

The sympathetic sceptics guide to semigroup representations

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Semigroup representations (Spring 2016)

1. Semigroup basics

• $S = \text{finite semigrp.}$

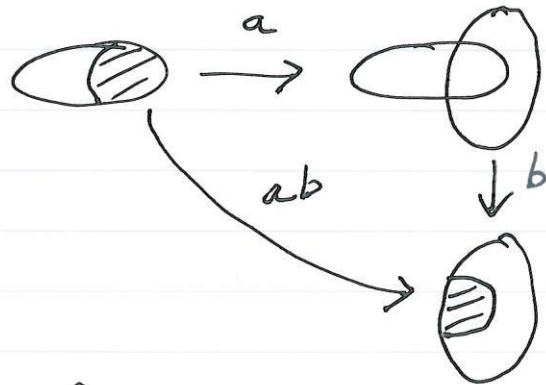
• (three running) Eg's: $[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$

(i). $S_n = \text{all bijections } [n] \xrightarrow{a} [n] \text{ under composition.}$

(ii). $I_n = \text{all partial bijections } X \xrightarrow{a} Y, X, Y \subseteq [n]$

under composition:

(all feri, actions, etc
on the right)



(ii). $T_n = \text{all maps } [n] \xrightarrow{a} [n] \text{ under composition.}$

• inverses in semi-grps: an inverse of $a \in S$ is a b s.t

$$(*) \quad \begin{aligned} aba &= a \\ bab &= b \end{aligned}$$

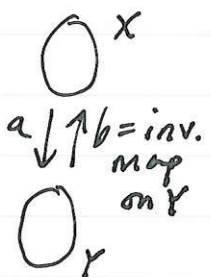
(i). S_n a monoid s.t $\forall a \exists! b$ with $ab=1=ba$ ($\Rightarrow (*)$)
i.e: a gp!

(ii). I_n a monoid s.t. $\forall a \exists! b$ satisfying $(*)$

$$(\Rightarrow ab = \text{id}_X \text{ idempotents})$$

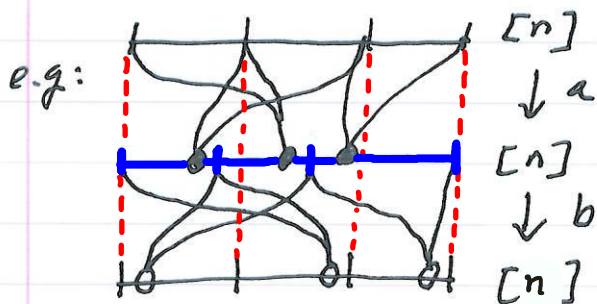
$$ba = \text{id}_Y$$

i.e: I_n an inverse monoid



(iii). T_n a monoid s.t $\forall a \exists (\text{many}) b$ satisfying $(*)$

fibres of a (= equiv. classes of $\ker a$)



In a regular monoid

from now on $S = \text{finite regular monoid}$

• Structure: Green's relations in S_n, T_n, T_n

1. $a L b \Leftrightarrow \text{im}(a) = \text{im}(b)$

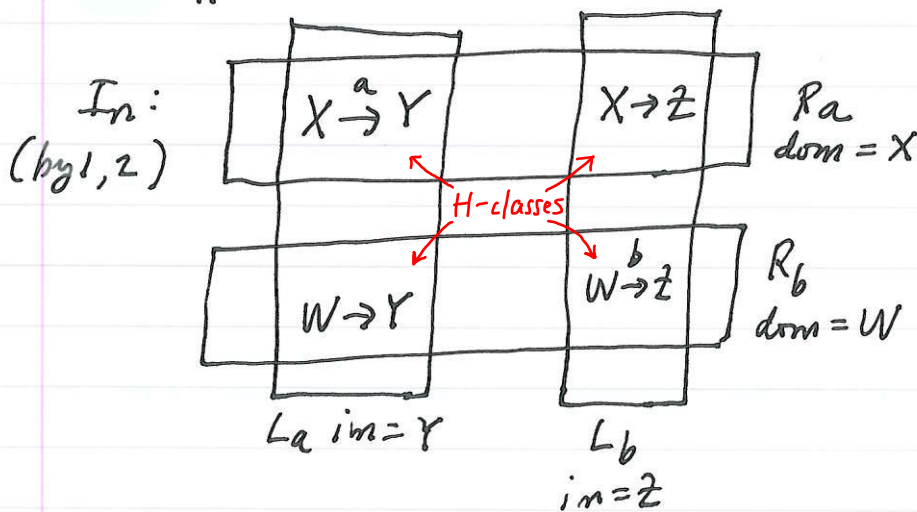
2. $a R b \Leftrightarrow \text{fibres of } a = \text{fibres of } b$

$\left(\begin{matrix} s_1 \\ \Leftrightarrow \\ I_n \end{matrix} \right) \text{dom}(a) = \text{dom}(b)$

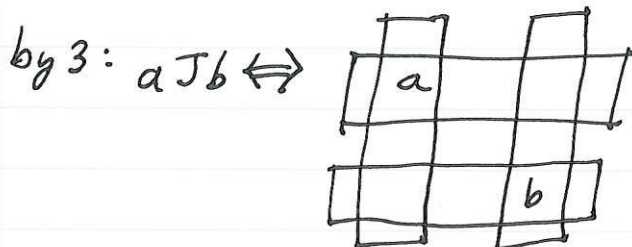
3. $a J b \Leftrightarrow |\text{im}(a)| = |\text{im}(b)|$

4. $a H b \Leftrightarrow 1+2.$

S_n : these are all trivial! (any a, b are related)

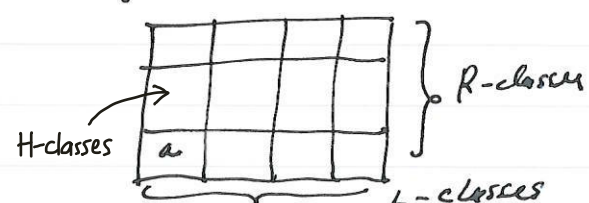


R and L commute
to give nice
"eggbox" picture



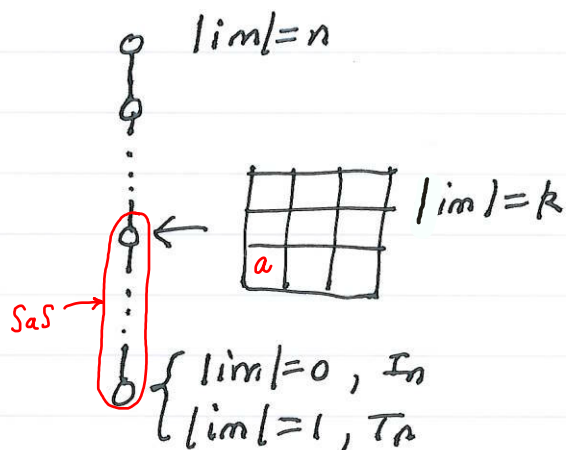
being in same eggbox

i.e. $J_a = J\text{-class of } a$:



These pictures hold for all S (finite regular monoids).

In I_n/T_n the J -classes naturally ordered:

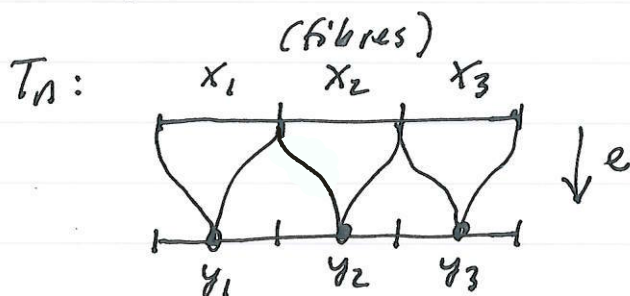


In general, $J_a \leq J_b$

$\Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} SaS \subseteq SbS$
partial order.

• Idempotent / subgroups: idempotent $e = e^2$

I_n : $e: X \xrightarrow{id_X} X$
 $X \subseteq [n]$



$e: X_i \mapsto y_i$ with $y_i \in X_i$

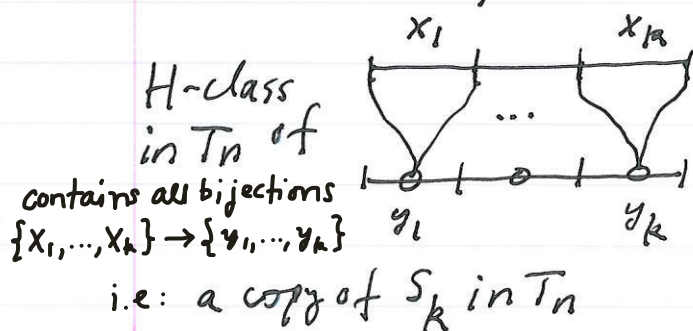
Fix domain X : only

one such map \Rightarrow

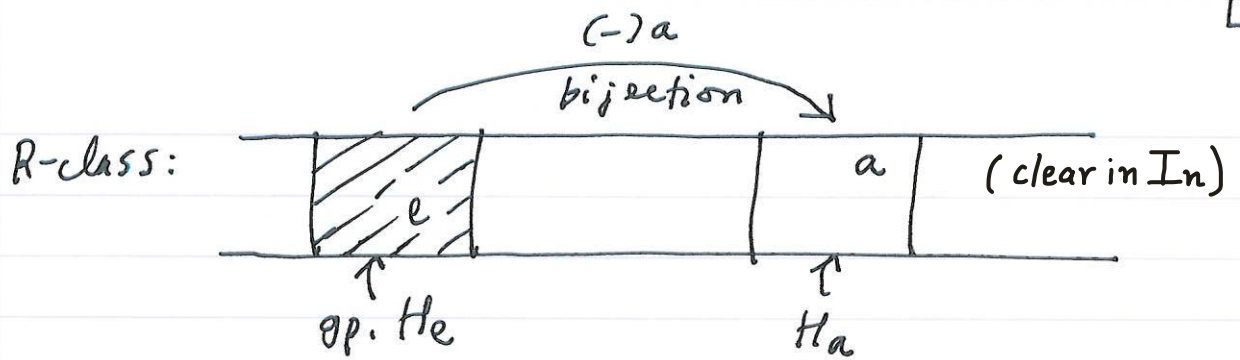
every R -class has exactly
one idempotent (similarly
every L -class)

Fix the fibres and wiggle the
 y_i inside them (or
conversely) \Rightarrow every R -class
has at least one idem.
(similarly L -classes).

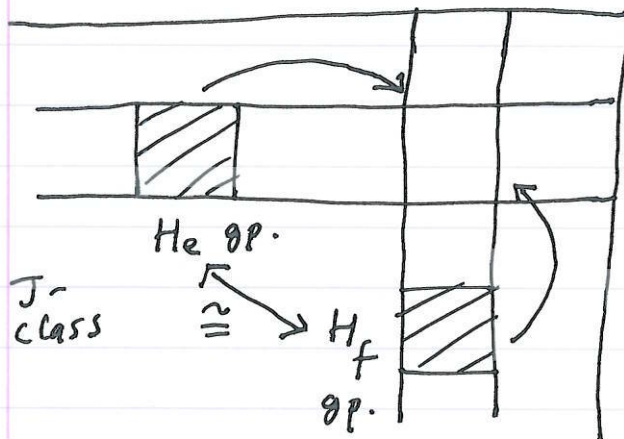
Similarly for every inverse or regular subgroup



In general the a subgp.
of S (with identity e)
If G a subgroup of S then
 $G \subseteq H_e$ for some e .
(hence the H_e are maximal subgroups)



\Rightarrow every element of H_a has unique expression ga ($g \in He$)
(and similarly in an L-class).



Two gp. H-classes in a J-class
isomorphic.

2. Representations basics ($S = \text{finite regular monoid}$)

• $k = \text{field}$, $V = \text{finite dim. vector space} / k$.

$\text{End}(V) = \text{monoid of all linear maps } V \rightarrow V \text{ under composition}$

An S -action or linear representation of S a ^{monoid} homom.

$$S \xrightarrow{\varphi} \text{End}(V). \quad (\Rightarrow 1_S \mapsto \text{id} \in \text{End}(V))$$

note:

(i) $\text{im } \varphi \neq \{0\}$. (ii) If S a

group then $\text{im } \varphi \subseteq \text{GL}(V) = \text{gp. invertible linear maps } V \rightarrow V$.

abuses: identify $a \in S$ and $(a)\varphi \in \text{End}(V)$; for $v \in V$

write $v \cdot a$ or va for effect of $(a)\varphi$ on v ; say V is

an S -representation.

• Eg (mapping representations): $V = k$ -space with basis

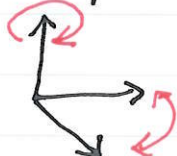
$\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ and $a \in S_n, I_n$ or T_n . Define

$$\begin{aligned} v_i \cdot a &= v_{ia} & \text{or} & & v_i \cdot a &= \begin{cases} v_{ia}, & i \in \text{dom } a \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases} \\ (S_n \text{ or } T_n) & & & & (I_n) \end{aligned}$$

and extend linearly.

① S_n (permutation representation)

$n=3$:



$a = (1, 2)$

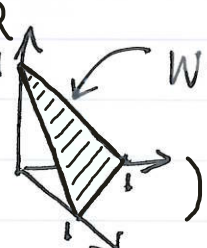
reflection in plane $x_1 - x_2 = 0$

Let $U = k\text{-span of } v_1 + \dots + v_n$; then U subspace of V
with $U S_n \subseteq U$

[in general: V an S -rep. and U subspace with $U S \subseteq U$;
then U an (S) -subrepresentation of V .
 V irreducible S -rep. $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$ the only sub-reps. are $\{0\}$
and V
(reducible otherwise).]

Thus S_n -rep. V above reducible. As $\dim U = 1$ the only
($n > 1$)
subspaces of U are $\{0\}$ or $U \Rightarrow U$ irreducible subrep.
of V .

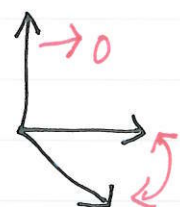
Let $W =$ hyperplane with equation $x_1 + \dots + x_n = 0$

(Eg: $k = \mathbb{R}$)
 Then W also a subrep. of V
Assume $\text{char } k \nmid n$. Then it turns out that
 W is irreducible.

[in general: if U, W subreps. of V with $V = U \oplus W$ as
vector spaces, then say V a direct sum of subreps.]

Thus $V = U \oplus W$ direct sum irred. subreps. Such a V
($\text{char } k \nmid n$)
is completely reducible.

(2) I_n (partial permutation rep.)
($n > 1$)



$$a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ 2 & 1 & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$\cup I_n \not\subseteq U$ and
 $W I_n \not\subseteq W$

Indeed, let $V' \subseteq V$ be a subrepresentation. If $v \in V'$ with $v \neq 0$ then $v = \sum \lambda_i v_i$ with some $\lambda_j \neq 0$. If

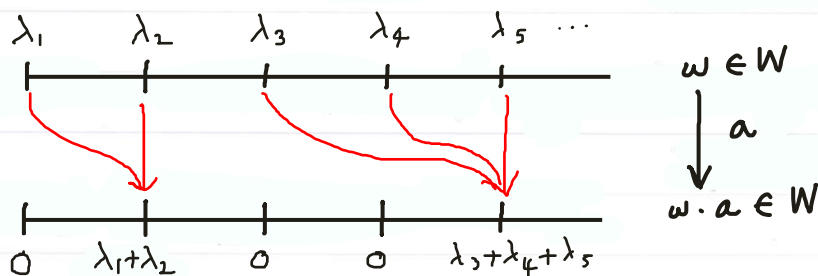
$a_i = \dots \overset{i}{\bullet} \dots$ then $v \cdot a_i = \lambda_j v_j$
($1 \leq i \leq n$) \Rightarrow each $v_i \in V' \Rightarrow V' = V$.

Thus the partial permutation rep. is irreducible.

(3) T_n (mapping rep.)
($n > 1$)

W a subrepresentation: let $w \in W$ where $w = \sum \lambda_i v_i$ with

$$\sum \lambda_i = 0 \text{ and } a \in T_n.$$



Ex: $T \leq S$ submonoid and V an S -rep $\xRightarrow{\text{restrict}}$ V a T -rep.

Moreover W irreducible: if $W' \subset W$
($\text{char } k \nmid n$)

subrep. then $(S_n \leq T_n)$ have W' a S_n -subrep. of

$$S_n\text{-rep } W \xrightarrow[S_n\text{-rep.}]{W \text{ irred.}} W' = 0 \text{ or } W.$$

On the other hand $UT_n \not\subseteq U$; indeed:

Ex: V has no 1-dim. subreps. ($n \geq 2$) or exactly one, namely W ($n=2$).

A map $V \xrightarrow{\alpha} U$ of S -representations is a linear map that commutes with the S -actions, i.e.: $\forall s \in S$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{(-)s} & V \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\ U & \xrightarrow{(-)s} & U \end{array} \quad \text{commutes; } \alpha \text{ is an isomorphism if}$$

(more generally: $s \mapsto t$ isom. $S \cong T$ and U a T -representation with α bijective. $\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{(-)s} & V \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\ U & \xrightarrow{(-)t} & U \end{array}$)

Fact: V an S -rep. and $V = \bigoplus_i V_i$ with the V_i irreducible sub-reps. If $W \subset V$ an irreducible sub-rep. then $W \cong V_j$ for some j .

Back to mapping rep. V of T_n : if $V = \bigoplus_i V_i$ irreducibles then one is $\cong W$, hence $(n-1)$ -dimensional \Rightarrow have

$V = V_1 \oplus V_2$ with V_1 (say) a 1-dimensional sub-rep.

$(n \geq 2) \xrightarrow[\text{exist}]{\text{no sub}} V$ cannot be decomposed, i.e.: is not completely reducible.

In general, if S a (finite regular) monoid and k a field,
 then (S, k) semisimple $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$ every S -rep. V (over k)
 is completely reducible, i.e.: $V = V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_n$
 irred. subreps.

Theorem (Maschke): S a group. Then (S, k) s.s.
 $\iff \text{char } k \nmid |S|$.

Eg: $S = S_n$ then (S_n, k) s.s. $\iff \text{char } k \nmid n!$

Theorem: S an inverse monoid.

Then (S, k) s.s. $\iff \text{char } k \nmid |G|$ for $G \leq S$ subgp.

$\iff \text{char } k \nmid |He|$, any idempotent e .

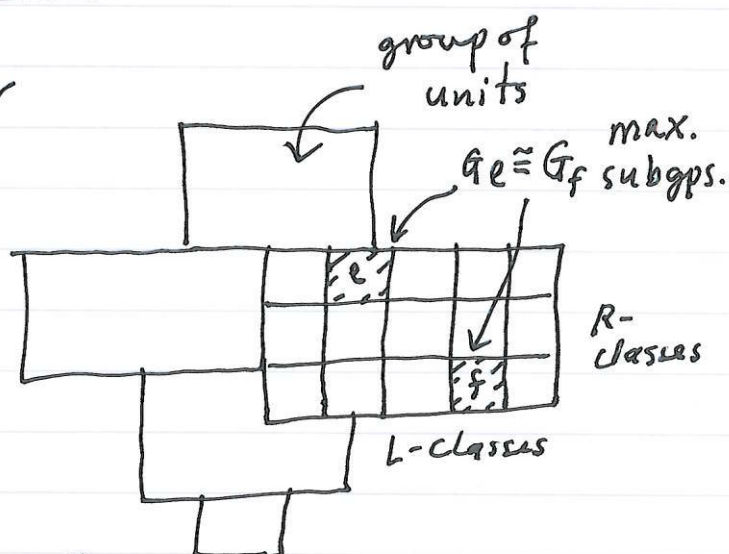
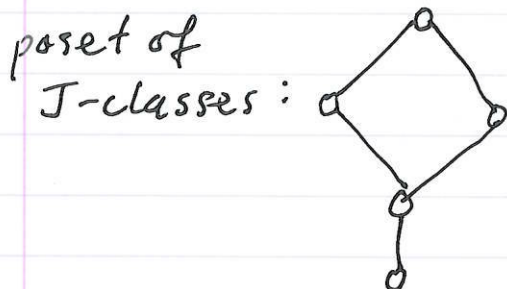
Eg: $S = I_n$ and $e: \{1, \dots, m\} \xrightarrow{\text{id}} \{1, \dots, m\} \Rightarrow He \cong S_m$
 $m \leq n$

$\Rightarrow (I_n, k)$ s.s whenever $\text{char } k \nmid n!$

Eg: $S = T_n$ and $n > 2 \Rightarrow (T_n, k)$ not s.s. if $\text{char } k \nmid n$.

3. Reduction and induction

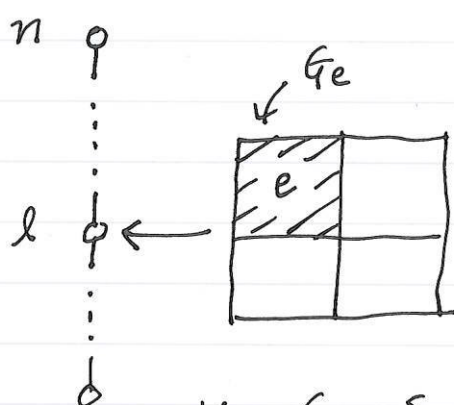
- Recall: S = finite regular monoid



G_e -representations $\xrightarrow{\text{induction}}$ S -representations
 $\xleftarrow{\text{reduction}}$

(1). Reduction (everyone else seems to say "restriction")

Eg: $S = I_n$, V = partial permutation rep.
 (irreducible with $\dim V = n$)



$$e = \text{id}_X: X \rightarrow X, |X| = l$$

$$G_e = \{ \text{bijections } X \rightarrow X \} \\ \cong S_l$$

$$V_e (:= \{ v \cdot e \mid v \in V \}) = k\text{-space basis } \{ v_i \mid i \in X \} \\ (\Rightarrow \dim V_e = l)$$

For $g \in G_e$ define

$$(v \cdot e) \cdot g = v \cdot (eg) \quad (= v \cdot (ge) = (v \cdot g) \cdot e \in V_e)$$

$\Rightarrow V_e$ a G_e representation (\cong permutation rep. of S_l)

$$G_f \cong S_Y \cong S_X \cong G_e$$

via $h \mapsto a^* h a$

$V_f \cong V_e$ via

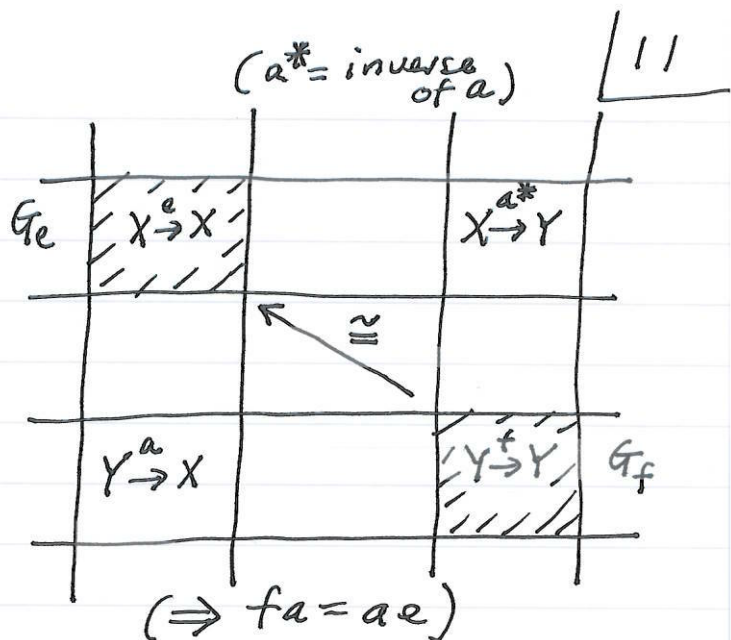
$$v \cdot f \mapsto v \cdot (fa) = v \cdot (ae) = (v \cdot a) \cdot e$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_f & \xrightarrow{(-)h} & V_f \\ \cong \downarrow & & \downarrow \cong \\ V_e & \xrightarrow{(-)a^*ha} & V_e \end{array}$$

commutes

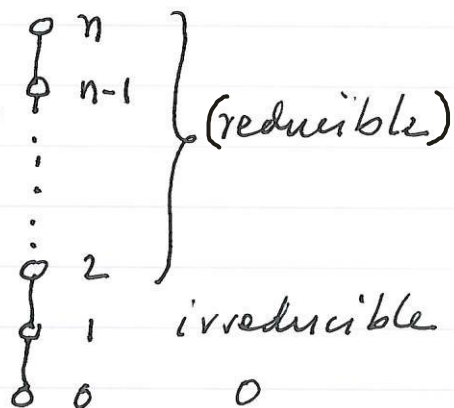
\Rightarrow (upto \cong of reps.) V_e does not depend on choice of idempotent in a J-class.



V partial permutation rep. for I_n (irreducible)

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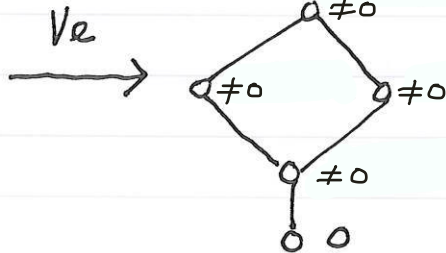
V_e permutation rep. for S_l ($0 \leq l \leq n$)



Eg: page 11a.

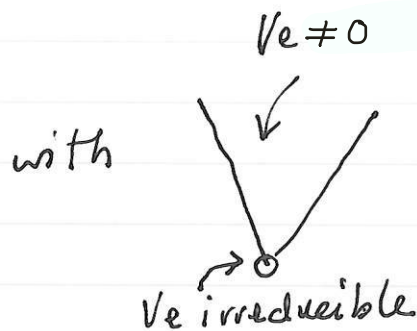
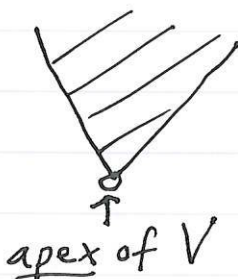
In general: S = finite regular monoid

V irreducible S -rep.



i.e: $V_e \neq 0$

for $e \in J$ -classes forming an interval



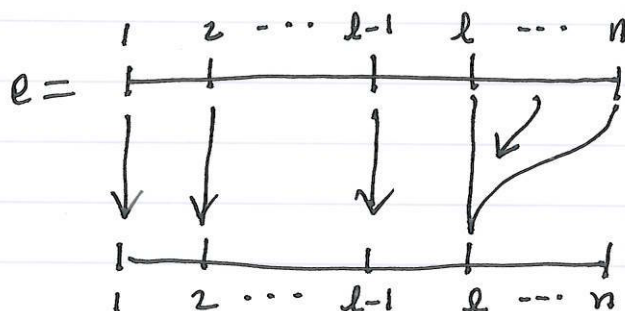
Eg: $S = T_n$, $V =$ mapping rep. (reducible with $\dim V = n$)
with basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$

$W \subset V$ hyperplane $\sum x_i = 0$ (irred. with $\dim W = n-1$)

J-class
poset:



all maps $[n] \rightarrow [n]$ with $\text{im } l = l$



$G_e =$ all bijections $\{\text{fibres}\} \rightarrow \text{im}(e)$

$\cong S_l$

$V_e = k$ -space with basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_e\}$

and $W_e \subset V_e$ the hyperplane $\sum x_i = 0$

$V_e \cong$ permutation rep. of S_l

i.e:

W irred.

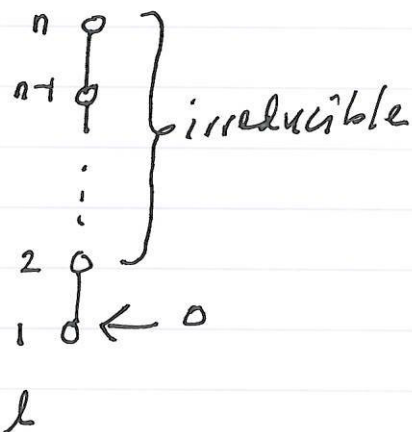
T_n -rep

$\dim = n-1$

W_e S_l -rep

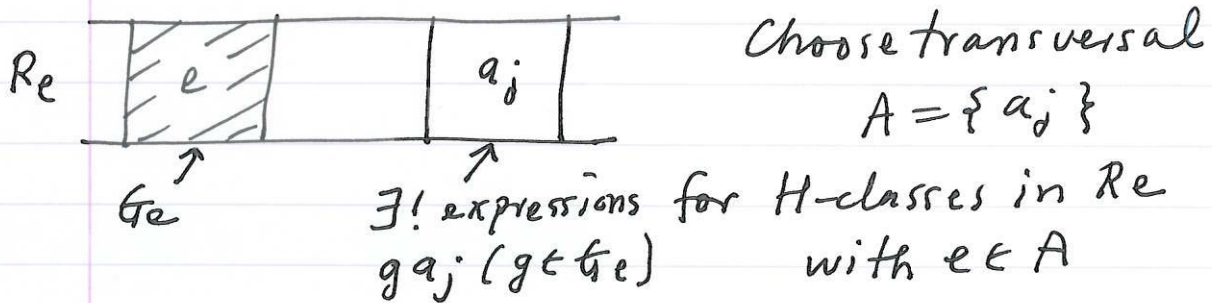
$(1 \leq l \leq n)$

$\dim = l-1$



Thus if V an irreducible S -representation and $e \in \text{apex of } V$ then $V \downarrow G_e := V_e$ an irreducible G_e -representation.

(2). Induction V a G_e -representation

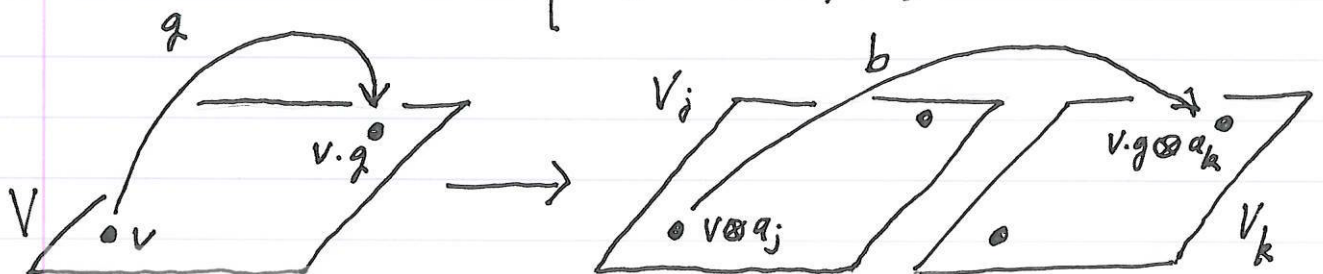


For $a_j \in A$ let $V_j = \{v \otimes a_j : v \in V\}$

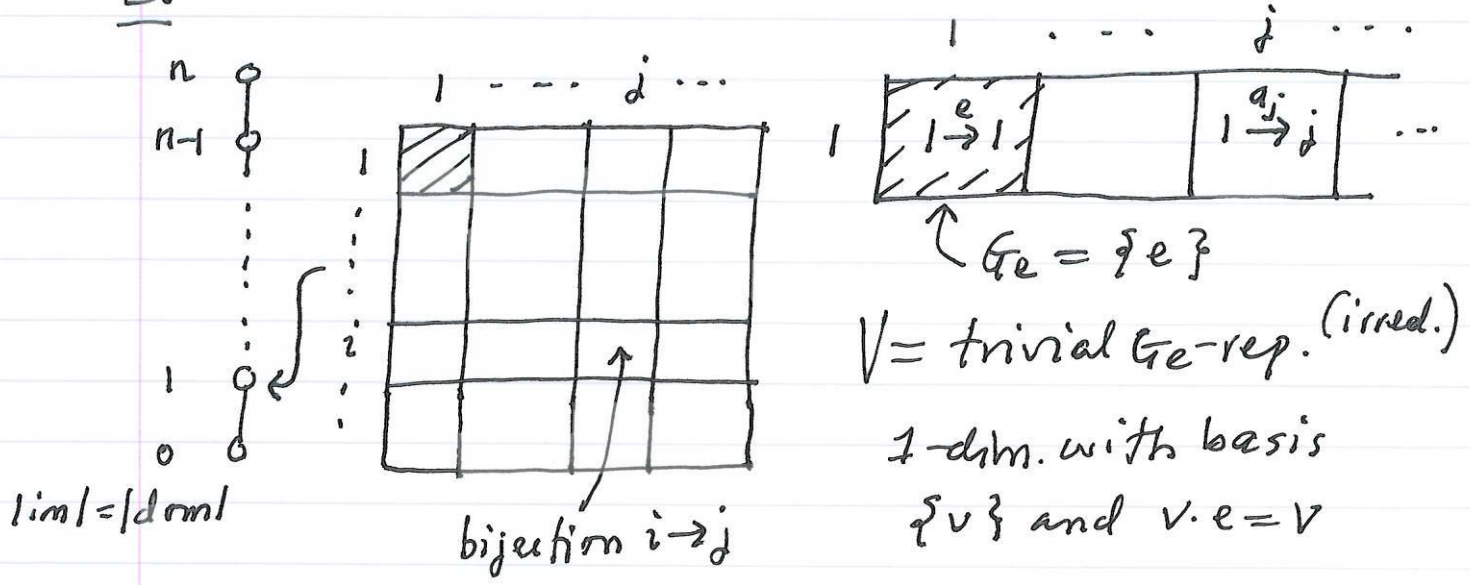
(a k -space $\cong V$ with $\lambda(v \otimes a_j) + \mu(u \otimes a_j) = (\lambda v + \mu u) \otimes a_j$)

Define S -action on $\bigoplus_{a_j \in A} V_j$ by

$$(v \otimes a_j) \cdot b = \begin{cases} v \cdot g \otimes a_k, & a_j b \in Re \Rightarrow a_j b = g a_k \\ 0, & a_j b \notin Re. \end{cases}$$



Eg: $S = I_n$



$\bigoplus_A V_j$ has basis $\{v_j = v \otimes a_j\}$ with

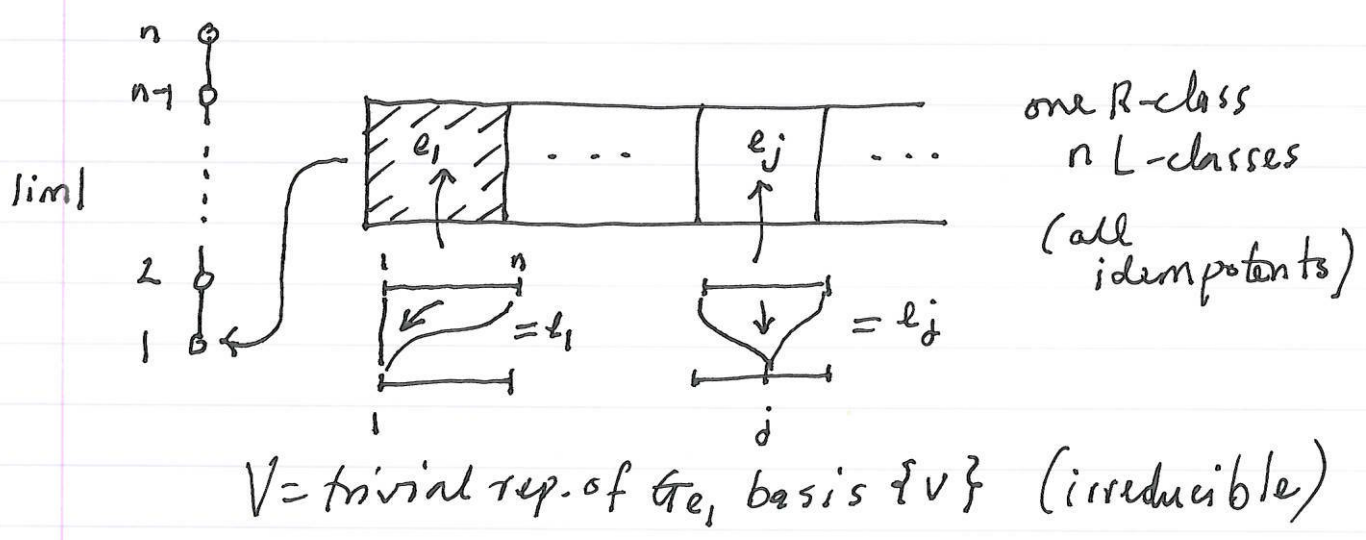
$$a_j b \in R_e \Leftrightarrow \text{dom}(a_j b) = \{1\} \Leftrightarrow j \in \text{dom}(b)$$

(in which case $a_j b = a_{jb}$)

$$\Rightarrow V_j \cdot b = \begin{cases} v \cdot e \otimes a_{jb} = v_{jb}, & j \in \text{dom}(b) \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

the partial permutation rep. of I_n (irreducible)

Eg: $S = T_n$



$\bigoplus_A V_j$ basis $\{v_j = v \otimes e_j\}$ with $e_j b = e_{jb}$

$$\Rightarrow v_j \cdot b = v \cdot e_j \otimes e_{jb} = v_{jb}$$

the mapping rep. of T_n , reducible

with sub-rep. $W = \{\sum \lambda_i v_i : \sum \lambda_i = 0\}$

notice: $L_{e_1} = \{e_1\}$ with $v_j \cdot e_1 = v_1$ for all j

$$v = \sum \lambda_i v_i \text{ with } v \cdot e_1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (\sum \lambda_i) v_1 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum \lambda_i = 0 \Leftrightarrow v \in W.$$

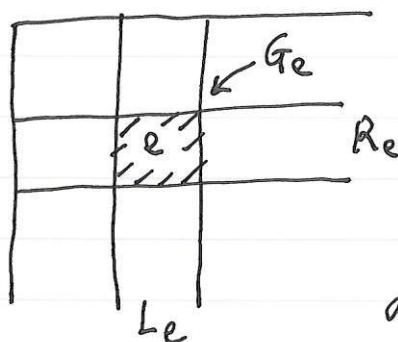
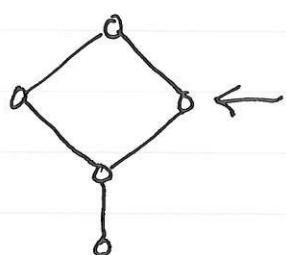
in general: V an S -representation and UCV a subrepresentation \Rightarrow quotient space V/U an

S -representation via $(v+U) \cdot a = v \cdot a + U$.

UCV maximal sub-representation $\stackrel{\text{defn } U \neq V}{\Leftrightarrow}$ and given $U \subset W \subset V$
 \uparrow
sub-rep.

we have $W=U$ or $W=V$.

Then U maximal $\Leftrightarrow V/U$ irreducible.



V an irreducible G_e -representation

$$A = \{a_j\}$$

and V_j as before

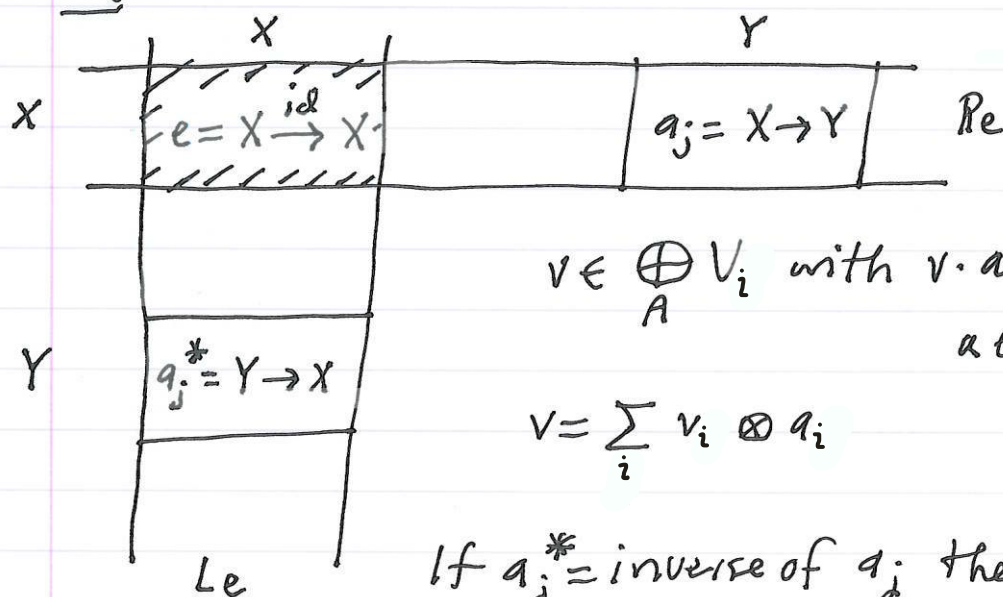
If $\text{Ann}(L_e) = \{ v \in \bigoplus_A V_j : v \cdot a = 0 \text{ for all } a \in L_e \}$

then $\text{Ann}(L_e)$ (the unique) maximal subrepresentation of $\bigoplus_A V_j$.

$\Rightarrow V \uparrow S := \bigoplus_A V_j / \text{Ann}(L_e)$ irreducible S -rep.

Ex: (upto \cong of S -reps.) $V \uparrow S$ does not depend on choice of $e \in J$; choice of transversal A .

Eg: $S = I_n$ and V a G -rep



$v \in \bigoplus_A V_i$ with $v \cdot a = 0$ for all $a \in L_e$

$$v = \sum_i v_i \otimes a_i$$

If q_j^* = inverse of q_j then

$$a_i q_j^* \in R_e \Leftrightarrow \text{dom}(a_i q_j^*) = X$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{im } a_i = \text{dom } q_j^* = Y \Leftrightarrow i = j$$

$$\text{so } 0 = v \cdot a_j^* = \{ v_i \otimes a_j \} \cdot a_j^* = v_i \otimes e$$

($a_j a_j^* = e$)

$$\Rightarrow v_j = 0 \Rightarrow v_j \otimes a_j = 0; \text{ varying } j \Rightarrow v = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Ann}(L_e) = 0$$

Ex: if S an inverse monoid and V a G -rep then
 $\text{Ann}(Le) = 0$.

Eq: $S = T_n$, $V = \text{trivial rep. of } G = \text{trivial group}$

$V \uparrow S = \text{mapping rep.} / W$ (1-dimensional)

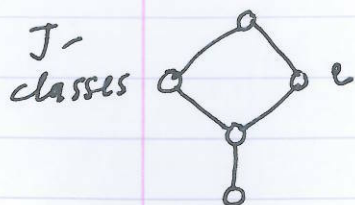
with basis $v_i + W$ $\left(\begin{array}{l} v_i - v_j \in W \\ \Rightarrow v_i + W = v_j + W \end{array} \right)$

and $(v_i + W) \cdot b = v_{ib} + W = v_i + W$

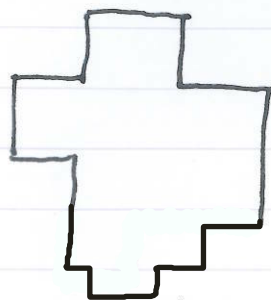
$= \text{trivial rep. of } T_n$

4. Clifford-Munn-Ponizovskii correspondence

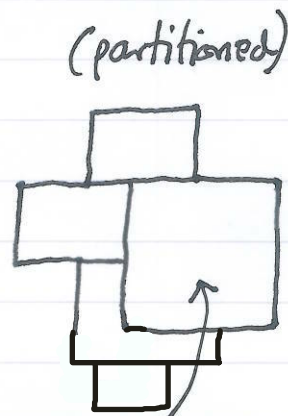
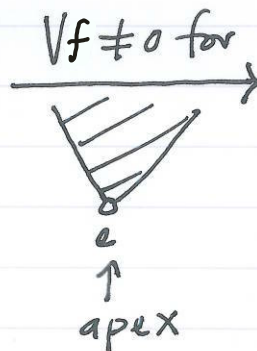
$S = \text{finite regular monoid}$



$T = \{e\}$ idempotent representatives

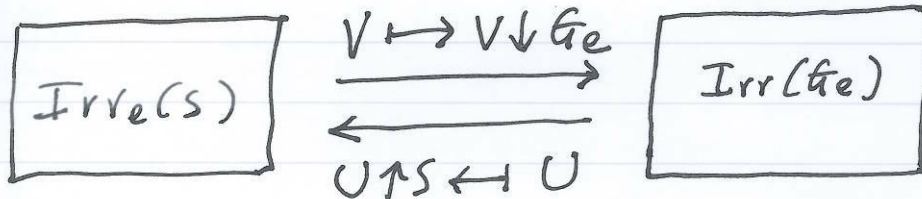


$\text{Irr}(S) =$
irreducible
 S -reps.



$\text{Irr}_e(S) =$
 $\{V \in \text{Irr}(S) : V \text{ has apex } e\}$

we show:



bijections.

\Rightarrow CMP correspondence: $\text{Irr}(S) \xrightleftharpoons[\text{bij.}]{\text{bij.}} \bigcup_{e \in T} \text{Irr}(G_e)$

Prove for $S = I_n$, although (should) easily generalise to any inverse monoid.

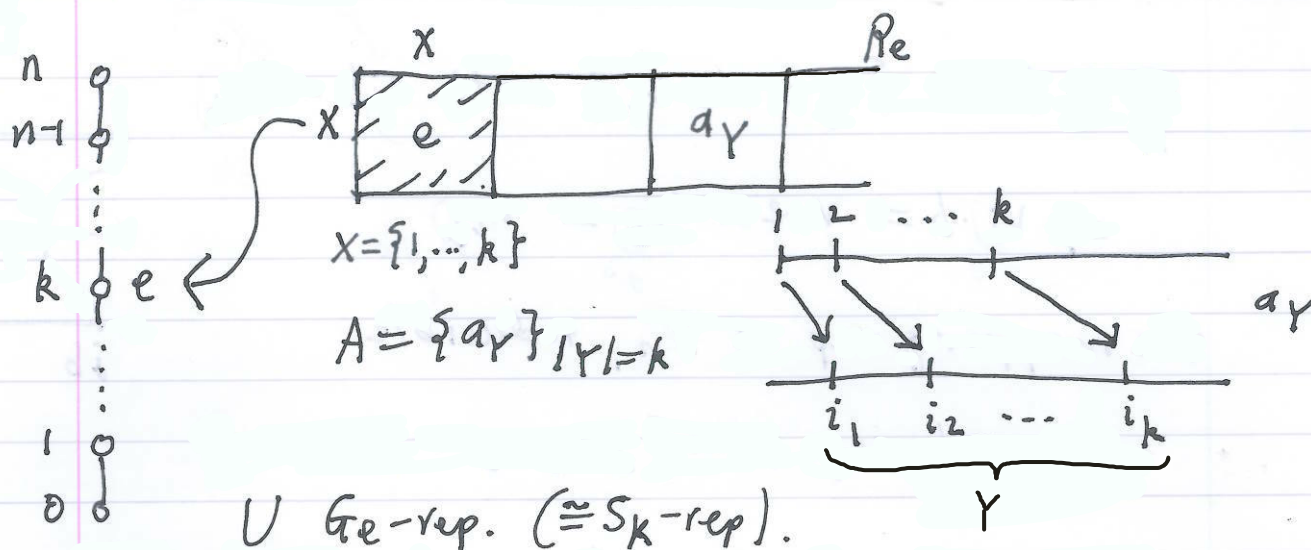
① $\boxed{\text{Irr}_e(S)} \xrightarrow{V \mapsto V \downarrow G_e} \boxed{\text{Irr}(G_e)}$

saw: $V \downarrow G_e = V_e$ irreducible G_e -rep. when $e = \text{apex of } V$

(\Rightarrow ① is a map)

② $\boxed{\text{Irr}(S)} \xleftrightarrow{U \uparrow S \leftarrow U} \boxed{\text{Irr}(G_e)}$

show: $U \uparrow S$ irreducible.



$$\Rightarrow U \uparrow S = \bigoplus_{a_\gamma} U_\gamma \quad \text{with } U_\gamma = \{u \otimes a_\gamma : u \in U\}$$

(recall: $\text{Ann}(L_e) = 0$)

show:

$$(i). f = \{1, \dots, l\} \xrightarrow{\text{id}} \{1, \dots, l\}$$

for $l < k$ (i.e. $J_f < J_e$)

$$(U \uparrow S)f \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{dom}(a_\gamma f)$$

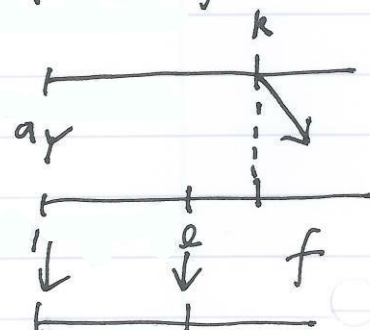
proper

$$\subset X \quad (\text{all } \gamma)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_\gamma f \notin R_e$$

$$\Rightarrow (u \otimes a_\gamma) \cdot f = 0 \quad (\text{all } \gamma)$$

$$\Rightarrow (U \uparrow S)f = 0.$$



$$(ii). a_Y e \in R_e \Leftrightarrow \text{dom}(a_Y e) = X \Leftrightarrow Y = X \Leftrightarrow a_Y = e$$

$$\text{i.e.: } (u \otimes a_Y) \cdot e \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow u \otimes a_Y = u \otimes e$$

$$\Rightarrow u \otimes e \mapsto u \text{ an isom. } (U \uparrow S)_e \xrightarrow{\cong} U_X = U$$

$$\text{and } \begin{array}{ccc} u \otimes e & \xrightarrow{(-)g} & (u \otimes e) \cdot g = u \cdot g \otimes e \\ \downarrow (g \downarrow G_e) & & \downarrow \\ u & \xrightarrow{(-)g} & u \cdot g \end{array}$$

commutes $\Rightarrow (U \uparrow S)_e \cong U$ as G_e -reps.

conclusion: $-(U \uparrow S)_e \neq 0 \Rightarrow e = \text{apex of } U \uparrow S$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Irre}(S)} \xleftarrow{U \uparrow S \leftarrow U} \boxed{\text{Irr}(G_e)} \text{ is a map}$$

$$-(U \uparrow S) \downarrow G_e \cong U \Rightarrow \bigcup = \text{id.}$$

③ \hookrightarrow i.e. $(V \downarrow G_e) \uparrow S$ for V irreducible

S -representation with apex e .

"reconstruct" $(V \downarrow G_e) \uparrow S$ inside V

Consider the $V \cdot (ea_Y)$ subspaces of V

(i). $V \cdot (ea_Y) \cong V \cdot e$ (as spaces) via $V \cdot e \mapsto V \cdot (ea_Y)$

$$\left(\text{as } V \cdot e \xrightarrow{a_Y} V \cdot (ea_Y) \text{ inverses} \right)$$

Ex: V an S -rep, f idempotent with $Vf=0$; then
 a J -related to $f \Rightarrow Va=0$.

(ii). $Z \neq Y \Rightarrow V.(ea_Y) \cap V.(ea_Z) = 0$

$(\text{map } V.(ea_Y) \cap V.(ea_Z) \xrightarrow{(-)a_Y^*} (V.(ea_Y) \cap V.(ea_Z)) \cdot a_Y^* \cong V.e \cap V.(ea_Z a_Y^*) \subset V.e \cap V.(ea_Z a_Y^*) ; ea_Z a_Y^* \text{ } J\text{-related to idem. } f$
 in a lower J -class $\xrightarrow{e \text{ apex}} V.(ea_Z a_Y^*) = 0$),
 (Ex.)

(iii). S -action on $\bigoplus_{a_Y} V.(ea_Y) \subset V$:

$$a_Y b = \begin{cases} \in Re \Rightarrow a_Y b = g a_Z, \text{ some } g \in G_e \\ \notin Re \Rightarrow \text{dom}(a_Y b) \subsetneq X \Rightarrow a_Y b \in J < J_e \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow v.(ea_Y) \cdot b = \begin{cases} (v \cdot g) \cdot (ea_Z) & \text{if } a_Y b \in Re \\ 0 & , \text{ else. (by Ex.)} \end{cases}$$

conclusion: $\bigoplus_{a_Y} V.(ea_Y)$ subrep. of V

with $0 \neq V_e \subset \bigoplus_{a_Y} V.(ea_Y) \xrightarrow[\text{irred.}]{V} V = \bigoplus_{a_Y} V.(ea_Y)$

and $v.(ea_Y) \xrightarrow{(-)b} \begin{cases} (v \cdot g) \cdot (ea_Z), & a_Y b \in Re \\ 0 & \end{cases}$

$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow$
 $v \cdot e \otimes a_Y \xrightarrow{(-)b} \begin{cases} v \cdot (eg) \otimes a_Z, & a_Y b \in Re \\ 0 & , \text{ else} \end{cases}$

commutes, i.e.: $V \cong (V \downarrow G_e) \uparrow S$ as S -reps.

$\Rightarrow \curvearrowright = \text{id.}$

