

Morphisms of Representations

$$\varphi: G \rightarrow GL(V), \quad \psi: G \rightarrow GL(W)$$

a morphism of representations from

φ to ψ is a linear map $T: V \rightarrow W$

such that

$$\psi_g \circ T = T \circ \varphi_g \quad \forall g \in G$$

(also intertwining operator)

Note: If T iso of vector spaces, $T^{-1}: W \rightarrow V$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_g = T \circ \varphi_g \circ T^{-1} \quad (\Leftrightarrow \text{equivalence})$$

V, W vector spaces

$$\text{Hom}(V, W) := \{ T: V \rightarrow W \text{ linear maps} \}$$

L is a vector space

$$c_1 T_1 + c_2 T_2$$

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Define

$$\text{Hom}_G(\varphi, \psi) := \left\{ T \in \text{Hom}(V, W) \mid \psi_g T = T \varphi_g \quad \forall g \in G \right\}$$

vector subspace of $\text{Hom}(V, W)$:

$$\text{if } T_1, T_2 \in \text{Hom}_G(\varphi, \psi)$$

$$\text{then } \underline{c_1 T_1 + c_2 T_2} \in \text{Hom}_G(\varphi, \psi), \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}$$

Prop: $T: V \rightarrow W$ is a morphism of representations from φ to ψ

$$[\varphi: G \rightarrow GL(V), \quad \psi: G \rightarrow GL(W)]$$

then $\text{Ker}(T) \leq V$ and $\underline{T(V)} \leq W$ are invariant subspaces

Proof: if $\underline{v} \in \text{Ker}(T)$, $g \in G$

$$T(\varphi_g(v)) = \psi_g(T(v)) = \psi_g(0) = 0 \quad \text{so}$$

$$\underline{\varphi_g(\text{Ker}(T))} = \text{Ker}(T), \quad \text{also applies to } \varphi_{g^{-1}}$$