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First main theorems for $SL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$ and C_p

I will describe a proof of the first main theorem for two-dimensional modular representations of the cyclic group of order p . I will explain how this result may be used to construct a generating set for the ring of vector invariants $\mathbb{F}[mV]^{SL_2(\mathbb{F})}$, where \mathbb{F} is any field of characteristic p and V is the defining representation of $SL_2(\mathbb{F})$.

This is joint work with Eddy Campbell (Memorial University) and Jim Shank (University of Kent).