

HW#5

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I'll first write the definition of terminologies related to semisimplicity and simplicity. (Ref. *Algebra*, Lang.)

For a division ring R with 1, (as we only consider $R = K[G]$, where K is a field in this homework.)

Definition 1. R -module E is simple if it is non-zero and has no submodule other than 0 or E .

Note that this is same as irreducible module.

Definition 2. R -module E is semisimple if for any submodule F of E , there exists a submodule F' such that $E = F \oplus F'$. For a ring R with $1 \neq 0$, it is semisimple if it is semisimple as a left module over itself.

1(S 6.1) I'll first prove (i) \rightarrow (ii). Let $F = \{\sum_{s \in G} a_s s \in K[G] : \sum_{s \in G} a_s = 0\}$. It is $k[G]$ submodule of $K[G]$ since for any $s' \in G$,

$$s' \cdot \left(\sum_{s \in G} a_s s \right) = \sum_{s \in G} a_s s' s = \sum_{s \in G} a_{(s')^{-1}s} s \in F. \quad (1)$$

By the definition of semisimple module (or ring), there should exist a submodule F' such that $K[G] = F \oplus F'$. Since F, F' are K -vector space, it can be viewed as a decomposition of the vector space. For K -linear $\phi : K[G] \rightarrow K$ by $\phi(\sum_{s \in G} a_s s) = \sum_{s \in G} a_s$, it is surjective and F is the kernel, so $\dim F = |G| - 1$. It means $\dim F' = 1$. Now, assume it is spanned by $u = \sum_{s \in G} a_s s \in F'$, then $\sum_{s' \in G} s' u = \sum_{s \in G} \sum_{s' \in G} a_{s'} s \in F' \cap F$ as

$$\sum_{s \in G} \sum_{s' \in G} a_{s'} s = g \sum_{s' \in G} a_{s'} = 0. \quad (2)$$

It means $\sum_{s \in G} \sum_{s' \in G} a_{s'} s = 0$ and $\sum_{s \in G} a_s = 0$, implying that $u \in F' \cap F$, so zero. This is impossible. Therefore, F is not a direct summand of $K[G]$ and $K[G]$ is not semisimple.

Conversely, assume $\text{char } K \nmid g$, then $\frac{1}{g}$ is non-zero in K , so $p^0 = g^{-1} \sum_{s \in G} s p s^{-1}$ for K -linear projection from $K[G]$ to F is well-defined and the same argument in theorem 1 in 1.3 is well-applied. It shows that $K[G]$ is a semisimple.

2(S 6.2) By the definition of $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, it is bilinear. Also, by the construction of $\tilde{\rho}_i$ and linearity of Tr_{W_i} , the formula for $\langle u, v \rangle$ is also bilinear. Therefore, I can reduce to the case $u, v \in G$. For $a, b \in G$,

$$\langle a, b \rangle = g \sum_{s \in G} \delta_{s^{-1}a} \delta_{sb} = g \delta_{ab}. \quad (3)$$

Also, by the corollary 5.2 in the chapter 2,

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^h n_i \text{Tr}_{W_i}(\rho_i(ab)) = \sum_{i=1}^h n_i \chi_i(ab) = g \delta_{ab}. \quad (4)$$

Therefore, we get

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^h n_i \text{Tr}_{W_i}(\tilde{\rho}_i(uv)) \quad (5)$$

3-6(S 6.3) Note: Since $\mathbb{C}[G]$ is \mathbb{C} -algebra isomorphic to product of matrix algebras over \mathbb{C} , it is not multiplicative group as some elements does not have inverse. Therefore $\mathbb{C}[G]$ is not itself a multiplicative group.

- (a) Since U contains G , $s^{-1}u \in U$ for $s \in G$. As U is finite, $(s^{-1}u)^{|U|} = 1$, which implies that $(\tilde{\rho}_i(s^{-1}u))^{|U|} = \tilde{\rho}_i((s^{-1}u)^{|U|}) = I$ and the minimal polynomial of $\tilde{\rho}_i(s^{-1}u)$ should divide $x^{|U|} - 1 = 0$. Since \mathbb{C} is algebraically closed field of characteristic 0 and $x^{|U|} - 1$ is separable, $\tilde{\rho}_i(s^{-1}u)$ is diagonalizable and eigenvalues are roots of unity.

Since $u'u = 1$, $\tilde{\rho}_i(u's)\tilde{\rho}_i(s^{-1}u) = I$. As an inverse matrix of a diagonalizable matrix, each eigenvalue of $\tilde{\rho}_i(u's)$ is inverse of an eigenvalue of $\tilde{\rho}_i(s^{-1}u)$, and we have shown that each eigenvalues have absolute value 1 above. Therefore,

$$\text{Tr}_{W_i}(\rho_i(s^{-1})u_i)^* = \text{Tr}_{W_i}(\tilde{\rho}_i(s^{-1}u))^* = \text{Tr}_{W_i}(\tilde{\rho}_i(u's)) = \text{Tr}_{W_i}(u'_i\rho_i(s)) \quad (6)$$

As $\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$ for matrices A and B , we get

$$\text{Tr}_{W_i}(\rho_i(s^{-1})u_i)^* = \text{Tr}_{W_i}(\rho_i(s)u'_i) \quad (7)$$

Using Fourier inversion formula, we get $u(s)^* = u'(s^{-1})$.

- (b) Note that

$$uu' = \sum_{s \in G} \left(\sum_{s' \in G} u(ss')u'((s')^{-1}) \right) s. \quad (8)$$

Since $uu' = 1$, $\sum_{s' \in G} u(s')u'((s')^{-1}) = \sum_{s' \in G} u(s')u(s')^* = \sum_{s \in G} |u(s)|^2 = 1$.

- (c) By (b), we get $u(s)$ are all zero except one which is equal to ± 1 . As it contains G and U is contained in $G \cup (-G)$.
- (d) Let $u \in Z[G]$ has finite order about multiplication, then $U = \langle u, G \rangle$ is a finite subgroup of multiplicative group of $Z[G]$ as the generators are commutative and have finite order. By (c), U is contained in $G \cup (-G)$, so $u \in G \cup (-G)$. It proves the proposition.

7(S 6.4) Note that χ_i is a class function on G for each i , so for any conjugacy class $c \subset G$, $\chi_i(s_1^{-1}) = \chi_i(s_2^{-1})$ for $s_1, s_2 \in c$. Therefore, p_i is in the center of $\mathbb{C}[G]$. Also,

$$\omega_i(p_j) = g^{-1} \sum_{s \in G} \chi_j(s^{-1})\chi_i(s) = \delta_{ij} \quad (9)$$

from the theorem 3 in chapter 2. Since $(\omega_i)_{1 \leq i \leq h}$ defines an algebra isomorphism from center of $\mathbb{C}[G]$ to \mathbb{C}^h , which is \mathbb{C} -vector space isomorphism, and each $(p_i)_{1 \leq i \leq h}$ maps onto the basis of \mathbb{C}^h , p_i forms a basis of center of $\mathbb{C}[G]$.

The rest properties are the consequence of calculations. Since

$$\omega_i(p_j p_k) = \omega_i(p_j)\omega_i(p_k) = \delta_{ij}\delta_{ik}, \quad (10)$$

and $(\omega_i)_{1 \leq i \leq h}$ is an isomorphism, $p_i^2 = p_i$ and $p_i p_j = 0$. Also, $\omega_i(1) = 1$ for all i , and

$$(\omega_i)_{1 \leq i \leq h} : \sum_{j=1}^h p_j \mapsto (1, 1, \dots, 1), \quad (11)$$

so $\sum_{j=1}^h p_j = 1$.

Now, I'll prove the theorem 8 of 2.6. For a representation $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$, $\rho(p_i)^2 = \rho(p_i)$, so $\rho(p_i)$ is a projection matrix. Also, $\text{Im } \rho(p_i) \cap \text{Im } \rho(p_j) = 0$ for $i \neq j$ for $p_i p_j = 0$. Finally, as $\sum_{i=1}^h p_i = 1$, $\oplus_{i=1}^h \text{Im } \rho(p_i) = V$. Now, I need to show $\text{Im } \rho(p_i) = V_i$, which is constructed by collecting irreducible submodules isomorphic to W_i .

For $j \neq i$, assume that there exists a irreducible submodule $v \in L \subset V$ which is isomorphic to W_j and $\rho(p_i)(v) \neq 0$. Since p_i is in center of $\mathbb{C}[G]$ and L is irreducible, we can restrict the domain of $\rho(p_i)$ by L and get $\text{End}_{\mathbb{C}[G]}(L)$. By Schur's lemma, $\rho(p_i)$ is a homothety and $\text{Tr}(\rho(p_i)) = \frac{n_i}{g} \sum_{s \in G} \chi_i(s^{-1}) \chi_j(s) = 0$. Therefore, it is contradiction, and it implies $\sum_{j \neq i} V_j \subset \ker \rho(p_i)$. It shows that $\ker \rho(p_i) = V_i$, which ends the proof.

8(S 6.5) Let ϕ be the algebra homomorphism from center of $\mathbb{C}[G]$ to \mathbb{C} . Since $\sum_{i=1}^h p_i = 1 \in \mathbb{C}[G]$ is maps to 1 in \mathbb{C} , there should exists p_{i_0} such that p_{i_0} is maps to non-zero a . Assume it is not 1, then $\frac{1}{a} p_{i_0}$ maps to 1, so $\sum_{i=1}^h p_i - \frac{1}{a} p_{i_0}$ maps to 0. However,

$$\phi : \left(\sum_{i=1}^h p_i - \frac{1}{a} p_{i_0} \right) p_{i_0} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{a} \right) p_{i_0}^2 = \left(1 - \frac{1}{a} \right) p_{i_0} \mapsto a - 1 \neq 0, \quad (12)$$

which is contradiction. Therefore, $a = 1$. Since $\phi(p_{i_0} p_j) = \phi(p_{i_0}) \phi(p_j) = 0$ for $j \neq i_0$, $\phi(p_j) = 0$ except i_0 , and it should be same as ω_{i_0} . It shows that each homomorphism of center of $\mathbb{C}[G]$ is equal to one of the ω_i .

9(S 6.6) Let $\{c_i\}_{i=1}^h$ be the conjugacy classes of G . The center of $\mathbb{C}[G]$ is $\oplus_{i=1}^h \mathbb{C} e_i$ where $e_i = \sum_{s \in c_i} s$. Therefore, $\oplus_{i=1}^h \mathbb{Z} e_i$ is contained in the center of $\mathbb{Z}[G]$. Conversely, if u is in the center of $\mathbb{Z}[G]$, then $us = su$ for all $s \in G$ and \mathbb{C} is in the center of $\mathbb{C}[G]$, so $uu' = u'u$ for all $u' \in \mathbb{C}[G]$. Therefore, $u \in (\oplus_{i=1}^h \mathbb{C} e_i) \cap \mathbb{Z}[G] = \oplus_{i=1}^h \mathbb{Z} e_i$.