

Note. Since  $V^* = \text{Hom}(V, F)$ , if we view  $F$  [127] as a 1-dim'l trivial  $L$ -mod. then the term  $x \cdot (f(v)) = 0$  in the above formula, reducing it to the formula on page 124 for the  $L$ -action on  $V^*$ .

There is an isom. of vector spaces  $\Phi: V^* \otimes W \rightarrow \text{Hom}(V, W)$  determined by  $\Phi(f \otimes w) = f_w$  where  $\forall v \in V, f_w(v) = f(v)w$ .

Using basis  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  of  $V$ , dual basis  $S^* = \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$  of  $V^*$ , so  $f_i(v_j) = \delta_{ij}$ , and basis  $T = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  of  $W$ . Show that  $\Phi$  is onto.

Since  $\dim(V^* \otimes W) = nm = \dim(\text{Hom}(V, W))$ ,  $\Phi$  is isom.

Th. The vector space isom.  $\Phi: V^* \otimes W \rightarrow \text{Hom}(V, W)$  128  
is an  $L$ -module hom, so it is an  $L$ -mod. isom.

Pf. Using the formulas for the  $L$  action on the  
two spaces, we must show that  $\forall x \in L$ ,

$$\Phi(x \cdot (f \otimes w)) = x \cdot \Phi(f \otimes w).$$

Apply both sides to any  $v \in V$ , we need to show  
the results are equal in  $W$ . First,

$$x \cdot (f \otimes w) = (x \cdot f) \otimes w + f \otimes (x \cdot w) \text{ so}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x \cdot (f \otimes w))(v) &= (x \cdot f)(v)w + f(v)(x \cdot w) \\ &= -f(x \cdot v)w + f(v)(x \cdot w) \text{ while} \end{aligned}$$

$$(x \cdot \Phi(f \otimes w))(v) = (x \cdot f_w)(v) = x \cdot (f(v)w) - f_w(x \cdot v)$$

$$= f(v)(x \cdot w) - f(x \cdot v)w. \quad \square$$

Cor.  $\Phi: V^* \otimes V \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$  is an  $L$ -mod. ism. 129  
 when  $V$  is an  $L$ -mod.

Example. On page 21 of these notes we gave the explicit action of  $L = \mathfrak{sl}(2, F) = \langle e, f, h \rangle$  on  $F^2 = V$  with std. basis  $\{v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\}$ . Study  $V \otimes V$ :

$$e \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} v_1 \otimes v_1 \\ v_1 \otimes v_2 \\ v_2 \otimes v_1 \\ v_2 \otimes v_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ v_1 \otimes v_1 \\ v_1 \otimes v_1 \\ v_1 \otimes v_2 + v_2 \otimes v_1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \left| \quad f \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} v_1 \otimes v_1 \\ v_1 \otimes v_2 \\ v_2 \otimes v_1 \\ v_2 \otimes v_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} v_2 \otimes v_1 + v_1 \otimes v_2 \\ v_2 \otimes v_2 \\ v_2 \otimes v_2 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$h \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} v_1 \otimes v_2 \\ v_1 \otimes v_2 \\ v_2 \otimes v_1 \\ v_2 \otimes v_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 2 v_1 \otimes v_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 v_2 \otimes v_2 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \left| \quad V \otimes V = V_{\text{sym}} \oplus V_{\text{anti}} \text{ where} \right.$$

$$V_{\text{sym}} = \langle v_1 \otimes v_1, v_1 \otimes v_2 + v_2 \otimes v_1, v_2 \otimes v_2 \rangle$$

$$V_{\text{anti}} = \langle v_1 \otimes v_2 - v_2 \otimes v_1 \rangle$$

Note:  $v_1 \otimes v_1 \xrightarrow{f} v_1 \otimes v_2 + v_2 \otimes v_1 \xrightarrow{f} 2(v_2 \otimes v_2)$  (130)  
acts by:  $\begin{matrix} 2 & 0 & -2 \end{matrix}$

so  $V_{\text{sym}}$  is an irred. 3-dim'l  $L$ -mod.  
But  $V_{\text{anti}}$  is a trivial 1-dim'l  $L$ -mod.  
In the notation from pages 24-25, have irred.  
 $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{F})$ -modules  $V_m$  for each  $0 \leq m \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  
 $\dim(V_m) = m+1$ .  $F^2 = V_1$  and we just got

$V_1 \otimes V_1 = V_2 \oplus V_0$  was completely reducible.  
 $\dim: 2 \times 2 = 3 + 1$

Exercises: ① Show  $V_1^* \cong V_1$ .  
② Show  $\Phi: V_1^* \otimes V_1 \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{End}(V_1)$  gives the decomp.  
of  $\mathfrak{gl}(V_1) = \mathfrak{sl}(V_1) \oplus FI_2$

Casimir element of a rep'n:

Let  $L$  be s.s. and  $\phi: L \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$  a faithful (injection) rep'n. |131

Define  $\beta: L \times L \rightarrow F$  bilinear symmetric form by  $\beta(x, y) = \text{Tr}(\phi(x) \circ \phi(y))$ . Then  $\beta$  is assoc. and  $\text{Rad}(\beta) = S \trianglelefteq L$ . Since  $\phi(S) \cong S$  is solv. by Cartan's Criterion,  $L$  s.s.  $\Rightarrow S = 0$ , so  $\beta$  is nondeg. Note: For  $\phi = \text{ad}$ ,  $\beta = \kappa$ .

Let  $L$  be s.s. and let  $\beta: L \times L \rightarrow F$  be any non deg. symm. assoc. bil. form on  $L$ . Let  $B = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be a basis of  $L$  and let  $B^* = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  be the dual basis s.t.  $\beta(x_i, y_j) = \delta_{ij}$ .

$\forall x \in L$ , write  $[x, x_i] = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j$  and (132)

$[x, y_k] = \sum_{j=1}^n b_{kj} y_j$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta([x, x_i], y_k) &= \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \beta(x_j, y_k) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \delta_{jk} = a_{ik} \\ &= \beta(-[x_i, x], y_k) = -\beta(x_i, [x, y_k]) = -\sum_{j=1}^n b_{kj} \beta(x_i, y_j) \\ &= -\sum_{j=1}^n b_{kj} \delta_{ij} = -b_{ki} \quad \text{so } a_{ik} = -b_{ki} \text{ says} \end{aligned}$$

the matrix  ${}_B [ad_x]_B$  representing  $ad_x$  w.r.t.  $B$

is  $A^T = [a_{ij}]^T$  and  ${}_{B^*} [ad_x]_{B^*} = [b_{ij}]^T$  are

related as neg. transposes of each other.

For  $\phi: L \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$  define |133

$$C_\phi(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(x_i) \circ \phi(y_i) \in \text{End}(V) \text{ where}$$

$B = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $B^* = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  are dual bases of  $L$  w.r.t.  $\beta$ . We have the identity in  $\text{End}(V)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} [x, yz] &= x(yz) - (yz)x = xyz - yxz + yxz - yzx \\ &= (xy - yx)z + y(xz - zx) \\ &= [x, y]z + y[x, z]. \end{aligned}$$

Along with  $a_{ik} = -b_{ki}$  from above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi(x), C_\phi(\beta)] &= \sum_{i=1}^n [\phi(x), \phi(x_i)] \phi(y_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(x_i) [\phi(x), \phi(y_i)] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \phi(x_j) \phi(y_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij} \phi(x_i) \phi(y_j) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So  $C_\phi(\beta)$   
commutes  
with  $\phi(L)$

Summarizing: For faithful  $\phi: L \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$  [134]

with nondeg. trace form  $\beta(x, y) = \text{Tr}(\phi(x) \circ \phi(y))$   
and some fixed basis  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  call  $C_\phi = C_\phi(\beta)$

the Casimir element of  $\phi$ .  $C_\phi \in \text{End}(V)$  s. t.

$[\phi(x), C_\phi] = 0, \forall x \in L$ , so if  $V$  is an irred

$L$ -mod, Schur's Lemma says  $C_\phi = \alpha I_V$  for  
some  $\alpha \in F$ . Then  $\text{Tr}(C_\phi) = \text{Tr}(\alpha I_V) = \alpha \dim(V)$

but  $\text{Tr}(C_\phi) = \text{Tr}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \phi(x_i) \circ \phi(y_i)\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta(x_i, y_i)$

$= \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{ii} = n = \dim(L)$ . So  $\alpha = \dim(L) / \dim(V)$ ,

independent of choice of basis for  $L$ .