

60. Exponentials of Certain Completions of the Unitary Form of a Kac-Moody Algebra

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Let \mathfrak{g}_R be a real Kac-Moody algebra corresponding to a symmetrizable generalized Cartan matrix (=GCM) A , and \mathfrak{h}_R be the Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{g}_R . Then, $\mathfrak{g} = \mathbb{C} \otimes_R \mathfrak{g}_R$ is the complex Kac-Moody algebra with the same GCM A , and $\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{C} \otimes_R \mathfrak{h}_R$ is the Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} . Let \mathfrak{k} be the unitary form of \mathfrak{g} given in [2]. In [3], we considered two kinds of representations (π, V) of \mathfrak{g} , the adjoint representation $(\text{ad}, \mathfrak{g})$ and irreducible representations $(\pi_\lambda, L(\lambda))$ with dominant integral highest weights $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}_R^*$, and defined the spaces $H_m(\pi)$ of vectors of class C^m , $m=0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty, \omega$. Then we showed that the action of the "analytic completion" \mathfrak{k}_ω of \mathfrak{k} can be exponentiated and that the exponentials $\exp \pi(x)$, $x \in \mathfrak{k}_\omega$, leave each space of C^m -vectors invariant.

In this paper, we extend this result so that the action of \mathfrak{k}_2 on the space of C^1 -vectors is exponentiated and that for each $m=0, 1, 2, \dots$, the space of C^m -vectors is invariant under the exponentials of elements in \mathfrak{k}_{m+2} . (\mathfrak{k}_2 and \mathfrak{k}_{m+2} will be defined in § 1)

§ 1. Spaces of C^m -vectors. The notations are the same as in [2]. Since the standard contravariant Hermitian form $(\cdot | \cdot)_0$ on \mathfrak{g} is not positive definite on \mathfrak{h} in general, we take another Hermitian form $(\cdot | \cdot)_1$ positive definite on the whole space \mathfrak{g} as follows. Take a basis $\{h_i\}_i$ of \mathfrak{h}_R such that $(h_i | h_j)_0 = \delta_{ij}$ or $-\delta_{ij}$ for any i, j . Let $(\cdot | \cdot)_1$ be the inner product on \mathfrak{h} with respect to which $\{h_i\}_i$ is an orthonormal basis, and extend it to \mathfrak{g} by

$$(x | y)_1 = (x_0 | y_0)_1 + \sum (x_\alpha | y_\alpha)_0$$

$$\text{for } x = x_0 + \sum x_\alpha, y = y_0 + \sum y_\alpha \in \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h} + \sum \mathfrak{g}^\alpha,$$

where all summations run over the root system Δ .

Let T be the bijective linear operator on \mathfrak{g} such that $(x | y)_0 = (x | Ty)_1$ for any $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}$. Then, as is easily verified, T is unitary and self-adjoint with respect to $(\cdot | \cdot)_1$, and so involutive.

Let $P(\pi)$ be the set of weights of (π, V) and put $\underline{V} = \prod_{\mu \in P(\pi)} V_\mu$, the direct product of V_μ 's, where V_μ is the weight space of weight μ . Then, \mathfrak{g} acts on \underline{V} by

$$\pi(x)v = (\sum_{\alpha+v=\mu} \pi(x_\alpha)v_\alpha)_\mu$$

for $x = x_0 + \sum x_\alpha \in \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h} + \sum \mathfrak{g}^\alpha$, $v = (v_\mu)_\mu \in \underline{V}$.

Let $(\cdot | \cdot)_\pi$ be the standard inner product on V : $(\cdot | \cdot)_\pi = (\cdot | \cdot)_1$ for $\pi = \text{ad}$ and $(\cdot | \cdot)_\pi = (\cdot | \cdot)_\lambda$ in [2] for $\pi = \pi_\lambda$. Further let $H(\pi)$ be the completion of the pre-Hilbert space $(V, (\cdot | \cdot)_\pi)$. Then $H(\pi)$ is regarded as a subspace of \underline{V} by

$$H(\pi) = \{(v_\mu)_\mu \in \underline{V} \mid \sum_\mu (v_\mu \mid v_\mu)_\pi < +\infty\}.$$

In [3], we defined subspaces $H_m(\pi)$, the spaces of C^m -vectors, of $H(\pi)$ by $H_0(\pi) = H(\pi)$, and

$$H_m(\pi) = \{v \in H_{m-1}(\pi) \mid \pi(x)v \in H_{m-1}(\pi) \text{ for any } x \in \mathfrak{g}\}.$$

Then, each $H_m(\pi)$ is characterized by one arbitrarily fixed strictly dominant element in \mathfrak{h}_R as follows.

Proposition 1 [3, Theorem 3.2]. *Let $h_0 \in \mathfrak{h}_R$ be a strictly dominant element, viz, an element such that $\alpha(h_0) > 0$ for any positive root α . Then, it holds that for any $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$,*

$$H_m(\pi) = \{v \in \underline{V} \mid \pi(h_0)^m v \in H(\pi)\}.$$

Thanks to this characterization, we can define for each $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, an inner product $(\cdot \mid \cdot)_{\pi, m}$ on $H_m(\pi)$ which provides $H_m(\pi)$ with a Hilbert space structure, and a continuous imbedding $H_m(\pi) \hookrightarrow H_{m-1}(\pi)$. The action of \mathfrak{g} on V is extended, by continuity, to a bilinear map $H_m(\text{ad}) \times H_m(\pi) \ni (x, v) \mapsto \pi(x)v \in H_{m-1}(\pi)$. We write $[x, y]$, $x, y \in H_m(\pi)$, for $(\text{ad } x)y$.

Let $\mathfrak{g}_m = H_m(\text{ad})$ and \mathfrak{k}_m be the closure of the unitary form \mathfrak{k} in \mathfrak{g}_m .

§ 2. Negative spaces. To show the exponentiability of the actions of the completions of \mathfrak{k} , we need to introduce *negative spaces* $H_{-m}(\pi)$ as the duals of the spaces $H_m(\pi)$ of C^m -vectors.

Let $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and $v \in H(\pi)$. Since the inclusion $H_m(\pi) \hookrightarrow H(\pi)$ is continuous, a continuous linear form F_v on $H_m(\pi)$ is defined by $F_v(u) = (u \mid v)_\pi$ for $u \in H_m(\pi)$. Let $\|v\|_{\pi, -m}$ be the norm of the linear form F_v , and $H_{-m}(\pi)$ the completion of $H(\pi)$ with respect to this norm.

We may regard canonically all the spaces $H_{-m}(\pi)$ as subspaces of \underline{V} and we have a chain of Hilbert spaces spreading into two sides:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{V} \supset \dots \supset H_{-m-1}(\pi) \supset H_{-m}(\pi) \supset \dots \supset H_{-1}(\pi) \supset H_0(\pi) \supset H_1(\pi) \supset \\ \supset \dots \supset H_m(\pi) \supset H_{m+1}(\pi) \supset \dots \supset V. \end{aligned}$$

By definition of $H_{-m}(\pi)$, $(\cdot \mid \cdot)_\pi$ gives a non-degenerate sesquilinear pairing on $H_m(\pi) \times H_{-m}(\pi)$. Through this pairing, the action of \mathfrak{g}_{m+1} on $H_{m+1}(\pi)$ is translated on $H_{-m}(\pi)$ as $(u \mid \pi(x)v)_\pi = ((T_\pi \circ \pi(x^*) \circ T_\pi)u \mid v)_\pi$, for $x \in \mathfrak{g}_{m+1}$, $u \in H_{m+1}(\pi)$ and $v \in H_{-m}(\pi)$, where $T_\pi = T$ for $\pi = \text{ad}$ and $T_\pi = \text{identity}$ for $\pi = \pi_A$.

§ 3. Exponentials of $x \in \mathfrak{k}_m$. Here, we recall the following criterion in [4, Chapter IX] for the exponentiability of a closed operator on a Banach space.

Proposition 2 [4]. *Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space and B a closed operator on X with the dense domain $D \subset X$. Assume that B satisfies the following conditions: for sufficiently small $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}$, i) $1 - \varepsilon B$ is surjective, and ii) there exists a positive constant c independent of ε such that for any $v \in D$,*

$$\|(1 - \varepsilon B)v\| \geq (1 - c|\varepsilon|) \|v\|.$$

Then, there exists a unique strongly continuous 1-parameter group S_t , $t \in \mathbf{R}$, of bounded operators on X whose infinitesimal generator is equal to B . The operator norm is evaluated as $\|S_t\| \leq e^{c|t|}$.

Now, we show that this criterion can be applied to the closure of $\pi(x)$,

$x \in \mathfrak{k}_{m+2}$, considered as an operator on $H_m(\pi)$ with the dense domain $H_{m+1}(\pi)$.

Put $|v|_{\pi,m} = \sum_{j=0}^m \|\pi(h_0)^j v\|_{\pi}$ for $v \in H_m(\pi)$. Then, the norm $|\cdot|_{\pi,m}$ is equivalent to the original one on $H_m(\pi)$, and $(H_m(\pi), |\cdot|_{\pi,m})$ is a Banach space. For this new norm, we have an important evaluation for the actions of elements in \mathfrak{k}_{m+1} on $H_{m+1}(\pi)$ which fits the condition ii) in Proposition 2.

Proposition 3. *Let $x \in \mathfrak{k}_{m+1}$. Then, there exists a positive constant C dependent only on m and π such that for any $v \in H_{m+1}(\pi)$,*

$$\|(1 - \pi(x))v\|_{\pi,m} \geq (1 - C\|x\|_{\text{ad},m+1})|v|_{\pi,m}.$$

To examine the condition i) in Proposition 2, we need the following estimate for \mathfrak{k}_{m+2} -action on the negative space $H_{-m}(\pi)$.

Proposition 4. *Let $x \in \mathfrak{k}_{m+2}$. Then, there exist positive constants c and c' both dependent only on m and π such that for any $v \in H_{-m}(\pi)$,*

$$\|(1 + \pi(x))v\|_{\pi,-m-1} \geq c(1 - c'\|x\|_{\text{ad},m+2})\|v\|_{\pi,-m-1}.$$

Now let $x \in \mathfrak{k}_{m+2}$. By definition of the action of x on $H_{-m}(\pi)$, for any $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}$, $(1 - \varepsilon\pi(x))H_{m+1}(\pi)$ is dense in $H_m(\pi)$ if and only if $1 + \varepsilon\pi(x) : H_{-m}(\pi) \rightarrow H_{-m-1}(\pi)$ is injective. Hence, by Proposition 4, if ε is sufficiently small, then $(1 - \varepsilon\pi(x))H_{m+1}(\pi)$ is dense in $H_m(\pi)$. Let B be the closure of the operator $\pi(x)$ on $H_m(\pi)$ with the domain $H_{m+1}(\pi)$. By Proposition 3, the range of $1 - \varepsilon B$ is equal to the closure of that of $1 - \varepsilon\pi(x)$. And so $1 - \varepsilon B$ is surjective, that is, B satisfies the condition i) in Proposition 2.

On the other hand, we see again from Proposition 3 that B satisfies also the condition ii), and we have

Theorem 5. *Let $m=0, 1, 2, \dots$, and $x \in \mathfrak{k}_{m+2}$. Then, there exists a unique strongly continuous 1-parameter group $e^{t\pi(x)} = \exp t\pi(x)$, $t \in \mathbf{R}$, of bounded operators on $H_m(\pi)$ whose infinitesimal generator is equal to the closure of the operator $\pi(x)$ on $H_m(\pi)$ with domain $H_{m+1}(\pi)$. Moreover, the operator norm $|e^{\pi(x)}|_{\text{op},\pi,m}$ with respect to $|\cdot|_{\pi,m}$ is evaluated as*

$$|e^{\pi(x)}|_{\text{op},\pi,m} \leq \exp(C\|x\|_{\text{ad},m+1}),$$

where C is the same constant as in Proposition 3.

Naturally, if $x \in \mathfrak{k}_{m+2}$, the exponential $e^{\pi(x)}$ defined on $H(\pi) = H_0(\pi)$ coincides, by restriction, with $e^{\pi(x)}$ defined on $H_m(\pi)$.

§ 4. Properties of the exponential map. Here, we list up some properties of the map \exp . First, we have the following continuity of \exp .

Theorem 6. *Let $m=0, 1, 2, \dots$, $x \in \mathfrak{k}_{m+2}$, $y \in \mathfrak{k}_{m+3}$, and $v \in H_{m+1}(\pi)$. Then, there holds for the constant C in Proposition 3*

$$|e^{\pi(x)}e^{\pi(y)}v - v|_{\pi,m} \leq Ce^{C(\|x\|_{\text{ad},m+1} + 2\|y\|_{\text{ad},m+2})}\|x + y\|_{\text{ad},m+1}|v|_{\pi,m+1}.$$

In particular, the exponential map $\mathfrak{k}_{m+3} \ni z \mapsto e^{\pi(z)} \in \mathbf{B}(H_m(\pi))$, the space of all the bounded operators on $H_m(\pi)$, is strongly continuous with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_{\text{ad},m+1}$ uniformly on any subset of \mathfrak{k}_{m+3} which is bounded with respect to $\|\cdot\|_{\text{ad},m+2}$.

Remark. It is shown in Theorem 5 that the exponentials $\exp \pi(x)$, $x \in \mathfrak{k}_{m+3}$, are contained in $\mathbf{B}(H_{m+1}(\pi))$. But, to imply the continuity of \exp , we have to consider a weaker topology, the relative one from the strong operator topology on $\mathbf{B}(H_m(\pi))$, as is stated in Theorem 6.

By this continuity, the commutation relations of exponentials proved in [3] for the exponentials of the analytic completion \mathfrak{k}_ω of \mathfrak{k} is generalized as follows.

Theorem 7. *Let $x \in \mathfrak{k}_4$, $y \in \mathfrak{g}_1$, and $z \in \mathfrak{k}_2$. Then, we have*

- i) $e^{\pi(x)}\pi(y)e^{-\pi(x)} = \pi(e^{\text{ad } x}y)$ on $H_1(\pi)$,
 ii) $e^{\pi(x)}e^{\pi(z)}e^{-\pi(x)} = \exp \pi(e^{\text{ad } x}z)$ on $H(\pi)$.

§ 5. Groups associated with \mathfrak{k}_m . Finally let K_m^π be the group of operators generated by $\exp \pi(\mathfrak{k}_m)$. Thanks to Theorem 7, we have the adjoint action of K_m^π through K_m^{ad} as follows. For simplicity, we assume here that for any connected component S of the Dynkin diagram of the GCM A , there exists $i \in S$ such that $(A|\alpha_i)$ is not zero for the i th simple root α_i . Then,

Theorem 8. *Let $m=4, 5, 6, \dots$, and $\pi = \pi_A$. Under the above assumption for A , there exists a unique group homomorphism $\text{Ad} = \text{Ad}_\pi$ of K_m^π onto K_m^{ad} such that*

$$\text{Ad}(e^{\pi(x)}) = e^{\text{ad } x} \quad \text{for each } x \in \mathfrak{k}_m.$$

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