

Algebraic Groups

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Reference: Carter's "Finite Groups of Lie Type".
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1.1 Intro and Definitions

Definition 1.1.1 (Affine Variety).

Let $k = \bar{k}$ be algebraically closed (e.g. $k = \mathbb{C}, \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$). A variety $V \subseteq k^n$ is an *affine k -variety* iff V is the zero set of a collection of polynomials in $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

Here $\mathbb{A}^n := k^n$ with the Zariski topology, so the closed sets are varieties.

Definition 1.1.2 (Affine Algebraic Group).

An *affine algebraic k -group* is an affine variety with the structure of a group, where the multiplication and inversion maps

$$\begin{aligned}\mu : G \times G &\rightarrow G \\ \iota : G &\rightarrow G\end{aligned}$$

are continuous.

Example 1.1.1.

$G = \mathbb{G}_a \subseteq k$ the *additive group* of k is defined as $\mathbb{G}_a := (k, +)$. We then have a *coordinate ring* $k[\mathbb{G}_a] = k[x]/I = k[x]$.

Example 1.1.2.

$G = \mathrm{GL}(n, k)$, which has coordinate ring $k[x_{ij}, T] / \langle \det(x_{ij}) \cdot T = 1 \rangle$.

Example 1.1.3.

Setting $n = 1$ above, we have $\mathbb{G}_m := \mathrm{GL}(1, k) = (k^\times, \cdot)$. Here the coordinate ring is $k[x, T] / \langle xT = 1 \rangle$.

Example 1.1.4.

$G = \mathrm{SL}(n, k) \leq \mathrm{GL}(n, k)$, which has coordinate ring $k[G] = k[x_{ij}] / \langle \det(x_{ij}) = 1 \rangle$.

Definition 1.1.3 (Irreducible).

A variety V is *irreducible* iff V can not be written as $V = \cup_{i=1}^n V_i$ with each $V_i \subseteq V$ a proper subvariety.

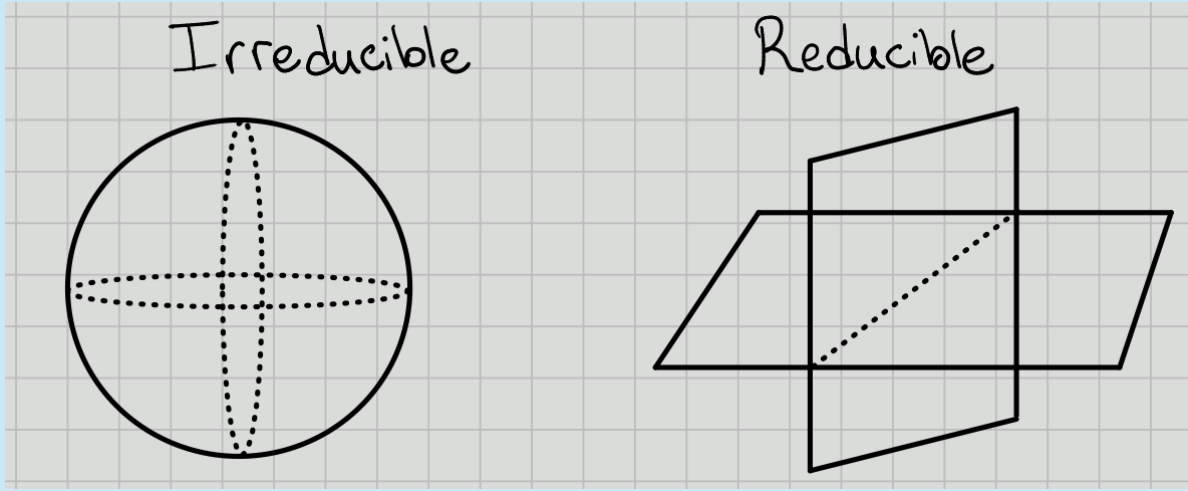


Figure 1: Reducible vs Irreducible

Proposition 1.1.1(?)

There exists a unique irreducible component of G containing the identity e . Notation: G^0 .

Proposition 1.1.2(?)

G is the union of translates of G^0 , i.e. there is a decomposition

$$G = \coprod_{g \in \Gamma} g \cdot G^0,$$

where we let G act on itself by left-translation and define Γ to be a set of representatives of distinct orbits.

Proposition 1.1.3(?).

One can define solvable and nilpotent algebraic groups in the same way as they are defined for finite groups, i.e. as having a terminating derived or lower central series respectively.

1.2 Jordan-Chevalley Decomposition**Proposition 1.2.1 (Existence and Uniqueness of Radical).**

There is a maximal connected normal solvable subgroup $R(G)$, denoted the *radical* of G .

- $\{e\} \subseteq R(G)$, so the radical exists.
- If $A, B \leq G$ are solvable then AB is again a solvable subgroup.

Definition 1.2.1 (Unipotent).

An element u is *unipotent* $\iff u = 1 + n$ where n is nilpotent \iff its only eigenvalue is $\lambda = 1$.

Proposition 1.2.2 (JC Decomposition).

For any G , there exists a closed embedding $G \hookrightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V) = \mathrm{GL}(n, k)$ and for each $x \in G$ a unique decomposition $x = su$ where s is semisimple (diagonalizable) and u is unipotent.

Define $R_u(G)$ to be the subgroup of unipotent elements in $R(G)$. $\therefore \{ \text{definition title} = \text{"Semisimple and Reductive"} \}$ Suppose G is connected, so $G = G^0$, and nontrivial, so $G \neq \{e\}$. Then

- G is semisimple iff $R(G) = \{e\}$.
- G is reductive iff $R_u(G) = \{e\}$. \therefore

Example 1.2.1.

$G = \mathrm{GL}(n, k)$, then $R(G) = Z(G) = kI$ the scalar matrices, and $R_u(G) = \{e\}$. So G is reductive and semisimple.

Example 1.2.2.

$G = \mathrm{SL}(n, k)$, then $R(G) = \{I\}$.

Exercise 1.2.1.

Is this semisimple? Reductive? What is $R_u(G)$?

Definition 1.2.2 (Torus).

A *torus* $T \subseteq G$ in G an algebraic group is a commutative algebraic subgroup consisting of semisimple elements.

Example 1.2.3.

Let

$$T := \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_n \end{bmatrix} \subseteq \mathrm{GL}(n, k) \right\rangle.$$

Remark 1.2.1.

Why are torii useful? For $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$, we obtain a root space decomposition

$$\mathfrak{g} = \left(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Phi_-} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \right) \oplus \mathfrak{t} \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Phi_+} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \right).$$

When G is a simple algebraic group, there is a classification/correspondence:

$$(G, T) \iff (\Phi, W).$$

where Φ is an irreducible root system and W is a Weyl group.

2 | Monday, August 24

2.1 Review and General Setup

- $k = \bar{k}$ is algebraically closed
- G is a reductive algebraic group
- $T \subseteq G$ is a *maximal split torus*

$$\text{Split: } T \cong \bigoplus \mathbb{G}_m.$$

We'll associate to this a root system, not necessarily irreducible, yielding a correspondence

$$(G, T) \iff (\Phi, W)$$

with W a Weyl group.

This will be accomplished by looking at $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$. If G is simple, then \mathfrak{g} is “simple”, and Φ irreducible will correspond to a Dynkin diagram.

There is this a 1-to-1 correspondence

$$G \text{ simple} / \sim \iff A_n, B_n, C_n, D_n, E_6, E_7, E_8, F_4, G_2$$

where \sim denotes *isogeny*.

Taking the Zariski tangent space at the identity “linearizes” an algebraic group, yielding a Lie algebra.

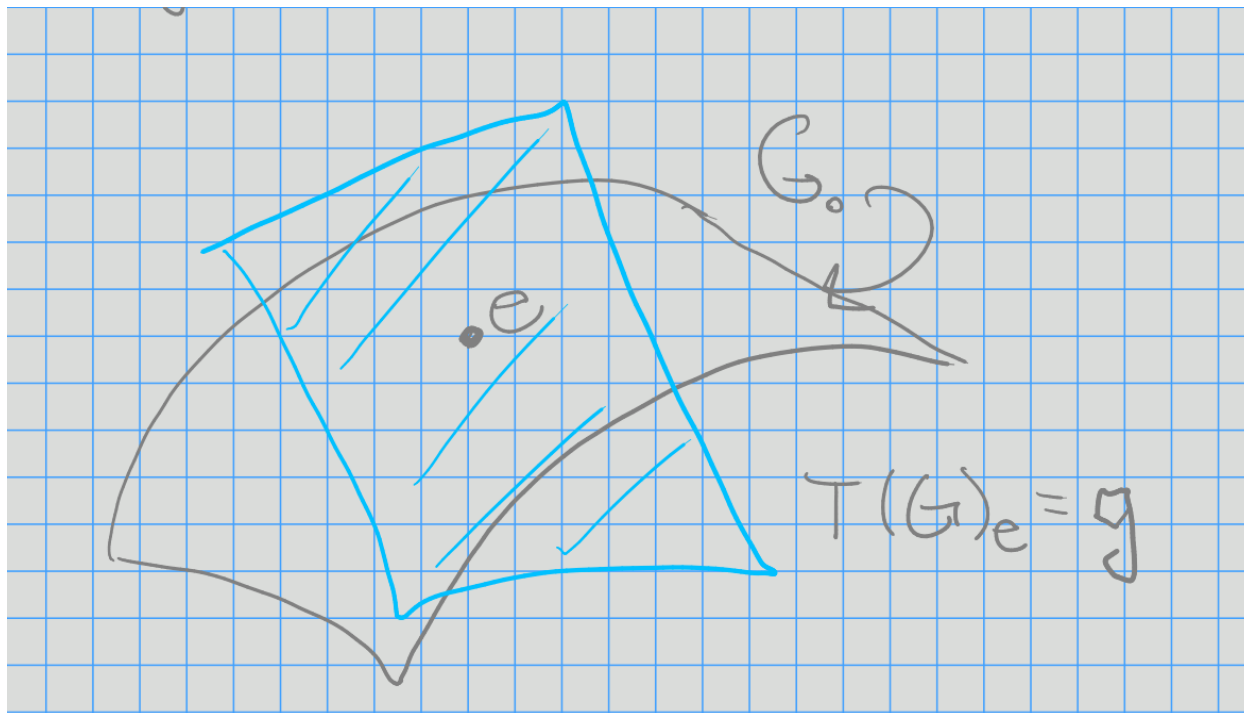


Figure 2: Image

We have the coordinate ring $k[G] = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/\mathcal{I}(G)$ where $\mathcal{I}(G)$ is the zero set. This is equal to $\{f : G \rightarrow k\}$,

2.2 The Associated Lie Algebra

Definition 2.2.1 (The Lie Algebra of an Algebraic Group).
Define *left translation* is

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_x : k[G] &\rightarrow k[G] \\ y &\mapsto f(x^{-1}y). \end{aligned}$$

Define *derivations* as

$$\text{Der } k[G] = \left\{ D : k[G] \rightarrow k[G] \mid D(fg) = D(f)g + fD(g) \right\}.$$

We can then realize the Lie algebra as

$$\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G) = \left\{ D \in \text{Der } k[G] \mid \lambda_x \circ D = D \circ \lambda_x \right\},$$

the left-invariant derivations.

Example 2.2.1.

- $G = \mathrm{GL}(n, k) \implies \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{gl}(n, k)$
- $G = \mathrm{SL}(n, k) \implies \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(n, k)$

Let G be reductive and T be a split torus. Then T acts on \mathfrak{g} via an *adjoint action*. (For $\mathrm{GL}_n, \mathrm{SL}_n$, this is conjugation.)

There is a decomposition into eigenspaces for the action of T ,

$$\mathfrak{g} = \left(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Phi} g_{\alpha} \right) \oplus t$$

where $t = \mathrm{Lie}(T)$ and $g_{\alpha} := \{x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid t.x = \alpha(t)x \ \forall t \in T\}$ with $\alpha : T \rightarrow K^{\times}$ a rational function (a *root*).

In general, take $\alpha \in \mathrm{hom}_{\mathrm{AlgGrp}}(T, \mathbb{G}_m)$.

Example 2.2.2.

Let $G = \mathrm{GL}(n, k)$ and

$$T = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_n \end{bmatrix} \mid a_j \in k^{\times} \right\}.$$

Then check the following action:

$$\begin{aligned}
 t. \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_n^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_1 a_2^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= a_1 a_2^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 3: Action

which indeed acts by a rational function.

Then

$$g_\alpha = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = g_{(1,-1,0)}.$$

For $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{gl}(3, k)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{g} &= t \oplus g_{(1,-1,0)} \oplus g_{(-1,1,0)} \\ &\quad \oplus g_{(0,1,-1)} \oplus g_{(0,-1,1)} \\ &\quad \oplus g_{(1,0,-1)} \oplus g_{(-1,0,1)}. \end{aligned}$$

2.3 Representations

Let $\rho : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(V)$ be a group homomorphism, then equivalently V is a (rational) G -module.

For $T \subseteq G$, $T \curvearrowright G$ semisimply, so we can simultaneously diagonalize these operators to obtain a *weight space decomposition* $V = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in X(T)} V_\lambda$, where

$$\begin{aligned} V_\lambda &:= \left\{ v \in V \mid t.v = \lambda(t)v \ \forall t \in T \right\} \\ X(T) &:= \text{hom}(T, \mathbb{G}_m). \end{aligned}$$

Example 2.3.1.

Let $G = \text{GL}(n, k)$ and V the n -dimensional natural representation as column vectors,

$$V = \left\{ [v_1, \dots, v_n] \mid v_j \in k \right\}.$$

Then

$$T = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_n \end{bmatrix} \mid a_j \in k^\times \right\}.$$

Consider the basis vectors \mathbf{e}_j , then

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = a_j \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = a_1^0 a_2^0 \cdots a_j^0 \cdots a_n^0 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Here the weights are of the form $\varepsilon_j := [0, 0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0]$ with a 1 in the j th spot, so we have

$$V = V_{\varepsilon_1} \oplus V_{\varepsilon_2} \oplus \cdots \oplus V_{\varepsilon_n}.$$

Example 2.3.2.

For $V = \mathbb{C}$, we have $t.v = (a_1^0 \cdots a_n^0)v$ and $V = V_{(0,0,\dots,0)}$.

2.4 Classification

Let G be a simple algebraic group (ano closed, connected, normal subgroups other than $\{e\}, G$) that is nonabelian that is nonabelian.

Example 2.4.1.

Let $G = \mathrm{SL}(3, k)$. Then

$$T = \left\{ t = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_1 a_2^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_2^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \mid a_1, a_2 \in k^\times \right\}$$

and

$$t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = a_1^2 a_2^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

and $\alpha_1 = (2, -1)$.

What is α_1 ? Note that you can recover the Cartan something here?

Then

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{(2,-1)} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{(-2,1)} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{(-1,2)} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{(1,-2)} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{(1,1)} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{(-1,-1)}.$$

Then $\alpha_2 = (-1, 2)$ and $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = (1, 1)$.

This gives the root space decomposition for \mathfrak{sl}_3 :

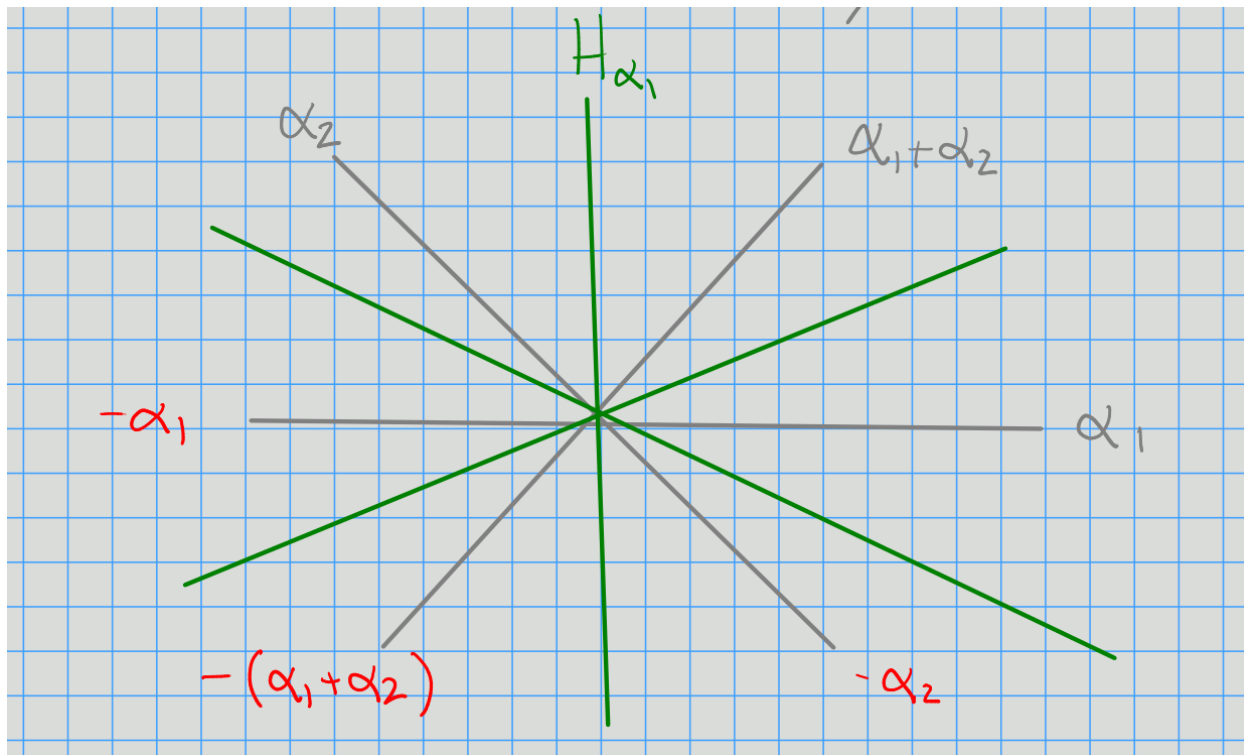


Figure 4: Image

Then the Weyl group will be generated by reflections through these hyperplanes.

3 | Wednesday, August 26

3.1 Review

- G a reductive algebraic group over k
- $T = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{G}_m$ a maximal split torus
- $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$
- There's an induced root space decomposition $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{t} \oplus \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Phi} \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}$
- When G is simple, Φ is an *irreducible* root system
 - There is a classification of these by Dynkin diagrams

Example 3.1.1.

A_n corresponds to $\mathfrak{sl}(n+1, k)$ (mnemonic: A_1 corresponds to $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$)

- We have representations $\rho : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(V)$, i.e. V is a G -module
- For $T \subseteq G$, we have a weight space decomposition: $V = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in X(T)} V_{\lambda}$ where $X(T) = \text{hom}(T, \mathbb{G}_m)$.

Note that $X(T) \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$, the number of copies of \mathbb{G}_m in T .

3.2 Root Systems and Weights

Example 3.2.1.

Let $\Phi = A_2$, then we have the following root system:

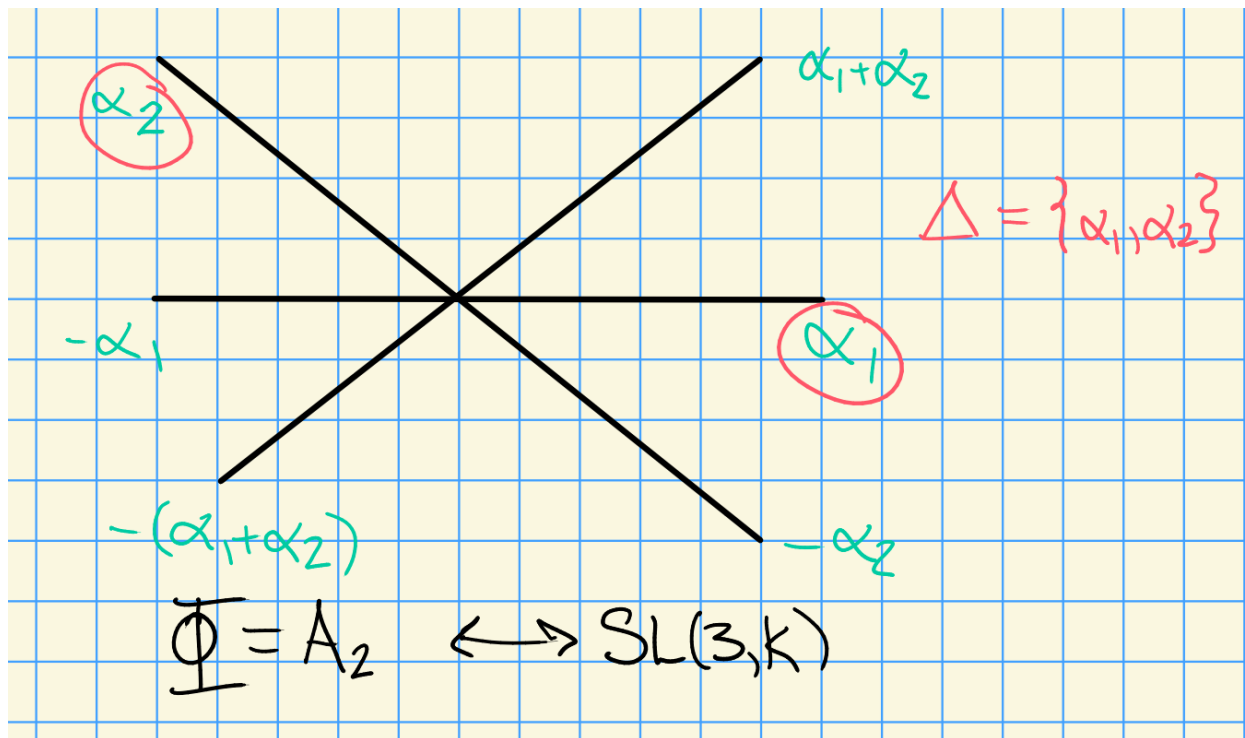


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In general, we'll have $\Delta = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ a basis of *simple roots*.

Remark 3.2.1.

Every root $\alpha \in I$ can be expressed as either positive integer linear combination (or negative) of simple roots.

For any $\alpha \in \Phi$, let s_α be the reflection across H_α , the hyperplane orthogonal to α . Then define the *Weyl group* $W = \{s_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Phi\}$.

Example 3.2.2.

Here the Weyl group is S_3 :

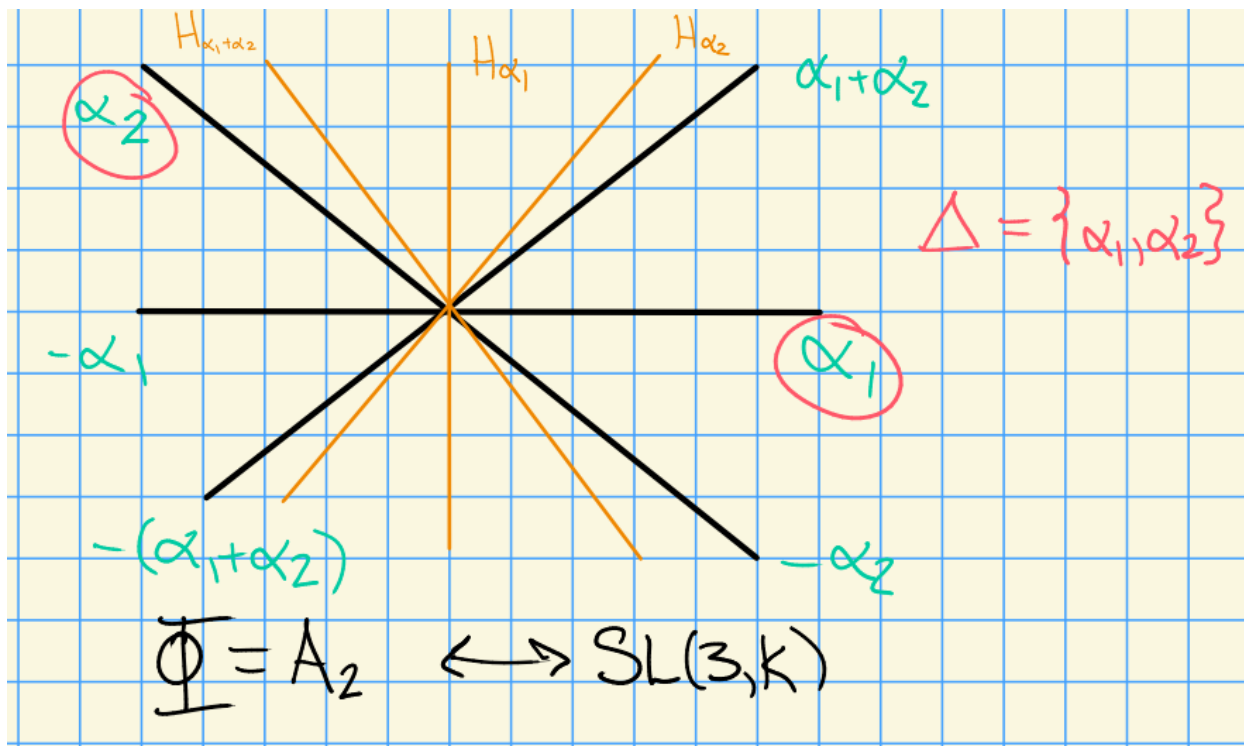


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Remark 3.2.2.

W acts transitively on bases.

Remark 3.2.3.

$X(T) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}\Phi$, recalling that $X(T) = \text{hom}(T, \mathbb{G}_m) = \mathbb{Z}^n$ for some n . Denote $\mathbb{Z}\Phi$ the *root lattice* and $X(T)$ the *weight lattice*.

Example 3.2.3.

Let $G = \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$ then $X(T) = \mathbb{Z}\omega$ where $\omega = 1$, $\mathbb{Z}\Phi = \mathbb{Z}\{\alpha\}$. Then there is one weight α , and the root lattice $\mathbb{Z}\Phi$ is just $2\mathbb{Z}$. However, the weight lattice is $\mathbb{Z}\omega = \mathbb{Z}$, and these are not equal in general.

Remark 3.2.4.

There is partial ordering on $X(T)$ given by $\lambda \geq \mu \iff \lambda - \mu = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta} n_{\alpha} \alpha$ where $n_{\alpha} \geq 0$. (We say λ *dominates* μ .)

Definition 3.2.1 (Fundamental Dominant Weights).

We extend scalars for the weight lattice to obtain $E := X(T) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R}^n$, a Euclidean space with an inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$.

For $\alpha \in \Phi$, define its *coroot* $\alpha^\vee := \frac{2\alpha}{\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle}$. Define the *simple coroots* as $\Delta^\vee := \{\alpha_i^\vee\}_{i=1}^n$, which has a dual basis $\Omega := \{\omega_i\}_{i=1}^n$ the *fundamental weights*. These satisfy $\langle \omega_i, \alpha_j^\vee \rangle = \delta_{ij}$.

What is the notation for fundamental weights? Definitely not Ω usually!

Important because we can index irreducible representations by fundamental weights.

A weight $\lambda \in X(T)$ is *dominant* iff $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}\Omega$, i.e. $\lambda = \sum n_i \omega_i$ with $n_i \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$.

If G is simply connected, then $X(T) = \bigoplus \mathbb{Z}\omega_i$.

See Jantzen for definition of simply-connected, $SL(n+1)$ is simply connected but its adjoint $PGL(n+1)$ is not simply connected.

3.3 Complex Semisimple Lie Algebras

When doing representation theory, we look at the Verma modules $Z(\lambda) = U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{b}^+)} \lambda \twoheadrightarrow L(\lambda)$.

Theorem 3.3.1 (?).

$L(\lambda)$ as a finite-dimensional $U(\mathfrak{g})$ -module $\iff \lambda$ is dominant, i.e. $\lambda \in X(T)_+$.

Thus the representations are indexed by lattice points in a particular region:

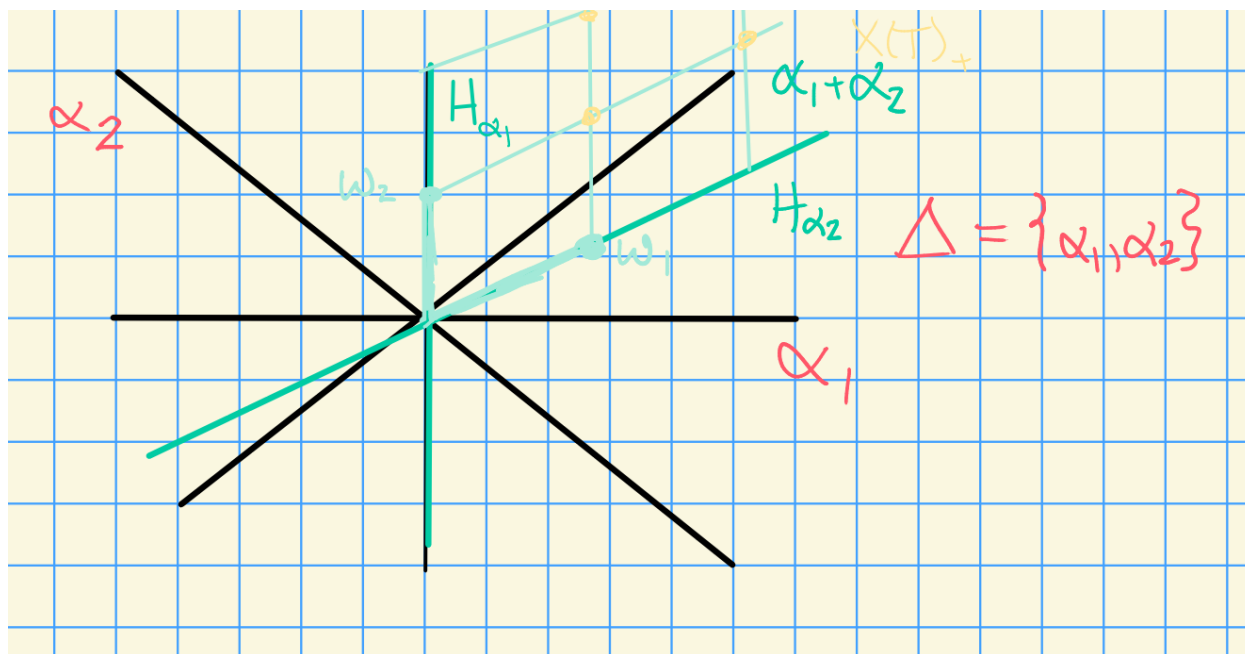


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Question 1:

Suppose G is a simple (simply connected) algebraic group. How do you parameterize *irreducible* representations?

For $\rho : G$

to $\mathrm{GL}(V)$, V is a *simple module* (an *irreducible representation*) iff the only proper G -submodules of V are trivial.

Answer 1: They are also parameterized by $X(T)_+$. We'll show this using the induction functor $\mathrm{Ind}_B^G \lambda = H^0(G/B, \mathcal{L}(\lambda))$ (sheaf cohomology of the flag variety with coefficients in some line bundle).

We'll define what B is later, essentially upper-triangular matrices.

Question 2: What are the dimensions of the irreducible representations for G ?

Answer 2: Over $k = \mathbb{C}$ using Weyl's dimension formula.

For $k = \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$: conjectured to be known for $p \geq h$ (the *Coxeter number*), but by Williamson (2013) there are counterexamples. Current work being done!

4 | Friday, August 28

4.1 Representation Theory

Review: let \mathfrak{g} be a semisimple lie algebra $/\mathbb{C}$. There is a decomposition $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{b}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{n}^- = \mathfrak{n}^+ \oplus t \oplus \mathfrak{n}^-$, where t is a torus. We associate $U(\mathfrak{g})$ the universal enveloping algebra, and representations of \mathfrak{g} correspond with representations of $U(\mathfrak{g})$.

Let $\lambda \in X(T)$ be a weight, then λ is a $U(\mathfrak{b}^+)$ -module. We can write $Z(\lambda) = U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{b}^+)} \lambda$.

Remark 4.1.1.

There exists a unique maximal submodule of $Z(\lambda)$, say $RZ(\lambda)$ where $Z(\lambda)/RZ(\lambda) \cong L(\lambda)$ is an irreducible representation of \mathfrak{g} .

Theorem 4.1.1(?).

Let $L = L(\lambda)$ be a finite-dimensional irreducible representation for \mathfrak{g} . Then

1. $L \cong Z(\lambda)/RZ(\lambda)$ for some λ .
2. $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ is a dominant integral weight.

4.1.1 Induction

Let \mathfrak{g} be an algebraic group $/k$ with $k = \bar{k}$, and let $H \leq G$. Let M be an H -module, we'll eventually want to produce a G -modules.

Step 1: Make M into a $G \times H$ where the first component $(g, 1)$ acts trivially on M .

Taking the coordinate algebra $k[G]$, this is a $(G - G)$ -bimodule, and thus becomes a $G \times H$ -module. Let $f \in k[G]$, so $f : G \rightarrow K$, and let $y \in G$. The explicit action is

$$[(g, h)f](y) := f(g^{-1}yh).$$

Note that we can identify $H \cong 1 \times H \leq G \times H$. We can form $(M \otimes_k k[G])^H$, the H -fixed points.

Exercise 4.1.1.

Let N be an A -module and $B \trianglelefteq A$, then N^B is an A/B -module.

Hint: the action of B is trivial on N^B . Here $N^B := \{n \in N \mid b.n = n \forall b \in B\}$

Definition 4.1.1 (Induction).

The *induced module* is defined as

$$\text{Ind}_H^G(M) := (M \otimes_k k[G])^H.$$

4.1.2 Properties of Induction

1. $(\cdot \otimes_k k[G]) = \text{hom}_H(k, \cdot \otimes_k k[G])$ is only *left-exact*, i.e.

$$(0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0) \mapsto (0 \rightarrow FA \rightarrow FB \rightarrow FC \rightarrow \cdots).$$

2. By taking right-derived functors $R^j F$, you can take cohomology.

Note that in this category, we won't have enough projectives, but we will have enough injectives.

3. This functor commutes with direct sums and direct limits.
4. (**Important**) Frobenius Reciprocity: there is an adjoint, *restriction*, satisfying

$$\text{hom}_G(N, \text{Ind}_H^G M) = \text{hom}_H(N \downarrow_H, M).$$

5. (Tensor Identity) If $M \in \text{Mod}(H)$ and additionally $M \in \text{Mod}(G)$, then $\text{Ind}_H^G M = M \otimes_k \text{Ind}_H^G k$. If $V_1, V_2 \in \text{Mod}(G)$ then $V_1 \otimes_k V_2 \in \text{Mod}(G)$ with the action given by $g(v_1 \otimes v_2) = gv_1 \otimes gv_2$.

6. Another interpretation: we can write

$$\text{Ind}_H^G(M) = \left\{ f \in \text{Hom}(G, M_a) \mid f(gh) = h^{-1} \cdot f(g) \forall g \in G, h \in H \right\} \quad M_a = M := \mathbb{A}^{\dim M}.$$

I.e., equivariant wrt the H -action.

Then G acts on $\text{Ind}_H^G M$ by left-translation: $(gf)(y) = f(g^{-1}y)$.

7. There is an evaluation map:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon : \text{Ind}_H^G(M) &\rightarrow M \\ f &\mapsto f(1). \end{aligned}$$

This is an H -module morphism. Why? We can check

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon(h.f) &:= (h.f)(a) \\ &= f(h^{-1}) \\ &= hf(1) \\ &= h(\varepsilon(f)).\end{aligned}$$

We can write the isomorphism in Frobenius reciprocity explicitly:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{hom}_G(N, \mathrm{Ind}_H^G M) &\xrightarrow{\cong} \mathrm{hom}_H(N, M) \\ \varphi &\mapsto \varepsilon \circ \varphi.\end{aligned}$$

8. Transitivity of induction: for $H \leq H' \leq G$, there is a natural transformation (?) of functors:

$$\mathrm{Ind}_H^G(\cdot) = \mathrm{Ind}_{H'}^G(\mathrm{Ind}_H^{H'}(\cdot)).$$

Equality as a composition of functors?

4.2 Classification of Simple G -modules

Suppose G is a connected reductive algebraic group $/k$ with $k = \bar{k}$.

Example 4.2.1.

Let $G = \mathrm{GL}(n, k)$. There is a decomposition:

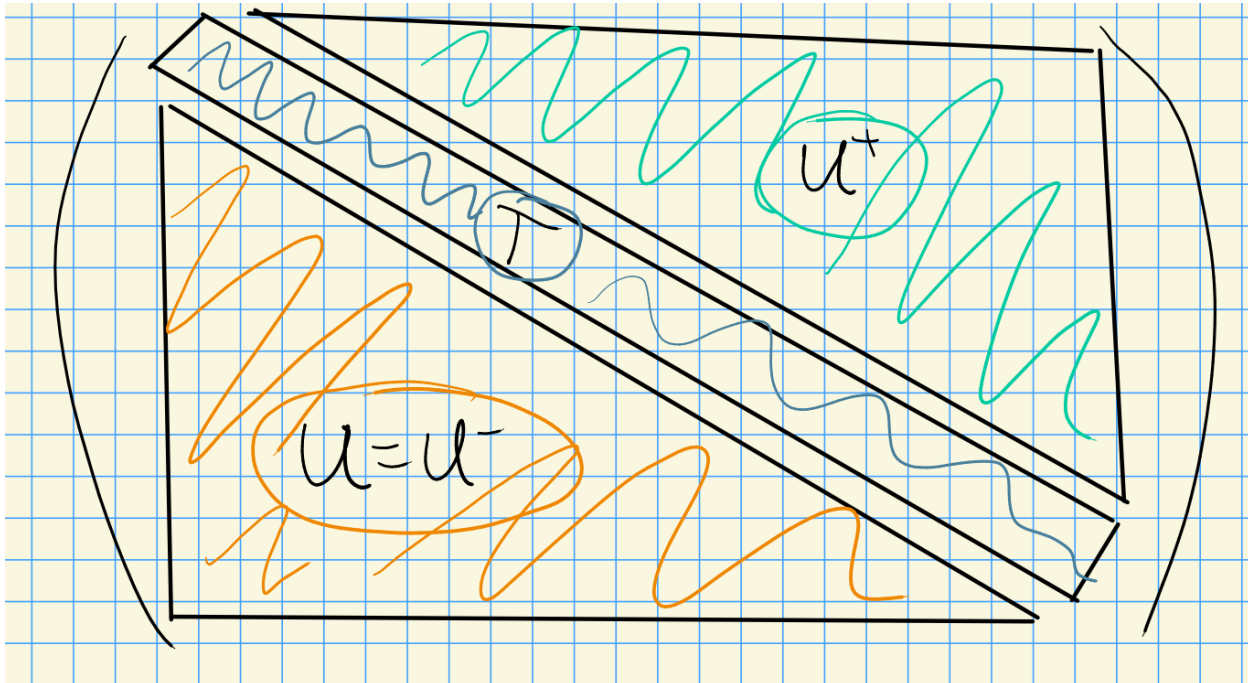


Figure 8: Image

Step 1: Getting modules for U .

Then there's a general fact: $U^+TU \hookrightarrow G$ is dense in the Zariski topology for any reductive algebraic group. We can form

- $B^+ := T \rtimes U^+$, the *positive borel*,
- $B^- := T \rtimes U$, the *negative borel*,

Suppose we have a U -module, i.e. a representation $\rho : U \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V)$. We can find a basis such that $\rho(u)$ is upper triangular with ones on the diagonal. In this case, there is a composition series with 1-dimensional quotients, and the composition factors are all isomorphic to k .

Moral: for unipotent groups, there are only trivial representations, i.e. the only simple U -modules are isomorphic to k .

Step 2: Getting modules for B .

Modules for B are solvable, in which case we can find a flag. In this case, $\rho(b)$ embeds into upper triangular matrices, where the diagonal action may now not be trivial (i.e. diagonal is now arbitrary).

Thus simple B -modules arise by taking $\lambda \in X(T) = \mathrm{hom}(T, \mathbb{G}_m) = \mathrm{hom}(T, \mathrm{GL}(1, k))$, then letting u act trivially on λ , i.e. $u.v = v$. Here we have $B \rightarrow B/U = T$, so any T -module can be pulled back to a B -module.

Step 3: Getting modules for G .

Let $\lambda \in X(T)$, then $H^0(\lambda) = \mathrm{Ind}_B^G \lambda = \nabla(\lambda)$.

5 | Monday, August 31

5.1 Review of Representation Theory of Modules

Take R a ring, then consider M an R -module to be a “vector space” over M . Note that M is an R -module \iff there exists a ring morphism $\rho : R \rightarrow \mathrm{hom}_{\mathrm{AbGrp}}(M, M)$.

Now let G be a group and consider G -modules M . Then a G -module will be defined by taking M/k a vector space and a G -action on M . This is equivalent to having a group morphism $\rho : G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(M)$.

For M a G -module, given a group action, define

$$\begin{aligned} \rho : G &\rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(M) \\ \rho(g)(m) &= g.m \end{aligned}$$

where $\rho(h) : M \rightarrow M$.

Similarly, for $\rho : G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(M)$ a group morphism, define the group action $g.m := \rho(g)m$. Thus representations of G and G -modules are equivalent.

Definition 5.1.1 (?).

Let M be a G -module.

1. M is a *simple* G -module (equivalently an *irreducible representation*) \iff the only G -submodules (equiv. G -invariant subspaces) are $0, M$.
2. M is *indecomposable* $\iff M$ can not be written as $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ with $M_i < M$ proper

submodules.

Example 5.1.1.

For $G = \mathrm{SL}(n, \mathbb{C})$, there is a natural n -dimensional representation $M = V$, and this is irreducible.

What is V ?

Example 5.1.2.

Let $R = \mathbb{Z}$, so we're considering \mathbb{Z} -modules. For $M = \mathbb{Z}$, M is not simple since $2\mathbb{Z} < \mathbb{Z}$ is a proper submodule. However M is indecomposable.

Recall from last time: we defined a functor $\mathrm{Ind}_H^G(\cdot) : H\text{-mod} \rightarrow G\text{-mod}$, where $\mathrm{Ind}_H^G = (k[G] \otimes M)^H$, the H -invariants. This functor is left-exact but not right-exact, so we have cohomology $R^j \mathrm{Ind}_H^G$ by taking right-derived functors.

Goal: classify simple G -modules for G a reductive connected algebraic group.

Example 5.1.3.

For $G = \mathrm{GL}(n, k)$, we have a decomposition

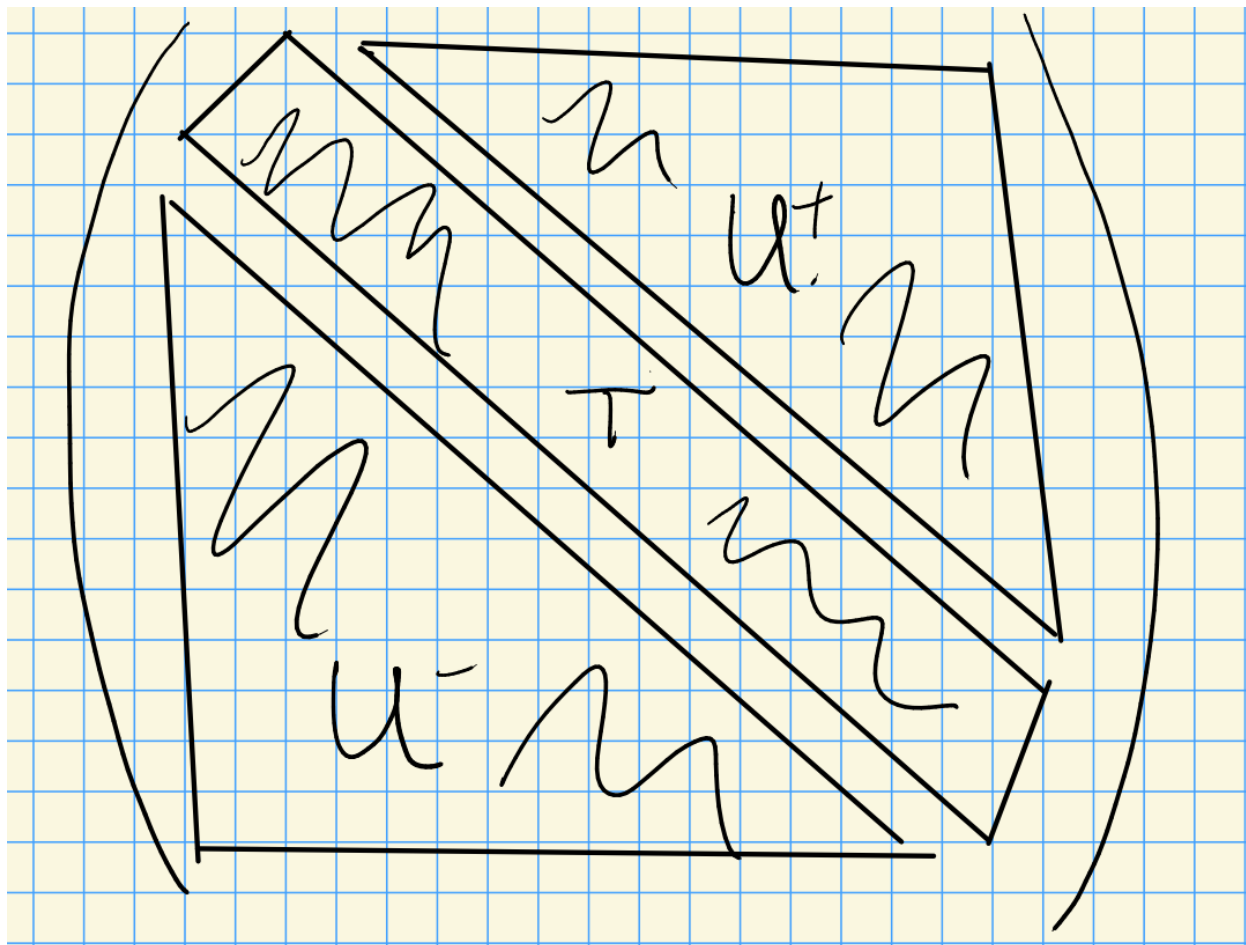


Figure 9: Image

We have

- $B = T \rtimes U$ the negative Borel,
- $B = T \rtimes U^+$ the Borel

For U -modules: k is the only simple U -module. Importantly, if V is a U -module, then the fixed points are never zero, i.e. $V^U = \text{hom}_{U\text{-Mod}}(k, V) \neq 0$.

For B -modules: let $X(T) := \text{hom}(T, \mathbb{G}_m) = \text{hom}(T, \text{GL}(1, k))$. These are the simple representations for the torus T . Thus $\lambda \in X(T)$ represents a simple T -module.

We have a map $B \rightarrow B/U = T$, so we can pullback T -representations to B -representations (“inflation”), since we have a map $T \rightarrow \text{GL}(1, k)$ and we can just compose. So λ is a 1-dimensional (simple) B -module where U acts trivially.

Lee’s theorem: all irreducible representations for B are one-dimensional. Thus these are the simple B -modules.

For G -modules: define $\nabla(\lambda) := \text{Ind}_B^G(\lambda) = H^0(\lambda)$.

Questions:

1. When does $H^0(\lambda) = 0$?
2. What is $\dim_{k\text{-Vect}} H^0(\lambda)$?
3. What are the composition factors of $H^0(\lambda)$?

Known in characteristic zero, wildly open in positive characteristic.

Remark 5.1.1.

Another interpretation: look at the flag variety G/B and take global sections, then $H^0(\lambda) = H^0(G/B, \mathcal{L}(\lambda))$ where \mathcal{L} is given by projecting the fiber product $G \times_B \lambda \rightarrow G/B$ onto the first factor.

Remark 5.1.2.

1. $H^0(k) = H^0([0, \dots, 0]) = k[G/B] = k$.
2. $H^0(M) = M$ if M is a G -module.
3. A G -module M is *semisimple* iff $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ with each M_i are simple.
4. Can consider the largest semisimple submodule, the *socle* $\text{Soc}_G(M)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_4 & & L_5 \oplus L_7 \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & (L_1 \oplus L_2 \oplus L_3) = \text{Soc}_G(M) & \end{array}$$

Goal: classify simple G -modules. Strategy: used dominant highest weights.

As opposed to Verma modules, the irreducibles will be a dual situation where they sit at the bottom of the module. Indicated by the notation ∇ pointing down!

Proposition 5.1.1(?)

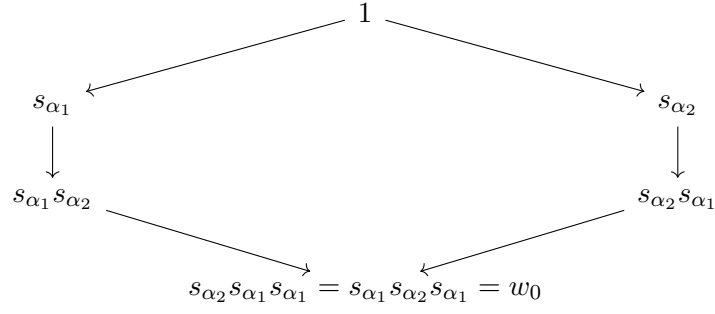
Let $\lambda \in X(T)$ with $H^0(\lambda) \neq 0$.

1. $\dim H^0(\lambda)^{U^+} = 1$ and $H^0(\lambda)^{U^+} = H^0(\lambda)_\lambda$.
2. Every weight of $H^0(\lambda)$ satisfies $w_u \lambda \leq \mu \leq \lambda$, where w_0 is the longest Weyl group element and $\alpha \leq \beta \iff \alpha - \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \Phi$.

Note that in fact $\ell(w_0) = |\Phi^+|$.

Example 5.1.4.

Take A_2 with simple reflections $s_{\alpha_1}, s_{\alpha_2}$ and $\Delta = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$.



Proof ((Sketch)).

We can write

$$H^0(\lambda) = \left\{ f \in k[G] \mid f(gb) = \lambda(b)^{-1} f(g) b \in B, g \in G \right\}.$$

Suppose $f \in H^0(\lambda)^{U^+}$ and $u_+ \in U^+, t \in T, u \in U$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (u_+^{-1} f)(tu) &= f(tu) \\ &= \lambda(t)^{-1} f(1). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$(u_+^{-1} f)(tu) = f(u_+ tu).$$

So by density, $f(1)$ is determined by $f(u_+ tu)$ and $\dim H^0(\lambda)^{U^+} \leq 1$. But since this can't be zero, the dimension must be equal to 1. ■

Proposition 5.1.2(?).

Let

$$\varepsilon : H^0(\lambda) \rightarrow \lambda$$

be the evaluation morphism.

This is a morphism of B -modules, and in particular is a morphism of T -modules. Thus the image of a weight $\mu \neq \lambda$ is zero, so ε is injective.

Proof .

We have

$$f(u_+ tu) = \lambda(t)^{-1} f(1) = \lambda(t)^{-1} \varepsilon(f).$$

Suppose $f \in H^0(\lambda)^{U^+}$ and $\varepsilon(f) = 0$. Then $f(u_+ tu) = 0$, and by density $f \equiv 0$, showing injectivity.

Therefore $H^0(\lambda)^{U^+} \subset H^0(\lambda)_\lambda$. Suppose μ is maximal among weights in $H^0(\lambda)$. Then

$$H^0(\lambda)_\mu \subseteq H^0(\lambda)^{U^+}$$

because U^+ raises weights.

But $H^0(\lambda)^{U^+} \subseteq H^0(\lambda)_\lambda$ implies $\mu = \lambda$. Thus the maximal weight in $H^0(\lambda)$ is λ .

Recall the situation in lie algebras: $g_\alpha v \in V_{\lambda+\alpha}$ when $v \in V_\lambda$.

Since λ is maximal, any other weight μ satisfies $\mu \leq \lambda$. Thus

$$H^0(\lambda)_\lambda \subseteq H^0(\lambda)^{U^+} \subseteq H^0(\lambda)_\lambda,$$

forcing these to be equal and finishing part 1. ■

6 | Friday, September 04

Some concepts used in the proof of other theorems: Let G be a reductive algebraic group and \mathfrak{g} its lie algebra. There is an associative algebra $U(\mathfrak{g})$ which reflects the representation theory of G .

Fact: $\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod} \equiv U(\mathfrak{g})\text{-modules}$ which are unitary, i.e. $1.m = m$.

We can write a basis

$$\mathfrak{g} = \langle e_\alpha, h_i, f_\beta \mid \alpha \in \Phi^+, \beta \in \Phi^-, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \rangle,$$

the *Chevalley basis*. It turns out that the structure constants are all in \mathbb{Z} .

Example 6.0.1.

Take $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(2, k)$, then

$$e = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad f = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad h = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We want to form a \mathbb{Z} -lattice in $U(\mathfrak{g})$, denoted

$$U(\mathfrak{g})_{\mathbb{Z}} = \left\langle e_\alpha^{[n]} = \frac{e_\alpha^n}{n!}, f_\beta^{[n]} = \frac{f_\beta^n}{n!}, \begin{pmatrix} h_i \\ m \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle.$$

We then form the *distribution algebra* (or *hyperalgebra* in earlier literature) as $\text{Dist}(G) := U(\mathfrak{g})_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} k$ for k any field (e.g. $\text{char}(k) = p$).

Theorem 6.0.1(?).

$G\text{-modules} \equiv \text{Dist}(G)\text{-modules}$ which are

- *Weight modules*
- *Locally finite*: $\dim \text{Dist}(G).m < \infty$ for all $m \in M$.

Remark 6.0.1.

In characteristic zero, $\text{Dist}(G) = U(\mathfrak{g})$. Thus there is a correspondence

$$\{G\text{-modules}\} \iff \{U(\mathfrak{g})\text{-modules}\}.$$

If $\text{char}(k) = p$, e.g. $k = \bar{\mathbb{F}}_p$, and if the Frobenius map $F : G \rightarrow G$ satisfies $G_1 := \ker F$ (thinking of G_1 as a group scheme), then $\text{Dist}(G_1) < \text{Dist}(G)$ is a proper submodule. In this case, $\mathfrak{g} \subseteq \text{Dist}(G_1)$ is a finite dimensional Hopf algebra, and $k[G_1] = \text{Dist}(G_1)^\vee$. Importantly, the lie algebra does *not* generate $\text{Dist}(G)$ if $k = \bar{\mathbb{F}}_p$.

Example 6.0.2.

Take $G = \mathbb{G}_a$, then $\text{Dist}(\mathbb{G}_a) = \langle T^k \mid k = 0, 1, \dots \rangle$ is an infinite dimensional algebra. In this case, $T^k T^\ell = \binom{k+\ell}{\ell} T^{k+\ell}$. For $k = \mathbb{C}$, $\text{Dist}(\mathbb{G}_a) = \langle T^1 \rangle$ has one generator.

In the case $k = \bar{\mathbb{F}}_p$, we have $\text{Dist}((\mathbb{G}_a)_1) = \langle T^k \mid 0 \leq k \leq p-1 \rangle$.

Note that taking duals yields a truncated polynomial algebra: $k[(\mathbb{G}_a)_1] = k[x]/\langle x^p \rangle$.

6.1 Review

Recall that $H^0(\lambda) := \text{Ind}_B^G \lambda$. Proved in last (missed) class: $\text{Let } H^0(\lambda) \neq 0$. Then

- a. $\dim H^0(\lambda)_\lambda = 1$ where $H^0(\lambda) = H^0(\lambda)^{U^+}$.
- b. Each weight μ of $H^0(\lambda)$ satisfies $w_0 \lambda \leq \mu \leq \lambda$, where w_0 is the longest Weyl group element.
- ...

Remark 6.1.1.

Let $H^0(\lambda)_\lambda \neq 0$, then $L(\lambda) = \text{Soc}_G H^0(\lambda)$ is simple.

Remark 6.1.2.

If μ is a weight of $L(\lambda)$, then $w_0 \lambda \leq \mu \leq \lambda$, $\dim L(\lambda)_\lambda = 1$, and $L(\lambda)_\lambda = L(\lambda)^{U^+}$.

Remark 6.1.3.

Any simple G -module is isomorphic to $L(\lambda)$ where $H^0(\lambda) \neq 0$.

Goal: We now want to classify simple G -modules. So we need an iff criterion for when $H^0(\lambda) \neq 0$.

We look at the set of dominant weights

$$X(T)_+ = \left\{ \lambda \in X(T) \mid \langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle \geq 0 \forall \alpha \in \Delta \right\} = \left\{ \lambda \in X(T) \mid \lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} n_i w_i, n_i \geq 0 \right\}.$$

Theorem 6.1.1(?).

TFAE:

1. $H^0(\lambda) \neq 0$.
2. $\lambda \in X(T)_+$, i.e. λ is a dominant weight.

Proof.

1 \implies 2: Suppose (1), then consider a simple reflection s_α for some $\alpha \in \Delta$. We know $H^0(\lambda)_\lambda \neq 0$, thus $H^0(\lambda)_{s_\alpha \lambda} \neq 0$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} s_\alpha \lambda &= \lambda - \langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle \alpha \leq \lambda \\ &\implies 0 \leq \langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle \alpha \\ &\implies \langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall \alpha \in \Delta. \end{aligned}$$

2 \implies 1: For a detailed proof, see Jantzen 2.6 in Part II.

- Let $\lambda \in X(T)_+$, then (by the intro lie algebras course) there exists an $L(\lambda)$: a simple finite dimensional $U(\mathfrak{g})$ -module over \mathbb{C} .
- $L(\lambda)$ has an integral basis which is compatible with $U(\mathfrak{g})_{\mathbb{Z}}$ (Kostant's \mathbb{Z} -form).
- Thus we can base change to get $\tilde{L}(\lambda) := L(\lambda) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} k$, which is a $\text{Dist}(G)$ -module. Note that $\tilde{L}(\lambda)$ still has highest weight λ , so consider $\text{hom}_B(\tilde{L}(\lambda), \lambda) \neq 0$.
- Apply Frobenius reciprocity: $\text{hom}_B(\tilde{L}(\lambda), \lambda) = \text{hom}_G(\tilde{L}(\lambda), \text{Ind}_B^G \lambda) = \text{hom}_G(\tilde{L}(\lambda), H^0(\lambda))$. But then $H^0(\lambda) \neq 0$ (since otherwise this would imply the original hom was zero).

■

Theorem 6.1.2(?).

Let G be a reductive connected algebraic group over k . Then there exists a 1-to-1 correspondence between dominant weights and irreducible G -representations:

$$\{\text{Dominant weights: } X(T)_+\} \iff \left\{ \text{Irreducible representations: } \left\{ L(\lambda) \mid \lambda \in X(T)_+ \right\} \right\}.$$

6.2 Characters of G -modules

Let G be reductive, so (importantly) it has a maximal torus T . Let $M \in G\text{-mod}$, so (importantly) $M \in T\text{-mod}$.

Then there is a weight space decomposition $M = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in X(T)} M_\lambda$. We then write the character of M as

$$\text{char } M := \sum_{\lambda \in X(T)} (\dim M_\lambda) e^\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}[X(T)].$$

Next time: more characters, and Weyl's dimension formula.

7 | Wednesday, September 09

Todo

8 | Wednesday, September 16

8.1 Group Schemes

Definition 8.1.1 (Representable Functors).

Let $F :: k\text{-alg} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ be a functor, then F is **representable** iff $F(R)$ corresponds to “solutions to equations in R ”.

Example 8.1.1.

Let $F(\cdot) = \text{SL}(2, \cdot)$, then the corresponding equations are $\det(x_{ij}) = 1$.

If F is representable, there is a correspondence $F(R) \cong \text{hom}_R(A, R)$. In the above example,

$$A = k[x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{21}, x_{22}] / \langle x_{11}x_{22} - x_{12}x_{21} \rangle,$$

which is exactly the coordinate algebra.

Definition 8.1.2 (Affine Group Scheme).

An *affine group scheme* is a representable functor $F : k\text{-alg} \rightarrow \text{Groups}$.

Suppose G is an affine group scheme, and let $A = k[G]$ be the representing object. Then there is a correspondence

$$G\text{-modules} \iff k[G]^\vee\text{-modules}.$$

For G reductive, the RHS is equivalent to $\text{Dist}(G)$ -modules.

Definition 8.1.3 (Finite Group Schemes).

G is a **finite** group scheme iff $k[G]$ is finite dimensional.

If G is finite, then $A^\vee \cong k[G]^\vee$ is a cocommutative Hopf algebras. Thus representations for *finite* group schemes are equivalent to representations for finite-dimensional cocommutative Hopf algebras.

On group scheme side: see reduction, spectral sequences, conceptual arguments. On the algebra side: have bases, underlying vector space, can do concrete computations. Can take $\text{Spec}(k[G]^\vee)$ to recover a group scheme.

8.2 Hopf Algebras

For A a k -alg, we have a multiplication and a unit, which can be defined in terms of diagrams. To categorically reverse arrows, we can ask for a comultiplication and a counit.

$$\Delta : A \rightarrow A^{\otimes 2}$$

$$\epsilon : A \rightarrow k.$$

We'll want another map, an *antipode*

$$s : A \rightarrow A.$$

The comultiplication should satisfy

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A^{\otimes 3} & \xleftarrow{1 \otimes A} & A^{\otimes 2} \\ \Delta \otimes 1 \uparrow & & \uparrow \Delta \\ A^{\otimes 2} & \xleftarrow{\Delta} & A \end{array}$$

The counit should satisfy

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k \otimes A & \xleftarrow{\varepsilon \otimes 1} & A^{\otimes 2} \\ \downarrow \cong & & \uparrow \Delta \\ A & \xrightarrow{\cong} & A \end{array}$$

And the antipode should satisfy

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xleftarrow{m(s \otimes 1)} & A \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \Delta \\ A & \xleftarrow{\varepsilon} & A \end{array}$$

8.2.1 Module Constructions

Let A be a Hopf algebra.

1. For A -modules M, N , we can form the A -module $M \otimes_k N$ with

$$\Delta(a) = \sum a_i \otimes a_j$$

$$a(m \otimes n) = \sum a_1 m \otimes a_2 n.$$

2. If M is finite-dimensional over A , then $M^\vee = \text{hom}_k(M, k) \ni f$ is an A -module, and we can define $(af)(x) := f(s(a)x)$ for $a \in A, x \in M$.

Example 8.2.1.

$A = kG$ the group algebra on a group is a Hopf algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta : A &\rightarrow A^{\otimes 2} \\ g &\mapsto g \otimes g. \end{aligned}$$

The module action is diagonal, namely $g(m \otimes n) = gm \otimes gn$. The antipode is given by $s(g) = g^{-1}$, and the unit is $\varepsilon(g) = 1$ for all $g \in G$.

Example 8.2.2.

Let $A = U(\mathfrak{g})$, the universal enveloping algebra for \mathfrak{g} a Lie algebra. Recall that \mathfrak{g} -modules are equivalent to $U(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules (unitary representations, some big associative algebra). Then A is a Hopf algebra, with $\Delta(\ell) = \ell \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \ell$ for $\ell \in \mathfrak{g}$. The unit is $\varepsilon(\ell) = 0$, and the antipode is $s(\ell) = -\ell$.

Example 8.2.3.

Take the additive group \mathbb{G}_a , then $A = k[\mathbb{G}_a] \cong k[x]$ is a commutative Hopf algebra with $\Delta(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x$, $\varepsilon(x) = 0$, $s(x) = -x$.

Example 8.2.4.

For \mathbb{G}_m , we have $A = k[\mathbb{G}_m] \cong k[x, x^{-1}]$, $\varepsilon(x) = 1$, $s(x) = x^{-1}$.

8.3 Frobenius Kernels

Let G be an algebraic group (scheme) over k , where $\text{char}(k) = p$. Let $F : G \rightarrow G$ be the Frobenius, where e.g.

$$F : \text{GL}(n, \cdot) \rightarrow \text{GL}(n, \cdot) \\ (x_{ij}) \mapsto (x_{ij}^p).$$

Then F is a map of group schemes.

Definition 8.3.1 (Frobenius Kernels).

$G_r := \ker F^r$, where $F^r := F \circ F \circ \cdots \circ F$ is the r -fold composition of the Frobenius.

This yields a nesting $G_1 \trianglelefteq G_2 \trianglelefteq G_3 \cdots \leq G$.

Recall that

$$\text{Dist}(G) = \left\langle \frac{x_\alpha^n}{n!}, \frac{y_\beta^m}{m!}, \binom{H_i}{k} \right\rangle.$$

We get a chain of finite dimensional algebras

$$\text{Dist}(G_1) \leq \text{Dist}(G_2) \leq \cdots \leq \text{Dist}(G)$$

where

$$\text{Dist}(G_1) = \left\langle \frac{x_\alpha^n}{n!}, \frac{y_\beta^m}{m!}, \binom{H_i}{k} \mid 0 \leq n, m, k \leq p-1 \right\rangle,$$

where in general $\text{Dist}(G_\ell)$ goes up to $p^\ell - 1$. Recall that G_r representations were equivalent to $\text{Dist}(G_r)$ representations.

Some basic questions (Curtis, Steinberg, 1960s):

1. What are the simple modules for Frobenius kernels? I.e., what are the irreducible representations for G_r ?
2. How are the representations for G_r related to those for G ?

It turns out the representations for G_r will lift to representations to G . Use “twisted tensor product” (Steinberg).

Remark 8.3.1.

It turns out that G_1 is special.

$$\text{Dist}(G_1) \cong u(\mathfrak{g}) := U(\mathfrak{g}) / \langle x^p - x^{[p]} \rangle,$$

where $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$ is a *restricted lie algebra* (N. Jacobson). Note that for $D \in \mathfrak{g}$ a derivation, we define $D^{[p]} := D \circ \cdots \circ D$ is the p -fold composition.

G_1 -modules are equivalent to \mathfrak{g} -modules which are *restricted* in the sense that

$$\begin{aligned} \rho : \mathfrak{g} &\rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V) \\ x^{[p]} &\mapsto \rho(x)^p. \end{aligned}$$

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9.1 Frobenius Kernels

Let $\text{char}(k) = p > 0$ and let G be an algebraic group scheme. We have a Frobenius map $F : G \rightarrow G$ given by $F((x_{ij})) = (x_{ij}^p)$, which we can iterate to get F^r for $r \in \mathbb{N}$. Setting $G_r = \ker F^r$ the r th Frobenius kernel, we get a normal series of group schemes

$$G_1 \trianglelefteq G_2 \trianglelefteq \cdots \trianglelefteq G.$$

There is an associated chain of finite dimensional Hopf algebras

$$\text{Dist}(G_1) \leq \text{Dist}(G_2) \leq \cdots \leq \text{Dist}(G).$$

Then $k[G]^\vee = \text{Dist}(G_r)$, and we get an equivalence of representations for G_r to representations for $\text{Dist}(G_r)$.

A special case will be when G is a reductive algebraic group scheme. We'll start by finding a basis for $\text{Dist}(G_r)$.

Recall the PBW theorem: we have a basis for \mathfrak{g} given by

$$\begin{aligned} &\{x_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Phi^+\} \text{ Positive root vectors} \\ &\{h_i \mid i = 1, \dots, n\} \text{ A basis for } \mathfrak{h} \\ &\{x_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Phi^-\} \text{ Negative root vectors} \end{aligned}$$

We can then obtain a basis for $U(\mathfrak{g})$:

$$U(\mathfrak{g}) = \left\langle \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} x_\alpha^{n(\alpha)} \prod_{i=1}^n h_i^{k_i} \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} x_{-\alpha}^{m(\alpha)} \right\rangle.$$

We can similarly obtain a basis for the distribution algebra

$$\text{Dist}(G) = \left\langle \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \frac{x_\alpha^{n(\alpha)}}{n!} \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{h_i}{k_i} \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \frac{x_{-\alpha}^{n(\alpha)}}{n!} \right\rangle,$$

and we can similar get $\text{Dist}(G_r)$ by restricting to $0 \leq n(\alpha), k_i, m(\alpha) \leq p^r - 1$. Above the k_i are allowed to be any integers. This yields a triangular decomposition

$$\text{Dist}(G_r) = \text{Dist}(U_r^+) \text{Dist}(T_r) \text{Dist}(U_r^-),$$

where we'll denote the first two terms $\text{Dist}(B_r^+)$ and the last two as $\text{Dist}(B_r)$.

9.2 Induced and Coinduced Modules

Goal: Classify simple G_r -modules. We know the classification of simple G -modules, so we'll follow similar reasoning. We started by realizing $L(\lambda) \hookrightarrow \text{Ind}_B^G \lambda$ as a submodule (the socle) of some “universal” module.

Let M be a B_r -module, we can then define

$$\text{Ind}_{B_r}^{G_r} M = (k[G_r] \otimes M)^{B_r},$$

where we're now taking the B_r -invariants. We get a decomposition as vector spaces,

$$k[G_r] = k[U_r^+] \otimes_k k[B_r]$$

and thus an isomorphism

$$\text{Ind}_{B_r}^{G_r} M = (k[G_r] \otimes M)^{B_r} \cong k[U_r^+] \otimes (k[B_r] \otimes M)^{B_r} \cong k[U_r^+] \otimes M$$

since $k[B_r] \otimes M \cong \text{Ind}_{B_r}^{B_r} M \cong M$.

We then define

$$\text{Coind}_{B_r}^{G_r} = \text{Dist}(G_r) \otimes_{\text{Dist}(B_r)} M,$$

which is an analog of $U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{b})} M$.

We have $\text{Dist}(U_r^+) \otimes \text{Dist}(B_r) \cong \text{Dist}(G_r)$, so

$$\text{Coind}_{B_r}^{G_r} = \text{Dist}(G_r) \otimes_{\text{Dist}(B_r)} M \cong \text{Dist}(U_r^+) \otimes_k \text{Dist}(B_r) \otimes_{\text{Dist}(B_r)} M \cong \text{Dist}(U_r^+) \otimes_k M,$$

which we'll define as the **coinduced module**.

We can compute the dimension:

$$\dim \text{Ind}_{B_r}^{G_r} M = \dim \text{Coind}_{B_r}^{G_r} M = (\dim M) p^{r|\Phi^+|}.$$

Open: don't know how to compute composition factors.

Proposition 9.2.1(?).

1.

$$\mathrm{Coind}_{B_r}^{G_r} M \equiv \mathrm{Ind}_{B_r}^{G_r} M \otimes 2(p^r - 1)\rho,$$

where the last term is a one-dimensional B_r -module and ρ is the *Weyl weight*.

2.

$$\mathrm{Coind}_{B_r^+}^{G_r} M \cong \mathrm{Ind}_{B_r^+}^{G_r} M \otimes -2(p^r - 1)\rho$$

where

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i.$$

Proof (Sketch for (1)).

Since the tensor product satisfies a universal property, we have a map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathrm{Dist}(G_r) \otimes_{\mathrm{Dist}(B_r)} M \\ & \searrow^{B_r} & \uparrow \exists \psi \\ & & N = M \mathrm{Ind}_{B_r}^{G_r} \otimes 2(p^r - 1)\rho \end{array}$$

1. We need to find a B_r morphism $f : M \rightarrow N$.

2. We need to show that f generates N as a G_r -module.

Note that if (1) and (2) hold, then ψ is surjective, but since $\dim \mathrm{Coind}_{B_r}^{G_r} M = \dim N$ this forces ψ to be an isomorphism.

We can write

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Ind}_{B_r}^{G_r} M \otimes 2(p^r - 1)\rho &= (k[G_r] \otimes M \otimes 2(p^r - 1)\rho)^{B_r} \\ &\cong \mathrm{hom}_{B_r}(\mathrm{Dist}(G_r), M \otimes 2(p^r - 1)\rho). \end{aligned}$$

Let $g_m(x) := m \otimes 2(p^r - 1)\rho$ for any $x = \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \frac{x_\alpha^{p^r - 1}}{(p^r - 1)!}$, and $g_m(x) = 0$ for any other x .

Now define $f(m) = g_m$, and check that $\mathrm{im}(f)$ generates N . ■

9.3 Verma Modules

Recall that $W(\lambda) := U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{b}^+)} \lambda$ were the *Verma modules* for lie algebras.

Let $\lambda \in X(T)$, we have $T_r \leq T$ and restriction yields a map $X(T) \rightarrow X(T_r)$. Given a weight λ , we can write it p -adically as

$$\lambda = \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 p + \lambda_2 p^2 + \cdots + \lambda_{r-1} p^{r-1} + \cdots$$

This yields an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow p^r X(T) \rightarrow X(T) \rightarrow X(T_r) \rightarrow 0,$$

and thus $X(T)/p^r X(T) \cong X(T_r)$.

Let $\lambda \in X(T_r)$, then λ becomes a B_r -module by letting U_r act trivially, since we have

$$\cdots U_r \rightarrow B_r \twoheadrightarrow T_r \rightarrow 0.$$

Set $Z(r) = \text{Coind}_{B_r}^{G_r} \lambda$, and set $Z(r)' = \text{Ind}_{B_r}^{G_r} \lambda$. Then $\dim Z_r(\lambda) = \dim Z_r'(\lambda) = p^{r|\Phi^+|}$. We'll then think of

- $\text{Coind} \twoheadrightarrow L_r(\lambda)$ being in the head,
- $L_r(\lambda) \hookrightarrow \text{Ind}$ being the socle.

Note that the dimensions aren't known, nor are the projective covers or injective hulls.

We have a form of translation invariance, namely

$$\begin{aligned} Z_r(\lambda + p^r \nu) &= Z_r(\lambda) & \forall \nu \in X(T) \\ Z_r'(\lambda + p^r \nu) &= Z_r'(\lambda) & \forall \nu \in X(T). \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 9.3.1(?).

Let $\lambda \in X(T)$.

1. $Z_r(\lambda) \downarrow_{B_r}$ is the projective cover of λ and the injective hull of $\lambda - 2(p^r - 1)\rho$.
2. $Z_r'(\lambda) \downarrow_{B_r^+}$ is the injective hull of λ and the projective hull of $\lambda - 2(p^r - 1)\rho$.

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Let G be a reductive algebraic group scheme, $k = \bar{\mathbb{F}}_p$ with $p > 0$, equipped with the Frobenius map $F : G \rightarrow G$ with F^r its r -fold composition. We defined *Frobenius kernels* $G_r := \ker F^r$, which are in correspondence with the cocommutative Hopf algebras $\text{Dist}(G_r)$.

Goal: We want to classify simple G_r -modules, and to do this we'll use socles.

We have a maximal torus $T \subseteq G$ and thus $T_r \subseteq G_r$ after acting by Frobenius. This yields a SES

$$0 \rightarrow p_r X(T) \rightarrow X(T) \rightarrow X(T)/p^r X(T) = X(T_r) \rightarrow 0.$$

How to think about this: take $\lambda \in X(T_r)$, then we can write $\lambda = \lambda + p^r \sigma$ in $X(T_r)$ for some other weight $\sigma \in X(T)$. We'll define the “baby Verma modules”

$$\begin{aligned} Z_r(\lambda) &:= \text{Coind}_{B_r^+}^{G_r} \lambda \\ Z_r'(\lambda) &:= \text{Ind}_{B_r^+}^{G_r} \lambda, \end{aligned}$$

and we have $\dim Z_r(\lambda) = \dim Z_r'(\lambda) = p^{r|\Phi^+|}$.

Proposition 10.0.1(?).

Let $\lambda \in X(T)$ be a weight.

1. $Z_r(\lambda) \downarrow_{B_r}$ is the *projective cover* of λ and the *injective hull* of $\lambda - 2(p^r - 1)\rho$.
2. $Z_r^l(\lambda) \downarrow_{B_r^+}$ is the *injective hull* of λ and the *projective cover* of $\lambda - 2(p^r - 1)\rho$.

Note the latter are T_r -modules, so we let U^+ act trivially.

Proof (of 1).

What we need to do:

1. Show $Z_r(\lambda) \downarrow_{B_r}$ is projective.
2. Show $Z_r(\lambda)$ is the smallest projective module such that $Z_r(\lambda) \twoheadrightarrow \lambda$.

For (1), we can write

$$\text{Dist}(G_r) = \text{Dist}(U_r^+) \text{Dist}(B_r) = \text{Dist}(B_r^+) \text{Dist}(U_r), ,$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} Z_r(\lambda) &= \text{Coind}_{B_r^+}^{G_r} \lambda \\ &= \left(\text{dist}(G_r) \otimes_{\text{Dist}(B_r)} \lambda \right) \downarrow_{B_r^+} \\ &= \text{Dist}(U_r^+) \otimes \lambda \\ &= \text{Dist}(B_r^+) \otimes_{\text{Dist}(T_r)} \lambda \\ &= \text{Coind}_{T_r}^{B_r^+} \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Why is this projective? Look at cohomology, suffices to show that higher Exts vanish. So consider

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_{B_r^+}^n(\text{Coind}_{T_r}^{B_r^+}, M) &= \text{Ext}_{T_r}^n(\lambda, M) \quad \text{by Frobenius reciprocity} \\ &= 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

since representations for T_r are completely reducible, and we've used the fact that $\text{Coind}_{T_r}^{B_r^+}(\cdot)$ is exact.

Note: general algebra fact that higher exts vanish for projective modules.

For (2), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \text{hom}_{B_r^+}(Z_r(\lambda), \mu) &= \text{hom}_{B_r^+}(\text{Coind}_{T_r}^{B_r^+} \lambda, \mu) \\ &= \text{hom}_{T_r}(\lambda, \mu) \quad \text{by Frobenius reciprocity} \\ &= \begin{cases} k\lambda = \mu \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $Z_r(\lambda)/\text{rad } Z_r(\lambda) \downarrow_{B_r^+} = \lambda$.

If we now write $A = \text{Dist}(B_r^+)$ and $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{n}^+ \oplus t \oplus \mathfrak{n}$ with $\mathfrak{b}^+ := \mathfrak{n}^+ \oplus t$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_S (\dim P(S))(\dim(S)) &= \sum_{\lambda \in X(T_r)} (\dim Z_r(\lambda))(\dim \lambda) \\
 &= \sum_{\lambda \in X(T_r)} p^{r|\Phi^+|} \cdot 1 \\
 &= |X(T_r)| p^{r|\Phi^+|} \\
 &= p^{rn} p^{r|\Phi^+|} \quad n = \dim t \\
 &= p^{r \dim \mathfrak{b}^+} \\
 &= \dim A
 \end{aligned}$$

■

10.1 Simple G -modules

We know that after taking fixed points, $Z_r(\lambda)^{U_r}$ and $Z'_r(\lambda)^{U_r^+}$ are one-dimensional, and thus

$$Z_r(\lambda)/\text{rad } Z_r(\lambda) \cong L_r(\lambda) \quad \text{Soc}_{G_r} Z'_r(\lambda) = L_r(\lambda)$$

following the same argument considering $H_0(\lambda)$.

For any $\lambda \in X(T_r)$ we have $0 \neq L_r = \text{Soc}_{G_r} Z'_r(\lambda)$. By the one-dimensionality above, we know

$$L_r(\mu) = L_r(\lambda) \iff \lambda = \mu \in X(T_r).$$

Letting N be a simple G_r -module, we can consider it as a B_r -module, and the simple B_r -modules are one dimensional and obtained from simple T_r -modules. We then know that for some $\lambda \in X(T_r)$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \neq \text{hom}_{B_r}(N, \lambda) \\
 = \text{hom}_{G_r}(N, \text{Ind}_{B_r}^{G_r} \lambda),
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $N \hookrightarrow \text{Ind}_{B_r}^{G_r} \lambda = Z'_r(\lambda)$ as a submodule, and thus $N = L_r(\lambda)$.

Theorem 10.1.1 (Main Theorem).

Let Λ be a set of representatives of $XX(T)/p^r X(T) \cong X(T_r)$. Then there exists a one-to-one correspondence

$$\Lambda \iff \{L_r(\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\},$$

where the RHS are simple G_r -modules.

How to think about this: **restricted regions**. Choose dominant weights as representatives

$$\begin{aligned} X_r(T) &= \left\{ \lambda \in X(T)_+ \mid 0 \leq \langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle < p^r \forall \alpha \in \Delta \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \lambda \in X(T)_+ \mid \lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} n_i w_i, 0 \leq n_j \leq p^r - 1 \forall j \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Pictures:

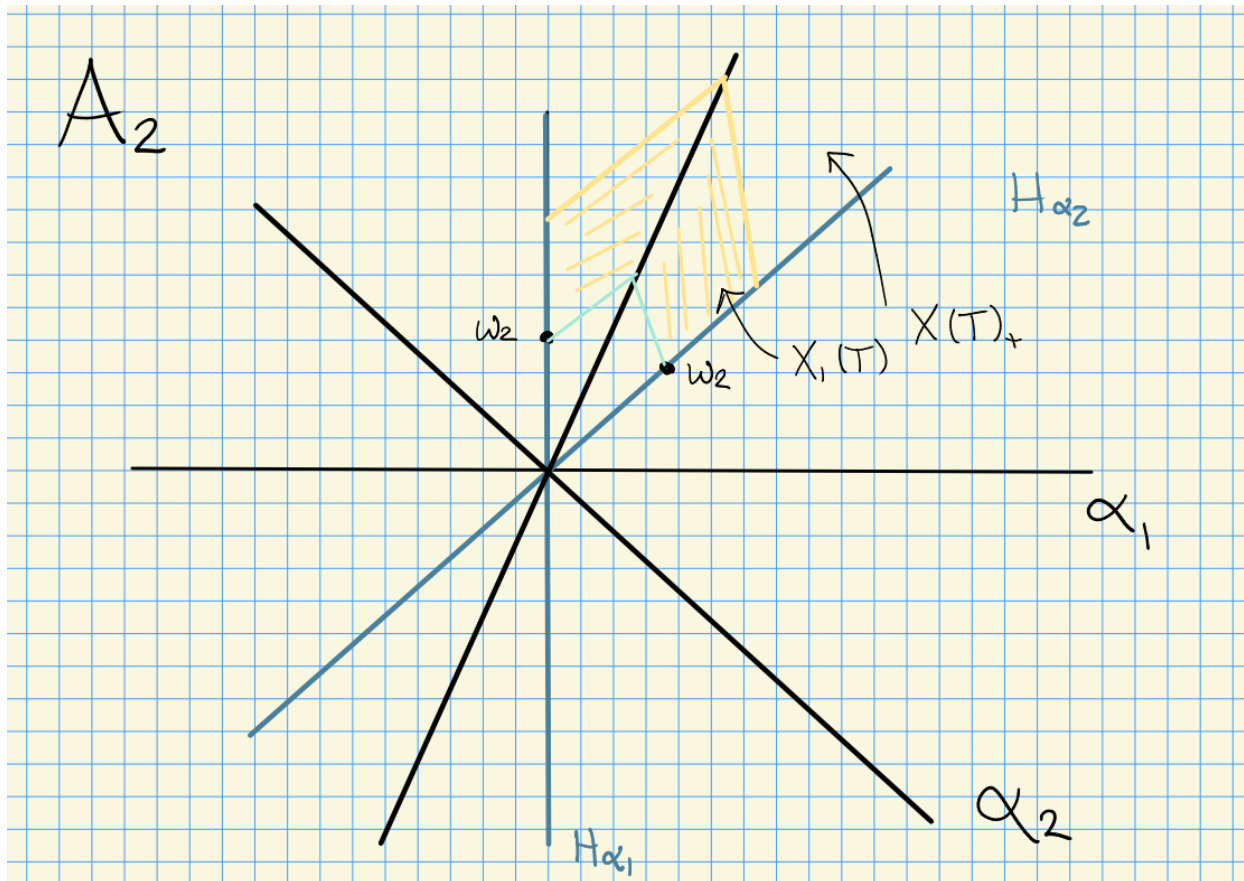


Figure 10: Root systems, chambers formed by dominant weights

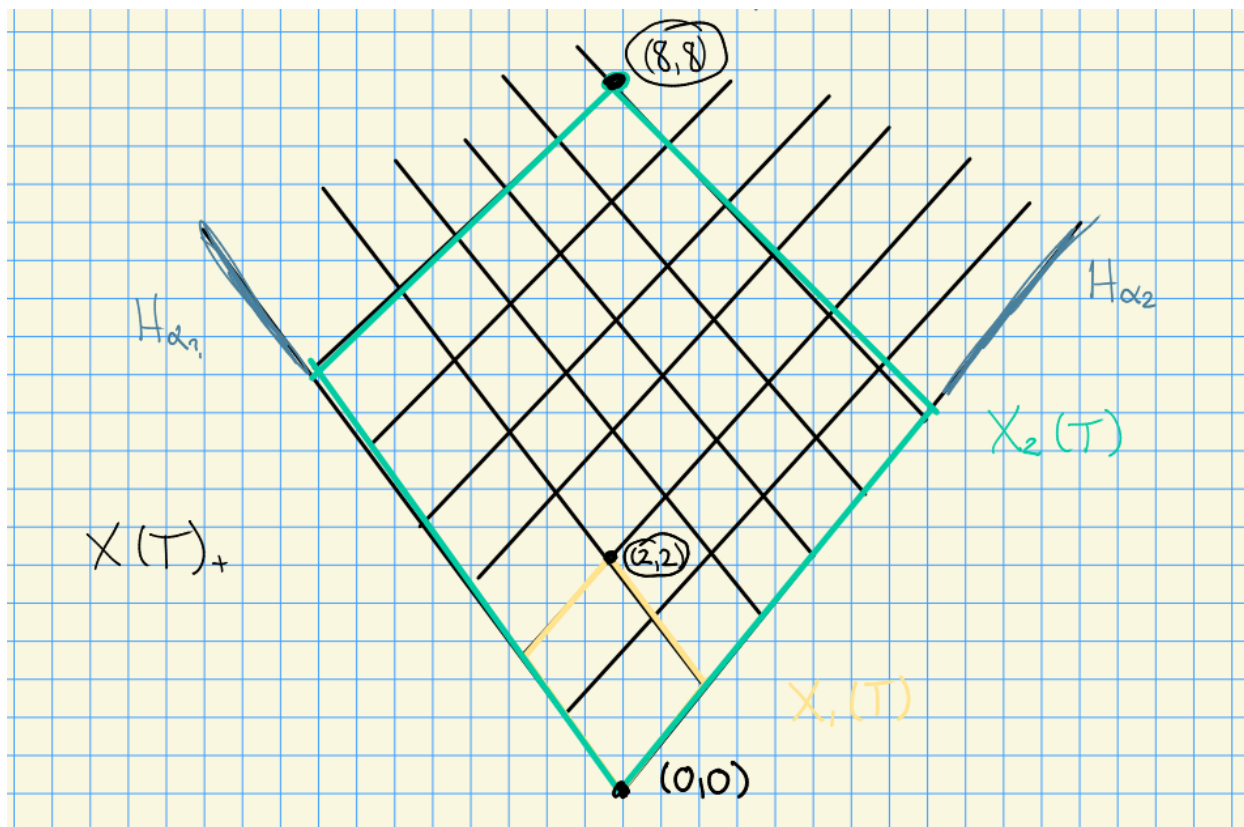


Figure 11: Restricted regions

Some facts:

If $\lambda \in X(T)_+$, then $L(\lambda)$ is a simple G -module.

Question 1: What happens when we restrict $L(\lambda) \downarrow_{G_r}$?

Answer: This remains irreducible over G_r iff $\lambda \in X_r(T)$, i.e. if $L(\lambda) \downarrow_G \cong L_r(\lambda)$ when $\lambda \in X_r(T)$.

Question 2: Given $L(\lambda)$ for $\lambda \in X(T)_+$, can we express $L(\lambda)$ in terms of simple G_r -modules?

Answer: Yes, can be formulated in terms of *Steinberg's twisted tensor product*.

11 | Friday, September 25

11.1 Review and Proposition

From last time: Steinberg's tensor product.

Let G be a reductive algebraic group scheme over k with $\text{char}(k) > 0$. We have a Frobenius $F : G \rightarrow G$, we iterate to obtain F^r and examine the Frobenius kernels $G_r := \ker F^r$.

If we have a representation $\rho : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(M)$, we can "twist" by F^r to obtain $\rho^{(r)} : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(M^{(r)})$. We have

Here $M^{(r)}$ has the same underlying vector space as M , but a new module structure coming from $\rho^{(r)}$. Note that G_r acts trivially on $M^{(r)}$.

- $\{L(\lambda) \mid \lambda \in X(T)_+\}$ are the simple G -modules,
- $\{L_r(\lambda) \mid \lambda \in X_r(T)_+\}$ are the simple G_r -modules,

Note that $L(\lambda) \downarrow_{G_r}$ is semisimple, equal to $L_r(\lambda)$ for $\lambda \in X_r(T)$.

1960's, Curtis and Steinberg.

Proposition 11.1.1(?).

Let $\lambda \in X_r(T)$ and $\mu \in X(T)_+$. Then

$$L(\lambda + p^r \mu) \cong L(\lambda) \otimes L(\mu)^{(r)}.$$

Recall that socle formula: letting M be a G -module, we have an isomorphism of G -modules:

$$\text{Soc}_{G_r} \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda \in X_r(T)} L(\lambda) \otimes \text{hom}_{G_r}(L(\lambda), M).$$

11.2 Proof

Proof .

Let $M = L(\lambda + p^r \mu)$. Then from the socle formula, only one summand is nonzero, and thus $\text{hom}_{G_r}(L(\lambda), M)$ must be simple. Then there exists a $\tilde{\lambda} \in X_r(T)$ and a $\tilde{\mu} \in X(T)_+$ such that

$$M = L(\tilde{\lambda}) \otimes L(\tilde{\mu})^{(r)}.$$

We now compare highest weights:

$$\lambda + p^r \mu = \tilde{\lambda} + p^r \tilde{\mu} \implies \lambda = \tilde{\lambda} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu = \tilde{\mu}.$$

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Theorem 11.2.1(Steinberg).

Let $\lambda \in X(T)_+$, with a p -adic expansion

$$\lambda = \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 p + \cdots + \lambda_m p^m.$$

where $\lambda_j \in X_1(T)$ for all j . Then

$$L(\lambda) = L(\lambda_0) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^m L(\lambda_j)^{(j)}.$$

Corollary 11.2.1(?).

In order to know $\dim L(\lambda)$ for $\lambda \in X(T)_+$, it is enough to know $\dim L_1(\mu)$ for $\mu \in X_1(T)$. Schematic:

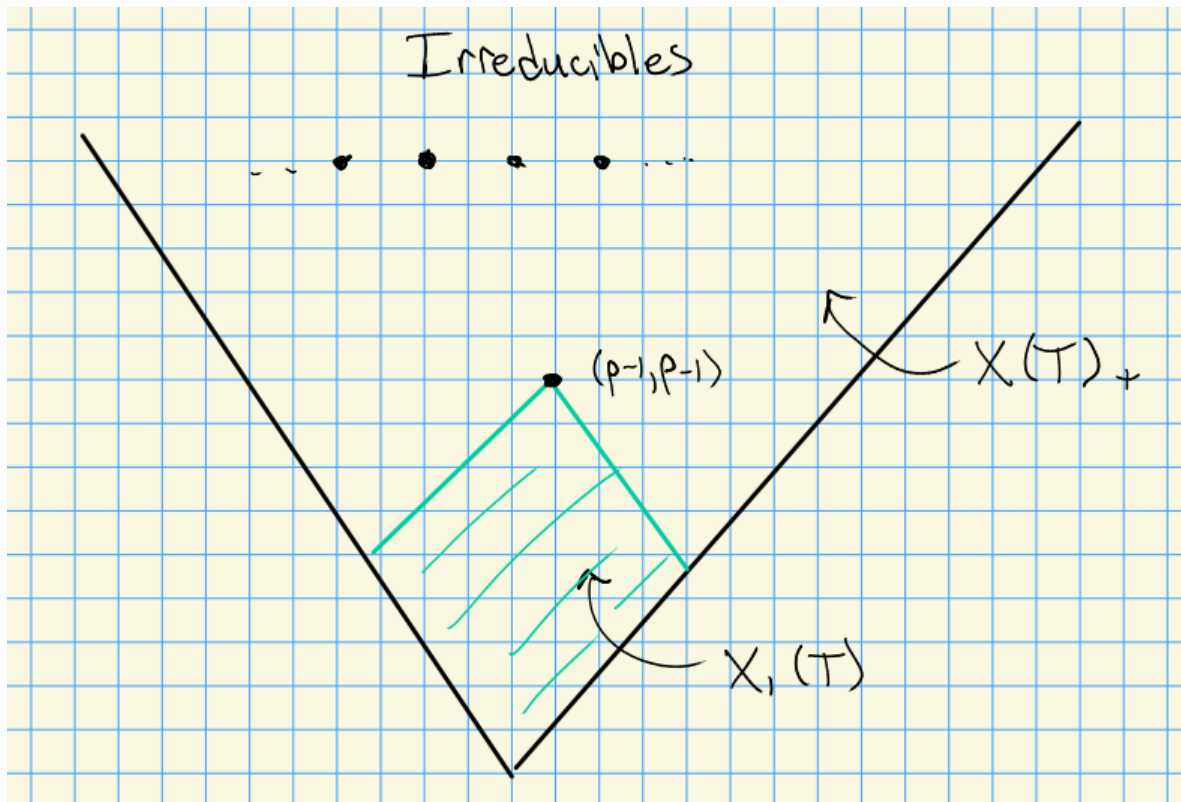


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11.3 Some History

Recall that simple G_1 -modules correspond to simple $\text{Dist}(G_1)$ -modules, and $\text{Dist}(G_1) \cong U(\mathfrak{g})$.

- 1980: Lusztig proved conjecture: $\text{char } L(\lambda)$ for $\lambda \in X_1(T)$ is given by KL polynomials, shown for $p \geq 2(h-1)$.
- Kato showed for $p > h$, where h is the *Coxeter number* satisfying $h = \langle \rho, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle + 1$ where α_i^\vee is the highest short root.
- 1990's: A relation to representations of quantum groups U_q and affine lie algebras $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$:

$$\text{mod } u(\mathfrak{g}) \longleftarrow \text{mod } U_q(\mathfrak{g}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{mod } \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$$

The first map is due to Andersen-Jantzen-Soergel for $p \gg 0$ with no effective lower bounds, and the equivalence is due to Kazhdan-Lusztig, where the L conjecture holds for $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$.

- 2000's: Fiebig showed the L conjecture holds for $p > N$ where N is an effective (but large) lower bound.
- 2013: Geordie Williamson shows L conjecture is false, with infinitely many counterexamples, and no lower bounds that are linear in h .

See Donkin's Tilting Module conjecture: expected that characters may come from p -KL polynomials instead.

Example 11.3.1.

Let $G = \mathrm{SL}(2)$, so $\dim T = 1$. Here the restricted region of weights is given by $X_1(T) = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$. Then $H^0(\lambda) = S^\lambda(V)$ for $\lambda \in X(T)_+ = \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and $L(\lambda) \subseteq H^0(\lambda)$.

Theorem 11.3.1(?)

$$L(\lambda) = H^0(\lambda) \quad \text{for } \lambda \in X_1(T).$$

Theorem 11.3.2(?)

$$\dim L(\lambda) = \lambda + 1 \quad \text{for } \lambda \in X_1(T).$$

Take $p = 3$. Then $\dim L(0) = 1$, $\dim L(1) = 2$ (the natural representation), and $\dim L(2) = 3$ (the adjoint representation). Then for $p = 4$, we have to use the twisted tensor product formula. Taking the 3-adic expansion $4 = 1 \cdot 3^0 + 1 \cdot 3^1$, we have

$$L(4) = L(1) \otimes L(1)^{(1)}.$$

Since $\dim L(1) = 2$, we get $\dim L(4) = 4$.

Similarly, considering $7 = 1 \cdot 3^0 + 2 \cdot 3^1$, we get

$$L(7) \cong L(1) \otimes L(2)^{(1)}$$

and so $\dim L(7) = 6$.

Take $p = 5$, then

- $\dim L(0) = 1$
- $\dim L(1) = 2$
- $\dim L(2) = 3$
- $\dim L(3) = 4$
- $\dim L(4) = 5$

What is $H^0(5)$? We know $L(5)$ is a submodule, and we can write the character

$$\mathrm{char} H^0(5) = e^5 + e^3 + e^1 + e^{-1} + e^{-3} + e^{-5}.$$

We know $\mathrm{char} (L(1)) = e^1 + e^{-1}$ and $L(5) = L(1)^{(1)}$, so we can write $\mathrm{char} L() = e^5 + e^{-5}$. By quotienting, we have $\mathrm{char} H^0(5) - \mathrm{char} L(5) = e^3 + e^1 + e^{-1} + e^{-3} = \mathrm{char} L(3)$. Thus the composition factors of $H^0(5)$ are $L(5)$ and $L(3)$.

These correspond to an action of the affine Weyl group:

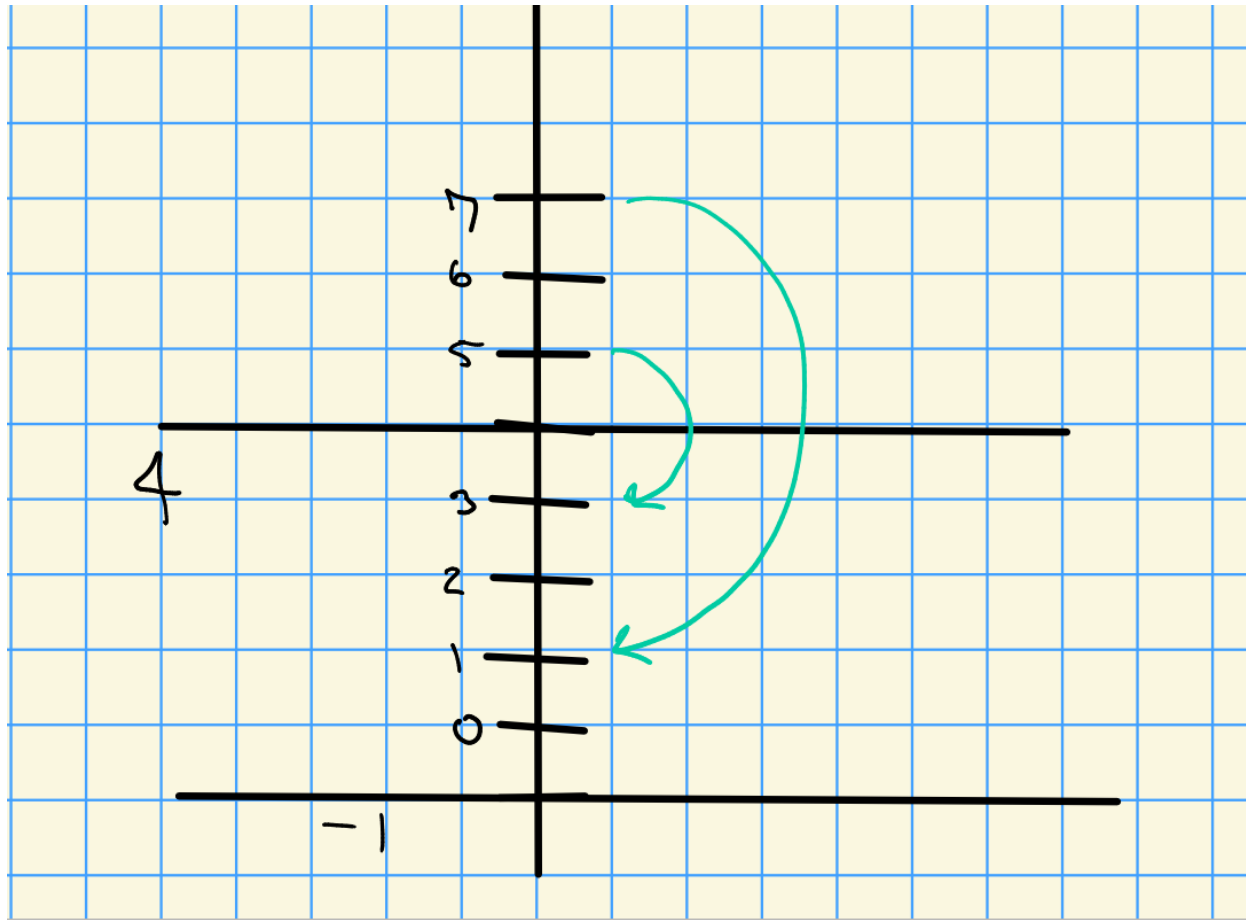


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There is a **strong linkage principle** which describes the possible composition factors of $H^0(\lambda)$.

We can thus find the socle/head structure:

A handwritten equation on a light yellow grid background. The equation is $H^o(S) = \{ L(3), L(5) \}$. The letters are written in black ink. The set notation uses curly braces, and the superscript 'o' is small.

Figure 14: Image

Thus $\text{Ext}_G^1(L(5), L(3)) \cong k$.

Note that in other types, we don't know the characters of the irreducibles in the restricted region, so we don't necessarily know the composition factors.

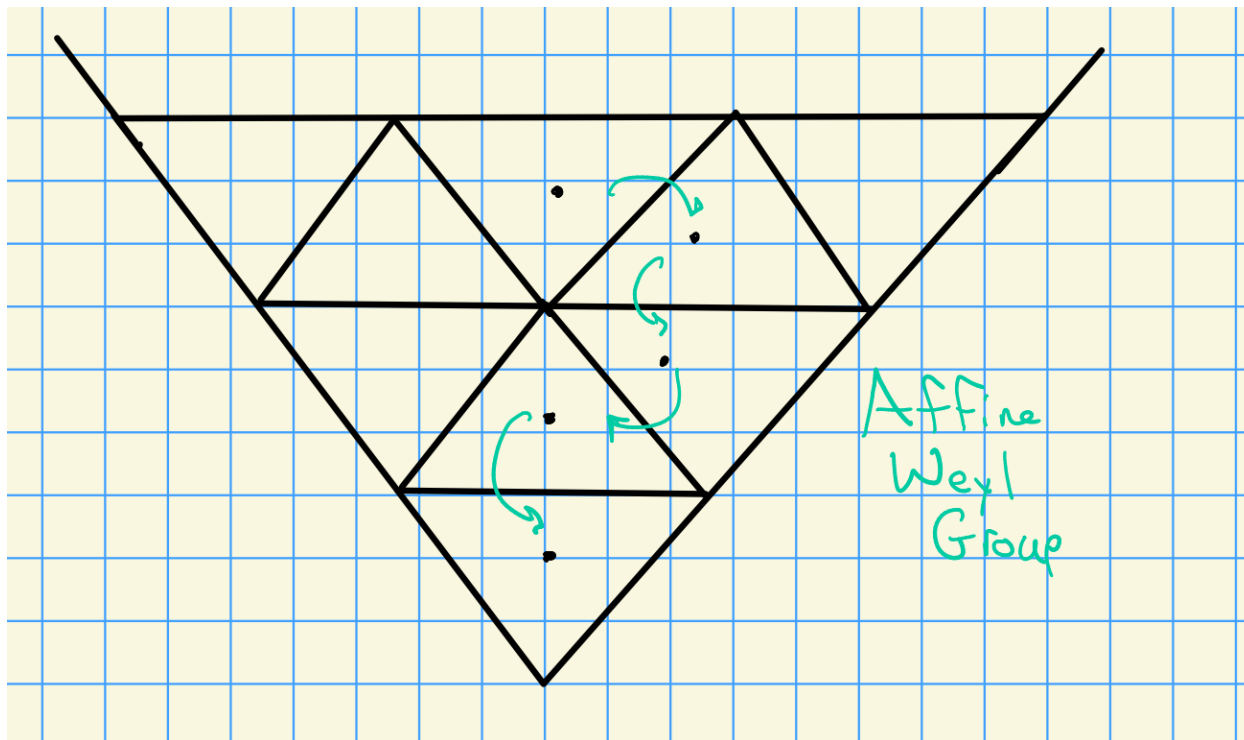


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12.1 Kempf's Theorem

Next topic: Kempf's Vanishing Theorem. Proof in Jantzen's book involving ampleness for sheaves.

Setup:

We have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G & & \text{a reductive algebraic group over } k = \bar{k} \\
 \uparrow \subseteq & & \\
 B & & \text{the Borel subgroup} \\
 \uparrow \subseteq & & \\
 T & & \text{its maximal torus}
 \end{array}$$

along with the weights $X(T)$.

We can consider derived functors of induction, yielding $R^n \text{Ind}_B^G \lambda = \mathcal{H}^n(G/B, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) := H^n(\lambda)$ where $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$ is a line bundle and G/B is the flag variety.

Recall that

- $H^0(\lambda) = \text{Ind}_B^G(\lambda)$,

- $\lambda \notin X(T)_+ \implies H^0(\lambda) = 0$
- $\lambda \in X(T)_+ \implies L(\lambda) = \text{Soc}_G H^0(\lambda) \neq 0$.

Theorem 12.1.1 (Kempf).

If $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ a dominant weight, then $H^n(\lambda) = 0$ for $n > 0$.

Remark 12.1.1.

In char $(k) = 0$, $H^n(\lambda)$ is known by the Bott-Borel-Weil theorem. In positive characteristic, this is not known: the characters $\text{char } H^n(\lambda)$ is known, and it's not even known if or when they vanish. Wide open problem!

Could be a nice answer when $p > h$ the Coxeter number.

12.2 Good Filtrations and Weyl Filtrations

We define two classes of distinguished modules for $\lambda \in X(T)_+$:

- $\nabla(\lambda) := H^0(\lambda) = \text{Ind}_B^G \lambda$ the costandard/induced modules.
- $\Delta(\lambda) = V(\lambda) := H^0(-w_0\lambda) = \text{Ind}_B^G \lambda$ the standard/Weyl modules
 - Here w_0 is the longest element in the Weyl group

We have

$$L(\lambda) \hookrightarrow \nabla(\lambda)\Delta(\lambda) \twoheadrightarrow L(\lambda).$$

We define the category $\text{Rat-}G$ of rational G -modules. This is a *highest weight category* (as is e.g. Category \mathcal{O}).

Definition 12.2.1 (Good Filtrations).

An (possibly infinite) ascending chain of G -modules

$$0 \leq V_0 \subseteq V_1 \subseteq V_2 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq V$$

is a **good filtration** of V iff

1. $V = \cup_{i \geq 0} V_i$
2. $V_i/V_{i-1} \cong H^0(\lambda_i)$ for some $\lambda_i \in X(T)_+$.

In characteristic zero, the H^0 are irreducible and this recovers a composition series. Since we don't have semisimplicity in this category, this is the next best thing.

Definition 12.2.2 (Weyl Filtration).

With the same conditions of a good filtration, a chain is a **Weyl filtration** on V iff

1. $V = \cup_{i \geq 0} V_i$
2. $V_i/V_{i-1} \cong V(\lambda_i)$ for some $\lambda_i \in X(T)_+$.

I.e. the difference is now that the quotients are standard modules.

Definition 12.2.3 (Tilting Modules).

V is a **tilting module** iff V has both a good filtration and a Weyl filtration.

Theorem 12.2.1 (Ringel, 1990s).

Let $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ be a dominant weight. Then there is a unique indecomposable highest weight tilting module $T(\lambda)$ with highest weight λ .

Example 12.2.1.

We have the following situation for type A_2 :

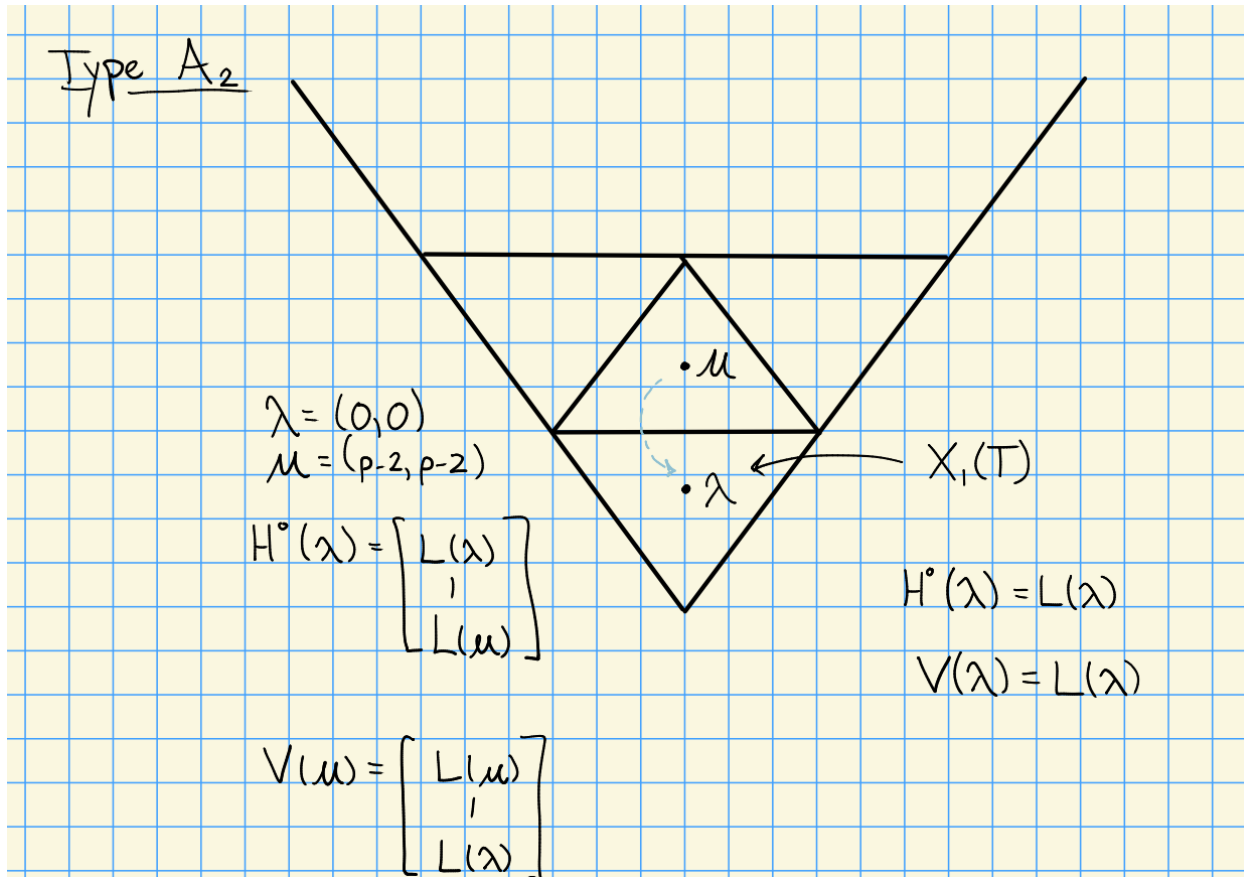


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And thus a decomposition:

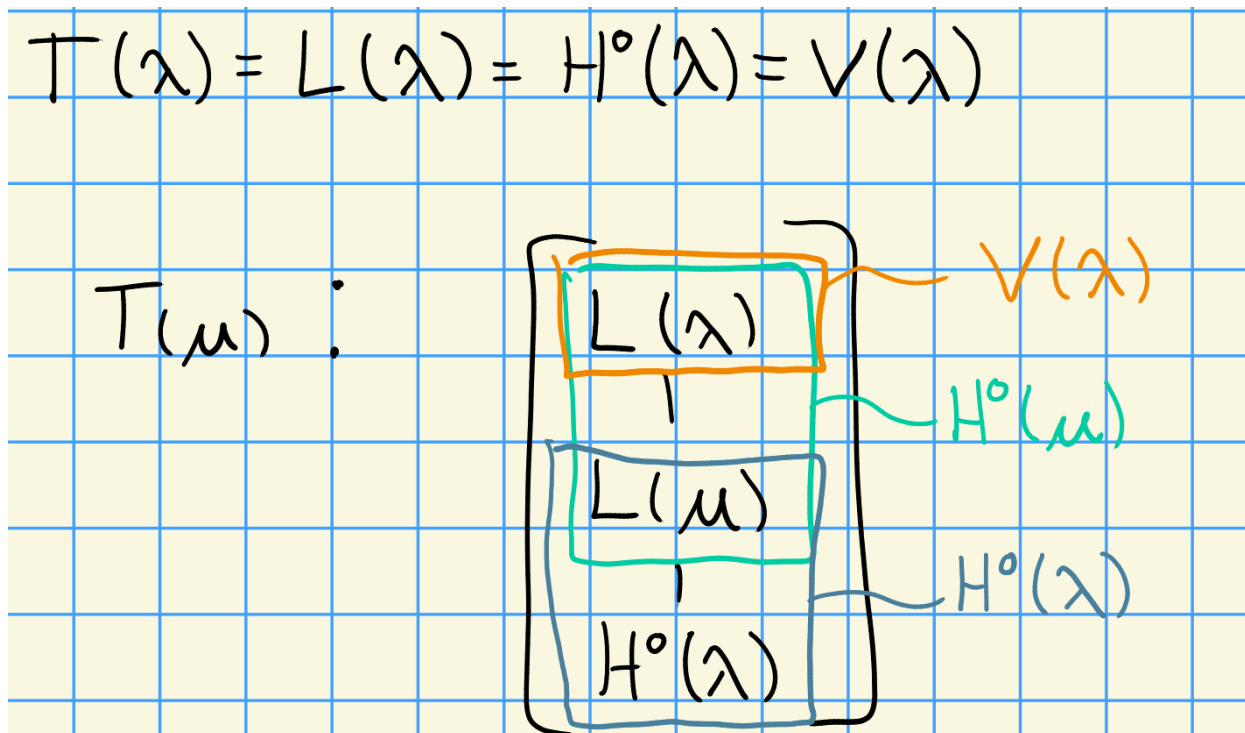
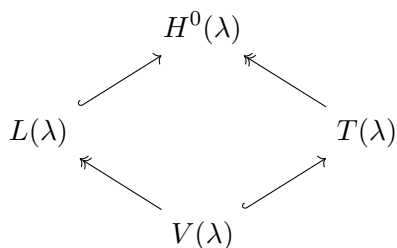


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The picture to keep in mind is the following: 4 types of modules, all indexed by dominant weights:



12.3 Cohomological Criteria for Good Filtrations

We'll take cohomology in the following way: let G be an algebraic group scheme, and define

$$H^n(G, M) := \text{Ext}_G^n(k, M)$$

where to compute $\text{Ext}_G^n(M, N)$ we take an injective resolution $N \hookrightarrow I_*$, apply $\text{hom}_G(M, \cdot)$, and take kernels mod images.

Letting $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}\Phi$ be integral, so $\lambda_{\alpha \in \Delta} = \sum n_{\alpha} \alpha$, define the **height**

$$\text{ht}(\lambda) = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta} n_{\alpha}.$$

Lemma 12.1(?).

There exists an injective resolution of B -modules

$$0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow I_0 \rightarrow I_1 \rightarrow \cdots$$

where

1. I_0 is the injective hull of k ,
2. All weights of I_j , say μ satisfy $\text{ht}(\mu) \geq j$.

$k[u]$ an injective B -module

$$k \hookrightarrow \text{Ind}_T^B k := I_0 = k[u].$$

We thus get a diagram of the form

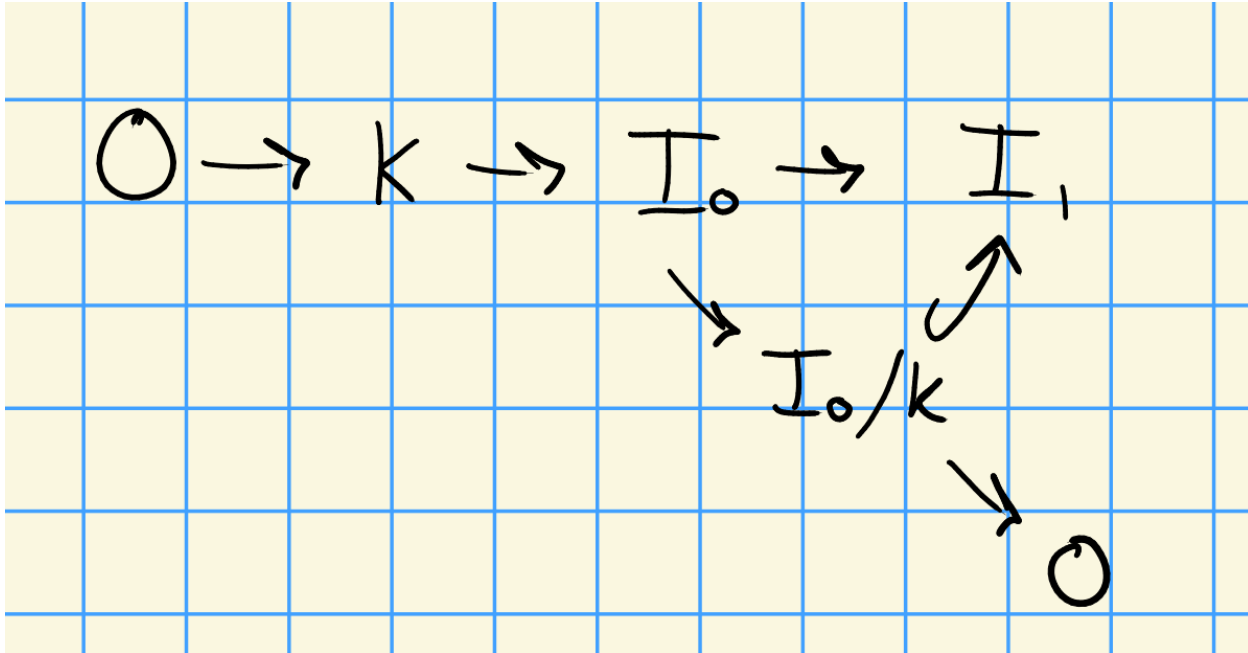


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Proposition 12.3.1(?).

Let $H \leq G$, then there exists a spectral sequence

$$E_2^{i,j} = \text{Ext}_G^i(N, R^j \text{Ind}_H^G M) \implies \text{Ext}_H^{i+j}(N, M)$$

for $N \in \text{Mod}(G)$, $M \in \text{Mod}(H)$.

Example 12.3.1.

Let $H = B$ and take $G = G$ itself, and let $N = k$ the trivial module and $M \in \text{Mod}(G)$ be any

rational G -module. We have

$$E_2^{i,j} = \text{Ext}_B^i(k, R^j \text{Ind}_B^G M) \implies \text{Ext}_B^{i+j}(k, M).$$

Observations:

0. $R^0 \text{Ind}_B^G k = \text{Ind}_B^G k = k$.
1. The tensor identity works here, i.e. $R^j \text{Ind}_B^G M = (R^j \text{Ind}_B^G k) \otimes M$.
2. $R^j \text{Ind}_B^G k = 0$ for $j > 0$ since we have a dominant weight.

The spectral sequence thus collapses on E_2 :

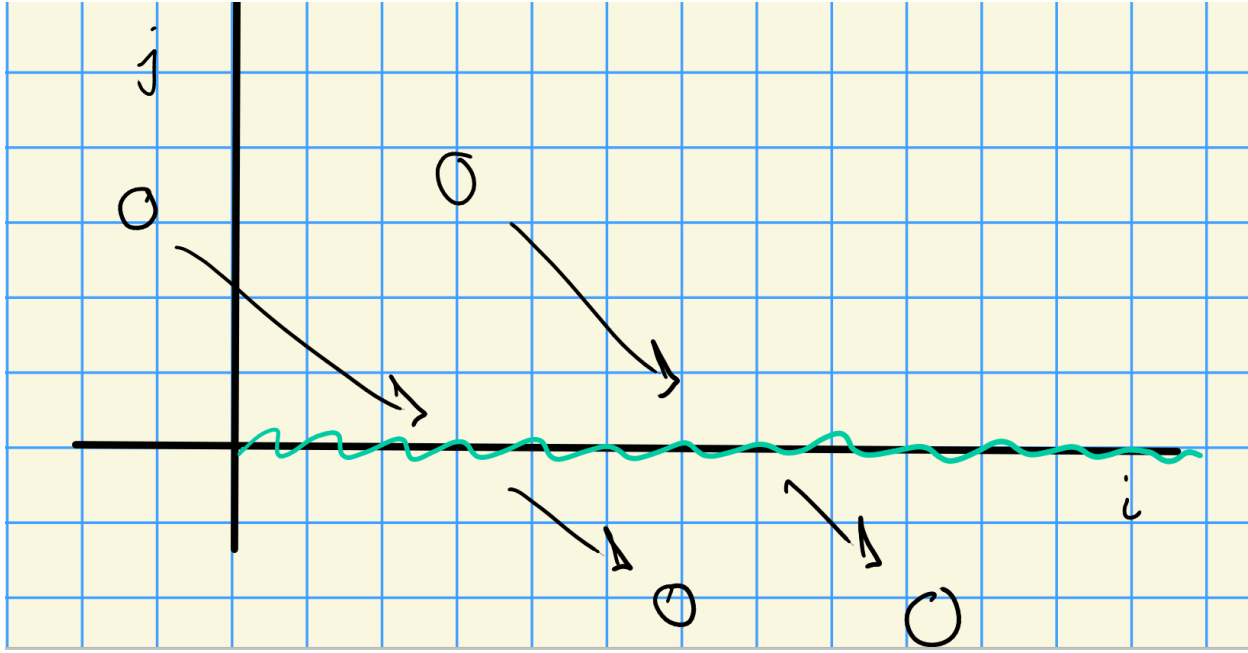


Figure 19: Image

Thus

$$E_2^{i,0} = \text{Ext}_B^i(k, M) = H^i(B, M).$$

Corollary 12.3.1(?).

Let $G \supseteq P \supseteq B$ where P is a *parabolic* subalgebra and let M be a rational G -module. Then $H^n(G, M) = H^n(P, M) = H^n(B, M)$ for all $n \geq 0$.

Example 12.3.2.

Fix a Dynkin diagram and take a subset $J \subseteq \Delta$.

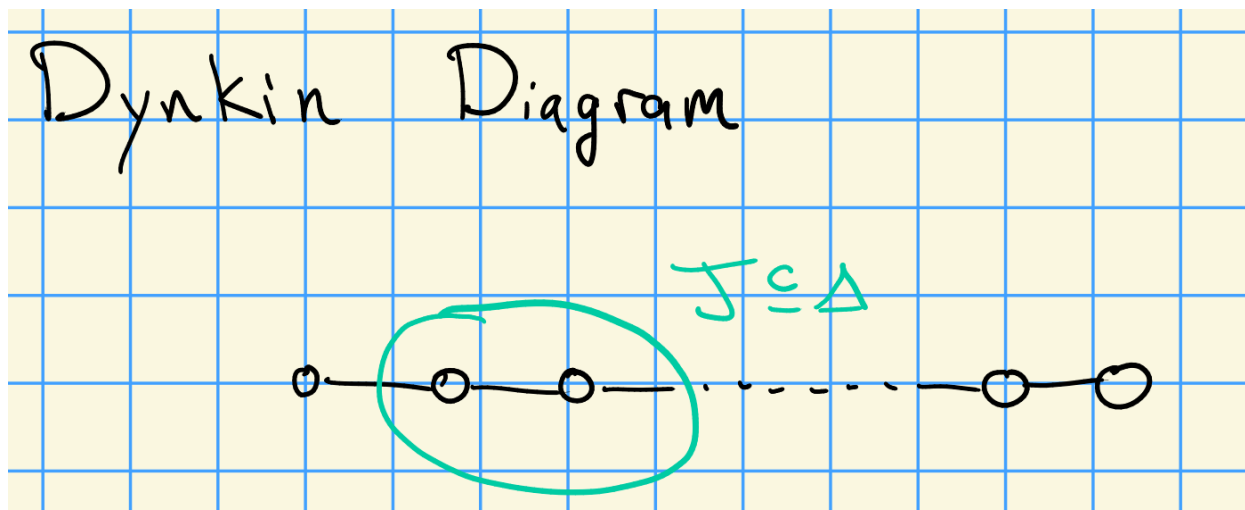


Figure 20: i

Then $L_j \rtimes U_j = P_j = P$, and we have a decomposition like

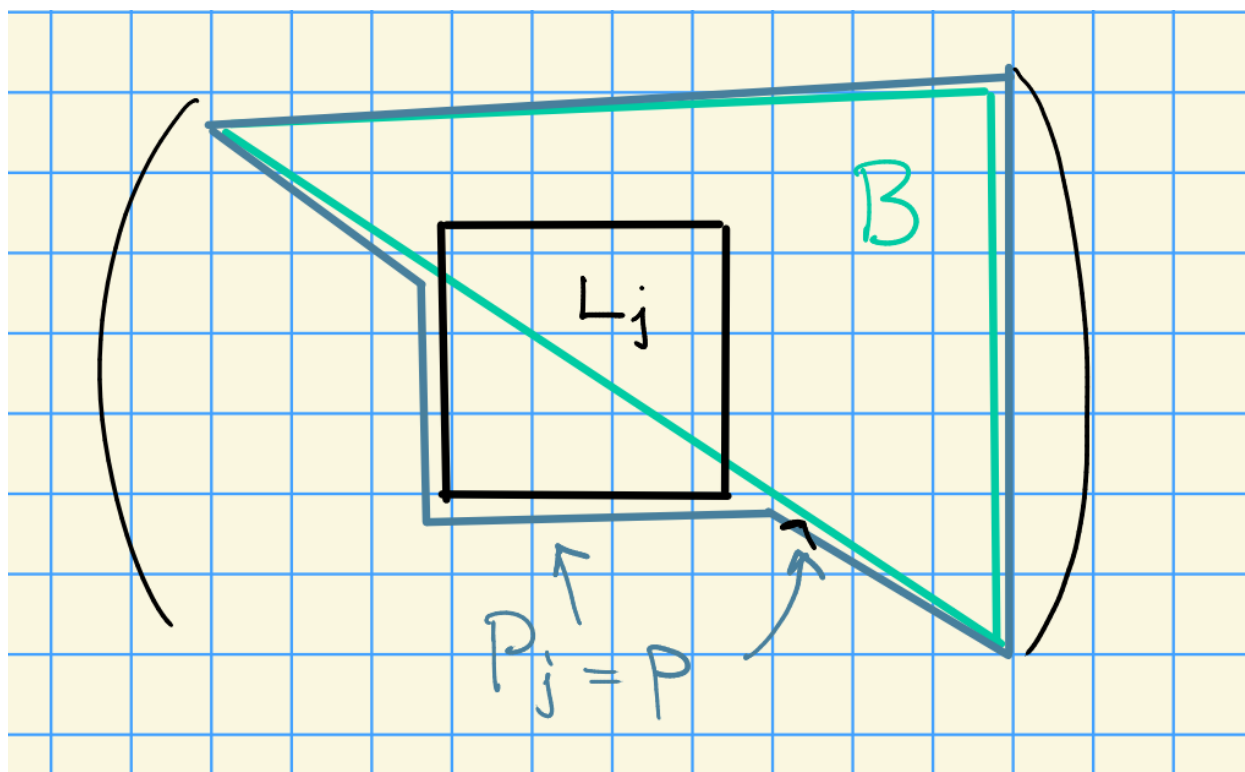


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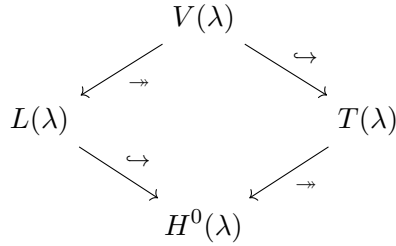
Proposition 12.3.2(?)

Let $M \in \text{Mod}(P)$ with $P \supseteq B$.

- a. If $\dim M < \infty$ then $\dim H^n(P, M) < \infty$ for all n .
- b. If $H^j(P, M) \neq 0$ then there exists λ a weight of M with $-\lambda \in \mathbb{N}\Phi^+$ and $\text{ht}(-\lambda) \geq j$.

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Recall that we had a dominant weight $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ with



where we have a module with both a *good* and a *Weyl* filtration.

If $B \subseteq P \subseteq G$ with P parabolic and $M \in \text{Mod}(G)$, we have a “transfer theorem”: maps

$$H^n(G; M) \xrightarrow{\text{Res}} H^n(P; M) \xrightarrow{\text{Res}} H^n(B; M)$$

induced by restrictions which are isomorphisms.

Proposition 13.0.1(?)

Let $M \in \text{Mod}(P)$ with $P \supseteq B$.

- a. If $\dim M < \infty$ then $\dim H^n(P; M) < \infty$.
- b. If $H^j(P; M) \neq 0$ then there exists a weight λ of M such that $-\lambda \in \mathbb{N}\Phi^+$ and $\text{ht}(-\lambda) \geq j$.

Part (a) is proved in the book, we won't show it here.

Proof (of part b).

Suppose $H^j(P; M) \neq 0$, then we have an injective resolution I_* for k . Tensoring with M yields an injective resolution for M ,

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow I_0 \otimes M \rightarrow I_1 \otimes M \rightarrow \cdots$$

Since $H^j(B; M) \neq 0$, we know that the cocycles $\text{hom}_B(k, I_j \otimes M) \neq 0$ and thus $\text{hom}_T(k, I_j \otimes M) \neq 0$.

So there exists a weight $-\lambda$ of I_j with $\text{ht}(-\lambda) \geq j$, and we know λ is a weight of M applying the previous lemma: namely we know that λ is invariant under the torus action, so there is a weight $-\lambda$ such that $-\lambda + \lambda = 0$. ■

? Why the last part?

Theorem 13.0.1 (?)

Let $\lambda, \mu \in X(T)_+$, then

1. The cohomology in the tensor product is zero, except in one special case:

$$H^i(G, H^0(\lambda) \otimes H^0(\mu)) = \begin{cases} 0 & i > 0 \\ k & i = 0, \lambda = -w_0\mu \end{cases}.$$

2. There are only extensions in one specific situation:

$$\text{Ext}_G^i(V(\mu), H^0(\lambda)) = \begin{cases} 0 & i > 0 \\ k & i = 0, \lambda = \mu \end{cases}.$$

The following is an important calculation!

Proof .

Step 1: We'll use Frobenius reciprocity twice. We can write the term of interest in two ways:

$$H^i(G, H^0(\lambda) \otimes H^0(\mu)) = H^i(B, H^0(\lambda) \otimes \mu)$$

$$H^i(G, H^0(\lambda) \otimes H^0(\mu)) = H^i(G, \lambda \otimes H^0(\mu)).$$

Thus there exists a weight ν of $H^0(\lambda)$ and ν' of $H^0(\mu)$ such that

$$\mu + \nu, \lambda + \nu' \in -\mathbb{N}\Phi^+ \quad \text{ht}(\mu + \nu), \text{ht}(\lambda + \nu') \leq -i.$$

Since $w_0\lambda$ (resp. $w_0\mu$) is the lowest of weight of $H_0(\lambda)$ (resp. $H_0(\mu)$), it follows that

$$\mu + w_0\lambda, \lambda + w_0\mu \in -\mathbb{N}\Phi^+.$$

Since $w_0^2 = \text{id}$, we can write $\lambda + w_0\mu = w_0(\mu + w_0\lambda)$. We know that the LHS is in $-\mathbb{N}\Phi^+$, and the term in parentheses on the RHS is also in $-\mathbb{N}\Phi^+$. Applying w_0 interchanges Φ^\pm , so the RHS is in $\mathbb{N}\Phi^+$. But $\mathbb{N}\Phi^+ \cap -\mathbb{N}\Phi^+ = \{0\}$, forcing $\lambda + w_0\mu = 0$ and thus $\lambda = -w_0\mu$.

Since the height of zero is zero, we have

$$0 = \text{ht}(\lambda + w_0\mu) \leq \text{ht}(\lambda + \nu') \leq -i \implies i = 0.$$

This shows cohomological vanishing for $i > 0$, the first case in the theorem statement.

For the remaining case, we can check that $H^0(\lambda)^U = H^0(\lambda)_{w_0\lambda}$, and so

$$(H^0(\lambda) \otimes -w_0\lambda)^{U^+} = k.$$

This shows that $H^0(B; H^0(\lambda) \otimes -w_0\lambda) \cong k$, since

$$(H^0(\lambda) \otimes -w_0\lambda)^B = \left((H^0(\lambda) \otimes -w_0\lambda)^U \right)^T.$$

■

Proposition 13.0.2(?)

Let $\lambda, \mu \in X(T)_+$ with $\lambda \not\geq \mu$. Then we can calculate the i th ext by computing the $i - 1$ st: for $i > 0$,

$$\mathrm{Ext}_G^i(L(\lambda), L(\mu)) \cong \mathrm{Ext}_G^{i-1}(L(\lambda), H^0(\mu)/\mathrm{Soc}_G(H^0(\mu))).$$

Remark 13.0.1.

We showed this in a special case. Let $i = 1$ with $\lambda \not\geq \mu$, then

$$\mathrm{Ext}_G^1(L(\lambda), L(\mu)) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_G(L(\lambda), H^0(\mu)/\mathrm{Soc}_G(H^0(\mu))).$$

Thus it suffices to understand only the previous layer:

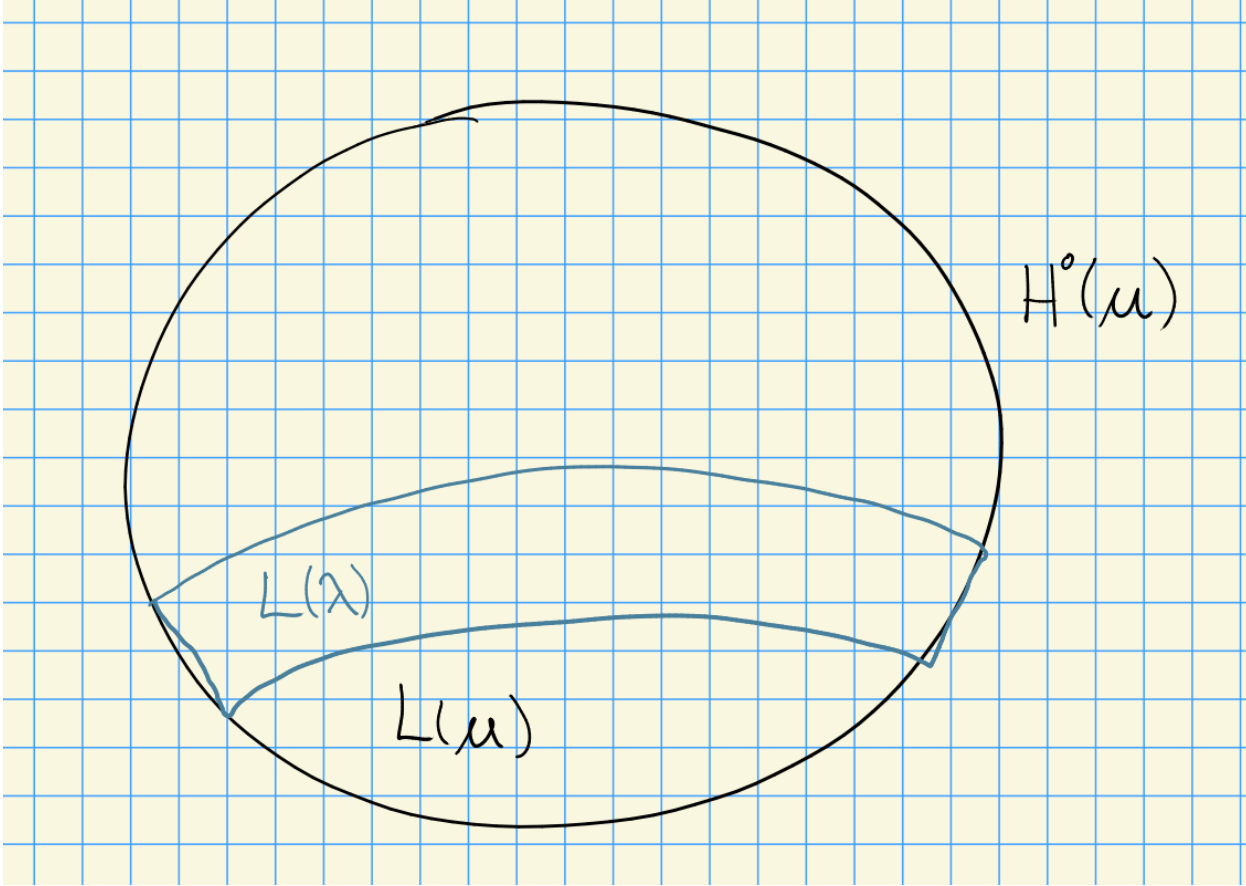


Figure 22: Image

Proof .

Consider the SES

$$0 \rightarrow L(\mu) \rightarrow H^0(\mu) \rightarrow H^0(\mu)/\mathrm{Soc}_G(H^0(\mu)) \rightarrow 0$$

which yields a LES in homology by applying $\mathrm{hom}_G(L(\lambda), \cdot)$. To obtain the statement, it

suffices to show $\text{Ext}_G^1(L(\lambda), H^0(\mu)) = 0$ for $i > 0$, since this is the middle column in the LES. We can write

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ext}_G^i(L(\lambda), H^0(\mu)) &= H^i(G, L(\lambda)^\vee \otimes H^0(\mu)) \quad \text{taking duals} \\ &= H^i(B, L(\lambda)^\vee \otimes \mu) \quad \text{by Frobenius reciprocity,}\end{aligned}$$

so we can obtain a weight σ of $L(\lambda)^\vee \otimes \mu$ such that $\sigma \in -\mathbb{N}\Phi^+$ and $\text{ht}(-\sigma) \geq i > 0$ by applying the previous lemma. So $\sigma = \nu + \mu$ for ν some weight of $L(\lambda)^\vee$.

By rearranging, we find that $\sigma \in \mathbb{N}\Phi^-$. Letting λ be the lowest weight of $L(\lambda)^\vee$, we find $\sigma \geq -\lambda + \mu$ (since this can only lower the weight).

But then $-\lambda + \mu \in \mathbb{N}\Phi^-$, implying $-\mu + \lambda \in \mathbb{N}\Phi^-$, and the LHS here is equal to $\lambda - \mu$. This precisely says $\lambda > \mu$, which contradicts the assumption that λ did not dominate μ . It may also be the case that $\lambda = \mu$, which is handled separately. ■

We now want criteria for when we can find the following types of lifts:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & V \\ & \nearrow \hookrightarrow & \uparrow \hookrightarrow \\ L(\lambda) & \xrightarrow{\hookrightarrow} & H^0(\lambda) \end{array}$$

Lemma 13.1 (Important!).

Let V be a G -module with $0 \neq \text{hom}_G(L(\lambda), V)$. If

- $\text{hom}(L(\mu), V) = 0$,
- $\text{Ext}_G^1(V(\mu), V) = 0$ for all $\mu \in X(T)_+$ with $\mu < \lambda$,

then V contains a submodule isomorphic to $H^0(\lambda)$ and such a lift/extension exists.

Remark 13.0.2.

The ext criterion will be the most important. The idea is to quotient and continue applying it.

Proof.

Consider the SES

$$0 \rightarrow L(\lambda) \hookrightarrow V \rightarrow V/L(\lambda) \rightarrow 0$$

as well as

$$0 \rightarrow L(\lambda) \rightarrow H^0(\lambda) \rightarrow H^0(\lambda)/L(\lambda) \rightarrow 0.$$

Now want to applying the LES in cohomology by applying $\text{hom}_G(\cdot, V)$, we get a LES of homs over G :

$$\begin{aligned}0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H^0(\lambda)/L(\lambda), V) &\rightarrow \text{Hom}(H^0(\lambda), V) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(L(\lambda), V) \\ &\rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(H^0(\lambda)/L(\lambda), V) \rightarrow \dots\end{aligned}$$

Thus it suffices to show this Ext^1 is zero.

Strategy: show all of the composition factors of $H^0(\lambda)/L(\lambda)$ are zero. These are all of the form $L(\mu)$ for $\mu < \lambda$, so it now suffices to just show that $\text{Ext}_G^1(L(\mu), V) = 0$ when $\mu < \lambda$. Observe that we have

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow V(\mu) \rightarrow L(\mu) \rightarrow 0$$

where N are $L(\sigma)$ composition factors for $\sigma < \mu$. So apply $\text{hom}(\cdot, V)$:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(L(\mu), V) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(V(\mu), V) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(N, V) \\ \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(L(\mu), V) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(V(\mu), V) \rightarrow \cdots \end{aligned}$$

But we have $\text{Hom}(N, V) = 0$ and $\text{Ext}^1(V(\mu), V) = 0$, which *squeezes* and forces $\text{Ext}^1(L(\mu), V) = 0$. ■

Next time: state and prove a cohomological criterion (Donkin, Scott, proved independently) for a G -module to admit a good filtration. More about when tensor products of induced modules have good filtrations.

14 | Friday, October 02

Recall that *good filtration* is a chain $\{0\} \subseteq V_1 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq V$ satisfying $V = \cup V_i$ and $V_i/V_{i-1} \cong H^0(\lambda_i)$ for λ_i some weight of V .

Lemma 14.1 (?).

Let V be a G -module and $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ with $\text{hom}_G(L(\lambda), V) \neq 0$. If $\text{hom}_G(L(\mu), V) = 0$ for any $\mu < \lambda$ and $\text{Ext}_G^1(V(\mu), V) = 0$ for *all* $\mu \in X(T)_+$, then V contains a submodule isomorphic to $H^0(\lambda)$.

That is, we have a lift of the following form:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L(\lambda) & \hookrightarrow & V \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \exists & \uparrow \\ H^0(\lambda) & & \end{array}$$

Theorem 14.0.1 (Cohomological Condition for Good Filtrations).

Let V be a G -module.

1. If V admits a good filtration, then the number of factors isomorphic to $H^0(\lambda)$, denoted $[V : H^0(\lambda)]$, is equal to $\dim \text{hom}_G(V(\lambda), V)$.

Analog of Jordan-Holder. Note that $H^0(\lambda)$ may not be irreducible, but changing the filtration can not change the number of composition factors.

2. Suppose $\text{hom}_G(V(\lambda), V) < \infty$, then TFAE:
 - V admits a good filtration.
 - $\text{Ext}_G^i(V(\lambda), V) = 0$ for all $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ and all $i > 0$.

- $\text{Ext}_G^1(V(\lambda), V) = 0$ for all $\lambda \in X(T)_+$.

Much like measuring projectivity: can check all exts, or just the first.

Proof (Part a).

Suppose V has a good filtration. Idea: induct on the filtration.

Suppose $V = H^0(\lambda_1)$, then

$$[V : H^0(\mu)] = \begin{cases} 0 & \mu \neq \lambda_1 \\ 1 & \mu = \lambda_1 \end{cases} = \dim \text{hom}_G(V(\lambda_1), V),$$

since we know the dimensions of these hom spaces from a previous result.

Suppose now that we have

$$0 \rightarrow H^0(\mu_1) \rightarrow V H^0(\mu_2) \rightarrow 0.$$

Applying $F := \text{hom}_G(V(\lambda), \cdot)$, we find that Ext_G^1 vanishes. So this leads a SES, and the dimensions are thus additive. The result follows since F is additive. ■

Proof (Part b).

1 \implies 2: Use the fact that $\text{Ext}_G^i(V(\lambda), H^0(\mu)) = 0$ for all $i > 0$ and all μ .

2 \implies 3: Clear!

3 \implies 1: Choose a total ordering of weights $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots \in X(T)$ such that if $\lambda_i < \lambda_j$ then $i < j$. Since $V \neq 0$, there exists a dominant weight $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ such that $\text{hom}_G(V(\lambda), V) \neq 0$, so choose i minimally in this order to produce such a λ_i . Idea: use this to start a filtration. Then $\text{hom}(L(\lambda_i), V) \neq 0$, and we have

$$V(\lambda_i) \twoheadrightarrow L(\lambda_i) \hookrightarrow V.$$

We know that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{hom}_G(V(\mu), V) &= 0 \quad \forall \mu < \lambda_i \\ \text{hom}_G(L(\mu), V) &= 0 \quad \forall \mu < \lambda_i \\ \text{Ext}_G^1(L(\mu), V) &= 0 \quad \forall \mu \in X(T)_+ \text{ by assumption.} \end{aligned}$$

So the following map must be an injection, since there is no socle:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L(\lambda_i) & \hookrightarrow & V \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & H^0(\lambda_i) \end{array}$$

Set $V_1 = H^0(\lambda_i)$, so $V_1 \subseteq V$. We then have a SES

$$0 \rightarrow V_1 \rightarrow V \rightarrow V/V_1 \rightarrow 0.$$

Applying $\text{hom}(V(\lambda), \cdot)$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \cancel{\text{Ext}_G^1(V(\lambda), V_1)} &\rightarrow \cancel{\text{Ext}_G^1(V(\lambda), V)} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ext}_G^1(V(\lambda), V/V_1)} \\ \rightarrow \cancel{\text{Ext}_G^2(V(\lambda), V_1)} &\rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

Figure 23: Cancellation in LES

Now iterate this process to obtain a chain $V_1 \subseteq V_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq V$, and set $V' := \cup_{i \geq 0} V_i$. Then $\dim \text{hom}_G(V(\lambda), V') = \dim \text{hom}_G(V(\lambda), V)$ since $\dim \text{hom}_G(V(\lambda), V) < \infty$. But then taking the SES

$$0 \rightarrow V' \rightarrow V \rightarrow V/V' \rightarrow 0$$

and applying $\text{Hom}(V(\lambda), \cdot)$, we have $\text{Hom}(V(\lambda), V/V') = 0$ and we get an isomorphism of homs. But then $\text{hom}(V(\lambda), V/V') = 0$ for all $\lambda \in X(T)_+$, forcing $V/V' = 0$ and $V = V'$. ■

Corollary 14.0.1(?).

Let $0 \rightarrow V_1 \rightarrow V \rightarrow V_2 \rightarrow 0$ be a SES of G -modules with $\dim \text{hom}_G(V(\lambda), V_2) < \infty$ for all $\lambda \in X(T)_+$. If V_1, V have good filtrations, then V_2 also has a good filtration.

Note: this is likely difficult to prove without cohomology! But here we can apply the ext criterion.

Proof.

Let $\lambda \in X(T)_+$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \cancel{\text{Ext}_G^1(V(\lambda), V_1)} &\rightarrow \cancel{\text{Ext}_G^1(V(\lambda), V)} \rightarrow \text{Ext}_G^1(V(\lambda), V_2) \\ \rightarrow \cancel{\text{Ext}_G^2(V(\lambda), V_1)} &\rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

Figure 24: Image

For $\lambda \in X(T)_+$, let $I(\lambda)$ be the injective hull of $L(\lambda)$, so we have

$$0 \rightarrow L(\lambda) \hookrightarrow I(\lambda).$$

Theorem 14.0.2(?).

Let $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ and $I(\lambda)$ be the injective hull of $L(\lambda)$.

- a. $I(\lambda)$ has a good filtration.
- b. The multiplicity $[I(\lambda) : H^0(\mu)]$ is equal to $[H^0(\mu) : L(\lambda)]$, the composition factor multiplicity.

Brauer-Humphreys Reciprocity. Same idea as in category \mathcal{O} : multiplicity of Verma equals multiplicity of irreducibles.

Proof (of a).

How to check that it has a good filtration? The cohomological criterion! So consider $\text{Ext}_G^1(V(\sigma), I(\lambda))$ for all $\sigma \in X(T)_+$. We want to show it's zero, but this follows because $I(\lambda)$ is injective. ■

Proof (of b).

By the previous result, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [I(\lambda) : H^0(\mu)] &= \dim \text{hom}_G(V(\mu), I(\lambda)) \\ &= [V(\mu) : L(\lambda)]. \end{aligned}$$

Why does this second equality hold? The functor $\text{hom}_G(\cdot, I(\lambda))$ is exact, and $\text{hom}_G(L(\mu), I(\lambda)) = \delta_{\lambda, \mu}$. If $\lambda = \mu$ there's only one morphism, since $L(\lambda) \hookrightarrow I(\lambda)$ and $\text{Soc}_G I(\lambda) = L(\lambda)$. This means that they have the same character, $\text{char } H^0(\lambda) = \text{char } V(\lambda)$, and this implies that they have the same composition factors. ■

Theorem 14.0.3 (Cohomological Criterion for Weyl Filtrations).

Let V be a G -module.

- a. If V admits a Weyl filtration, then

$$[V : V(\lambda)] = \dim \text{hom}_G(V, H^0(\lambda))$$

- b. Suppose that $\dim \text{hom}_G(V(\lambda), H^0(\lambda)) < \infty$ for all $\lambda \in X(T)_+$. Then TFAE
 - V has a Weyl filtration.
 - $\text{Ext}_G^i(V, H^0(\lambda)) = 0$ for all $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ and $i > 0$.
 - $\text{Ext}_G^1(V, H^0(\lambda)) = 0$ for all $\lambda \in X(T)_+$.