

Representation theory of finite groups

Formalization project

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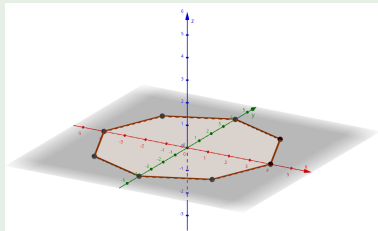
Convention: V has finite dimension, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

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$\dim(V)$ is the **dimension** or **degree** of (V, ρ) .

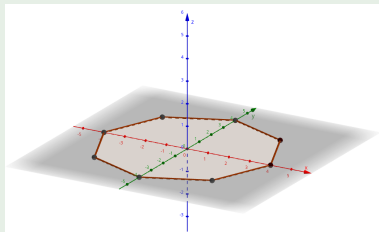
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Representation $\rho : D_{2n} \rightarrow GL(\mathbb{R}^3)$ with

- $\rho(a)$ as rotation about the Z-axis
- $\rho(b)$ as a rotation about a suitable axis in the XY-plane

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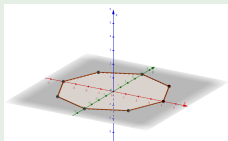
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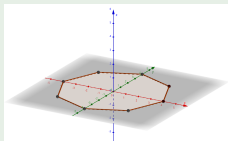


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- $\text{Im}(\theta)$ and $\text{Ker}(\theta)$ are invariant subspaces
- If V and W are irreducible, then $\theta : V \rightarrow W$ is 0 or bijective.

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“ \Leftarrow ” is trivial.

For “ \Rightarrow ”, we use the following two lemmas:

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For all $g \in G$, $\rho(g)$ is a Representation Endomorphism.

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Apart from that, the definitions introduced in the beginning of this presentation are missing in Mathlib.

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/-- A predicate for a subspace being invariant -/  
def IsInvariantSubspace {k G V : Type*} [CommSemiring k]  
  [Monoid G] [AddCommMonoid V] [Module k V]  
  (U : Submodule k V) (ρ : Representation k G V) :=  
    ∀ g : G, ∀ u : U, ρ g u ∈ U  
  
/-- defines degree of a representation as rank of its  
    module -/  
def degree {k G V : Type*} [CommSemiring k] [Monoid G]  
  [AddCommMonoid V] [Module k V]  
  (ρ : Representation k G V) : Cardinal := (Module.rank k  
    V)
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