-1)$ -dimensional irreducible subrepresentation

SOLUTION. In fact, PROBLEM I of second homework has given the decomposed. easily we get $\varphi|_{V_1}$ is a main representation. And since $\dim V_2 = n-1$, we get $\varphi|_{V_2}$ is $(n-1)$ -dimensional. So we only need to prove $\varphi|_{V_2}$ is irreducible. Assume $V \subset V_2$ is a invariant subspace and $V \neq \{0\}$, consider $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \in V \setminus \{0\}$. Obviously all of a_i 's can't be equal because $nk = 0 \rightarrow k = 0$ since $\text{char } K \nmid n$. WLOG assume $a_1 \neq a_2$. Then $y = a_1 x_2 + a_2 x_1 + \sum_{i=3}^n a_i x_i = \varphi((1\ 2))x \in V$, and thus $x - y = (a_1 - a_2)(x_1 - x_2) \in V, x_1 - x_2 \in V$. So $x_1 - x_j = \varphi((2\ j))(x_1 - x_2) \in V, \forall j \geq 2$. Obviously these $n-1$ vector is linearly independent, so $\dim V \geq n-1, V = V_2$. So $\varphi|_{V_2}$ is irreducible. \square

PROBLEM V Caculate the 1- dimensional \mathbb{C} representation:

1. $(2, 4)$ -type of 8-order elementary Abel group.
2. the addition group of \mathbb{Z}_p^n

SOLUTION. 1. Assume this group is $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$. Then $\varphi(k, j) = e^{\frac{(2k+j)\pi i}{2}}$.

2.

$$\varphi(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = e^{\frac{(2\pi i \sum_{k=1}^n a_k)}{p}}$$

\square

2 appendix

PROBLEM I Group G has an action on set $\Omega = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, let (φ, V) be the n - dimensional K permutation representation of G , where K is the field of vector space V , and

$$V = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i : a_i \in K, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \right\}.$$

Let

$$V_1 = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right\rangle,$$

$$V_2 = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i : \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 0, a_i \in K \right\}.$$

Prove:

1. V_1 and V_2 are invariant subspaces of G ;
2. If $\text{char } K \nmid n$, then $\varphi = \varphi_{V_1} \oplus \varphi_{V_2}$.

PROBLEM III $\mathcal{O}(n) := \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) : AA^T = I_n\}$ is the set of all n -dimensional orthogonal matrix over \mathbb{R} . Let:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : \mathcal{O}(n) &\rightarrow \text{GL}(M_n(\mathbb{R})) \\ A &\mapsto \varphi(A), \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Where,

$$\varphi(A)X := AXA^{-1} : \quad \forall X \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \tag{2}$$

$M_n^+(\mathbb{R}) := \{A \in M_n^0(\mathbb{R}) : A = A^T\}$, $M_n^-(\mathbb{R}) := \{A \in M_n^0(\mathbb{R}) : A^T = -A\}$.

1. Proof: $M_n^+(\mathbb{R})$ and $M_n^-(\mathbb{R})$ are invariant spaces of φ ;
2. Let the subrepresentation of φ on $\langle I \rangle, M_n^+(\mathbb{R}), M_n^-(\mathbb{R})$ be $\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2$. Proof:

$$\varphi = \varphi_0 \oplus \varphi_1 \oplus \varphi_2$$

3. calculate a $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$ - dimensional \mathbb{R} representation of $\mathcal{O}(n)$.