

# Lecture 13

Review  $L$  a Lie algebra,  $V$  an  $L$ -module means:

- bilinear map  $L \times V \rightarrow V$ ,  $(x, v) \rightarrow x \cdot v$  such that
- $[x, y] \cdot v = x \cdot y \cdot v - y \cdot x \cdot v \quad \forall x, y \in L, v \in V$

Corresponding representation  $\rho: L \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ ,  $\rho(x)(v) := x \cdot v$ ,  
is a Lie algebra homomorphism.

Def A submodule is an  $L$ -invariant subspace  $U \subseteq V$ .

Def  $V$  is simple (irreducible) if only submodules are  $\{0\}$   $V$ .

simple  $\iff \exists$  basis of  $V$  so  $\rho(L) \subseteq \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & \# \end{pmatrix}$

Ex Submodule gen by collection of vectors in  $V$

Def Quotient module  $V/U$ ,  $x \cdot (v+U) := xv + U$

Def  $V$  is indecomposable if  $\exists$  submodules  $U, W$  with  $V = U \oplus W$ .

indecomposable  $\iff \exists$  basis of  $V$  so  $\rho(L) \subseteq \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 \\ 0 & \# \end{pmatrix}$

so irreducible  $\implies$  indecomposable.

Rank Exercise: Let  $U, W$  be subspaces w/  $U \cap W = \{0\}$  and  $V = \langle U, W \rangle$ .  
Then  $V \cong U \oplus W$  as vector spaces. If both are submodules,  
then  $V \cong U \oplus W$  as modules.

Given  $U \subseteq V$  a submodule, there always is a subspace  
so  $V = U \oplus W$  as vector spaces, but not always a submodule.

# Homomorphisms

Def Let  $L$  be a Lie algebra,  $V, W$   $L$ -modules. An  $L$ -module homomorphism is a linear map  $T: V \rightarrow W$  such that

$$T(x \cdot v) = x \cdot T(v) \quad \forall x \in L, v \in V.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 V & \xrightarrow{T} & T(V) \\
 x \downarrow & & x \downarrow \\
 x \cdot v & \xrightarrow{T} & T(x \cdot v)
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{commutes}$$

Props  $\Psi_V: L \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ ,  $\Psi_W: L \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(W)$  then

$$T \circ \Psi_V(x)(v) = \Psi_W(x) \circ T(v), \quad \text{i.e. } T \circ \Psi_V = \Psi_W \circ T.$$

sometimes say  $T$  intertwines.

Exercise Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a module homom. Then  $\text{Image}(T)$  and  $\text{Ker } T$  are both submodules (of  $W$  &  $V$  respectively)

# Isomorphism Thms

- Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be  $L$ -module homomorphism. Then  $V/\text{Ker } T \cong \text{Im}(T)$  as  $L$ -modules.
- Let  $U, W$  be submodules of  $V$ . So are  $U+W$  and  $U \cap W$  and
 
$$U+W/W \cong U/(U \cap W) \text{ as } L\text{-modules.}$$
- $U \subseteq W \subseteq V$  then  $W/U$  is a submodule of  $V/U$  and  $V/U/W/U \cong V/W$ .
- Submodules of  $V/U \leftrightarrow$  submodules of  $V$  containing  $U$ .

Ex  $L$  be 1-dim abelian,  $\langle x \rangle$ . Then  $x \rightarrow f \in \mathfrak{gl}(V)$  is a representation for any  $f$ .

When is this  $\cong$  to  $x \rightarrow g \in \mathfrak{gl}(W)$ ?

Need  $\cong T$  s.t.  $Tf = gT$ , i.e.  $TfT^{-1} = g$ , so same matrix, diff basis?

Generalize  $\psi_1: L \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(n, F)$ ,  $\psi_2: L \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(n, F)$  are  $\cong$  iff  $\exists$  single change of basis matrix sending  $\psi_1(x)$  to  $\psi_2(x)$   $\forall x \in L$ .

7.9 Ex  $L = \langle x, y \mid [x, y] = x \rangle$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Define

$$\psi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \psi(y) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = x$   
so  $\psi$  is a representation

Claim  $\psi$  is  $\cong$  to the adjoint rep  $\text{ad}: x \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $y \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  Basis  $e_1, e_2 \rightsquigarrow \{e_1, e_2\}$

\*  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(V, W)$  is a vector space

\*  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(V, V) = \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$  is an  $F$ -alg.

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Schur's Lemma Let  $L$  be a Lie algebra /  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $S$  a simple  $L$ -module,  $\theta: S \rightarrow S$  a module hom. Then  $\theta = \lambda \cdot \text{Id}$

Proof Let  $\theta: S \rightarrow S$ . Since /  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\theta$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Consider  $\theta - \lambda \text{Id}$ , also a module homomorphism. Then

$\text{Ker}(\theta - \lambda \text{Id}) \neq 0$ , but it's a submodule,

so  $\text{Ker}(\theta - \lambda \text{Id}) = S$  i.e.  $\theta = \lambda \text{Id}$  //

## Schur's Continuation

- More generally if  $S$  is simple  $L$ -module, arbitrary, then  $\text{End}_L(S)$  is a division algebra.

### Important Corollary

Suppose  $L/\mathbb{C}$  and  $S$  is irreducible. Let  $z \in Z(L)$ . Then  $z$  acts by scalar multiplication on  $S$ , i.e.  $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  so  $z \cdot v = \lambda v \forall v \in S$ .

Proof Claim: Fix  $z$ . Then  $v \mapsto z \cdot v$  is an  $L$ -module homom.

Proof Clearly linear. Let  $L_z(v) = z \cdot v$

$$\begin{aligned} L_z(x \cdot v) &= z \cdot x \cdot v \\ &= x \cdot z \cdot v + [z, x] \cdot v \\ &= x \cdot L_z(v) + 0 \text{ since } z \in Z(L) \end{aligned}$$

Now apply Schur.

COR  $L$  algebra over  $\mathbb{C} \Rightarrow$  all simple modules 1-dim. (True for solvable)