

AN INTEGRAL REPRESENTATION OF THE HARISH-CHANDRA
SERIES ON $SO_0(n,1)$

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§0. Introduction

Let G be a connected noncompact real form of a connected complex semisimple Lie group $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ and assume that G is of split rank one. Let K be a maximal compact subgroup of G and $G=KAN$ be an Iwasawa decomposition. Then $\dim A = 1$. Choose an element H_0 of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{A} of A so that eigenvalues of $\text{ad}(H_0)$ are $\{0, \pm 1\}$ or $\{0, \pm 1, \pm 2\}$ and put $a_t = \exp(tH_0)$. Then the Iwasawa decomposition of an element $x \in G$ is

$$x = k(x)a_t(x)n(x), \quad \text{where } k(x) \in K \text{ and } n(x) \in N.$$

Let M be the centralizer of A in K . Then MAN is a minimal parabolic subgroup of G . Let (τ_1, τ_2) be a double unitary representation of K on a finite dimensional Hilbert space V and denote by V_M the subspace of V comprised of those elements v which have the property that $\tau_1(m)v = v\tau_2(m)$ (all $m \in M$). The Eisenstein integral $E(s, v, x)$ for MAN is defined by the following formula ([2], [4]);

$$(1) \quad E(s, v, x) = \int_K e^{(s-\rho)t(xk)} \tau_1(k(xk))v\tau_2(k^{-1})dk,$$

When $G=SU(1,1)$, by the change of variable $z=(\operatorname{th}(\frac{t}{2}))^2$, we can see that the Eisenstein integral $E(s,v,a_t)$ coincide with certain hypergeometric function $F(a,b;c;z)$ (up to a constant factor) and the formula (1) gives a its integral representation of Euler type. Moreover the expansion (2) corresponds to the following formula;

$$F(a,b;c;z) = \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c-a-b)}{\Gamma(c-a)\Gamma(c-b)} F(a,b;a+b-c+1;1-z) \\ + (1-z)^{c-a-b} \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(a+b-c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} F(c-a,c-b;c-a-b+1;1-z).$$

Hence the Harish-Chandra series $E(s,t)$ has an integral representation of Euler type.

In general, Does the series $E(s,t)$ have an integral representation? When G is the general Lorentz group $SO_0(n,1)$, we can find an integral representation of $E(s,t)$ which is a singular integral over certain noncompact real form H of the complexification K_c of K (Theorem 8.)

Main idea is to consider the analytic continuation of the Iwasawa decomposition and to find a noncompact real form of K_c with certain properties.

The present note is a sketch of results and we shall give proofs in [3].

§ 1. Analytic continuation of the Iwasawa decomposition

Let G be the general Lorentz group $SO_0(n,1)$ ($n \geq 2$). Denote by \mathfrak{g} , \mathfrak{g}_c the Lie algebra of G and its complexification respectively. We denote by G_c the complex analytic subgroup of $GL(n+1,C)$ with Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}_c . Let K, M, A, N be the same as in § 0.

for a complex number s , $v \in V_M$ and $x \in G$,

where dk is the normalized Haar measure on K and ρ is a real number obtained from the modular function δ of MAN by $\delta(ma_t n) = e^{-2\rho t}$.

The Eisenstein integral $E(s, v, a_t)$ has the following series expansion ([1],[5]).

Theorem 0. (Harish-Chandra)

There is an open connected dense subset $O(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ of \mathbb{C} which is stable under the action $s \rightarrow -s$ and are functions $C_e, C_w, A_k (k=0, 1, \dots)$ with all values in $\text{End}(V_M)$ such that

- 1) The complement of $O(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ is a discrete set.
- 2) The functions C_e, C_w (resp. $A_k (k=0, 1, \dots)$) are meromorphic (resp. rational) on \mathbb{C} and holomorphic on $O(\tau_1, \tau_2)$.
- 3) Fix any compact subset B of $O(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ and $r > 0$. Then, for each integers $i \geq 0, j \geq 0$, the series

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\right)^i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^j (A_k(s) e^{-kt})$$

is absolutely and uniformly convergent on $Bx[r, \infty)$.

- 4) Put $E(s, t) = e^{(s-\rho)t} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k(s) e^{-kt}$. Then

$$(2) \quad E(s, v, a_t) = E(s, t) C_e(s) v + E(-s, t) C_w(s) v,$$

for $s \in O(\tau_1, \tau_2)$, $v \in V_M$ and $t > 0$.

In this note, we call $E(s, t)$ the Harish-Chandra series of the Eisenstein integral $E(s, v, a_t)$.

For any closed subgroup of G we use the similar notations; for example, $\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{N}$ are the Lie algebras of K, M, A, N respectively. Choose an element $H_0 \in \mathcal{U}$ with the same property as in §0 and put

$$'A_c = \{ a_z = \exp(zH_0); \quad z \text{ is a complex number with } |\operatorname{Im}(z)| < \pi \},$$

$$'G_c = K_c 'A_c N_c.$$

Then we obtain from the explicit formula of the Iwasawa decomposition the following results.

Lemma 1.

'G_c is an open connected dense submanifold of G_c and there are holomorphic mappings

$$k : 'G_c \longrightarrow K_c, \quad t : 'G_c \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad n : 'G_c \longrightarrow N_c$$

such that for each $x \in 'G_c$ the decomposition

$$(3) \quad x = k(x) a_{t(x)} n(x)$$

exists and is unique. Moreover if $x \in G$ then this decomposition coincide with the Iwasawa decomposition.

Let θ be the Cartan involution with respect to the pair $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{K})$ and put

$$\mathcal{G} = \{ x + \theta x; \quad x \in \mathcal{K} \}.$$

Then $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{m} + \mathcal{g}$, $[\mathcal{g}, \mathcal{g}] \subset \mathcal{m}$, $[\mathcal{m}, \mathcal{g}] \subset \mathcal{g}$ and $[\mathcal{m}, \mathcal{m}] \subset \mathcal{m}$. Therefore the real subspace $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{m} + \sqrt{-1} \mathcal{g}$ is a noncompact real form \mathcal{K}_c . Let H be the analytic subgroup of K_c with Lie algebra \mathcal{P} . Then H is isomorphic to $SO_0(n-1, 1)$ and M is a maximal compact subgroup of H .

Lemma 2.

For any $t > 0$ and $h \in H$ $a_t h$ belongs to $'G_c$.

Since any finite dimensional representation of K can be extended to a holomorphic representation of K_c , we may regard a double unitary representation of K as a holomorphic double representation of K_c . Hence the function

$$e^{(s-\rho)t(a_t h)} \tau_1(k(a_t h))v \tau_2(h^{-1})$$

is well-defined.

Now we consider the following integral;

$$(4) \quad F(s,t)v = \int_H e^{(s-\rho)t(a_t h)} \tau_1(k(a_t h))v \tau_2(h^{-1}) dh,$$

for a complex number s , $v \in V_M$ and $t > 0$,

where dh is a Haar measure on H .

Lemma 3.

There is a real number c depending only on (τ_1, τ_2) such that if $\text{Re}(s) < c$ then the integral (4) converges for each $t > 0$ and $v \in V_M$, and gives a linear endomorphism $F(s,t): v \rightarrow F(s,t)v$ of V_M . Moreover there exist meromorphic functions $F_k (k=0,1,2,\dots)$ with values in $\text{End}(V_M)$ such that

1) $F_k (k=0,1,2,\dots)$ are all holomorphic on the half space $\{s; \text{Re}(s) < c\}$.

2) For any compact subset B of $\{s; \text{Re}(s) < c\}$ and $r > 0$, the series

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} F_k(s) e^{-kt}$$

is absolutely and uniformly convergent on $Bx[r, \infty)$ and

$$F(s, t) = e^{(s-\rho)t} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} F_k(s) e^{-kt},$$

for $t > 0$ and $\operatorname{Re}(s) < c$.

Corollary 4.

Fix $t > 0$. Then the function $s \rightarrow F(s, t)$ can be extended meromorphically onto the whole plane. Moreover if $\operatorname{Re}(s) < c$ then the limit $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{(\rho-s)t} F(s, t) = F_0(s)$ exists.

Most complicated part in proofs of these results is to show that the function $e^{(\rho-s)t} F(s, t)$ is a linear combination of integrals in the follows form;

$$I_{p,q}(s, t) = \int_0^1 r^{2-p} (1-r^2)^{-(s+\rho)} (1-x^2 r^2)^{s-\rho} \left(\frac{1+xr}{1-xr}\right)^p \left(\frac{1-r}{1+r}\right)^q dr,$$

where $x = e^{-t}$ and p, q are integers.

§2. Differential equations satisfied by $E(s, t)$, $F(s, t)$.

Let \mathcal{G} , \mathcal{K} be the universal enveloping algebra of \mathcal{F}_c , \mathcal{K}_c respectively. Denote by $\Delta(D)$ "the radial part" of $D \in \mathcal{G}$ in the sense of Chap.9 of [5]. Then, in our case, we may regard $\Delta(D)$ as an ordinary differential operator on $(0, \infty)$ whose coefficients are all real analytic functions with values in $\operatorname{End}(V)$. Let \mathcal{Z} be the center of \mathcal{G} and denote by $\Omega(Z, s)$ ($Z \in \mathcal{Z}$, s is a complex number) an element introduced in [5](p.283). Then

$$\Delta(Z)(E(s, t)) = E(s, t) \mathcal{T}_2(\Omega(Z, s-\rho)),$$

for each $s \in O(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ and $Z \in \mathcal{Z}$,

and

$$(5) \quad \Delta(Z)(E(s, v, a_t)) = E(s, v, \tau_2(\Omega(Z, s - \rho)), a_t)$$

for any complex number s and $Z \in \mathcal{Z}$.

Since H is a real form of K_c and the function

$$f(x) = e^{(s - \rho)t(x)} \tau_1(k(x)) \quad (x \in {}'G_c)$$

is holomorphic on $'G_c$ which satisfies

$$f(kxman) = e^{(s - \rho)t(a)} \tau_1(k) f(x) \tau_1(m),$$

for $k \in K_c$, $x \in {}'G_c$, $m \in M_c$, $a \in A_c$, $n \in N_c$ with $kxman \in {}'G_c$,

by similar arguments in the proof of (5), we have the next lemma

Lemma 5.

For each $Z \in \mathcal{Z}$, there is a real number c' such that if $\text{Re}(s) < c'$ then

$$\Delta(Z)(F(s, t)) = F(s, t) \tau_2(\Omega(Z, s - \rho)).$$

Noting that the following properties characterize the function

$f_s(t) = E(s, t)$ ($s \in O(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ fixed) (Chap. 9 of [5])

a) $f_s(t) = e^{(s - \rho)t} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k(s) e^{-kt},$

b) The limit $A_0(s) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{(\rho - s)t} f_s(t)$ exists and coincides with the identity operator of V_M ,

c) Let ω be the Casimir operator of G . Then

$$\Delta(\omega) f_s(t) = f_s(t) \tau_2(\Omega(\omega, s - \rho)),$$

we have from Lemma 3. and Lemma 5. the next lemma.

Lemma 6.

For each $t > 0$, $F(s, t) = E(s, t)F_0(s)$ as $\text{End}(V_M)$ -valued meromorphic functions.

Calculations of $F_0(s)$ is very difficult except special case but the next Lemma is hold.

Lemmma 7.

There is a constant c_0 depending only on normalizations of a Haar measure of H such that

$F_0(s) = c_0 \left(\frac{\sin \pi s}{\sin \pi(s + \rho)} \right) C_e(s)$,
as meromorphic functions.

Thus we have the following theorem.

Theorem 8.

There is a real number c such that if $\text{Re}(s) < c$ then the integral

$$F(s, t)v = \int_H e^{(s-\rho)t(a_t h)} \tau_1(k(a_t h)) v \tau_2(h^{-1}) dh$$

is absolutely convergent for each $t > 0$, $v \in V_M$. Moreover for fixed $t > 0$ the function $s \rightarrow F(s, t)$ can be extended to a $\text{End}(V_M)$ -valued meromorphic function on \mathbb{C} and

$$F(s, t) = c_0 \left(\frac{\sin \pi s}{\sin \pi(s + \rho)} \right) E(s, t) C_e(s).$$

Remark.

When $G=\text{SU}(1,1)$, the formula (4) gives an integral representation of Euler type. More generally, if the Eisenstein integral $E(s,v,a_t)$ coincide with a hypergeometric function then the formula (4) gives an integral representation of Euler type.

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