

Definition 0.1. Given two representations $(\pi_1, V_1), (\pi_2, V_2)$ of a group G we denote by $\text{Hom}_G(V_1, V_2)$ the linear space of linear maps $T : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ such that $T \circ \pi_1(g) = \pi_2(g) \circ T$ for all $g \in G$.

Problems.

- 1) Prove *easy to show* on p.8 in [S] (Serre's book).
- 2) Let $(\pi_1, V_1), (\pi_2, V_2)$ be non-equivalent irreducible representations of a group G , $(\pi, V) := (\pi_1, V_1) \oplus (\pi_2, V_2)$. Show that any non-trivial invariant subspace of V is either equal to V_1 or is equal to V_2 .
- 3) Construct a 2-dimensional representations of the group \mathbb{Z} which is reducible but is not equivalent to a direct sum of irreducible representations.
- 4) Let G be a finite group, X, Y be finite G -sets. Show that the dimension of the space $\text{Hom}_G(\mathbb{C}[X], \mathbb{C}[Y])$ is equal to the number of G -orbits on $X \times Y$ under the diagonal action of $G, g : (x, y) \rightarrow (gx, gy)$.
- 5) Let S_n be the group of permutations of the set I with n elements [the symmetric group in n symbols]. For any $r, 0 \leq r \leq n$ we denote by X_r the set of subsets of I with r elements.

The group S_n acts naturally on X_r for each $r, 0 \leq r \leq n$ and we denote by ρ_r the permutation representation of the group S_n on the space $\mathbb{C}[X_r]$. Assume that $n > 6$.

- a) Find $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}[X_r])$.
- b) Decompose representations ρ_0, ρ_1, ρ_2 into a sum of irreducible representations and find dimensions of these irreducible representations.
- c) Do the same for $r = 3$.