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$\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$

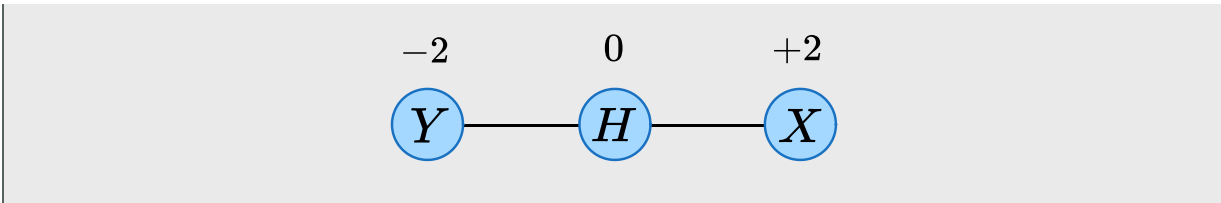
The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$  is the set of all **2 x 2 complex matrices with trace = 0**. This space is spanned by

$$\begin{aligned} H &:= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (traceless diagonal)} \\ X &:= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} (= E_{12}) \\ Y &:= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} (= E_{21}) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} [H, X] &= 2X \\ [H, Y] &= -2Y \\ [X, Y] &= H \end{aligned}$$

whose structure is understood by the diagram



Thus we have



$$\mathfrak{sl}_2\mathbb{C} \cong_{\text{Alg}} \mathbb{C} \left\langle H, X, Y \middle| \begin{aligned} [H, X] &= 2X \\ [H, Y] &= -2Y \\ [X, Y] &= H \end{aligned} \right\rangle$$



For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists an unique  $n + 1$  dimensional  $\text{Vec}_{\mathbb{C}}$  irreducible representation

$$\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \text{EndVec}_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{Sym}^n \mathbb{C})$$

which is the  $n$ -th symmetric power of the standard representation on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .

$\text{FinVec}_{\mathbb{C}}$  [irreducible representations of  \$\mathfrak{sl}\(2, \mathbb{C}\)\$](#)

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