

# Introduction To Semilinear Reps of Infinite Symmetric Groups

## Part 1 : Definition and motivation

G-field

Def: Let  $G$  be a group,  $K$  is a  $\underbrace{\text{field with a } G\text{-action}}$  (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  $a \in K$ ,  $v \in V$ ,  $g \in V$

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) Semilinear 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

$\{K\text{-semilinear reps of } G\} \xrightarrow{\sim} \{F\text{-vector spaces}\}$

$M \mapsto M^G$  "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  $K$  ( $\cap$  being image of  $F$ )

Def: (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 subgp  $H \subset G$  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 subgp of  $G$  is of finite  
index. (For example,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\text{Gal}(L/K) \subset$  infinite  
profinite groups  $\Rightarrow$  Galois gp with Krull  
topology.)

## Part 2: Some Structure of $Sm_K(\mathbb{G}_\Sigma)$

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

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

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:  $K = k(x_i)_{i \in \Sigma}$   
"the infinite rational function field"

First result is that projectives are not important

in  $Sm_K(\mathbb{G}_\Sigma)$

Thm (Rolinckx 2022)

There is no non-zero projective in  $Sm_K(\mathbb{G}_\Sigma)$  □

Next we may think about the injectives.

Indeed we may introduce a new topology spectrum:

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

cat ( The reader can omit the meaning of it  
 since any cat of modules over & associate 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 )  
 in this case it means  $\forall X \in \mathcal{C}$   
 $\exists \bigoplus Y \rightarrow X$ .

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

The topology is given by the following:

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

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

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

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

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

Thm 1 (Rovinsky, 2022)

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

For any integer  $s \geq 0$ , the injective hull of objects

$K\langle(\frac{\Phi}{s})\rangle$  of  $Sm_K(\mathbb{G}_\Delta)$  represent distinct pts  $P_s$

in  $\text{Spec}(Sm_K(\mathbb{G}_\Delta))$ . Any set containing infinitely many  $P_s$  is dense.  $\uparrow$  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  $\sqsubset$  is stationary

Part 3.

$$k(\mathbb{A}) = k(x_i \mid i \in \mathbb{A}), \quad G = G_{\mathbb{A}}$$

It's natural to ask a simple question,

For each  $n \geq 1$ , can we construct a simple object of  $\dim n$  in  $Sm_{k(\mathbb{A})}(G)$

This question is easy to answer. Since there are only 1-dimensional simples in  $Sm_{k(\mathbb{A})}(G)$

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

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

For each  $n \geq 1$ , can we construct a simple object of  $\dim n$  in  $Sm_K(G)$

## [Galois Case]

Case 1

$K := k(\mathbb{X})^H$  where  $H$  is a finite subgp of  $\text{Aut}_G(k(\mathbb{X})) = \text{Aut}(k(\mathbb{X})|k) \cong \text{PGL}(2, k)$

Case 2

$K := L^H$  where  $k(\mathbb{X})|L$  is transcendental and  $H$  is a finite subgp of  $\text{Aut}_G(L)$

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

For each irr (linear) rep  $\rho$ , let  $V_\rho := \text{Hom}_{k[H]}(\rho, k(\mathbb{X}))$   
then  $V_\rho \in \text{Sm}_K(G)$

Moreover,  $V_\rho$  is irreducible and  $\dim_K V_\rho = \dim_{\mathbb{K}} \rho$   
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  
 $\downarrow$

$S_4 : [S_4 : A_4] = 2$  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

Then  $R \subsetneq K \subset k(\mathbb{P})$

Let  $K$  alg closed,  $G_{\mathbb{P}}$ -field.

then  $\text{tr.deg}(K/k) \leq 3$ .

we can give an explicitly characterization

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

s.t.  $K = k(R(X) - R(Y) | x, y \in \mathbb{P}) = K_1$

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

s.t.  $K = k\left(\frac{R(X)}{R(Y)} | x, y \in \mathbb{P}\right) = K_2$

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

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

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

s.t.  $K = k\left(\frac{R(X) - R(Y)}{R(X) - R(W)} \frac{R(Z) - R(W)}{R(Z) - R(Y)} | x, y, z, w \text{ pairwise different in } \mathbb{P}\right)$

Our aim is to find  $K' \subset K \quad K \mid K'$  Galois  
 $\mathbb{Q}_2$

see whether there  $\exists$  higher dim example  
in  $S_{M_{K'}}(\tilde{G}_2)$

Thm ( $\mathbb{Q}_2$  in  $\sim$ )

1)  $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{Q}_2}(K_1) \cong \mathbb{Z}^*$

$$\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{Q}_2}(K_2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

2)  $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{Q}_2}(K)$  is trivial

3)  $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{Q}_2}(k)$  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.