

Representation Theory Exercises — Sheet 10

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In this exercise sheet G denotes a finite group and K denotes an algebraically closed field of characteristic p .

Exercise 40: Prove the following.

- (a) If U and V are KG -modules and U is relatively H -projective for a subgroup H of G , then $U \otimes V$ is also relatively H -projective.

[Hint: prove the claim first for relatively free modules]

- (b) Assume that a Sylow p -subgroup $P \leq G$ is a TI-subgroup of G , and set $L := N_G(P)$. Let M and N be indecomposable non-projective KG -modules. Prove that the Green correspondent of $M \otimes N$ (modulo projectives) is the tensor product of the Green correspondents of M and N .

Exercise 41: Let $V_{d+1} \subset K[X, Y]$ be the subspace of homogeneous polynomials of degree d , for $0 \leq d \leq p-1$. Let $W_i \leq V_{d+1}$ be the subspace spanned by $\{X^i Y^{d-i}, X^{i-1} Y^{d-i+1}, \dots, Y^d\}$, for $0 \leq i \leq d$. Let

$$U := \langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rangle \leq G := \mathrm{SL}_2(p),$$

and let

$$B := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{F}_p^\times, b \in \mathbb{F}_p \right\}.$$

Prove that the following assertions hold.

- (a) W_i is a KU -submodule of V_{d+1} .
- (b) W_i/W_{i-1} is the trivial KU -module.
- (c) Any element of $W_i \setminus W_{i-1}$ generates W_i as a KU -module.
- (d) W_i is an indecomposable KU -module with a simple head. Determine the KB -module structure of $\mathrm{hd}(W_i)$.
- (e) V_{d+1} is a simple KG -module.

Exercise 42: Determine the kernels of the representations corresponding to the $KSL_2(p)$ -modules V_d from the previous question, for $0 \leq d \leq p$.

Exercise 43: Let F be a field, A an F -algebra, and N an algebraically closed field containing F . Show that

- (a) A splits if extension of scalars induces a bijection between isomorphism classes of simple A -modules and simple A_N -modules;
- (b) there is a finite field extension $F_1|F$ such that A_{F_1} splits;
- (c) if A splits, then $\text{Hom}_A(S, S) = F$ for every simple A -module S .