

Finite multiplicities beyond spherical pairs

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Basic Functions, Orbital Integrals, and Beyond Endoscopy

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- \mathbf{G} : reductive group over \mathbb{R} , $\mathbf{X} :=$ algebraic \mathbf{G} -manifold, $\mathfrak{g} := \text{Lie}(\mathbf{G})$, $\mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*) :=$ nilpotent cone, $G := \mathbf{G}(\mathbb{R})$, $X := \mathbf{X}(\mathbb{R})$,
- $\mathcal{S}(X) :=$ smooth functions on X , flat at infinity (Schwartz).
- \mathbf{X} is called spherical if it has an open orbit of a Borel subgroup $\mathbf{B} \subset \mathbf{G}$.
- X is called real spherical if it has an open orbit of a minimal parabolic subgroup.

Major Goal: study $L^2(X)$, $C^\infty(X)$, $\mathcal{S}(X)$ as rep-s of G .

Studied by Bernstein, Delorme, van den Ban, Schlichtkrull, Kroetz, Kobayashi, Oshima, Knop, Beuzart-Plessis, Kuit, Wan,...

Theorem (Kobayashi-Oshima, 2013)

Let $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{H}$. Then

- ❶ \mathbf{X} is spherical $\iff \mathcal{S}(X)$ has bounded multiplicities.
- ❷ X is real-spherical $\iff \mathcal{S}(X)$ has finite multiplicities.

$$m_\sigma(\mathcal{S}(X)) := \dim \text{Hom}(\mathcal{S}(X), \sigma), \quad m_\sigma(\mathcal{S}(G/H)) = \dim(\sigma^{-\infty})^H$$

Theorem (Casselman, 1978)

$0 < m_\sigma(\mathcal{S}(G/U)) < \infty \quad \forall \sigma \in \text{Irr}(G)$, where $U =$ maximal unipotent.

Ξ -spherical spaces

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Corollary (following Wen-Wei Li)

- \mathbf{X} is $\mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$ -spherical $\iff \mathbf{X}$ is spherical
- \mathbf{X} is $\{0\}$ -spherical $\iff \mathbf{G}$ has finitely many orbits on \mathbf{X} .

Associated variety of the annihilator & the main theorem

- $\mathcal{U}_n(\mathfrak{g})$ - PBW filtration on universal enveloping algebra.
- $\text{gr}\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \cong S(\mathfrak{g}) \cong \text{Pol}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$.
- For an ideal $I \subset \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$, $\mathcal{V}(I) :=$ zero set of symbols of I in \mathfrak{g}^* .
- For a \mathfrak{g} -module M , $\text{Ann}(M) \subset \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ - annihilator, $\mathcal{V}(\text{Ann}(M)) \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$
- $\mathcal{M}(G)$ - the Casselman-Wallach category (abelian): finitely generated smooth admissible Fréchet representations of moderate growth .
- For $\mathbb{E} \subset \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$, $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{E}}(G) = \{\pi \in \mathcal{M}(G) \mid \mathcal{V}(\text{Ann}(\pi)) \subset \mathbb{E}\}$

Theorem 2 (Aizenbud - G. 2021)

Let $\mathbb{E} \subset \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$ closed \mathbf{G} -invariant. Let \mathbf{X} be \mathbb{E} -spherical \mathbf{G} -manifold, and let $\sigma \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{E}}(G)$. Then $\dim \text{Hom}(S(\mathbf{X}), \sigma) < \infty$

Applications to branching problems

Corollary

Let $\mathbf{H} \subset \mathbf{G}$ be reductive subgroup. Let $\mathbf{P} \subset \mathbf{G}$ and $\mathbf{Q} \subset \mathbf{H}$ be parabolic subgroups with $|\mathbf{P} \backslash \mathbf{G} / \mathbf{Q}| < \infty$. Then $\forall \pi \in \mathcal{M}_{\overline{\mathbf{O}_P}}(\mathbf{G})$ and $\tau \in \mathcal{M}_{\overline{\mathbf{O}_Q}}(\mathbf{H})$,

$$\dim \text{Hom}_H(\pi|_H, \tau) < \infty$$

Corollary

- ⓪ Let $\mathbf{P} \subset \mathbf{G}$ be a parabolic subgroup s.t. \mathbf{G} / \mathbf{P} is a spherical \mathbf{H} -variety. Then $\forall \pi \in \mathcal{M}_{\overline{\mathbf{O}_P}}(\mathbf{G})$, $\pi|_H$ has finite multiplicities.
- ⓪ Let $\mathbf{Q} \subset \mathbf{H}$ be a parabolic subgroup that is spherical as a subgroup of \mathbf{G} . Then for any $\tau \in \mathcal{M}_{\overline{\mathbf{O}_Q}}(\mathbf{H})$, $\text{ind}_H^G \tau$ has finite multiplicities.

For simple \mathbf{G} and symmetric $\mathbf{H} \subset \mathbf{G}$, all $\mathbf{P} \subset \mathbf{G}$ satisfying (i), and all $\mathbf{Q} \subset \mathbf{H}$ satisfying (ii) are classified by He, Nishiyama, Ochiai, Oshima. For classical \mathbf{G} , all \mathbf{H} : Avdeev-Petukhov. They also have a strategy $\forall \mathbf{G}$.

Corollary

Let \mathbf{H} be a reductive group, and $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q} \subset \mathbf{H}$ be parabolic subgroups s.t. $\mathbf{H}/\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{H}/\mathbf{Q}$ is a spherical \mathbf{H} -variety, under the diagonal action. Then $\forall \pi \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{O}_P}(H)$, and $\tau \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{O}_Q}(H)$, $\pi \otimes \tau$ has finite multiplicities.

All such triples $(\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q})$ were classified by Stembridge.

Example: $\mathbf{H} = \mathrm{GL}_n$, $\tau \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{O}_{\min}}(H)$, or classical \mathbf{H} and $\pi, \tau \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{O}_{2^n}}(H)$.

- Our results also extend to certain representations of non-reductive H .

Example (Generalized Shalika model)

Let $\mathbf{G} = \mathrm{GL}_{2n}$, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{U} \subset \mathbf{G}$ with $\mathbf{L} = \mathrm{GL}_n \times \mathrm{GL}_n$ and $\mathbf{U} = \mathrm{Mat}_{n \times n}$, $\mathbf{M} = \Delta \mathrm{GL}_n \subset \mathbf{L}$, $\mathbf{H} := \mathbf{M}\mathbf{U}$.

Let $\mathfrak{m}^* \supset \mathbf{O}_{\min} :=$ minimal nilpotent orbit, and $\pi \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{O}_{\min}}(M)$.

Let ψ be a unitary character of H .

Then $\mathrm{ind}_H^G(\pi \otimes \psi)$ has finite multiplicities.

Similar case: $\mathbf{G} = \mathrm{O}_{4n}$, $\mathbf{L} = \mathrm{GL}_{2n}$, $\mathbf{M} = \mathrm{Sp}_{2n}$, $\mathbf{O}_{\mathrm{ntm}} \subset \mathfrak{m}^*$.

Some necessary conditions for finite multiplicities

Theorem (Tauchi)

Let $P \subset G$ be a parabolic subgroup. If all degenerate principal series representations of the form $\text{Ind}_P^G \rho$, with $\dim \rho < \infty$, have finite H -multiplicities, then H has finitely many orientable orbits on G/P .

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Example (I. Karshon, related to Howe correspondance in type II)

$\mathbf{G} := \mathrm{Sp}(V \otimes W \oplus V^* \otimes W^*)$, $\mathbf{H} := \mathrm{GL}(V) \times \mathrm{GL}(W) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{G}$.

Then $\mathbf{G}/\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{H}}$ is \mathbf{O}_{\min} -spherical.

Example (D. Panyushev, strict inequality)

$\mathbf{G} := \mathrm{Sp}_{2n}$, $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{LU} \subset \mathbf{G}$ - maximal parabolic subgroup with $U \cong$
Heisenberg group, $\mathbf{O} := \mathbf{O}_{\min}$. Then $\dim \mathbf{O} = 2n$, while $\dim \mathbf{O} \cap \mathfrak{p}^{\perp} = 1$.
Thus $\dim \mu_{\mathbf{G}/\mathbf{P}}^{-1}(\mathbf{O}) < \dim \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{P} + \dim \mathbf{O}/2$.

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Proof of Theorem 2.

$\Xi \subset \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$, \mathbf{X} is Ξ -spherical, $\sigma \in \mathcal{M}_{\Xi}$. Need: $\dim \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathcal{S}(X), \sigma) < \infty$. Let \mathcal{E} be a bundle on $Y := G/K$ s.t. $\sigma \hookrightarrow \mathcal{S}^*(Y, \mathcal{E})$. Let $I := \text{Ann}(\sigma)$. Then $\mathcal{V}(I) \subset \Xi$, and

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathcal{S}(X), \sigma) \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathcal{S}(X), \mathcal{S}^*(Y, \mathcal{E}))^I \hookrightarrow \mathcal{S}^*(X \times Y, \mathbb{C} \boxtimes \mathcal{E})^{\Delta G, I}$$

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Main technique: D-modules

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- Bernstein: if $M \neq 0$ then $\dim \text{SingS}(M) \geq \dim \mathbf{X}$.
- M is called holonomic if $\dim \text{SingS}(M) = \dim \mathbf{X}$.

Theorem (Bernstein-Kashiwara)

For any holonomic M , $\dim \text{Hom}_{D_{\mathbf{X}}}(M, \mathcal{S}^*(X)) < \infty$.

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Proof of Theorem 3.

$M := D_{\mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{Y}}$ -module with $\mathcal{S}^*(X \times Y)^{\Delta G, I} \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}(M, \mathcal{S}^*(X, Y))$.

By the lemma, M is holonomic. □

Proof of the geometric lemma

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Proof.

\forall orbit $\mathbf{O} \subset \mathfrak{E}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \mu_{\mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{Y}}^{-1}((\mathbf{O} \times \mathbf{O}) \cap (\Delta \mathfrak{g})^\perp) &= \dim \mu_{\mathbf{X}}^{-1}(\mathbf{O}) + \dim \mu_{\mathbf{Y}}^{-1}(\mathbf{O}) - \dim \mathbf{O} \leq \\ &\dim \mathbf{X} + \dim \mathbf{O}/2 + \dim \mathbf{Y} + \dim \mathbf{O}/2 - \dim \mathbf{O} = \dim \mathbf{X} + \dim \mathbf{Y} \end{aligned}$$



- What's a geometric criterion for $\overline{\mathbf{O}}$ -sphericity for non- Richardson \mathbf{O} ?
- Can we bound $m_\sigma(\mathcal{S}(X))$? Have to use some invariant of σ .
- What are the necessary and sufficient conditions for finite multiplicities?
- By the proof of Theorem 3, relative characters given by $\mathcal{S}(X) \rightarrow \sigma$ and $\mathcal{S}(X) \rightarrow \tilde{\sigma}$ for $\mathcal{V}(\text{Ann}(\sigma))$ -spherical \mathbf{X} are holonomic. Are they regular holonomic? Wen-Wei Li: for spherical \mathbf{X} they are.
- If \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{H} is $\mathcal{V}(\text{Ann}(\sigma))$ -spherical, is $\sigma^{HC}|_{\mathfrak{h}}$ finitely generated? Holds for real spherical G/H (Aizenbud-G.-Kroetz-Liu, Kroetz-Schlichtkrull).
- Conjecture: Theorem 2 holds over non-archimedean fields as well.

Happy Birthday, Bill!