

Representations of reductive groups

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What real reductive groups?

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Old days: assumed $G(\mathbb{R})$ connected semisimple.

Problem is that $G(\mathbb{R})$ is studied using **Levi subgroups**; these aren't connected even if G is.

Here are some possible assumptions for us:

1. **Narrowest**: G complex connected reductive algebraic defined over \mathbb{R} , $G(\mathbb{R}) = \text{real points}$.
2. Somewhat weaker: $G(\mathbb{R})$ is transpose-stable subgp of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ with $G(\mathbb{R})/G(\mathbb{R})_0$ finite.
3. Still weaker: $G(\mathbb{R})$ is finite cover of a group as in (2).

General notation: $\mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{R}) = \text{Lie}(G(\mathbb{R}))$, $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$.

Everything I say holds exactly under (1);

lots is still true under the (strictly weaker) (2);

most things work under (3).

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Structure of $G(\mathbb{R})$

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$G(\mathbb{R}) \hookrightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{R})$, stable by transpose, $G(\mathbb{R})/G(\mathbb{R})_0$ finite.

Cartan involution of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is automorphism $\theta(g) = {}^t g^{-1}$.

Recall **polar decomposition**:

$$\begin{aligned}GL(n, \mathbb{R}) &= O(n) \times \exp(\text{symmetric matrices}). \\ &= GL(n, \mathbb{R})^\theta \times \exp(\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})^{-\theta})\end{aligned}$$

Inherited by $G(\mathbb{R})$ as **Cartan decomposition for $G(\mathbb{R})$** :

$$K(\mathbb{R}) = G(\mathbb{R})^\theta = O(n) \cap G(\mathbb{R}),$$

$$\mathfrak{s}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{R})^{-\theta} = \text{symm matrices in } \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{R})$$

$$S(\mathbb{R}) = \exp(\mathfrak{s}(\mathbb{R})) = \text{pos def symm matrices in } G(\mathbb{R}),$$

$$G(\mathbb{R}) = K(\mathbb{R}) \times S(\mathbb{R}) \simeq K(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathfrak{s}(\mathbb{R}).$$

Nice structures on $G(\mathbb{R})$ come from nice structures on $K(\mathbb{R})$ by solving **differential equations along $S(\mathbb{R})$** .

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What representations (A)?

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As good analytic C^* -algebra people, you understand

Definition. **Unitary representation** of $G(\mathbb{R})$ on Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_π is **weakly continuous homomorphism**

$$\pi: G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H}_\pi).$$

Irreducible if \mathcal{H}_π has exactly **two** closed $G(\mathbb{R})$ -invl subspaces.

Chevalley told Harish-Chandra to **weaken** this definition.

Definition. **Representation** of reductive $G(\mathbb{R})$ on loc cvx complete V_π is **weakly continuous group homomorphism**

$$\pi: G \rightarrow GL(V_\pi)$$

Get a new loc cvx complete $V_\pi^\infty \subset V_\pi$ on which π^∞ **differentiates** to action of $U(\mathfrak{g})$.

Define $\mathfrak{Z}(\mathfrak{g}) = U(\mathfrak{g})^{\text{Ad}(G(\mathbb{R}))}$. Schur's lemma suggests that $\mathfrak{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ should act by **scalars** on V_π^∞ for irreducible π .

Always true for π unitary (Segal), **fails sometimes** for nonunitary π on any noncompact $G(\mathbb{R})$ (Soergel).

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What representations (B)?

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Definition (Harish-Chandra) Rep π of $G(\mathbb{R})$ on complete loc cvx V_π is **quasisimple** if $\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{g})$ acts by **scalars** on V_π^∞ .

You know to care about $\widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}_u =$ **unitary equivalence** classes of irr unitary representations.

HC says to care about larger $\widehat{G(\mathbb{R})} =$ **infinitesimal equivalence** classes of irr **quasisimple** π .

Defining **infinitesimal equivalence** is a bit complicated; soon...

To see the value of this, helpful to introduce $\widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}_h =$ infl equiv classes of irr quasisimple π with nonzero (maybe **indefinite**) invariant Hermitian form.

$$\widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}_u \subset \widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}_h \subset \widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}.$$

You know that the **left** term is interesting. I claim that it's best understood by understanding the **right** term and the two inclusions. . .

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$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}_u & \subset & \widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}_h & \subset & \widehat{G(\mathbb{R})} \\ \text{unitary} & \subset & \text{hermitian} & \subset & \text{quasisimple} \\ \text{desirable} & \subset & \text{acceptable} & \subset & \text{available} \end{array}$$

Langlands classification beautifully describes $\widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}$ as complex algebraic variety.

Knapp-Zuckerman describe $\widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}_h$ as **real points** of this alg variety: fixed points of simple **complex conjugation**.

$\widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}_u$ is cut out inside $\widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}_h$ by **real algebraic inequalities**, more or less computed by **Adams, van Leeuwen, Trapa, V.**

What can we ask about representations?

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Start with a reasonable category of representations...

Example: cplx reductive $\mathfrak{g} \supset \mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{h} + \mathfrak{n}$; BGG **category \mathcal{O}** consists of $U(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules V subject to

1. **fin gen:** $\exists V_0 \subset V$, $\dim V_0 < \infty$, $U(\mathfrak{g})V_0 = V$.
2. **\mathfrak{b} -locally finite:** $\forall v \in V$, $\dim U(\mathfrak{b})v < \infty$.
3. **\mathfrak{h} -semisimple:** $V = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathfrak{h}^*} V_{\gamma}$.

Want precise information about reps in the category.

Example: V in category \mathcal{O}

1. $\dim V_{\gamma}$ is **almost polynomial** as function of γ .
2. V has a **formal character** $\left[\sum_{\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*} a_V(\lambda) e^{\lambda} \right] / \Delta$.

Want construction/classification of reps in the category.

Example: $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* \rightsquigarrow I(\lambda) =_{\text{def}} U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{b})} \mathbb{C}_{\lambda} =$ **Verma module**.

1. **(STRUCTURE THM):** $I(\lambda)$ has highest weight $\mathbb{C}_{\lambda} \hookrightarrow I(\lambda)^{\mathfrak{n}}$.
2. **(QUOTIENT THM):** $I(\lambda)$ has **unique** irr quo $J(\lambda)$.
3. **(CLASSIF THM):** Each irr in \mathcal{O} is $J(\lambda)$, **unique** $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$.

How do you do that?

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$\mathfrak{g} \supset \mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{h} + \mathfrak{n}$, $\Delta = \Delta(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}) \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$ roots, Δ^+ roots in \mathfrak{n} .

\rightsquigarrow partial order on \mathfrak{h}^* :

$$\begin{aligned}\mu' \leq \mu &\iff \mu' \in \mu - \mathbb{N}\Delta^+ \\ &\iff \mu' = \mu - \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+} n_\alpha \alpha, \quad (n_\alpha \in \mathbb{N})\end{aligned}$$

Proposition. Suppose $V \in \mathcal{O}$.

1. If $V \neq 0$, \exists *maximal* $\mu \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ subject to $V_\mu \neq 0$.
2. If $\mu \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ is maxl subj to $V_\mu \neq 0$, then $V_\mu \subset V^n$.
3. If $V \neq 0$, $\exists \mu$ with $0 \neq V_\mu \subset V^n$.
4. $\forall \lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$, $\text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}(I(\lambda), V) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{h}}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda, V^n)$.

Parts (1)–(3) guarantee existence of “highest weights;” based on formal calculations with lattices in vector spaces, and $\mathfrak{n} \cdot V_{\mu'} \subset \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+} V_{\mu'+\alpha}$.

Sketch of proof of (4):

$$\text{Hom}_{U(\mathfrak{g})}(U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{b})} \mathbb{C}_\lambda, V) \simeq \text{Hom}_{U(\mathfrak{b})}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda, V) = \text{Hom}_{U(\mathfrak{h})}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda, V^n).$$

First isom: “change of rings.” Second: $\mathfrak{n} \cdot \mathbb{C}_\lambda =_{\text{def}} 0$.

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Moral of the story

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For category \mathcal{O} , three key ingredients:

1. **Change of rings** $U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{h})} \cdot \rightsquigarrow$ Verma mods $I(\lambda)$.
2. **Universality**: $\text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}(I(\lambda), V) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{h}}(\mathbb{C}_\lambda, V^n)$.
3. **Highest weight** exists: $J \text{ irr} \implies J^n \neq 0$.

#2 is homological alg, **#3** is comb/geom in \mathfrak{h}^* .

Irrs J in $\mathcal{O} \iff \lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ characterized by $\mathbb{C}_\lambda \subset J(\lambda)^n$.

Same three ideas apply to $G(\mathbb{R})$ representations.

Technical problem: change of rings isn't **projective**, so $\otimes \rightsquigarrow \text{Tor}$.

Parallel problem: $J^n = H^0(\mathfrak{n}, J) \rightsquigarrow$ **derived functors** $H^p(\mathfrak{n}, J)$.

Conclusion will be: **irr $G(\mathbb{R})$ -reps $J \iff \gamma \in \widehat{H(\mathbb{R})}$** ,
some Cartan $H(\mathbb{R}) \subset G(\mathbb{R})$; char by $\mathbb{C}_\gamma \subset H^s(\mathfrak{n}, J)$.

Next topic: Harish-Chandra's **algebraization** of rep theory, making possible the program outlined above.

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Principal series for $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ (skip this!)

To understand how Harish-Chandra studied reductive group representations, need a serious example.

But there isn't time; so **look at these slides on your own!**

Use **principal series reps** for $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) =_{\text{def}} G(\mathbb{R})$.

$G(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}^2$, so get rep of $G(\mathbb{R})$ on **functions on \mathbb{R}^2** :

$$[\rho(g)f](v) = f(g^{-1} \cdot v).$$

Lie algs easier than Lie gps \rightsquigarrow write $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R})$ action, basis

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

Action on functions on \mathbb{R}^2 is by vector fields:

$$\rho(D)f = -x_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} + x_2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \quad \rho(E) = -x_2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \quad \rho(F) = -x_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}.$$

General principle: representations on function spaces are **reducible** \iff exist $G(\mathbb{R})$ -invt differential operators.

Euler deg operator $E = x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}$ commutes with $G(\mathbb{R})$.

Conclusion: interesting reps of $G(\mathbb{R})$ on **eigenspaces** of E .

Principal series for $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ (also skip)

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Previous slide: expect interesting reps of $G(\mathbb{R}) = SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ on **homogeneous functions on \mathbb{R}^2** .

For $\nu \in \mathbb{C}$, $\epsilon \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, define

$$W^{\nu, \epsilon} = \{f: (\mathbb{R}^2 - 0) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f(tx) = |t|^{-\nu-1} \operatorname{sgn}(t)^\epsilon f(x)\},$$

functions on the plane **homog of degree $-(\nu + 1, \epsilon)$** .

$\nu \rightsquigarrow \nu + 1$ simplifies MANY things later...

Study $W^{\nu, \epsilon}$ by **restriction to circle** $\{(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)\}$:

$$W^{\nu, \epsilon} \simeq \{w: S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid w(-s) = (-1)^\epsilon w(s)\}, \quad f(r, \theta) = r^{-\nu-1} w(\theta).$$

Compute Lie algebra action in polar coords using

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} &= -x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} &= x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} &= -\nu - 1, & x_1 &= \cos \theta, & x_2 &= \sin \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Plug into formulas on preceding slide: get

$$\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(D) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (-\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)(\nu + 1),$$

$$\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(E) = \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (-\cos \theta \sin \theta)(\nu + 1),$$

$$\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(F) = -\cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (-\cos \theta \sin \theta)(\nu + 1).$$

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A more suitable basis (skip this too!)

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Have family $\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}$ of reps of $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ defined on functions on S^1 of homogeneity (or parity) ϵ :

$$\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(D) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (-\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)(\nu + 1),$$

$$\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(E) = \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (-\cos \theta \sin \theta)(\nu + 1),$$

$$\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(F) = -\cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (-\cos \theta \sin \theta)(\nu + 1).$$

Hard to make sense of. Clear: family of reps **analytic** (actually linear) in complex parameter ν .

Big idea: see how properties change as function of ν .

Problem: $\{D, E, F\}$ adapted to wt vectors for diagonal Cartan subalgebra; rep $\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}$ has no such wt vectors.

But **rotation matrix** $E - F$ acts simply by $\partial/\partial\theta$.

Suggests **new basis** of the complexified Lie algebra:

$$H = -i(E - F), \quad X = \frac{1}{2}(D + iE + iF), \quad Y = \frac{1}{2}(D - iE - iF).$$

$$\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(H) = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}, \quad \rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(X) = \frac{e^{2i\theta}}{2i} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + i(\nu + 1) \right), \quad \rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(Y) = \frac{-e^{-2i\theta}}{2i} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + i(\nu + 1) \right).$$

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Principal series, bad news (not for us!)

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Have family $\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}$ of reps of $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ defined on functions on S^1 of homogeneity (or parity) ϵ :

$$\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(H) = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}, \quad \rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(X) = \frac{e^{2i\theta}}{2i} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + i(\nu + 1) \right), \quad \rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(Y) = \frac{-e^{-2i\theta}}{2i} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + i(\nu + 1) \right).$$

These ops act simply on basis $w_m(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) = e^{im\theta}$:

$$\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(H)w_m = mw_m,$$

$$\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(X)w_m = \frac{1}{2}(m + \nu + 1)w_{m+2},$$

$$\rho^{\nu, \epsilon}(Y)w_m = \frac{1}{2}(-m + \nu + 1)w_{m-2}.$$

Suggests reasonable function space to consider:

$$\begin{aligned} W^{\nu, \epsilon, K(\mathbb{R})} &= \text{fns homog of deg } (\nu, \epsilon), \text{ finite under rotation} \\ &= \text{span}(\{w_m \mid m \equiv \epsilon \pmod{2}\}). \end{aligned}$$



$W^{\nu, \epsilon, K(\mathbb{R})}$ has beautiful rep of \mathfrak{g} : irr for most ν , easy submods otherwise. **Not preserved by $G(\mathbb{R}) = SL(2, \mathbb{R})$:**

$\exp(A) \in G(\mathbb{R}) \rightsquigarrow \sum A^k/k! : A^k \curvearrowright W^{\nu, \epsilon, K(\mathbb{R})}$, **sum not.**

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Principal series: good news (last skip!)

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Original question was action of $G(\mathbb{R}) = SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ on

$$W^{\nu, \epsilon, \infty} = \{f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2 - 0) \mid f \text{ homog of deg } -(\nu + 1, \epsilon)\} :$$

what are the closed $G(\mathbb{R})$ -invt subspaces...?

Found nice subspace $W^{\nu, \epsilon, K(\mathbb{R})}$, explicit basis, explicit action of Lie algebra \rightsquigarrow easy to describe \mathfrak{g} -invt subspaces.

Theorem (Harish-Chandra) There is one-to-one corr

$$\text{closed } G(\mathbb{R})\text{-invt } S \subset W^{\nu, \epsilon, \infty} \iff \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{R})\text{-invt } S^K \subset W^{\nu, \epsilon, K}$$

$$S \rightsquigarrow K\text{-finite vectors in } S, \quad S^K \rightsquigarrow \overline{S^K}.$$

Content of thm: closure carries \mathfrak{g} -invt to G -invt.

Why this isn't obvious: $SO(2)$ acting by translation on $C^\infty(S^1)$. Lie alg acts by $\frac{d}{d\theta}$, so closed subspace

$$E = \{f \in C^\infty(S^1) \mid f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) = 0, \theta \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2) + 2\pi\mathbb{Z}\}$$

is preserved by $\mathfrak{so}(2)$; *not* preserved by rotation.

Reason: Taylor series for in $f \in E$ doesn't converge to f .

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Back to general setting: $G(\mathbb{R})$ real reductive,
 $\theta: G(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow G(\mathbb{R})$ Cartan involution, $\mathfrak{s}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{R})^{-\theta}$.

$K(\mathbb{R}) = G(\mathbb{R})^{\theta}$ compact subgroup.

Recall **polar decomposition** $G(\mathbb{R}) = K(\mathbb{R}) \times \exp(\mathfrak{s}_0)$.

Nice structures on $G(\mathbb{R})$ come from nice structures on $K(\mathbb{R})$ by solving **differential equations along S** .

(ρ, W) rep on **complete loc cvx** W ; had **smaller** space

$$W^{\infty} = \{w \in W \mid G(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow W, g \mapsto \rho(g)w \text{ smooth}\}.$$

Similarly define two more **smaller** complete loc cvx spaces

$$W^{K(\mathbb{R})} = \{w \in W \mid \dim \text{span}(\rho(K(\mathbb{R}))w) < \infty\},$$

$$W^{K(\mathbb{R}), \infty} = \{w \in W^{\infty} \mid \dim \text{span}(\rho(K(\mathbb{R}))w) < \infty\}$$

Definition. The **Harish-Chandra-module** of W is $W^{K(\mathbb{R}), \infty}$:
representation of **Lie algebra** $\mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{R})$ and of **group** $K(\mathbb{R})$.

Easy (two slides below!) to define **$(\mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{R}), K(\mathbb{R}))$ -modules**.

Group reps and Lie algebra reps

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$G(\mathbb{R})$ reductive $\supset K(\mathbb{R})$ max cpt, $\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{g}) = U(\mathfrak{g})^{\text{Ad}(G)}$.

Recall (π, V) is *quasisimple* if $\pi^\infty(z) = \text{scalar}$, $z \in \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{g})$.

Theorem (Segal, Harish-Chandra)

1. Any irreducible $(\mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{R}), K(\mathbb{R}))$ -module is quasisimple.
2. Any irreducible **unitary** rep of $G(\mathbb{R})$ is quasisimple.
3. Suppose V quasisimple rep of $G(\mathbb{R})$. Then $W \mapsto W^{K(\mathbb{R}), \infty}$ is **bijection between subrepresentations**

$$(\text{closed } W \subset V) \leftrightarrow (W^{K(\mathbb{R}), \infty} \subset V^{K(\mathbb{R}), \infty}).$$

4. (irreducible quasisimple reps of $G(\mathbb{R})$) \rightsquigarrow (irreducible $(\mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{R}), K(\mathbb{R}))$ -modules), $W_\pi \rightsquigarrow W_\pi^{K(\mathbb{R}), \infty}$ is **surjective**.

Idea of proof: $G(\mathbb{R})/K(\mathbb{R}) \simeq \mathfrak{s}_0$, vector space. **Describe anything analytic on $G(\mathbb{R})$ by Taylor expansion along $K(\mathbb{R})$.**

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Category of $(\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R}), L(\mathbb{R}))$ -modules

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Setting: $\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R}) \supset \mathfrak{l}(\mathbb{R})$ real Lie algebras, $L(\mathbb{R})$ compact Lie group acting on $\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R})$ by Lie algebra automorphisms Ad .

Definition. An $(\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R}), L(\mathbb{R}))$ -module is complex vector space W , with reps of $\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R})$ and of $L(\mathbb{R})$, subject to

1. each $w \in W$ belongs to fin-diml $L(\mathbb{R})$ -invt W_0 , so that action of $L(\mathbb{R})$ on W_0 **continuous** (hence smooth);
2. differential of $L(\mathbb{R})$ action is $\mathfrak{l}(\mathbb{R})$ action;
3. $\forall k \in L(\mathbb{R}), Z \in \mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R}), w \in W, k \cdot (Z \cdot (k^{-1} \cdot w)) = [\text{Ad}(k)(Z)] \cdot w$.

Condition (3) is **automatic** if $L(\mathbb{R})$ connected.

Write $\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R}), L(\mathbb{R}))$ for category of $(\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R}), L(\mathbb{R}))$ -modules.

Proposition. Taking **smooth $K(\mathbb{R})$ -fin vecs** is **functor**

(reps of $G(\mathbb{R})$ on complete loc cvx W)

$$\longrightarrow (\mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{R}), K(\mathbb{R}))\text{-modules } W^{K(\mathbb{R}), \infty}.$$

But it's easier to use reps of **complex** Lie algebras...

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Complexified Lie algebras

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real Lie algebra $\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R}) \rightsquigarrow$ complex Lie algebra

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{h} &= \mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{C}) =_{\text{def}} \mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \\ &= \{X + iY \mid X, Y \in \mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R})\}.\end{aligned}$$

complexification of $\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R})$.

Proposition. Representation (π_0, V) of $\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R}) \iff$
representation (π_1, V) of $\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{C})$:

$$\pi_1(X + iY) = \pi_0(X) + i\pi_0(Y), \quad \pi_0(X) = \pi_1(X).$$

Identification $\pi_0 \iff \pi_1$ is **perfect**; write π for both.

Convenient to express as **modules for an algebra**:

Proposition. **Reps** of real Lie alg $\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R}) \iff$ **modules** for
complex enveloping algebra $U(\mathfrak{h})$.

Seek to **extend** this to $(\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R}), L(\mathbb{R}))$ -modules.

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Complexification also works for compact groups. . .

real compact $L(\mathbb{R}) \subset U(n) \rightsquigarrow$ **complex** reductive alg

$$L = L(\mathbb{C}) =_{\text{def}} L(\mathbb{R}) \exp(i\mathfrak{l}(\mathbb{R})) \subset GL(n, \mathbb{C})$$

complexification of $L(\mathbb{R})$.

Coordinate-free definition:

reg fns on $L(\mathbb{C}) = L(\mathbb{R})$ -finite \mathbb{C} -valued fns on $L(\mathbb{R})$

Proposition. Fin-diml continuous (π_0, V) of $L(\mathbb{R}) \iff$
fin-diml algebraic representation (π_1, V) of $L(\mathbb{C})$:

$$\pi_1(I \exp(iY)) = \pi_0(I) \exp(i d\pi_0(Y)), \quad \pi_0(I) = \pi_1(I).$$

Identification $\pi_0 \iff \pi_1$ is **perfect**; write π for both.

$L(\mathbb{R})$ -finite cont reps of $L(\mathbb{R}) =$ **algebraic reps of $L(\mathbb{C})$.**

Category of (\mathfrak{h}, L) -modules

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Now we can complexify Harish-Chandra's category...

Setting: $\mathfrak{h} \supset \mathfrak{l}$ complex Lie algebras, L complex algebraic acting on \mathfrak{h} by Lie algebra automorphisms Ad .

Definition. An (\mathfrak{h}, L) -module is complex vector space W , with reps of \mathfrak{h} and of L , subject to

1. L action is algebraic (hence smooth);
2. differential of L action is \mathfrak{l} action;
3. For $k \in L$, $Z \in \mathfrak{h}$, $w \in W$,
 $k \cdot (Z \cdot (k^{-1} \cdot w)) = [\text{Ad}(k)(Z)] \cdot w$.

Write $\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{h}, L)$ for category of (\mathfrak{h}, L) -modules.

Proposition. Taking smooth K -finite vecs is functor

$W \in (\text{reps of } G(\mathbb{R}) \text{ on complete locally convex space})$

$$\longrightarrow W^{K, \infty} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{g}, K)$$

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Representations and R -modules

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Rings and modules familiar and powerful \rightsquigarrow try to make representation categories into module categories. Saw

Category of reps of $\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R}) =$ category of $U(\mathfrak{h})$ -modules.

Seek parallel for locally finite reps of compact $L(\mathbb{R})$:

$R(L) =$ conv alg of \mathbb{C} -valued L -finite msres on $L(\mathbb{R})$

$$\simeq_{(\text{Peter-Weyl})} \left[\sum_{(\mu, E_\mu) \in \widehat{L}} \text{End}(E_\mu) \right]$$



$1 \notin R(L)$ if $L(\mathbb{R})$ is infinite: convolution identity is point measure at $e \in L(\mathbb{R})$, not L -finite.

$$\alpha \subset \widehat{L} \text{ finite } \rightsquigarrow 1_\alpha =_{\text{def}} \sum_{\mu \in \alpha} \text{Id}_\mu \in R(L).$$

Elements 1_α are approximate identity: $\forall r \in R(L) \exists \alpha(r)$ finite so $1_\beta \cdot r = r \cdot 1_\beta = r$ if $\beta \supset \alpha(r)$.

$R(L)$ -module M is approximately unital if $\forall m \in M \exists \alpha(m)$ finite so $1_\beta \cdot m = m$ if $\beta \supset \alpha(m)$.

Alg reps of $L =$ approximately unital $R(L(\mathbb{R}))$ -modules.

$R\text{-mod} =_{\text{def}}$ category of approximately unital R -modules.

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Setting: $\mathfrak{h} \supset \mathfrak{l}$ cplx Lie algs, L reductive alg $\curvearrowright \mathfrak{h}$ by Lie alg automorphisms Ad.

Definition. The Hecke algebra $R(\mathfrak{h}, L)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} R(\mathfrak{h}, L) &= U(\mathfrak{h}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{l})} R(L) \\ &\simeq [\text{conv alg of } L\text{-finite } U(\mathfrak{h})\text{-valued msres on } L(\mathbb{R})] / U(\mathfrak{l}) \end{aligned}$$

$R(\mathfrak{h}, L)$ inherits **approx identity** from subalgebra $R(L)$.

Proposition. $\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{h}, L) = R(\mathfrak{h}, L)$ -mod: (\mathfrak{h}, L) modules are approximately unital modules for Hecke algebra $R(\mathfrak{h}, L)$.

Immediate corollary: $\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{h}, L)$ has **projective resolutions**, so derived functors. . .

Langlands classification

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Theorem (Langlands) Irreducible representations of a real reductive group $G(\mathbb{R})$ are in one-to-one correspondence

$$(H(\mathbb{R}), \gamma)/(G(\mathbb{R}) \text{ conjugacy}) \longleftrightarrow J(H(\mathbb{R}), \gamma) \quad \text{with}$$

1. $H(\mathbb{R}) \subset G(\mathbb{R})$ is a Cartan subgroup, $\gamma \in \widehat{H}(\mathbb{R})$ a character;
2. γ **nontrivial** on each compact imaginary simple coroot; and
3. γ **nontrivial** on each simple real coroot.

Equivalently,

$$\widehat{G(\mathbb{R})} = \coprod_{H(\mathbb{R})/G(\mathbb{R})} \widehat{H(\mathbb{R})}_{\text{reg}}/W(G(\mathbb{R}), H(\mathbb{R})).$$

(2) is the “regularity” condition in Langlands classification for K ;

(3) excludes the reducible tempered principal series of $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$

$J(H(\mathbb{R}), \gamma)$ **characterized by** occurrence of $\gamma - \rho$ in $H(\mathbb{R})$ action on $H^s(\mathfrak{n}, J)$ (some Borel subalgebra $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{h} + \mathfrak{n}$).

Remaining lies: omitted **translate of γ by ρ** , choice of **pos imag roots**.

Next time: what $H(\mathbb{R})$ and $W(G(\mathbb{R}), H(\mathbb{R}))$ look like.

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What have we done?

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Harish-Chandra's notion of **all** irreducible representations π of $G(\mathbb{R})$: continuous irreducible on complete loc cvx top vec space W_π , **quasisimple**: $U(\mathfrak{g})^{\text{Ad}(G(\mathbb{R}))}$ acts by **scalars**.

$\rightsquigarrow W_\pi^{K, \infty}$ **irr** (\mathfrak{g}, K) -**module** of K -finite smooth vecs.

$\widehat{G(\mathbb{R})} =_{\text{def}}$ **infinitesimal equiv classes** of irr quasisimple, so
 $\widehat{G(\mathbb{R})} \simeq_{\text{def}}$ **simple** $R(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -**modules**.

Langlands classification proceeds by category \mathcal{O} strategy:

1. **construct** (complicated) $R(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -modules from (simple) $R(\mathfrak{h}, H \cap K)$ -modules by change-of-rings functors;
2. prove **exhaustion** using **universality properties** involving Lie algebra cohomology.

If you've **read** Langlands, this summary may look absurd. But. . .

Change-of-rings includes **parabolic induction**.

Lie algebra cohom can come from **asymptotic exp of matrix coeffs**.

Feel better?

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Said that Langlands parametrized **irr reps** of real reductive $G(\mathbb{R})$ by **characters** of Cartan subgroups $H(\mathbb{R})$.

To make precise/concrete, need **structure** of $H(\mathbb{R})$.

Assume (replace $H(\mathbb{R})$ by conjugate) $\theta(H(\mathbb{R})) = H(\mathbb{R})$.

Set $T(\mathbb{R}) = H(\mathbb{R})^\theta = H(\mathbb{R}) \cap K(\mathbb{R})$ **compact**

Set $\mathfrak{a}_0 = \mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{R})^{-\theta}$, $A = \exp(\mathfrak{a}_0)$ **vector group**.

$$H(\mathbb{R}) = T(\mathbb{R}) \times A$$

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{H(\mathbb{R})} &= (\text{chars of } T(\mathbb{R})) \times (\mathfrak{a}^*) \\ &= (\text{nearly lattice}) \times (\text{complex vector space}).\end{aligned}$$

$\widehat{G(\mathbb{R})} =$ **countable union of complex vector spaces.**

Examples of Cartan subgroups

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$Sp(2n, \mathbb{R}) =$ linear maps of $2n$ -dimensional real E preserving nondegenerate skew-symm bilinear form ω .

1st construction: U n -diml real $E = U \oplus U^*$,

$$\omega((u_1, \lambda_1), (u_2, \lambda_2)) = \lambda_1(u_2) - \lambda_2(u_1).$$

Get $GL(U) \hookrightarrow Sp(E)$, $g \cdot (u, \lambda) = (g \cdot u, {}^t g^{-1} \cdot \lambda)$.

\rightsquigarrow Cartan subgp $H_{n,0,0}(\mathbb{R}) = GL(1, \mathbb{R})^n \subset GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \subset Sp(2n, \mathbb{R})$.

2nd construction: F n -diml complex with nondeg Herm form μ , $\omega(f_1, f_2) = \text{Im}(\mu(f_1, f_2))$ (on real space $F|_{\mathbb{R}}$).

Get unitary group $U(F) \hookrightarrow Sp(F|_{\mathbb{R}})$.

\rightsquigarrow Cartan $H_{0,0,n}(\mathbb{R}) = U(1)^n \subset U(p, q) \subset Sp(2n, \mathbb{R})$.

3rd construction: $n = 2m$ even, V m -diml complex, $\omega_{\mathbb{C}}$ on $F = V \oplus V^*$ as in 1st, $\omega_{\mathbb{R}} = \text{Re}(\omega_{\mathbb{C}})$ on $F|_{\mathbb{R}}$.

Get $\underbrace{GL(V) \hookrightarrow Sp(F)}_{\text{complex algebraic}} \hookrightarrow \underbrace{Sp(F|_{\mathbb{R}})}_{\text{real}}$.

\rightsquigarrow Cartan $H_{0,m,0} = GL(1, \mathbb{C})^m \subset GL(m, \mathbb{C}) \subset Sp(2m, \mathbb{C}) \subset Sp(4m, \mathbb{R})$.

Any Cartan: $H_{a,b,c} \simeq (\mathbb{R}^{\times})^a \times (\mathbb{C}^{\times})^b \times U(1)^c$ ($n = a + 2b + c$).

$$T_{a,b,c} = \{\pm 1\}^a \times U(1)^{b+c}, \quad A_{a,b,c} = \mathbb{R}^{a+b}$$

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Cartans, eigenvalues, Weyl groups/ \mathbb{C}

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$g \in G(\mathbb{C}) = \mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})$ (complex reductive) has $2n$ eigenvalues

$$((z_1, z_1^{-1}), (z_2, z_2^{-1}), \dots, (z_n, z_n^{-1})).$$

g usually **conjugate** to

$$(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathrm{GL}(1, \mathbb{C})^n = H(\mathbb{C}) \subset \mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{C}).$$

(z_1, \dots, z_n) only determined up to permutation, inversions.

$H(\mathbb{C})$ is **unique** conjugacy class of Cartan in $\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})$

Its Weyl group

$$W_{\mathbb{C}} = W(G(\mathbb{C}), H(\mathbb{C})) = N_{G(\mathbb{C})}(H(\mathbb{C}))/H(\mathbb{C}) = W(BC_n)$$

is called the n th hyperoctahedral group.

$$W(BC_n) = S_n \times (\pm 1)^n = \text{permutations and inversions.}$$

Real Cartan subgroups \leftrightarrow reality conditions on eigenvalues.

Each real Weyl group is a **subgroup** of $W(BC_n)$.

Cartans, eigenvalues, Weyl groups/ \mathbb{R}

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$g \in G(\mathbb{R}) = \mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$ has $2n$ complex eigenvalues

$$((z_1, z_1^{-1}), (z_2, z_2^{-1}), \dots, (z_n, z_n^{-1}))$$

permuted by complex conjugation.

Ways this happens \leftrightarrow expressions $n = a + 2b + c$:

1. $z_i = \bar{z}_i$, $(1 \leq i \leq a)$;
2. $z_{a+2j-1} = \overline{z_{a+2j}}$, $(1 \leq j \leq b)$; and
3. $z_{a+2b+k} = \overline{z_{a+2b+k}^{-1}}$, $(1 \leq k \leq c)$.

Conditions describe elts of $H_{a,b,c}(\mathbb{R}) = (\mathbb{R}^\times)^a \times (\mathbb{C}^\times)^b \times U(1)^c$.

$$W_{a,b,c} = W(G(\mathbb{R}), H_{a,b,c}(\mathbb{R})) = W(BC_a) \times [W(BC_b) \times (\pm 1)^b] \times S_c.$$

Here $W(BC_b)$ acts **simultaneously** on $(z_{a+2j-1}, \overline{z_{a+2j-1}})$.

$(\pm 1)^b$ **interchanges** some pairs $(z_{a+2j-1}, \overline{z_{a+2j-1}})$.

It's perhaps a surprise that the last factor is S_c (**permutations**) and not $W(BC_c)$ (which includes **inversions**).

Inverting some of the z_{a+2b+k} gives a group element **conjugate by $G(\mathbb{C})$ but not by $G(\mathbb{R})$** (**stably conjugate**).

Distinction between **conjugacy** and **stable conjugacy** is source of multi-element **L-packets** in the Langlands classification.

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Theorem (Langlands)

$$\widehat{\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})} = \coprod_{a+2b+c=n} \widehat{H_{a,b,c}(\mathbb{R})}_{\mathrm{reg}} / W_{a,b,c}.$$

$\widehat{H_{a,b,c}(\mathbb{R})} \rightsquigarrow \gamma \in \mathbb{C}^n, \epsilon \in (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^a$, with

1. $\gamma_{a+2j-1} - \gamma_{a+2j} \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq b$, and
2. $\gamma_{a+2b+k} \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq c$.

Write γ as sum of **continuous part** (character of vector group A)

$$\begin{aligned} \nu &= \left(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_a, \frac{\gamma_{a+1} + \gamma_{a+2}}{2}, \frac{\gamma_{a+1} + \gamma_{a+2}}{2}, \dots, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\gamma_{a+2b-1} + \gamma_{a+2b}}{2}, \frac{\gamma_{a+2b-1} + \gamma_{a+2b}}{2}, 0, \dots, 0 \right) \\ &\in \mathbb{C}^{a+b} \subset \mathbb{C}^n \end{aligned}$$

and **discrete part** (character of $T(\mathbb{R})_0$)

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \left(0, \dots, 0, \frac{\gamma_{a+1} - \gamma_{a+2}}{2}, \frac{-\gamma_{a+1} + \gamma_{a+2}}{2}, \dots, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\gamma_{a+2b-1} - \gamma_{a+2b}}{2}, \frac{-\gamma_{a+2b-1} + \gamma_{a+2b}}{2}, \gamma_{a+2b+1}, \dots, \gamma_{a+2b+c} \right) \\ &\in \mathbb{Z}^{b+c} \subset \left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z} \right)^n. \end{aligned}$$

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What about unitary representations?

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Can define **Herm dual** V^h for (\mathfrak{g}, K) -module V .

Theorem (Knapp-Zuckerman). Suppose $G(\mathbb{R})$ real reductive,
 $H(\mathbb{R}) = T(\mathbb{R})A$ Cartan subgroup,

$$\gamma = (\lambda, \nu) \in \widehat{H(\mathbb{R})}_{\text{reg}}, \quad (\lambda \in \widehat{T(\mathbb{R})}, \nu \in \mathfrak{a}^*), \quad V = J(\gamma) \in \widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}.$$

1. $\gamma^h = (\lambda, -\bar{\nu})$; γ **unitary** $\iff \gamma = \gamma^h \iff \nu \in i\mathfrak{a}_0^*$.
2. $V^h \simeq J(\gamma^h)$; γ **unitary** $\iff J(\gamma)$ **tempered**.
3. V **Herm** $\iff V \simeq V^h \iff \gamma^h \in W(G(\mathbb{R}), H(\mathbb{R})) \cdot \gamma$.

Picture: $V \mapsto V^h$ is a **complex conjugation** on $\widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}$.

Hermitian reps = real points.

Easy real pts $\iff \nu$ **purely imaginary** \iff **tempered reps**.

Difficult real pts $\iff -\bar{\nu} = w \cdot \nu$ ($w \in W(G(\mathbb{R}), H(\mathbb{R}))^\lambda$).

Last cond is $\nu \in (i\mathfrak{a}_0^*)^w + (\mathfrak{a}_0^*)^{-w}$, real vec space of dimension $\dim A$.

Corollary (Knapp-Vogan). Each $V \in \widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}_h$ is **unitarily induced**
from $V_L \otimes (\text{unitary char}) \in \widehat{L(\mathbb{R})}_h$, with ν_L **real**.

What do the Langlands parameters mean?

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Continuous part of Langlands param for $\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$ is

$$\nu_{a,b,c} = (z_1, \dots, z_a, w_1/2, w_1/2, \dots, w_b/2, w_b/2, 0, \dots, 0),$$

with z_i and w_j complex; using the Weyl group we may assume z_i and w_j have nonnegative real part.

Rearrange these with decreasing real part as

$$\nu = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n).$$

Then ν is a leading term in asymptotic expansions of matrix coefficients of $J(\lambda, \nu)$.

Discrete part of a Langlands param for $\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$ is

$$\lambda_{a,b,c} = (0, \dots, 0, \ell_1/2, -\ell_1/2, \dots, \ell_b/2, -\ell_b/2, n_1, \dots, n_c),$$

with ℓ_j and n_k integers.

Rearrange these half integers in decreasing order as

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n).$$

Then λ is close to the highest weight of the lowest representation of $U(n)$ appearing in $J(\lambda, \nu)$.

Looking closely at $K(\mathbb{R})$

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Said for $\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$, disc part of Langlands parameter
 \approx highest weight of lowest K -type.

To make this statement precise and more general,
need to look closely at $\widehat{K(\mathbb{R})}$.

Reasons you don't know this already :
it's worth doing here

1. $K(\mathbb{R})$ is **disconnected**; Lie theorists are too lazy to talk about disconnected groups in grad courses.
2. Indexing $\widehat{K(\mathbb{R})}$ by highest weights is **wrongheaded**, persisting only for reasons cited in (1).
3. Construction of ρ_K covers that we'll use parallels details that I omitted from Langlands classification for reasons cited in (1).

Cartan subgroups of $K(\mathbb{R})$

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Fix a maximal torus $T_{K,0}(\mathbb{R}) \subset K_0(\mathbb{R})$.

Fix pos roots $\Delta_K^+ \subset \Delta(\mathfrak{k}, T_{K,0}(\mathbb{R})) \iff$ Borel $\mathfrak{b}_K = \mathfrak{t}_K + \mathfrak{n}_K$.

Set $T_K(\mathbb{R}) = \text{Norm}_{K(\mathbb{R})}(\mathfrak{b}_K)$, a large Cartan in $K(\mathbb{R})$.

OR fix Borel subgp $B_{K,0} \subset K_0$; define Borel subgp of K $B_K = N_K(B_{K,0})$.

Then $B_K \cap K(\mathbb{R}) = T_K(\mathbb{R}) =$ large Cartan in $K(\mathbb{R})$, $B_K = T_K N_K$.

$K(\mathbb{R})$ can be **disconnected**, exactly reflected in $T_K(\mathbb{R})$:

$$T_K(\mathbb{R})/T_{K,0}(\mathbb{R}) \simeq K(\mathbb{R})/K_0(\mathbb{R}).$$

Highest weight theory makes **bijection**

$\widehat{K(\mathbb{R})} \longleftrightarrow$ irreducible dominant reps of $T_K(\mathbb{R})$.

For **harmonic analysis**, not the best parametrization.

Weyl dimension formula and **Weyl character formula** both use highest weight **shifted by ρ_K** .

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Some easy covering groups

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F a group: **F -cover** of group G is $1 \rightarrow F \rightarrow \tilde{G} \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$.

Easy exercise: **F -cover** is a **contravariant functor**.

Example. $F = \mu_n = n$ th roots of 1, $1 \rightarrow \mu_n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times \xrightarrow{n\text{th power}} \mathbb{C}^\times \rightarrow 1$.

Any character $\gamma: H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times \rightsquigarrow n$ th root of γ cover.

$$1 \rightarrow \mu_n \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{\gamma/n} \rightarrow H \rightarrow 1, \quad \tilde{H}_{\gamma/n} = \{(h, z) \in H \times \mathbb{C}^\times \mid \gamma(h) = z^n\}.$$

Representation τ of $\tilde{H}_{\gamma/n}$ called **genuine** if $\tau(\omega) = \omega I$ ($\omega \in \mu_n$).

$\tilde{H}_{\gamma/n}$ has genuine character γ/n : **$(\gamma/n)(h, z) = z$** .

Proposition. $\otimes(\gamma/n)$ is a **bijection** $\hat{H} \rightarrow (\tilde{H}_{\gamma/n})_{\text{genuine}}^\wedge$.

General philosophical reason we need these: **measures** on manifold M
 \iff line bundle $\bigwedge^{\dim M} T^*(M)$ (**densities**).

Hilbert spaces on $M \iff$ square roots of measures (**half densities**).

$$M = G/H: \bigwedge^{\dim M} T^*(M) \iff \text{char } \gamma \in \hat{H} \quad (\gamma(h) = \det(\text{Ad}(h)|_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}})^{-1}).$$

half densities on $G/H \iff$ **character** $\gamma/2$.

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ρ_K covers of Cartans in K

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Recall Borel subgp $B_K = T_K N_K$ of K , T_K def over \mathbb{R} .

Get one diml character $2\rho_K \in \widehat{T}_K$, $2\rho_K(t) = \det(\text{Ad}(t))|_{\mathfrak{b}_K}$.

\rightsquigarrow (square root of $2\rho_K$) = ρ_K cover \widetilde{T}_{K,ρ_K}

Proposition. $\otimes \rho_K$ is bijection $\widehat{T}_K \rightarrow (\widetilde{T}_{K,\rho_K})_{\text{genuine}}^{\widehat{}}$; sends
(irr dom reps of T_K) \longleftrightarrow (irr dom genuine regular reps of \widetilde{T}_{K,ρ_K}).

Corollary. There is a bijection

$$\widehat{K} \longleftrightarrow (\text{irr dom regular reps of } \widetilde{T}_{K,\rho_K}), \quad \mathcal{J}_K(\gamma) \longleftrightarrow \gamma.$$

Suppose $\gamma_0 \in \mathfrak{t}^*$ is a weight of γ . Then

$$\dim(\mathcal{J}_K(\gamma)) = \dim(\gamma) \cdot \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_K^+} \frac{\langle \gamma_0, \alpha^\vee \rangle}{\langle \rho_K, \alpha^\vee \rangle}.$$

This is a formula for the **Plancherel measure** for $K(\mathbb{R})$.

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Lowest K -types and Langlands parameters

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Borel subgp $B_K = T_K N_K \subset K$, $\rho_K \in \mathfrak{t}_K^*$ half sum of roots.

Define $H_f(\mathbb{R}) = \text{cent in } G(\mathbb{R}) \text{ of } T_{K,0}$, **fundamental Cartan subgroup of } G(\mathbb{R}).**

Suppose γ **irr dom genuine regular** rep of \widetilde{T}_{K,ρ_K} , so $J_K(\gamma) \in \widehat{K}$ has **highest weight** $\gamma - \rho_K$.

Fix $\gamma_1 \in \mathfrak{it}_K(\mathbb{R})^*$ weight of γ .

Fix θ -**stable pos** $\Delta_G^+ \subset \Delta(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}_f)$ so $\gamma_1 + \rho_K$ **dom** for Δ_G^+ .

Define $2\rho_G^\vee = (\text{sum of positive coroots for } \Delta_G^+) \in \mathfrak{it}_K(\mathbb{R})$.

Set **height**($J_K(\gamma)$) = **height**(γ) = $\langle \gamma_1 + \rho_K, 2\rho^\vee \rangle$.

Lowest K -types of $V \in \widehat{G(\mathbb{R})}$ are $J_K(\gamma)$ of **minimal height**.

Theorem. Any lowest K -type $J_K(\gamma)$ of an irr rep $J(\lambda, \nu)$ determines the discrete Langlands parameter λ .

Assume $\gamma + \rho_K - \rho_G \in (\widetilde{T}_{f,\rho})_{\text{genuine}}^\wedge$ is **dom reg** for Δ_G^+ . Then **$H = H_f$** , and **$\lambda = \gamma + \rho_K - \rho_G$** .

Recall that Δ_G^+ **chosen** to make $\gamma + \rho_K$ **dominant**. So hypothesis on $\gamma + \rho_K - \rho_G$ is always **nearly true**.

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Discrete series lowest K -types

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Fix $G(\mathbb{R})$ conn; assume $T_K(\mathbb{R}) \subset K(\mathbb{R})$ Cartan in $G(\mathbb{R})$.

Each $\Delta_G^+ \supset \Delta_K^+$ pos roots for T_K defines **Weyl chamber**

$$C_{\Delta_G^*} = \{\gamma \in \mathfrak{it}_K(\mathbb{R})^* \mid \gamma(\alpha^\vee) \geq 0, \quad \alpha \in \Delta_G^+\},$$

closed convex cone in $\mathfrak{it}_K(\mathbb{R})^*$.

Theorem (Hecht-Schmid). Suppose $\lambda \in (\tilde{T}_{K,\rho})_{\text{genuine}}^\wedge$ is **dom reg** for Δ_G^+ : **HC param** for a discrete series rep $J(\lambda)$.

1. Unique lowest K -type of $J(\lambda)$ is $J_K(\lambda + \rho_G - \rho_K)$.
2. Every K -type of $J(\lambda)$ is of the form $J_K(\lambda + \rho_G - \rho_K + \mathbf{S})$, **S = sum of roots in $\Delta_G^+ - \Delta_K^+$** .

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!AuIZl1bpNWacjgXYaZG6gUJmFt62>
has some pictures for $\text{Sp}(4, \mathbb{R})$

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