

21. Regularity of Orbits Space on Semisimple Lie Groups

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1. Let G be a semisimple Lie group, and KHN be its Iwasawa decomposition, M be the subgroup $K \cap \mathcal{C}(H)$ where $\mathcal{C}(H)$ shows the centralizer of H .

F. Bruhat [1] shows that $\Gamma = MHN$ is a closed subgroup of G , and G is a disjoint sum of finite Γ - Γ double cosets which correspond to elements of Weyl group in one-to-one way.

While denote by $G^t = G \times \cdots \times G$ the direct product of G with multiplicity t and by $\tilde{G}_t = \{(g, \cdots, g) \in G^t\}$ the diagonal subgroup of G^t , which is isomorphic to G .

There exists a question whether Γ^t and \tilde{G}_t are regularly related in G^t or not, in the sense of Mackey [2]. This problem is related to a problem of decomposability of Kronecker product of induced representations of G by representations of Γ , with multiplicity t (cf. [3]).

The purpose of this work is to solve this problem affirmatively.

Proposition. Γ^t and \tilde{G}_t are regularly related in G^t .

2. Proof of the proposition. At first, we can equate $\Gamma^t \backslash G^t / \tilde{G}_t$ to $\Gamma^{t-1} \backslash G^{t-1} / \tilde{\Gamma}_{t-1}$ by the map of representatives of cosets, $G^t \ni (g_1, g_2, \cdots, g_t) \rightarrow (g_1 g_t^{-1}, g_2 g_t^{-1}, \cdots, g_{t-1} g_t^{-1}) \in G^{t-1}$.

Using Glimm's results [4], we can conclude that $\Gamma \backslash G / \Gamma$ is T_0 and the union of all lower dimensional Γ - Γ double cosets in G becomes a null set F in G , and $G' = G - F$ is open as a union of open cosets. Therefore it is sufficient to show the space $\Gamma^{t-1} \backslash (G')^{t-1} / \tilde{\Gamma}_{t-1}$ is countably separated.

Again by [4], the last space is countably separated if and only if it is T_0 . And for fixed l and closed subgroups $A \supset B$ in Γ^l , if $\Gamma^l \backslash (G')^l / A$ and $\hat{g} \Gamma^l \hat{g}^{-1} \cap A \backslash A / B$ are T_0 for any \hat{g} in $(G')^l$, then $\Gamma^l \backslash (G')^l / B$ is T_0 .

In this case, we put $A = \tilde{\Gamma}_{l-1} \times \Gamma = \{(\gamma, \cdots, \gamma, \gamma') \in \Gamma^l\}$ and $B = \tilde{\Gamma}_l$. Then easily we get, $\Gamma^l \backslash (G')^l / \tilde{\Gamma}_{l-1} \times \Gamma \sim \Gamma^{l-1} \backslash (G')^{l-1} / \tilde{\Gamma}_{l-1} \times \Gamma \backslash G' / \Gamma$ and $\hat{g} \Gamma^l \hat{g}^{-1} \cap A \backslash A / B \sim \Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g}) \times \Gamma^l(g_l) \backslash \Gamma \times \Gamma / \tilde{\Gamma}_2 \sim \Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g}) \backslash \Gamma / \Gamma^l(g_l)$, where $\Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g}) = \Gamma \cap g_1 \Gamma g_1^{-1} \cap g_2 \Gamma g_2^{-1} \cap \cdots \cap g_{l-1} \Gamma g_{l-1}^{-1}$, and $\Gamma^l(g_l) = g_l \Gamma g_l^{-1} \cap \Gamma$, for $\hat{g} = (g_1, g_2, \cdots, g_l)$ in $(G')^l$. Consequently, if we prove $\Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g}) \backslash \Gamma / \Gamma^l(g_l)$ is T_0 , then by the induction with respect to l , we get the proof.

Now we shall show that $\Gamma^l(g)$ is conjugate to MH in Γ for any

g in G' . In fact, as shown in [1], for any g in G , there exists a $s(g)$ in $\Gamma g \Gamma$ such that $\Gamma^l(s(g)) = MHN_{s(g)}$, where $N_{s(g)} = N \cap s(g)Ns(g)^{-1}$. But calculations of $\dim \Gamma^l(g) = \dim \Gamma^l(s(g))$ result if $\dim G = \dim \Gamma g \Gamma = \dim \Gamma s(g) \Gamma$ then $N_{s(g)} = \{e\}$, i.e. $\Gamma^l(s(g)) = MH$, which is conjugate to $\Gamma^l(g)$ in Γ .

The space $\Gamma/\Gamma^l(g) \sim \Gamma/\Gamma^l(s(g)) = \Gamma/MH$ is homeomorphic to N , therefore to its Lie algebra \mathfrak{n} too. So $\Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g}) \backslash \Gamma/\Gamma^l(g) \sim \Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g}) \backslash \Gamma/MH$ is homeomorphic to the orbits space by the operations $\{\text{ad } \gamma\}$ of adjoint representation restricted on \mathfrak{n} for γ in $\Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g})$ which is conjugate to a subgroup Γ' of MH in Γ . The general theory of Lie algebras gives, that \mathfrak{n} is generated by roots vectors E_α of $\text{ad } h$ such that

$$(\text{ad } h)E_\alpha = e^{\alpha(h)}E_\alpha, \text{ for } h = \exp \mathfrak{h} \text{ in } H.$$

Since any m in M commutes with all h in H , $\{\text{ad } m\}$ is a representation of compact group M with orthogonal matrices, which makes invariant the subspace \mathfrak{n}_λ spanned by E_α 's such that α 's give a same real linear form λ on H . Let the projection of X in \mathfrak{n} to \mathfrak{n}_λ be X_λ , so $\Omega_j = \{X: X_{\lambda_j} = 0, j \in J\}$ for some set J of indices is a closed subspace in \mathfrak{n} . It is enough to prove the proposition, we show that each orbit $\{(\text{ad } \gamma)X: \gamma \in \Gamma'\}$ is closed in $\Omega_j - \bigcup_{j_1 \neq j} \Omega_{j_1}$ which contains X .

For given $\hat{g} = (g_1, \dots, g_l)$, we take $(s(g_j)) (= s_j)$ as above, and let $g_j = \gamma_j s_j \gamma_j'$, ($\gamma_j, \gamma_j' \in \Gamma$), and $\gamma_j = n_j h_j m_j$, $n_j \in N$, $h_j \in H$, $m_j \in M$. Then it is easy to see $\Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g})$ is conjugate to

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma' &= \Gamma \cap \gamma_1 s_1 \Gamma s_1^{-1} \gamma_1^{-1} \cap \dots \cap \gamma_{l-2} s_{l-2} \Gamma s_{l-2}^{-1} \gamma_{l-2}^{-1} \cap s_{l-1} \Gamma s_{l-1}^{-1}, \\ &= \gamma_1 (\Gamma \cap s_1 \Gamma s_1^{-1}) \gamma_1^{-1} \cap \dots \cap \gamma_{l-2} (\Gamma \cap s_{l-2} \Gamma s_{l-2}^{-1}) \gamma_{l-2}^{-1} \\ &\quad \cap (\Gamma \cap s_{l-1} \Gamma s_{l-1}^{-1}) \\ &= \gamma_1 M H \gamma_1^{-1} \cap \dots \cap \gamma_{l-2} M H \gamma_{l-2}^{-1} \cap M H \\ &= n_1 M H n_1^{-1} \cap \dots \cap n_{l-2} M H n_{l-2}^{-1} \cap M H, \end{aligned}$$

in Γ . According to the uniqueness of decomposition $\Gamma = MHN$, we get that Γ' is commutator of $(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{l-2})$ in MH , that is, the subgroup of MH consists of $\gamma = mh$ such that $(\text{ad } mh)X_j = X_j$ ($1 \leq j \leq l-2$) for $n_j = \exp X_j$. Let $X_j = \Sigma(X_j)_\lambda$, $(X_j)_\lambda \in \mathfrak{n}_\lambda$, then these relations are equivalent to $(\text{ad } mh)(X_j)_\lambda = e^{\lambda(h)}(\text{ad } m)(X_j)_\lambda = (X_j)_\lambda$. While $(\text{ad } m)$ is an orthogonal transformation and $\lambda(h)$ is real, so $(\text{ad } m)(X_j)_\lambda = (X_j)_\lambda$, and $e^{\lambda(h)}(X_j)_\lambda = (X_j)_\lambda$. Consequently, Γ' is a direct product of a closed subgroup M_0 in M and a vector subgroup H_0 in H .

If a sequence $\{(\text{ad } m_k h_k)X_1: m_k \in M_0, h_k \in H_0\}$ in a Γ' -orbit which is contained in some $\Omega_j - \bigcup_{j_1 \neq j} \Omega_{j_1}$, converges to X_0 in the same space, then each component $(\text{ad } m_k h_k)(X_1)_{\lambda_j}$ converges to $(X_0)_{\lambda_j}$, which are not zero for only $j \notin J$. This means their norms $e^{\lambda_j(h_k)} \|(X_1)_{\lambda_j}\|$ converges to non-zero finite value $\|(X_0)_{\lambda_j}\|$, and since H_0 is a vector subgroup of H , there exist a h_0 in H_0 such that $\|(\text{ad } h_0)(X_1)_{\lambda_j}\| = \|(X_0)_{\lambda_j}\|$.

The compactness of M_0 assures the existence of subsequence of $\{(ad m_k)X_1\}$ which converges to some $(ad m_0)X_1$. That is, there is a subsequence converging to $(ad m_0 h_0)X_1$ in this Γ' -orbit, obviously the limit of which must coincide to X_0 . I.e., each orbit is closed in $\Omega_J - \bigcup_{J_1 \neq J} \Omega_{J_1}$. This completes the proof.

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