

§5 Killing form

Corollary 5.2

L semisimple $\Rightarrow L = L_1 \oplus \dots \oplus L_t$ with simple ideals L_t . Hence, any non-zero quotient is semisimple, hence non-abelian \Rightarrow Since $L/[L, L]$ is abelian $\Rightarrow L/[L, L] = 0 \Rightarrow L = [L, L]$.

§6. Complete reducibility of representations

Schur's Lemma: If V is an irreducible L -module, then every ^{non-zero} endomorphism $f: V \rightarrow V$ of L -modules is already an isomorphism. Moreover, if F is algebraically closed, then $\text{End}_L(V) = F$.

Proof: Let $f: V \rightarrow V$ be a ^{non-zero} morphism. Since $\text{Ker } f \neq V$ is a submodule and V is irreducible, must have $\text{Ker } f = 0$. Similarly, $\text{Im } f = V \Rightarrow f$ is an isomorphism.

If F is algebraically closed, f has an eigenvalue $\lambda \in F$. The map $f - \lambda \cdot \text{id}$ is a morphism $V \rightarrow V$. It is not an isomorphism (has non-trivial kernel), hence $f - \lambda \cdot \text{id} = 0$ by first part $\Rightarrow f = \lambda \cdot \text{id}$. \square

Weyl's Theorem

Key claim: Let V be a faithful L -module. Suppose there is an irreducible submodule W of V of codimension 1. Then V is completely reducible.

Proof: The Casimir Operator $c := c_V$ of V is an L -module endomorphism on V . Hence, $\text{Ker } c$ is a submodule of V . We will show that $V = W \oplus \text{Ker } c$.

It is enough to show that $W \cap \text{Ker } c = 0$ and $\text{Ker } c \neq 0$ (since W of codimension 1).

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & c := c_V & & & & \\ & & \downarrow & & & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & W & \rightarrow & V & \rightarrow & V/W \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

We know that $\text{Tr } c = \dim L \neq 0$

V/W is a 1-dimensional L -module. Hence, L acts trivially on V/W . Hence, also c acts trivially on V/W by construction of c , so $\text{Tr}(c \text{ on } V/W) = 0$. Since $\text{Tr } c \neq 0$, must have $\text{Tr}(c|_W) \neq 0$. Since W is irreducible, c acts by a scalar on W . This scalar must be non-zero since $\text{Tr}(c|_W) \neq 0$. Hence $W \cap \text{Ker } c = 0$. Moreover, $\text{Ker } c$ cannot be $= 0$ since then c could not act trivially on V/W . \square