

Two triangularity results and invariants of $(\mathfrak{g}, Sp(p) \times Sp(q))$ modules

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MOTIVATION

- G compact Lie group.

Irred. rep of G are “determined” by their characters.

Roughly: Understanding the characters of irred. rep. means that the Representation Theory of G is understood.

Weaker Invariant: dimension of the rep.

- G simple Lie group.

Global character of irred. rep. (infinite dimensional) has been define by Harish-Chandra (**difficult to compute**).

A number of other invariants contain relevant info about irred. rep.

Examples: Associated variety, Associated cycle, Annihilator, Characteristic cycles
(**can we compute some of them?**)

SOME NOTATION

- G is a complex simple algebraic group with involution θ .
- $K = G^\theta$. The real form defined by θ has a maximal compact subgroup with complexification K . Write $G_{\mathbb{R}}, K_{\mathbb{R}}$ for the real points.
- \mathcal{N} denotes the nilpotent cone.
- We denote by $X = \{\mathfrak{b} \subset \mathfrak{g} \text{ Borel subalgebra}\}$ the flag variety. (All borel subalg. are G -conjugate. Hence if $B = N_G(\mathfrak{b})$ then $X \simeq G/B$). ($\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}$)
- The cotangent bundle is $T^*X = \{(\mathfrak{b}, \xi) : \xi \in (\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{b})^*\}$.
- The moment map for the Hamiltonian action of G on $T^*(X)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \mu : T^*X = \{(\mathfrak{b}, \xi) : \xi \in (\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{b})^*\} &\rightarrow \mathcal{N} \\ (\mathfrak{b}, \xi) &\rightarrow \xi. \end{aligned}$$

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- $\{B\text{-orbits on } X\} = \{X(w)\}_{w \in W}$ (Shubert cells)

The **characteristic variety** is a union of several conormal bundles to B -orbits in X :

$$CV(M) = \bigcup \overline{T_{X(y)}^* X} = \text{supp}(gr(\mathcal{M}_M)).$$

The **characteristic cycle** keeps track of multiplicities along the components:

$$CC(M) = CC(\mathcal{M}_M) = \sum n_y [\overline{T_{X(y)}^* X}].$$

Recall the moment map $\mu : T^*(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$. There is a special nilpotent G -orbit in \mathcal{N} so that

$$\mu(CV(L_w)) = \Upsilon_1 \cup \dots \cup \Upsilon_r = AV(L_w)$$

where $\{\Upsilon_i\}$ are irred. components of $\overline{\mathcal{O}} \cap \mathfrak{n}$. (Orbital Varieties)

Joseph attaches to each Υ_i a polynomial $p_{\Upsilon_i} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{h}^*)$:

- $\{p_{\Upsilon} : \Upsilon \text{ irred. component of } \overline{\mathcal{O}} \cap \mathfrak{n}\}$.

[p_{Υ} measure the growth rate of the H -weights on $\mathcal{S}(\overline{\mathfrak{n}})/I(\Upsilon)$ where $I(\Upsilon)$ is ideal of definition of Υ .]

- $\text{span}\{p_{\Upsilon} : \Upsilon \text{ irred. component of } \overline{\mathcal{O}} \cap \mathfrak{n}\} = Sp(\mathcal{O})$ Irred.

W -module.

A SECOND BASIS OF $Sp(\mathcal{O})$

Define:

$$\text{Prim}_\rho(\mathcal{O}) = \{I : \text{primitive 2-sided ideals in } \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \\ \text{infinitesimal character } \rho \in \mathfrak{h}^* \\ \text{the variety of zeros of } gr(I) = \overline{\mathcal{O}}\}.$$

Joseph attached to each $I \in \text{Prim}_\rho(\mathcal{O})$ a polynomial $q_I \in \mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{h}^*)$, the so called Goldie rank polynomial. $[\lambda \rightarrow \text{rank}(\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})/Ann(L(\lambda)))]$

- $\text{span}_{\mathbb{C}}\{q_I : I \in \text{Prim}_\rho(\mathcal{O})\} \simeq Sp(\mathcal{O})$, as W modules.

We are interested in: (a) the change of bases matrix
(b) the info about CC of (\mathfrak{g}, B) and (\mathfrak{g}, K) modules encoded in the matrix.

FIRST TRIANGULARITY RESULT

Monty McGovern defined a bijection:

$$\text{Prim}_\rho(\mathcal{O}) \leftrightarrow \{\Upsilon\text{-irred components of } \overline{\mathcal{O}} \cap \mathfrak{n}\}$$

[combinatorial in nature: both $\text{Prim}_\rho(\mathcal{O})$ and $\{\Upsilon\}$ are parametrized by SDT of special shape. Roughly : Υ corresponds to I iff their SDT agree.]

The notion of τ^r -invariant and τ_∞^r is well defined at the level of tableaux.

Monty introduces an order on $\{\Upsilon\}$

$$\Upsilon_i < \Upsilon_j \leftrightarrow \tau_\infty^r(\text{SDT}_i) \subset \tau_\infty^r(\text{SDT}_j).$$

- He shows that the matrix relating $\{q_I\}$ to $\{p_\Upsilon\}$, in this order, is upper triangular.

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and $m_{y,w} \neq 0$, then $\tau_\infty^r(w) \subset \tau_\infty^r(y)$

Key Theorem (Joseph)

Write $q_{\text{Ann}(L_{w-1})} = \sum m_i p_{\Upsilon_i}$. Then

$$m_i \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \Upsilon_i \text{ is open in } AV(L_w).$$

McGovern's result

- imposes strong restriction on the “shape” of $AV(L_w)$,
- generalizes a triangularity result in type A_n by Joseph,
- proves a conjecture by Tanisaki.

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- 1 There is a bijection between $\text{Prim}_\rho(\mathcal{O})$ and $\{\Upsilon \text{irred components of } \overline{\mathcal{O}} \cap \mathfrak{n}\}$ “geometric” in nature. Moreover, geometric orders can be defined on $\{\Upsilon\}$ so that the matrix relating Goldie rank polynomials and Joseph’s characteristic polynomials is upper triangular.
- 2 Joseph’s theorem is closely related to CC of Harish-Chandra (\mathfrak{g}, K) -modules.
- 3 The leading term cycle (“a piece of CC”) encodes all needed info to compute Ann. and AV.
- 4 Question: Is it true that LTC of H-C module for $G_{\mathbb{R}} = Sp(p, q)$ are irreducible?

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$\{\text{Irred. H-C modules with inf. cha. } \rho\} \leftrightarrow \{(\mathcal{O}, \chi)K\text{-orbits on } X, \text{ local char.}\}$

- Similar to what we have done in $\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{g}, B)$

The **characteristic cycle** is the support of $gr(\mathcal{M}_M)$ keeping track of multiplicities

$$CC(M) = CC(\mathcal{M}_M) = \sum n_{\mathcal{O}} [\overline{T_{\mathcal{O}}^* X}], \quad CV(M) = \cup \overline{T_{\mathcal{O}}^* X} = \text{supp}(gr(\mathcal{M}_M))$$

- $\mu(\overline{T_{\mathcal{O}}^* X}) = \overline{\mathcal{O}_K}$, nilpotent K -orbit.

The **leading characteristic cycle** is

$$\sum_{\mathcal{O}: \mu(\overline{T_{\mathcal{O}}^* X}) \text{ of max dim}} n_{\mathcal{O}} \overline{T_{\mathcal{O}}^* X}$$

To simplify exposition assume $G_{\mathbb{R}} = Sp(p, q)$ or $SO^*(2n)$.

- 1 Fix \mathcal{O} a nilpotent G -orbit and a real form $\mathcal{O}_K = K \cdot f \subset \overline{\mathcal{O}}$.
- 2 $\mu^{-1}(f) = \cup C_i$. Let $A_G(f)$ the group of components of $Z_G(f)$.
- 3 (Spaltenstein) There is a bijection

$$\{\Upsilon : \text{irred. comp. } \overline{\mathcal{O}} \cap \mathfrak{n}\} \leftrightarrow \{A_G(f)\text{-orbits in } \text{Irr}(\mu^{-1}(f))\}$$

- 4 On the other hand, conormal bundles partition Springer fibers, i.e $T_{\mathcal{Q}}^*(X) \cap \mu^{-1}(f)$ is dense in a unique component $C_{\mathcal{Q}}$. Hence,

$$\blacksquare \Upsilon_i \equiv A_G(f) \cdot C_i \leftrightarrow \{\mathcal{Q}_{i,t} \in K/X : \mu(\overline{T_{\mathcal{Q}_{i,t}}^*(X)}) = \overline{\mathcal{O}_K} \text{ has } C_{i,t} \in A_G(f) \cdot C_i\}$$

Orders on $\{\mathcal{Q} \in K/X\}$ compatible with orbit closure inclusion induce orders on $\{\Upsilon\}$.

Continue with $G_{\mathbb{R}} = Sp(p, q)$ or $SO^*(2n)$ and $\mathcal{O}_K = K \cdot f \subset \overline{\mathcal{O}}$.

- Trapa defines a bijection between $\text{Prim}_{\rho}(\mathcal{O})$ and $\{\Upsilon \text{irred components of } \overline{\mathcal{O}} \cap \mathfrak{n}\}$ (a little technical for me to explain here.) In any of the orders just described on $\{\Upsilon\}$ the matrix relating Goldie rank polynomials and Joseph's characteristic polynomials is upper triangular.

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- A practical link, $G_{\mathbb{R}} = Sp(p, q)$ or $SO^*(2n)$

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- If we want to understand CC we can not forget of a powerful tool: (Tanisaki)

$$CC : \mathcal{K}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\rho \rightarrow H_{\text{top}}(T_K^*(X), \mathbb{Q})$$

is W -equivariant.

- $\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\rho$ partitions into “equivalence classes”, the HC cells $\{\mathcal{C}_{HC,i}\}$.
(designed to capture information on tensoring a HC modules with a finite dim. rep.)

Key property:

(McGovern) Assume $(\mathfrak{g}, Sp(p) \times Sp(q))$. Let \mathcal{O}_K be a nilpotent K -orbit.
Then,

$$\mathcal{C}_{HC} = \{X \in \mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\rho : AV(X) = \overline{\mathcal{O}_K}\}.$$

- For each \mathcal{C}_{HC} , there is a W -cell representation $V_{\mathcal{C}_{HC}}$ (minimal sub-quotient of the coherent continuation rep $\mathcal{K}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\rho$) that is spanned by \mathcal{C}_{HC} .

MOTIVATING EXAMPLE

When $G_{\mathbb{R}} = U(p, q)$.

- 1 Each irreducible (\mathfrak{g}, K) with inf. chr. ρ has irreducible associated variety, $AV(X) = \overline{\mathcal{O}_K} = K \cdot f$.
- 2 $V_{C_{HC}} \simeq H_{\text{top}}(\mu^{-1}(f))$ is an irreducible W -representation.
- 3 The component groups $A_G(f)$ of the centralizer of f are trivial. For $X, Y \in C_{HC}$, then $Ann(X) \neq Ann(Y)$.
- 4 C_{HC} contains an A_q for which the associated cycle can be computed.
- 5 As $V_{C_{HC}} = \mathbb{Q}[W] \cdot A_q$, (indeed any $M \in C_{HC}$ has such property.) The point is that we can compute multiplicity polynomials using coherent continuation rep.
- 6 Many irreducible $M \in C_{HC}$, have $LTC(M) = 1 \cdot \overline{T_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(X)}$ (\mathbb{Q} is the support of M).

We would like to emphasize that **none** of the above facts hold in general.

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AN EXAMPLE

- $G_{\mathbb{R}} = Sp(1, 1)$
- \mathcal{C}_{HC} is the H-C cell with $AV(Ann) = [2, 2]$ and $AV = \overline{K \cdot f}$ a real form of $[2, 2]$.
- $\mathcal{C}_{HC} = \{\pi_1 = ds_1, \pi_2 = ds_2, \pi_3 = A_q(\lambda)\}$. where $Ann(ds_1) = Ann(ds_2) \neq Ann(A_q(\lambda))$.
- $V_{\mathcal{C}_{HC}} \equiv \mathbb{Q}[W] \cdot ds_i$ but $\mathbb{Q}[W] \cdot A_q(\lambda) \not\subseteq V_{\mathcal{C}_{HC}}$.
- $CC(\pi_i) = T_{\overline{Q}_i}^*(X)$ with $\overline{Q}_i = \text{supp}(\pi_i)$. Write C_i for the component of the Springer fiber corresponding to $T_{\overline{Q}_i}^*(X) \cap \mu^{-1}(f)$.
- A basis for $H_{top}(\mu^{-1}(f))^{A_G(f, C_2)}$ is $\{[C_0 + C_1], [C_2]\}$ and

$$s_{\alpha_1} C_2 = -C_2$$

$$s_{\alpha_1} [C_0 + C_1] = [C_0 + C_1] + 2C_2$$

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$$\star LTC(M) = \overline{T_{\text{supp}(M)}^*(X)} + \sum m_{Q_i} \overline{T_{Q_i}^*(X)}, \quad \star AV(L_w) = \cup \Upsilon_k$$

Then, $m_{Q_i} \neq 0$ "iff" the orbital variety Υ_i bijective to $A_G(f) \cdot C_{Q_i}$ is open in $AV(L_w)$.

Answer to the question: NO.

The strategy is to find a Highest Weight module L_w so that

- 1 $AV(\text{Ann}(L_w)) = \overline{\mathcal{O}}$ is the associated variety of the annihilator of a $(\mathfrak{sp}(2n), Sp(p) \times Sp(q))$ -module and
- 2 $AV(L_w)$ is reducible.

Once this is achieved, the theorem guarantees the existence of a Harish-Chandra module with reducible leading term cycle.

HOW DO WE FIND SUCH L_w ?

We change real form.

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A concrete example:

- We consider $\mathcal{O} \simeq [2, 2, 2, 2]$.
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