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Неприводимые представления колчанов, ассоциированных с кольцами

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Аннотация

В этой статье мы представляем текущие исследования по классификации неприводимых представлений следующего колчана или, скорее, диграфа (который в этой статье мы обозначаем через \mathbb{A}):

$$v_1 \xrightarrow{e_1} v_0 \begin{array}{c} \circlearrowleft \\ e_0 \end{array}$$

Каждое представление \mathbb{A} задается двумя векторными пространствами W_0 и W_1 и двумя гомоморфизмами $\varphi_0 : W_0 \rightarrow W_0$ и $\varphi_1 : W_1 \rightarrow W_0$:

$$W_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} W_0 \begin{array}{c} \circlearrowleft \\ \varphi_0 \end{array}$$

Обозначим предыдущее представление через $(W_1, W_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_0)$. Если $\dim(W_0) = n$ и $\dim(W_1) = m$, то можно определить $W_0 = K^n$ и $W_1 = K^m$, и тогда φ_0 и φ_1 отождествляются соответственно с $n \times n$ и $n \times m$ матрицами M_0 и M_1 , так что указанное представление определяется четырехкратным (m, n, M_1, M_0) . Вычислим неприводимые представления для некоторого m .

Ключевые слова: конечные кольца, направленные графы, колчаные представления

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Irreducible representations of quivers associated to rings

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Abstract

In this paper we present the ongoing research on classifying irreducible representations of the following quiver, or rather the digraph (which throughout this paper we denote by \mathbb{A}):

$$v_1 \xrightarrow{e_1} v_0 \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ e_0 \end{array}$$

Every representation of \mathbb{A} is given by two vector spaces W_0 and W_1 , and two homomorphisms $\varphi_0 : W_0 \rightarrow W_0$ and $\varphi_1 : W_1 \rightarrow W_0$:

$$W_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} W_0 \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ \varphi_0 \end{array}$$

We denote the previous representation by $(W_1, W_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_0)$. If $\dim(W_0) = n$ and $\dim(W_1) = m$, we may identify $W_0 = K^n$ and $W_1 = K^m$, and then φ_0 and φ_1 are identified respectively with $n \times n$ and $n \times m$ matrices M_0 and M_1 , so the above representation is determined by the quadruple (m, n, M_1, M_0) . We calculate irreducible representations for some m .

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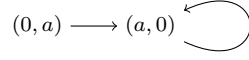
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1. Introduction

We are interested in classifying irreducible representations of the following quiver, or rather the digraph (which throughout this paper we denote by \mathbb{A}):

$$v_1 \xrightarrow{e_1} v_0 \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ e_0 \end{array}$$

This digraph appears as a subdigraph of the digraphs associated with commutative rings in the following way (see [2] and [3] for details): For a ring R we define $G_R = (R^2, E)$, where E is given by $E = \{(a, b) \rightarrow (a + b, ab) \mid a, b \in R\}$. Now, the digraph \mathbb{A} appears in the following way: For $a \in R$, $a \neq 0$, we always have:



The present work is merely a beginning of a research project of understanding irreducible representations of digraphs G_R .

2. Preliminaries

Throughout, K will *always* be an algebraically closed field.

DEFINITION 1. Let $G = (V, E)$ be a digraph. For $e \in E$ denote by $s(e) \in V$ and $t(e) \in V$ the starting and the target vertex of the edge e respectively (i.e. $e = (s(e), t(e))$).

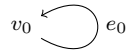
- (a) A representation of the graph G is a collection $\{W_v \mid v \in V\}$ of vector spaces over a field K together with a collection of linear mappings (i.e. vector space-homomorphisms) $\{\varphi_e : W_{s(e)} \rightarrow W_{t(e)} \mid e \in E\}$.
- (b) The representation $(\{W_v \mid v \in V\}, \{\varphi_e \mid e \in E\})$ with $W_v = 0$ for all $v \in V$ (and so $\varphi_e = 0$ for all $e \in E$, too) is said to be the zero-representation of G .
- (c) Two representations $(\{W_v \mid v \in V\}, \{\varphi_e \mid e \in E\})$ and $(\{W'_v \mid v \in V\}, \{\varphi'_e \mid e \in E\})$ are said to be isomorphic if there is a collection of vector space-isomorphisms $\{\theta_v : W_v \rightarrow W'_v \mid v \in V\}$ such that for each $e \in E$ the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W_{s(e)} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_e} & W_{t(e)} \\ \theta_{s(e)} \downarrow & & \downarrow \theta_{t(e)} \\ W'_{s(e)} & \xrightarrow{\varphi'_e} & W'_{t(e)} \end{array}$$

i.e. for each $e \in E$, $\varphi'_e \circ \theta_{s(e)} = \theta_{t(e)} \circ \varphi_e$ holds.

- (d) The sum of two representations $(\{W_v \mid v \in V\}, \{\varphi_e \mid e \in E\})$ and $(\{W'_v \mid v \in V\}, \{\varphi'_e \mid e \in E\})$ is the representation given by $W_v \oplus W'_v$ for all $v \in V$ and $\varphi_e \oplus \varphi'_e$ for all $e \in E$.
- (e) A representation $(\{W_v \mid v \in V\}, \{\varphi_e \mid e \in E\})$ is irreducible if it is not isomorphic to a sum of two non-zero-representations. (see [1] for details)

Утверждение 5. (i) Consider the loop-digraph $\mathbb{L} = (\{v_0\}, \{e_0 = v_0 \rightarrow v_0\})$:



Every irreducible representation of \mathbb{L} is isomorphic to a representation given by $W_{v_0} = K^n$ and $\varphi_{e_0} = J_{n,\alpha}$, where $n \geq 1$, $\alpha \neq 0$ and $J_{n,\alpha}$ is the Jordan $(n \times n)$ -block matrix:

$$J_{n,\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \alpha & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

Moreover, these representations are mutually non-isomorphic.

(ii) A matrix $A \in GL_n(K)$ commutes with $J_{n,\alpha}$ if and only if A is of the form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \dots & a_n \\ 0 & a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{n-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad a_1 \neq 0.$$

We now return to the digraph \mathbb{A} . Every representation of \mathbb{A} is given by two vector spaces W_0 and W_1 , and two homomorphisms $\varphi_0 : W_0 \rightarrow W_0$ and $\varphi_1 : W_1 \rightarrow W_0$:

$$W_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} W_0 \xleftarrow{\varphi_0}$$

We denote the previous representation by $(W_1, W_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_0)$. If $\dim(W_0) = n$ and $\dim(W_1) = m$, we may identify $W_0 = K^n$ and $W_1 = K^m$, and then φ_0 and φ_1 are identified respectively with $n \times n$ and $n \times m$ matrices M_0 and M_1 , so the above representation is determined by the quadruple (m, n, M_1, M_0) .

LEMMA 1. Consider a representation determined by (m, n, M_1, M_0) .

- (i) If the representation is irreducible, then $m \leq n$ and $\text{rank}(M_1) = m$.
- (ii) If $m \leq n$, $\text{rank}(M_1) = m$ and M_0 is similar to $J_{n,\alpha}$ for some $\alpha \neq 0$, then the representation is irreducible.

PROOF. (i) Suppose that the following representation is irreducible:

$$K^m \xrightarrow{M_1} K^n \xleftarrow{M_0}$$

Denote by φ_0 and φ_1 mappings given by M_0 and M_1 respectively.

It suffices to prove that $\varphi_1 : K^m \rightarrow K^n$ is injective (which clearly implies both $m \leq n$ and $\text{rank}(M_1) = m$). Suppose not; then $\ker \varphi_1$ is non-trivial. Find $W \leq K^m$ such that $K^m = \ker \varphi_1 \oplus W$. Then the above representation is (equal to) the sum of non-zero representations $(\ker \varphi_1, 0, 0, 0)$ and $(W, K^n, \varphi_1|_W, \varphi_0)$. This contradicts the irreducibility of the representation.

(ii) Suppose that $m \leq n$, $\text{rank}(M_1) = m$ and M_0 is similar to $J_{n,\alpha}$. If $P \in GL_n(K)$ is such that $M_0 = P^{-1}J_{n,\alpha}P$, note that we have the following isomorphism of the representations given by (m, n, M_1, M_0) and $(m, n, PM_1, J_{n,\alpha})$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} M_0 \\ \downarrow \\ K^n \end{array} & \xrightarrow{P} & \begin{array}{c} J_{n,\alpha} \\ \downarrow \\ K^n \end{array} \\ M_1 \downarrow & & \uparrow PM_1 \\ K^m & \xrightarrow{I_m} & K^m \end{array}$$

(I_m is the identity $(m \times m)$ -matrix.) Clearly, $\text{rank}(PM_1) = m$, so it suffices to prove irreducibility of the representation given by $(m, n, M, J_{n,\alpha})$ where $m \leq n$ and $\text{rank}(M) = m$.

Suppose that we have the following reduction:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} J_{n,\alpha} \\ \curvearrowright \\ K^n \end{array} & \xrightarrow{\theta_0} & \begin{array}{c} M'_0 \\ \curvearrowright \\ W'_0 \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} M''_0 \\ \curvearrowright \\ W''_0 \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c} M \\ \downarrow \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} M'_1 \\ \uparrow \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} M''_1 \\ \uparrow \end{array} \\
 K^m & \xrightarrow{\theta_1} & W'_1 \oplus W''_1
 \end{array}$$

where θ_0 and θ_1 are isomorphisms. By Fact 5(i), one of W'_0 and W''_0 must be zero, as otherwise the above reduction in particular would give a reduction of a Jordan block representation of the loop graph (which is irreducible by Fact 5(i)). Without loss of generality we may assume $W''_0 = 0$, so the reduction becomes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} J_{n,\alpha} \\ \curvearrowright \\ K^n \end{array} & \xrightarrow{\theta_0} & \begin{array}{c} M'_0 \\ \curvearrowright \\ W'_0 \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \curvearrowright \\ 0 \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c} M \\ \downarrow \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} M'_1 \\ \uparrow \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \uparrow \end{array} \\
 K^m & \xrightarrow{\theta_1} & W'_1 \oplus W''_1
 \end{array}$$

Now, $m \leq n$ and $\text{rank}(M) = m$ yield that the homomorphism given by M is injective, so the one given by $M'_1 \oplus 0$ on the right-hand side is also injective. This means that $W''_1 = 0$, so the above reduction is in fact trivial. Therefore, our representation is irreducible. \square

Although, by the previous lemma, M_0 being a Jordan block matrix is a sufficient condition for irreducibility, it is not a necessary condition as the following easy example shows.

ЗАМЕЧАНИЕ 1. Consider the following representation:

$$K \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} K^2 \curvearrowright \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

If it is reducible, we would have $\lambda, \mu, \alpha, \beta \in K^\times$ and $\begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ u & v \end{bmatrix} \in GL_2(K)$ such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \curvearrowright \\ K^2 \end{array} & \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ u & v \end{bmatrix}} & \begin{array}{c} \alpha \\ \curvearrowright \\ K \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} \beta \\ \curvearrowright \\ K \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \downarrow \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} \mu \\ \uparrow \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \uparrow \end{array} \\
 K & \xrightarrow{\lambda \oplus 0} & K \oplus 0
 \end{array}$$

By commutativity of the “square” part we have $\begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ u & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \lambda$, where from we conclude

$u + v = 0$, i.e. $v = -u$. Now, by commutativity of the “loop” part we have $\begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ u & -u \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} =$

$= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ u & -u \end{bmatrix}$, i.e. $\begin{bmatrix} x & 2y \\ u & -2u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x & \alpha y \\ \beta u & -\beta u \end{bmatrix}$. From the bottom row we obtain $u = \beta u = 2u$, so $u = 0$, and hence $v = 0$. This is a contradiction as $\begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ u & v \end{bmatrix}$ is regular.

As a first step in our investigation, we consider the special case of irreducible representations given by Lemma 1(ii). So we aim to classify irreducible representations given by (m, n, M_1, M_0) , where $m \leq n$, $\text{rank}(M_1) = m$ (this is necessary by Lemma 1(i)), and M_0 is similar to $J_{n,\alpha}$ for some $\alpha \neq 0$. If $M_0 = P^{-1}J_{n,\alpha}P$, then the representation given by (m, n, M_1, M_0) is clearly isomorphic to the one given by $(m, n, PM_1, J_{n,\alpha})$, so we may suppose that $M_0 = J_{n,\alpha}$. For the representation given by $(m, n, M_1, J_{n,\alpha})$ we say that it is of type (m, n, α) .

3. Irreducible representations of type $(1, n, \alpha)$

Throughout this section, denote by M_i the $(n \times 1)$ -matrix:

$$M_i := [0 \quad \dots \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad \dots \quad 0]^T$$

with 1 in the i -th row.

LEMMA 2. Suppose that we have the following irreducible representation of type $(1, n, \alpha)$:

$$K \xrightarrow{M} K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha}$$

where $M = [m_1 \quad m_2 \quad \dots \quad m_n]^T$. Then if $i \leq n$ is such that $m_i \neq 0$ and $m_j = 0$ for all $i < j \leq n$, the above representation is isomorphic to:

$$K \xrightarrow{M_i} K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha}$$

PROOF. We need to find $\lambda \in K^\times$ and $A \in GL_n(K)$ such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K & \xrightarrow{M} & K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha} \\ \lambda \downarrow & & \downarrow A \\ K & \xrightarrow{M_i} & K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha} \end{array}$$

i.e. such that $AM = M_i\lambda$ and $AJ_{n,\alpha} = J_{n,\alpha}A$. By Fact 5, A is of the following form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ 0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $a_1 \neq 0$, so we must show that the following equation (in variables a_1, \dots, a_n, λ) has a solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ 0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \\ \vdots \\ m_i \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow i$$

This reduces to the system:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 a_1 m_1 & + & a_2 m_2 & + & \dots & + & a_{i-1} m_{i-1} & + & a_i m_i & = & 0 \\
 & & a_1 m_2 & + & \dots & + & a_{i-2} m_{i-1} & + & a_{i-1} m_i & = & 0 \\
 & & & & & & & & \vdots & & \\
 & & & & & & a_1 m_{i-1} & + & a_2 m_i & = & 0 \\
 & & & & & & & & a_1 m_i & = & \lambda
 \end{array}$$

so we see that we may take e.g. $\lambda = m_i \in K^\times$, $a_1 = 1$ and recursively find $a_2 = -a_1 m_{i-1}/m_i$, \dots , $a_i = -(a_1 m_1 + \dots + a_{i-1} m_{i-1})/m_i$; we may also put $a_{i+1} = \dots = a_n = 0$. \square

LEMMA 3. *If $1 \leq i < j \leq n$, then the representations:*

$$K \xrightarrow{M_i} K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad K \xrightarrow{M_j} K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha}$$

are non-isomorphic.

PROOF. We have to show that for no $\lambda \in K^\times$ and A of the form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ 0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $a_1 \neq 0$, $AM_i = M_j \lambda$, i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ 0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow j$$

holds. This is obvious as it implies $a_1 \cdot 1 = 0$ as $i < j$. \square

As a direct corollary of the previous two lemmas we obtain:

THEOREM 1. *Up to isomorphism, all non-isomorphic irreducible representations of type $(1, n, \alpha)$ are given by (for $i \leq n$):*

$$K \xrightarrow{M_i} K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha}$$

In particular, there are exactly n non-isomorphic representations of type $(1, n, \alpha)$.

4. Irreducible representations of type $(n-1, n, \alpha)$

Throughout this section, denote by M_i the $(n \times (n-1))$ -matrix:

$$M_i := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow i-1 \\ \leftarrow i \\ \leftarrow i+1 \end{array}$$

so the matrix I_{n-1} with a zero-row added as the i -th row. Moreover, we also fix the following notation. For an $(n \times (n-1))$ -matrix M , $\text{rank}_i(M)$ denotes the rank of the matrix obtained by deleting the i -th row from M .

LEMMA 4. Suppose that we have the following irreducible representation of type $(n-1, n, \alpha)$:

$$K^{n-1} \xrightarrow{M} K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha}$$

Then if $i \leq n$ is such that $\text{rank}_i(M) = n-1$ and $\text{rank}_j(M) < n-1$ for all $j < i$, the above representation is isomorphic to:

$$K^{n-1} \xrightarrow{M_i} K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha}$$

PROOF. Suppose that $\text{rank}_i(M) = n-1$ and $\text{rank}_j(M) < n-1$ for all $j < i$. Since $\text{rank}(M_i) = n-1$, by elementary transformations of columns only, we may transform M to the matrix of the following form:

$$M' := MQ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ m_1 & \dots & m_{i-1} & m_i & \dots & m_{n-1} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow i-1 \\ \leftarrow i \\ \leftarrow i+1 \end{array}$$

where $Q \in GL_{n-1}(K)$ is the product of all elementary matrices used in the transformation. Since elementary transformations of columns don't change the row-rank, $\text{rank}_j(MQ) < n-1$ for all $j < i$ too. From here we directly see that it must be $m_1 = \dots = m_{i-1} = 0$, so:

$$M' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & m_i & \dots & m_{n-1} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow i-1 \\ \leftarrow i \\ \leftarrow i+1 \end{array}$$

Thus we have an isomorphism of representations:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{M} & K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha} \\ Q^{-1} \downarrow & & \downarrow I_n \\ K^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{M'} & K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha} \end{array}$$

Now, it suffices to find an isomorphism of representations of the following form:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{M'} & K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha} \\ A \downarrow & & \downarrow B \\ K^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{M_i} & K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha} \end{array}$$

So we need $A \in GL_{n-1}(K)$ and $B \in GL_n(K)$ such that $M_i A = B M'$ and $B J_{n,\alpha} = J_{n,\alpha} B$. Since, $B J_{n,\alpha} = J_{n,\alpha} B$, by Fact 5(ii), B must be found in the following form:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \\ 0 & b_1 & \dots & b_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & b_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b_1 \neq 0,$$

so we have to check that for such B , $B M' = M_i A$ has a solution (for A and B). Note that the i -th row of $M_i A$ (for any A) is zero, so let us first look at the i -th row of $B M'$. We have:

$$(B M')_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_{n-i+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & m_i & \dots & m_{n-1} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the i -th row equals:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & b_1 m_i + b_2 & b_1 m_{i+1} + b_3 & \dots & b_1 m_{n-1} + b_{n-i+1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Put $b_1 = 1, b_2 = -m_i, b_3 = -m_{i+1}, \dots, b_{n-i+1} = -m_{n-1}$, then the obtained row is zero, and further put $b_{n-i+2} = \dots = b_n = 0$. For the obtained matrix B , $B M'$ has the i -th row zero. Now set A to be $B M'$ after deleting the i -th row. It is easy to see that A is an upper triangular matrix with ones on the diagonal, thus it is regular, and that $B M' = M_i A$. This finishes the proof. \square

LEMMA 5. *If $1 \leq i < j \leq n$, then the representations:*

$$K^{n-1} \xrightarrow{M_i} K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad K^{n-1} \xrightarrow{M_j} K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha}$$

are non-isomorphic.

PROOF. We have to show that there are no $A \in GL_{n-1}(K)$ and $B \in GL_n(K)$ of the form:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \\ 0 & b_1 & \dots & b_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $b_1 \neq 0$, such that $BM_i = M_jA$. The j -th row of M_jA is zero, while j -th row of BM_i has $b_1 \neq 0$ in the place $(j, j-1)$ (as $j-1 \geq i$). Therefore, the two representations are non-isomorphic. \square

As a direct corollary of the previous two lemmas we obtain:

THEOREM 2. *Up to isomorphism, all irreducible representations of type $(n-1, n, \alpha)$ are given by (for $i \leq n$):*

$$K \xrightarrow{M_i} K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha}$$

In particular, there are exactly n non-isomorphic representations of type $(n-1, n, \alpha)$.

5. Irreducible representations of type $(2, n, \alpha)$

Throughout this section, denote by $M_{m,k}(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1})$ the $(n \times 2)$ -matrix:

$$M_{m,k}(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) := \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ x_2 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{m-1} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \leftarrow m \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \leftarrow k \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $1 \leq m < k \leq n$ and $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m-1} \in K$. For $i < m$ and $x_1, \dots, x_{m-2} \in K$ denote $M_{m,k,i}(x_1, \dots, x_{m-2}) := M_{m,k}(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, 0, x_i, \dots, x_{m-2})$.

LEMMA 6. *If $(m_1, k_1) \neq (m_2, k_2)$, then the representations:*

$$K^2 \xrightarrow{M_{m_1,k_1}(\vec{x})} K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad K^2 \xrightarrow{M_{m_2,k_2}(\vec{y})} K^n \curvearrowright J_{n,\alpha}$$

are non-isomorphic for arbitrary $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in K^{m-1}$.

PROOF. We have to show that there are no $A \in GL_2(K)$ and $B \in GL_n(K)$ of the form:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \\ 0 & b_1 & \dots & b_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $b_1 \neq 0$, such that $BM_{m_1, k_1} = M_{m_2, k_2}A$. If $k_1 < k_2$, the k_1 -th row of BM_{m_1, k_1} has 1 in place $(k_1, 2)$, while the same place in k_1 -th row of $M_{m_2, k_2}A$ is 0. If $k_1 = k_2$ and $m_1 < m_2$, then m_2 -th row of BM_{m_1, k_1} is zero, while m_2 -th row of $M_{m_2, k_2}A$ has 1 in place $(m_2, 1)$. Therefore, the two representations are non-isomorphic. \square

Consider an irreducible representation of type $(2, n, \alpha)$:

$$K^2 \xrightarrow{M} K^n \curvearrowright J_{n, \alpha}$$

Recall that the rank of M is two. Define:

$$k_M := \max \left\{ k \leq n : (\exists m < k) \text{ rank} \begin{bmatrix} M_m \\ M_k \end{bmatrix} = 2 \right\},$$

where M_i denotes the i -th row of M , and then:

$$m_M := \max \left\{ m < k_M : \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} M_m \\ M_{k_M} \end{bmatrix} = 2 \right\}.$$

From now on we fix the previous representation, i.e. the matrix M , so to simplify the notation, we denote k_M and m_M only by k and m .

LEMMA 7. *There is $\vec{x} \in K^{m-1}$ such that the above representation is isomorphic to the one given by $M_{m, k}(\vec{x})$. Moreover, if $k < 2m$, then the above representation is isomorphic to the one given by $M_{m, k, 2m-k}(\vec{x})$ for some $\vec{x} \in K^{m-2}$.*

PROOF. By elementary transformations of columns only, and the fact that m -th and k -th rows are linearly independent, we may transform M to the matrix of the following form:

$$M' := MQ = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \\ a_{m-1,1} & a_{m-1,2} & & \\ 1 & 0 & \leftarrow m & \\ a_{m+1,1} & a_{m+1,2} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \\ a_{k-1,1} & a_{k-1,2} & & \\ 0 & 1 & \leftarrow k & \\ a_{k+1,1} & a_{k+1,2} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \\ a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & & \end{bmatrix}$$

where $Q \in GL_2(K)$ is the product of all elementary matrices used in the transformation. Recall that elementary transformations of columns don't change the rank of rows. Hence, for $i > k$, by the choice of k , i -th row is linearly dependent with k -th and with m -th row, so we see that $a_{i,1} = a_{i,2} = 0$.

Similarly, for $m < i < k$, by the choice of m now, i -th row is lineary dependent with k -th row, so we see that $a_{i,1} = 0$. Therefore, our matrix M' equals:

$$M' = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \\ a_{m-1,1} & a_{m-1,2} & & \\ 1 & 0 & \leftarrow m & \\ 0 & a_{m+1,2} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \\ 0 & a_{k-1,2} & & \\ 0 & 1 & \leftarrow k & \\ 0 & 0 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \\ 0 & 0 & & \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly, representations given by M and M' are isomorphic. It suffices to find an isomorphism of representations given by M' and $M_{m,k}(\vec{x})$ for some $\vec{x} \in K^{m-1}$. We do that by finding $B \in GL_n(K)$ such that $BM' = M_{m,k}(\vec{x})$ and $BJ_{n,\alpha} = J_{n,\alpha}B$. Since, $BJ_{n,\alpha} = J_{n,\alpha}B$, by Fact 5(ii), B must be found in the following form:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \\ 0 & b_1 & \dots & b_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & b_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b_1 \neq 0. \quad (1)$$

Consider BM' :

$$BM' = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} b_i a_{i,1} + b_m & \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} b_i a_{i,2} + b_k & & \\ \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} b_i a_{i+1,1} + b_{m-1} & \sum_{i=1}^{k-2} b_i a_{i+1,2} + b_{k-1} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \\ b_1 & \sum_{i=1}^{k-m} b_i a_{i+m-1,2} + b_{k-m+1} & \leftarrow m & \\ 0 & \sum_{i=1}^{k-m-1} b_i a_{i+m,2} + b_{k-m} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \\ 0 & b_1 a_{k-1,2} + b_2 & & \\ 0 & b_1 & \leftarrow k & \\ 0 & 0 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \\ 0 & 0 & & \end{bmatrix}$$

It is clear that if we recursively put $b_1 = 1$ and $b_{k-j} = - \sum_{i=1}^{k-j-1} b_i a_{i+m,2}$ for $j = k-2, k-3, \dots, 0$, we obtain the desired zeroes in the second column, i.e. we obtain $M_{m,k}(\vec{x})$, where \vec{x} can be easily calculated.

For the “moreover” part, suppose that $k < 2m$, and set $i = 2m - k$. We prove that $B \in GL_n(K)$ of the form (1), and $\vec{y} \in K^{m-2}$ can be found such that $BM_{m,k}(\vec{x}) = M_{m,k,i}(\vec{y}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -x_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$; clearly, this finishes the proof. For, put $b_1 = 1$, and consider $BM_{m,k}(\vec{x}) = M_{m,k,i}(\vec{y}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -x_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} b_j x_j + b_m & b_k \\ \sum_{j=1}^{m-2} b_j x_{j+1} + b_{m-1} & b_{k-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^{m-i+1} b_j x_{j+i-1} + b_{m-i+2} & b_{k-i+2} \\ \sum_{j=1}^{m-i} b_j x_{j+i-1} + b_{m-i+1} & b_{k-i+1} \leftarrow i \\ \sum_{j=1}^{m-i-1} b_j x_{j+i-1} + b_{m-i} & b_{k-i} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{m-1} + b_2 & b_{k-m+2} \\ 1 & b_{k-m+1} \leftarrow m \\ 0 & b_{k-m} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & b_2 \\ 0 & 1 \leftarrow k \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & -x_i y_1 \\ y_2 & -x_i y_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ y_{i-1} & -x_i y_{i-1} \\ 0 & 0 \leftarrow i \\ y_i & -x_i y_i \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ y_{m-2} & -x_i y_{m-2} \\ 1 & -x_i \leftarrow m \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \leftarrow k \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We first note that we must set $b_2 = \dots = b_{k-m} = 0$ and $b_{k-m+1} = -x_i$. Now, we calculate that $y_{m-2} = x_{m-1}, \dots, y_i = x_{i+1}$, and we set $b_{k-m+1} = -x_i y_{m-2}, \dots, b_{k-i} = -x_i y_i$. Look at the i -th row. On the left hand side, since $m-i = m-2m+k = k-m$ and $m-i+1 = m-2m+k+1 = k-m+1$, we have $x_i + b_{m-i+1} = x_i + b_{k-m+1} = x_i - x_i = 0$ (note that other terms in the sum are zero), so it just remains to set $b_{k-i+1} = 0$. Finally, we can now calculate y_{i-1} , then set $b_{k-i+2} = -x_i y_{i-1}$, calculate b_{k-i+3} , then set $b_{k-i+3} = -x_i y_{i-2}$, etc. \square

LEMMA 8. If $k \geq 2m$, representation determined by $M_{m,k}(\vec{x})$ and $M_{m,k}(\vec{y})$ are non-isomorphic for distinct $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in K^{m-1}$. If $k = 2m - i$, representation determined by $M_{m,k,i}(\vec{x})$ and $M_{m,k,i}(\vec{y})$ are non-isomorphic for distinct $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in K^{m-2}$.

PROOF. We have to show that there are no $A \in GL_2(K)$ and $B \in GL_n(K)$ of the form:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \\ 0 & b_1 & \dots & b_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $b_1 = 1$, such that $BM_{m,k}(\vec{x}) = M_{m,k}(\vec{y})A$. We have the following equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & b_2 & b_3 & \dots & b_{n-1} & b_n \\ 0 & 1 & b_2 & \dots & b_{n-2} & b_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ x_2 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{m-1} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \leftarrow m \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 \leftarrow k \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y_2 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ y_{m-1} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \leftarrow m \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 \leftarrow k \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then we have:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 + b_2x_2 + b_3x_3 + \dots + b_mx_m & b_k \\ x_2 + b_2x_3 + \dots + b_{m-1}x_m & b_{k-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{m-1} + b_2x_m & b_{k-m+2} \\ 1 & b_{k-m+1} \leftarrow m \\ 0 & b_{k-m} \\ 0 & b_{k-m-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & b_2 \\ 0 & 1 \leftarrow k \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_1b \\ y_2 & y_2b \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ y_{m-1} & y_{m-1}b \\ 1 & b \leftarrow m \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 \leftarrow k \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Put $b = b_{k-m+1}$, $b_2 = b_3 = \dots = b_{k-m} = 0$, and we can choose $b_k = y_1b_{k-m+1}$, $b_{k-1} = y_2b_{k-m+1}, \dots, b_{k-m+2} = y_{m-1}b_{k-m+1}$. For $k \geq 2m$ we have $k-m \geq m$, and it yields that $x_i = y_i$ for $1 \leq i < m$.

In the case $k = 2m - i$ for $1 \leq i < m$ we have following equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & b_2 & b_3 & \dots & b_{n-1} & b_n \\ 0 & 1 & b_2 & \dots & b_{n-2} & b_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ x_2 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{m-1} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \leftarrow m \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 \leftarrow k \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y_2 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \leftarrow i \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ y_{m-1} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \leftarrow m \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 \leftarrow k \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 + b_2x_2 + \dots + b_{m-1}x_{m-1} + b_m & b_k \\ x_2 + b_2x_3 + \dots + b_{m-1} & b_{k-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ b_2x_{i+1} + \dots + b_{m-i}x_{m-i} + b_{m-i+1} & b_{k-i} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{m-1} + b_2 & b_{k-m+2} \\ 1 & b_{k-m+1} \leftarrow m \\ 0 & b_{k-m} \\ 0 & b_{k-m-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & b_2 \\ 0 & 1 \leftarrow k \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_1b \\ y_2 & y_2b \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ y_{m-1} & y_{m-1}b \\ 1 & b \leftarrow m \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 \leftarrow k \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice that $b_2 = \dots = b_{k-m} = b_{m-i} = 0$, $b_{k-i} = 0$, $b = b_{k-m+1} = b_{m-i+1}$. Then $\vec{x}_i = \vec{y}_i$ for $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in K^{m-2}$. This finishes the proof. \square

Directly from the previous three lemmas we have:

THEOREM 3. *Up to isomorphism, all irreducible representations of type $(2, n, \alpha)$ are given by the following matrices:*

- $M_{m,k}(\vec{x})$ where $1 \leq m < k \leq n$, $k \geq 2m$ and $\vec{x} \in K^{m-1}$, and
- $M_{m,k,2m-k}(\vec{x})$ where $1 \leq m < k \leq n$, $k < 2m$ and $\vec{x} \in K^{m-2}$.

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