Symmetry Groups in Physics: Problems

Problem 25 — Reducibility and equivalence of linear representations

A representation $D: G \to GL(V)$ is given and equivalent with a representation $D': G \to GL(V')$. Show the following propositions!

- (i) If D is reducible, D' is reducible.
- (ii) If D is irreducible, D' is irreducible.
- (iii) If D is completely reducible, D' is completely reducible.

Problem 26 — One-dimensional representations

a) Show that a completely reducible and faithful representation of a non-abelian group cannot split into a direct sum of one-dimensional subrepresentations!

b) Use Schur's lemma to show that a complex irreducible representation of an abelian group is one-dimensional!