

## 21. Regularity of Orbits Space on Semisimple Lie Groups

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1. Let  $G$  be a semisimple Lie group, and  $KHN$  be its Iwasawa decomposition,  $M$  be the subgroup  $K \cap \mathfrak{C}(H)$  where  $\mathfrak{C}(H)$  shows the centralizer of  $H$ .

F. Bruhat [1] shows that  $\Gamma = MHN$  is a closed subgroup of  $G$ , and  $G$  is a disjoint sum of finite  $\Gamma$ - $\Gamma$  double cosets which correspond to elements of Weyl group in one-to-one way.

While denote by  $G^t = G \times \cdots \times G$  the direct product of  $G$  with multiplicity  $t$  and by  $\tilde{G}_t = \{(g, \cdots, g) \in G^t\}$  the diagonal subgroup of  $G^t$ , which is isomorphic to  $G$ .

There exists a question whether  $\Gamma^t$  and  $\tilde{G}_t$  are regularly related in  $G^t$  or not, in the sense of Mackey [2]. This problem is related to a problem of decomposability of Kronecker product of induced representations of  $G$  by representations of  $\Gamma$ , with multiplicity  $t$  (cf. [3]).

The purpose of this work is to solve this problem affirmatively.

**Proposition.**  $\Gamma^t$  and  $\tilde{G}_t$  are regularly related in  $G^t$ .

2. Proof of the proposition. At first, we can equate  $\Gamma^t \backslash G^t / \tilde{G}_t$  to  $\Gamma^{t-1} \backslash G^{t-1} / \tilde{\Gamma}_{t-1}$  by the map of representatives of cosets,  $G^t \ni (g_1, g_2, \cdots, g_t) \rightarrow (g_1 g_t^{-1}, g_2 g_t^{-1}, \cdots, g_{t-1} g_t^{-1}) \in G^{t-1}$ .

Using Glimm's results [4], we can conclude that  $\Gamma \backslash G / \Gamma$  is  $T_0$  and the union of all lower dimensional  $\Gamma$ - $\Gamma$  double cosets in  $G$  becomes a null set  $F$  in  $G$ , and  $G' = G - F$  is open as a union of open cosets. Therefore it is sufficient to show the space  $\Gamma^{t-1} \backslash (G')^{t-1} / \tilde{\Gamma}_{t-1}$  is countably separated.

Again by [4], the last space is countably separated if and only if it is  $T_0$ . And for fixed  $l$  and closed subgroups  $A \supset B$  in  $\Gamma^l$ , if  $\Gamma^l \backslash (G')^l / A$  and  $\hat{g} \Gamma^l \hat{g}^{-1} \cap A \backslash A / B$  are  $T_0$  for any  $\hat{g}$  in  $(G')^l$ , then  $\Gamma^l \backslash (G')^l / B$  is  $T_0$ .

In this case, we put  $A = \tilde{\Gamma}_{l-1} \times \Gamma = \{(\gamma, \cdots, \gamma, \gamma') \in \Gamma^l\}$  and  $B = \tilde{\Gamma}_l$ . Then easily we get,  $\Gamma^l \backslash (G')^l / \tilde{\Gamma}_{l-1} \times \Gamma \sim \Gamma^{l-1} \backslash (G')^{l-1} / \tilde{\Gamma}_{l-1} \times \Gamma \backslash G' / \Gamma$  and  $\hat{g} \Gamma^l \hat{g}^{-1} \cap A \backslash A / B \sim \Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g}) \times \Gamma^l(g_l) \backslash \Gamma \times \Gamma / \tilde{\Gamma}_2 \sim \Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g}) \backslash \Gamma / \Gamma^l(g_l)$ , where  $\Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g}) = \Gamma \cap g_1 \Gamma g_1^{-1} \cap g_2 \Gamma g_2^{-1} \cap \cdots \cap g_{l-1} \Gamma g_{l-1}^{-1}$ , and  $\Gamma^l(g_l) = g_l \Gamma g_l^{-1} \cap \Gamma$ , for  $\hat{g} = (g_1, g_2, \cdots, g_l)$  in  $(G')^l$ . Consequently, if we prove  $\Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g}) \backslash \Gamma / \Gamma^l(g_l)$  is  $T_0$ , then by the induction with respect to  $l$ , we get the proof.

Now we shall show that  $\Gamma^l(g)$  is conjugate to  $MH$  in  $\Gamma$  for any

$g$  in  $G'$ . In fact, as shown in [1], for any  $g$  in  $G$ , there exists a  $s(g)$  in  $\Gamma g \Gamma$  such that  $\Gamma^l(s(g)) = MHN_{s(g)}$ , where  $N_{s(g)} = N \cap s(g)Ns(g)^{-1}$ . But calculations of  $\dim \Gamma^l(g) = \dim \Gamma^l(s(g))$  result if  $\dim G = \dim \Gamma g \Gamma = \dim \Gamma s(g) \Gamma$  then  $N_{s(g)} = \{e\}$ , i.e.  $\Gamma^l(s(g)) = MH$ , which is conjugate to  $\Gamma^l(g)$  in  $\Gamma$ .

The space  $\Gamma/\Gamma^l(g) \sim \Gamma/\Gamma^l(s(g)) = \Gamma/MH$  is homeomorphic to  $N$ , therefore to its Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{n}$  too. So  $\Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g}) \backslash \Gamma/\Gamma^l(g) \sim \Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g}) \backslash \Gamma/MH$  is homeomorphic to the orbits space by the operations  $\{\text{ad } \gamma\}$  of adjoint representation restricted on  $\mathfrak{n}$  for  $\gamma$  in  $\Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g})$  which is conjugate to a subgroup  $\Gamma'$  of  $MH$  in  $\Gamma$ . The general theory of Lie algebras gives, that  $\mathfrak{n}$  is generated by roots vectors  $E_\alpha$  of  $\text{ad } h$  such that

$$(\text{ad } h)E_\alpha = e^{\alpha(h)}E_\alpha, \text{ for } h = \exp \mathfrak{h} \text{ in } H.$$

Since any  $m$  in  $M$  commutes with all  $h$  in  $H$ ,  $\{\text{ad } m\}$  is a representation of compact group  $M$  with orthogonal matrices, which makes invariant the subspace  $\mathfrak{n}_\lambda$  spanned by  $E_\alpha$ 's such that  $\alpha$ 's give a same real linear form  $\lambda$  on  $H$ . Let the projection of  $X$  in  $\mathfrak{n}$  to  $\mathfrak{n}_\lambda$  be  $X_\lambda$ , so  $\Omega_j = \{X: X_{\lambda_j} = 0, j \in J\}$  for some set  $J$  of indices is a closed subspace in  $\mathfrak{n}$ . It is enough to prove the proposition, we show that each orbit  $\{(\text{ad } \gamma)X: \gamma \in \Gamma'\}$  is closed in  $\Omega_j - \bigcup_{j_1 \neq j} \Omega_{j_1}$  which contains  $X$ .

For given  $\hat{g} = (g_1, \dots, g_l)$ , we take  $(s(g_j)) (= s_j)$  as above, and let  $g_j = \gamma_j s_j \gamma_j'$ , ( $\gamma_j, \gamma_j' \in \Gamma$ ), and  $\gamma_j = n_j h_j m_j$ ,  $n_j \in N$ ,  $h_j \in H$ ,  $m_j \in M$ . Then it is easy to see  $\Gamma^{l-1}(\hat{g})$  is conjugate to

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma' &= \Gamma \cap \gamma_1 s_1 \Gamma s_1^{-1} \gamma_1^{-1} \cap \dots \cap \gamma_{l-2} s_{l-2} \Gamma s_{l-2}^{-1} \gamma_{l-2}^{-1} \cap s_{l-1} \Gamma s_{l-1}^{-1}, \\ &= \gamma_1 (\Gamma \cap s_1 \Gamma s_1^{-1}) \gamma_1^{-1} \cap \dots \cap \gamma_{l-2} (\Gamma \cap s_{l-2} \Gamma s_{l-2}^{-1}) \gamma_{l-2}^{-1} \\ &\quad \cap (\Gamma \cap s_{l-1} \Gamma s_{l-1}^{-1}) \\ &= \gamma_1 M H \gamma_1^{-1} \cap \dots \cap \gamma_{l-2} M H \gamma_{l-2}^{-1} \cap M H \\ &= n_1 M H n_1^{-1} \cap \dots \cap n_{l-2} M H n_{l-2}^{-1} \cap M H, \end{aligned}$$

in  $\Gamma$ . According to the uniqueness of decomposition  $\Gamma = MHN$ , we get that  $\Gamma'$  is commutator of  $(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{l-2})$  in  $MH$ , that is, the subgroup of  $MH$  consists of  $\gamma = mh$  such that  $(\text{ad } mh)X_j = X_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq l-2$ ) for  $n_j = \exp X_j$ . Let  $X_j = \Sigma(X_j)_\lambda$ ,  $(X_j)_\lambda \in \mathfrak{n}_\lambda$ , then these relations are equivalent to  $(\text{ad } mh)(X_j)_\lambda = e^{\lambda(h)}(\text{ad } m)(X_j)_\lambda = (X_j)_\lambda$ . While  $(\text{ad } m)$  is an orthogonal transformation and  $\lambda(h)$  is real, so  $(\text{ad } m)(X_j)_\lambda = (X_j)_\lambda$ , and  $e^{\lambda(h)}(X_j)_\lambda = (X_j)_\lambda$ . Consequently,  $\Gamma'$  is a direct product of a closed subgroup  $M_0$  in  $M$  and a vector subgroup  $H_0$  in  $H$ .

If a sequence  $\{(\text{ad } m_k h_k)X_1: m_k \in M_0, h_k \in H_0\}$  in a  $\Gamma'$ -orbit which is contained in some  $\Omega_j - \bigcup_{j_1 \neq j} \Omega_{j_1}$ , converges to  $X_0$  in the same space, then each component  $(\text{ad } m_k h_k)(X_1)_{\lambda_j}$  converges to  $(X_0)_{\lambda_j}$ , which are not zero for only  $j \notin J$ . This means their norms  $e^{\lambda_j(h_k)} \|(X_1)_{\lambda_j}\|$  converges to non-zero finite value  $\|(X_0)_{\lambda_j}\|$ , and since  $H_0$  is a vector subgroup of  $H$ , there exist a  $h_0$  in  $H_0$  such that  $\|(\text{ad } h_0)(X_1)_{\lambda_j}\| = \|(X_0)_{\lambda_j}\|$ .

The compactness of  $M_0$  assures the existence of subsequence of  $\{(ad m_k)X_1\}$  which converges to some  $(ad m_0)X_1$ . That is, there is a subsequence converging to  $(ad m_0 h_0)X_1$  in this  $\Gamma'$ -orbit, obviously the limit of which must coincide to  $X_0$ . I.e., each orbit is closed in  $\Omega_J - \bigcup_{J_1 \neq J} \Omega_{J_1}$ . This completes the proof.

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