

## EXERCISE 2 IN INTRODUCTION TO REPRESENTATION THEORY

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- (1) Let  $\pi, \tau \in \text{Rep}(G)$  and let  $\phi : \pi \rightarrow \tau$  be a morphism of representations which is an isomorphism of linear spaces. Show that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism of representations. In other words, show that the linear inverse  $\phi^{-1}$  is also a morphism of representations.
- (2) (P) Show that a finite-dimensional representation  $\pi$  of a group  $G$  is a direct sum of irreducible representations if and only if for any subrepresentation  $\tau \subset \pi$  there exists another subrepresentation  $\tau' \subset \pi$  such that  $\pi = \tau \oplus \tau'$ .
- (3) (P) Let  $G$  be an infinite group and  $H < G$  a subgroup of finite index. Let  $(\pi, G, V)$  be a complex representation of  $G$  and  $L \subset V$  a  $G$ -invariant subspace. Suppose we know that the subspace  $L$  has an  $H$ -invariant complement. Show that then it has a  $G$ -invariant complement.

**Definition 1.** If  $X$  is a finite  $G$ -set we denote by  $\pi_X$  the natural representation of the group  $G$  on the space  $F(X)$  of functions on  $X$ .

- (4) (P) Show that if  $X, Y$  are finite  $G$ -sets then the intertwining number  $\langle \pi_X, \pi_Y \rangle$  equals to the number of  $G$ -orbits in the set  $X \times Y$  (with respect to the diagonal action  $g(x, y) = (gx, gy)$ ).
- (5) Let  $\pi \in \text{Rep}(G)$  and  $\tau \in \text{Rep}(H)$ . Let  $\pi^G$  denote the space of  $G$ -invariant vectors,  $\pi^G = \{v \in \pi : \pi(g)v = v \forall g \in G\}$ . Show that  $(\pi \otimes \tau)^{G \times H} = \pi^G \otimes \tau^H$ .
- (6) Show that every complex matrix  $A$  with  $A^n = Id$  is diagonalizable.
- (7) (\*) Let  $G, H$  be finite groups. Show that any irrep of  $G \times H$  is of the form  $\sigma \otimes \rho$ , where  $\sigma \in \text{Irr}(G)$ ,  $\rho \in \text{Irr}(H)$ .
- (8) (\*) We showed that  $\langle \pi, \tau \rangle = \langle \tau, \pi \rangle$ . Is that still true over
  - (a)  $F = \mathbb{R}$ ?
  - (b)  $F = \mathbb{F}_p$ ?

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