

1. On Certain Square Integrable Irreducible Unitary Representations of Some \mathfrak{F} -Adic Linear Groups

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O. Introduction. Let P be a \mathfrak{F} -adic number field. Denote by \mathcal{O} , \mathfrak{P} , and \mathcal{O}^* the ring of integers, the maximal ideal of \mathcal{O} and the unit group respectively. Mautner proved that the $PGL(2, P)$ has square integrable irreducible unitary representations induced by certain irreducible representations of some maximal compact subgroup of $PGL(2, P)$.

In this note, we shall consider the subgroup G of $GL(n, P)$ formed by the matrices with determinant in \mathcal{O}^* . Using the theory of induced representations of finite groups, we first construct irreducible unitary representations of $K = GL(n, \mathcal{O})$ parametrized by certain characters of the unit group of the unramified extension of P of degree n , which are monomial if n is odd. Modifying the method of Mautner, we shall show that the representations of G induced by above representations of K are square integrable and irreducible. For simplicity we assume that n is odd. But we can construct similar representation when n is even, though the result becomes somewhat complicated. Modifying Harish-Chandra's character formula for square integrable representations of real semi-simple Lie groups, we can get a character formula for our representations. Similar results can be obtained for $SL(n, P)$.

The author could get copies of J.A. Shalika's lectures in seminar on representations of Lie groups held at Princeton in 1966.* The author's work is independent of Shalika's results. But their method and results overlap each other to a certain extent. Detailed proofs will be published elsewhere.

1. For any integer n we denote by $P^{(n)}$ the unramified extension of P of degree n . Let $\mathcal{O}^{(n)}$ be the ring of integral elements of $P^{(n)}$ and $\mathfrak{P}^{(n)}$ be the maximal ideal of $\mathcal{O}^{(n)}$. Let π be a generator of $\mathfrak{P}^{(n)}$ in $\mathcal{O}^{(n)}$. Then π is a generator of $\mathfrak{P}^{(n)}$ in $\mathcal{O}^{(n)}$. We denote by $\text{Gal}(P_n/P)$ the Galois group of $P^{(n)}$ with respect to P . $\text{Gal}(P_n/P)$ is a cyclic group of order n . Let σ be a generator of this group. Let J be the following matrix in $M(n, \mathcal{O}^{(n)})$:

*) J. A. Shalika: Representations of the two by two unimodular groups over local fields. I, II.

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & & & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We introduce following subgroups of $GL(n, P^{(n)})$:

$$\mathcal{G} = \{g \in GL(n, P^{(n)}); g^\sigma = JgJ^{-1}, \det g \in \mathcal{O}^*\},$$

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{G} \cap M(n, \mathcal{O}^{(n)}),$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & & & & \\ & \sigma\alpha & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & \sigma^{n-1}\alpha \end{pmatrix}; \alpha \in \mathcal{O}^{(n)*} \right\},$$

(Here we denote by $\mathcal{O}^{(n)*}$ the unit group of $\mathcal{O}^{(n)}$.)

$$\mathcal{K}_l = \{k \in \mathcal{K}; k-1 \in \pi^l M(n, \mathcal{O}^{(n)})\},$$

$$\mathcal{I}_l = \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{K}_l \quad (l=1, 2, \dots).$$

For any $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n \in P^{(n)}$ we denote by $\mathfrak{M}(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$ the following matrix in $M(n, P^{(n)})$:

$$\mathfrak{M}(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & z_n \\ \sigma z_n & \sigma z_1 & & \sigma z_2 & & & \\ & \sigma^2 z_n & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \\ & & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \sigma^{n-2} z_2 \\ \sigma^{n-1} z_2 & & & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \sigma^{n-1} z_n \\ & & & & \sigma^{n-1} z_n & & \sigma^{n-1} z_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We have

$$\mathcal{K}_l = \{\mathfrak{M}(1 + \pi^l z_1, \pi^l z_2, \dots, \pi^l z_n); z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n \in \mathcal{O}^{(n)}\}.$$

It is easily seen that \mathcal{G} (resp. \mathcal{K}) is isomorphic to G (resp. K). In the following we assume for simplicity that n is odd ($n=3, 5, 7, \dots$).

We define the subgroup \mathcal{H}_l of \mathcal{K}_l as follows:

$$\mathcal{H}_l = \{\mathfrak{M}(1 + \pi^l z_1, \pi^l z_2, \dots, \pi^l z_{\frac{n+1}{2}}, \pi^{l+1} z_{\frac{n+1}{2}+1}, \dots, \pi^{l+1} z_n); z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathcal{O}^{(n)}\}.$$

We put $\mathcal{I}_l = \mathcal{A} \mathcal{H}_l$. Then \mathcal{I}_l is a subgroup of \mathcal{I}_l . \mathcal{A} is a compact abelian group isomorphic with the unit group of $\mathcal{O}^{(n)}$. Let ξ be a non trivial character of \mathcal{A} . There exists a natural number $f=f(\xi)$ such that ξ is identically equal to 1 on $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{K}_f$ but not identically equal to 1 on $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{K}_{f-1}$. We call f conductor of ξ . $\text{Gal}(P^{(n)}/P)$ operates naturally on the character group of \mathcal{A} as follows:

$$\xi^\tau(a) = \xi(\tau a) \quad (\tau \in \text{Gal}(P^{(n)}/P)).$$

We call ξ regular if $f(\xi(\xi^\tau)^{-1}) = f(\xi)$ for any $1 \neq \tau \in \text{Gal}(P^{(n)}/P)$.

Lemma 1. *When $f=f(\xi)$ is even, we define a function μ_ξ on $\mathcal{I}_{\frac{f}{2}}$ as follows (we put $l = \frac{f}{2}$):*

$$\mu_\xi(a \mathfrak{M}(1 + \pi^l z_1, \pi^l z_2, \dots, \pi^l z_n)) = \xi(a) \xi(1 + \pi^l z_1)$$

$$(a \in \mathcal{A}, z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathcal{O}^{(n)}).$$

Then μ_ξ is a 1-dimensional character of \mathcal{G}_f .

Lemma 2. *When $f=f(\xi)$ is odd and $f \geq 3$, we define a function ν_ξ on $\mathcal{G}_{\frac{f-1}{2}}$ as follows (we put $l=\frac{f-1}{2}$):*

$$\begin{aligned} & \nu_\xi(a\mathfrak{M}(1+\pi^l z_1, \pi^l z_2, \dots, \pi^l z_{\frac{n+1}{2}}, \pi^{l+1} z_{\frac{n+1}{2}+1}, \dots, \pi^{l+1} z_n)) \\ & = \xi(a)\xi(1+\pi^l z_1) \quad (a \in \mathcal{A}, z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathcal{O}^{(n)}). \end{aligned}$$

Then ν_ξ is a 1-dimensional character of $\mathcal{G}_{\frac{f-1}{2}}$.

Let ξ be a regular character of \mathcal{A} . We assume $f=f(\xi) \geq 2$. We define a representation U_ξ of \mathcal{K} as follows:

$$U_\xi = \text{Ind}_{\mathcal{G}_f \uparrow \mathcal{K}} \mu_\xi \quad \text{when } f \text{ is even,}$$

$$U_\xi = \text{Ind}_{\mathcal{G}_{\frac{f-1}{2}} \uparrow \mathcal{K}} \nu_\xi \quad \text{when } f \text{ is odd.}$$

Theorem 1. *U_ξ is an irreducible unitary representation of \mathcal{K} . The dimension of the representation space is*

$$q^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}(f-1)} (q-1)(q^2-1) \cdots (q^{n-1}-1).^*)$$

U_ξ and $U_{\xi'}$ are mutually equivalent if and only if there exists $\tau \in \text{Gal}(P_n/P)$ such that $\xi' = \xi^\tau$.

Theorem 2. *Let T_ξ be the representation of \mathcal{G} induced by the representation U_ξ of \mathcal{K} . Then T_ξ is a square integrable irreducible unitary representation of \mathcal{G} . T_ξ and $T_{\xi'}$ are mutually equivalent if and only if U_ξ and $U_{\xi'}$ are mutually equivalent.*

Let dg be the Haar measure on \mathcal{G} such that $\int_{\mathcal{K}} dg = 1$.

Theorem 3. *The formal degree of T_ξ is*

$$q^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}(f-1)} (q-1)(q^2-1) \cdots (q^{n-1}-1).$$

The character of T_ξ is given as follows:

$$\text{Trace } T_\xi(\varphi) = \int_{\mathcal{G}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{K}} \varphi(gkg^{-1}) \text{Trace } U_\xi(k) dk \right) dg$$

for any Schwartz-Bruhat function φ on \mathcal{G} .

The above character formula is an analogue of Frobenius' formula for induced characters.

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*) We denote by q the order of \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{P} .