Representations and comodules

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$$G(A) \times (V \otimes A) \to V \otimes A$$

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Let $\operatorname{Hom}_{G}(V, W)$ be the space of *G*-module homomorphisms. We then have a category $\operatorname{Rep}_{k}(G)$ of representations of *G*.

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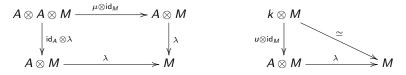
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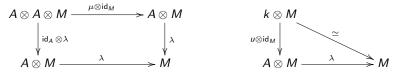


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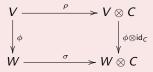
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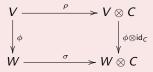
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Then $r_{\rho}(gh) = r_{\rho}(g) \circ r_{\rho}(h)$ since $r_{\rho}(g)(r_{\rho}(h)(v \otimes a)) = \sum_{i} r_{\rho}(g)(v_{i} \otimes f_{i}(h)a)$ $= \sum_{i,j} v_{ij} \otimes f_{ij}(g) f_{i}(h)a = \sum_{i,\ell} v_{i} \otimes f_{i\ell}'(g) f_{i\ell}''(h)a = \sum_{i} v_{i} \otimes f_{i}(gh)a = r_{\rho}(gh)(v \otimes a).$

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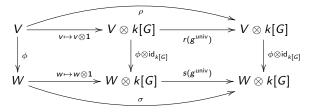
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Let $G = \text{Spec}(k[G], \Delta, \varepsilon)$ be an affine algebraic group over k. The following are equivalent.

- **G** is unipotent.
- Gereic For any closed immersion G → GL_n of algebraic groups, G is conjugate to U_n via an element of GL_n(k).
- **(a)** G is isomorphic to a closed subgroup of \mathbb{U}_n for some n.
- The Hopf algebra k[G] is coconnected, *i.e.* there exists a filtration $C_0 \subseteq C_1 \subseteq \cdots$ of subspaces of k[G] such that $C_0 = k$, $\bigcup_{r \ge 0} C_r = k[G]$ and $\Delta(C_r) \subseteq \sum_{i=0}^r C_i \otimes C_{r-i}$ for all $r \ge 0$.

Example

- An affine algebraic group is unipotent iff it admits a faithful finite-dimensional representation on which it acts by unipotent matrices.
- **2** A closed subgroup G of GL_n is unipotent iff every $g \in G(k)$ is unipotent.
- Olosed subgroups of G_a ≃ U₂ are unipotents. For example, if k has characteristic p > 0, then the group α_{pⁿ} := Spec k[T]/(T^{pⁿ}) is unipotent for all n ≥ 1.
- The group \mathbb{U}_n admits an descending central series of length $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ with successive quotients isomorphic to \mathbb{G}_a . When n = 3, the series is

$$\mathbb{U}_3 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \supseteq \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \supseteq \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \supseteq \{e\}.$$

It follows that every unipotent group admits a descending central series with successive quotients isomorphic to closed subgroups of \mathbb{G}_a . In particular, unipotent groups are nilpotent and *a fortiori* solvable.

Theorem

Assume that k has characteristic 0.

- Unipotent algebraic groups over k are connected. In particular, there are no non-trivial finite unipotent algebraic groups over k.
- G Let G be a unipotent algebraic group over k. The exponential map exp : Lie(G)_a → G is an isomorphism of algebraic varieties over k. It is an isomorphism of algebraic groups over k iff G is commutative.
- O The constructions G → Lie(G) and V → V_a establish an equivalence between the category of commutative unipotent algebraic groups and that of finite-dimensional vector spaces over k.
- O The constructions G → Lie(G) and g → g_{BCH} (the group law on g_{BCH} is given by the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff series) establish an equivalence between the category of unipotent algebraic groups and that of finite-dimensional nilpotent Lie algebras over k.

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