

# McKay correspondence

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## Abstract

The goal of this thesis is to establish a 1-1 correspondence between quivers created from the four following sets whenever  $S$  is the power series ring  $\mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$  and  $G$  is a finite subgroup of  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  acting on  $S$

- The Maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules of the fixed ring  $S^G$ .
- The indecomposable projective modules of the skew group algebra  $S \# G$ .
- The indecomposable projective modules of  $\text{End}_{S^G}(S)$ .
- The irreducible representations of  $G$  (indecomposable  $\mathbb{C}G$ -modules).

Much of the thesis will be used to define these four quivers and to develop tools to establish such a correspondence. A similar correspondence can be established for a general field  $k$  and a finite subgroup of  $GL(n, k)$  with order nonzero in  $k$ , but in the general case we will only attain the MCM-modules that appear as  $S^G$ -direct summands of  $S$ .  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  is also especially interesting because the quivers are exactly the Dynkin diagrams.

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## 1 Finite subgroups of $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$

## 2 Characters and irreducible representations

This section is largely based on the book by [James and Liebeck, 2001].

Recall that the trace of a matrix is defined to be the sum of its diagonal elements and that the trace satisfies two important equations. Namely

$$\text{tr}(A + B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B) \text{ and } \text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$$

For a given representation of  $G$ ,  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ , we define its character by  $\chi_\rho : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\chi_\rho(g) = \text{tr}(\rho(g))$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** *Conjugate elements in  $G$  take the same value under a character.*

*Proof.* Let  $g$  and  $g'$  be in the same conjugacy class. Then there exists an element  $h$  such that  $h^{-1}gh = g'$ . Then we have

$$\chi(g') = \chi(h^{-1}gh) = \text{tr}(\rho(h)^{-1}\rho(g)\rho(h)) \stackrel{*}{=} \text{tr}(\rho(g)\rho(h)\rho(h)^{-1}) = \text{tr}(\rho(g)) = \chi(g)$$

In (\*) we use the fact that  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$ . □

**Lemma 2.1.** *For a finite abelian group  $G$  any irreducible representation must be 1-dimensional.*

*Proof.* Let  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$  be an irreducible representation. Since  $G$  is abelian we have that  $\rho(g)\rho(h)v = \rho(h)\rho(g)v$ . Thus multiplication by  $\rho(g)$  respects the action of  $G$  and we have that  $\rho(g)$  is a homomorphism of  $G$ -representations between  $\rho$  and itself. Then by Schur's lemma<sup>1</sup>  $\rho(g)$  must be a scalar multiplication. In other words every matrix  $\rho(g)$  for  $g \in G$  is diagonal (it is a scaling of identity). This implies that  $\rho$  can be written as a direct sum of 1-dimensional representations, but since  $\rho$  is irreducible  $\rho$  must be 1-dimensional. □

**Proposition 2.2.** *If  $\chi$  is the character of a representation,  $\rho$ , with dimension  $n$  of a group  $G$ , and  $g$  is an element of  $G$  with order  $m$ , then the following holds*

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<sup>1</sup>Statement and proof of Schur's lemma can be found in the appendix on page 12 as theorem A.1.

- (1)  $\chi(1) = n$
- (2)  $\chi(g)$  is the sum of  $m$ -th roots of unity.
- (3)  $\chi(g^{-1}) = \overline{\chi(g)}$

*Proof.*

- (1) The first result is immediate.

$$\chi(1) = \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = n$$

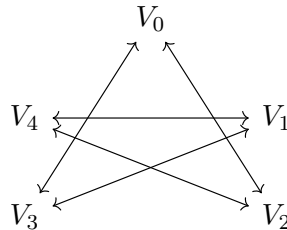
- (2) Since  $\langle g \rangle$  is an abelian group,  $\rho$  decomposes into  $n$  1-dimensional  $\langle g \rangle$ -representations. Then there is a basis such that  $\rho(g)$  is diagonal. Since  $g$  has order  $m$  it follows that the diagonal entries of  $\rho(g)$  must be  $m$ -th roots of unity. Thus  $\chi(g) = \text{tr}(\rho(g))$  must be the sum of  $m$ -th roots of unity.
- (3) Using the same basis as above and the fact that  $\omega^{-1} = \overline{\omega}$  when  $\omega$  is a root of unity we see that  $\chi(g^{-1}) = \text{tr}(\rho(g)^{-1}) = \overline{\text{tr}(\rho(g))} = \overline{\chi(g)}$ .

□

### 3 The McKay quiver

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $G$  be a finite subgroup of  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ , and let  $V$  be the canonical representation (the one that sends  $g$  to  $g$ ). Then we define the McKay quiver of  $G$  to be the quiver with vertices the irreducible representations of  $G$ , denoted  $V_i$ . For two irreducible representations  $V_i$  and  $V_j$  there is an arrow from the former to the latter if and only if  $V_j$  is a direct summand of  $V \otimes V_i$ .

**Example 3.1.** Let  $G$  be the group generated by  $g = \begin{bmatrix} \omega^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega^3 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $\omega$  is a primitive fifth root of unity. Then there are five different irreducible representations, the one sending  $g$  to  $\omega, \omega^2, \omega^3, \omega^4$  respectively, and the trivial representation. Denote the representation sending  $g$  to  $\omega^i$  by  $V_i$ , and let  $V = V_2 \oplus V_3$  be the canonical representation. Note that  $V_i \otimes V_j = V_{i+j}$ , where  $i+j$  is understood to be modulo 5. Then we get the following McKay-quiver



## 4 Krull-Remack-Schmidt

This section is largely based on the book by [Leuschke and Wiegand, 2012]. Here we will prove the Krull-Remack-Schmidt theorem for complete local noetherian rings.

We say a ring satisfies Krull-Remack-Schmidt if the following condition holds:

- (i) Any finitely generated module can be written as the finite direct sum of indecomposable modules.

- (ii) If

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^m M_i \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^n N_j$$

for indecomposable  $M_i$ 's and  $N_j$ 's, then  $m = n$  and there is a permutation,  $\sigma \in S_n$ , such that  $M_i \cong N_{\sigma(i)}$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

It's clear that (i) holds for any noetherian ring, since any decomposition of a noetherian module must eventually reach an indecomposable. In this chapter we will focus on proving (ii).

## 5 Skew group algebra $S \# G$ indecomposable projectives

This section is largely based on the book by [Leuschke and Wiegand, 2012]. This section will use definitions and theorems from representation theory as taught in the courses MA3203 - Ring Theory and MA3204 - homological algebra. Since I do not assume knowledge of this I have created appendix A. I will try to use footnotes to indicate where such theorems are used.

**Definition 5.1.** *If  $G$  is a subgroup of  $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ , we can extend the group action of  $G$  to  $\mathbb{C}[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$ . More explicitly  $G$  acts on  $x_i$  as it would the  $i$ th basis vector of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and acts on products and sums by acting on each component separately. We then define the skew group algebra  $\mathbb{C}[[x_1, \dots, x_n]] \# G$  to be the algebra generated by elements of the form  $f \cdot g$  with  $f \in \mathbb{C}[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$  and  $g \in G$ , and we define the multiplication by*

$$(f_1 \cdot g_1) \cdot (f_2 \cdot g_2) = (f_1 \cdot f_2^{g_1}) \cdot (g_1 \cdot g_2)$$

Where  $f^g$  denotes the image of  $f$  under the action of  $g$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *We have an isomorphism of rings*

$$e\mathbb{C}[[x, y]] \# G e \simeq \mathbb{C}[[x, y]]^G$$

where  $e = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} g$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f^g$  denote the image of  $f$  under the action of  $g$ . Then if we let  $f(x, y)g$  be an element of the skew algebra we get that  $ef(x, y)ge = f(x, y)^e \cdot ege = f(x, y)^e \cdot e = e \cdot f(x, y)$ . It then follows that  $e\mathbb{C}[[x, y]]\#Ge$  is isomorphic to the image of  $\mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$  under the action of  $e$ . Since  $ge = g$  for all  $g \in G$  it is clear that the image of  $e$  is contained in the fixed ring. For the converse you just need to notice that the fixed ring is fixed under  $e$  and thus is contained in the image.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.1.** *Let  $S = \mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$ . An  $S\#G$ -module is projective if and only if it is projective as an  $S$ -module.*

*Proof.* Onlyifity follows from  $S\#G$  being a free  $S$ -module, it is isomorphic to  $\bigoplus_{g \in G} S$ . Thus we need only show ifity.

First we need to see that an  $S\#G$ -linear map is just an  $S$ -linear map such that  $f(g(m)) = g(f(m))$  for all  $g \in G$ . Equivalently  $f(m) = g(f(g^{-1}(m)))$ . This allows us to define a group action on  $S$ -linear maps by  $f^g(m) = g(f(g^{-1}(m)))$ . Then we can restate it as

$$\text{Hom}_{S\#G}(M, N) = \text{Hom}_S(M, N)^G$$

Clearly if  $f$  is  $S\#G$ -linear then it's in  $\text{Hom}_S(M, N)^G$ . To see the other inclusion, let  $f$  be an  $S$ -linear map that is fixed under  $G$ . Then  $f(s \cdot gm) = sf(gm) = s \cdot g(f(g^{-1}gm)) = s \cdot gf(m)$ , and hence  $f$  is  $S\#G$ -linear. Nextly I want to show that  $-^G$  is an exact functor.

If  $K$  is the kernel of a map  $f : M \rightarrow N$ , then the kernel of the induced map  $f^G : M^G \rightarrow N^G$  is of course just  $K \cap M^G$  which equals  $K^G$ . Assume  $f$  is epi and let  $n \in N^G$ . Consider a preimage  $m$  such that  $f(m) = n$ . Let  $\theta = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} g(m)$ . Then  $\theta$  is in  $M^G$  and  $f(\theta) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} g(f(m)) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} n = n$ .

This implies that if  $\text{Hom}_S(P, -)$  is exact then  $\text{Hom}_S(P, -)^G = \text{Hom}_{S\#G}(P, -)$  is exact and our lemma follows.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.2.** *Let  $S$  be the complex power series ring in  $n$  variables, and  $\mathfrak{m} = \langle x_i \rangle_{i=1}^n$  the radical of  $S$ . Then for any free  $S$ -module  $N$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}N$  is small in  $N$ . That is if  $X$  is a submodule of  $N$  such that  $X + \mathfrak{m}N = N$ , then  $X = N$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be the free module  $S^{(I)} := \bigoplus_{i \in I} S_i$ , where  $S_i \cong S$ . Assume that  $X$  is a submodule such that  $X + \mathfrak{m}N = N$ . We denote by  $1_i$  the elements that is 1 at index  $i$  and 0 elsewhere. Since  $\{1_i\}$  generate  $N$ , it is enough to show that  $X$  contains all of them. Since  $X + \mathfrak{m}N = N$ , we know that there is an  $m_i \in \mathfrak{m}N$  and an  $x_i \in X$  such that  $x_i + m_i = 1_i$ . Then we have that  $x_i = 1_i - m_i$ . Since the power series at index  $i$  of  $x_i$  has constant coefficient 1 it is invertible. If we multiply  $x_i$  by its inverse we get  $\tilde{x}_i$  which is 1 at

index  $i$  and some element of  $\mathfrak{m}$  at index  $j \neq i$ , say  $m_{ij}$ . Then  $\tilde{x}_i - \sum_{j \neq i} m_{ij} \tilde{x}_j$  has a unit in index  $i$  and 0 at all other indices. Thus  $X$  contains  $1_i$  for all  $i$ , and  $X = N$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.2.** *Let  $S = \mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$  and let  $\mathfrak{m} = \langle x, y \rangle_S$  be the radical of  $S$ . Then there are bijections between the indecomposable projective  $S\#G$ -modules and the indecomposable  $\mathbb{C}G$ -modules given by*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{indecomposable projective} \\ S\#G\text{-modules} \end{array} \right\} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{indecomposable} \\ \mathbb{C}G\text{-modules} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{F} : P \longmapsto P/\mathfrak{m}P$$

$$\mathcal{G} : S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \longleftarrow W$$

Where the  $S\#G$ -module structure on  $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$  is given by  $(s \cdot g) \cdot f \otimes v = sf^g \otimes v^g$ .

*Proof.* First we should show that  $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$  is an indecomposable projective  $S\#G$ -module and that  $P/\mathfrak{m}P$  is in fact an indecomposable  $\mathbb{C}G$ -module. Since  $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$  is a free  $S$ -module it follows from lemma 5.1 that it is projective. To see that it is indecomposable we will first study it as an  $S$ -module and exploit the fact that  $\text{Hom}_{S\#G}(M, N) \subseteq \text{Hom}_S(M, N)$ .

Since  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the radical of  $S$  we have that

$$\frac{S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W}{\mathfrak{m}S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W} \cong S/\mathfrak{m} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \cong \mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \cong W$$

$W$  is the top of  $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$ . Further since the projection  $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \rightarrow W$  is  $S\#G$ -linear we have that  $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$  is the projective cover of  $W$  also as  $S\#G$ -modules. Then since  $W$  is simple it follows that  $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$  is an indecomposable projective. **Does it follow?**

It's clear that  $P/\mathfrak{m}P$  is a  $\mathbb{C}G$ -module, because  $\mathbb{C}G$  is a subring of  $S\#G$ . To see that it's indecomposable we will first show that it's indecomposable as an  $S\#G$ -module. By considering  $P$  and  $P/\mathfrak{m}P$  as  $S$ -modules and using the same argument as above we see that  $P$  is the projective cover of  $P/\mathfrak{m}P$ . Then since  $P$  is indecomposable  $P/\mathfrak{m}P$  **Is this true in general?** must also be indecomposable as an  $S\#G$ -module.

To see that this implies  $P/\mathfrak{m}P$  is indecomposable as a  $\mathbb{C}G$ -module notice that  $P/\mathfrak{m}P$  is annihilated by the ideal  $\langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle$ . This means it's an indecomposable as  $S\#G$ -module if and only if it's indecomposable as an  $S\#G/\langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle$ -module. Then since  $S\#G/\langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle \cong \mathbb{C}G$  it follows that  $P/\mathfrak{m}P$  is an indecomposable  $\mathbb{C}G$ -module.

To see that the given maps are bijections we will show that they are mutual inverses. First to see that  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{G}(W)) \cong W$  we simply look at the

definition

$$\frac{S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W}{\mathfrak{m}S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W} \cong S/\mathfrak{m} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \cong \mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \cong W$$

Next we consider  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F}(P)) = S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} P/\mathfrak{m}P$ . We have already seen that it's projective. Both  $P$  and  $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} P/\mathfrak{m}P$  have a natural projection onto  $P/\mathfrak{m}P$ , and by projectivity we get an induced  $S\#G$ -linear map from  $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} P/\mathfrak{m}P$  to  $P$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} P/\mathfrak{m}P & \\ & \downarrow & \\ P & \xrightarrow{\quad} & P/\mathfrak{m}P \end{array}$$

Now by lemma 5.2 we have that  $\mathfrak{m}P$  is small and that therefor the induced map is an epimorphism. Similarly we get an epimorphism in the other direction. Since  $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} P/\mathfrak{m}P$  has finite  $S$ -rank ( $P$  finitely generated **Why is  $P$  finitely generated? This would be true if  $P/\mathfrak{m}P$  is indec CG-module, so if thats clear this should be clear**), it follows that the map is an isomorphism of  $S$ -modules. Since the map is  $S\#G$ -linear it is tehrefor also an isomorphism of  $S\#G$ -modules.  $\square$

## 5.1 The Gabriel quiver

**Definition 5.2.** For a skew group algebra  $S\#G$  we define its *Gabriel quiver* to be the quiver with verticies as the indecomposable projective modules of  $S\#G$ . The arrows are given by taking the minimal projective resolution of  $P/\mathfrak{m}P$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}$  is as defined above. If the minimal projective resolution of  $P/\mathfrak{m}P$  is given by

$$\cdots \longrightarrow Q_1 \longrightarrow Q_0 \longrightarrow 0$$

We say there is an arrow from  $P$  to  $P'$  if  $P'$  appears as a direct summand of  $Q_1$ .

**Definition 5.3.** Let  $V$  be a vector space. We then define the exterior algebra  $\bigwedge V$  as the associative unital graded algebra such that the multiplication is bilinear and satisfies  $x \wedge y = -y \wedge x$  for any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $V$ .

Some key properties of the exterior algebra is that  $x \wedge x = 0$ , and more generally that  $x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_p = 0$  whenever  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^p$  are linearly dependent.

The  $p$ th exterior power of  $V$ , denoted  $\bigwedge^p V$  is the vector space of all elements that are the product of  $p$  vectors in  $V$ . If  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is a basis for  $V$ , then  $x_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_p}$  where  $i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_p$  and  $1 \leq i_j \leq n$  forms a basis for  $\bigwedge^p V$ , thus it is  $\binom{n}{p}$ -dimensional.

**Proposition 5.1.** *If  $S$  is the ring of formal power series over  $\mathbb{C}$  in  $n$  variables, and  $G$  is a finite group acting on  $S$ , let  $V = \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2$ . Then the minimal projective resolution of  $\mathbb{C} \cong S/\mathfrak{m}$  is given by*

$$0 \longrightarrow S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^n V \xrightarrow{\partial_n} \cdots \xrightarrow{\partial_2} S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^1 V \xrightarrow{\partial_1} S \longrightarrow 0$$

Where  $\partial_p$  is the  $S\#G$ -linear map defined by

$$\partial_p(s \otimes x_{i_1} \wedge x_{i_2} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_p}) = \sum_{j=1}^p (-1)^{j+1} s x_{i_j} \otimes x_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{x}_{i_j} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_p}$$

Where  $x_{i_1} \wedge x_{i_2} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_p}$  is one of the standard basis vectors for  $\bigwedge^n V$ , namely  $i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_p$ , and  $\hat{x}_j$  means that  $x_j$  is omitted.

*Proof.* First we should show that this is a projective resolution. Note that since the maps are  $S\#G$ -linear, showing that it's a minimal free resolution as an  $S$ -module implies it is a minimal projective resolution as an  $S\#G$ -module. Then what we need to show is

(i)  $\text{Cok } \partial_1 = \mathbb{C}$

(ii)  $\partial_{p-1} \circ \partial_p = 0$  for all  $p$

(iii)  $\text{Im } \partial_{p+1} = \text{Ker } \partial_p$  for  $p \geq 2$

(i) is clear since the image of  $\partial_1$  is  $\mathfrak{m}$ . (ii) can be shown through a quick computation

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{p-1} \circ \partial_p(s \otimes x_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_p}) &= \\ \partial_{p-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^p (-1)^{j+1} s x_{i_j} \otimes x_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{x}_{i_j} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_p} \right) &= \\ \sum_{j=1}^p (-1)^{j+1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} (-1)^{k+1} s x_{i_j} x_{i_k} \otimes x_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{x}_{i_k} \wedge \cdots \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{x}_{i_j} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_p} + \right. \\ \left. \sum_{k=j+1}^p (-1)^k s x_{i_j} x_{i_k} \otimes x_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{x}_{i_j} \wedge \cdots \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{x}_k \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_p} \right) \end{aligned}$$

From here we notice that the term with  $j < k$  is canceled by the term where  $k < j$ , because they are the negatives of each other. Thus the composition is 0. This would then imply that  $\text{Im } \partial_{p+1} \subseteq \text{Ker } \partial_p$ , so for part (iii) we need only show that  $\text{Ker } \partial_p \subseteq \text{Im } \partial_{p+1}$ .



First some notation: let  $\mathfrak{I}_p$  be the set of all tuples  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p)$  with  $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_p$  and  $1 \leq i_j \leq n$ , and let  $x_I$  denote  $x_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge x_{i_p}$  when  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_p)$ . Then assume

$$\sum_{I \in \mathfrak{I}_p} s_I \otimes x_I$$

is in the kernel of  $\partial_p$ .

Maybe just prove  $n=2$ , its simpler.... proof by induction on  $n$  on wikipedia  
[Maybe refferencing the proof will be better... or make an appendix on homological algebra](#)

Secondly we want to show that the resolution is minimal. To do this it is enough to show that for each  $k \geq 1$   $\partial_k$  is a projective cover of its image, and that  $S \rightarrow k$  is a projective cover. To this all we have to show is that the kernels of the maps are small. Since  $\text{Im } \partial_{k+1} = \text{Ker } \partial_k$  and  $\text{Im } \partial_{k+1} \subseteq \mathfrak{m} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^{k+1} V$  it follows from lemma 5.2 that the resolution is minimal.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.3.** *If  $S$  is the complex power series ring in  $n$  variables and  $G$  is a finite subgroup of  $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ , then the McKay quiver of  $G$  and the Gabriel quiver of  $S\#G$  are isomorphic.*

*Proof.* We have already seen that they have the same vertices, namely if  $V_i$  are the irreducible representations of  $G$ , then  $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i$  are the indecomposable projectives of  $S\#G$ . To see that they have the same arrows consider as above the minimal resolution of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$$0 \longrightarrow S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^n V \xrightarrow{\partial_n} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_2} S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^1 V \xrightarrow{\partial_1} S \longrightarrow 0$$

If we tensor with  $V_i$  on the right we will get a minimal resolution of  $V_i$  (you can see that is minimal by using the exact same argument above and prove that  $\text{Tor}_G^n(\mathbb{C}, V_i)$  is non-zero).

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\partial_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i} S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^1 V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i \xrightarrow{\partial_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i} S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i \longrightarrow 0$$

From here, since  $\bigwedge^1 V = V$ , we see that  $P_j = S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_j$  appears as a direct summand of  $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i$  exactly when  $V_j$  appears as a direct summand of  $V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i$ .  $\square$

## 6 The endomorphism ring of $S$ as an $S^G$ -module

Isomorphism to  $S\#G$  implies  $\text{proj } S\#G$  is  $S^G$  direct summands of  $S$ .

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $S$  be the complex power series ring in two variables,  $G$  be a finite subgroup of  $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $R = S^G$  the fixed ring of  $S$  under the action of  $G$ , and  $(S\#G)^G$  be the fixed ring of  $S\#G$  under left multiplication by  $G$ . Then  $S$  is isomorphic to  $(S\#G)^G$  as  $R$ -modules.*

*Proof.* To see this we will define an injective  $R$ -linear map from  $S$  to  $S\#G$  and show that its image is  $(S\#G)^G$ . Let  $\rho : S \rightarrow S\#G$  be given by

$$\rho(s) = \sum_{g \in G} s^g \cdot g.$$

It's clear that it's injective and it is  $R$ -linear because

$$\rho(rs) = \sum_{g \in G} r^g s^g \cdot g = r \sum_{g \in G} s^g \cdot g.$$

It should also be clear that the image is contained in  $(S\#G)^G$  because

$$h \cdot \rho(s) = \sum_{g \in G} h \cdot s^g \cdot g = \sum_{g \in G} s^{hg} \cdot hg = \rho(s).$$

To see that the image is all of  $(S\#G)^G$  consider an arbitrary element in  $(S\#G)^G$ ,  $\psi = \sum_{g \in G} s_g \cdot g$ . Since  $\psi$  is fixed under left multiplication by  $G$  we must have that

$$\sum_{g \in G} s_g^h \cdot hg = \sum_{g \in G} s_g \cdot g,$$

in particular  $s_h$  must equal  $s_1^h$  and it follows that  $\psi = \rho(s_1)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 6.2.**

## 7 Maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules of $S^G$

**Definition 7.1.** *If  $R$  is a local ring with residual field  $k$  we define the depth of a module,  $M$ , to be the minimal  $n$  such that the extension  $\text{Ext}_R^n(k, M)$  is non-zero.*

**Definition 7.2.** *If  $R$  is a commutative ring and  $M$  is an  $R$ -module, an  $R$ -regular sequence on  $M$  is a sequence of elements of  $R$ ,  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$  such that  $M/\langle r_1, \dots, r_i \rangle M$  is non-zero and multiplication by  $r_i$  is injective on  $M/\langle r_1, \dots, r_{i-1} \rangle M$ .*

**Definition 7.3.** *If  $R$  is a ring, we say that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a prime ideal in  $R$  if*

1.  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a proper ideal of  $R$ .

2. For any two elements  $a, b \in R$  such that  $ab \in \mathfrak{p}$  we must have that either  $a$  is in  $\mathfrak{p}$  or  $b$  is.

**Definition 7.4.** If  $R$  is a ring we define its Krull-dimension to be the maximum length of a chain of prime ideals in  $R$ . For example the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  has Krull-dimension  $n$  given by the chain

$$0 \subseteq \langle x_1 \rangle \subseteq \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle \subseteq \dots \subseteq \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$$

**Definition 7.5.** If  $M$  is a module over a local ring  $R$  with Krull-dimension  $d$  we say that  $M$  is maximal Cohen Macaulay (MCM) if the depth of  $M$  equals  $d$ .

**Theorem 7.1.** If  $G$  is a finite subgroup of  $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $S$  is the complex power series ring in  $n$  variables and  $R = S^G$  is the ring fixed under the action of  $G$ , then  $R$  is a direct summand of  $S$  as  $R$ -modules.

*Proof.* Consider the map  $\pi : S \rightarrow R$  given by

$$\pi(s) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} s^g$$

It's clear that the image of  $\pi$  is in  $R$  because an action from  $G$  will just permute the order of the sum. Further

$$\pi(r) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} r^g = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} r = r,$$

so  $\pi$  splits the inclusion  $R \hookrightarrow S$  which shows that  $R$  is a direct summand of  $S$ .  $\square$

## Appendices

### A Representation theory

**Definition A.1.** If  $R$  is a ring and  $M$  is an abelian group, we define a representation of  $R$  to be a ring-map,  $\varphi$ , from  $R$  to  $\text{End}(M)$ . We say that  $M$  is a (left)  $R$ -module, and we write  $rm$  with  $r \in R$  and  $m \in M$  to mean  $\varphi(r)(m)$ . Similarly we define a right  $R$ -module if  $\varphi$  goes from  $R$  to  $\text{End}(M)^{op}$  and we write  $mr$  for  $\varphi(r)(m)$ .

**Definition A.2.** If  $G$  is a group and  $V$  a complex vectorspace, we define a representation of  $G$  to be a group-map,  $\rho$ , from  $G$  to  $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$ . When  $\rho$  is inferred we say that  $V$  is a representation of  $G$  and we write  $gv$  to mean  $\rho(g)(v)$ . Note that representations of  $G$  exactly corresponds to representations of the ring  $\mathbb{C}G$  of formal linear combinations of elements of  $G$  with multiplication given by  $\lambda g \cdot \lambda' g' = (\lambda \cdot \lambda') gg'$ .

**Definition A.3.** If  $R$  is a ring and  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are two modules we define their direct sum,  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  to be the module consisting of all pairs  $(m_1, m_2)$  (usually written  $m_1 + m_2$ ), where addition and scalar multiplication is point-wise. If a non-zero module cannot be written as the direct sum of two non-zero modules we call it indecomposable.

**Definition A.4.** A submodule is a subset of a module which is also a module. A non-zero module with no non-trivial proper submodules is called simple or irreducible<sup>2</sup>.

**Theorem A.1.** (Schur's Lemma) Let  $G$  be a group and  $V$  and  $W$  be two irreducible representations of  $G$ . If  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is a  $G$ -linear map then  $f$  is a 0 if  $V$  and  $W$  are not isomorphic, and a scaling of identity (up to change of basis) if they are isomorphic.

*Proof.* Start by assuming  $f$  is non-zero. Then we will show that  $V$  and  $W$  are isomorphic. Since the image of  $f$  is a non-zero subrepresentation of  $W$  and  $W$  is irreducible, we have that  $\text{Im } f = W$  and  $f$  is surjective. Since the kernel of  $f$  is a proper subrepresentation of  $V$  we must have that the kernel is 0, and that  $f$  is injective. Thus  $f$  is an isomorphism. Now assume  $f : V \rightarrow V$  is a  $G$ -linear map. then we want to show that  $f$  is simply a scaling of identity. Since  $f$  is a linear map on a complex vector space it must have at least one eigen value, say  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $v$  be in the eigenspace  $\lambda$ . Since  $f(gv) = gf(v) = \lambda gv$  for all  $g$  in  $G$  we have that  $gv$  is also in the eigenspace. This means the eigenspace is a subrepresentation, and since  $V$  is irreducible it must equal all of  $V$ . This means that  $f$  is just scaling by  $\lambda$ .  $\square$

**Definition A.5.** We call a functor left exact if for any short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$$

the image of the sequence under the functor is also exact. For example for any module  $M$  the functor  $\text{Hom}(M, -)$  is left exact. That is the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(M, A) \xrightarrow{f \circ -} \text{Hom}(M, B) \xrightarrow{g \circ -} C$$

is exact. Dually we call a functor right exact if short exact sequences of the form

$$A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow 0$$

is mapped to an exact sequence. A functor that is both left exact and right exact is called exact.

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<sup>2</sup>The word simple is used for representations of rings while irreducible is used for representations of groups. Note that for finite groups irreducible and indecomposable are equivalent.

**Definition A.6.** We say that a module,  $P$ , is projective if for any epimorphism  $f : M \twoheadrightarrow N$ , and any map  $g : P \rightarrow N$ , there is a map  $\varphi : P \rightarrow M$  such that  $f\varphi = g$ . Said another way, the diagram below induces the dotted arrow making the diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & P \\ & \nearrow \varphi & \downarrow g \\ M & \xrightarrow{f} & N \end{array}$$

Note that  $P$  being projective is equivalent to  $\text{Hom}(P, -)$  being right exact (i.e. exact).

Projective cover + radical is small for noetherian modules  
 indec proj = summand of ring = idempotent of ring  
 projective resolution  
 Ext + Tor

## 8 Random Thoughts I need to figure out

If  $R=S$  then they have the same depth meaning  $M$  is cohen macaulay iff it's projective dimension is 0 (Auslander-Buchsbaum), but that means it's a direct summand of  $S$  as  $S(=R)$ -module, which make sense. If I can show that  $R = S/(f)$  for some polynomial  $f$ , can I show  $R$ -direct summands of  $S$  have projective dimension 1 over  $S$ ? Can I show  $R$  has depth  $\text{depth}(S)-1$ ? Then I also need to prove Auslander-Buchsbaum... Need to show some relation between dimension and depth.

If  $P$  is indec finitely generated projective then it is direct summand of  $S^n$ , then  $P$  must either be a direct summand of  $S$  or  $S^n - 1$  then by induction  $P$  is a summand of  $S$ . Can I assume  $P$  to be finitely generated????

$P/mP = \sum V_i \rightarrow P = \sum SV_i$ , means all projective  $S\#G$ -modules can be broken down into sums.

## 9 questions

Why does  $0 \rightarrow J \rightarrow S \otimes_R S \rightarrow S \rightarrow 0$  split?

Is it true that  $\dim R \leq \dim S$  (this is not true for  $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q}$ ), alternatively how to show that  $S$  is MCM?

Direct summand of MCM is MCM?

Is  $\mathfrak{m}P$  small for all fin.gen.  $S$ -modules  $P$ ? What about projectives? If  $\mathfrak{m}^{(I)}$  is small in  $S^{(I)}$ , then  $\pi(\mathfrak{m}S^{(I)}) = \mathfrak{m}P$  is small in  $P$ .

Are indec proj  $S\#G$ -modules fin.gen.?

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