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An prominent field of study related to Lie theory, representations of Lie groups and Lie algebras, has its origins in the work of Sophus Lie, who examined certain transformation groups that are now known as Lie groups. Both Lie groups and Lie algebras are now fundamental to many areas of theoretical physics and mathematics. Compared to the Liegroup, the Lie algebra is more readily available since it is a linear entity. Wilhelm Killing (1847–1923) argued that categorising all (finite dimensional real) Lie algebras should come before classifying all group actions. It became evident from the slow development of Lie, Friedrich Engel (1861–1941), and Killing's theories that figuring out all basic Lie algebras was essential. Unless otherwise indicated, a Lie algebra is a finite dimensions over a field with characteristic zero in this article.

A vector space with a basis made up of group elements and additional structure using the product operation on G is called a group algebra of a finite group G . Group algebras may be thought of as the foundation for representation theory of finite groups. A homomorphism $\rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ of G to the group of automorphisms of V is a representation of a finite group G on a finite dimensional complex vector space V . A vector subspace W of a representation V that is invariant under G is a subrepresentation of that representation. For any $g \in G$ and $w \in W$, that is $\rho(g)(w) \in W$. If there isn't a valid invariant subspace W of V , then ρ is irreducible. Through the bracket (commutator) operation, the group algebra takes on the structure of a Lie algebra.

Plesken Lie algebra is the name given to the creation of a Lie algebra of a finite group by W. Plseken and Arjeh M. Cohen. They ran into the issue of which groups the construction would provide a simple Lie algebra for. By explicitly identifying the groups for which the Plesken Lie algebra is simple or semisimple, Arjeh M. Cohen and D. E. Taylor conducted a thorough investigation of the structure of Plesken Lie algebras in [1]. The representations of Plesken Lie algebras, Plesken Lie algebra modules, and the representations of Plesken Lie algebras derived from the group representations are all covered in this work. Additionally, we identify the irreducible representations of Plesken Lie algebras.

1. PRELIMINARIES

We will first go through preliminaries of Lie algebras, group algebras and Plesken Lie algebras. Also we describe some structural properties of group algebras. Further we will introduce the notion of representation of Plesken Lie algebras. We also discuss some irreducible representations of Plesken Lie algebras of some groups.

Lie

Let L be a vector space over a field F endowed with an operation called Lie bracket satisfying the following properties:

(1) Bilinearity: For $x, y, z \in L, a, b \in F$

$$[ax+by, z] = a[x, z] + b[y, z]$$

$$[x, ay+bz] = a[x, y] + b[x, z]$$

(2) $[x, x] = 0$ for all $x \in L$

(3) Jacobi identity:

$$[x, [y, z]] + [y, [z, x]] + [z, [x, y]] = 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in L$$

A vector subspace K of L is a Lie subalgebra of L if $[x, y] \in K$ for all $x, y \in K$, and a subspace I of a Lie algebra L is called an ideal if $[x, y] \in I$ for all $x \in L, y \in I$. A Lie algebra homomorphism from L to L' is a linear map $\varphi: L \rightarrow L'$ such that $\varphi([x, y]) = [\varphi(x), \varphi(y)]$ for all $x, y \in L$.

A group algebra FG of a group G is a vector space with group elements as a basis. That is,

$$FG = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i : a_i \in F \text{ for all } i \right\}$$

Here the multiplication is defined by

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n b_j g_j \right) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_i b_j (g_i g_j), a_i, b_j \in F$$

A linear map between two group algebras FG and FH which preserves the algebra multiplication is a homomorphism of group algebras.

Definition 1. (cf. [1]) Plesken Lie algebra $L(G)$ of a group G is the linear span of elements $\hat{g} = g - g^{-1} \in FG$ together with the Lie bracket

$$[\hat{g}, \hat{h}] = \hat{g}\hat{h} - \hat{h}\hat{g}$$

Example 1. Consider the symmetric group S_3 , then

$$\begin{aligned} L(S_3) &= \text{span} \{ \sigma - \sigma^{-1} : \sigma \in S_3 \} \\ &= \{ a_1((1)-(1)) + a_2((12)-(12)) + a_3((13)-(13)) + a_4((23)-(23)) \\ &\quad + a_5((123)-(132)) + a_6((132)-(123)) : a_i \in \mathbb{C} \} \\ &= \{ a((123)-(132)) : a \in \mathbb{C} \} \end{aligned}$$

is a one-dimensional Plesken Lie algebra over $\mathbb{C}$ with Lie bracket

$$[a(\widehat{123}), b(\widehat{123})] = 0$$

2. GROUP ALGEBRA HOMOMORPHISMS AND PLESKEN LIE ALGEBRA HOMOMORPHISMS

Here we go through some structural properties of group algebras and Plesken Lie algebras such as group algebra homomorphisms, group algebra representations and Plesken Lie algebra homomorphisms.

Lemma 1. Let $f: G \rightarrow H$ be a group homomorphism. Then $\tilde{f}: FG \rightarrow FH$ defined by

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(g_i)$$

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is a homomorphism between group algebras.

$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(g_i); a_i \in F \text{ for all } i \}$. Clearly $\tilde{f}$ is

Proof.

Let $G = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$, then $FG = \{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i \mid a_i \in F \}$

linear and for $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i, \beta = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i g_i \in FG$,

$$\alpha + \beta = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i) g_i$$

$$\tilde{f}(\alpha + \beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i) f(g_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(g_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i f(g_i) = \tilde{f}(\alpha) + \tilde{f}(\beta)$$

hence, $\tilde{f}$ is a homomorphism between group algebras. Q

However, it is not necessary that any group algebra homomorphisms induced by a group homomorphism as seen in the following example.

Example 2. Consider the group $G = \{e, \sigma\}$ where $\sigma^2 = e$. Define $f: CG \rightarrow CG$

by $f(e) = e$ and $f(\sigma) = -\sigma$ with f is linear

Then f is a group algebra homomorphism. But f is not induced from any group homomorphism.

A representation of a group algebra FG is a linear map $\varphi: FG \rightarrow \text{gl}(V)$ (where $\text{gl}(V)$ is the set of all endomorphisms on V) such that φ is an algebra homomorphism. A representation of a group G gives rise to a representation of the group algebra FG as follows.

Definition 2. Given a representation $\rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ of a group G . Then $\varphi: FG \rightarrow \text{gl}(V)$ defined by

$$\varphi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \rho(g_i)$$

is a representation of FG .

A subrepresentation of a representation $\varphi: FG \rightarrow \text{gl}(V)$ is a map $\varphi': FG \rightarrow \text{gl}(W)$ where W is a vector subspace of V which is invariant under FG . A representation φ is irreducible if there is no proper FG -invariant subspace W of V . That is, there is no proper invariant subspace W such that $\varphi(x)(w) \in W$ for all $w \in W$ and $x \in FG$.

Theorem 1. If $\rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ is an irreducible representation of G , then the representation $\varphi: FG \rightarrow \text{gl}(V)$

defined by

is also irreducible.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \rho(g_i)$$

Proof. Since $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$ is an irreducible representation, V has no proper G -invariant subspace. Let $\varphi : FG \rightarrow \text{gl}(V)$ be the corresponding representation of FG . Also let W be an invariant subspace of V under the action φ . That is $\varphi(x)(w) \in W$ for all $w \in W$ and $x \in FG$.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i(w)$$

$$\varphi(x)(w) = \varphi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i\right)(w)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \rho(g_i)(w)$$

In particular, $\rho(g_i)(w) \in W$ for all $w \in W$ and $g_i \in G$. That is W is an invariant subspace of V under the action ρ , which is a contradiction since ρ is irreducible. Hence there is no invariant subspace W of V under the action φ . $\square$

The following example shows that the group algebra representations of their irreducible representations of the symmetric group S_3 are also irreducible.

Example 3. Consider the symmetric group S_3 and its irreducible representations ρ_1 , ρ_2 and ρ_3 where ρ_1 is the trivial representation with degree 1, ρ_2 is the alternating representation with degree 1 and ρ_3 is the standard representation with degree 2. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_1: \sigma &\rightarrow [1] \text{ for all } \sigma \in S_3 \\ \rho_2: \text{even permutations} &\mapsto [1] \text{ and odd permutations} \mapsto [-1] \\ \rho_3: (123) &\mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, (12) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then from Theorem 2, the group algebra representations are:

$\varphi_1: RS_3 \rightarrow \text{gl}(R)$ given by

$$\varphi_1(a_1(1) + a_2(12) + a_3(23) + a_4(13) + a_5(123) + a_6(132)) = (a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5 + a_6)1$$

$\varphi_2: RS_3 \rightarrow \text{gl}(R)$ given by

$$\varphi_2(a_1(1) + a_2(12) + a_3(23) + a_4(13) + a_5(123) + a_6(132)) = (a_1 + a_5 + a_6)[1] + (a_2 + a_3 + a_4)[-1]$$

$\varphi_3: RS_3 \rightarrow \text{gl}(R^2)$ given by

$$\varphi_3(a_1(1) + a_2(12) + a_3(23) + a_4(13) + a_5(123) + a_6(132)) = a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + a_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_5 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_6 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + a_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_5 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_6 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Since φ_1 and φ_2 are of degree 1, they are irreducible. To prove φ_3 is irreducible, let W be a proper invariant subspace of $\mathbb{R}^2$. Then $W = \text{span}\{(\alpha, \beta)\}$ for some $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Since W is invariant, $\varphi_3(x)(w) \in W$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}S_3$ and $w \in W$.

$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \sigma_i(w) = k(\alpha, \beta)$ for some $k \in \mathbb{R}$. From computations we obtained,
That is, $\varphi(\alpha(a_1 + a_2 -$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}\alpha}{2}(a_4 - a_3 + a_5 - a_6) + \beta(a_1 - a_2 + \frac{a_3}{2} - \frac{a_4}{2} + \frac{a_5}{2} - \frac{a_6}{2}) = k\alpha$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}\alpha}{2}(a_4 - a_3 + a_5 - a_6) + \beta(a_1 - a_2 + \frac{a_3}{2} - \frac{a_4}{2} + \frac{a_5}{2} - \frac{a_6}{2}) = k\beta$$

This is true for every $x \in RS_3$ and $w \in W$. Thus take $x = \sqrt{2}(23)$, then it can be seen that $\alpha = \beta = 0$. Thus $W = 0$ and hence φ_3 is irreducible.

Definition 3. Let G be a finite group and F be a field. The group algebra FG over F with the Lie bracket $[\cdot, \cdot]: FG \times FG \rightarrow FG$ defined by

$$[\alpha, \beta] = \alpha\beta - \beta\alpha \text{ where } \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i, \beta = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i g_i \text{ in } FG$$

is a Lie algebra, denote it by L_{FG} and is called the Group Lie algebra.

A linear map between two group Lie algebras L_{FG} and L_{FH} which preserves the Lie bracket is a homomorphism of group Lie algebras.

The following lemmas are immediately follow from the definitions.

Lemma 2. Let $f: G \rightarrow H$ be a group homomorphism. Then $\bar{f}: L_{FG} \rightarrow L_{FH}$ defined by

$$\bar{f}(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(g_i)$$

is a homomorphism between group Lie algebras.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i; a_i \in F \text{ for all } i\}. \text{ Clearly } \bar{f}$$

Proof. Let $G = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$, then $L_{FG} = \{$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i, \sum_{j=1}^n b_j g_j \in L_{FG},$$

$$\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i, \beta = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j g_j$$

$$\bar{f}([\alpha, \beta]) = \bar{f}(\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha)$$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \bar{f}(a_i b_j g_i g_j - b_j a_i g_j g_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \bar{f}(a_i b_j f(g_i) f(g_j) - b_j a_i f(g_j) f(g_i))$$

$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \bar{f}(a_i b_j f(g_i) f(g_j) - b_j a_i f(g_j) f(g_i))$$

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$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \bar{f}(a_i b_j f(g_i) f(g_j) - b_j a_i f(g_j) f(g_i))$$

hence, $\bar{f}$ is a homomorphism between Lie algebras of group algebras.

Clearly the Plesken Lie algebra $L(G)$ is a proper subset of L_{FG} and moreover, it is a Lie subalgebra of L_{FG} .

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Example4. Consider the Plesken Lie algebras $L(S_3) = \{\alpha((1 \ 2 \ 3) - (1 \ 3 \ 2)) : \alpha \in \mathbb{C}\}$ of S_3 over $\mathbb{C}$ and $L(D_4) = \{\alpha(a - a^3) : \alpha \in \mathbb{C}\}$ of $D_4 = \langle a, b : a^4 = b^2 = e, aba = b^{-1} \rangle$ over $\mathbb{C}$. Then $\hat{f}: L(S_3) \rightarrow L(D_4)$ defined by

$$\hat{f}(\alpha((123) - (132))) = \alpha(a - a^3)$$

is a Plesken Lie algebra homomorphism.

Lemma3. Let $f: G \rightarrow H$ be a group homomorphism. Then $\hat{f}: L(G) \rightarrow L(H)$ defined by

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \hat{g}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \widehat{f(g_i)}$$

$\hat{f}(\cdot)$

is a Plesken Lie algebra homomorphism. Further, $\hat{f}$ is actually the restriction of the homomorphism of the group Lie algebras $\bar{f}: L_{FG} \rightarrow L_{FH}$ (defined in Lemma 3) to $L(G)$. That is,

$$\hat{f} = \bar{f}|_{L(G)}$$

Proof. The proof is similar as in Lemma 3. Q

3. PLESKEN LIE ALGEBRA REPRESENTATIONS

Next we proceed to define representation of a Plesken Lie algebra and discuss some of its properties. We have already described the representations of group algebras and it is seen that when the representations of group is irreducible so is the representation of group algebras.

Definition4. A representation of a Plesken Lie algebra $L(G)$ is a linear map $\varphi: L(G) \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ (where V is a vector space over F) such that φ is a Lie algebra homomorphism.

The following theorem shows that if we have a representation of a group G , then we can find a representation of the Plesken Lie algebra $L(G)$.

Lemma4. If $\rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ is a representation of G on V , then $\psi: L(G) \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ defined by

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \hat{g}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \widehat{\rho(g_i)} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \hat{g}_i \in L(G)$$

$\psi(\cdot)$

is a representation of the Plesken Lie algebra $L(G)$.

Proof. Since $\rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ is a representation of G , $\rho(g_i)$ and $\rho(g_i^{-1})$ are auto-morphisms on V . Then $\widehat{\rho(g_i)} = (\rho(g_i) - \rho(g_i)^{-1}) = \rho(g_i) - \rho(g_i^{-1})$.

is an endomorphism on V . Thus ψ is defined.

Clearly ψ is linear. By Lemma 4, ψ is a homomorphism from $L(G)$ to $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$ and hence ψ is a representation of $L(G)$. Q

A Plesken Lie algebra representation $\psi: L(G) \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ is irreducible if there is no proper (G) -invariant subspace W of V .

The following theorem states that the Plesken Lie algebra representation corresponding to a reducible group representation is reducible.

Theorem 2. If $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$ is a reducible representation of a group G , then the Plesken Lie algebra representation $\psi : L(G) \rightarrow gl(V)$ of $L(G)$ defined by

$$\psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \hat{g}_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \widehat{\rho(g_i)}$$

is also reducible.

Proof. Since $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$ is a reducible representation, V has a proper invariant subspace. That is, there is a subspace W of V such that $\rho(g)w \in W$ for all $g \in G$ and $w \in W$. We claim that W is also invariant under ψ . For let $\hat{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \hat{g}_i \in L(G)$, $w \in W$,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\hat{x})(w) &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \widehat{\rho(g_i)}(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i (\rho(g_i)(w) - \rho(g_i^{-1})(w)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i (\rho(g_i)(w) - \rho(g_i^{-1})(w)) \end{aligned}$$

Since $\rho(g_i)(w), \rho(g_i^{-1})(w) \in W$ and W is a subspace, $\widehat{\rho(g)}(w) - \widehat{\rho(g^{-1})}(w) \in W$. Q

Thus $\psi(\hat{x})w \in W$ for all $\hat{x} \in L(G)$ and $w \in W$.

Very often if ρ is an irreducible representation of a group G , then ψ is also an irreducible representation as seen in the following examples (where ψ is defined as in Lemma 5).

Example 5. Consider the irreducible representations of S_3 as in Example 3. Then the corresponding Plesken Lie algebra representations are:

$$\psi_1 : L(S_3) \rightarrow gl(R) \text{ given by } \psi_1(a((123) - (132))) = 0$$

$$\psi_2 : L(S_3) \rightarrow gl(R) \text{ given by } \psi_2(a((123) - (132))) = 0$$

$$\psi_3 : L(S_3) \rightarrow gl(R^2) \text{ given by } \psi_3(a((123) - (132))) = a \left(\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= a \left(\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Clearly, ψ_1 and ψ_2 are irreducible representations since each of which has degree 1. We will prove ψ_3 is irreducible. For W be a proper invariant subspace of R^2 . Then

$W = \text{span} \{ (\alpha, \beta) \}$ for some $(\alpha, \beta) \in R^2$. Since W is invariant, $\psi_3(\hat{x})(w) \in W$ for all $\hat{x} \in L(S_3)$ and $w \in W$.

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_3(\hat{x})(w) \in W &\Rightarrow a \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \in W \\ &\Rightarrow a \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\beta \\ \frac{1}{2}\alpha + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\beta \end{pmatrix} \in W \end{aligned}$$

$) \in W$

$$\Rightarrow (-\sqrt{3a\beta}, \sqrt{3a\alpha}) = k(\alpha, \beta) \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$k = \frac{-\sqrt{3a\beta}}{\alpha} \Rightarrow \frac{-\sqrt{3a\beta}}{\alpha} \text{ and } k = \frac{\sqrt{3a\alpha}}{\beta}$$

By equating we get, $\sqrt{3a(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)} = 0$ which implies $\alpha = \beta = 0$. That is, $W = 0$, hence ψ_3 is an irreducible representation.

Example 6. Consider the dihedral group $D_4 = \langle a, b : a^4 = b^2 = e, aba = b \rangle$ and its irreducible representations $\rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3, \rho_4$ and ρ_5 where ρ_i 's are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_1: a &\rightarrow (1), b \rightarrow (1) \\ \rho_2: a &\rightarrow (-1), b \rightarrow (1) \\ \rho_3: a &\rightarrow (1), b \rightarrow (-1) \\ \rho_4: a &\rightarrow (-1), b \rightarrow (-1)\end{aligned}$$

$\rho_5: a \rightarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, b \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then corresponding Plesken Lie algebra representations are: $\psi_1 : L(D_4) \rightarrow \text{gl}(R)$ given by $\psi(\alpha(a - a^3)) = 0$ $\psi_2 : L(D_4) \rightarrow \text{gl}(R)$ given by $\psi(\alpha(a - a^3)) = 0$ $\psi_3 : L(D_4) \rightarrow \text{gl}(R)$ given by $\psi(\alpha(a - a^3)) = 0$ $\psi_4 : L(D_4) \rightarrow \text{gl}(R)$ given by $\psi(\alpha(a - a^3)) = 0$ $\psi_5 : L(D_4) \rightarrow \text{gl}(R)$ given by $\psi(\alpha(a - a^3)) = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Since ψ_1, ψ_2, ψ_3 and ψ_4 has degree 1, they are irreducible. Next we will prove ψ_5 is also an irreducible representation. For let W be a proper invariant subspace of R^2 . Then $W = \text{span}(\alpha, \beta)$ for some $(\alpha, \beta) \in R^2$. Since W is invariant, $\psi_5(\hat{x})(w) \in W$ for all $\hat{x} \in L(D_4)$ and $w \in W$.

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_5(\hat{x})(w) \in W &\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \in W \\ &\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2\beta \\ 2\alpha \end{pmatrix} \in W\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-2\gamma\beta, 2\gamma\alpha) = k(\alpha, \beta) \text{ for some } k \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{and } k = \frac{2\gamma\alpha}{\beta}$$

By equating we get, $2\gamma(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) = 0$ which implies $\alpha = \beta = 0$. That is, $W = 0$, hence ψ_5 is an irreducible representation.

Also we obtained that the representations of $L(S_4)$ corresponding to the irreducible representations of S_4 are irreducible.

However, the above situation is not a necessary and sufficient condition, because it is possible to have ψ may be $L(G)$ -reducible even if ρ is FG -irreducible.

3.1. Plesken Lie algebra modules. Next we proceed to describe Plesken Lie algebra modules and obtain some interesting theorems such as Schur's lemma.

Definition 5. A vector space V , endowed with an operation $L(G) \times V \rightarrow V$ is an $L(G)$ -module if

- (1) $(a\hat{x} + b\hat{y})v = a(\hat{x}v) + b(\hat{y}v)$
- (2) $\hat{x}(av + bw) = a(\hat{x}v) + b(\hat{x}w)$
- (3) $[\hat{x}, \hat{y}]v = \hat{x}\hat{y}v - \hat{y}\hat{x}v$

for all $\hat{x}, \hat{y} \in L(G)$, $v, w \in V$ and $a, b \in F$.

Remark 3. Every FG is an $L(G)$ -module.

Proof. Suppose V is an FG -module. Then for any $\hat{x} \in L(G)$ and $v \in V$,

$$\hat{x}v = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n g_i \right) v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(g_i v) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(g_i) v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right) v = 1v = v$$

Since V is an FG -module, $gv \in V$ for all $g \in G$ and $v \in V$. Thus $g_i v = g_i v - g_i^{-1} v \in V$ which implies $\hat{x}v \in V$ for all $\hat{x} \in L(G)$ and $v \in V$ and this satisfies all the axioms of an $L(G)$ -module. Thus V is an $L(G)$ -module.

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Note that the converse of the remark need not be true.

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