

Throughout, K denotes a **field** and G a finite group. Furthermore, all KG -modules considered are assumed to be *left* modules and finite-dimensional over K .

Recall that $M \mid N$ means that the KG -module M is (isomorphic to) a direct summand of the KG -module N .

A. Exercises for the tutorial.

EXERCISE 1 (Proof of the Converse of Maschke's Theorem for K splitting field for G .)

Assume K is a splitting field for G of positive characteristic p with $p \mid |G|$. Set $T := \langle \sum_{g \in G} g \rangle_K$.

- (a) Prove that there is a series of KG -submodules given by $KG^\circ \supseteq I(KG) \supseteq T \supseteq 0$.
- (b) Deduce that the regular module KG° has at least two composition factors isomorphic to the trivial module K .
- (c) Deduce that KG is not a semisimple K -algebra using Theorem 8.2.

EXERCISE 2.

Let M, N be KG -modules. Prove that:

- (a) $M \cong (M^*)^*$ as KG -modules (in a natural way);
- (b) $M^* \oplus N^* \cong (M \oplus N)^*$ and $M^* \otimes_K N^* \cong (M \otimes_K N)^*$ as KG -modules (in a natural way);
- (c) M is simple, resp. indecomposable, resp. semisimple, if and only if M^* is simple, resp. semisimple, resp. indecomposable.

EXERCISE 3.

Let $0 \longrightarrow L \xrightarrow{\varphi} M \xrightarrow{\psi} N \longrightarrow 0$ be a s.e.s. of KG -modules. Prove that if $M \cong L \oplus N$, then the s.e.s. splits.

[Hint: Consider the exact sequence induced by the functor $\text{Hom}_{KG}(N, -)$ and use the fact that the modules considered are all finite-dimensional.]

B. Exercises to hand in.

EXERCISE 4.

Let M, N be KG -modules. Prove that:

(a) the map

$$\begin{aligned} \theta := \theta_{M,N}: M^* \otimes_K N &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}_K(M, N) \\ f \otimes n &\longmapsto \theta(f \otimes n): M \longrightarrow N, m \mapsto \theta(f \otimes n)(m) = f(m)n \end{aligned}$$

is a K -isomorphism;

(b) Tr_M is a KG -homomorphism and $\text{Tr}_M \circ \theta_{M,M}^{-1}$ coincides with the ordinary trace of matrices;

(c) $M \mid M \otimes_K M^* \otimes_K M$ and if $\text{char}(K) \mid \dim_K(M)$, then $M \oplus M \mid M \otimes_K M^* \otimes_K M$. (This is more challenging!)

EXERCISE 5.

Prove that $\text{Coind}_{(1)}^G(K) \cong (KG)^*$ as KG -modules by defining an explicit KG -isomorphism.

[Warning: with their KG -module structures $\text{Coind}_{(1)}^G(K)$ and $(KG)^*$ are isomorphic but not equal!]

EXERCISE 6.

Let U, V, W be KG -modules. Prove that there are isomorphisms of KG -modules:

(i) $\text{Hom}_K(U \otimes_K V, W) \cong \text{Hom}_K(U, V^* \otimes_K W)$; and

(ii) $\text{Hom}_{KG}(U \otimes_K V, W) \cong \text{Hom}_{KG}(U, V^* \otimes_K W) \cong \text{Hom}_{KG}(U, \text{Hom}_K(V, W))$.

EXERCISE 7 (Optional Exercise).

Investigate whether the statements of Exercise 2, Exercise 4, and Exercise 5 can be generalised to the case in which K is an arbitrary commutative ring and the KG -modules are free of finite rank when seen as K -modules.