

59. The Restriction of $A_q(\lambda)$ to Reductive Subgroups

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1. Discrete decomposability with respect to symmetric pairs. Let G be a real reductive linear Lie group and \hat{G} the unitary dual of G . Suppose G' is a reductive subgroup of G . The representation $\pi \in \hat{G}$ is called G' -admissible if the restriction $\pi|_{G'}$ splits into a discrete sum of irreducible representations of G' with finite multiplicity. It may well happen that the restriction $\pi|_{G'}$ contains continuous spectrum (even worse, with infinite multiplicity) which is sometimes difficult to analyse. Thus, the notion of admissibility is emphasized here to single out a very nice pair (π, G') for the study of the restriction $\pi|_{G'}$. Here are famous examples where $\pi \in \hat{G}$ is G' -admissible.

(1.1)(a) If G' is a maximal compact subgroup of G , then any $\pi \in \hat{G}$ is G' -admissible (Harish-Chandra). An explicit decomposition formula is known as a *generalized Blattner formula* if $\pi = A_q(\lambda)$ (attached to elliptic orbits in the sense of orbit method; see [2], [9] Theorem 6.3.12).

(1.1)(b) A restriction formula of a holomorphic discrete series G' is found with respect to some reductive subgroups G' (eg. [7], [4]). Also the restriction of the Segal-Shale-Weil representation π with respect to dual reductive pair with one factor compact is intensively studied (Howe's correspondence).

We remark that G' is compact in the case (1.1)(a), while $\pi \in \hat{G}$ is a highest weight module in (1.1)(b). On the other hand, in some special settings, explicit restriction formulas have been found where $\pi \in \hat{G}$ does not belong to unitary highest weight modules but is G' -admissible for noncompact $G' \subset G$, such as $(G, G') \simeq (SO(4,2), SO(4,1))$ and π is non-holomorphic discrete series ([5] Example 3.4.2), $(G, G') = (SO(4,3), G_2(\mathbf{R}))$ and π is in some family of derived functor modules (Kobayashi-Uzawa, 1989 at Math. Soc. Japan), and a recent work of Howe and Tan [3]. See also an explicit formula of the discrete part of $\pi|_{G'}$ for $(G, G') \simeq (SO(3,2), SO(2,2))$ and π non-holomorphic discrete series in [1] in the non-admissible case. In this section we find a more general but still good framework to study the restriction $\pi|_{G'}$.

Let θ be a Cartan involution of G . Write \mathfrak{g}_0 for the Lie algebra of G , $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_0 \otimes \mathbf{C}$ for its complexification, $K = G^\theta$ for the fixed point group of θ , and $\mathfrak{g}_0 = \mathfrak{k}_0 + \mathfrak{p}_0$ for the corresponding Cartan decomposition. Take a fundamental Cartan subalgebra $\mathfrak{h}_0^c (\subset \mathfrak{g}_0)$. Then $\mathfrak{t}_0^c := \mathfrak{h}_0^c \cap \mathfrak{k}_0$ is a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{k}_0 . A θ -stable parabolic subalgebra $\mathfrak{q} \equiv \mathfrak{q}(\lambda) = \mathfrak{l}(\lambda) + \mathfrak{u}(\lambda) \subset \mathfrak{g}$ and a Levi part $L(\lambda) \subset G$ are given by an elliptic element $\lambda \in \sqrt{-1}(\mathfrak{t}_0^c)^*$ (see [9] Definition 5.2.1). Let $\mathcal{R}_q^j \equiv (\mathcal{R}_q^{\mathfrak{g}_0})^j$ ($j \in \mathbf{N}$) be the Zuckerman's derived functor from the category of metaplectic $(\mathfrak{l}, (L \cap K)^\sim)$ -modules to that of (\mathfrak{g}, K) -modules. In this paper, we follow the normalization in [10] Definition