

# Introduction To SemiLinear Reps of Infinite Symmetric Groups

## Part 1: Definition and motivation

Def: Let  $G$  be a group,  $K$  is a  $\overbrace{\text{field with a } G\text{-action}}^{G\text{-field}}$  (i.e.  $G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(K)$ ) Let  $K\langle G \rangle$  be the (twisted) group ring, i.e. it consists of elements  $\sum_{g \in G} a_g [g]$  with  $a_g \in K$  and the multiplication is given by

$$(a [g]) \cdot (b [h]) = a \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ g \text{ acts on } b}}{b^g} [gh]$$

A  $K$ -semilinear rep of  $G$  is a  $K$ -vector space  $V$  with a  $K\langle G \rangle$ -module structure.

In other words, take  $a \in K, v \in V, g \in G$

$$\text{we have } g.(av) = a^g(g.v)$$

Eg: (Trivial one) Take  $G$  gp,  $K$  a  $G$ -field

$S$  is a  $G$ -set, then  $K\langle S \rangle$  has a

natural  $K\langle G \rangle$ -module structure by diagonal action

$$g.(as) = a^g(g.s)$$

Motivation: 1) Semi-linear reps arise naturally in algebraic geometry (however deep, I won't talk about this since I know quite little)

2) We can simplify the picture by the Galois descent:

Take  $G$  a finite group, acts faithfully on a field  $K$ , i.e.  $G \hookrightarrow \text{Aut}(K)$ , let  $F = K^G$ .  
there is a quasi-equivalence of categories

$$\{K\text{-semilinear reps of } G\} \cong \{F\text{-vector spaces}\}$$
$$M \mapsto M^G \text{ "Galois descent"}$$

$$K \otimes_F V \hookrightarrow V$$

In particular, any  $K$ -semilinear rep of  $G$

is isomorphic to direct sum of trivial

semilinear rep  $K$  (being image of  $F$ )

Def: (<sup>algebraic</sup> Smooth rep) Let  $G$  be a topological gp (or algebraic gp),  $V$  is a  $G$ -set (in general will be a rep), we say  $v \in V$  is smooth if  $\exists$  compact open subgroup  $H \subset G$  such that  $Hv = v$ .

If any  $v \in V$  is smooth, we say  $V$  is smooth.

From now on, we mainly care about the category of smooth semilinear rep of  $G$ ,  $\text{Sm}_K(G)$

Prop:

It admits a simple generator if and only if

$G$  is precompact, i.e. any open subgroup of  $G$  is of finite

index. (For example,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{L}/K) \leftarrow$  infinite

profinite groups  $\Rightarrow$  Galois gp with Krull topology.)

## Part 2: Some Structure of $Sm_K(G_{\mathbb{Z}})$

Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be a countably infinite set and  $G_{\mathbb{Z}}$  be the permutation group of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , i.e. the infinite symmetric group.

Rmk: It's clear  $G_{\mathbb{Z}}$  does not contain any 'infinite' element, in other words, for any  $g \in G_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , there  $\exists$  a finite subset  $\Phi \subset \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $g\Phi \subset \Phi$  and  $g$  fixes any element in  $\mathbb{Z} - \Phi$ .

This is one way to define the infinite symmetric gp, there  $\exists$  'other kind' of infinite symmetric gp, which will not be discussed here.

There is a choice of  $K$ , we adopt the most natural one in this section:  $K = k(x_i | i \in \mathbb{Z})$   
"the infinite rational function field"

First result is that Projectives are not important  
in  $Sm_K(G_{\mathbb{Z}})$

Thm (Rovinsky 2022),

There is no non-zero projective in  $Sm_K(G_{\mathbb{Z}})$   $\square$

Next we may think about the injectives.

Indeed we may introduce a new topo spectrum:

Def (Gabriel Spectrum) Let  $C$  be a Grothendieck

cat (The reader can omit the meaning of it  
 since any cat of modules over associative ring is  
 a Grothendieck cat. By def, a  $g$ -cat is an ab  
 cat such that arbitrary coproduct exists and

there exists a generator and colimit is exact )  
 $\downarrow$   
 in this case it means  $\forall X \in C$   
 $\exists \bigoplus Y \twoheadrightarrow X$ .

the Gabriel Spectrum  $\text{Spec}(C)$  of  $C$  is a topological  
 space with points of indecomposable injectives.

The topology is given by the following:

for  $\forall X \in C$ , let  $[X]$  be the set of pts  $E$   
 such that  $\text{Hom}_C(X, E) = 0$ .

take base of opens to be  $[X]$  when  $X$   
 runs over all (finite presentable) objects  
 compact

[i.e. colim commute with  $\text{Hom}(X, -)$ ]

since  $[X] \cap [Y] = [X \oplus Y]$ , this is well-defined

Question: Why it is called spectrum?

Answer:

Prop: Take  $R$  noetherian unital commutative ring


$C = \text{Mod}(R)$ , then Gabriel spectrum  $\text{Spec}(C)$  is

homeomorphic to  $\text{Spec}(R)$ , the prime spectrum.

We care about the structure of  $\text{Spec}(\text{Sm}_k(\mathcal{G}_e))$

Thm 1 (Rovinsky, 2022)

[Assume  $K$  is a non-trivial  $\mathbb{G}_\mathbb{Z}$ -field.] Fix  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  <sup>any element</sup>

For any integer  $s \geq 0$ , the injective hull of objects  $K\langle(\frac{\Phi}{s})\rangle$  of  $\text{Sm}_K(\mathbb{G}_\mathbb{Z})$  represent distinct pts  $P_s$  in  $\text{Spec}(\text{Sm}_K(\mathbb{G}_\mathbb{Z}))$ . Any set containing infinitely many  $P_s$  is dense.  they're all the pts

Turn to  $\text{Cat Sm}_K(\mathbb{G})$ , we have the following fact :

It's locally noetherian, i.e.  $\exists$  a (small) generating objects such that they're noetherian, namely any ascending chain of subobjects ~~is~~ is stationary

Part 3.

$$K(\mathbb{Z}) = K(x_i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}), \quad G = \mathbb{G}_m$$

It's natural to ask a simple question,

For each  $n \geq 1$ , can we construct a simple object of  $\dim n$  in  $\text{Sm}_{K(\mathbb{Z})}(G)$

This question is easy to answer. Since there are only 1-dimensional simples in  $\text{Sm}_{K(\mathbb{Z})}(G)$

Thm:  $K \subset K(\mathbb{Z})$   $G$ -subfield, any smooth  $K$ -smooth semilinear rep of  $G$  can be embedded into a direct product of copies of  $K(\mathbb{Z})$ ; any  $K(\mathbb{Z})$ -semilinear rep of  $G$  of finite length is isomorphic to a direct sum of copies of  $K(\mathbb{Z})$

Next, we may want to consider some  $G$ -subfield  $K$  of  $K(\mathbb{Z})$

For each  $n \geq 1$ , can we construct a simple object of  $\dim n$  in  $\text{Sm}_K(G)$

## [Galois Case]

Case 1  $K := k(\sqrt[n]{x})^H$  where  $H$  is a finite subgrp of  $\text{Aut}_G(k(\sqrt[n]{x})) = \text{Aut}(k(x)|k) \cong \text{PGL}(2, k)$

Case 2  $K := L^H$  where  $k(\sqrt[n]{x})|L$  is transcendental and  $H$  is a finite subgrp of  $\text{Aut}_G(L)$

(Key Method) Make use of linear reps of  $H$  over  $k$

For each irr (linear) rep  $\rho$ , let  $V_\rho := \text{Hom}_{k[H]}(\rho, k(\sqrt[n]{x}))$

then  $V_\rho \in \text{Sm}_K(G)$

Moreover,  $V_\rho$  is irreducible and  $\dim_K V_\rho = \dim_K \rho$   
simple

In Case 1, we know all the finite subgps of  $\text{PGL}(2, k)$   
they're  $\mathbb{Z}/r\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $D_r$ ,  $A_4$ ,  $S_4$ ,  $A_5$   
cyclic dihedral

$\mathbb{Z}/r\mathbb{Z}$ : since any irr of ab gp is 1-dim  
we get 1-dim

$D_r$ : simple reps are 1-dim and 2-dim

$A_4$ : irr reps are of dim 1, 1, 1, 3  
↓

$S_4 : [S_4 : A_4] = 2$  so no new results than  $A_4$

$A_5 : \dim 1, 3, 3, 4, 5$

Indeed we can produce two 3-dim dual to each other

1 4-dim self dual

1 5-dim self dual

However, it's too limited in this case.

Only at most dim 5.

Let's look at Case 2

Thm  $\mathbb{R} \not\subseteq K \subset k(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $K$  alg closed,  $\mathbb{Q}$ -field.

then  $\text{tr. deg}(k(\mathbb{Z})|K) \leq 3$ .

We can give an explicit characterization

1) if  $\text{tr. deg}(k(\mathbb{Z})|K) = 1$ , either  $\exists R(X) \in k(X) - k$

s.t.  $K = k(R(X) - R(Y) \mid X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}) = k$

or  $\exists R(X) \in k(X) - k$

s.t.  $K = k\left(\frac{R(X)}{R(Y)} \mid X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}\right) = K_2$

2) if  $\text{tr. deg}(k(\mathbb{Z})|K) = 2$ , there  $\exists R(X) \in k(X) - k$

s.t.  $K = k\left(\frac{R(X) - R(Y)}{R(X) - R(Z)} \mid X, Y, Z \text{ pairwise different in } \mathbb{Z}\right)$

3) if  $\text{tr. deg}(k(\mathbb{Z})|K) = 3$ , then there  $\exists R(X) \in k(X) - k$

s.t.  $K = k\left(\frac{R(X) - R(Y)}{R(X) - R(W)}, \frac{R(Z) - R(W)}{R(Z) - R(Y)} \mid X, Y, Z, W \text{ pairwise different in } \mathbb{Z}\right)$



Our aim is to find  $K' \subset K$   $K|K'$  Galois  
 $G_{\mathbb{Z}}$

see whether there  $\exists$  higher dim example  
in  $SM_{K'}(G_{\mathbb{Z}})$

Thm (Qin ~)

$$1) \text{Aut}_{G_{\mathbb{Z}}}(K_1) \cong \mathbb{Z}^*$$

$$\text{Aut}_{G_{\mathbb{Z}}}(K_2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$2) \text{Aut}_{G_{\mathbb{Z}}}(K) \text{ is trivial}$$

$$3) \text{Aut}_{G_{\mathbb{Z}}}(K) \text{ is trivial.}$$

So all the naive ways of constructing them  
fail. We must consider new method.

For example, either we can consider non-Galois  
case, or we may try change the group even.