

Assignment 5
due on Tuesday, Nov 28, 2017

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Exercise 1 (15 points).

Let $A = M \otimes N^*$, $B = N \otimes L^*$, and $C = L \otimes M^*$ with $\dim M = m$, $\dim N = n$, and $\dim L = \ell$, that is, A can be viewed as the vector space of $m \times n$ -matrices, etc. Let $\langle m, n, \ell \rangle \in A \otimes B \otimes C$ be the tensor of the multiplication of $m \times n$ -matrices with $n \times \ell$ -matrices. Prove that

$$\langle m, n, \ell \rangle \cong \text{Id}_M \otimes \text{Id}_N \otimes \text{Id}_L .$$

Exercise 2 (15 points).

Let V be an irreducible GL_n -representation. Prove that V is also irreducible as an SL_n -representation, where SL_n is the group of matrices with determinant equal to 1.

Exercise 3 (10 points).

Let W be a vector space of dimension 2 and let $\ell, \ell_1, \dots, \ell_{n-1} \in W$ be pairwise distinct. Prove that there is a $g \in S^{n-1}W^*$ that vanishes on $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_{n-1}$, but not on ℓ .