

1)

Let  $V$  be a vector space of dim.  $n$  over  $F_q$

Let  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  be the set of sequences

$V_0, V_1, \dots, V_{n-1}$  of mutually disjoint affine subspaces of  $V$  of dimensions  $0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  respectively such that  $V_0 \neq 0$  and  $V_i$  is parallel to the linear subspace  $0V_{i-1}$  of  $V$  spanned by  $V_{i-1}$  ( $i=1, \dots, n-1$ ).

(A subset  $X$  of  $V$  is said to be an affine subspace if it is of the form  $v + X_0$  with  $v \in V$ ,  $X_0$  a linear subspace. Two affine spaces  $X, X'$  are said to be parallel if the corresponding linear subspaces coincide.)

For  $n=2$   $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  consists of all 
$$\begin{array}{c|c} V_0 & V_1 \\ \hline 0 & \end{array}$$

Let  $G = GL(V)$ . Now  $G$  acts on  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  by

$g(V_0, \dots, V_{n-1}) = (gV_0, \dots, gV_{n-1})$ . This action is transitive.

Let  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  be the vector space of functions  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow K$ .  
( $K$  algebraic closure of  $F_q$ .)

2)

$G$  acts on  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  by  $g: f \rightarrow f'$  where

$$f'(v_0, \dots, v_{n-1}) = f(\tilde{g}^{-1}v_0, \dots, \tilde{g}^{-1}v_{n-1}).$$

We define an action of  $(F_2^*)^n$  on  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  by

$$(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}): (v_0, \dots, v_{n-1}) \mapsto (\lambda_0 v_0, \lambda_1 v_1, \dots, \lambda_{n-1} v_{n-1}).$$

This action commutes with the  $G$ -action. It induces

an action of  $(F_2^*)^n$  on  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  by

$$(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}): f \rightarrow f', \quad f'(v_0, \dots, v_{n-1}) = f(\lambda_0^{-1}v_0, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}^{-1}v_{n-1})$$

This commutes with the action of  $G$  on  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ . We

have a direct sum decomposition

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}} \cong \bigoplus_{\gamma} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\gamma} \quad \text{where } \gamma \text{ runs over } (\mathbb{Z}/(q-1)\mathbb{Z})^n$$

$$\text{and } \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\gamma} = \left\{ f \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}, (\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}) f \right. \\ \left. = \lambda_0^{\delta_0} \lambda_1^{\delta_1} \dots \lambda_{n-1}^{\delta_{n-1}} f \right. \\ \left. \forall (\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}) \in (F_2^*)^n \right\}.$$

(This is a general property of a linear repres. of  $(F_2^*)^n$  on a finite dim.  $K$ -vector space.)

For example  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_0$  can be identified with  $\mathcal{F}$  as a repres. of  $G$ .

For any  $\gamma \in (\mathbb{Z}/(q-1)\mathbb{Z})^n$  let  $J_{\gamma}$  be the set of all  $i \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$  such that  $\gamma_i = \gamma_{i+1}$ .

3)

One can show:

There is a bijection {isom. classes of irred. reps. of  $G$  over  $K$ }  $\leftrightarrow$  {pairs  $(\gamma, \mathcal{I})$ , where  $\gamma \in (\mathbb{Z}/(q-1)\mathbb{Z})^n$ ,  $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{I}_\gamma$ }. The irred. reps corresp. to  $(\gamma, \mathcal{I})$  with fixed  $\gamma$  are exactly the irred. subreps. of  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_\gamma$ . They are obtained as images of some linear maps analogous to  $\Theta_\gamma: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ .

For example, if  $\gamma$  is non-degenerate in the sense that  $\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{n-1}$  are mutually distinct, then there is a unique irreducible  $G$ -subrep. of  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_\gamma$  (It corresponds to  $(\gamma, \emptyset)$ ). It is the image of

$$T: \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\gamma_1} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_\gamma \quad \text{where } \gamma \stackrel{\leftarrow}{=} (\gamma_{n-1}, \dots, \gamma_1, \gamma_0)$$

$$\text{and } (Tf)(v_0, \dots, v_{n-1}) = \sum f(v'_0, \dots, v'_{n-1})$$

sum over all  $(v'_0, \dots, v'_{n-1}) \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  such that  $v'_0 \cap v_{n-1} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $v'_1 \cap v_{n-2} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $v'_{n-1} \cap v_0 \neq \emptyset$ .

(Each of these intersections is exactly one point.)

The total number of isom. classes of irred reps. of  $G/K$  is equal to  $q^{n-1}(q-1)$ .

4)

Assume that  $n=2$ . The irred.  $G$ -subrep. which are subrep. of some  $\mathbb{F}_\gamma$  ( $\gamma_0 \neq \gamma_1$ ) have dimension  $d$  where  $d$  can be any integer in  $2, 3, \dots, p-1$ . The irred.  $G$ -subrep. which are subrep. of  $\mathbb{F}_\gamma$  ( $\gamma_0 = \gamma_1$ ) are two in number; they have dim.  $1, p$ .