## **Mathematics 666**

## Homework (due Sep. 8)

6) a) Let K be a field and  $A, B \in K^{n \times n}$  be matrices which are diagonalizable (i.e. there exists  $P \in GL_n(K)$  such that  $P^{-1}MP$  is diagonal). Show, that if AB = BA, then there exists a  $Q \in GL_n(K)$  such that  $Q^{-1}AQ$  and  $Q^{-1}BQ$  are **both** diagonal.

b) Let  $\varphi$  be a representation of a finite abelian group *G* over an algebraically closed field *K* in characteristic 0 (e.g.  $K = \mathbb{C}$ ). Show that all irreducible constituents of  $\varphi$  are 1-dimensional.

7) Let *A* be the group algebra  $\mathbb{Q}S_3$  and let

$$e_{1} = \frac{1}{6} \left( 1 + (2,3) + (1,2) + (1,2,3) + (1,3,2) + (1,3) \right)$$
  

$$e_{2} = \frac{1}{6} \left( 1 - (2,3) - (1,2) + (1,2,3) + (1,3,2) - (1,3) \right)$$
  

$$e_{3} = \frac{1}{3} \left( 2 - (1,2,3) - (1,3,2) \right)$$

a) Show that  $1 = e_1 + e_2 + e_3$ , and  $e_i^2 = e_i$ ,  $e_i e_j = 0$  for  $1 \le i, j \le 3$ ,  $i \ne j$ . **Hint:** In GAP, you can calculate in the group algebra in the following way:

gap> A:=GroupRing(Rationals,SymmetricGroup(3));; gap> b:=BasisVectors(Basis(A)); [ (1)\*(), (1)\*(2,3), (1)\*(1,2), (1)\*(1,2,3), (1)\*(1,3,2), (1)\*(1,3) ] gap> e1:=1/6\*(b[1]+b[3]+b[6]+b[2]+b[4]+b[5]);

b) Verify (by explicit calculation. Note that a basis is sufficient) that for all *i* and for all  $a \in A$  we have that  $ae_i = e_i a$ . Your solution to parts a) and b) can be simply a transcript of GAP calculations.

c) We set  $A_i = Ae_i = \{a \cdot e_i \mid a \in A\}$ . Show that  $A_i$  is an *A*-module by right multiplication with elements of *A* and that  $A_A = A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus A_3$  is a decomposition of  $A_A$  as a direct sum of *A* modules.

(We will see later in the course that there always is such a decomposition, and that there is exactly one summand for each irreducible representation. The  $e_i$  are called central, orthogonal idempotents.)

8) Let 
$$i = \sqrt{-1}$$
 and  $G = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \right)$  be the quaternion group of order 8. (You can create it in GAP as

Group([[[0, 1], [-1, 0]], [[E(4), 0], [0, -E(4)]])

for example and ask for its Elements.)

a) Construct an irreducible representation of *G* over the real numbers, acting on a 4-dimensional vectorspace  $V \cong \mathbb{R}^4$ . (**Hint:** Use an  $\mathbb{R}$ -basis of  $\mathbb{C}$  to get an  $\mathbb{R}$ -basis of  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . To show that no 2-dimensional submodule exists, consider images of a nonzero vector (*a*, *b*, *c*, *d*) in this subspace under different elements of *G*, and show that they will yield a basis of at least a 3-dimensional subspace.)

b) Determine the endomorphism ring  $\operatorname{End}_{\mathbb{R}G}(V)$ .

(**Hint:** The elements of  $\operatorname{End}_{\mathbb{R}G}(V)$  are  $4 \times 4$  matrices that commute with the generators of *G*. Use this to deduce conditions on their entires. Then show that every matrix fulfilling these conditions commutes with *G*.) c) By Schur's lemma  $\operatorname{End}_{\mathbb{R}G}(V)$  must be a division ring. Can you identify it?

9) Let  $M \in GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ . We consider M as the image of a generator in a representation of the infinite cyclic group. Let  $V = \mathbb{C}^n$  be the module associated to this representation. Show that V is a cyclic module (i.e. it is generated as a module by a single vector) if and only if the characteristic polynomial of M equals the minimal polynomial of M.