

GLOBALIZATIONS OF HARISH-CHANDRA MODULES

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1. Introduction. Let G be a reductive Lie group, \mathfrak{g} the complexification of its real Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}_0 , and K a maximal compactly embedded subgroup of G . In order to study various classes of representations (π, V_π) of G one makes use of the associated Harish-Chandra module (π_K, V) . On the other hand, a Harish-Chandra module V can globalize to a representation of G in a variety of ways. Among these is the maximal globalization [7], which depends on V in a canonical manner. Here we show that several geometric constructions of representations of G are equivalent, all leading to the maximal globalization of certain standard derived functor modules.

For simplicity of exposition we describe our result only for groups G of Harish-Chandra class. It also holds for the larger class [9] of reductive groups.

2. The cohomologies. Consider the datum (H, χ, \mathfrak{b}) where H is a θ -stable Cartan subgroup of G , \mathfrak{b} is a Borel subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} that contains \mathfrak{h} , and χ is a finite-dimensional irreducible representation of H . View the representation space E_χ as a (\mathfrak{b}, H) -module and let \mathbf{E}_χ denote the associated homogeneous vector bundle over G/H . Let $\mathfrak{n} = [\mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{b}]$, the nilradical of \mathfrak{b} . One can attach a complex of \mathbf{E}_χ -valued differential forms to the datum (H, χ, \mathfrak{b}) , for which the global sections are given by

$$(2.1) \quad (C^\infty(G) \otimes E_\chi \otimes \Lambda \mathfrak{n}^*)^H, d.$$

Here H and \mathfrak{n} act on $C^\infty(G)$ by right translation, the superscript H refers to the space of H -invariants, and d is the coboundary operator for Lie algebra cohomology of \mathfrak{n} .

REMARK 1. The sheaf version of the complex (2.1) is not, in general, acyclic. Thus (2.1) computes the hypercohomology of a complex of sheaves on G/H rather than the cohomology of a single sheaf.

By taking K -finite \mathbf{E}_χ -valued differential forms whose coefficients are formal power series, one obtains a formal analog of (2.1). The cohomology groups of this formal complex are the standard Zuckerman modules $I^p(G/H, \mathbf{E}_\chi)$. See [3].

Let $\mathbf{A}(G/H, \mathbf{E}_\chi)$ denote the complex that is the analog of (2.1) with smooth functions replaced by hyperfunctions,

$$(2.2) \quad \mathbf{A}(G/H, \mathbf{E}_\chi): (B(G) \otimes E_\chi \otimes \Lambda \mathfrak{n}^*)^H, d.$$

The flag variety X (of Borel subalgebras of \mathfrak{g}) contains $S = G \cdot \mathfrak{b}$ as a real analytic submanifold. Since H normalizes \mathfrak{b} , G/H maps G -equivariantly onto

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