

186. On the Representations of $SL(3, C)$. I

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1. We shall determine the intertwining operators and the equivalence relation among the representations of the group $SL(3, C)$, generalizing the method described in [1] for $SL(2, C)$. We denote by G the group $SL(3, C)$ and we adopt the notations of the book [2] throughout this paper, but elements of Z will be denoted by

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ z_1 & 1 & \\ z_3 & z_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ especially } z_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ z_1 & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and so on. Let W be the Weyl group of G consisted of $s_0 = e$, $s_1, s_2, s_3 = s_2 s_1, s_4 = s_1 s_2$ and $s_5 = s_1 s_2 s_1 = s_2 s_1 s_2$, where

$$s_1 = \begin{bmatrix} & 1 & \\ 1 & & \\ & & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & & \\ & & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let G^0 be the set of all g such that $g_{33} \cdot g^{11} \neq 0$, then $g = kz$ for all $g \in G^0$.

2. Let χ be an integral character of $D: \chi(\delta) = (\delta_2 \delta_3)^{(l_1, m_1)} \delta_3^{(l_2, m_2)}$ ($l_k, m_k > 0$), and \mathcal{E}_χ be the finite dimensional vector space of polynomials φ on Z which are at most of degree $(l_1 - 1, m_1 - 1)$ with respect to $z_1, z_1 z_2 - z_3$ and of degree $(l_2 - 1, m_2 - 1)$ with respect to z_2, z_3 . Then, according to the theorem of Cartan and Weyl, for every finite dimensional irreducible representation of G there exists χ such that given representation E^λ is realized on \mathcal{E}_χ by $E_g^\lambda \varphi(z) = \chi \beta^{-1/2}(k_g) \varphi(z_g)$.

Now let $\chi = (\lambda, \mu)$ be a complex character of $D: \chi(\delta) = (\delta_2 \delta_3)^{(\lambda_1, \mu_1)} \delta_3^{(\lambda_2, \mu_2)}$ (λ_k, μ_k are complex numbers and $\lambda_k - \mu_k$ are integers), then we can construct a representation $\{T^\chi, \mathcal{D}_\chi\}$ as follows. Let \mathcal{D}_χ be the vector space of C^∞ -functions φ on Z , satisfying the condition that for every $s \in W$ $\varphi_s(z) = \chi \beta^{-1/2}(k_s) \varphi(z_s)$ is also a C^∞ -function. The topology of \mathcal{D}_χ is defined by the compact uniform convergence of every derivative for every φ_s ($s \in W$). The operator T_g^χ on \mathcal{D}_χ is defined by $T_g^\chi \varphi(z) = \chi \beta^{-1/2}(k_g) \varphi(z_g)$. This representation is identical with the induced representation $T^\chi = \text{Ind}[\chi | K \rightarrow G]$. If all λ_k, μ_k are positive integers, the representation $\{E^\chi, \mathcal{E}_\chi\}$ is contained in $\{T^\chi, \mathcal{D}_\chi\}$ as a sub-representation.

3. Let $B(\varphi, \psi)$ be a continuous bilinear form on $\mathcal{D}_\chi \times \mathcal{D}_\chi$, such