

# On the distinction of Harish-Chandra modules and its Ext-analogues

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## Abstract

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One core problem in relative harmonic analysis is to study the space of  $H$ -invariant linear functionals on an admissible representation, where  $H$  is a spherical subgroup of a reductive group  $G$  over a local field. In this talk, I will focus on the Archimedean case in the setting of Harish-Chandra modules. I will review the interpretation of these Hom spaces in terms of certain regular holonomic  $D$ -modules on  $G/H$  ([arXiv:1905.08135](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.08135)), under mild conditions on  $H$ . Then I will try to sketch a possible extension of this strategy to the Ext-analogues and the Euler–Poincaré numbers. This is a work IN PROGRESS.

**Warning.** The discussions below are speculative. We will make an Assumption 5.1 and a Conjecture 6.1.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathbf{G}$  be a connected reductive group over a local field  $F$ , and consider a subgroup  $\mathbf{H}$ . Write  $G = \mathbf{G}(F)$  and  $H = \mathbf{H}(F)$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  denote the universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and let  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$  be its center. All the representations under consideration will be realized on  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector spaces.

The central problem of *distinction* of representations of  $G$  by  $H$  can be formulated as follows.

- ★ Suppose that  $F$  is non-Archimedean. We want to study  $\mathrm{Hom}_H(\pi, \mathbb{C})$  where  $\pi$  is an admissible smooth representation of  $G$ , and  $\mathbb{C}$  stands for the trivial representation of  $H$ . More generally, we can consider  $\mathrm{Hom}_H(\pi, \chi)$  for a character  $\chi : H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ , but we will not pursue this level of generality here.
- ★ Suppose that  $F$  is Archimedean, say  $F = \mathbb{R}$ . There are at least two formulations of our problem.
  - Let  $\pi^\infty$  be a Casselman–Wallach representation of  $G$ , and consider  $\mathrm{Hom}_H(\pi^\infty, \mathbb{C})$  where  $\mathrm{Hom}_H$  is the continuous Hom of  $H$ -representations.
  - Let  $\pi$  be a Harish-Chandra module, and consider  $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{h}}(\pi, \mathbb{C})$ ; here  $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{h}}$  is the algebraic Hom-space of  $\mathfrak{h}$ -equivariant maps.

To be precise, we fix a maximal compact subgroup  $K \subset G$ ; a Harish-Chandra module here means a  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -module which is finitely generated over  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}})$  and locally  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}})$ -finite (i.e. each vector lies in a  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}})$ -stable finite-dimensional subspace).

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Starting from a Casselman–Wallach representation  $\pi^\infty$ , let  $\pi$  be the  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -module of its  $K$ -finite vectors. Then  $\mathrm{Hom}_H(\pi^\infty, \mathbb{C}) \subset \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{h}}(\pi, \mathbb{C})$ . The conjecture of *automatic continuity* asserts that equalities holds under further assumptions on  $\mathbf{H}$ . We do not need any results of this type in this talk.

For non-Archimedean  $F$ , Dipendra Prasad [11] proposed to study the Ext-analogues of distinction. In our framework, the problem is thus to study various  $\mathrm{Ext}_H^i(\pi, \mathbb{C})$  and the Euler–Poincaré characteristic

$$\mathrm{EP}_H(\pi, \mathbb{C}) := \sum_i (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathrm{Ext}_H^i(\pi, \mathbb{C}),$$

which is expected to be a more manageable quantity. provided that the sum is finite and  $\mathrm{Ext}_H^i$  is finite-dimensional for all  $i$ .

What is the Archimedean version of this? In order to do homological algebra, it seems easier to work with the algebraic version and study

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathfrak{h}}^i(\pi, \mathbb{C}), \quad \mathrm{EP}_{\mathfrak{h}}(\pi, \mathbb{C}) := \sum_i (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathfrak{h}}^i(\pi, \mathbb{C})$$

where  $\pi$  is a Harish-Chandra module and  $\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathfrak{h}}^i$  is calculated in  $\mathfrak{h}\text{-Mod}$ .

We will focus on the case of Harish-Chandra modules in what follows. The problem so formulated being *algebraic*, one can replace  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$  by its complexification  $(\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}, K_{\mathbb{C}})$ .

## 2 Geometric setting

Let us change the notations somehow. Let  $\mathbf{G}$  be a connected reductive  $\mathbb{C}$ -group, and let  $\mathbf{K}$  be the fixed locus of a Cartan involution. Let's identify  $\mathbf{G} \supset \mathbf{K}$  with their groups of  $\mathbb{C}$ -points  $G \supset K$  and so forth, for typographic reasons.

Consider an algebraic homogeneous  $G$ -space  $X$ , with  $G$  acting on the right. Assume that

- ★  $X$  is affine,
- ★  $X$  is spherical, i.e. there exists an open Borel orbit.

We fix  $x \in X$  so that  $\mathrm{Stab}_G(x) = H$  and  $H \backslash G \xrightarrow{\sim} X$ . Let

$$\mathcal{O}_x \subset \mathcal{O}_x^{\mathrm{an}} \subset \widehat{\mathcal{O}}_x$$

be the local ring at  $x$ , its analytic avatar, and its formal completion, respectively. In what follows,  $(\dots)^{\mathrm{an}}$  will always denote the evident analytification functor, and  $(\dots)_x$  denote the stalk at  $x$  of quasi-coherent sheaves on  $X$ .

Let  $D_X$  be the ring of algebraic differential operators on  $X$ . There are also sheaf-versions  $\mathcal{D}_X$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_{X^{\mathrm{an}}}$  (the complex-analytic differential operators), and the stalks  $D_{X,x}$ ,  $D_{X,x}^{\mathrm{an}}$ , etc.

Note that  $D_{X,x}$  acts on  $\mathcal{O}_x$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_x^{\mathrm{an}}$ ,  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_x$ , whilst  $D_{X,x}^{\mathrm{an}}$  acts only on  $\mathcal{O}_x^{\mathrm{an}}$  and  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_x$ .

Also,  $G$  acts on the left of  $D_X$  by transport of structure, namely  $P \xrightarrow{g \in G} gPg^{-1}$  for every algebraic differential operator  $P$  on  $X$ .

The algebraic  $G$ -action induces a homomorphism of algebras  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow D_X$ .

### 3 Localization functor: degree zero

Keep the same conventions on  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $K$ , etc.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\pi$  be a  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -module. There are canonical isomorphisms*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{h}}(\pi, \mathbb{C}) &\simeq \mathrm{Hom}_{D_X} \left( D_X \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})} \pi, \widehat{\mathcal{O}}_x \right) \\ &\simeq \mathrm{Hom}_{D_{X,x}} \left( D_{X,x} \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})} \pi, \widehat{\mathcal{O}}_x \right) \\ &\simeq \mathrm{Hom}_{D_{X,x}^{\mathrm{an}}} \left( D_{X,x}^{\mathrm{an}} \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})} \pi, \widehat{\mathcal{O}}_x \right) \end{aligned}$$

of  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector spaces.

*Proof.* This is based on  $H \backslash G \xrightarrow{\sim} X$  and the well-known isomorphism

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\pi, \widehat{\mathcal{O}}_x) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{h}}(\pi, \mathbb{C}),$$

see for instance the proof of [8, Lemma 10.1]. Perform a change-of-ring via

$$\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow D_X \rightarrow D_{X,x} \rightarrow D_{X,x}^{\mathrm{an}}$$

to get the remaining Hom spaces. □

Here we encountered the *localization functor*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Loc}_X : \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})\text{-Mod} &\rightarrow D_X\text{-Mod} \\ \pi &\mapsto D_X \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})} \pi. \end{aligned}$$

It preserves free (resp. projective, finitely generated) objects. Also,  $D_{X,x}^{\mathrm{an}} \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})} \pi \simeq (\mathrm{Loc}_X(\pi))_x^{\mathrm{an}}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\pi$  be a Harish-Chandra module. Then  $\mathrm{Loc}_X(\pi)$  is regular holonomic. Consequently  $\mathrm{Loc}_X(\pi)^{\mathrm{an}}$  is regular holonomic as well (see [6, Theorem 6.1.12]).*

Notice that the holonomicity can be proved by the arguments from [1].

What does it mean for a  $D_X^{\mathrm{an}}$ -module  $M$  to be regular holonomic? A necessary and sufficient condition (see [6, Remark 7.3.2] or [4, Definition 5.3.1]) is that

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{D_{X,x}^{\mathrm{an}}}(M, \mathcal{O}_x^{\mathrm{an}}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{D_{X,x}^{\mathrm{an}}}(M, \widehat{\mathcal{O}}_x) \quad (3.1)$$

is an isomorphism for every  $x$ . In other words, every formal solution of the corresponding differential system converges locally, at every point. Since analytification preserves regularity. We obtain the following

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $\pi$  be a Harish-Chandra module. Then there is a canonical isomorphism  $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{h}}(\pi, \mathbb{C}) \simeq \mathrm{Hom}_{D_{X,x}^{\mathrm{an}}}(\mathrm{Loc}_X(\pi)^{\mathrm{an}}, \mathcal{O}_x^{\mathrm{an}})$ . In particular,  $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{h}}(\pi, \mathbb{C})$  is finite-dimensional.*

*Proof.* The finite-dimensionality of  $\mathrm{Hom}_{D_{X,x}^{\mathrm{an}}}(M, \mathcal{O}_x^{\mathrm{an}})$  is known (Kashiwara's result, [6, §4.6]) for holonomic  $M$ . □

Concerning the finiteness of  $\dim \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{h}}(\pi, \mathbb{C})$ , a simpler and broader result is obtained in [2, Theorem 4.1.1]. However, it seems possible to access the higher Ext-analogues and Euler–Poincaré characteristics via  $D$ -modules. We will return to this point later on.

## 4 Regularity

The proof of Theorem 3.2 is based on the following machinery from [8]. Let  $G, X$  be as before.

**Theorem 4.1** (Special case of [8, Corollary 5.7]). *Let  $M$  be a  $D_X$ -module. Suppose that*

- ★  $M$  is finitely generated,
- ★  $M$  is locally  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ -finite,
- ★  $M$  is equipped with a structure of  $K$ -equivariant  $D_X$ -module.

*Then  $M$  is regular holonomic.*

The proof given in *loc. cit.* is not very original: it is somehow a “replay” of Ginsburg’s work [5]. Note that the  $K$ -equivariance of  $D_X$ -modules is understood in the *strong* sense: roughly speaking,  $M$  is endowed with a  $K$ -action, so that

- ★ the multiplication map  $D_X \otimes M \rightarrow M$  is  $K$ -equivariant,
- ★ the derivative of  $K$ -action coincides with that coming from  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{k}) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow D_X$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $M$  be a  $D_X$ -module that is generated by a finite-dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector subspace  $M_0$ , such that  $M_0$  is  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ -stable. Then  $M$  is locally  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ -finite.*

*Proof.* This is implicit in [8, Remark 3.3] without proof. It turns out to be tricky when I was preparing for this talk, so a proof is given here.

Let  $M^b \subset M$  be the  $\mathfrak{g}$ -submodule generated by  $M_0$ , so  $M^b$  is  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ -finite. Recall that  $G$  acts on  $D_X$  by  $P \mapsto gPg^{-1}$ ; its derivative is  $P \xrightarrow{\xi \in \mathfrak{g}} [\xi, P]$ . The latter action makes  $D_X$  into a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module. Now consider the surjection

$$D_X \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} M^b \rightarrow M, \quad P \otimes m \mapsto m.$$

It is a map of  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules if we let  $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$  act on the left by  $P \otimes m \mapsto [\xi, P] \otimes m + P \otimes (\xi \cdot m)$ , since

$$\xi \cdot (Pm) = [\xi, P] \cdot m + P \cdot (\xi m) \tag{4.1}$$

for all  $m \in M$ ,  $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$  and  $P \in D_X$ .

By the algebraic nature of the  $G$ -action on  $D_X$ , we see that  $D_X$  is a locally finite  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module. Hence it remains to show that  $F \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} M^b$  is  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ -finite for every finite-dimensional  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module  $F$ , where  $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$  acts by  $f \otimes m \mapsto \xi f \otimes m + f \otimes \xi m$ . This reduces to Kostant’s Theorem, see [7, Theorem 7.133].  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 3.2.* We are going to check the conditions in Theorem 4.1. First, since  $\pi$  is finitely generated, so is the  $D_X$ -module  $D_X \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})} \pi$ .

As for the local  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ -finiteness, note that  $\pi$  is generated over  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  by a finite-dimensional  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ -stable subspace, and apply Lemma 4.2.

Letting  $K$  act diagonally on  $D_X \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})} \pi$  gives the  $K$ -equivariant structure; here we use some analogue of (4.1) to check the compatibility between  $\mathfrak{k}$ -actions.  $\square$

More generally, we will be interested in the subcategory  $D_{\text{rh}}^b(D_X\text{-Mod})$  (resp.  $D_{\text{h}}^b(D_X\text{-Mod})$ ) of  $D^b(D_X\text{-Mod})$  consisting of complexes with regular holonomic (resp. holonomic) cohomologies.

**Definition 4.3** (Solution complex). For every  $C \in D_{\text{h}}^b(D_X\text{-Mod})$ , let

$$\text{Sol}_X(C) := R\mathcal{H}om_{D_X^{\text{an}}}(C^{\text{an}}, \mathcal{O}_X^{\text{an}}).$$

After Kashiwara [6, §4.6], we know that  $\text{Sol}_X(C)[\dim X]$  is a constructible sheaf on  $X$ ; in fact it is perverse. Thus  $\text{Sol}_X(C)_x \simeq R\mathcal{H}om_{D_{X,x}^{\text{an}}}(C^{\text{an}}, \mathcal{O}_{X,x}^{\text{an}})$  has finite-dimensional cohomologies, for each  $x \in X$ .

## 5 Speculations on Ext-analogues

Let  $\pi$  be a  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -module. Take any projective resolution of  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules

$$\dots \rightarrow P^{-1} \rightarrow P^0 \rightarrow \pi.$$

Note that each  $P^{-i}$  is also projective as a  $\mathfrak{h}$ -module, since projective modules are direct summands of free ones, and  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  is free as a left (resp. right)  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{h})$ -module by the Poincaré–Birkhoff–Witt Theorem. Therefore, for each  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathfrak{h}}^i(\pi, \mathbb{C}) &\simeq \mathrm{H}^i \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{h}}(P^\bullet, \mathbb{C}) \\ &\simeq \mathrm{H}^i \mathrm{Hom}_{D_{X,x}} \left( D_{X,x} \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})} P^\bullet, \widehat{\mathcal{O}}_x \right) \end{aligned}$$

by Proposition 3.1. Note that  $D_X \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})} P^\bullet$  is a complex of projective  $D_X$ -modules representing

$D_X \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})}^{\mathbb{L}} \pi$  in  $\mathrm{D}^b(D_X\text{-Mod})$ . Ditto after replacing  $D_X$  by its stalk  $D_{X,x}$ .

Consider the derived localization functor

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Loc}_X : \mathrm{D}^b(\mathfrak{g}\text{-Mod}) &\rightarrow \mathrm{D}^b(D_X\text{-Mod}) \\ C &\mapsto D_X \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})}^{\mathbb{L}} C. \end{aligned}$$

It does preserve boundedness, by using the bar (or Koszul, standard) resolution of  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules.

Now we make the *key assumption* of this talk.

**Assumption 5.1.** Let  $\pi$  be a given Harish-Chandra module. We have

$$\mathbf{Loc}_X(\pi) \in \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{rh}}^b(D_X\text{-Mod}).$$

The regularity at  $\mathrm{H}^0$  is just Theorem 3.2.

**Proposition 5.2.** *Let  $\pi$  be a Harish-Chandra module. Under our key assumption, we have  $\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathfrak{h}}^i(\pi, \mathbb{C}) \simeq \mathrm{H}^i(\mathrm{Sol}_X(\mathbf{Loc}_X(\pi)))_x$  for each  $i$ . In particular,  $\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathfrak{h}}^i(\pi, \mathbb{C})$  is finite-dimensional.*

*Proof.* Use the extension of (3.1) in which  $M$  is taken in  $\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{rh}}^b(D_X\text{-Mod})$ , and  $\mathrm{Hom}$  is replaced by  $\mathrm{RHom}$ ; see for example [4, Definition 5.3.1].  $\square$

The finite-dimensionality of  $\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathfrak{h}}^i(\pi, \mathbb{C})$  is also proved in [2, Proposition 4.2.2] when  $\mathfrak{h}$  and  $\mathfrak{k}$  are in good relative position. In contrast, there is no condition on  $x \in X$  in the result above.

**Corollary 5.3.** *Let  $\pi$  be a Harish-Chandra module. Under our key assumption,*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{EP}_{\mathfrak{h}}(\pi, \mathbb{C}) &= \sum_i (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathrm{H}^i(\mathrm{Sol}_X(\mathbf{Loc}_X(\pi)))_x \\ &=: \mathrm{EP}(\mathrm{Sol}_X(\mathbf{Loc}_X(\pi)))(x) \end{aligned}$$

and the right-hand side can be expressed in terms of Kashiwara’s Local Index Theorem [6, Theorem 4.6.7].

Let  $C \in \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{rh}}^b(D_X\text{-Mod})$ . Briefly speaking, the Local Index Theorem expresses  $\mathrm{EP}(\mathrm{Sol}_X(C))$ , as a function on  $X$ , in terms of the *Euler obstructions* of the *characteristic cycle* of  $C$ , the latter one being a Lagrangian conic cycle in  $T^*X$ . Thus far, I have absolutely no idea about explicit computations of these geometric/topological quantities.

## 6 On the Key Assumption (in progress...)

Let  $\pi$  be a Harish-Chandra module. We hope to verify the premises in Theorem 4.1 for the cohomologies of  $\mathbf{Loc}_X(\pi)$ , modulo a conjecture.

**Finite generation** Since  $\pi$  is finitely generated over the Noetherian ring  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ , it has a resolution by free modules of finite rank. Hence  $\mathbf{Loc}_X(\pi)$  is represented by a complex of free  $D_X$ -modules of finite rank. Now recall that  $D_X$  is Noetherian.

**Local  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ -finiteness** This is currently unclear to me. Let's be cautiously optimistic<sup>2</sup>:

**Conjecture 6.1.** The cohomologies of  $\mathbf{Loc}_X(\pi)$  are locally  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ -finite  $D_X$ -modules.

**$K$ -equivariance** This is troublesome for the following reason.

- ★ We defined  $\mathbf{Loc}_X(\pi)$  using the  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module structure only. Where is  $K$ ?
- ★ If we take resolutions of  $\pi$  as a  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -module instead (see [7] for the general theory), we run into a bigger trouble because projective  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -modules are rarely projective over  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

As a workaround for the aforementioned obstacle, we consider the *h-complexes* in the sense of [3] or [9, 10]. Since the precise formulas can be found in *loc. cit.*, I will only give a sketch. The *h-complexes* for  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$  are complexes  $C^\bullet$  of weak  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -modules (i.e. no compatibility imposed between the  $\mathfrak{k}$ -actions coming from  $K$  and  $\mathfrak{g}$ ), together with a  $i : \mathfrak{k} \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{-1}(C^\bullet, C^\bullet)$  giving homotopies between the two  $\mathfrak{k}$ -actions, plus some other compatibilities. Hence the cohomologies of *h-complexes* are  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -modules.

One can do homological algebra with *h-complexes*, define the  $\oplus$  and  $\otimes_{\mathbb{C}}$  of *h-complexes*, and so on. For example, if  $A^\bullet$  and  $B^\bullet$  are *h-complexes* with homotopies  $i^A, i^B$ , one endow  $(A \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} B)^\bullet$  (which is obviously a complex of weak  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -modules) with the homotopies

$$i_\xi^{A \otimes B}(u \otimes v) = i_\xi^A u \otimes v + (-1)^{\deg u} u \otimes i_\xi^B v, \quad \xi \in \mathfrak{k}.$$

A key example is the bar complex  $N\mathfrak{g} := \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \wedge^{-\bullet} \mathfrak{g}$ , with

- ★  $\mathfrak{g}$  acting only on  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ ,
- ★  $K$  acting diagonally.

For any  $\xi \in \mathfrak{k}$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  and  $\lambda \in \wedge^{-i} \mathfrak{g}$ , set

$$i_\xi(u \otimes \lambda) = -u \otimes (\xi \wedge \lambda).$$

This turns out to be an *h-complex*. For any  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -module  $\pi$ , the *h-complex*  $P^\bullet := N\mathfrak{g} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \pi$  is a projective resolution of  $\pi$  in  $\mathfrak{g}\text{-Mod}$ . By a  $K$ -equivariant change-of-rings via  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow D_X$ , we shall get a similar structure after taking  $D_X \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})} P^\bullet$ . Granting this fact, the cohomologies of  $\mathbf{Loc}_X(\pi)$  should carry canonical  $K$ -equivariant structures.

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