

**Course Title (in English)** Lie groups and Lie algebras, and their representations

**Course Title (in Russian)** Группы и алгебры Ли и их представления

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## 1. Annotation

### Course Description

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  $U(N)$ .

Tentative plan: linear Lie groups and their Lie algebras; universal enveloping algebras; 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; symmetric functions.

### Course Prerequisites

Good knowledge of linear algebra; basics of multivariable calculus; understand the definition of topological space, smooth manifold, tangent space; some knowledge of the basics of representation theory of finite groups (not mandatory, but desirable).

## 2. Structure and Content

**Course Academic Level** Master-level course suitable for PhD students

**Number of ECTS credits** 6

Topic	Summary of Topic	Lectures (# of hours)	Seminars (# of hours)	Labs (# of hours)
Lie theory	Definition of Lie group. Linear Lie groups. Subgroups of Lie groups. Exponential map. Definition of Lie algebra. Connections between Lie groups and Lie algebras.	27	27	
Lie algebras	Universal enveloping algebra of a Lie algebra. Its center. Symmetric algebra of a Lie algebra. PBW theorem. Representations of $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ .	27	27	
Representations and characters	Haar measure. Weyl's formula for characters. Classification and realization of representations. Introduction to the theory of symmetric functions.	27	27	

### 3. Assignments

Assignment Type	Assignment Summary
Problem Set	About 40 exercises covering the whole material

### 4. Grading

Type of Assessment	Graded	
Grade Structure	Activity Type	Activity weight, %
	Homework Assignments	50
	Midterm Exam	10
	Final Exam	40

### Grading Scale

A:	80
B:	70
C:	60
D:	50
E:	40
F:	30

### 5. Basic Information

Attendance Requirements	Optional
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<b>Maximum Number of Students</b>		<b>Maximum Number of Students</b>
	<b>Overall:</b>	30
	<b>Per Group (for seminars and labs):</b>	

**Course Stream** Science, Technology and Engineering (STE)

**Course Term (in context of Academic Year)** Term 1  
Term 2

<b>Students of Which Programs do You Recommend to Consider this Course as an Elective?</b>	<b>Masters Programs</b>	<b>PhD Programs</b>
	Mathematical and Theoretical Physics	Mathematics and Mechanics

<b>Please List the Teaching Assistants (TAs) You Propose for Your Course</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
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**Course Tags** Math

#### 6. Textbooks and Internet Resources

<b>Recommended Textbooks</b>	<b>ISBN-13 (or ISBN-10)</b>
William Fulton and Joe Harris, Representation theory (Russian translation available)	9780387974958
Jacques Faraut, Analysis on Lie groups. An introduction.	9780521719308

<b>Web-resources (links)</b>	<b>Description</b>

#### 7. Facilities

<b>Software</b>

#### 8. Learning Outcomes

<b>Knowledge</b>
Lie Theory. Basics of finite-dimensional representation theory

<b>Skill</b>
Working knowledge of basic constructions in Lie theory and in representation theory of compact groups

<b>Experience</b>
Experience of working with Lie groups, Lie algebras, finite-dimensional representations, and characters

**Do you want to specify outcomes in another framework?** Knowledge-Skill-Experience is good enough

## 9. Assessment Criteria

### Select Assignment 1 Type

Homework

### Input Example(s) of Assignment 1 (preferable)

1. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be smooth manifolds,  $M' \subset M$  and  $N' \subset N$  be their closed submanifolds, and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be a smooth map such that  $f(M') \subseteq N'$ . Prove that the restriction of  $f$  to  $M'$  is a smooth map  $M' \rightarrow N'$ .
2. Show that for smooth manifolds, the properties of being connected space or linearly connected space coincide.
3. Write explicitly the exponential map for the  $ax+b$  group.
4. Find the image of the exponential map for the following Lie groups: a)  $GL(N, \mathbb{C})$ ; b)  $SO(N)$ ; c) the group of real unitriangular  $N \times N$  matrices.

### Assessment Criteria for Assignment 1

We are planning five homeworks. Each homework may give maximum 1 point; the score is calculated according to formula  $\min(1, 1.25 S/N)$ , where  $S$  denotes the number of solved problems and  $N$  denotes the total number of problems.

### Select Assignment 2 Type

Other

### Input Example(s) of Assignment 2 (preferable)

The midterm exam is similar to a homework

### Assessment Criteria for Assignment 2

The score will be calculated by the same rule as for homework

### Select Assignment 3 Type

Other

### Input Example(s) of Assignment 3 (preferable)

The Final exam consists of five problems, similar to those in homeworks

### Assessment Criteria for Assignment 3

Each solved problem gives one point; the score is calculated according to formula  $\min(4, S)$ , where  $S$  denotes the number of solved problems.

## 10. Additional Notes

### Free Style Comments (if any)

The total score is composed from the scores for the five homeworks, the midterm exam, and the final exam. Thus, the highest total score is  $5+1+4=10$ .