SL2Reps

Constructs representations of SL2(Z).

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Chapter 1

Introduction

This package, SL2Reps, provides methods for constructing and testing matrix presentations of the representations of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

Irreducible representations of prime-power level are constructed individually by means of Weyl representations, and from these a list of all representations of a given degree or level may be produced. The format is designed to be useful in the study of modular tensor categories in particular.

1.1 Installation

To install SL2Reps, first download it from TODO, then place it in the pkg subdirectory of your GAP installation (or in the pkg subdirectory of any other GAP root directory, for example one added with the -l argument).

SL2Reps is then loaded with the GAP command

```
gap> LoadPackage( "SL2Reps" );
```

1.2 Usage

Individual representations may be constructed via the methods in 5, while lists of representations with given degrees or levels may be constructed with those in 3.

This package uses an InfoClass, InfoSL2Reps. It may be set to 0 (silent), 1 (info), or 2 (verbose). To change it, use

```
gap> SetInfoLevel(InfoSL2Reps, k);
```

Chapter 2

Description

The group $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ is generated by $\mathfrak{s}$ = `[[0,-1],[1,0]]` and $\mathfrak{t}$ = `[[1,1],[0,1]]`, subject to the relations $\mathfrak{s}^4 = \mathrm{id}$, $(\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{t})^3 = \mathfrak{s}^2$. Thus, any complex representation $\rho : \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \to \mathbb{C}^n$ (where $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ is called the *degree* of ρ) is defined by the $n \times n$ matrices $S = \rho(\mathfrak{s})$ and $T = \rho(\mathfrak{t})$. In fact, any such representation factors through $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/\ell\mathbb{Z})$ for some $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+$; the smallest such ℓ is called the *level* of ρ. We therefore present representations in the form of a record

`rec(S, T, degree, level, name)`

where the name follows the conventions of [NW76]. Note that our definition of $\mathfrak{s}$ follows that of [Nob76]; other authors prefer the inverse, i.e. `[[0,1],[-1,0]]`. When working with that convention, one must invert the S matrices output by this package.

2.1 Construction

For any representation ρ of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, we may decompose ρ as a direct sum of irreducible representations of prime-power level using the Chinese remainder theorem. Therefore, to characterize all representations of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, it suffices to consider irreducible representations of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^\lambda\mathbb{Z})$.

Such representations may be constructed using Weyl representations as described in [Nob76, Section 1]. The Weyl representations used by this package have the following form. Let p be a prime number and $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Choose a $\mathbb{Z}/p^\lambda\mathbb{Z}$-module M of rank 1 or 2, and a quadratic form Q on M, such that (M,Q) is of one of the three types described in 2.2. The *quadratic module* (M,Q) then gives rise to a representation of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^\lambda\mathbb{Z})$, denoted $W(M,Q)$.

With a finite number of exceptions, every representation of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^\lambda\mathbb{Z})$ may be found as a subrepresentation of $W(M,Q)$ for an appropriate choice of (M,Q) [NW76, Hauptsatz 2]. The 18 exceptions may be found as the tensor product of two such subrepresentations; these may be generated with `SL2Reps_Exceptions` (3.3.1).

Representations of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ may then be found as direct sums of these prime-power representations.

2.2 Weyl representation types

2.2.1 Type D

Let p be prime and $\lambda \geq 1$. Then the Weyl representation arising from the quadratic module with $M = \mathbb{Z}/p^\lambda\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^\lambda\mathbb{Z}$ and $Q(x,y) = \frac{xy}{p^\lambda}$ is said to be of type D and denoted $D(p,\lambda)$. Information on

(M, Q) may be obtained via `SL2Reps_ModuleD` (5.1.1), and subrepresentations of $D(p, \lambda)$ with level p^λ may be constructed via `SL2Reps_RepD` (5.1.2).

2.2.2 Type N

Let p be prime and $\lambda \geq 1$. Then the Weyl representation arising from the quadratic module with $M = \mathbb{Z}/p^\lambda\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^\lambda\mathbb{Z}$ and $Q(x,y) = \frac{x^2+xy+\frac{1+u}{4}y^2}{p^\lambda}$ (where, for $p \neq 2$, u is chosen so that $u \equiv 3 \bmod 4$ with $\left(\frac{-u}{p}\right) = -1$, and for $p = 2$, $u = 3$) is said to be of type N and denoted $N(p, \lambda)$. Information on (M, Q) may be obtained via `SL2Reps_ModuleN` (5.2.1), and subrepresentations of $D(p, \lambda)$ with level p^λ may be constructed via `SL2Reps_RepN` (5.2.2).

2.2.3 Type R

The construction of type R varies depending on whether $p = 2$.

First, if p is an odd prime, let $\lambda \geq 2$, $\sigma \in \{1, \ldots, \lambda\}$, and $r, t \in \{1, u\}$ with u a quadratic non-residue mod p. Then define $M = \mathbb{Z}/p^\lambda\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^{\lambda-\sigma}\mathbb{Z}$ and $Q(x,y) = \frac{r(x^2+p^\sigma t y^2)}{p^\lambda}$.

On the other hand, if $p = 2$, let $\lambda \geq 2$, $\sigma \in \{0, \ldots, \lambda - 2\}$ and $r, t \in \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$. Then define $M = \mathbb{Z}/2^{\lambda-1}\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2^{\lambda-\sigma-1}\mathbb{Z}$ and $Q(x,y) = \frac{r(x^2+2^\sigma t y^2)}{2^\lambda}$.

In either case, the resulting representation is said to be of type R and denoted $R(p, \lambda, \sigma, r, t)$. Information on (M, Q) may be obtained via `SL2Reps_ModuleR` (5.3.1), and subrepresentations of $R(p, \lambda, \sigma, r, t)$ with level p^λ may be constructed via `SL2Reps_RepR` (5.3.2). Note that if $\sigma = \lambda$ for $p \neq 2$, then the second factor of M is trivial (and hence t is irrelevant); this special case is handled by `SL2Reps_RepRUnary` (5.3.3).

Chapter 3

Lists of representations

3.1 Lists by degree

3.1.1 SL2Reps_PrimePowerIrrepsOfDegree

▷ `SL2Reps_PrimePowerIrrepsOfDegree(`*degree*`)` (function)

Returns: a list of records of the form `rec(S, T, degree, level, name)`

Constructs a list of all irreps of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ that are exactly the given degree and have prime power level.

3.1.2 SL2Reps_PrimePowerIrrepsOfDegreeAtMost

▷ `SL2Reps_PrimePowerIrrepsOfDegreeAtMost(`*max_degree*`)` (function)

Returns: a list of records of the form `rec(S, T, degree, level, name)`

Constructs a list of all irreps of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ that are at most the given degree and have prime power level.

3.1.3 SL2Reps_IrrepsOfDegree

▷ `SL2Reps_IrrepsOfDegree(`*degree*`)` (function)

Returns: a list of records of the form `rec(S, T, degree, level, name)`

Constructs a list of all irreps of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ that are exactly the given degree.

3.1.4 SL2Reps_IrrepsOfDegreeAtMost

▷ `SL2Reps_IrrepsOfDegreeAtMost(`*degree*`)` (function)

Returns: a list of records of the form `rec(S, T, degree, level, name)`

Constructs a list of all irreps of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ that are at most the given degree.

3.2 Lists by level

3.2.1 SL2Reps_PrimePowerIrrepsOfLevel

▷ `SL2Reps_PrimePowerIrrepsOfLevel(`*p, lambda*`)` (function)

Returns: a list of records of the form `rec(S, T, degree, level, name)`

Constructs a list of all irreps of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ with level exactly p^{λ}.

3.3 Lists of exceptional representations

3.3.1 SL2Reps_Exceptions

▷ `SL2Reps_Exceptions(arg)` (function)

Returns: a list of records of the form `rec(S, T, degree, level, name)`

Constructs a list of the 18 exceptional irreps of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

Chapter 4

Methods for testing

4.1 Testing

4.1.1 SL2Reps_SL2Conj

▷ `SL2Reps_SL2Conj(p, ld)` (function)

Returns: the group $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^\lambda\mathbb{Z})$ with conjugacy classes set to the format we use.

4.1.2 SL2Reps_ChiST

▷ `SL2Reps_ChiST(S, T, p, ld)` (function)

Returns: a list representing a character of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^\lambda\mathbb{Z})$

Converts the modular data (S,T), which must have level dividing p^λ, into a character of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^\lambda\mathbb{Z})$, presented in a form matching the conjugacy classes used in `SL2Reps_SL2Conj`.

4.1.3 SL2Reps_IrrepPositionTest

▷ `SL2Reps_IrrepPositionTest(p, lambda)` (function)

Returns: a boolean

Constructs and tests all irreps of level dividing p^λ by checking their positions in `Irr(G)`.

Chapter 5

Irreducible representations of prime-power level

5.1 Representations of type D

See 2.2.1.

5.1.1 SL2Reps_ModuleD

▷ `SL2Reps_ModuleD(p, ld)` (function)

Returns: a record describing (M,Q)

Constructs information about the underlying quadratic module (M,Q) of type D.

5.1.2 SL2Reps_RepD

▷ `SL2Reps_RepD(p, ld, chi_index)` (function)

Returns: a list of lists of the form $[S,T]$

Constructs the irreducible representation(s) of type D with level p^λ corresponding to the character χ indexed by `chi_index`.

5.2 Representations of type N

See 2.2.2.

5.2.1 SL2Reps_ModuleN

▷ `SL2Reps_ModuleN(p, ld)` (function)

Returns: a record describing (M,Q)

Constructs information about the underlying quadratic module (M,Q) of type N.

5.2.2 SL2Reps_RepN

▷ `SL2Reps_RepN(p, ld, chi_index)` (function)

Returns: a list of lists of the form $[S,T]$

Constructs the irreducible representation(s) of type N with level p^λ corresponding to the character χ indexed by `chi_index`.

5.3 Representations of type R

See 2.2.3.

5.3.1 SL2Reps_ModuleR

▷ `SL2Reps_ModuleR(p, ld, sigma, r, t)` (function)

Returns: a record describing (M,Q)

Constructs information about the underlying quadratic module (M,Q) of type R.

5.3.2 SL2Reps_RepR

▷ `SL2Reps_RepR(p, ld, sigma, r, t, chi_index)` (function)

Returns: a list of lists of the form $[S,T]$

Constructs the irreducible representation(s) of type R with level p^λ corresponding to the character χ indexed by `chi_index`.

5.3.3 SL2Reps_RepRUnary

▷ `SL2Reps_RepRUnary(p, ld, r)` (function)

Returns: a list of lists of the form $[S,T]$

Constructs the irreducible representation(s) of unary type R (that is, with $\sigma = \lambda$) with level p^λ.

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