

# Group Representation 3

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## 1 problem

**PROBLEM I** Let  $\varphi$  is representation of  $GL_n(K)$  over  $K^n$ . And  $\varphi(A)\alpha := A\alpha$ . Prove:  $\varphi$  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  $\varphi$  is faithful. To prove  $\varphi$  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.  $\psi$  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  $\psi_j$  is subrepresentation of  $\psi$  in  $M_n^{(j)}$ , prove  $\psi_j$  is irreducible and  $\psi = \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \psi_j$ .
3. Prove  $\psi_j \cong \varphi$ , where  $\varphi = (??).\varphi$

**SOLUTION**. 1. Obviously  $M_n(K)$  is  $n^2$ -dimensional, so  $\psi$  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  $\psi$  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 ?? we know  $\psi_j \cong \varphi$ , and from ?? we get  $\psi_j$  is irreducible, so  $\psi_j$  is irreducible.

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

**PROBLEM III** Let  $K = \mathbb{C}$  and  $n = 2$  in (Group representation second homework).(?), prove the subrepresentation of  $\varphi$  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  $\varphi$  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, ?? 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  $(\varphi, V)$  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  $\varphi$ ;
2. Let the subrepresentation of  $\varphi$  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  $\mathcal{O}(n)$ .