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$G$  alg. group.

$G$ -variety: Variety  $X$  with action (morphisms)  $a: G \times X \rightarrow X$ .

$$a(g, x) = g \cdot x.$$

Orbit of  $x$ :  $G \cdot x$

$X$  homogeneous  $\Leftrightarrow X = G \cdot x_0$ .

$G$ -equivariant morphism:  $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $\phi(g \cdot x) = g \cdot \phi(x)$ .

Rational representation:

Alg. group hom.  $\rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ ,  $\dim(V) < \infty$ .

$$G \curvearrowright V: g \cdot v = \rho(g)(v).$$

Lemma  $X$   $G$ -variety.

(1)  $G \cdot x \subseteq \overline{G \cdot x}$  is open  $\forall x \in X$ .

(2)  $\exists$  closed orbits in  $X$ .

Pf (1)  $G \rightarrow X, g \mapsto g \cdot x$ .

Image  $G \cdot x \supseteq$  dense open  $U \subseteq \overline{G \cdot x}$ .

$$G \cdot x = \bigcup_{g \in G} g \cdot U \subseteq \overline{G \cdot x} \text{ open.}$$

(2)  $\overline{G \cdot x} - G \cdot x =$  union of orbits.

Choose  $x \in X$  with  $\dim G \cdot x$  minimal.

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Now:  $G$  LAG,  $X$  affine  $G$ -variety.

$$a: G \times X \longrightarrow X$$

$$a^*: k[X] \longrightarrow k[G] \otimes k[X]. \quad a^*(f)(g, x) = f(g \cdot x).$$

Def:  $s: G \longrightarrow GL(k[X])$  rep. of abstract gps.

$$(s(g)f)(x) = f(g^{-1} \cdot x)$$

Relation: let  $f \in k[X]$ .

$$a^*(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \otimes f_i \in k[G] \otimes k[X].$$

$$(s(g)f)_x = f(g^{-1} \cdot x) = a^*(f)(g^{-1}, x) = \sum u_i(g^{-1}) f_i(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow s(g)f = \sum u_i(g^{-1}) f_i$$

Assume  $V \subseteq k[X]$ ,  $\dim(V) < \infty$ .

Lemma  $\exists V \subseteq W \subseteq k[X]: \dim(W) < \infty, s(g)(W) \subseteq W \quad \forall g \in G.$

Pf WLOG  $V = \text{Span}\{f\}$ .

Relation  $\Rightarrow s(g)f \in \text{Span}\{f_1, \dots, f_n\} \quad \forall g \in G.$

$\square \Rightarrow \dim(W = \text{Span}\{s(g)f \mid g \in G\}) < \infty.$

Lemma  $V \subseteq k[X]$   $s(G)$ -stable  $\Leftrightarrow a^*(V) \subseteq k[G] \otimes V.$

$\Rightarrow V$  rational rep. of  $G$ ,  $s: G \times V \longrightarrow V.$

- similar.

## Action by translation

$$G \curvearrowright G, \quad g \cdot x = gx \text{ (left)}, \quad g \cdot x = xg^{-1} \text{ (right)}$$

$$\lambda: G \longrightarrow GL(k[G]), \quad (\lambda(g)f)(x) = f(g^{-1}x)$$

$$\rho: G \longrightarrow GL(k[G]), \quad (\rho(g)f)(x) = f(xg).$$

Note:  $\lambda$  and  $\rho$  are faithful (= injective):

$\lambda(g)$  determines  $G \rightarrow G, x \mapsto g^{-1}x$   
determines  $g \in G$ .

Thm  $G \cong$  closed subgroup  $\subseteq GL_n$ .

Pf Choose  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in k[G]$ :

- $k[G] = k[f_1, \dots, f_n]$
- $V = \text{span} \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$  is  $\rho(G)$ -stable
- $\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$  lin. indep.

$\exists w_{ij} \in k[G], 1 \leq i, j \leq n$  such that

$$\rho(g)f_j = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij}(g)f_i$$

Check:  $\alpha: G \times G \rightarrow G, \alpha(g, x) = xg$ .

$$\alpha^*(f_j) = \sum_i w_{ij} \otimes f_i \text{ for some } w_{ij} \in k[G].$$

$$(\rho(g)f_j)(x) = f_j(xg) = \alpha^*(f_j)(g, x) = \sum_i w_{ij}(g)f_i(x).$$

$\phi: G \rightarrow GL_n$ ,  $\phi(g) = (w_{ij}(g))_{i,j}$  alg. grp. hom.

$$k[GL_n] = k[T_{ij}, \det^{-1}].$$

$$\phi^*: k[T_{ij}, \det^{-1}] \longrightarrow k[G]$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{ij} &\longmapsto w_{ij} \\ \det^{-1} &\longmapsto \det(w_{ij})^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Surjective:

$$f_j(g) = f_j(eg) = (\rho(g)f_j)(e) = \sum_i w_{ij}(g) f_i(e)$$

$$f_j = \sum_i f_i(e) w_{ij} \in \text{Im}(\phi^*).$$

$$\therefore k[G] = k[GL_n]/I, \quad I = \ker(\phi^*)$$

$$\square \quad \updownarrow G \cong Z(I) \subseteq GL_n.$$

## Jordan decomposition

$V$  vector space,  $\dim(V) < \infty$ .

$a \in \text{End}_k(V)$ .

$a$  semi-simple:  $\exists$  basis of eigenvectors.

$a$  nilpotent:  $a^n = 0$  for some  $n \geq 0$ .

$a$  unipotent:  $a - 1$  nilpotent.

Note:  $\text{char}(k) = p > 0$ :  $a$  unipotent  $\Leftrightarrow a^{p^s} = 1, s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$M_n = \text{Mat}(n \times n) = \text{End}(k^n)$ .

Lemma  $S \subseteq M_n$  set of pairwise commuting matrices,

(1)  $\exists x \in GL_n$ :  $xSx^{-1}$  upper  $\Delta$ .

(2) All elts. of  $S$  semi-simple  $\Rightarrow xSx^{-1}$  diagonal.

Proof Simultaneous Jordan decomp (almost)!  $\square$

Lemma

(1)  $a, b \in \text{End}(V)$ ,  $ab = ba$ .

$a, b$  both ss/nilpot/unipot  $\Rightarrow$  so is  $ab$ .

(2)  $a \in \text{End}(V)$ ,  $b \in \text{End}(W)$  both ss/nilpot/unipot

$\Rightarrow$  so is  $a \otimes b \in \text{End}(V \otimes W)$  and  $a \otimes 1 \in \text{End}(V \otimes W)$ .

(3)  $a \in \text{End}(V)$ ,  $b \in \text{End}(W)$  both ss/nilpot

$\Rightarrow$  so is  $a \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes b \in \text{End}(V \otimes W)$ .

Note:  $a \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes b - 2(1 \otimes 1)$  is nilpotent!