

① A set of continuous (smooth) functions S is called uniformly complete, if $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \{f_j\}_{j=1}^N \subset S$ & $\{a_j\} \subset \mathbb{C}$ such that $\int \dots$ given any $f \in C(M)$

$$\|f - \sum a_j f_j\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon.$$

Namely any continuous function can be uniformly approximated by the span of functions in S .

Recall, if G is compact, ϕ, ψ are two irreducible representations
 $\phi: G \rightarrow GL(r, V), \psi: G \rightarrow GL(r', V)$
 $(\phi_{ik}(g))_{1 \leq i, k \leq r} \& (\psi_{jl}(g))_{1 \leq j, l \leq r'}$

Then $\langle \phi, \psi \rangle \doteq \int_G \phi_{ik} \overline{\psi_{jl}} \, d\mu = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \phi \neq \psi \\ \frac{\delta_{ij} \delta_{kl}}{d_\mu(V)} & \phi = \psi \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_\mu(V)}} \phi_{ik} \right\}_{\phi \in \hat{G}}$ forms an orthonormal set of $(L^2\text{-norm})$ smooth functions.
 $d_\mu(V) \doteq d_\mu(V)$ ϕ irreducible

Defn: The representation ring is the ring of functions generated by S .

Theorem 1 (Peter-Weyl) S is uniformly complete.
 In particular, any continuous function f , can be approximated by elements in the

representation ring. ('ring' is Not needed!)

I shall discuss a proof using PDE (eigenfunctions of the Laplace operator $\Delta (= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (g^{ij} \sqrt{g} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}))$ locally.)

This is from Ex 16, 20 of F. Warner's book. Ch 6 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} ds^2 = g_{ij} dx^i dx^j \\ \text{is the Riemannian} \\ \text{metric} \\ g = \det(g_{ij}) \end{array} \right.$

- pf:
- (a) L^2 -completeness of eigenfunctions.
 - (b) Uniform completeness of eigenfunctions

(c) eigenfunctions are inside the representation ring.
In fact can be expressed as linear combinations of elements in \mathcal{S} .

For (a), it requires some background on eigenvalues & eigenfunctions of elliptic operators of EX 16, part (j) of F. Warner.

E.g. $G = \mathbb{S}^1$, the completeness of $\{e^{in\theta}\}$, & Bessel inequality. Δ^{-1} called Green operator $G(\mathcal{S}) = u$ if $\Delta u = f, u \in (ker \Delta)^\perp$ if $f \in (ker \Delta)^\perp$. The keys are $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (i) V_\lambda \text{ is finite dimensional} \\ (ii) \{ \chi_i \} \text{ satisfies } \chi_\lambda \perp \chi_{\lambda'} \text{ if } \lambda \neq \lambda' \\ \lambda_n \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \\ \{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{Vol(M)}} \} \subseteq \mathbb{C} \end{array} \right.$

Sketch: Let G be the solution operator. $\forall \alpha \in L^2(M)$. Spec $\{u_i\}_{i=1}^k = ker \Delta$. (For functions it is just $\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{Vol(M)}} \} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$)

$\alpha - \sum_{i=1}^k \langle \alpha, u_i \rangle u_i \perp ker \Delta$

$\Rightarrow \exists \beta \in (ker \Delta)^\perp, G\beta = \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^k \langle \alpha, u_i \rangle u_i$

$G\Delta\alpha = \Delta G\alpha = \alpha, \forall \alpha \in (ker \Delta)^\perp$

By Hodge theory $\alpha - H(\alpha) = \Delta \Omega$
 $\beta := \Delta \Omega$
 $G(\beta) = \Delta \Omega = \alpha - H(\alpha)$

$\Rightarrow \left\| \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^k \langle \alpha, u_i \rangle u_i \right\|^2 = \left\| G \left(\beta - \sum_{i=p+1}^{\infty} \langle \beta, u_i \rangle u_i \right) \right\|^2 \quad [n \geq k+1]$

$G\beta = \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^k \langle \alpha, u_i \rangle u_i$

$G u_j = \frac{1}{\lambda_j} u_j, \quad j \geq k+1$

unitary $\left\{ u_i \right\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ here eigenfunctions

For

$$\begin{aligned}
 G\left(\sum_{i=k+1}^n \langle \beta, u_i \rangle u_i\right) &= \sum_{i=k+1}^n \langle \beta, \frac{u_i}{\lambda_i} \rangle u_i \\
 &= \sum_{i=k+1}^n \langle \beta, G(u_i) \rangle u_i = \sum_{i=k+1}^n \langle G\beta, u_i \rangle u_i \\
 &= \sum_{i=k+1}^n \left\langle \alpha - \sum_{j=1}^k \langle \alpha, u_j \rangle u_j, u_i \right\rangle u_i \\
 &= \sum_{i=k+1}^n \langle \alpha, u_i \rangle u_i \quad \text{since } \langle u_j, u_i \rangle = 0 \\
 &\hspace{15em} \left(\begin{array}{l} 1 \leq j \leq k \\ k+1 \leq i \\ \text{has } \lambda_i \neq 0 \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\| \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \alpha, u_i \rangle u_i \right\|^2 = \left\| G\left(\beta - \sum_{i=k+1}^n \langle \beta, u_i \rangle u_i\right) \right\|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \frac{1}{\lambda_{k+1}^2} \left\| \beta - \sum_{i=k+1}^n \langle \beta, u_i \rangle u_i \right\|^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\lambda_{k+1}^2} \|\beta\|^2 \rightarrow 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \lambda_n \rightarrow \infty \\ \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{array}}$$

given $\|\beta\|^2$ is fixed & $\lambda_{k+1} \rightarrow +\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

(b). Use Sobolev embedding theorem:

Namely for $h \gg 1$.

$$(*) \quad \|\alpha\|_h \leq C \|(1+\delta)^k \alpha\| \quad \text{for some } C=C(M, k).$$

Let $P_n \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \alpha, u_i \rangle u_i$ $\{u_i\}$ eigenfunctions of Δ with λ_i -eigenvalue.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta P_n \alpha &= \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \alpha, u_i \rangle \lambda_i u_i \\
 &= \sum \langle \alpha, \Delta u_i \rangle u_i = \sum \langle \Delta \alpha, u_i \rangle u_i \\
 &= P_n \Delta \alpha.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\| \alpha - P_n \alpha \|_\infty \leq c \| (1+\Delta)^k (\alpha - P_n \alpha) \|$$

$$= c \| (1+\Delta)^k \alpha - P_n (1+\Delta)^k \alpha \|$$

$$= c \| \varphi - P_n \varphi \| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ by } (\ast).$$

$\varphi := (1+\Delta)^k \alpha$

(c). Let $L_\sigma: G \rightarrow G$ be the left multiplication.
 It is easy to endow G with a left invariant metric
 $\Rightarrow L_\sigma: (G, d_G)$ is an isometry.

Δ operator is a differential operator respects the isometries.

Namely, $(L_\sigma f)(x) := f(\sigma x)$ satisfies $\left[\begin{array}{l} \Delta \text{ invariant under} \\ \text{the isometries} \end{array} \right]$

$$\Delta \circ L_\sigma = L_\sigma \circ \Delta$$

Precisely $[\Delta(L_\sigma f)(x)] = (\Delta f)(\sigma x)$

[e.g. on \mathbb{R}^n $(\Delta f(x+a)) = (\Delta f)(x+a)$.]

Then let $\{\varphi_i\}$ be a unitary basis of V_λ - the space of eigenfunctions with eigenvalue λ

$$\Delta \cdot L_\sigma \varphi_i = L_\sigma \Delta \varphi_i = \lambda L_\sigma \varphi_i$$

$\Rightarrow L_\sigma \varphi_i \in V_\lambda$

$$L_\sigma \varphi_i = \sum_{j=1}^N y_j G_{ji}(\sigma)$$

$N = \dim(V_\lambda)$.

$$\underline{G_{ji}(\sigma)} = \langle L_\sigma \varphi_i, \varphi_j \rangle = \int_G (L_\sigma \varphi_i) \overline{\varphi_j} \, d\mu$$

$$= \int_G \varphi_i(\sigma g) \overline{\varphi_j(g)} \, d\mu$$

Clearly it is continuous in σ from the above.

Moreover

$$L_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \varphi_i = \sum \varphi_k G_{ki}(\sigma_1 \sigma_2)$$

$$L_{\sigma_1} \circ L_{\sigma_2} \varphi_i = L_{\sigma_1} \left[\sum \varphi_j G_{ji}(\sigma_2) \right] = \sum \varphi_k G_{kj}(\sigma_1) \cdot G_{ji}(\sigma_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (G_{ki}(\sigma_1 \sigma_2)) = (G_{kj}(\sigma_1)) \cdot (G_{ji}(\sigma_2))$$

Namely $\sigma \rightarrow (G_{ji}(\sigma)) \in GL(N, V_\lambda)$

is a group homomorphism.

Namely a representation of G in $GL(N, V_\lambda)$

$$\Rightarrow G_{ji}(\sigma) \in \text{Span}\{S\}$$

$$L\varphi_i = \left(\sum_{j=e} \varphi_j G_{ji}(\sigma) \right)$$

On the other hand

$$(L\varphi_i)(e) = \sum \underbrace{G_{ji}(\sigma)}_{\varphi_j} \varphi_j(e)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\varphi_i(\sigma) = \sum a_j G_{ji}(\sigma)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_i(\sigma) \in \text{Span}\{S\}$$

This completes (c).

Hence we complete the proof of PLW.

③ Remark:

(a): $\rho: G \rightarrow GL(r, V)$ is a group representation

$d\rho: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(r, V)$ is a Lie algebra representation.

$$d\varphi([X \ Y]) = \begin{bmatrix} d\varphi(X), & d\varphi(Y) \end{bmatrix} = d\varphi(X) \cdot d\varphi(Y) - d\varphi(Y) \cdot d\varphi(X)$$

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 Lie algebra element
 in $\mathfrak{gl}(n, V)$.

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \varphi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2 \\ d\varphi: \mathfrak{g}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_2 \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{l} G_1 \text{ - connected} \\ \Rightarrow d\varphi \text{ - decides } \varphi \end{array} \right]$$

If G_1 is simply-connected, given $\pi: \mathfrak{g}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_2 \exists$ a φ (existence).
 $d\varphi = \pi$.
 Hence in the case G is simply-connected, the Lie group representation & Lie algebra representation are equivalent.

(b) $\phi_i: G \rightarrow GL(n_i, V_i) \quad v_i \in V_i$
 $\phi_1 \oplus \phi_2: G \rightarrow GL(V_1 \oplus V_2), g \rightarrow \phi_1 \oplus \phi_2: (v_1, v_2) \rightarrow (\phi_1(g)v_1, \phi_2(g)v_2)$

$d(\phi_1 \oplus \phi_2): \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V_1 \oplus V_2) \quad x \rightarrow d(\phi_1 \oplus \phi_2)_x(v_1, v_2) \rightarrow$
 $(d\phi_1(x)v_1, d\phi_2(x)v_2)$
 $\in V_1 \quad \in V_2$

$\phi_1 \otimes \phi_2: G \rightarrow GL(V_1 \otimes V_2)$
 $g \rightarrow (\phi_1 \otimes \phi_2)(g)(v_1 \otimes v_2)$
 $= \phi_1(v_1) \otimes \phi_2(v_2)$

$d(\phi_1 \otimes \phi_2)(x) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (\phi_1 \otimes \phi_2)(\exp(tx))(v_1 \otimes v_2)$
 $= d\phi_1(x)v_1 \otimes v_2 + v_1 \otimes d\phi_2(x)v_2$
 $= \pi_1(x)v_1 \otimes v_2 + v_1 \otimes \pi_2(x)v_2$

Abbreviated as

The action of $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ on $v_1 \otimes v_2$ is

$$\underbrace{Xv_1 \otimes v_2 + v_1 \otimes Xv_2}$$

$X \in \mathfrak{g}$ is viewed
as $\pi_1(X) \in \mathfrak{gl}(V_1)$

$\pi_2(X) \in \mathfrak{gl}(V_2)$

$\pi_i: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V_i)$

are two representations

(c)

Since $\phi^*: G \rightarrow GL(V^*)$, given $\phi: G \rightarrow GL(V)$

is defined as $\underbrace{\phi^*(g)(v^*)(w) \doteq v^*(g^{-1}w)}$

$$d\phi^*(X)(v^*)(w) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \phi^*(\exp(tX))(v^*)(w) = v^* \left(\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \exp(-tX)(w) \right)$$

$$= v^*(d\phi(-X)(w)) = -v^*(d\phi(X)(w))$$

Namely if $\pi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ is the Lie algebra representation

$\pi^*: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V^*)$ is defined as

$$\boxed{\pi^*(X)(v^*)(w) \doteq -v^*(\pi(X)(w))}$$

Called $v^* \in V^*$
contragredient representation.

(d). \exists Another Peter-Weyl type theorem:

Let S_c be the character functions of all $\phi \in \hat{G}$

$\Rightarrow \forall f \in C(G)$ class function, $f(gxg^{-1}) = f(x)$, namely f is

then f can be approximated by S_c .

See Pontryagin Theorem 34.

④ Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} (regardless $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}$ of G or any general/abstract \mathfrak{g} — German)

\mathfrak{g} . $\text{ad}_X(Y) := [X, Y]$

$B(X, Y) := \text{tr}(\text{ad}_X \text{ad}_Y)$ — called the Killing form

Compute it for $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$ $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{C})$ using

e_{ij} is the i row, j column
one \rightarrow $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & 1 & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$[e_j, e_k] = \delta_{jk} e_{il} - \delta_{li} e_{kj}$

$X = X_{ij} e_{ij}$ $e_{ij} \cdot e_{kl} - e_{kl} \cdot e_{ij}$

$\text{tr}(\text{ad}_X \text{ad}_Y) = \sum \langle \text{ad}_X \text{ad}_Y(e_k), e_{kl}^* \rangle$

$= \langle \text{ad}_X(Y_{ij}(\delta_{jk} e_{il} - \delta_{li} e_{kj})) e_{kl}^* \rangle$

$= \langle X_{st} Y_{ij} \delta_{jk} \text{ad}_{e_{st}} e_{il} - X_{st} Y_{ij} \delta_{li} \text{ad}_{e_{st}} e_{kj}, e_{kl}^* \rangle$

$= \delta_{ti} e_{sk} - \delta_{ls} e_{it} \quad \delta_{tk} e_{sj} - \delta_{js} e_{kt}$

$n X_{ki} Y_{ik} - X_{ll} Y_{kk} - X_{tk} Y_{it} + n X_{jl} Y_{lj}$

$X_{st} Y_{ij} \delta_{jk} \delta_{ti} \delta_{sk} \delta_{il}$

$X_{st} Y_{ij} \delta_{li} \delta_{js} \delta_{kl} \delta_{tl}$

$= 2n \text{tr}(X Y^t) - 2 \text{tr}(X) \text{tr}(Y)$

Basic properties

(a) If $A \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g})$ i.e. $A([X, Y]) = [AX, AY]$

$\Rightarrow B(AX, AY) = B(X, Y)$

(b) If $a \in \text{Der}(\mathfrak{g})$ i.e. $a([X, Y]) = [aX, Y] + [X, aY]$

$$\Rightarrow B(aX, Y) + B(X, aY) = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} A(t)[X, Y] &= [A(t)X, A(t)Y] \\ A'(t)[X, Y] &= [A'(t)X, A(t)Y] \\ &\quad + [A(t)X, A'(t)Y] \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Note

$\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g})$ has Lie algebra

$\text{Der}(\mathfrak{g})$

Since if $A(t) \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g})$ $A(0) = \text{id}$, $A'(0) = a$

$$\Rightarrow a([X, Y]) = [aX, Y] + [X, aY]$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} e^{-ta} [e^{ta} X, e^{ta} Y] &= \boxed{e^{-ta}} \left(a \left[\underbrace{e^{ta} X}_X, \underbrace{e^{ta} Y}_Y \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + [a e^{ta} X, e^{ta} Y] + [e^{ta} X, a e^{ta} Y] \right) = 0 \\ &\quad \cdot \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ [aX, Y] \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ + [X, aY] \end{matrix} \text{ if } a \in \text{Der}(\mathfrak{g}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow [e^{ta} X, e^{ta} Y] = e^{ta} ([X, Y]) \quad \text{if } a \in \text{Der}(\mathfrak{g})$$

$\Rightarrow e^{ta} \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g})$.

Proof of (a)

$$\boxed{A[X, Y] = [AX, AY]}$$

$$A \text{ad}_X(Y) = \text{ad}_{AX} \circ A(Y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A \text{ad}_X = \text{ad}_{AX} \circ A} \Rightarrow \boxed{A \text{ad}_X A^{-1} = \text{ad}_{AX}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow B(AX, AY) &= \text{trac}(\text{ad}_{AX} \text{ad}_{AY}) \\ &= \text{trac}(A \text{ad}_X A^{-1} \cdot A \text{ad}_Y A^{-1}) = B(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

The (b) follows from (a) since

$$B(e^{ta} X, e^{ta} Y) = B(X, Y) \Rightarrow B(aX, Y) + B(X, aY) = 0 \quad \square$$