

[0] Introduction

Rep(GL_t)

We will discuss the construction of Deligne's category $\text{Rep}(GL_t)$. This category is defined for any $t \in \mathbb{C}$, and these categories form a family which interpolated the categories $\text{Rep}(GL_d)$ for $d \in \mathbb{N}$ (\mathbb{Z}_+ $\text{Rep}(GL_d)$ being the category of finite dimensional polynomial representations of GL_d defined over \mathbb{C} (algebraic)).

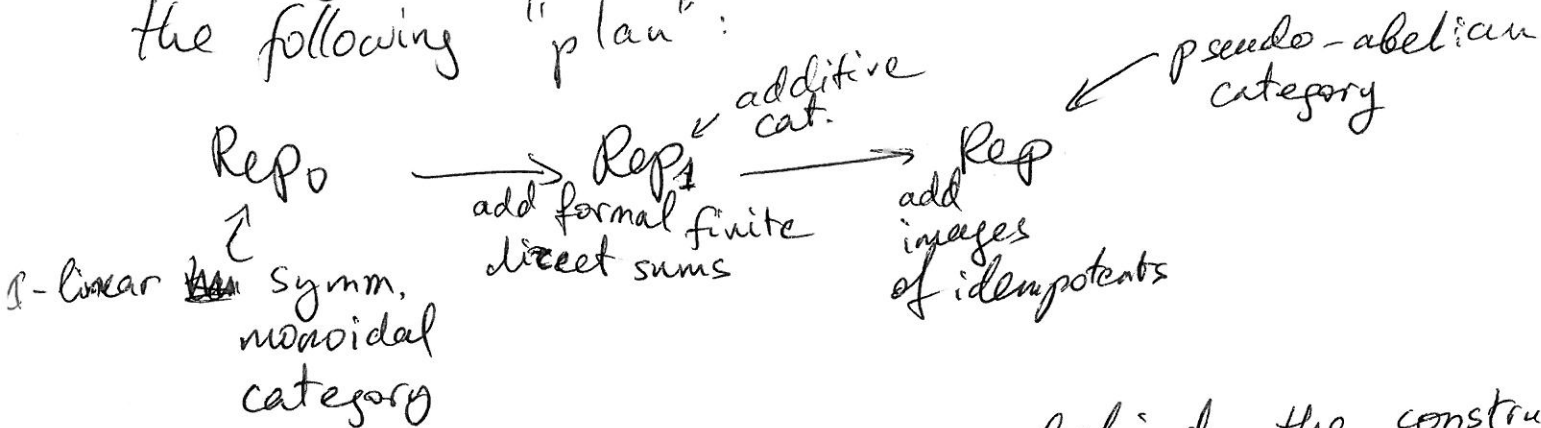
These categories $\text{Rep}(GL_t)$ are pseudo-abelian symmetric monoidal rigid \otimes categories which are semisimple (abelian) for $t \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$\text{Rep}(GL_t)$ is not abelian for $t \in \mathbb{Z}$, but has $\text{Rep}(GL_d)$ and $\text{Rep}(\mathfrak{gl}(m|n))$ as quotients.
 f.d. representations of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$
 $m-n=d$

Note that even for $t \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\text{Rep}(GL_t)$ can be embedded into an abelian tensor category (this will be discussed in a future lecture).

[1] Construction of $\text{Rep}(GL_n)$

We will now construct $\text{Rep}(GL_n)$ for arbitrary n .
 Similarly to the construction of $\text{Rep}(S_n)$, we have the following "plan":



We will start with the idea behind the construction

Prop: Every $f \in \mathbb{C}[GL(V)]$ polynomial representation of $GL(V)$ is completely reducible and is a ~~subquotient of~~ contained in

$$\bigoplus_{(r_i, s_i)} V^{\otimes r_i} \otimes V^{*\otimes s_i} \text{ for some } r, s \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Proof: It is easy to see that any polynomial representation can be embedded into $R := \mathbb{C}[GL(V)]^{\oplus m}$ ring of poly. functions on $GL(V)$.

Now let $\gamma \in R^m$ be a subrep.

An element of R is a polynomial in $e_{ij}, 1/\det$
 $\Rightarrow R$ is a quotient of $S^{\mathbb{C}}(V \oplus V^*) \otimes \left(\bigwedge^{\dim V} V^* \right)^{\otimes S}$

Since $V^* \cong \bigwedge^{\dim V - 1} V \otimes \bigwedge^{\dim V} V^*$

γ is contained in $\bigoplus_i V^{\otimes r_i} \otimes \left(\bigwedge^{\dim V} V^* \right)^{\otimes s_i}$ for some r_i, s_i . get that

It remains to check that $V^{\otimes r_i}$ are completely reducible (follows from Schur-Weyl duality), and that if λ is an irr. rep. of $GL(V)$, so is

$$\lambda \otimes \left(\bigwedge^{\dim V} V^* \right)^{\otimes S} = \lambda_{-(S, S, \dots, S)}$$

This means that if we start with objects of the form $V^{\otimes r} \otimes V^{*\otimes s}$ and then add formal finite direct sums and then add images of all idempotents, we can hope to obtain all f.d. representations of $GL(V)$.

So we define:

Rep: obj: $[(r, s)]$, $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

What are $GL(V)$ -intertwining morphisms between $V^{\otimes r_1} \otimes V^{*\otimes s_1}$ and $V^{\otimes r_2} \otimes V^{*\otimes s_2}$

We have: $\text{Hom}_{GL(V)}(V^{\otimes r_1} \otimes V^{*\otimes s_1}, V^{\otimes r_2} \otimes V^{*\otimes s_2}) =$

$$= \text{Hom}_{GL(V)}(V^{\otimes r_1 + s_2}, V^{\otimes r_2 + s_1})$$

A theorem of ~~the~~ invariant theory ~~the~~ (or Schur-Weyl duality between $GL(V)$ and S_n) tells us that this hom-space is 0 unless $r_1 + s_2 = r_2 + s_1$, it is ~~the~~ spanned by $\delta \in S_{r_1 + s_2}$

$$(\delta: V^{\otimes r_1 + s_2} \rightarrow V^{\otimes r_2 + s_1} \cong V^{\otimes r_1 + s_2})$$

$$\delta(V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_{r_1 + s_2}) := (V_{\delta(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes V_{\delta(r_1 + s_2)})$$

and these $\delta \in S_{r_1 + s_2}$ form a basis of the above Hom-space if $\dim V \geq r_1 + s_2$

So we put

$$\text{Mor}(\text{Rep}_0) : \text{Hom}_{\text{Rep}_0}([r_1, s_1], [r_2, s_2]) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r_1 + s_1 \neq r_2 + s_2 \\ \mathbb{C} S_{r_1 + s_2} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

We give the following graphic representation of objects and morphisms:

- an object $[r, s]$ is denoted by r black circles and s ~~white~~ white circles ~~the~~

Example: $[3, 2]$: $\bullet \bullet \bullet \circ \circ$ (the order doesn't matter)

- a morphism $[r_1, s_1] \xrightarrow{\phi} [r_2, s_2]$ ($\phi \in S_{r_1 + s_2}$) is denoted by a ~~graph~~ graph whose vertices are written in two rows:



and ~~the~~ the graph itself is a disjoint union of edges of the following forms:



as in the construction of $\text{Rep}(S_n)$, the edges themselves are of no interest just the partition of the vertices into conn. comp.

Correspondence between elements $\phi \in S_{r_1 + s_1} = S_{r_1 + s_2}$ and diagrams. (idea behind this: each \bullet stands for a factor V in the object $[r, s] \leftrightarrow V^{\otimes r} \otimes V^{*\otimes s}$ and each point \circ stands for a factor V^*). Take the two rows

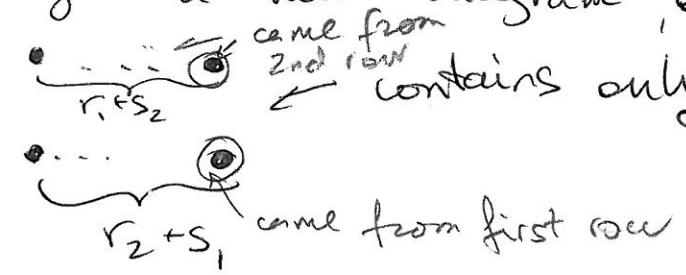


~~means~~ (saying $\text{Hom}_{\text{GL}(V)}(V^{\otimes r_1} \otimes V^{*\otimes s_1}, V^{\otimes r_2} \otimes V^{*\otimes s_2}) \cong$

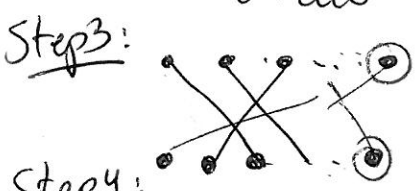
\cong from $GL(V)$ ($V^{\otimes r_1+s_2}, V^{\otimes r_2+s_1}$)

means: we get a new diagram, equivalent to the old one) contains only black points!

Step 2:



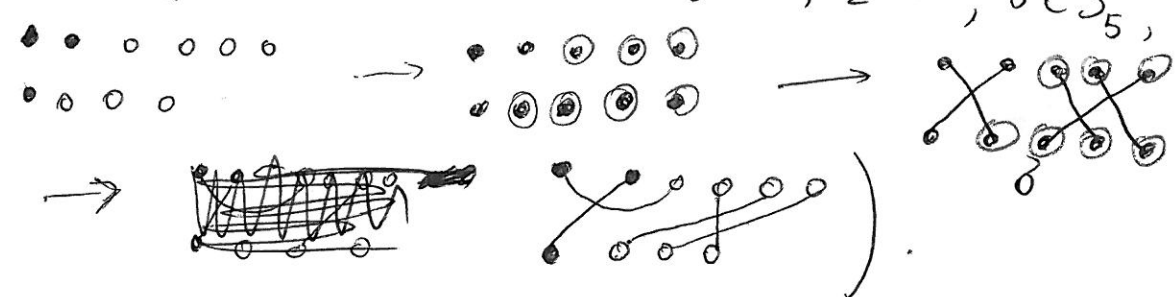
obtained by moving o points the the other row. Now draw a diagram corresponding to ?



Step 4: We now want to go back to our original diagram, so we move back to the other row every pt. which was moved before that:

- Get: $\rightarrow \downarrow \leftarrow$ if both vertices weren't moved
- $\rightarrow \downarrow$ if both vertices were moved (i.e. if it was \downarrow at prev. step)
- $\rightarrow \curvearrowright$ if one vertex was moved (i.e. if it was \downarrow or \uparrow at prev. step)

Example: $r_1=2, s_1=4, r_2=1, s_2=3, \delta \in S_5, \delta = (12)(345)$



The isom.





$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \downarrow & \text{Hom}_{GL(V)} & (V^{\otimes r_1} \oplus \dots \oplus V^{\otimes r_1+s_1}, V^{\otimes r_2} \oplus \dots \oplus V^{\otimes r_2+s_2}) \\
 \uparrow & \cong & \\
 \downarrow & \text{End}_{GL(V)} & (V^{\otimes r_1+s_2})
 \end{array}$$

$r_1+s_2 = r_2+s_1$

can be seen as follows: take the ~~2~~ 2-colored diagram corresp. to $\beta \in S_{r_1+s_2}$. ~~Write~~

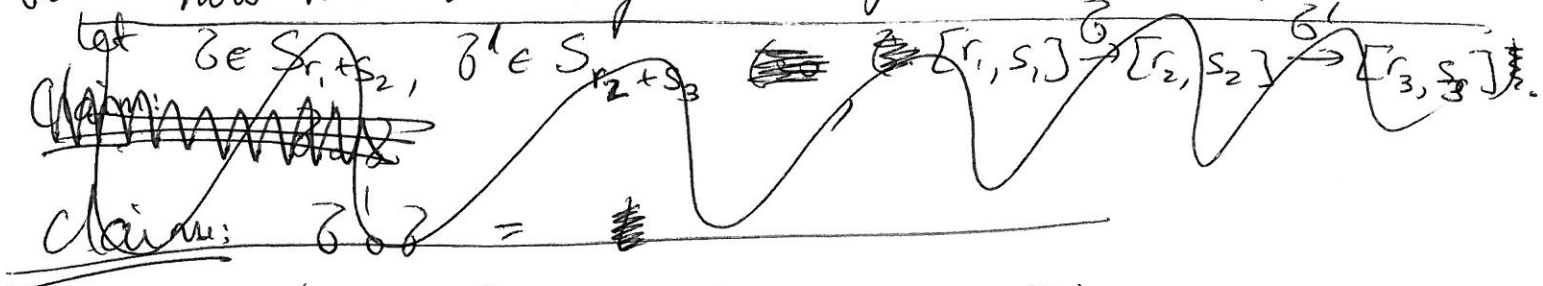
Then $\beta = (Id_V \otimes \dots \otimes Id_V \otimes ev_V \otimes \dots \otimes ev_V \otimes coev_V \otimes \dots \otimes coev_V \otimes Id_{V^*} \otimes \dots \otimes Id_{V^*})$

~~where~~

- where each Id_V corresp. to an edge 
- each Id_{V^*} corresp. to an edge 
- each ev_V corresp. to an edge 
- each $coev_V$ corr. to an edge 

This explains the correspondence between diagrams as above and elements of the ~~group~~ group algebra $\mathbb{C}S_{r_1+s_2}$.

We now need to define composition of morphisms.



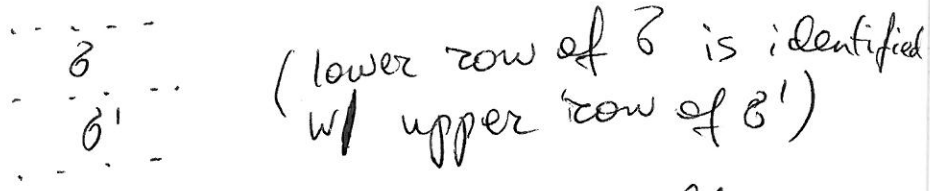
let $(r_i, s_i)_{i=1}^3, \delta \in S_{r_1+s_2}, \delta' \in S_{r_2+s_3}$

Then
$$V^{\otimes r_1} \otimes V^{*\otimes s_2} \xrightarrow{\delta} V^{\otimes r_2} \otimes V^{*\otimes s_2} \xrightarrow{\delta'} V^{\otimes r_3} \otimes V^{*\otimes s_3}$$

Claim: $\delta' \circ \delta = (\dim V)^{\ell(\delta', \delta)} \delta * \delta'$

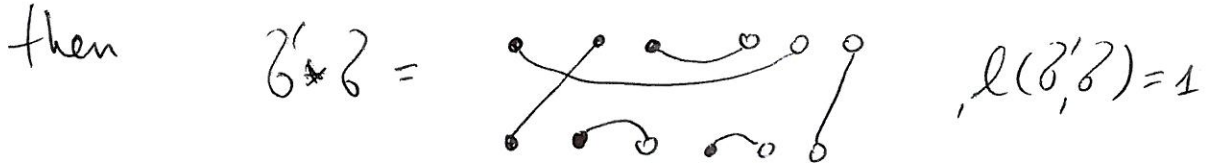
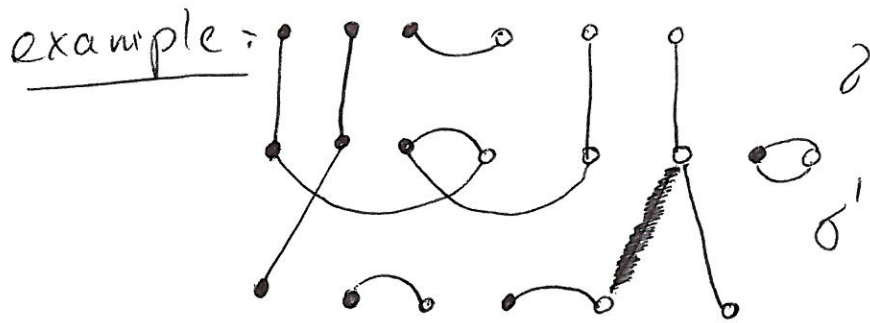
Expl.: here $(\delta', \delta) \delta * \delta'$ are obtained as follows:

Consider the glued pictures



Then $\rightarrow \delta * \delta'$ is obtained by removing all connected components of the glued picture which lie entirely in the middle row ~~and considering only the connected components~~ and replacing any ~~same~~ path by a single edge

$\rightarrow \ell(\delta', \delta)$ is the number of conn. comp. of the glued picture lying entirely in the middle row.



Proof of claim:

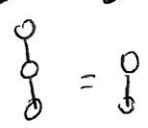
This is straightforward from our description of ~~the~~ $\text{CS}_{r_1+s_2=r_2+s_1} \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{GL}(V)} (V^{\otimes r_1} \oplus V^{*\otimes s_1}, V^{\otimes r_2} \oplus V^{*\otimes s_2})$

(just need to understand that

$$\text{Id}_V \circ \text{Id}_V = \text{Id}_V$$



$$\text{Id}_{V^*} \circ \text{Id}_{V^*} = \text{Id}_{V^*}$$



~~new use~~

$$\text{ev}_V \circ \text{coev}_V = \dim V \cdot \text{Id}_{\mathbb{1}}$$

any other factors of forms Id_V and Id_{V^*} won't matter...)

~~So we~~ So we define composition of morphisms by the formula

$$\boxed{\sigma' \circ \sigma := \text{[scribble]} \frac{l(\sigma', \sigma)}{t} \sigma * \sigma'}$$

~~This~~ This ~~def~~ makes $\text{Rep}_0(\text{GL}_t)$ a \mathbb{C} -linear category, and we have seen that its structure is compatible w/ the structure of the full subcat. of $\text{Rep}(\text{GL}_n)$ generated by objects of the form $V \otimes^* \otimes V^* \otimes^* \mathbb{C}$, $V \cong \mathbb{C}^n$ -tant. repr. Compatible in the sense that \exists a ~~functor~~ functor

$$\text{Rep}_0(\text{GL}_{t;n}) \xrightarrow{F_n} \text{[scribble]} \text{ full subcat. of } \text{Rep}(\text{GL}_n) \text{ described above}$$

Rmk: ~~this is~~ this functor is, as we have seen, surjective on Hom-spaces.

We now define a \otimes structure ~~on~~ on $\text{Rep}_0(\text{GL}_t)$ (we want F_n to become a \otimes functor).

The \otimes structure is as follows:

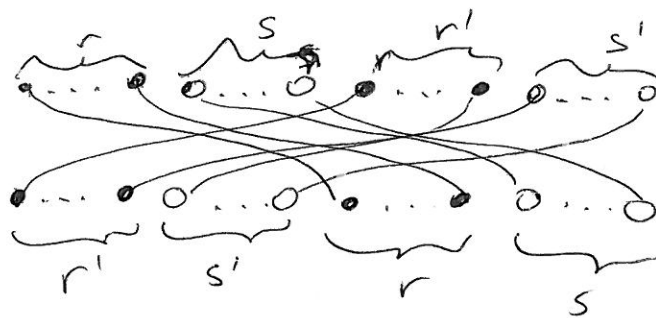
- $\mathbb{F}([r, s]) \otimes \mathbb{F}([r', s']) := \mathbb{F}([r+r', s+s'])$

- morphisms: $\delta \otimes \delta'$ is given by



write one diagram next to the other

→ symmetry:



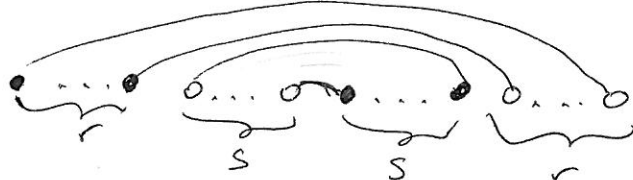
→ monoidal:

$\mathbb{1} := [0, 0]$ (denoted by empty row)
(obvious)

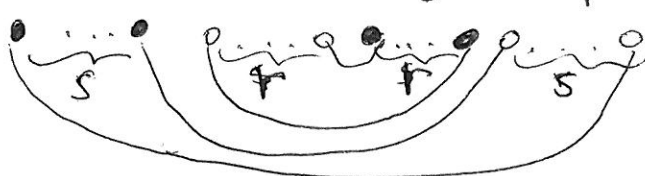
→ associativity - easy to check

→ dual: $[r, s]^* := [s, r]$

coev:

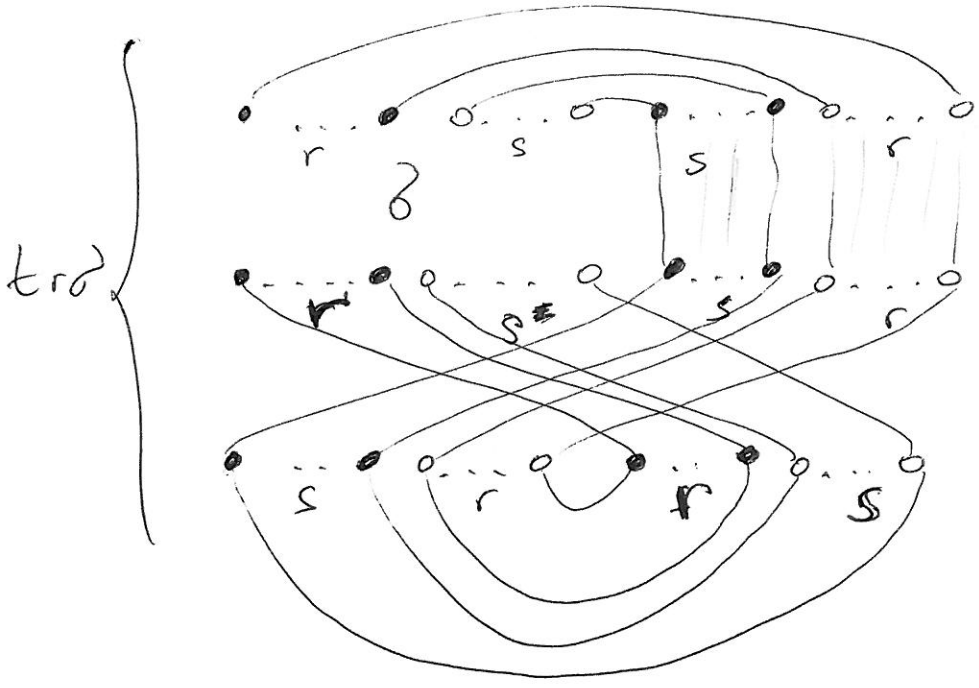


ev:



Rmk: Easy to check that this makes \mathbb{F}_n a ~~monoidal~~ \otimes functor.

Can now see what is $\text{tr}(\beta)$ for $\beta \in \text{Hom}_{\text{Rep}(GL_t)}([r,s], [r,s])$



$\Rightarrow \text{tr}(\beta) = \text{~~number of~~ } t \cdot \text{\#connected components of diagram}$

In particular, for $\beta = \text{Id}_{[r,s]}$, get:

$$\dim([r,s]) = \text{tr}(\text{Id}_{[r,s]}) = t^{r+s}$$

Rep₁(GL_t): This is the category defined as

Obj: formal finite direct sums of obj. from Rep₀
 $(\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i, A_i \in \text{Rep}_0)$
finite set

Mor: $\text{Hom}_{\text{Rep}_1}(\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i, \bigoplus_{j \in J} B_j) := \bigoplus_{(i,j)} \text{Hom}_{\text{Rep}_0}(A_i, B_j)$
 (considered as ~~matrix~~ matrix spaces)

Comp: Composition ~~of matrices~~ = mult. of matrices

Tensor structure: obvious (has to be distributive).

Rep (GL_t): (Karoubian envelope of Rep_1) //

Obj: (A, e) , $A \in Rep_1(GL_t)$, $e \in \text{End}_{Rep_1}(A)$ - idempotent

Mor: $\text{Hom}_{Rep}((A, e), (B, f)) := f \text{Hom}_{Rep_1}(A, B)e$

Comp: obvious

Theory of Karoubian envelopes gives:

- 1) Tensor structure (the obvious one)
- 2) Indecomp. objects / \longleftrightarrow (primitive idempotents up to conj.)
 (A, e) / isom. $A = \sum e_i S_i$, e_i -prim. idemp. in $\text{End}(n \times S)$
- 3) ~~A~~ Krull-Schmidt property: Objects can be decomposed as finite direct sums of indecomposables in a unique way (up to change of order of summands).

3 Functor to Rep(GL_d)

~~We now define the functor~~

let $d \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. ~~the~~

Consider the \otimes functor

$$\text{Rep}(GL_{t=d}) \xrightarrow{J_d} \text{Rep}(GL_d)$$

It is defined since, as we have seen, it is defined on the full subcategory $\text{Rep}_0(GL_{t=d})$ of $\text{Rep}(GL_{t=d})$, and $\text{Rep}(GL_{t=d})$ is the Karoubian envelope of Rep_0 .

- As in the case of $\text{Rep}(S_t)$, this functor:
- takes (r, s) to $V^{\otimes r} \otimes V^{*\otimes s}$
 - surjective on Hom-spaces (V - taut rep. of GL_d)
 - Is equivalent to the functor

$$\text{Rep}(GL_{t=d}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Rep}(GL_{t=d}) / \mathcal{N}$$

where \mathcal{N} is the tensor ideal of negligible morphisms (i.e.

$$\mathcal{N}(X, Y) = \{ f \in \text{Hom}(X, Y) \mid \forall g: Y \rightarrow X, \text{tr}(f \circ g) = 0 \}$$

- It is easy to check that if $f, f' \in \mathcal{N}$, then
- $f \circ f' \in \mathcal{N}$ (if defined), same for $f + f'$
 - $f \otimes g \in \mathcal{N}$ ~~and~~ \forall morphism g
 - $g \otimes f \in \mathcal{N}$

Reminder: In a S-S category, there are no negligible morphisms, since $\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{semisimplicity} \\ \text{of cat} \end{array} \right) \Leftrightarrow \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{tr defines a non-deg.} \\ \text{pairing} \end{array} \right)$ 13

So $\mathcal{F}_n(f) = 0$.

It is also easy to see that if $\mathcal{F}_n(f) = 0$, then

$\mathcal{F}_n(f \circ g) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{tr}(f \circ g) = 0$, since \mathcal{F}_n , being a \otimes funct., preserves traces. So f is negligible.

Note that unlike the case of $\text{Rep}(\mathbb{Z})$, we have a similar construction for $t=d \in \mathbb{Z}_{<0}$.

Indeed, consider the category of representations of $GL_{|d|}$ with \mathbb{Z}_2 -gradation given by the action of $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \in GL_{|d|}$. (in particular, the taut. repr. is purely odd).

Then we have

$$\text{Rep}(GL_{t=d}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}_d} \text{Rep}(GL_{|d|}, \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-graded})$$

~~which~~ which induces an equivalence of categories

$$\text{Rep}(GL_{t=d}) / \sim \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}_d} \text{Rep}(GL_{|d|}, \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-graded})$$

negl. morphisms

We also have a functor

$$\text{Rep}(GL_{t=m-n}) \xrightarrow{\overline{F}_{m,n}} \underline{\text{Rep}}(gl(m/n))$$

category of f.d. (integrable) modules over the superalgebra $gl(m/n)$

(this is a \otimes category, with $\mathbb{1} =$ purely even 1-dim repr.
 a taut. repr. $V \cong \mathbb{C}^m \oplus \mathbb{C}^n$
dual: V^* is dual of V w/ $(a \cdot f)(u) = -(-1)^{P(a)P(f)} f(a \cdot u)$
 $a \in gl(m/n)$
 $f \in V^*$)

this category is not semisimple if $m > 0$
 $0 \leq n < \infty$

Similarly to the functors \overline{F}_d , this functor $\overline{F}_{m,n}$ is full,
 since it is known that

$$\text{Hom}_{gl(m/n)}(V^{\otimes r_1} \otimes V^{*\otimes s_1}, V^{\otimes r_2} \otimes V^{*\otimes s_2}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r_1 + s_1 \neq r_2 + s_2 \\ \text{quotient of } \mathbb{C}S_{r_1+s_2} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

~~The case of $r_1 + s_1 = r_2 + s_2$ can be checked using the central element $x = \text{Id} \in gl(m/n)$ ($x \in \mathbb{C}$, acts on $V^{\otimes r} \otimes V^{*\otimes s}$ by scalar x^{r-s}).~~

($r_1 + s_1 \neq r_2 + s_2$ case: can be seen by taking a purely odd central element

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & x \end{array} \right)_{\substack{m \\ m}} \quad x \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1, 0\} \quad \text{and considering its action on } V^{\otimes r} \otimes V^{*\otimes s}$$

Rmk: All of these functors $F_d, d \in \mathbb{Z}$, $F_{m,n}, m,n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ are special

cases of the following universal property of $\text{Rep}(GL_t)$:

Prop: Let $t \in \mathbb{C}$.
Let \mathcal{T} be a tensor category ~~with~~ which is Karoubian, and let $\mathcal{T}_t := t\text{-dim. objects admitting a dual \& their isom.}$

Then $\text{Hom}_{\text{strict}}^{\otimes}(\text{Rep}(GL_t), \mathcal{T}_t) \xrightarrow[\cong]{\Phi} \mathcal{T}_t$
(strict) tensor functors + monoidal transformations

~~The proof of this prop. is as follows:~~
~~This proposition follows from~~
$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F([1,0]) \\ (F_1, \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow F_2) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{Z}([1,0]) \end{array}$$

Proof of proposition:

Properties of Karoubi envelope imply that

$$\text{Hom}^{\otimes}(\text{Rep}(GL_t), \mathcal{T}_t) \xrightarrow{\cong} \prod_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}^{\otimes}(\text{Rep}_0(GL_t), \mathcal{T})$$

So we only need to check that the latter is equivalent to \mathcal{T}_t .

Indeed, given a functor $F: \text{Rep}_0(GL_t) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$,
 $\dim F([1,0]) = t$, ~~and~~ $F([0,1])$ is dual to $F([1,0])$, and
so $F([1,0]) \in \mathcal{T}_t$. ~~Easy to check that~~ Φ is also well defined on morphisms (obvious).

To show that Φ is essentially surjective, note that given an object $X \in \mathcal{T}_t$, X defines a \otimes -functor
$$\text{Rep}_0(GL_t) \xrightarrow{F_X} \mathcal{T}$$

 $([r,s]) \mapsto X^{\otimes r} \otimes X^{*\otimes s}$, ~~and this functor~~ To check that

can be ~~is well~~ defined on morphisms, ~~note that~~ it is in fact \forall enough to check that $F_x(\text{ev}_{[1,0]}, \text{coev}_{[1,0]}, \text{Id}_{[0,1]}, \text{Id}_{[1,0]})$ are well-defined (since other diagrams are \otimes products of diagrams corresp. to these morphisms). ~~But these~~

But we know how to define the ~~image~~ images under F_x of these $(\text{ev}_x, \text{coev}_x, \text{etc})$, and in fact, this is the only ~~possible~~ possible images. ~~So~~ So F_x ~~is complete~~ can be defined, and there is only one way to define it.

Why Φ is faithful? If $\eta: F_1 \rightarrow F_2$, ~~then~~ then η is completely determined by $\eta([1,0]), \eta([0,1])$. But, in fact, $\eta([0,1]) = (\eta([1,0])^{-1})^*$, so η is determined by $\eta([1,0]) = \Phi(\eta)$. Thus Φ is faithful.

Why Φ is full? Similarly, given $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$ in $\mathcal{T}_\mathbb{C}$ (isom.) we can put $\eta([1,0]) := \varphi: F_x([1,0]) \rightarrow F_y([1,0])$, and this will determine η completely (one needs to check $\eta: F_x \rightarrow F_y$ some axioms, of course).

Rmk: Comes and Wilson proved a useful criterion for determining whether $F: \text{Rep}(G_\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ as above is full. The criterion says that a sufficient condition for this to happen is that for $X := F([0,1])$, we have:

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(X^{\otimes r_1} \otimes X^{*\otimes s_1}, X^{\otimes r_2} \otimes X^{*\otimes s_2}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r_1 + s_1 \neq r_2 + s_2 \\ \text{quotient} & \text{of } \mathbb{C}S_{r_1 + s_2} \text{ else} \end{cases}$$

Remark:

It was shown that $\mathcal{CB}_{r,s}(t)$ are semisimple algebras for $t \notin \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \text{Rep}(GL_t)$ is a semisimple (abelian) category for $t \notin \mathbb{Z}$.

In the case when $t \in \mathbb{Z}$, it is certainly non-s.s., since it contains negligible morphisms (which are not allowed in semi-simple categories);

example: • $t=0, r,s=1$. Then $\text{Id}_{[r,s]}$ is a negligible morphism.

• $t=1, r=s=1$. Then take $e_1 := \text{!} \text{!} - \text{!} \text{!}$
 $\text{tr}(e_1)$ is 0 ($1^2 - 1^2 = 0$), and e_1 is an idempotent

$$(\text{!} \text{!} - 2 \cdot \text{!} \text{!} + 1 \cdot \text{!} \text{!}) = e_1$$

Sub: For $t \in \mathbb{Z}$, the category $\text{Rep}(GL_t)$ is not semisimple, in particular, it has tensor ideals ~~Y~~ $\mathcal{J}(m|n)$ s.t.

$$\mathcal{J}(m|n) := \text{Rep}(GL_t) / \mathcal{J}(m|n) \xrightarrow{\text{fully faithful functor}} \text{Rep}(gl(m|n)), \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \geq 0, m-n=t$$

It was proved by J. Comes that those $\mathcal{J}(m|n)$ are, in fact, the only tensor ideals in $\text{Rep}(GL_t)$, so

~~$\text{Rep}(gl(m|n))$~~ are the only possible quotients of $\text{Rep}(GL_t)$ by a tensor ideal (up to equiv. of categories).