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Branching laws for square integrable
representations

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$H \subset G$ connected reductive matrix Lie groups.

(π, V) irreducible, square integrable Rep. of G .

Assume (π, V) has an admissible restriction to H . That is, $res_H(\pi)$ is a discrete Hilbert sum of irreducible representations of H and each irreducible factor has finite multiplicity. Hence,

$$res_H(\pi) = \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{H}_{dis}} m(\pi, \sigma) \sigma$$

Want σ such that $m(\pi, \sigma) > 0$ and formulae for $m(\pi, \sigma)$.

Plan of the talk

- 1) Description of Harish Chandra for the set of irreducible square integrable reps.
- 2) Criterium for admissible restriction.
 - Via moment map
 - Via root systems
- 3) For $res_H(\pi)$ admissible, Kostant-Blattner type multiplicity formulae for irred. H -factors.

Irreducible square integrable representations

K maximal compact subgroup of G .

T maximal torus for K . W Weyl group of T .

Theorem (Harish Chandra) G admits irreducible square integrable representations if and only if T is a maximal abelian subgroup of G .

Moreover, he provided a parametrization of the set of equivalence classes of irreducible square integrable representations of G , when $G(\mathbb{C})$ is simply connected is by the set

$$\{e^\Lambda \text{ character of } T, \Lambda \text{ regular}\}/W$$

For $\Lambda \in i\mathfrak{t}^*$ regular $\rightsquigarrow \pi(\Lambda)$ sqa. int. rep. of G asoc to Λ .

Moment map and admissibility

$\lambda \in \mathfrak{t}^*$ such that $\Lambda := i\lambda$,

Think of λ in \mathfrak{g}^* .

$\Omega_\lambda := Ad(G)\lambda$ = coadjoint orbit defined by λ .

$p_{\mathfrak{h}} : \Omega_\lambda \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$ restriction map.

Theorem $p_{\mathfrak{h}}$ is a proper map if and only if $res_H \pi(\Lambda)$ is admissible.

Description of $p_{\mathfrak{h}}(\Omega_\lambda)$

Definition

An element X of \mathfrak{h}^* is *strongly elliptic* if its centralizer in H is a compact subgroup.

Theorem

If $p_{\mathfrak{h}} : \Omega_\lambda \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^$ a proper map, then, $p_{\mathfrak{h}}(\Omega_\lambda)$ is contained in the set of strongly elliptic elements of \mathfrak{h}^* .*

L maximal compact subgroup of H

U maximal torus in L

so that $U := T \cap H$, $L := K \cap H$.

Assume $p_{\mathfrak{h}} : \Omega_{\lambda} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$ is proper.

Hence, every element of $p_{\mathfrak{h}}(\Omega_{\lambda})$ is conjugated to an element of \mathfrak{u} .

Fix $C_{\lambda, \mathfrak{u}^*, +}$ closed Weyl chamber for $\Phi(\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{u})$ s.t.
 $p_{\mathfrak{h}}(\Lambda)$ is dominant.

Thus,

$$p_{\mathfrak{h}}(\Omega_{\lambda}) = Ad(H)(p_{\mathfrak{h}}(\Omega_{\lambda}) \cap C_{\lambda, \mathfrak{u}^*, +}).$$

Theorem *There exists a unique open Weyl chamber $C_{\lambda,+}$ for $\Phi(\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{u})$ so that*

i) *$C_{\lambda,+}$ is contained in $C_{\lambda,\mathfrak{u}^*,+}$.*

ii) *$p_{\mathfrak{h}}(\Omega_{\lambda}) \cap C_{\lambda,\mathfrak{u}^*,+}$ is contained in the relative closure of $C_{\lambda,+}$ in $C_{\lambda,\mathfrak{u}^*,+}$.*

Proposition

When $p_{\mathfrak{h}}$ is a proper map,

$p_{\mathfrak{h}}(\Omega_{\lambda}) \cap C_{\lambda, u^, +}$ is a convex polyhedron,*

$p_{\mathfrak{h}}^{-1}(\mu)$ is connected.

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(G, H, σ) symmetric pair

Assume set of square int. rep. for G is non empty.

T "maximally split" and σ -invariant Cartan subgroup.

$\mathfrak{t} = \mathfrak{t}_+ + \mathfrak{t}_-$, $\mathfrak{t}_\pm = \pm 1$ -eigenspace of σ .

Ψ = roots in $\Phi(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{t})$ has positive inner product with Λ .

$\mathbb{R}^+ \Psi_n$ cone spanned by noncompact roots in Ψ .

Theorem $p_{\mathfrak{h}} : \Omega_\lambda \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$ is a proper map if and only if $\mathbb{R}^+ \Psi_n \cap i\mathfrak{t}_-^* = \{0\}$.

Theorem Assume (G, H, σ) symmetric pair
If \mathfrak{k} is a simple Lie algebra, then no $\pi(\Lambda)$ has admissible restriction to H .

General semisimple $H \subseteq G$.

L maximal compact subgroup of H

π irreducible square integrable rep. of G

Fact: π restricted to H is admissible if and only if π restricted to L is admissible.

This has an interpretation in the orbit language

Has two moment maps, one with values in \mathfrak{h}^* and the other in \mathfrak{l}^*

Proposition

$p_{\mathfrak{h}} : \Omega_{\lambda} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$ is proper iff $p_{\mathfrak{l}} : \Omega_{\lambda} \rightarrow \mathfrak{l}^*$ is proper

Let V be an inner product space, a multisubset S of V is *strict* when there exists a non zero vector having positive inner product with each element of S .

Back to arbitrary $H, G!$

Fix system of positive roots Ψ in $\Phi(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{t})$.

$\Phi_{\mathfrak{z}}$ = roots in $\Phi(\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{t})$ that vanishes on \mathfrak{u} .

$p_{\mathfrak{u}} : \mathfrak{t}^* \longrightarrow \mathfrak{u}^*$ restriction map.

Definition *Condition (C) holds for Ψ and L if there exists a system of positive roots Δ_1 in $\Phi(\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{t})$ so that $p_{\mathfrak{u}}(\Delta_1 - \Phi_{\mathfrak{z}})$ is strict, and for each w in the compact Weyl group of G the multiset*

$$p_{\mathfrak{u}}(w\Psi_n) \cup q_{\mathfrak{u}}(\Delta_1 - \Phi_{\mathfrak{z}}) - \Phi(\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{u})$$

is strict.

Fix Λ reg. dominant w.r.t Ψ

Theorem If the center of \mathfrak{k} is contained in \mathfrak{l} and condition (C) holds for Ψ and L , then $\pi(\Lambda)$ restricted to H (or L) is admissible.

Technical result

Ψ system of positive roots in $\Phi(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{t})$.

Δ_1, Δ_2 systems of positive roots for $\Phi(\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{t})$.

Assume, each $p_u(\Delta_j - \Phi_\beta)$ is strict multiset and $\beta \in \mathfrak{t}$

Proposition If condition (C) holds for Ψ, L by mean of Δ_1 , then it holds for Ψ, L by mean of Δ_2 .

Example $G = \text{noncompact real form of } G_2$,
 $L = SU_2(\text{shortroot})$, Ψ s.t. short simple is ncp,
long simple cpct, then condition (C) holds and
 $\pi(\Lambda)$ restricted to L is admissible.
 $L = SU_2(\text{longroot})$, Ψ s.t. short simple is cp,
long simple noncpct, then condition (C) holds
and $\pi(\Lambda)$ restricted to L is admissible

When Ψ is small, then condition (C) holds for
the group K_1 defined by Gross-Wallach, and
we do not need the hypothesis center of \mathfrak{k} ...

Assume L is a proper subgroup of $SO(2n)$ which acts transitively on the unit sphere of \mathbb{R}^{2n}

Any admissible irreducible representation for $SO(2n, 1)$ has admissible restriction to L . This is due to the fact that $L \backslash SO(2n) / M$ is a point, now apply Mackey restriction theorem. In particular, square integrable representations. However, condition (C) for Ψ, L is not valid.

Multiplicity formulae

To $\Lambda \rightsquigarrow \Psi$ and ideal of \mathfrak{k}

$\mathfrak{k}_1(\Psi) :=$ ideal spanned by $\sum_{\alpha, \beta \in \Psi_n} \mathbb{C}X_{\alpha+\beta}$

Proposition $K_1(\Psi) \subseteq L$ iff condition (C) holds for Ψ and L .

Hence, whenever $Z_K K_1(\Psi) \subseteq L$, $res_H(\pi_\Lambda)$ is admissible.

Write $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{k}_1(\Psi) + \mathfrak{k}_2(\Psi)$ (sum of ideals)

$W_j =$ Weyl group of $\mathfrak{k}_j(\Psi)$

Assume $K_1(\Psi)T \subseteq L$.

Q shifted partition function associated to

$$\Psi - \Phi(\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{t}) = \{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_q\}$$

$$Q(\nu) := \text{card}\{(n_j) : \nu = \sum_{j=1}^q (\frac{1}{2} + n_j)\gamma_j\}$$

$$\Delta_L := \Phi(\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{t}) \cap \Psi$$

μ analytically integral form dominant for Δ_L ,
regular $\rightsquigarrow \sigma(\mu)$ sqa. int. rep. of H asoc to μ .

Theorem

Multiplicity of $\sigma(\mu)$ in $\pi(\Lambda)$ restricted to H is

$$m(\pi(\Lambda), \sigma(\mu)) = \sum_{w \in W_1, s \in W_2} \epsilon(ws) Q(w\mu - s\Lambda).$$

Partition functions via discrete Heaviside distributions

For $\gamma \in i\mathfrak{u}^* \rightsquigarrow \delta_\gamma$ denote Dirac delta function attached to γ .

Define

$$y_\gamma = \sum_{n \geq 0} \delta_{\frac{\gamma}{2} + n\gamma} = \delta_{\frac{\gamma}{2}} + \delta_{\frac{\gamma}{2} + \gamma} + \delta_{\frac{\gamma}{2} + 2\gamma} + \dots$$

Fix $S = \{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_q\}$ strict multiset,

Fact: there exists the convolution

$$y_{\gamma_1} \star \dots \star y_{\gamma_q}$$

Definition Shifted partition function associated to S

$$Q_S(\nu) := \text{card}\{(n_j) : \nu = \sum_{j=1}^q (\frac{1}{2} + n_j)\gamma_j\}$$

Fact:

$$\sum_{\nu \in i\mathfrak{u}^*} Q_S(\nu) \delta_\nu = y_{\gamma_1} \star \dots \star y_{\gamma_q}$$

Assume condition (C) for Ψ and L , and $\mathfrak{z}_\mathfrak{k} \subseteq \mathfrak{l}$, hence, for Λ dom. w.r.to. Ψ , $\pi(\Lambda)$ has admissible restriction to L

For irred rep. $\tau(\nu)$ of $L \rightsquigarrow m(\Lambda, \nu) :=$ multiplicity in $\pi(\Lambda)$ restricted to L . Kobayashi has shown $m(\Lambda, \nu)$ is of polynomial growth in ν hence

$$\sum_{\nu \text{ inf. cha}} m(\Lambda, \nu) \delta_\nu$$

converges as a distribution

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\nu \in P_L} m(\Lambda, \nu) \delta_\nu \\
&= \sum_{w \in W} \epsilon(w) \varpi(w\lambda) \\
&\quad \delta_{p_u(w\Lambda) \star \star \beta \in p_u(w\Psi_n) \cup (-1)p_u(\Delta - \Phi_3) - \Phi_1} y^\beta
\end{aligned}$$

Δ compact roots in Ψ , we may arrange $p_u(\Delta - \Phi_3)$ is strict

ν is the infinitesimal character of $\tau(\nu)$, dom. w.r.t. Δ

$m(\Lambda, \nu)$ has been extended to $\nu \in P_L$ to be antisymmetric w.r.t. W_L ,

$$\varpi(\gamma) = \frac{\prod_{\alpha \in \Psi_3} \gamma(h_\alpha)}{\prod_{\alpha \in \Psi_3} \rho_{\Psi_3}(h_\alpha)}$$

The proof of the formula is as follows

- Case L contains T
- Case L is normalized by T (here shows up the ϖ factor)
- Hence the formula holds for $K_1(\Psi)Z_K U$
($U = L \cap T$ max. torus of L)
- If L_1 subgroup L of the same rank, and the formula holds for L_1 then it holds for L .

- When L_1 subgroup L of the same rank, and the multiplicity formula holds for L_1 then it holds for L .

$$d_\alpha(f) = (\delta_{-\alpha/2} - \delta_{\alpha/2}) \star f, \quad f \in \mathcal{D}'(iu^*).$$

$$\star_{\alpha \in \Delta_L - \Delta_{L_1}} d_\alpha \left(\sum_{\nu_1 \in P_{L_1}} m_1(\Lambda, \nu_1) \delta_{\nu_1} \right) = \sum_{\nu \in P_L} m(\Lambda, \nu) \delta_\nu$$

Formula to deduce H -multiplicity $m(\Lambda, \mu)$ from L -multiplicity $m(\Lambda, \nu)$.

$$d_\alpha(f) = (\delta_{-\alpha/2} - \delta_{\alpha/2}) \star f, \quad f \in \mathcal{D}'(iu^*).$$

$$d^{n, \mathfrak{h}} = \prod_{\alpha \in \Psi_n(p_u(\Lambda))} d_\alpha$$

$$d^{n, \mathfrak{h}} \left[\sum_{\nu \in P_L} m(\Lambda, \nu) \delta_\nu \right] = \sum_{\mu \in P_L} m(\Lambda, \mu) \delta_\mu$$

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{so}(4, 2q), \quad q \geq 3,$$

$$\Delta = \{\epsilon_1 \pm \epsilon_2, \delta_r \pm \delta_s, 1 \leq r < s \leq q\}, \quad \Phi_n = \{\pm \epsilon_i \pm \delta_j\}.$$

$$\Psi_{\pm a} = \{\delta_1 > \cdots > \delta_a > \epsilon_1 > \pm \epsilon_2 > \delta_{a+1} > \cdots > \delta_q\}$$

$K_1(\Psi_{\pm 0}) = \mathfrak{su}_2(\epsilon_1 \pm \epsilon_2)$. Both systems are small.

$$1 \leq a < q$$

$$\mathfrak{k}_1(\Psi_{\pm a}) = \mathfrak{su}_2(\epsilon_1 \pm \epsilon_2) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(2q)$$

$$m(\Psi_1) = m(S_{\epsilon_2 + \delta_q} S_{\epsilon_2 - \delta_q} \Psi_1) = 3$$

$$m(\Psi_a) = m(S_{\epsilon_2 + \delta_q} S_{\epsilon_2 - \delta_q} \Psi_a) = 4 \text{ for } 1 < a < q$$

$$q \geq 3, \quad \mathfrak{k}_1(\Psi_{\pm q}) = \mathfrak{so}(2q). \quad \Psi_{\pm q} \text{ are small.}$$

Any other system of positive roots $\mathfrak{k}_1(\Psi) = \mathfrak{k}$.

Every ideal is equal to a $\mathfrak{k}_1(\Psi)$ but $\{0\}, \mathfrak{so}(4)$.

The subgroups $K_1(\Psi)$

The zero ideal is equal to a $\mathfrak{k}_1(\Psi)$ if and only if G/K is Hermitian. Any non zero, semisimple ideal in \mathfrak{k} is equal to an ideal $\mathfrak{k}_1(\Psi)$ except for: four ideals in $\mathfrak{so}(4) \times \mathfrak{so}(4) \subset \mathfrak{so}(4, 4)$; $\mathfrak{so}(2q+1)$ in $\mathfrak{so}(2p, 2q + 1)$, $p \geq 2$; $\mathfrak{so}(4)$ in $\mathfrak{so}(4, n)$, ($n \neq 2$).

Tensor products

Δ system of positive roots in $\Phi(\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{t})$.

$\Psi, \tilde{\Psi}$ system of positive roots in $\Phi(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{t})$ both of them containing Δ .

λ, Ψ – dominant, regular

$\mu, \tilde{\Psi}$ – dominant regular...

$\pi(\gamma)$ squar. int. of Harish-Chandra param γ .

If $\pi(\lambda) \otimes \pi(\mu)$ is admissible under the diagonal action of G , then $\Psi = \tilde{\Psi}$ and Ψ is a holomorphic system. The converse statement is also true.

Existence of discrete factors

Arbitrary G, H .

π square int. rep. of G .

W lowest K -type of π . Write $W|_L = Z_1 \oplus \dots$

Assume there exists square int. irred. rep μ of H with lowest L -type Z_1

Then, μ is a subrepresentation of $res_H(\pi)$.