

Definition Let G be a Lie group, then $C^0(G, \mathbb{K})$ denotes the space of all continuous maps $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ such that the support of f , $\text{supp } f$, is compact. $C^0(G, \mathbb{K})$ is linear over $\mathbb{K}$ and is both a normed space relative to the sup norm and an inner product space as defined below.

Thus for $f, g \in C^0(G, \mathbb{K})$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$
 $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$, $(\lambda f)(x) = \lambda f(x)$, $\forall x \in G$
 $\|f\| = \sup_{x \in G} |f(x)|$, $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_G f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx$.

$(C^0(G, \mathbb{K}), +, \cdot, \|\cdot\|)$ is a Banach space.

The completion of $C^0(G, \mathbb{K})$ relative to the inner product is a Hilbert space which we denote by $L^2(G)$.

Proposition Let G be a compact Lie group and V a finite-dimensional representation space of G . Let $\{e_i\}$ denote an orthonormal basis of V relative to a G -invariant inner product on V . Let $r_{ij}: G \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ denote the components of the corresponding matrix representation defined by

$$g \cdot e_i = \sum_j r_{ji}(g) e_j \quad \forall g \in G$$

Let $\Lambda = \Lambda_g$ be the mapping from $V^* \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} V$ into $C^0(G, \mathbb{K})$ defined by

$$\Lambda(\alpha \otimes v)(g) = \alpha(g \cdot v) \quad \forall \alpha \in V^*, v \in V, g \in G$$

Then

(1) The image of λ , which we denote by $S(V)$ is spanned by the maps $\{r_{ij}\}$ and consequently is finite dimensional.

(2) If V is irreducible, W is irreducible, $V \neq W$ and $S(W)$ is defined analogously to $S(V)$ then $S(V) \perp S(W)$ as subspaces of $C^0(G, K)$.

(3) If $R_g: C^0(G, K) \rightarrow C^0(G, K)$ and $L: C^0(G, K) \rightarrow C^0(G, K)$ are defined by

$$(R_g f)(x) = f(xg) \quad (L_g f)(x) = f(g^{-1}x)$$

for $g, x \in G$, $f \in C^0(G, K)$ then $S(V)$ is both a R and L submodule of the G -module $C^0(G, K)$.

Proof

(1) Clearly λ is linear over K since the group action is linear. Thus we see that $S(V)$ is spanned by $\{\lambda(e_j^* \otimes e_i)\}$ indeed for $\alpha \in V^*$, $v \in V$

$$\lambda(\alpha \otimes v)(g) = \alpha(gv) = \sum_j (\alpha^j e_j^*) (g \sum_i v^i e_i)$$

$$= \sum_j \sum_i \alpha^j v^i e_j^*(g e_i)$$

$$= \sum_j \sum_i \alpha^j v^i e_j^* \left(\sum_k r_{ki}(g) e_k \right)$$

$$= \sum_j \sum_i \alpha^j v^i r_{ji}(g) \quad \forall g \in G$$

Thus

$$\lambda(\alpha \otimes v) = \sum_j \sum_i \alpha^j v^i r_{ji} \in \langle r_{ji} \rangle$$

(1) follows.

(2) By (1) $S(V)$ is spanned by $\{r_{ij}^V\} \subseteq C^0(G, K)$ and $S(W)$ is spanned by $\{r_{kl}^W\} \subseteq C^0(G, K)$.

But

$$\int_G r_{ij}^V(g) \overline{r_{kl}^W(g)} dg = 0$$

and so

$$\langle r_{ij}^V, r_{kl}^W \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all } i, j, k, l.$$

Thus $S(V) \perp S(W)$.

$$(3) \quad R_g(\lambda(\alpha \otimes v))(x) = \lambda(\alpha \otimes v)(xg)$$

$$= \alpha(xgv)$$

$$= \lambda(\alpha \otimes (gv))(x) \quad \forall \alpha \in V^*, v \in V, g, x \in G$$

$$\therefore R_g(\lambda(\alpha \otimes v)) = \lambda(\alpha \otimes (gv)), \text{ i.e.}$$

R_g acts on $\lambda(\alpha \otimes v)$ by acting on v . Now

$$L_g(\lambda(\alpha \otimes v))(x) = \lambda(\alpha \otimes v)(g^{-1}x)$$

$$= \alpha(g^{-1}xv)$$

$$= (g \cdot \alpha)(xv)$$

$$= \lambda((g \cdot \alpha) \otimes v)(x), \quad \forall \alpha \in V^*, v \in V, g, x \in G$$

So $L_g(\lambda(\alpha \otimes v)) = \lambda((g \cdot \alpha) \otimes v)$ acts by acting on α . The result follows easily.

Definition Let $R : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(C^0(G, K))$ denote the R -representation defined above by

$$(R_g f)(x) = f(xg)$$

$$\forall f \in C^0(G, K), g, x \in G.$$

A function $f_0 \in C^0(G, K)$ is called a representative function for G if

$$G \cdot f_0 = \{ R_g f_0 \mid g \in G \}$$

is finite-dimensional. Notice that $G \cdot f_0$ is the smallest G -subspace of $C^0(G, K)$.

Theorem If $f_0 \in C^0(G, K)$ is a representative function for G then

$$G_{\mathbb{K}} f_0 = \{ L_g f_0 \mid g \in G \}$$

is finite-dimensional. Moreover, the set of all representative functions is a K -subalgebra of $C^0(G, K)$ which is closed under conjugation. We denote this subalgebra by $I(G, K)$.

Proof Let $f_0 \in C^0(G, K)$ denote a representative function and let $V = G_{\mathbb{K}} f_0$. Let $\{e_i\}$ denote a basis of V and $\{e_i^*\}$ the basis of V^* dual to $\{e_i\}$. Since $R_g f_0 \in V$,

$$R_g f_0 = \sum_j a_j(g) e_j \quad \text{for } a_j(g) \in K.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \Delta(e_j^* \otimes f_0)(g) &= e_j^*(R_g f) \\ &= e_j^*\left(\sum_i a_i(g) e_i\right) \\ &= a_j(g) \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(g) &= f_0(1 \cdot g) = (R_g f)(1) = \sum_j a_j(g) e_j(1) \\ \text{and} \quad f_0(g) &= \sum_j e_j(1) \Delta(e_j^* \otimes f_0)(g) \quad \forall g \in G \\ \therefore f_0 &= \sum_j e_j(1) \Delta(e_j^* \otimes f_0) \in S(V) \end{aligned}$$

Now $S(V)$ is finite dimensional & is an K -subspace of $C^0(G, K)$. Since

$G \cdot_L f_0 \subseteq S(V)$, $G \cdot f_0$ is finite dimensional.

We now show that the set $J(G, K)$ of representative functions is a K -subalgebra of $C^0(G, K)$.

Let $\varphi, \psi \in J(G, K)$. Then

$\varphi \in S(V)$, $\psi \in S(W)$ where $V = G \cdot_R \varphi$, $W = G \cdot_R \psi$.

Now $\varphi + \psi \in S(V) + S(W)$ which is a finite dimensional G -submodule of $C^0(G, K)$, thus

$G \cdot_R (\varphi + \psi)$ is finite dimensional and $\varphi + \psi \in J(G, K)$.

Also if $\lambda \in K$ then $\lambda \varphi \in S(V)$ and $G \cdot_R (\lambda \varphi)$ is finite dimensional, thus $\lambda \varphi \in J(G, K)$. Now for $g \in G$, $x \in G$

$$\begin{aligned} R_g(\varphi\psi)(x) &= (\varphi\psi)(xg) = \varphi(xg)\psi(xg) \\ &= (R_g\varphi)(x)(R_g\psi)(x) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$R_g(\varphi\psi) = (R_g\varphi)(R_g\psi) \in S(V) \cdot S(W)$$

But $R_g\varphi \in S(V) \Rightarrow R_g\varphi$ is a linear combination of $\{r_{ij}^V\}$ where r_{ij}^V are the components of the matrix

representation induced by the R -action on V and the choice of a basis of V . Similarly

$R_g\psi \in S(W) \Rightarrow R_g\psi$ is a linear combination of $\{r_{kl}^W\}$. So

$$R_g(\varphi\psi) = \sum_{i,j,k,l} x_{ij} \mu_{kl}^g r_{ij}^V r_{kl}^W$$

and $R_g(\varphi\psi)$ is in the finite dimensional subspace spanned by $\{r_{ij}^V r_{kl}^W\} \quad \forall g \in G$.

Thus

$G \cdot_R (\varphi\psi)$ is finite dimensional

and $\varphi\psi \in J(G, K)$. It follows that $J(G, K)$ is a subalgebra of $C^0(G, K)$.

To see that $I(G, K)$ is closed under conjugation, let $\varphi \in I(G, K)$, we show $\bar{\varphi} \in I(G, K)$.

Since $\varphi \in I(G, K)$,

$$V = \{ R_g \varphi \mid g \in G \}$$

is finite dimensional. Let $\{e_i\} \subset C^0(G, K)$ be a basis of V . Then $R_g \varphi = \sum_i a_i(g) e_i$

But

$$(R_g \bar{\varphi})(x) = \bar{\varphi}(xg) = \overline{\varphi(xg)} = \sum_i \overline{a_i(g)} \overline{e_i(x)}$$

Now $\{\bar{e}_i\}$ are linearly indept in $C^0(G, K)$ and we see that $R_g \bar{\varphi} = \sum_i \overline{a_i(g)} \bar{e}_i$ thus

$$\{R_g \bar{\varphi} \mid g \in G\}$$

is contained in the span of $\{\bar{e}_i\}$ and so is finite dimensional. Thus $\bar{\varphi} \in I(G, K)$.

Corollary If $f \in I(G, K)$ then $f \in S(V)$ for some finite dimensional R -submodule of $C^0(G, K)$.

Proof $G_R f \subseteq S(V)$ where $V = G_R f$.

Let $\{V_\alpha\}$ denote all the elements of $\text{Irr}(G, K)$ which are irreducible R -submodules of $C^0(G, K)$.

For $\alpha \neq \beta$, $V_\alpha \not\cong V_\beta$ and $S(V_\alpha) \perp S(V_\beta)$

Observe that $f \in I(G, K)$ implies that $f \in S(V)$ for some finite dimensional R -submodule V of $C^0(G, K)$. Now

$$V = \bigoplus_i m_i V_{\alpha_i}$$

$$\text{So } V = \bigoplus_i m_i V_{\alpha_i} \subseteq \bigoplus_i m_i S(V_{\alpha_i})$$

Corollary $J(G, K) \subseteq \bigoplus_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} S(V_{\alpha})$
 $S(V_{\alpha}) \perp S(V_{\beta})$

Proposition If U is an irreducible R -submodule of $C^0(G, K)$, then $S(U)$ is the direct sum of the distinct R -submodules $\Lambda_U(e_k^* \otimes_K U)$ where $\{e_k\}$ is a basis of U and $\{e_k^*\}$ is the basis of U^* dual to $\{e_k\}$. Moreover $\Lambda_U(e_k^* \otimes_K U)$ is G -isomorphic to U for each k . Thus $S(U)$ is the U isotypical part of $J(G, K)$.

Proof Let $\{e_k\}$ be a basis of U & $\{e_k^*\}$ the dual basis.

$$U^* \otimes_K U = \sum_k (e_k^* \otimes_K U) \quad (\text{sum not nec. direct})$$

Now

$$\Lambda_U(U^* \otimes_K U) = \sum_k \Lambda_U(e_k^* \otimes U)$$

$$\Lambda_U(e_k^* \otimes U) = \{ \Lambda_U(e_k^* \otimes u) \mid u \in U \}$$

$$\Lambda_U(e_k^* \otimes u)(g) = e_k^*(gu) \quad \forall g \in G,$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_g(\Lambda_U(e_k^* \otimes u))(x) &= \Lambda_U(e_k^* \otimes u)(xg) \\ &= e_k^*(xgu) \\ &= \Lambda_U(e_k^* \otimes gu)(x) \quad \forall x \in G \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } R_g(\Lambda_U(e_k^* \otimes u)) = \Lambda_U(e_k^* \otimes gu) \quad \forall g \in G$$

Thus $\Lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes u)$ is a morphism as a function of u , i.e.

$$u \longrightarrow \Lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes u)$$

is a morphism from U onto $\Lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes U)$

The action R acts on $\Lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes u)$ on the u -term.

We claim that this map is injective.

If $\Lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes u) = 0$ then $e_R^*(gu) = 0$

$\forall g \in G$. But $G \cdot u$ is a submodule of U and so must either be 0 or all of U .

Since $e_R^*(e_R) = 1$, e_R^* is not zero on all of U so $gu = 0 \forall g \in G$. Thus $u = 0$

and the mapping $u \longrightarrow \Lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes u)$ is an isomorphism of modules. Thus $\Lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes U)$

is irreducible $\forall R$. So for $R \neq I$ either

$\Lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes U) \cap \Lambda_U(e_I^* \otimes U) = 0$ or else

$\Lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes U) = \Lambda_U(e_I^* \otimes U)$. Thus

$$\Lambda_U(U^* \otimes_R U) = \bigoplus_R \Lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes U)$$

But recall that $S(U)$ is the image of Λ_U so

$$S(U) = \bigoplus_R \Lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes U)$$

Corollary If f is a representative function of G then there exist irreducible submodules E_i of $C^0(G, \mathbb{K})$ and $e_i \in E_i$ such that for some $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{K}$

$$f = \sum_i \lambda_i f_i(g e_i)$$

for some $f_i \in E_i^*$.

Thus $\lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes u)$ is a morphism as a function of u , i.e.

$$u \longrightarrow \lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes u)$$

is a morphism from U onto $\lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes U)$.

The action R acts on $\lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes u)$ on the u -term.

We claim that this map is injective.

if $\lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes u) = 0$ then $e_R^*(gu) = 0$

$\forall g \in G$. But $G \cdot u$ is a submodule of U and so must either be 0 or all of U .

Since $e_R^*(e_R) = 1$, e_R^* is not zero on all of U so $gu = 0 \forall g \in G$. Thus $u = 0$

and the mapping $u \longrightarrow \lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes u)$ is an isomorphism of modules. Thus $\lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes U)$

is irreducible $\forall R$. So for $R \neq l$ either

$\lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes U) \cap \lambda_U(e_l^* \otimes U) = 0$ or else

$\lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes U) = \lambda_U(e_l^* \otimes U)$. Thus

$$\lambda_U(U^* \otimes_R U) = \bigoplus_R \lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes U)$$

But recall that $S(U)$ is the image of λ_U so

$$S(U) = \bigoplus_R \lambda_U(e_R^* \otimes U)$$

Corollary if f is a representative function of G then there exist irreducible submodules E_i of $C^0(G, K)$ and $\hat{e}_i \in E_i$ such that

$$f = \sum_i f_i(g \hat{e}_i)$$

for some $f_i \in E_i^*$.

Proof It follows from the Theorem that if f is a representative function of G then there exists irreducible submodules E_i such that $f \in \sum_i S(E_i)$, thus $f = \sum_i h_i$ where $h_i \in S(E_i)$. Now $S(E_i) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \lambda_{E_i}^{\mathbf{k}} (e_{i\mathbf{k}}^* \otimes E_i)$ where $\{e_{i\mathbf{k}}\}$ is a basis of E_i .
 Now $S(E_i) = \lambda_{E_i} (\langle e_{i\mathbf{k}}^* \rangle \otimes E_i)$
 so

$$h_i = \lambda_{E_i} (f_i \otimes \hat{e}_i)$$

where $f_i \in \langle e_{i\mathbf{k}}^* \rangle \subseteq \text{Hom}(E_i, K)$ and $\hat{e}_i \in E_i$ ($\hat{e}_i$ is a notation for an element of E_i , it is not necessarily part of a basis).

Thus

$$f(g) = \sum_i h_i(g) = \sum_i \lambda_{E_i} (f_i \otimes \hat{e}_i)(g)$$

$$f(g) = \sum_i f_i(g \hat{e}_i).$$

The corollary follows.

Remark. This result is used in part of the proof of the Peter-Weyl theorem. In particular if f is a representative function one has for $x \in G$ and $\ell_x: E_i \rightarrow E_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_G f(gxg^{-1}) dg &= \sum_i \int_G f_i(gxg^{-1} \hat{e}_i) dg \\ &= \sum_i \int_G f_i(g \ell_x(g^{-1} \hat{e}_i)) dg \quad (4.4 \text{ Page 78}) \\ &= \sum_i \left(\frac{1}{\dim E_i} \right) f_i(\hat{e}_i) \chi_{E_i}(x) \quad (\chi_{E_i}(x) = \text{Tr}(\ell_x)) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem Let G be a Lie group and $\mathfrak{g}$ its Lie algebra of left invariant vector fields. Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$ be a sub-Lie algebra of $\mathfrak{g}$. If $\varphi_1: H_1 \rightarrow G$, $\varphi_2: H_2 \rightarrow G$ are immersed Lie subgroups of G such that $d\varphi_i(T_e H_i) = \{X(e) \mid X \in \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}\}$ then there exists a Lie group isomorphism $\psi: H_1 \rightarrow H_2$ such that $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 \circ \psi$.

Proof Let D be the distribution on G defined by

$$D(g) = \{X(g) \mid X \in \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}\}$$

The proof of the theorem on page A30 shows that D is a smooth involutive distribution.

Suppose $\varphi: H \rightarrow G$ is any immersed Lie subgroup of G such that $(d\varphi)(T_e H) = \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$, more precisely assume

$$(T_e \varphi)(T_e H) = \{X(e) \mid X \in \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}\}.$$

We claim $l_a \circ \varphi: H \rightarrow G$ is an integral manifold of D for each $a \in G$. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} d(l_a \circ \varphi)(T_e H) &= d l_a(d\varphi(T_e H)) \\ &= d l_a(\{X(e) \mid X \in \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}\}) \\ &= \{X(a) \mid X \in \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}\} \\ &= D(a). \end{aligned}$$

Now $\varphi(H)$ is a subgroup of G and $l_a(\varphi(H))$ is a coset for each $a \in G$. Thus the images of $l_a \circ \varphi$ and $l_b \circ \varphi$ are disjoint or are equal. Thus $l_a \circ \varphi: H \rightarrow G$ is a maximal integral

manifold for each $a \in G$. Thus if $\varphi_1: H_1 \rightarrow G$, $\varphi_2: H_2 \rightarrow G$ are immersed Lie subgroups of G then they both are maximal integral manifolds of Δ through e and by uniqueness of maximal integral manifolds through a point such as e there exist a diffeomorphism $\psi_0: H_1 \rightarrow H_2$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_1 & \xrightarrow{\psi_0} & H_2 \\ \varphi_1 \searrow & & \swarrow \varphi_2 \\ & G & \end{array}$$

is commutative (see the proof on Page A 29).

Now $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 \circ \psi_0$ and since φ_1, φ_2 are both injective it is easy to show that both ψ_0 and its inverse are group homomorphisms:

$$\varphi_2(\psi_0(xy)) = \varphi_1(xy) = \varphi_1(x)\varphi_1(y) = \varphi_2(\psi_0(x))\varphi_2(\psi_0(y)) = \varphi_2(\psi_0(x)\psi_0(y))$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_0(xy) = \psi_0(x)\psi_0(y)$$

with a similar calculation for ψ_0^{-1} .

Theorem Let G and H be Lie groups and $\varphi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ a Lie algebra homomorphism from the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$ of G into the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{h}$ of H . Let $\Phi_1: G \rightarrow H$, $\Phi_2: G \rightarrow H$ are Lie group homomorphisms such that $d\Phi_1 = \varphi = d\Phi_2$ then $\Phi_1 = \Phi_2$.

Proof Given $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 : G \rightarrow H$ such that $d\Phi_1 = \varphi = d\Phi_2$ we define immersions

$$\hat{\Phi}_1 : G \rightarrow G \times H \quad \hat{\Phi}_2 : G \rightarrow G \times H$$

of G into $G \times H$ by

$$\hat{\Phi}_i(g) = (g, \Phi_i(g)) \quad g \in G, i=1,2.$$

Clearly $\hat{\Phi}_i$ is a group homomorphism for $i=1,2$ since Φ_i are homomorphisms. Also, for $g \in G, v \in T_g G$

$$(d_g \hat{\Phi}_i)(v) = (v, d\Phi_i(v)).$$

Thus $d\hat{\Phi}_i$ is injective. Since $\hat{\Phi}_i$ is injective $\hat{\Phi}_i : G \rightarrow G \times H$ is an immersion. Now

$$(d \hat{\Phi}_i)(v) = (v, d\Phi_i(v)) = (v, \varphi(v))$$

for all $v \in T_g G$ and for $i=1,2$. Thus

the Lie algebra of G may be identified with $T_g G$ which is mapped onto graph φ by $d\hat{\Phi}_i$ for $i=1,2$. Thus graph φ is a sub-Lie algebra of $\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{h}$ and $\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{h}$

is the Lie algebra of the Lie group $G \times H$; yet there are two immersed subgroups $\hat{\Phi}_i : G \rightarrow G \times H$ with Lie algebra graph φ . By the theorem on page A36 it follows that there exists a Lie group isomorphism $\psi_0 : G \rightarrow G$ such that $\hat{\Phi}_1 = \hat{\Phi}_2 \circ \psi_0$. Thus

$$(g, \Phi_1(g)) = (\psi_0(g), \Phi_2(\psi_0(g)))$$

for all $g \in G$ and $\psi_0 =$ identity mapping and

$$\Phi_1 = \Phi_2 \circ \psi_0 = \Phi_2$$

