

### 3. On the Representations of Semi-Simple Lie Groups

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The purpose of this note is to give some remarks on the representations of semi-simple Lie groups. In this note we give only the Definitions and Theorems, since we shall give discussions elsewhere in detail.

Let  $G$  be a connected Lie group, and  $C_c^\infty(G)$  be the algebra composed of indefinitely differentiable complex-valued functions with compact supports.

Let  $U(G)$  be the subalgebra of  $D(G)$  composed of all elements whose supports reduce to the identity, then  $U(G)$  is isomorphic to the universal enveloping algebra  $B^{1)}$  corresponding to  $G$ .

Let  $D_s(G)$  be the center of  $D(G)$  and  $\varepsilon_s (s \in G)$  be the point measure with mass 1 at  $s$ .

Then we can easily show that  $\alpha(\in D(G))$  belongs to  $D_s(G)$  if and only if  $\varepsilon_s \alpha \varepsilon_{s^{-1}} = \alpha$  for all  $s \in G$ . Let  $U_s(G)$  be the center of  $U(G)$ , then  $U_s(G) \subset D_s(G)$ .

Let  $\{\Pi(x), \mathfrak{H}\}$  be a strongly continuous representation of  $G$  on a Banach space  $\mathfrak{H}$  and  $\{\Pi(f), \mathfrak{H}\}$  be the corresponding representation of  $C_c^\infty(G)$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the operator algebra composed of all bounded operators on  $\mathfrak{H}$ . We shall state

**Definition 1.** A representation  $\{\Pi(x), \mathfrak{B}\}$  is  $n$ -fold irreducible, if there exists an element  $\Pi(f)$  such that

$$\|\Pi(f)x_i - Bx_i\| < \varepsilon \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

for arbitrary at most  $n$  elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

**Proposition.** If  $\{\Pi(x), \mathfrak{H}\}$  is 2-fold irreducible, it is quasi-simple.<sup>2)</sup>

In the following, we shall suppose that  $G$  is a connected semi-simple Lie group with a decomposition  $G = K \cdot S (K \cap S = \{e\})$  where  $K$  is a maximal compact subgroup and  $S$  is a quasi-nilpotent subgroup<sup>3)</sup> in the sense of Harish-Chandra.<sup>3)</sup> Since the above condition i.e.  $G = K \cdot S$ , seems to be indispensable at certain essential points in our note, we have decided for the sake of uniformity to assume it throughout. Let  $P$  be the set of all equivalence classes of irreducible representations of  $K$  and  $\chi_d(k)$  be the character of  $d(\in P)$ .

We shall denote the equivalence class of irreducible representation of  $U(K)$  which corresponds to  $d(\in P)$  by the same notation  $d$ .