

# GEOMETRIC AND LANGLANDS CLASSIFICATION FOR $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$

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These notes are written for the representation theory student seminar at University of Utah, Fall 2021, which aims to achieve the following

- Present the geometric classification of irreducible admissible representations of  $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  and compare it to Langlands classification.
- Realize (non-unitary) principal series representations of  $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  geometrically and demonstrate/verify Casselman's Subrepresentation Theorem for  $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

The calculation is mostly based on [Hec+, 4].

If you find any mistakes in the notes, please let me know. It would be much appreciated.

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## GENERAL NOTATIONS

- $G_0 = \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ ,
- $B_0 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ & * \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \right\}$ ,
- $M_0 = \{\pm I \in \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})\}$ ,
- $A_0 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r & \\ & r^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \mid r > 0 \right\}$ ,
- $N_0 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ ,
- $K_0 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \mid \theta \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ ;
- $G = \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ ,
- $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ & * \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{C}) \right\}$ ,
- $M = \{\pm I \in \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})\}$ ,
- $K = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & \\ & * \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{C}) \right\}$ ;

- $\mathfrak{g}_0 = \text{Lie } G_0$ , etc, and  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{k}$ ;
- $W$  Weyl group of the root system of  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$ ;
- $\lambda$  an element of  $\mathfrak{h}^*$ ;  $\theta = W \cdot \lambda$ ;
- $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  the universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ;  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$  the center of  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ ;  $S(\mathfrak{h})$  the symmetric algebra of  $\mathfrak{h}$ ;
- $\chi_\lambda : \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  the infinitesimal character determined by  $\lambda$ ;  $\mathcal{U}_\theta = \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) / \ker \chi_\lambda \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ ;
- $\rho \in \mathfrak{h}^*$  is the half sum of positive roots determined by  $\mathfrak{b}$ ;
- $H_r = \begin{pmatrix} & -i \\ i & \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $E_r = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1 \\ 1 & i \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $F_r = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} i & 1 \\ 1 & -i \end{pmatrix}$ ;
- $H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $E = \begin{pmatrix} & 1 \\ 0 & \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $F = \begin{pmatrix} & \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

## 1. PRINCIPAL SERIES

We first look at what principal series are and their structure.

**Definition 1.1.** A **(non-unitary) principal series representation** is a representation ( $L^2$ , continuously, or smoothly) induced from an irreducible finite dimensional representation of a minimal parabolic subgroup.

Principal series are useful because of their structures are easier to understand and because of the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.2** (Casselman's Subrepresentation Theorem). *Any irreducible admissible representation of  $(\mathfrak{g}_0, K_0)$  on a Banach space can be embedded  $(\mathfrak{g}_0, K_0)$ -linearly into a principal series.*

In the case of  $G_0 = \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $B_0 = M_0 A_0 N_0$  is a minimal parabolic subgroup. An irreducible representation of  $B_0$  necessarily takes the form  $(\varepsilon \otimes \nu, \mathbb{C})$  where  $\varepsilon = 0$  or  $1$  (identified with the trivial or the sign representation of  $M_0$  by abuse of notation) and  $\nu \in \mathbb{C}$  (identified with the weight  $\nu : \mathfrak{a}_0 \cong \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $r \mapsto \nu r$ ) with

$$(\varepsilon \otimes \nu)(\pm I) = (\pm 1)^\varepsilon \text{ for } \pm I \in M_0, \quad (1.3)$$

$$(\varepsilon \otimes \nu)(\mathfrak{a}) = e^{\nu \log \mathfrak{a}} \text{ for } \mathfrak{a} \in A_0, \quad (1.4)$$

$$(\varepsilon \otimes \nu)(\mathfrak{n}) = 1 \text{ for } \mathfrak{n} \in N_0. \quad (1.5)$$

Its continuous induction to  $G_0$  is

$$\text{Ind}_{B_0}^{G_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu) = \{f : G_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_{\varepsilon, \nu} \mid f \text{ is continuous; } \forall \mathfrak{p} \in B_0, f(\mathfrak{p}g) = (\varepsilon \otimes \nu)(\mathfrak{p}) \cdot f(g)\}. \quad (1.6)$$

This is also frequently denoted by  $I_{B_0, \varepsilon, \nu-1}$  (the parameter  $\nu - 1$  is what people called the *normalized* parameter).

Taking  $K_0$ -finite vectors, we obtain a  $(\mathfrak{g}_0, K_0)$ -module  $(\text{Ind}_{B_0}^{G_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu))_{[K_0]}$ , where the  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -action is given by

$$(\xi \cdot f_n)(g) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} f_n(g e^{t\xi}) \right|_{t=0} \quad (1.7)$$

(convergence is automatic by  $K_0$ -finiteness). We want to describe the structure of this module.

Let  $\eta_n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ) be the 1-dimensional representation of  $K_0$  with

$$\eta_n \left( \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \right) \cdot \nu = e^{in\theta} \nu. \quad (1.8)$$

By Iwasawa decomposition  $G_0 = N_0 A_0 K_0$ , restriction to  $K_0$  defines a  $K_0$ -equivariant linear isomorphism

$$\text{Ind}_{B_0}^{G_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu) \cong \text{Ind}_{M_0}^{K_0} \varepsilon, \quad (1.9)$$

and the right side encodes all information on  $K_0$ -types. Combined with Frobenius reciprocity,

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{K_0}(\eta_n, \mathrm{Ind}_{B_0}^{G_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu)) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{K_0}(\eta_n, \mathrm{Ind}_{M_0}^{K_0} \varepsilon) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{M_0}(\eta_n, \varepsilon). \quad (1.10)$$

$\mathrm{Hom}_{M_0}(\eta_n, \varepsilon)$  consists of linear maps  $\varphi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfying  $\varphi((-1)^n \nu) = (-1)^\varepsilon \varphi(\nu)$ . This space is 1-dimensional if  $n \equiv \varepsilon \pmod{2}$  and is 0 otherwise. Hence,

$$\dim (\mathrm{Ind}_{B_0}^{G_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu))_{[K_0], \eta_n} = \dim \mathrm{Hom}_{K_0}(\eta_n, (\mathrm{Ind}_{B_0}^{G_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu))_{[K_0]}) \quad (1.11)$$

$$= \dim \mathrm{Hom}_{K_0}(\eta_n, \mathrm{Ind}_{B_0}^{G_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu)) \quad (1.12)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & n \equiv \varepsilon \pmod{2}, \\ 0 & n \not\equiv \varepsilon \pmod{2}, \end{cases} \quad (1.13)$$

where the  $\eta_n$  subscript denotes the corresponding isotypic component. Let  $\omega_{-n} \in (\mathrm{Ind}_{B_0}^{G_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu))_{[K_0], \eta_n}$  be a nonzero vector. Then since  $(\mathrm{Ind}_{B_0}^{G_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu))_{[K_0]}$  is the sum of all  $K_0$ -types,

$$\{\omega_{-n} \mid n \in \eta + 2\mathbb{Z}\} \quad (1.14)$$

is a basis for  $(\mathrm{Ind}_{B_0}^{G_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu))_{[K_0]}$ . Explicitly, we can take

$$\omega_{-n}|_{K_0} : K_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \mapsto e^{in\theta} \quad (1.15)$$

and extend it to  $G_0$  by left  $N_0 A_0$ -linearity. One computes (using (1.7) and Iwasawa decomposition) that

$$H_r \cdot i^{\frac{n}{2}} \omega_n = n i^{\frac{n}{2}} \omega_n, \quad (1.16)$$

$$E_r \cdot i^{\frac{n}{2}} \omega_n = -\frac{i}{2}(n + \nu) i^{\frac{n+2}{2}} \omega_{n+2}, \quad (1.17)$$

$$F_r \cdot i^{\frac{n}{2}} \omega_n = -\frac{i}{2}(n - \nu) i^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \omega_{n-2}. \quad (1.18)$$

To match the geometric calculation in §2, we set  $\nu = \lambda + \rho = \lambda + 1$ . Then the structure of  $(\mathrm{Ind}_{B_0}^{G_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu))_{[K_0]}$  can be described diagrammatically as

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \oplus & \mathbb{C} \cdot i^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \omega_{n-2} & \oplus & \mathbb{C} \cdot i^{\frac{n}{2}} \omega_n & \oplus & \mathbb{C} \cdot i^{\frac{n+2}{2}} \omega_{n+2} & \oplus & \cdots \\ & \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowleft & & \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowleft & \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ & & \mathbb{U}_{n-2} & & \mathbb{U}_n & & \mathbb{U}_{n+2} & & \\ & & & & & & & & \mathbb{U}_{H_r} \\ & & & & & & & & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{E_r} \\ \xleftarrow{F_r} \end{array} \end{array} \quad (1.19)$$

We also pre-compose the action  $(\mathfrak{g}_0, K_0) \curvearrowright (\mathrm{Ind}_{B_0}^{G_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu))_{[K_0]}$  with the complexification of the isomorphism

$$\mathrm{SU}(1, 1) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}), \quad g \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix} g \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \quad (1.20)$$

which sends  $K$  to the complexification of  $K_0$  and  $H$  to  $H_r$ ,  $E$  to  $E_r$  and  $F$  to  $F_r$ . Then the action  $\mathfrak{g} \curvearrowright (\mathrm{Ind}_{B_0}^{G_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu))_{[K_0]}$  can be described by the same diagram except now arrows denote actions of  $E, F, H$  instead of  $E_r, F_r, H_r$ . From this, we can compute the action of the center  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$  by using the Casimir element

$$\Omega = H^2 - 2H + 4EF \quad (1.21)$$

(which generates  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$  as a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra). One checks that  $\Omega \cdot \omega_n = (\lambda^2 - 1)\omega_n$ . On the other hand, if  $\chi_\lambda$  denotes the character on  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$  determined by  $\lambda$ ,  $\chi_\lambda(\Omega) = \lambda^2 - 1$  because, by the definition of  $\chi_\lambda$ ,

$$\Omega \xrightarrow[\text{determined by } \{E, H, F\}]{\text{proj. to } \mathbb{C}\text{-H w.r.t. the PBW basis}} H^2 - 2H \xrightarrow[\text{by } \rho]{\text{shift}} H^2 - 1 \xrightarrow{\lambda} \lambda^2 - 1. \quad (1.22)$$

Hence  $(\text{Ind}_{\mathbb{B}_0}^{\mathbb{G}_0}(\varepsilon \otimes \nu))_{[\mathbb{K}_0]}$  has infinitesimal character  $\chi_\lambda$ .

In §2 we will realize principal series and the Subrepresentation theorem via  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules on the flag variety.

## 2. GEOMETRIC CLASSIFICATION

We turn to describing the geometric classification of irreducible admissible representations of  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathbb{K})$ .

Let's first recall the general setting. Suppose  $\mathfrak{g} \supset \mathfrak{b} \supset \mathfrak{h}$  is a complex semisimple Lie algebra, a Borel subalgebra, and a Cartan subalgebra, and  $G \supset B \supset T$  algebraic groups with  $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{h}$  as respective Lie algebras. Let  $W$  be the Weyl group of the root system of  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$ . Consider the flag variety  $X$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . This is the variety of all Borel subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ; equivalently this is the variety  $G/B$ . For each  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ , there is a  $G$ -homogeneous twisted sheaf of differential operators ("htdo" for short)  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$  on  $X$ <sup>[1]</sup>. This parametrization is normalized so that when  $\lambda$  is integral,  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$  is the sheaf of differential operators on the homogeneous line bundle  $\mathcal{O}_X(\lambda + \rho)$  (in particular  $\mathcal{D}_{-\rho} = \mathcal{D}_X$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\rho = \mathcal{D}_{\omega_X}$ ). If  $\chi_\lambda$  is the infinitesimal character determined by  $\lambda$  and the Harish-Chandra homomorphism  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow S(\mathfrak{h})^W$ , then

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{D}_\lambda) = \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) / \ker \chi_\lambda \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \quad (2.1)$$

(due to Beilinson-Bernstein [BeBe81]; see also [Mil, 2.6]). Since  $\chi_\lambda \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$  only depends on the  $W$ -orbit  $\theta$  of  $\lambda$ , we denote  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) / \ker \chi_\lambda \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  by  $\mathcal{U}_\theta$ .

Therefore we can *localize* a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module to a  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$  on  $X$ , in the same way as localizing a module over a commutative ring  $R$  to produce a sheaf on  $\text{Spec } R$ ; conversely, given a  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$ -module, its global section is a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module. In nice cases, this is an equivalence of categories of modules on both sides. On one side we have  $\text{Mod}_{f\mathfrak{g}}(\mathcal{U}_\theta, \mathbb{K})$ , the category of finitely generated  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathbb{K})$ -modules with infinitesimal character  $\chi_\lambda$ ; on the other side we have  $\text{Mod}_{\text{coh}}(\mathcal{D}_\lambda, \mathbb{K})$ , the category of coherent (i.e. locally finitely generated)  $(\mathcal{D}_\lambda, \mathbb{K})$ -modules. Here a  $(\mathcal{D}_\lambda, \mathbb{K})$ -module is a  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$ -module with a *compatible*  $\mathbb{K}$ -action, where compatibility means that the action of  $\mathfrak{k} \subset \mathcal{D}_\lambda$  agrees with the action coming from differentiation of  $\mathbb{K}$ -action).

In order to achieve equivalence, we need some conditions on  $\lambda$ .  $\lambda$  is said to be **antidominant** if  $\alpha^\vee(\lambda) \notin \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  for any positive root  $\alpha$ , and **regular** if  $\alpha^\vee(\lambda) \neq 0$  for any root  $\alpha$ .

**Theorem 2.2** (Beilinson-Bernstein; see also [Mil, 3.1]).

- If  $\lambda$  is antidominant, localization is an equivalence of categories

$$\text{Mod}(\mathcal{U}_\theta, \mathbb{K}) \cong \mathcal{Q} \text{Mod}_{\text{coh}}(\mathcal{D}_\lambda, \mathbb{K}) \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\mathcal{Q} \text{Mod}_{\text{coh}}(\mathcal{D}_\lambda, \mathbb{K})$  is the quotient of  $\text{Mod}_{\text{coh}}(\mathcal{D}_\lambda, \mathbb{K})$  by modules with no global sections.

- If  $\lambda$  is antidominant regular, localization is an equivalence of categories

$$\text{Mod}(\mathcal{U}_\theta, \mathbb{K}) \cong \text{Mod}_{\text{coh}}(\mathcal{D}_\lambda, \mathbb{K}). \quad (2.4)$$

<sup>[1]</sup>Here  $\lambda$  should really be an element of  $\mathfrak{h}^*$  where  $\mathfrak{h}$  is the *universal Cartan algebra* of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Since we won't go into the precise construction of  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$ 's, this won't make a difference later.

- If  $\lambda$  is regular, derived localization is an equivalence of categories

$$D(\mathcal{U}_\theta) \cong D(\mathcal{D}_\lambda) \quad (2.5)$$

where the left side the derived category of  $\mathcal{U}_\theta$ -modules, and the right side is the derived category of quasicoherent  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$ -modules.

The quasi-inverse to these equivalences are given by the (derived) functor of taking global sections.

Therefore we can translate the study of  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathbf{K})$ -modules with an infinitesimal character to  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules. Regarding irreducible  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules:

**Theorem 2.6** (Beilinson-Bernstein; see also [Mil, §4.5]). *Irreducible coherent  $(\mathcal{D}_\lambda, \mathbf{K})$ -modules are parametrized by pairs  $(Q, \tau)$  where  $Q$  is a  $\mathbf{K}$ -orbit in  $X$  and  $\tau$  is an irreducible  $\mathbf{K}$ -homogeneous connection on  $Q$  compatible with  $\lambda + \rho$ . It is the unique irreducible submodule of the direct image of  $\tau$  to  $X$ .*

Here, “ $\tau$  compatible with  $\lambda + \rho$ ” means that  $\tau$  is a  $(\mathcal{D}_\lambda|_{\{0\}}, \mathbf{K})$ -module, where  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda|_{\{0\}}$  is the pull-back of  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$  to  $\{0\}$  along the inclusion map. Let  $\mathcal{L}(Q, \tau)$  denote the irreducible module corresponding to  $(Q, \tau)$  and  $\mathcal{I}(Q, \tau)$  the direct image of  $\tau$ .  $\mathcal{I}(Q, \tau)$  is called a **standard module**.

Now we specify to  $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ .

Let  $X = \mathbb{P}^1$ . The representation  $G = \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{C}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}^2$  descends to a transitive action on  $X$  whose stabilizer at the image of  $(1, 0) \in \mathbb{C}^2$  is  $B$ . Hence the orbit map induces an isomorphism  $G/B \xrightarrow{\sim} X$  and  $X$  is the flag variety of  $G$ . Let  $0, \infty \in X$  denote the images of  $(1, 0), (0, 1) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ , respectively. Let  $\mathcal{U}_0 = X - \{\infty\}$  and  $\mathcal{U}_\infty = X - \{0\}$ , both isomorphic to  $\mathbb{A}^1$  as varieties with coordinates

$$x : \mathcal{U}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad (s, t) \mapsto \frac{t}{s}, \quad (2.7)$$

$$y : \mathcal{U}_\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad (s, t) \mapsto \frac{s}{t}, \quad (2.8)$$

respectively. On a point  $z$  in the overlap  $z \in \mathcal{U}_0 \cap \mathcal{U}_\infty = \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $x(z) = 1/y(z)$ .

Let  $\lambda, \rho \in \mathfrak{h}^*$  as before. We can describe local sections of  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$  explicitly using a trivialization over  $\mathcal{U}_0$  and  $\mathcal{U}_\infty$ , as follows.

**Lemma 2.9.** *There is a trivialization of  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$  on  $X$  described as follows.*

- On  $\mathcal{U}_0$ ,

$$E = -x^2 \partial_x - (\lambda + \rho)(H)x, \quad (2.10)$$

$$H = 2x \partial_x + (\lambda + \rho)(H), \quad (2.11)$$

$$F = \partial_x. \quad (2.12)$$

(i.e. there is an isomorphism  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda|_{\mathcal{U}_0} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{U}_0}$  so that the composition  $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{D}_\lambda) \rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{U}_0, \mathcal{D}_\lambda) \xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma(\mathcal{U}_0, \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{U}_0})$  sends  $E, F, H$  to the respective operators on the right hand side),

- on  $\mathcal{U}_\infty$ ,

$$E = \partial_y, \quad (2.13)$$

$$H = -2y \partial_y - (\lambda + \rho)(H), \quad (2.14)$$

$$F = -y^2 \partial_y - (\lambda + \rho)(H)y \quad (2.15)$$

which, when further restricted to  $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathcal{U}_0 \cap \mathcal{U}_\infty$ , equals (using  $y = x^{-1}$ ,  $\partial_y = -x^2 \partial_x$ )

$$E = -x^2 \partial_x, \quad (2.16)$$

$$H = 2x \partial_x - (\lambda + \rho)(H), \quad (2.17)$$

$$F = \partial_x - (\lambda + \rho)(H)x^{-1}; \quad (2.18)$$

- and on  $\mathbb{C}^*$  the transition map is given by (in the coordinate  $(x, \partial_x)$ )

$$\mathcal{D}_{U_0}|_{\mathbb{C}^*} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{D}_{U_\infty}|_{\mathbb{C}^*}, \quad \partial_x \mapsto \partial_x - (\lambda + \rho)(H)x^{-1}. \quad (2.19)$$

These are calculated using the definition of  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$  and the bracket relations between E, F, H. See [Hec+, 4] for details.

Now we look at the standard and irreducible  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules on  $X$ .  $K$ -orbits are  $\{0\}$ ,  $\{\infty\}$  and  $\mathbb{C}^*$ .

**2.1.  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules on closed orbits.** Let  $i_0 : \{0\} \rightarrow X$  be the inclusion map. The pullback of  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$  to  $\{0\}$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{i_0}$ . Recall that, for a morphism  $\varphi : G_1/S_1 \rightarrow G_2/S_2$  of homogeneous spaces,  $G_i$ -htdo's on  $G_i/S_i$  are parametrized by  $S_i$ -invariant elements in  $\mathfrak{s}_i^*$ , and for  $\lambda \in (\mathfrak{s}_2^*)^{S_2}$ , the pullback  $\mathcal{D}_{G_2/H_2, \lambda}^\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{D}_{G_2/H_2, \lambda}$  has parameter given by  $\lambda|_{\mathfrak{s}_1}$ . Applied to our situation,  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{i_0}$  has parameter given by  $\lambda|_{\mathfrak{h}}$ . This means that the image of  $H$  under  $\mathfrak{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_\lambda^{i_0}$  is equal to  $(\lambda + \rho)(H) = \lambda + 1$ .

Let  $\tau$  be an irreducible  $K$ -homogeneous connection on the orbit  $\{0\}$ . The stabilizer of the only point is  $K$  itself. So  $\tau$ , viewed as an irreducible  $K$ -homogenous vector bundle, is simply an irreducible algebraic representation of  $K$ , which must be of the form  $\mathbb{C}_\mu$  for some integral  $\mu \in \mathfrak{k}^* = \mathfrak{h}^*$ . On the other hand,  $\tau$  is a  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda^{i_0}$ -module, so  $H$  acts on  $\tau$  by  $\lambda + \rho$ . Hence  $\lambda + \rho = \mu$ , and  $\lambda$  must be integral for  $\tau$  to exist.

Assuming integrality of  $\lambda$ ,  $\mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda)$  can be computed explicitly by the definition of direct image functor: let  $\mathfrak{m}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$  be the ideal (sheaf) of functions vanishing on  $\{0\}$ , then

$$\mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda) = i_{0,+} \mathbb{C}_{\lambda+\rho} \quad (2.1.1)$$

$$= i_{0,*} \left( \mathcal{D}_\lambda / \mathcal{D}_\lambda \mathfrak{m}_0 \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C} \right) \quad (2.1.2)$$

$$= i_{0,*} \mathcal{D}_\lambda / \mathcal{D}_\lambda \mathfrak{m}_0. \quad (2.1.3)$$

On  $U_0$   $\mathcal{D}_\lambda \cong \mathcal{D}_{U_0}$  has basis given by  $\partial_x^m x^n$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . So

$$\mathcal{D}_\lambda / \mathcal{D}_\lambda \mathfrak{m}_0 = \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}} \{1, \partial_x, \partial_x^2, \dots\}. \quad (2.1.4)$$

The Lie algebra elements acts as left multiplication by the operators given in the trivialization (2.10)-(2.12). So

$$H \cdot \partial_x^m = (2x\partial_x + (\lambda + 1))\partial_x^m \quad (2.1.5)$$

$$= 2x\partial_x^{m+1} + (\lambda + 1)\partial_x^m \quad (2.1.6)$$

$$= 2\partial_x^{m+1}x - 2(m+1)\partial_x^m + (\lambda + 1)\partial_x^m \quad (2.1.7)$$

$$= 0 + (\lambda - 2m - 1)\partial_x^m \quad (2.1.8)$$

$$= (\lambda - 2m - 1)\partial_x^m. \quad (2.1.9)$$

Similarly

$$E \cdot \partial_x^m = m(\lambda - m)\partial_x^{m-1}, \quad (2.1.10)$$

$$F \cdot \partial_x^m = \partial_x^{m+1}. \quad (2.1.11)$$

Therefore the structure of  $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda))$  for any open set  $U \ni 0$  can be described diagrammatically as

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \xrightarrow{3(\lambda-3)} & \mathbb{C} \cdot \partial_x^2 & \xrightarrow{2(\lambda-2)} & \mathbb{C} \cdot \partial_x & \xrightarrow{\lambda-1} & \mathbb{C} \cdot 1 \\ & \searrow & \oplus & \searrow & \oplus & \searrow & \oplus \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ & & 1 & & 1 & & 1 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & \lambda-5 & & \lambda-3 & & \lambda-1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} E \\ \curvearrowright \\ F \\ \uparrow \\ H \end{array} \cdot \quad (2.1.12)$$

This is an irreducible  $\mathcal{D}$ -module because  $x$  sends  $\mathbb{C} \cdot \partial_x^m$  to  $\mathbb{C} \cdot \partial_x^{m-1}$  and  $\partial_x$  sends  $\mathbb{C} \cdot \partial_x^m$  to  $\mathbb{C} \cdot \partial_x^{m+1}$ . This can also be seen using Kashiwara's theorem:

**Theorem 2.1.13** (Kashiwara (see [Bor+87, VI.7])). *If  $\varphi : Z \hookrightarrow X$  is a closed immersion between smooth varieties and  $\mathcal{D}$  a tdo on  $X$ ,  $\varphi_+$  is concentrated at degree 0 and  $H^0\varphi_+$  is an equivalence of categories*

$$\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathrm{qcoh}}(\mathcal{D}^\varphi) \cong \mathrm{Mod}_{\mathrm{qcoh}, Z}(\mathcal{D}) \quad (2.1.14)$$

where the subscript  $\mathrm{qcoh}$  denotes quasi-coherence, and the subscript  $Z$  denotes modules supported in  $Z$ . The quasi-inverse is the functor  $\varphi^!$  which takes sections supported in  $Z$ . This restricts to an equivalence of categories between coherent modules.

The global section  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda))$  is the Verma module  $M(\lambda) = \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{b})} \mathbb{C}_{\lambda-\rho}$ .

A similar thing happen for the orbit at  $\{\infty\}$ , except we get a Verma module  $\bar{M}(-\lambda)$  for the opposite Borel subalgebra.

**Lemma 2.1.15.**  *$\mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda)$  and  $\mathcal{I}(\{\infty\}, \lambda)$  exist if and only if  $\lambda$  is integral. If this is the case,*

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda)) = M(\lambda), \text{ and} \quad (2.1.16)$$

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\{\infty\}, \lambda)) = \bar{M}(-\lambda). \quad (2.1.17)$$

They are irreducible precisely when  $\lambda \leq 0$ . If  $\lambda \geq 1$ , they contain  $M(-\lambda)$  and  $\bar{M}(-\lambda)$  as irreducible submodules, respectively, and the quotients are finite dimensional irreducible representations.

**2.2. Modules on the open orbit.** Now let us look at the open orbit  $\mathbb{C}^*$ . The stablizer of a point in  $K$  is  $M = \{\pm I\}$ , so any the  $(\lambda + \rho)$ -compatibility condition is void because it is a requirement that boils down to the action of Lie algebra of the stablizer. Hence we are left to find irreducible  $K$ -homogeneous vector bundle on  $\mathbb{C}^*$ . They correspond to irreducible representations of  $M$ , which can only be  $\{\mathrm{trv}, \mathrm{sgn}\}$ . Let  $\tau_\varepsilon$  denote the vector bundle corresponding to  $\varepsilon \in \{\mathrm{trv}, \mathrm{sgn}\}$ . As before, by abuse of notation we also view  $\varepsilon$  as either 0 or 1.

Recall that global section of  $\tau_\varepsilon$  on  $\mathbb{C}^*$  is given by induction:

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon) = \mathrm{Hom}_M(K, \mathbb{C}_\varepsilon). \quad (2.2.1)$$

Let  $z$  be the coordinate on  $K \cong \mathbb{C}^*$ , this space is

$$\{f \in \Gamma(K, \mathcal{O}_K) \mid f(-z) = (-1)^\varepsilon f(z)\} = \begin{cases} \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C} \cdot z^{2m} & \varepsilon = 0, \\ \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C} \cdot z^{2m+1} & \varepsilon = 1. \end{cases} \quad (2.2.2)$$

The action of  $H$  on  $\Gamma(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)$  is the left regular representation:

$$H \cdot z^k = kz^k. \quad (2.2.3)$$

However we want to view  $\tau_\varepsilon$  as "functions" on  $K/M = \mathbb{C}^*$ . To do this, notice that inverse image along the quotient map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathbb{C}_z^* \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ K/M & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathbb{C}_x^* \end{array} \quad (2.2.4)$$

is an injection sending  $x$  to  $z^2$ . Hence we can view

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_0) = \Gamma(\mathbb{C}^*, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^*}) = \mathrm{span}_{\mathbb{C}}\{x^p \mid p \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad (2.2.5)$$

as  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules with  $H$ -action given by

$$H \cdot x^p = H \cdot z^{2p} = 2pz^{2p} = 2px^p = 2x\partial_x \cdot x^p, \quad (2.2.6)$$

i.e.  $H$  acts as  $2x\partial_x \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}^*}$ . Following the same spirit, we view

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_1) = \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}}\{x^{p+\frac{1}{2}} \mid p \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad (2.2.7)$$

where  $H$  acts as  $2x\partial_x$ . In this way  $\tau_\varepsilon$  become  $(\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}^*}, \mathbb{K})$ -modules. There is only one isomorphism class of  $\mathbb{K}$ -htdo on  $\mathbb{C}^*$  (because the parameterizing set is  $m^* = 0$ ), and the isomorphism from the trivialization (2.10)-(2.12) is given explicitly by

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{U}_0}|_{\mathbb{C}^*} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{D}_\lambda|_{\mathbb{C}^*} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}^*}, \quad \partial_x \mapsto \partial_x - \frac{\lambda + 1}{2x} \quad (2.2.8)$$

under which

$$E = -x^2\partial_x - \frac{\lambda + 1}{2}x, \quad (2.2.9)$$

$$H = 2x\partial_x, \quad (2.2.10)$$

$$F = \partial_x - \frac{\lambda + 1}{2x}, \quad (2.2.11)$$

acting on  $\Gamma(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)$  by the usual action of differential operators on functions:

$$E \cdot x^{n+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} = -\left(n + \frac{\varepsilon + \lambda + 1}{2}\right)x^{n+1+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}, \quad (2.2.12)$$

$$H \cdot x^{n+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} = (2n + \varepsilon)x^{n+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}, \quad (2.2.13)$$

$$F \cdot x^{n+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} = \left(n + \frac{\varepsilon - \lambda - 1}{2}\right)x^{n-1+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}. \quad (2.2.14)$$

The space of global sections of the standard module is then

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)) = \Gamma(X, \mathfrak{i}_{\mathbb{C}^*, *}\tau_\varepsilon) = \Gamma(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon). \quad (2.2.15)$$

Using the explicit operators (2.2.9)-(2.2.11), it can be described diagrammatically as

$$\dots \oplus \mathbb{C} \cdot x^{n-1+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} \oplus \mathbb{C} \cdot x^{n+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} \oplus \mathbb{C} \cdot x^{n+1+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} \oplus \dots, \quad (2.2.16)$$

Rewriting labels on the horizontal arrows by  $-(n + \frac{\varepsilon+\lambda+1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}((2n + \varepsilon) + \lambda + 1)$  and  $n + \frac{\varepsilon-\lambda-1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}((2n + \varepsilon) - \lambda - 1)$  and compare with (1.19), we see that this is the principal series discussed in §1 via

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)) \xrightarrow{\sim} I_{B_0, \varepsilon, \lambda}, \quad x^{n+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} \mapsto \mathfrak{i}^{\frac{2n+\varepsilon}{2}} \omega_{2n+\varepsilon}. \quad (2.2.17)$$

(To be rigorous, I think we need to replace  $B_0$  by its conjugate under (1.20)).

Let us analyze reducibility of this module. From the above diagram, it is clear that this is reducible if and only if either  $\frac{\varepsilon+\lambda+1}{2} \in \mathbb{Z}$  or  $\frac{\varepsilon-\lambda-1}{2} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . This is equivalent to  $\lambda + \varepsilon$  being an odd integer. If this happens for one  $\varepsilon$ , then it will fail for the other  $\varepsilon$ . Therefore, if  $\lambda$  is not integral,  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon))$  is irreducible; if  $\lambda$  is integral, one of  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_0))$ ,  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_1))$  is irreducible and the other is reducible.

The condition that  $\lambda + \varepsilon$  is not an odd integer is called the **parity condition** in [Hec+].

Assuming  $\lambda$  to be integral, what is the unique irreducible submodule of the reducible one? By integrality of  $\lambda$ , the irreducible  $G$ -homogeneous connection  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho)$  exists. It is a submodule of



$\mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)$  if and only if there is a map into it. By adjunction of direct image and inverse image,

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_\lambda}(\mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho), \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)) = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}^*}}(\mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho)|_{\mathbb{C}^*}, \tau_\varepsilon) \quad (2.2.18)$$

$$\cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho)(x_0), \tau_\varepsilon(x_0)). \quad (2.2.19)$$

where  $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}^*$  and  $-(x_0)$  takes geometric fiber at  $x_0$ . This is nonzero if  $\lambda$  has the correct parity. When this is the case,  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho)$  embeds into one of  $\mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_0)$ ,  $\mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_1)$  and not into the other. In fact  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho)$  embeds into the reducible one, because otherwise  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho) = \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)$  (the irreducible one), which would imply

$$0 \neq i_0^* \mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho) = i_0^* \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon) = i_0^* i_{\mathbb{C}^*, *}\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^*} = 0 \quad (2.2.20)$$

as  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules, a contradiction.

Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the cokernel of the inclusion:

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho) \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon) \longrightarrow \mathcal{V} \longrightarrow 0. \quad (2.2.21)$$

To see what  $\mathcal{V}$  is, look at the long exact sequence of derived pullback to  $\{0\}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & i_0^! \mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho) & \longrightarrow & i_0^! \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon) & \longrightarrow & i_0^! \mathcal{V} \\ & & & & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & & & i_0^* \mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho) \longrightarrow i_0^* \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon) \longrightarrow i_0^* \mathcal{V} \longrightarrow 0 \end{array} \quad (2.2.22)$$

$i_0^! \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon) = 0$  by previous discussion.  $i_0^* \mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho) = \mathbb{C}$  as vector spaces.  $i_0^! \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon) = 0$  either by  $\mathcal{D}$ -module base change theorem, or by directly computing  $\mathrm{Tor}_{\mathbb{C}[x]}^1(\mathbb{C}[x, x^{-1}], \mathbb{C}) = 0$ . Therefore  $\mathrm{R}i_0^! \mathcal{V} = \mathbb{C}$  as vector spaces. Similarly  $\mathrm{R}i_\infty^! \mathcal{V} = \mathbb{C}$ . Hence, by Kashiwara's theorem 2.1.13  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda) \oplus \mathcal{I}(\{\infty\}, \lambda)$ .

To summarize:

**Lemma 2.2.23.**

- $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)) = I_{B_0, \varepsilon, \lambda}$  is a principal series representation.
- If  $\lambda$  is not integral,  $\mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)$  is irreducible.
- If  $\lambda$  is integral and  $\lambda$  and  $\varepsilon$  satisfy the parity condition,  $\mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)$  is irreducible.
- If  $\lambda$  is integral and  $\lambda$  and  $\varepsilon$  fail the parity condition,  $\mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)$  is reducible and fits into the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho) \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon) \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda) \oplus \mathcal{I}(\{\infty\}, \lambda) \longrightarrow 0. \quad (2.2.24)$$

**2.3. Geometric classification.** Invoking 2.2, we can obtain a classification of irreducible admissible  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathbb{K})$ -modules.

Every irreducible module has an infinitesimal character by Dixmier's lemma, whence lies in  $\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathrm{fg}}(\mathcal{U}_\theta, \mathbb{K})$  for some Weyl group orbit  $\theta$ . Let  $\lambda \in \theta$  be the unique strongly antidomiant element in  $\theta$ , that is,  $\mathrm{Re} \alpha^\vee(\lambda) \leq 0$  for the positive root  $\alpha$ . When  $\lambda$  is identified with a complex number, this just means that  $\mathrm{Re} \lambda \leq 0$ . To avoid confusion, write  $\mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon, \lambda)$  to indicate that this is an  $\mathcal{D}_\lambda$ -module. There are three cases.

- $\lambda$  not integral. Then in particular  $\lambda$  is regular. Irreducible  $(\mathcal{D}_\lambda, \mathbb{K})$ -modules are  $\mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon, \lambda)$  for both  $\varepsilon = 0, 1$  ( $\mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda)$  and  $\mathcal{I}(\{\infty\}, \lambda)$  do not exist). Hence irreducible modules in  $\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathrm{fg}}(\mathcal{U}_\theta, \mathbb{K})$  are

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_0, \lambda)) = I_{B_0, 0, \lambda}, \quad (2.3.1)$$

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_1, \lambda)) = I_{B_0, 1, \lambda}, \quad (2.3.2)$$

which are irreducible principal series.

- $\lambda < 0$  integral. Irreducible  $(\mathcal{D}_\lambda, \mathbb{K})$ -modules are  $\mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda)$ ,  $\mathcal{I}(\{\infty\}, \lambda)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho)$ , and  $\mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon, \lambda)$  where  $\varepsilon$  satisfies the parity condition with  $\lambda$ . Hence irreducible modules in  $\text{Mod}_{\text{fg}}(\mathcal{U}_0, \mathbb{K})$  are

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho)) =: F_{\lambda + \rho}, \quad (2.3.3)$$

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda)) = M(\lambda) =: D_\theta^-, \quad (2.3.4)$$

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\{\infty\}, \lambda)) = \bar{M}(-\lambda) =: D_\theta^+, \quad (2.3.5)$$

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon, \lambda)) = I_{B_0, \varepsilon, \lambda} \quad (\lambda, \varepsilon \text{ satisfy parity condition}). \quad (2.3.6)$$

The first is a finite dimensional representation with lowest weight  $\lambda + \rho$  by Borel-Weil theorem. The second and third are Verma modules. In the language of analytic representation theory, they are called the **discrete series** representations (their matrix coefficients are  $L^2$  functions on  $G_0$ ). The last one is an irreducible principal series.

- $\lambda = 0$ . Irreducible  $(\mathcal{D}_\lambda, \mathbb{K})$ -modules are the same as in the previous case. However  $\mathcal{O}(\rho)$  now has no global section. Hence irreducible modules in  $\text{Mod}_{\text{fg}}(\mathcal{U}_0, \mathbb{K})$  are

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\{0\}, 0)) = M(0) =: D_0^-, \quad (2.3.7)$$

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\{\infty\}, 0)) = \bar{M}(0) =: D_0^+, \quad (2.3.8)$$

$$\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon, 0)) = I_{B_0, 0, 0}. \quad (2.3.9)$$

The first two are Verma modules. They are also classically called **limits of discrete series**. The third one is an irreducible principal series.

### 3. THE SUBREPRESENTATION THEOREM

We want to show that every irreducible admissible module above embeds into a principal series representations.

The irreducible principal series embed into themselves.

For the finite dimensional representation, let  $\lambda < 0$  be integral, and let  $\varepsilon$  fails the parity condition with  $\lambda$ . Apply  $\Gamma(X, -)$  to the inclusion  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \lambda, \tau_\varepsilon)$  produces the inclusion

$$F_{\lambda + \rho} \hookrightarrow I_{B_0, \varepsilon, \lambda} \quad (3.1)$$

into a reducible principal series.

For the discrete series, we have to look at dominant  $\lambda$ . Let  $\lambda > 0$  be integral and  $\varepsilon$  failing the parity condition with  $\lambda$ . Take the long exact sequence of sheaf cohomologies on (2.2.24):

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho)) & \longrightarrow & \Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)) & \longrightarrow & \Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda)) \oplus \Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\{\infty\}, \lambda)) \\ & & & & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & & & \Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda)) \oplus \Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\{\infty\}, \lambda)) \\ & & & & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & & & H^1(X, \mathcal{I}(\{0\}, \lambda)) \oplus H^1(X, \mathcal{I}(\{\infty\}, \lambda)) \\ & & & & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & & & 0 \end{array} \quad (3.2)$$

By Borel-Weil-Bott or (Serre duality)  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho)) = 0$  and  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho)) = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}(-\lambda + \rho)) = F_{-\lambda + \rho}$ .  $H^1(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)) = 0$  because, if we write  $\pi : X \rightarrow \{*\}$  for the morphism to a point,

$$H^1(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)) = R^1\pi_* i_{\mathbb{C}^*, *}\tau_\varepsilon. \quad (3.3)$$

Since  $\mathbb{C}^*$  is affine,  $i_{\mathbb{C}^*, *}$  is an affine morphism. So  $Ri_{\mathbb{C}^*, *} = i_{\mathbb{C}^*, *}$ . Hence

$$H^1(X, \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}^*, \tau_\varepsilon)) = H^1 R\pi_* Ri_{\mathbb{C}^*, *}\tau_\varepsilon = R^1(\pi \circ i_{\mathbb{C}^*, *})_*\tau_\varepsilon. \quad (3.4)$$

The map  $\pi \circ i_{\mathbb{C}^*}$  is also affine, so  $R^1(\pi \circ i_{\mathbb{C}^*})_* = 0$ , and the claim follows. Therefore we obtain a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow I_{B_0, \varepsilon, \lambda} \longrightarrow M(\lambda) \oplus \bar{M}(-\lambda) \longrightarrow F_{-\lambda+\rho} \longrightarrow 0, \quad (3.5)$$

where  $M(\lambda)$  and  $\bar{M}(-\lambda)$  contains the discrete series  $D_{\theta}^-$  and  $D_{\theta}^+$ , respectively. If the image of  $I_{B_0, \varepsilon, \lambda}$  in  $M(\lambda) \oplus \bar{M}(-\lambda)$  does not contain  $D_{\theta}^-$ , then  $I_{B_0, \varepsilon, \lambda}$  will intersect trivially with  $D_{\theta}^-$ , and  $D_{\theta}^-$  will be mapped isomorphically into  $F_{-\lambda+\rho}$ . This is impossible by dimension consideration. Hence  $D_{\theta}^-$  and similarly  $D_{\theta}^+$  are both contained in the principal series  $I_{B_0, \varepsilon, \lambda}$ . This completes the verification of the Subrepresentation theorem.

#### 4. COMPARISON WITH LANGLANDS CLASSIFICATION

The Langlands classification states:

**Theorem 4.1** (Langlands). *Let  $G_0$  be a connected real semisimple Lie group with finite center,  $G_0 = K_0 A_0 N_0$  a Iwasawa decomposition,  $P_0 = M_0 A_0 N_0$  a minimal parabolic subgroup. Then irreducible admissible representations of  $(\mathfrak{g}_0, K_0)$  are parameterized by triples*

$$(P'_0, \sigma, \lambda) \quad (4.2)$$

where  $P'_0 = M'_0 A'_0 N'_0$  is a parabolic subgroup of  $G_0$  containing  $P_0$ ,  $\sigma$  is a tempered representation of  $M'_0$ , and  $\nu \in (\mathfrak{a}'_0)^*$  is such that  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha^\vee(\lambda) < 0$  for any positive restricted root  $\alpha$  of  $(\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{a}'_0)$  determined by  $N'_0$ . The irreducible representation corresponding to  $(P'_0, \sigma, \lambda)$  is the unique irreducible subrepresentation of the parabolically induced module  $I_{P'_0, \sigma, \lambda} = (\operatorname{Ind}_{P'_0}^{G_0}(\sigma \otimes (\lambda + 1)))_{[K_0]}$ .<sup>[2]</sup>

Let us verify this on  $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

Discrete series and the limits of discrete series are tempered. Hence they  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(\{\bullet\}, \lambda)) = D_{\theta}^{\pm}$  (with  $\bullet \in \{0, \infty\}$  and  $\lambda$  strongly antidominant) correspond to the triple  $(G_0, D_{\theta}^{\pm}, 0)$ .

The irreducible principal series  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}(C^*, \tau_{\varepsilon}, \lambda)) = I_{B_0, \varepsilon, \lambda}$  (with  $\lambda$  strongly antidominant and  $\varepsilon$  satisfying the parity condition with  $\lambda$ ) is itself parabolically induced. So it corresponds to  $(B_0, \varepsilon, \lambda)$ .

The finite dimensional representation  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}(\lambda + \rho)) = F_{\lambda+\rho}$  (for  $\lambda \leq -1$  integral) embeds into a reducible principal series  $I_{B_0, \varepsilon, \lambda}$  (with  $\varepsilon$  failing the parity condition with  $\lambda$ ) as discussed in the previous section. Hence it corresponds to  $(B_0, \varepsilon, \lambda)$ .

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<sup>[2]</sup>Many books use the dual version where they require  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha^\vee(\lambda) > 0$  instead. The irreducible module becomes the unique irreducible quotient of the induced module.