

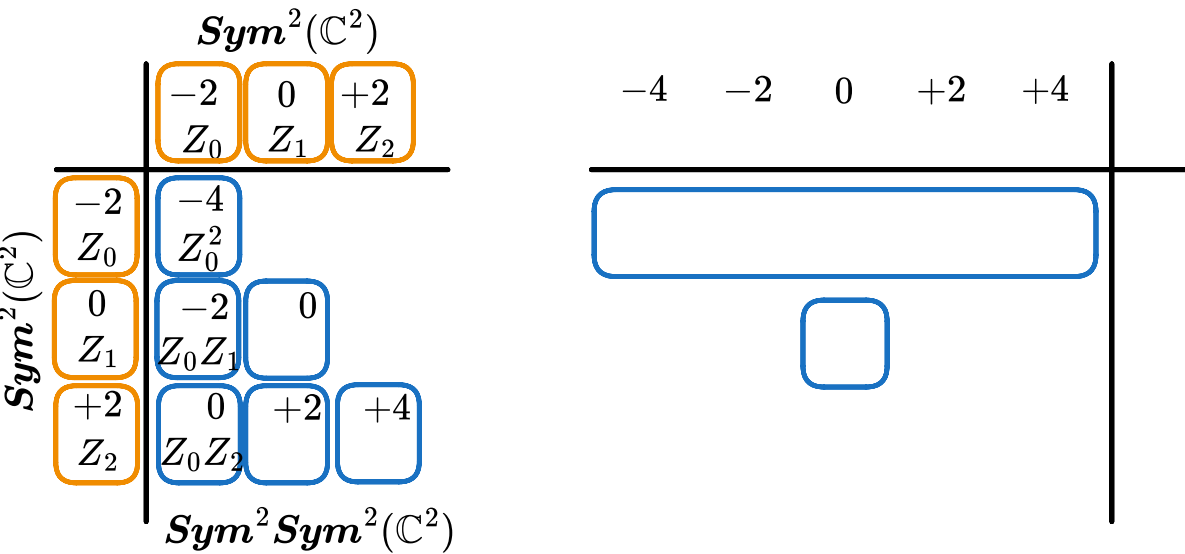
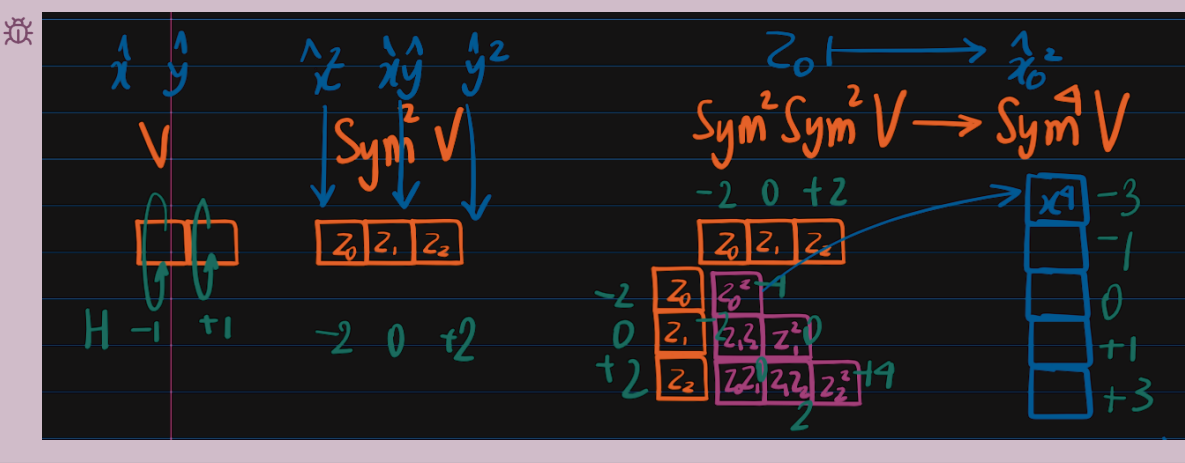
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$$\mathbf{Sym}^2(2) \cong_{\mathfrak{sl}(2,\mathbb{C})} 0 \oplus 4$$

$$\mathbf{Sym}^2 \mathbf{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2) \cong_{\mathfrak{sl}(2,\mathbb{C})} \mathbf{Sym}^0(\mathbb{C}^2) \oplus \mathbf{Sym}^4(\mathbb{C}^2)$$

using weights



decomposition as homogeneous polynomials

Correspondences

For any vector space W of dim $n + 1$,

$$\mathbf{Sym}^k W^* \leftrightarrow \{\text{homog polynomials of deg } k \text{ on } \underbrace{P(W)}_{\text{= space of lines in } W}\}$$

Dually,

$$\mathbf{Sym}^k W \leftrightarrow \{\text{homog polynomials of deg } k \text{ on } \underbrace{P(W^*)}_{\text{= space of lines in } W^*} \}$$

= space of hyperplanes in W

where the last correspondence is

$$\text{lines in } W^* \leftrightarrow \text{hyperplanes in } W$$

$$[\phi] \leftrightarrow \ker \phi$$

Now because zero sets of polynomials are *hypersurfaces*(?)

$$P(\mathbf{Sym}^k W) \leftrightarrow \{\text{hypersurfaces of deg } k \text{ in } P(W^*)\}$$

so to derive results about $\mathbf{Sym}^k W$ we must work with $P(W^*)$.

We understand

- $\mathbf{Sym}^2 \mathbf{Sym}^2 V = \{\text{homg deg 2 polynomials on } P(\mathbf{Sym}^2 V)^*\}$
- for $V = \mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{C}\{x, y\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Sym}^2 \mathbb{C}\{x, y\} &\cong \mathbb{C}\{x^2, xy, y^2\} \cong \mathbb{C}\{Z_0, Z_1, Z_2\} \\ x^2 &\mapsto Z_0 \\ xy &\mapsto Z_1 \\ y^2 &\mapsto Z_2 \end{aligned}$$

- which gives

$$\mathbf{Sym}^2 \mathbf{Sym}^2 \mathbb{C}^2 = \underbrace{\mathbb{C}\left\{ \begin{array}{c} Z_0^2, Z_1^2, Z_2^2, \\ Z_0 Z_1, Z_1 Z_2, Z_2 Z_0 \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{homg polynomials on } P\mathbb{C}\{Z_0, Z_1, Z_2\} \cong \mathbb{C}P^2}$$

- thus using

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we have the evaluation map

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{Sym}^2 \mathbf{Sym}^2 \mathbb{C}^2}_{\mathbb{C}\left\{\begin{matrix} Z_0^2, Z_1^2, Z_2^2, \\ Z_0 Z_1, Z_1 Z_2, Z_2 Z_0 \end{matrix}\right\}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\mathbf{Sym}^4 \mathbb{C}^2}_{\mathbb{C}\left\{\begin{matrix} x^4 \\ x^3 y, x^2 y^2, x y^3 \\ y^4 \end{matrix}\right\}}$$
$$\begin{aligned} Z_0^2 &\mapsto x^4 \\ Z_1^2 &\mapsto x^2 y^2 \\ Z_2^2 &\mapsto y^4 \\ Z_0 Z_1 &\mapsto x^3 y \\ Z_1 Z_2 &\mapsto x y^3 \\ Z_2 Z_0 &\mapsto x^2 y^2 \end{aligned}$$

- this map surjective because the chosen basis is contained in the image
- and it is easily seen

$$Z_2 Z_0 - Z_1^2 \mapsto 0$$

and this polynomial spans the kernel because the map is surjective and it goes from a dim 6 to a dim 5 space

- So we get an **exact sequence**

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\{Z_2 Z_0 - Z_1^2\} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Sym}^2 \mathbf{Sym}^2 \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{Sym}^4 \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow 0$$

- But what about the split $\mathbf{Sym}^4 \mathbb{C}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Sym}^2 \mathbf{Sym}^2 \mathbb{C}^2$? We must define something like

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Sym}^4 \mathbb{C}^2 &\hookrightarrow \mathbf{Sym}^2 \mathbf{Sym}^2 \mathbb{C}^2 \\ x^4 &\mapsto Z_0^2 \\ x^3 y &\mapsto Z_0 Z_1 \\ x^2 y^2 &\mapsto \frac{1}{2}(Z_1^2 + Z_0 Z_2) \\ x y^3 &\mapsto Z_1 Z_2 \\ y^4 &\mapsto Z_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{C}P^2$ geometry behind the decomposition

For $n = 2$ we have the embedding

$$[x, y] \mapsto [x^2, xy, y^2]$$

whose image satisfies the equation

$$F(Z_0, Z_1, Z_2) := Z_0 Z_2 - (Z_1)^2 = 0$$

in $\mathbb{C}P^2$ with coordinates

$$[Z_0, Z_1, Z_2] := [x^2, xy, y^2]$$

whose zero set is called the *plane conic* (rational normal curve of degree 2).

The action

$$\begin{aligned} SL_{\mathbb{C}}(2) &\curvearrowright P\mathbf{Sym}^2 V^* \cong \mathbb{C}P^2 \\ \hat{x}^k \hat{y}^{n-k} &\xrightarrow{S} (S\hat{x})^k (S\hat{y})^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

is exactly the group of motions of $\mathbb{C}P^2$ that carry the plane conic c_2 onto itself

Thus the action

$$SL_{\mathbb{C}}(2) \curvearrowright \mathbf{Sym}^2(\mathbf{Sym}^2(V)) \leftrightarrow \{\text{homog polynomials of deg } k \text{ on } P(\underbrace{W^*}_{\mathbf{Sym}^2(V)})\}$$

must preserve $\mathbb{C}\{F\}$ spanned the polynomial for c_2 .

The split

$$\mathbf{Sym}^4(V) \rightarrow$$

Hence

$$0 \rightarrow \underbrace{\mathbb{C}\{F\}}_{\mathbf{Sym}^0(V)} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Sym}^2(\mathbf{Sym}^2(V)) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sym}^4(V) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact as $SL_{\mathbb{C}}(2)$ -modules, that splits giving us an isomorphism

$$\mathbf{Sym}^2(\mathbf{Sym}^2(V)) \cong_{SL_{\mathbb{C}}(2)} \mathbf{Sym}^4(V) \oplus \mathbf{Sym}^0(V)$$

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And it has 2 siblings.

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