



Syllabus for the course “Convex and Algebraic Geometry 2”

Area of Specialisation: 01.06.01 Mathematics and Mechanics
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Syllabus

1. Course Description

- a. Title of a Course: Lie groups and algebras
- b. Pre-requisites: standard course of linear algebra.
- c. Course Type: optional
- d. Abstract

We shall begin with the basics of the theory of Lie groups and Lie algebras. Then we shall provide an accessible introduction to the theory of finite-dimensional representations of classical groups on the example of the unitary groups $U(n)$.

2. Learning Objectives

To give a broad introduction to methods of Lie theory applicable to a wide range of problems in mathematics and science.

3. Learning Outcomes

Students will master basics of representation theory, and be able to perform particular computations with finite-dimensional representations of classical groups

4. Course Plan

- linear Lie groups and their Lie algebras
- universal enveloping algebras
- the Haar measure on a linear Lie group
- general facts about representations of compact groups and their characters
- radial part of Haar measure
- Weyl’s formula for characters of the unitary groups
- Weyl’s unitary trick
- classification and realization of representations.

5. Reading List

- a. Required

A. Kirillov, Jr., Introduction to Lie groups and Lie algebras. CUP, 2008;
<https://www.math.stonybrook.edu/~kirillov/mat552/liegroups.pdf>

- b. Optional

W. Fulton, J. Harris, Representation theory. Springer 1991;
Russian translation: 2017: Фултон, У.



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6. Grading System

50% final exam, 30% written tests/midterms, 20% quizzes. The final grade is rounded up to the nearest integer (e.g., 9.1 rounds to 10).

7. Guidelines for Knowledge Assessment

Sample problems:

(1) Denote by $Spin(n)$ the universal cover of $SO_n(\mathbb{C})$. Prove the *accidental* isomorphisms between reductive groups

(a) $Spin(3)$ and $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$; (b) $Spin(4)$ and $SL_2(\mathbb{C}) \times SL_2(\mathbb{C})$;

(c) $Spin(5)$ and $Sp_4(\mathbb{C})$; (d) $Spin(6)$ and $SL_4(\mathbb{C})$.

(2) Let V be the tautological representation of $G = SL_3(\mathbb{C})$. Decompose the tensor product of V and V^* into irreducible representations of G .

(3) Find the dimension of the irreducible representation of $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ with the highest weight 2ρ .

8. Methods of Instruction: lectures, tutorials, self study

9. Special Equipment and Software Support (if required)

No requirements

Competences to be developed: UK-1, 2, 5, PK-1, OPK-1, 2 (according to *01.06.01 Mathematics and Mechanics* Educational Standard).