

Special unipotent representations of complex simple groups

G - complex simple Lie group $SL(n, \mathbb{C})$
 \mathfrak{g} - complex Lie alg. $SO(n, \mathbb{C})$
 $Sp(2n, \mathbb{C})$

Big question (Gelfand)

Describe the set \hat{G} of irred. unitary rep.
 \mathcal{H} -Hilbert space, $\rho: G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$.

Idea of orbit method to get some of \hat{G} :

$\mathcal{O} \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$ -nilp. orbit \longrightarrow unitary rep.
 sympl. var. $\xrightarrow{\text{quantize}}$ Hilbert space

$\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) = T(\mathfrak{g}) / (xy - yx - [x, y])$ $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}$
 nat. filtr. nat. grading, $\deg x = 1, x \in \mathfrak{g}$

$gr \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \mathcal{F}_i \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) / \mathcal{F}_{i-1} \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \cong S(\mathfrak{g}) \cong \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$

Quant. orbit:

$$S(\mathfrak{g}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{O}] \curvearrowleft S(\mathfrak{g}) \quad \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{red } \mathfrak{g}^r} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \curvearrowright X \curvearrowleft \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \\ \downarrow \text{green } G\text{-int. of } [\mathfrak{g}, \cdot] \end{array}$$

Unipotent rep-s; expectations:

- 1) X is a quant. of \mathfrak{O} for some nilp. orbit \mathfrak{O} .
- 2) $L\text{Ann}_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})}(X) = R\text{Ann}_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})}(X) \subset \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ is maximal *some local system on \mathfrak{O} .*
- 3) X is unitarizable.

Ex. $G = SL_2(\mathbb{C})$, $\mathfrak{O} = G \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{C}^2 - \{0\} / \mathbb{Z}_2$

$$\mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{O}] = \mathbb{C}[x, y] \xrightarrow{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{C} \left[\begin{array}{c} x^2 \\ y^2 \\ xy \end{array} \right] / (ts - u^2)$$

Take $X_1 = \mathcal{D}(A^1)^{\text{even}}$ $X_2 = \mathcal{D}(A^1)^{\text{odd}}$

$$\mathcal{D}(A^1) = \mathbb{T} \left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{array} \right] / \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \cdot x - x \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - 1 \right)$$

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$$E = \frac{i}{2} x^2$$

$$H = x \frac{d}{dx} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$F = \frac{i}{2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$$

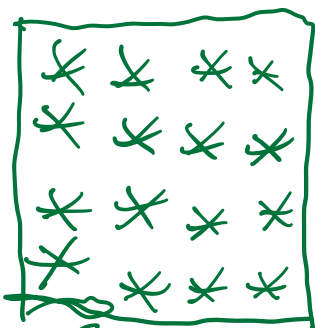
does not quantize \mathfrak{O} ,
but local system on \mathfrak{O} .

Special unipotent representations (Barbasch-Vogan)

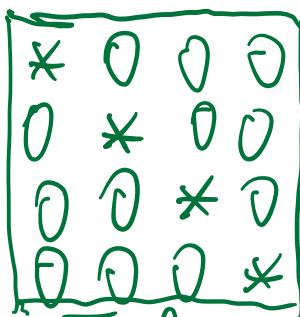
know $I = L \text{Ann}(X) = R \text{Ann}(X) = \text{max. ideal in } \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$

max. ideals in $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \leftrightarrow$ points in $\mathfrak{h}^*/\mathfrak{w}$

centr. char.
 \uparrow max. ideals in $Z(\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}))$



G, \mathfrak{g}



T, \mathfrak{h}

$$Z(\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})) \cong S(\mathfrak{h})^{\mathfrak{w}} \cong \mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{h}^*/\mathfrak{w}]$$

$$I \subset \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \rightsquigarrow \mathfrak{J} \subset \mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{g}^*] \xrightarrow{V(I)} V(\mathfrak{J}) = \overline{0} \text{ nilpotent}$$

Need "good" points of $\mathfrak{h}^*/\mathfrak{w}$.

Set G^{\vee} to be Langlands dual of G

- G
- $SL(n)$
 - $SO(2n+1)$
 - $Sp(2n)$
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$\mathcal{O}^V \subset \mathfrak{g}^V$ - nilpotent orbit

Jacobson-Morozov:

$$\varphi: \mathfrak{sl}(2) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^V$$

$$e = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad h = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

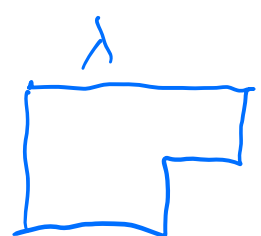
$$e^V = \varphi(e) \in \mathcal{O}^V$$

$$h^V = \varphi(h) \in \mathfrak{h}^V \cong \mathfrak{h}^*$$

Ex: $\mathcal{O}^V = SL(5) \cdot e^V$

$$e^V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ & 0 & 1 & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

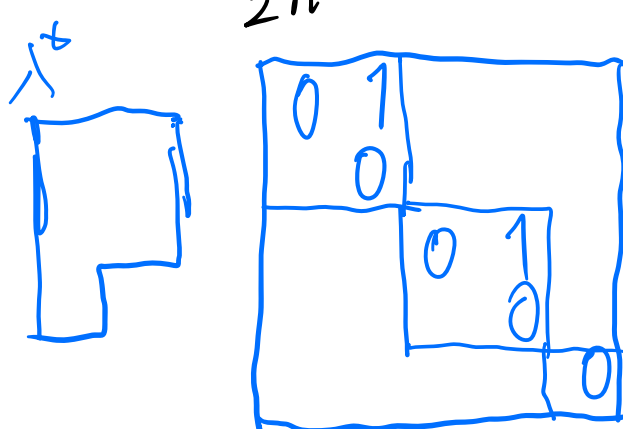
$$h^V = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & & & & \\ & 0 & & & \\ & & -2 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Take "good" point $W \cdot \frac{1}{2} h^V$.

$$V(I_{\frac{1}{2} h^V}) = \overline{\mathcal{O}}$$

Define $d: \mathcal{N}_{\mathfrak{g}^V} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ *BVLS duality*
 $d(\mathcal{O}^V) = \mathcal{O}$

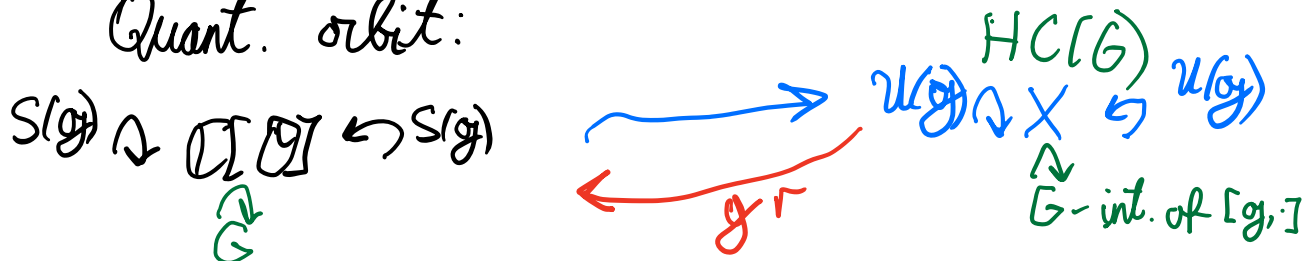


\mathcal{O} is special if
 $\mathcal{O} = d(\mathcal{O}^V)$ for some \mathcal{O}^V

Def: Take \mathcal{O} -special.

$$\text{Unip}^S(\mathcal{O}) = \{ X \in \overset{\text{irred.}}{HC}(G), L\text{Ann}(X) = R\text{Ann}(X) = \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2}R^V), d(\mathcal{O}^V) = \mathcal{O}^S \}$$

Quant. orbit:



Unipotent rep-s; expectations:

1) X is a quant. of a local system on \mathcal{O} . *not clear*

2) $L\text{Ann}_{U(\mathfrak{g})}(X) = R\text{Ann}_{U(\mathfrak{g})}(X) \subset U(\mathfrak{g})$ is maximal *by def.*

3) X is unitarizable. *requires work, not clear in exc. types*

4) $\{ X \in HC(G), R\text{Ann}(X) = L\text{Ann}(X) = \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2}R^V) \}$

$\bar{A}(\mathcal{O}^V)$ - irreps
Lusztig quotient

known for \mathcal{O}^V -special
(Barbasch, Vogan, Wong)

Alternative approach:

(Ivan Losev, Lucas Mason-Brown D.M.)

$$\textcircled{1} \mathcal{O}^V \subset \mathfrak{g}^V \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}} \tilde{\mathcal{O}} \quad G\text{-equivariant cover of } \mathcal{O} = d(\mathcal{O}^V)$$



$$\mathcal{O}$$

$U(\mathfrak{g})$ -bimod.

$$\textcircled{2} \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}) \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{O}) \xrightarrow{G} \text{canonical quant. of } \mathbb{C}[\tilde{\mathcal{O}}]$$

$$\textcircled{3} \text{Unip}(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}) = \{(\mathcal{A}(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}) \otimes V)^\Gamma, V\text{-irrep of } \Gamma\}$$

$\textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3}$ works for any $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$ (including non-spin)
 Given new def. of unipotent reps.

Unipotent rep-s; expectations:

1) X is a quant. of a local system ^{by def.} on \mathcal{O} .

2) $L\text{Ann}_{U(\mathfrak{g})}(X) = R\text{Ann}_{U(\mathfrak{g})}(X) \subset U(\mathfrak{g})$ is maximal

$$\Phi: U(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(\tilde{\mathcal{O}})$$

$$L\text{Ann}(X) = R\text{Ann}(X) = \text{Ker } \Phi \stackrel{\text{LMBM}}{=} \mathbb{I}_{\frac{1}{2}R^V}$$

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4) $\{X \in \mathfrak{HC}(G), \text{RAnn}(X) = \text{LAnn}(X) = \mathbb{I}_{\frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{h}^V}\}$

\updownarrow
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 Lusztig quotient

$\Gamma \simeq \bar{A}(\mathcal{O}^V)$
 Lucas, Mason-Brown,
 Shilin Yu, D.M.

$X = e^V + \text{Ker}([F^V, \cdot])$ Slodowy slice

$Y = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\check{\mathcal{O}}])$

Expectations:

- ① X and Y are symplectic dual
- ② Many properties of special unipotent reps can be described by the geometry of the Slodowy slice!