

## MA3203 - Problem Set 3 Answers and Hints

2) For  $i \in \Gamma_0$ , let  $S_i$  be the representation with  $K$  at vertex  $i$  and 0 everywhere else. Then  $V \cong S_1 \oplus S_2 \oplus S_3 \oplus (K \xrightarrow{1} K \xrightarrow{1} K)$ .

3a)  $V(\lambda, \mu)$  is indecomposable if and only if  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are both nonzero.

3b)  $V(\lambda, \mu) \cong V(\lambda', \mu')$  if and only if any of the following hold:

1.  $\lambda = 0 = \lambda'$  and  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$  are either both zero or both nonzero.
2.  $\mu = 0 = \mu'$  and  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda'$  are either both zero or both nonzero.
3. All of  $\lambda, \lambda', \mu,$  and  $\mu'$  are nonzero.

3c) For example, the representation corresponding to  $\Lambda e_2$  is

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 K & & \\
 & \searrow^1 & \\
 & & K \xrightarrow{1} K \\
 & \nearrow_0 &
 \end{array}$$

3d) Each subrepresentation (other than the zero representation) is also of the form  $\Lambda e_j$  for some  $j \in \Gamma_0$ .

4) ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $\phi : V \rightarrow V$  be idempotent. For each  $i \in \Gamma_0$ , decompose  $V(i) \cong \ker(\phi_i) \oplus \text{Im}\phi_i$ . Let  $\alpha : i \rightarrow j$  be an arrow in  $\Gamma_1$ , and suppose  $f$  is the linear map  $V(i) \rightarrow V(j)$  corresponding to  $\alpha$ . Show that if  $x \in \ker(\phi_i)$  then  $f(x) \in \ker(\phi_j)$  and if  $x \in \text{Im}\phi_i$  then  $f(x) \in \text{Im}(\phi_j)$ . This will give a direct sum decomposition  $V \cong \ker(\phi) \oplus \text{Im}(\phi)$ . Since  $V$  is indecomposable, this means either  $\phi = 0$  or  $\phi = 1_V$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $V \cong V' \oplus V''$  be an arbitrary direct sum decomposition. Let  $\iota : V' \rightarrow V' \oplus V''$  be the inclusion map and  $\pi : V' \oplus V'' \rightarrow V'$  the projection map. It follows that  $\iota \circ \pi$  is an idempotent  $V' \oplus V'' \rightarrow V' \oplus V''$ . Thus either  $\iota \circ \pi = 0$ , in which case  $V' = 0$ , or  $\iota = 0$ , in which case  $V'' = 0$ .