Finite multiplicities beyond spherical pairs

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- $\mathbf{G}$: reductive group over $\mathbb{R}$, $\mathbf{X}$:= algebraic $\mathbf{G}$-manifold, $\mathfrak{g} := Lie(\mathbf{G})$, $\mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$:=nilpotent cone, $G := \mathbf{G}(\mathbb{R})$, $X := \mathbf{X}(\mathbb{R})$,
- $\mathcal{S}(X) :=$ infinitely 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 $P_0 \subset G$.

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*

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

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

Today: finite multiplicities for "small enough" representations in wider generality.

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* $\mathbf{X}$*.*

Casselman - Wallach representations - the category $\mathcal{M}(G)$

- $\mathcal{M}(G)$:=Serre subcategory of the category of continuous representations in Fréchet spaces generated by representations of the form $C^\infty(G/P_0, \mathcal{E})$, where $G \supset P_0$-minimal parabolic subgroup, $\mathcal{E}$-any smooth vector bundle over G/P_0.
  $\mathrm{Irr}(G)$:=irreducible representations in $\mathcal{M}(G)$.
- $\sigma \in \mathrm{Irr}(G) \iff \sigma =$space of smooth vectors in a continuous irreducible representation in a Hilbert space.
- $\mathcal{M}(G) =$ continuous representations π in Fréchet spaces s.t.:
  1. π is smooth and has moderate growth
  2. π has finite length
  3. $\pi|_K$ has finite multiplicities, where $G \supset K$-maximal compact subgroup.
- $\mathcal{M}(G)$ is abelian category, equivalent to admissible $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$-modules.
- $\mathcal{S}(X) \notin \mathcal{M}(G)$ for most X - it is “too big” to be admissible or to have finite length.

Associated variety of the annihilator & the main theorem

- $\mathcal{U}_n(\mathfrak{g})$ - PBW filtration on the universal enveloping algebra.
- $\operatorname{gr}\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \cong S(\mathfrak{g}) \cong \operatorname{Pol}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$.
- 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, $\mathrm{Ann}(M) \subset \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ - annihilator, $\mathcal{V}(\mathrm{Ann}(M)) \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$
- For $\Xi \subset \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$, $\mathcal{M}_\Xi(G) = \{\pi \in \mathcal{M}(G) \,|\, \mathcal{V}(\mathrm{Ann}(\pi)) \subset \Xi\}$

Theorem 2 (Aizenbud - G. 2021)

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

Applications to branching problems

Corollary

Let $\mathbf{H} \subset \mathbf{G}$ *be reductive subgroup. Let* $\mathbf{O}_1 \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$ *and* $\mathbf{O}_2 \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$ *be nilpotent orbits. Suppose that one of the following holds:*

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- (ii) *Let* $\mathbf{Q} \subset \mathbf{H}$ *be a parabolic subgroup that is spherical as a subgroup of* $\mathbf{G}$*. Then for any* $\tau \in \mathcal{M}_{\overline{\mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{Q}}}}(H)$*,* $\mathrm{ind}_H^G \tau$ *has finite multiplicities.*

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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. A strategy for other spherical $\mathbf{H}$: Avdeev-Petukhov.

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 $\forall \pi \in \mathcal{M}_{\overline{\mathbf{O_P}}}(H)$, and $\tau \in \mathcal{M}_{\overline{\mathbf{O_Q}}}(H)$, $\pi \otimes \tau$ has finite multiplicities.

All such triples $(\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q})$ were classified by Stembridge.
Example: $\mathbf{H} = \mathrm{GL}_n$, $\tau \in \mathcal{M}_{\overline{\mathbf{O}_{\min}}}(H)$, or classical $\mathbf{H}$ and $\pi, \tau \in \mathcal{M}_{\overline{\mathbf{O}_{2^n}}}(H)$.

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

Example (Generalized Shalika model)

Let $\mathbf{G} = \mathrm{GL}_{2n}$, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{LU} \subset \mathbf{G}$ with $\mathbf{L} = \mathrm{GL}_n \times \mathrm{GL}_n$ and $\mathbf{U} = \mathrm{Mat}_{\mathbf{n}\times\mathbf{n}}$, $\mathbf{M} = \Delta\,\mathrm{GL}_n \subset \mathbf{L}$, $\mathbf{H} := \mathbf{MU}$.
Let $\mathfrak{m}^* \supset \mathbf{O}_{\min} :=$ minimal nilpotent orbit, and $\pi \in \mathcal{M}_{\overline{\mathbf{O}_{\min}}}(M)$.
Let ψ be a unitary character of H.
Then $\mathrm{ind}_H^G(\pi \otimes \psi)$ has finite multiplicities.

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

Some necessary conditions for finite multiplicities

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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: $\dim \operatorname{Hom}_G(\mathcal{S}(X), \sigma) < \infty$.
Let $\mathcal{E}$ be a bundle on $Y := G/K$ s.t. $\mathcal{S}(Y, \mathcal{E}) \twoheadrightarrow \sigma$. Let $I := \operatorname{Ann}(\sigma)$.
Then $\mathcal{V}(I) \subset \Xi$, and

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

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Main technique: D-modules

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

Theorem (Bernstein-Kashiwara)

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

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Lemma

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$$\dim \mu^{-1}_{\mathbf{X}\times\mathbf{Y}}(\Xi \cap (\Delta\mathfrak{g})^{\perp}) \leq \dim \mathbf{X} + \dim \mathbf{Y}$$

Proof of Theorem 3.

$M := D_{\mathbf{X}\times\mathbf{Y}}$-module with $\mathcal{S}^*(X \times Y)^{\Delta G, I} \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(M, \mathcal{S}^*(X, Y))$.
By the lemma, M is holonomic. □

Proof of the geometric lemma

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Proof.

$\forall$ orbit $\mathbf{O} \subset \Xi$ we have

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

$\square$

Ingredients of the proof of Theorem 1

Theorem 4 (Aizenbud - G. 2021)

$\forall$ *parabolic* $\mathfrak{p}\subset\mathfrak{g}$, $\forall$ *orbit* $\mathbf{O}\subset\overline{\mathbf{O_P}}$ *we have*

$$\dim \mathfrak{p}^{\perp} \cap \mathbf{O} = \dim \mathbf{O}/2.$$

Lemma

Let $\mathbf{P}$ *act on* $\mathbf{X}$ *and* $\mathbf{S} := \mu_{\mathbf{P},\mathbf{X}}^{-1}(\{0\})$. *Then the following are equivalent:*

1. $\mathbf{P}$ *has finitely many orbits on* $\mathbf{X}$.
2. $\dim \mathbf{S} \leq \dim \mathbf{X}$

Proof.

$\mathbf{S}$ = union of conormal bundles to orbits. □

If $\mathbf{G} \supset \mathbf{P}$ acts on $\mathbf{X}$, $\mu_{\mathbf{P},\mathbf{X}} : T^*\mathbf{X} \to \mathfrak{g}^* \to \mathfrak{p}^*$, and
$\mathbf{S} = \mu_{\mathbf{P},\mathbf{X}}^{-1}(\{0\}) = \mu_{\mathbf{G},\mathbf{X}}^{-1}(\mathfrak{p}^{\perp})$.

- $\forall$ parabolic $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathfrak{g}$,orbit $\mathbf{O} \subset \overline{\mathbf{O_P}}$ we have $\dim \mathfrak{p}^{\perp} \cap \mathbf{O} = \dim \mathbf{O}/2$.
- For $\mathbf{S} := \mu_{\mathbf{P},\mathbf{X}}^{-1}(\{0\})$, $\mathbf{P} \backslash \mathbf{X} < \infty \iff \dim \mathbf{S} \leq \dim \mathbf{X}$.

Theorem 1

Let $\mathbf{P} \subset \mathbf{G}$ be a parabolic subgroup, and $\mathbf{O_P} \subset \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$ be its Richardson orbit. Then $\mathbf{X}$ is $\overline{\mathbf{O_P}}$-spherical $\iff$ $\mathbf{P}$ has finitely many orbits on $\mathbf{X}$.

Proof.

Let $\mathbf{S} := \mu^{-1}(\mathfrak{p}^{\perp}) = \mu_{\mathbf{P},\mathbf{X}}^{-1}(\{0\})$. Then $\mathbf{P} \backslash \mathbf{X} < \infty \iff \dim \mathbf{S} \leq \dim \mathbf{X}$. Further, $\dim \mathbf{S} = \max_{\mathbf{O} \subset \overline{\mathbf{O_P}}} \dim \mu^{-1}(\mathfrak{p}^{\perp} \cap \mathbf{O})$. $\forall \mathbf{O} \subset \overline{\mathbf{O_P}}$ we have

$$\dim \mu^{-1}(\mathfrak{p}^{\perp} \cap \mathbf{O}) = \dim \mu^{-1}(\mathbf{O}) + \dim \mathfrak{p}^{\perp} \cap \mathbf{O} - \dim \mathbf{O} = \\ = \dim \mu^{-1}(\mathbf{O}) - \dim \mathbf{O}/2.$$

Thus

$$\dim \mathbf{S} \leq \dim \mathbf{X} \iff \forall \mathbf{O} \subset \overline{\mathbf{O_P}},\ \dim \mu^{-1}(\mathbf{O}) \leq \dim \mathbf{X} + \dim \mathbf{O}/2.$$

□

Main geometric questions:

- Give a criterion for $\overline{O}$-sphericity of X for non-Richardson O.
- What should be the definition of O-real spherical X?

Further geometric questions:

- Does O-spherical $\Rightarrow$ $\overline{O}$-spherical?
- Does $\dim O \cap \mathfrak{h}^{\perp} \leq \dim O/2$ imply $O \cap \mathfrak{h}^{\perp}$ being isotropic in O?
  Wen-Wei Li: for spherical $\mathfrak{h}$, and any O: $O \cap \mathfrak{h}^{\perp}$ is isotropic in O.
- For $X = U \coprod Z$, when is X $\overline{O}$-spherical in terms of U and Z?

More questions:

- Can we bound $m_{\sigma}(\mathcal{S}(X))$? Have to use some invariant of σ.
- By Theorem 3, relative characters given by $\mathcal{S}(X) \to \sigma$ and $\mathcal{S}(X) \to \tilde{\sigma}$ for $\mathcal{V}(\mathrm{Ann}(\sigma))$-spherical $\mathbf{X}$ are holonomic. Are they regular holonomic? Wen-Wei Li: for spherical $\mathbf{X}$ they are.
- If $\mathbf{G}/\mathbf{H}$ is $\mathcal{V}(\mathrm{Ann}(\sigma))$-spherical, is $\sigma^{HC}|_{\mathfrak{h}}$ finitely generated? Holds for real spherical G/H (Aizenbud-G.-Kroetz-Liu, Kroetz-Schlichtkrull).
- Conjecture: Theorem 1 holds over non-archimedean fields as well.

Thank you for your attention!

Examples by I.Karshon

Example ($\bar{\mathbf{O}}$-spherical $\mathbf{X}$ for non-Richardson $\mathbf{O}$)

$\mathbf{G} := \mathrm{GL}(V) \times \mathrm{GL}(W) \times \mathrm{Sp}(V \otimes W \oplus V^* \otimes W^*)$,
$\iota : \mathrm{GL}(V) \times \mathrm{GL}(W) \to \mathrm{Sp}(V \otimes W \oplus V^* \otimes W^*)$, $\mathbf{H} := Graph(\iota) \subset \mathbf{G}$.
Then $\mathbf{G}/\mathbf{H}$ *is* $\overline{\mathbf{O}_{\mathrm{reg}} \times \mathbf{O}_{\mathrm{reg}} \times \mathbf{O}}_{\min}$*-spherical.*

Example (Strict inequality)

W *:=symplectic vector space,* $\mathbf{G} := \mathrm{Sp}(W) \times \mathrm{Sp}(W \oplus W)$, *and*

$$\mathbf{H} := \{(Y, \begin{pmatrix} Y & 0 \\ 0 & Y \end{pmatrix})\} \subset \mathbf{G}$$

Let $\mathbf{O} := O_{\min} \times O_{\min} \subset \mathfrak{g}^* = \mathfrak{sp}^*(W) \times \mathfrak{sp}^*(W \oplus W)$.
Then $\dim \mathfrak{h}^\perp \cap \mathbf{O} = \dim W + 1$, *while* $\dim \mathbf{O} = 3 \dim W$.
Thus for $\dim W > 2$ *we have* $\dim \mathfrak{h}^\perp \cap \mathbf{O} < \dim \mathbf{O}/2$ *and thus*

$$\dim \mu^{-1}_{\mathbf{G}/\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{O}) < \dim \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{H} + \dim \mathbf{O}/2.$$