

203. Some Remarks on Duality Theorems of Lie Groups

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1. Introduction. T. Tannaka [1] proved a duality theorem for compact groups. Afterwards C. Chevalley [2] introduced the representative algebra $R(G)$ and the character set $\text{Hom}(R(G), C)$ and proved Tannaka's theorem for compact Lie groups anew. This work of Chevalley revealed the relation between the compact Lie groups and algebraic groups. The representative algebra $R(G)$ of a general Lie group (not necessarily compact) was studied by G. Hochschild and G. D. Mostow in [3]. They give several conditions each of which is equivalent to say that $R(G)$ is finitely generated. One of these conditions says that the canonical homomorphism maps the connected component G_1 of G onto the connected component of the real proper automorphism group G^* of $R(G)$. This suggests a kind of duality theorem for G .

In this note we say that the duality theorem holds for a topological group G if the canonical homomorphism $\Psi: g \mapsto R_g$ is an isomorphism of G onto the real proper automorphism group G^* of $R(G)$ (cf. 3 for the definitions of G^* and R_g). In 4, we study the relation between our duality theorem and the Tannaka duality theorem (Theorem 1). In 5 we give a necessary and sufficient condition that a Lie group with a finite number of connected components satisfies the duality theorem (Theorem 2). Theorem 2 gives the intimate relation between the duality theorem and the algebraic group structure.

2. The Tannaka duality theorem. Let G be a topological group. In this note, a representation of G means a continuous homomorphism D of G into $GL(n, C)$ for some natural number n which is called the degree of D and denoted by $d(D)$. The set of all representations of G is called the dual object of G and denoted by \mathfrak{R} . For elements D_1, D_2 , and D in \mathfrak{R} , the direct sum $D_1 \oplus D_2$, the tensor product $D_1 \otimes D_2$, the equivalent representation $\gamma D \gamma^{-1}$ ($\gamma \in GL(d(D), C)$) and the complex conjugate representation \bar{D} are defined as usual. A complex representation ζ of \mathfrak{R} is, by definition, a mapping from \mathfrak{R} into $\bigcup GL(n, C)$ which satisfies

$$\begin{array}{ll} 0) \quad \zeta(D) \in GL(d(D), C), & 1) \quad \zeta(D_1 \oplus D_2) = \zeta(D_1) \oplus \zeta(D_2), \\ 2) \quad \zeta(D_1 \otimes D_2) = \zeta(D_1) \otimes \zeta(D_2), & 3) \quad \zeta(\gamma D \gamma^{-1}) = \gamma \zeta(D) \gamma^{-1} \end{array}$$

for any representations D_1, D_2, D , and any regular matrix γ of degree $d(D)$.

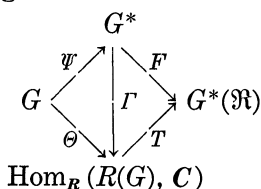
The set of all complex representations of the dual object \mathfrak{R} is denoted by $G^{*c}(\mathfrak{R})$. The topology of $G^{*c}(\mathfrak{R})$ is defined as the weakest topology making the maps $\zeta \mapsto \zeta(D) \in GL(d(D), C)$ continuous for every D in \mathfrak{R} . Then $G^{*c}(\mathfrak{R})$ forms a topological group with the group operation defined by $\zeta_1 \zeta_2^{-1}(D) = \zeta_1(D) \zeta_2(D)^{-1}$. $G^{*c}(\mathfrak{R})$ is called the complex Tannaka group of G . The subgroup $G^*(\mathfrak{R})$ of $G^{*c}(\mathfrak{R})$ defined by $G^*(\mathfrak{R}) = \{\zeta \in G^{*c}(\mathfrak{R}); \zeta(\bar{D}) = \overline{\zeta(D)} \text{ for any } D \text{ in } \mathfrak{R}\}$ is called the Tannaka group of G . An element of $G^*(\mathfrak{R})$ is called a representation of \mathfrak{R} . For any element g in G the mapping $\zeta_g: D \mapsto D(g)$ belongs to $G^*(\mathfrak{R})$. Moreover the mapping $\Phi: g \mapsto \zeta_g$ is a continuous homomorphism of G into $G^*(\mathfrak{R})$. When this canonical homomorphism Φ is an isomorphism of G onto $G^*(\mathfrak{R})$ as topological groups, we say that the Tannaka duality theorem holds for the group G .

3. The duality theorem. Let G and \mathfrak{R} be the same as above. The set $R(G)$ of all finite linear combinations of the matricial elements of the representations of G forms an algebra over C and is called the representative algebra of G . Any element g in G induces the right translation R_g and the left translation L_g on $R(G)$ which are defined by $(R_g f)(h) = f(hg)$ and $(L_g f)(h) = f(gh)$. An automorphism α of the algebra $R(G)$ which commutes with every left translation is called a proper automorphism. The group of all proper automorphisms of $R(G)$ is denoted by G^{*c} . The topology of G^{*c} is defined as the weakest topology making $\alpha \mapsto \lambda(\alpha(f))$ continuous for every linear form λ on $R(G)$ and every f in $R(G)$. This topology makes G^{*c} a topological group. The real proper automorphism group G^* is defined as $G^* = \{\alpha \in G^{*c}; \alpha(\bar{f}) = \overline{\alpha(f)} \text{ for any } f \text{ in } R(G)\}$. The canonical mapping $\Psi: g \mapsto R_g$ is a continuous homomorphism of G into G^* . When this canonical homomorphism Ψ is an isomorphism of G onto G^* as topological groups, we say that the duality theorem holds for the group G .

4. The relation between two kinds of duality theorems. The set of all homomorphisms of the algebra $R(G)$ into C which maps 1 to 1 is denoted by $\text{Hom}(R(G), C)$. Let e be the identity element of G . Then any element α in G^{*c} defines a homomorphism $\omega \in \text{Hom}(R(G), C)$, $\omega: f \mapsto (\alpha f)(e)$. Conversely any ω in $\text{Hom}(R(G), C)$ determines a proper automorphism α by the identity $\alpha(f)(g) = \omega(L_g f)$. So the mapping $\Gamma: \alpha \mapsto \omega$ is a bijection of G^{*c} onto $\text{Hom}(R(G), C)$. Γ maps the real proper automorphism group G^* onto $\text{Hom}_R(R(G), C) = \{\omega \in \text{Hom}(R(G), C), \omega(\bar{f}) = \overline{\omega(f)} \text{ for any } f \text{ in } R(G)\}$. The topology of $\text{Hom}(R(G), C)$ is defined as the weakest topology making $\omega \mapsto \omega(f)$

continuous for every f in $R(G)$. Then Γ is clearly continuous. To prove Γ^{-1} is also continuous, let f be an element in $R(G)$. Then the subspace $V = \{L_g f; g \in G\}_C$ is finite dimensional, so there exist a finite number of elements f_1, \dots, f_n in V and a_1, \dots, a_n in $R(G)$ such that $L_g f = \sum_i a_i(g) f_i$. Applying $\omega = \Gamma(\alpha)$ on both sides of the last equality, we get $\alpha(f) = \sum \omega(f_i) a_i$ and $\lambda(\alpha(f)) = \sum \omega(f_i) \lambda(a_i)$. This proves that Γ^{-1} is continuous. So Γ is a homeomorphism of G^{*C} onto $\text{Hom}(R(G), C)$.

Every ω in $\text{Hom}(R(G), C)$ defines an element ζ_ω of $G^{*C}(\mathfrak{R})$ which maps D in \mathfrak{R} to the matrix whose (i, j) -element is $\omega(D_{ij})$ where $D_{ij}(g)$ is the (i, j) -element of $D(g)$. So we get a continuous mapping $T: \omega \mapsto \zeta_\omega$ of $\text{Hom}(R(G), C)$ into $G^{*C}(\mathfrak{R})$. T maps $\text{Hom}_R(R(G), C)$ into $G^*(\mathfrak{R})$. The map $T \circ \Gamma = F$ is a continuous homomorphism of G^{*C} into $G^{*C}(\mathfrak{R})$ which maps G^* into $G^*(\mathfrak{R})$. Lastly we define the continuous mapping $\theta: g \mapsto \omega_g(\omega_g(f) = f(g))$ of G into $\text{Hom}_R(R(G), C)$. Then the following diagram is commutative.



And the canonical mapping Φ defined in 2 is the composition of the two mapping Ψ and F :

$$\Phi = F \circ \Psi \tag{1}$$

The mapping T is injective because the matricial elements of the representations span the vector space $R(G)$. So the homomorphism F is a continuous isomorphism of G^{*C} into $G^{*C}(\mathfrak{R})$. Now suppose that the homomorphism Φ induces an isomorphism of G onto $G^*(\mathfrak{R})$ as topological groups. Then, by the identity (1), the mapping $F|G^*$ and so the homomorphism Ψ are also topological isomorphisms. So we get the first half of the following Theorem 1.

Theorem 1. 1) *If the Tannaka duality theorem holds for a topological group G , then the duality theorem (defined in 3) holds for G .*

2) *If every representation of G is completely reducible, then the isomorphism F is surjective. In this case the duality theorem for G implies the Tannaka duality theorem of G .*

To prove the latter half of Theorem 1, we choose a representative D^α from each equivalence class α of irreducible representations of G and form the complete set of representatives $\mathfrak{D} = \{D^\alpha; \alpha \in A\}$. The set $\mathfrak{B} = \{D_{ij}^\alpha; \alpha \in A, 1 \leq i, j \leq d(D^\alpha)\}$ forms a basis of the vector space $R(G)$ because \mathfrak{B} is linearly independent by a

theorem of Burnside. So every element ζ in $G^{*c}(\mathfrak{R})$ defines uniquely a linear form ω which maps D_{ij}^α into the (i, j) -element of the matrix $\zeta(D^\alpha)$. Now we shall prove that ω belongs to $\text{Hom}(R(G), C)$ and that $\zeta(D) = \zeta_\omega(D)$ for any D in \mathfrak{R} . Any representation D can be represented as $D = \gamma(D^{\alpha_1} \oplus \dots \oplus D^{\alpha_n})\gamma^{-1}$, ($\alpha_i \in A$) by the assumption of the completely reducibility. As ω is a linear form and $\zeta(D^\alpha) = (\omega(D_{ij}^\alpha))$, we get $\zeta(D) = (\omega(D_{ij}))$. Let D and D' be in \mathfrak{R} . Then we have $(\omega(D_{ij}D'_{ki})) = \zeta(D \otimes D') = \zeta(D) \otimes \zeta(D') = (\omega(D_{ij})\omega(D'_{ki}))$. This proves that ω belongs to $\text{Hom}(R(G), C)$ and $\zeta = \zeta_\omega$. Thus the mapping T is surjective. T is also a homeomorphism. This can be easily seen by the definition of the topologies on $G^{*c}(\mathfrak{R})$ and $\text{Hom}(R(G), C)$.

Therefore the homomorphism F is an isomorphism of G^{*c} onto $G^{*c}(\mathfrak{R})$ as topological groups. If ζ belongs to $G^*(\mathfrak{R})$, then ω belongs to $\text{Hom}_R(R(G), C)$. So F induces an isomorphism of G onto $G^*(\mathfrak{R})$.

In this case, if Ψ is a topological isomorphism of G onto G^* , then the homomorphism $\Phi = F \circ \Psi$ is a topological isomorphism of G onto $G^*(\mathfrak{R})$. Theorem 1 is thus proved.

5. The duality theorem for Lie groups. For a Lie group, we can give an intrinsic meaning to the duality theorem defined in 3 by the following theorem.

Theorem 2. *Let G be a Lie group with a finite number of connected components. Then G satisfies the duality theorem if and only if G is a real affine algebraic group and every (continuous) representation of G is a rational representation. When this condition is satisfied, the proper automorphism group G^{*c} of $R(G)$ can be regarded as the complexification of the real algebraic group G .*

Let G be a real affine algebraic group whose every representation is rational. Then G is a Lie group with a finite number of components. The real representative algebra $R_R(G) = \{f \in R(G); \bar{f} = f\}$ contained in the affine algebra A (the algebra of everywhere defined rational functions on G) of G , because every representation is rational. On the other hand, $A \subset R_R(G)$, because $A = R[D_{11}, \dots, D_{nn}, (\det D)^{-1}]$ for a faithful rational representation D of G . As G is a real affine algebraic set, $\theta: g \mapsto \omega_g$ is a bijection of G onto $\text{Hom}(R_R(G), R)$. On the other hand, the restriction map of $\text{Hom}_R(R(G), C)$ into $\text{Hom}(R_R(G), R)$ is clearly a bijection. So the canonical homomorphism Ψ is a bijection of G onto G^* . To prove Ψ is also a homeomorphism, let $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a set of generators of the affine algebra $A = R_R(G)$. Then the mapping $\omega \mapsto (\omega(x_1), \dots, \omega(x_n))$ is a homeomorphism of $\text{Hom}(R_R(G), R)$ onto an affine algebraic subset of R^n . So $\text{Hom}(R_R(G), R)$, $\text{Hom}_R(R(G), C)$ and G^* are locally compact Hausdorff spaces. On the other hand G , being a Lie group with a

finite number of components, is the union of a countable number of compact sets. So the continuous isomorphism Ψ of G onto G^* is an open mapping and therefore an isomorphism as topological groups. Thus the duality theorem holds for the group G . In this case the proper automorphism group G^{*c} is the complex algebraic group with the affine algebra $R(G)$ which is the scalar extension of $R_{\mathbf{R}}(G)$ ($R(G) = R_{\mathbf{R}}(G) \otimes_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{C}$). So G^{*c} is the complexification of G .

Conversely, let G be a Lie group with a finite number of components for which the duality theorem holds. Let G_1 be the connected component of e in G . Then the topological isomorphism Ψ maps G_1 onto the connected component of G^* . Therefore by a theorem of G. Hochschild and G. D. Mostow [3, Theorem 7.1], $R(G)$ is finitely generated. So the algebra $R_{\mathbf{R}}(G)$ is also finitely generated. The duality theorem for G assures that the canonical mapping $\theta: g \mapsto \omega_g$ is a bijection of G onto $\text{Hom}(R_{\mathbf{R}}(G), \mathbf{R})$. So G is a real affine algebraic set with the affine algebra $R_{\mathbf{R}}(G)$. As the left translates of any element f in $R_{\mathbf{R}}(G)$ span a finite dimensional subspace, there are a finite number of elements $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n$ in $R_{\mathbf{R}}(G)$ such that $f(gh) = \sum a_i(g)b_i(h)$ for any g, h in G . So the mapping $(g, h) \mapsto gh$ is regular (=everywhere defined rational) mapping. Moreover, if D belongs to $\mathfrak{R}_{\mathbf{R}} = \{D \in \mathfrak{R}; \bar{D} = D\}$ then the contragredient representation $D^*(g) = {}^t D(g^{-1})$ belongs to $\mathfrak{R}_{\mathbf{R}}$, so the mapping $g \mapsto g^{-1}$ is also regular. Thus the group G is a real affine algebraic group with the affine algebra $R_{\mathbf{R}}(G)$. Therefore every continuous real representation of G is a rational representation. So every (continuous) representation over \mathbf{C} is also rational. This completes the proof of Theorem 2. Theorem 1 and 2 explain the reason why the Tannaka duality theorem of connected semisimple Lie groups obtained by Harish-Chandra [4] has a slightly weaker form than that is defined in 2 of this note. In fact, a connected semisimple Lie group is not necessarily an algebraic group.

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