

42. Finite Multiplicity Theorems for Induced Representations of Semisimple Lie Groups and their Applications to Generalized Gelfand-Graev Representations

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Let G be a connected real semisimple Lie group with finite center, and \mathfrak{g} its Lie algebra. *Generalized Gelfand-Graev representations* (GGGRs), first introduced by Kawanaka [2] for finite reductive groups, form a series of induced representations of G parametrized by nilpotent $\text{Ad}(G)$ -orbits in \mathfrak{g} . In particular, a principal nilpotent class gives rise to a representation of G induced from a non-degenerate character of a maximal unipotent subgroup. This special type of GGGR, attributed to Gelfand-Graev, is of multiplicity free if G is quasi-split [5].

In this note, we first generalize van den Ban's finite multiplicity theorem [1] for the quasi-regular representation $\text{Ind}_H^G(1_H)$ associated with a semisimple symmetric space G/H , and give nice sufficient conditions for induced representations of G to be of multiplicity finite. Then, applying these criterions, we show that certain interesting types of GGGRs, closely related to the regular representation of G , have finite multiplicity property. Our finite multiplicity theorems are given for *reduced* GGGRs (RGGGRs), a variant of GGGRs. We also give a multiplicity one theorem for RGGGRs under some additional assumptions.

1. Criterions for finite multiplicity property. Let $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{p}$ be a Cartan decomposition of \mathfrak{g} , and θ the corresponding Cartan involution of \mathfrak{g} , which can be lifted up canonically to an involution of G . Denote by K the maximal compact subgroup of G consisting of fixed points of θ on G . Let $Q = LN$ with $L \equiv Q \cap \theta Q$, denote a Levi decomposition of a parabolic subgroup Q of G . Let σ be an involutive automorphism of $\mathfrak{l} \equiv \text{Lie}(L)$ satisfying: (1) σ commutes with $\theta|_{\mathfrak{l}}$, and (2) σ coincides with θ on the split component \mathfrak{a} of \mathfrak{l} . Take a closed subgroup H of L with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{h} \equiv \{X \in \mathfrak{l}; \sigma X = X\}$.

For a continuous representation ζ of the semidirect product subgroup $HN = H \ltimes N$ on a Fréchet space \mathcal{F} , we consider the representation $C^\infty\text{-Ind}_{HN}^G(\zeta) = (\pi_\zeta, C^\infty(G; \zeta))$ of G induced from ζ in C^∞ -context: the group G acts on the representation space

$$C^\infty(G; \zeta) \equiv \{f: G \xrightarrow{C^\infty} \mathcal{F}; f(gz) = \zeta(z)^{-1}f(g) \ (g \in G, z \in HN)\},$$

by left translation. $C^\infty(G; \zeta)$ has a $U(\mathfrak{g}_C)$ -module structure through differentiation, where $U(\mathfrak{g}_C)$ denotes the enveloping algebra of $\mathfrak{g}_C \equiv \mathfrak{g} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$. Let \mathfrak{Z} be the center of $U(\mathfrak{g}_C)$. For an algebra homomorphism $\lambda: \mathfrak{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, the joint