

Invariant holonomic systems in the bi-Whittaker setting

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Motivation from harmonic analysis

- Let G be a real reductive group, eg. $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$, and π be an admissible complex representation of G .
- For every $f \in C_c^\infty(G) \otimes$ Haar measure, the operator $\pi(f)$ is known to be of trace-class.
- In fact, one can take f to be a Schwartz function (= rapid decay) on G .

Theorem (“ L^1_{loc} ”, due to Harish-Chandra, 1964)

The distribution $\Theta_\pi : f \mapsto \text{Tr}(\pi(f))$ on G is represented by a locally L^1 function on G , which is C^ω on $G_{\text{reg,ss}}$.

Corollary (“Determinacy”)

Θ_π is determined by its restriction on any open dense subset.

Later on, Harish-Chandra generalized these to p -adic reductive groups (char = 0).

Harish-Chandra proved this result by descending to Lie algebras. Partly motivated by these results, Hotta and Kashiwara (1984) studied the following G -equivariant D -modules on \mathfrak{g}

$$\mathcal{M}_\lambda := D(\mathfrak{g})/\text{relations},$$

called the **invariant holonomic systems**, where

- \mathfrak{g} is a reductive Lie algebra over \mathbb{C} ,
- $D(\mathfrak{g})$ is the algebra of algebraic differential operators on \mathfrak{g} ,
- relations = $\text{ad } \mathfrak{g}$ -invariance and that $\text{Sym}(\mathfrak{g})^G$ acts via a character λ .

One can define a group version of \mathcal{M}_λ , replacing $\text{Sym}(\mathfrak{g})^G$ by $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g}) := Z(\mathcal{U}\mathfrak{g})$.

Among other things, they obtained

Theorem (Hotta–Kashiwara)

\mathcal{M}_λ is regular holonomic, equal to the minimal extension of the flat connection $\mathcal{M}_\lambda|_{\mathfrak{g}_{\text{reg,ss}}}$.

This also gives an algebraic proof of Harish-Chandra's theorem that Θ_π is determined by its restriction to any open dense subset.

Further developments

- Sekiguchi (1985) studied invariant holonomic systems on $V := \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$ for infinitesimal symmetric pairs $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$, but the regular holonomicity/minimal extensions remained conjectural.
- Levasseur–Stafford (1999): progress towards Sekiguchi's conjectures
- Laurent (2003) and Galina–Laurent (2004) proved the regular holonomicity for all $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$, as well as an L_{loc}^1 theorem under assumptions on $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$. Method: b -functions.

Recently, Bellamy–Nevins–Stafford (arXiv:2109.11387) obtained the

Theorem (Bellamy–Nevins–Stafford)

Let G be a connected reductive \mathbb{C} -group. For “robust” infinitesimal symmetric spaces V under G -action, the $D(V)$ -module

$$\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_\lambda := D(V) / \left(\mathfrak{g}\text{-invariance} + \text{Sym}(V)^G \text{ acts by } \lambda \right)$$

is regular holonomic and equals to the minimal extension of the flat connection $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_\lambda|_{V_{\text{reg}}}$.

- V_{reg} is $\{\delta \neq 0\}$ for some discriminant function $\delta \in \mathbb{C}[V]$.
- The assertion about minimal extension amounts to: $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_\lambda$ has neither submodules nor quotients that are nonzero and supported on $V \setminus V_{\text{reg}}$.

Remarks

- Once lifted to the group level, such results will be helpful for studying *relative characters* in the relative Langlands program.
Known: relative characters under a pair of *reductive* spherical subgroups $H_1, H_2 \subset G$ generate a regular holonomic D -module (L.. 2022)
- Some results in this direction (“determinacy” of relative characters on the regular locus) are settled by Aizenbud–Gourevitch (2015) and H. Lu (2019) by methods of distributions à la Shalika.
- More generally, one should consider *admissible* modules, i.e. those D -modules with locally finite $\mathrm{Sym}(V)^G$ or $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ -actions.

The bi-Whittaker setting: motivations

Again, we shall motivate from the real setting.

- G : connected reductive \mathbb{R} -group,
- $B = TN \subset G$: Borel subgroup,
- $\psi : \mathfrak{n} = \text{Lie}(N) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a non-degenerate character.

Motivation (Baruch, 2001)

Study of *Bessel distributions* on G , which are locally $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ -finite left and right (\mathfrak{n}, ψ) -equivariant distributions attached to a pair (λ_1, λ_2) of Whittaker functionals of an admissible representation π of G .

These are one of the earliest examples of “relative characters” alluded to above.

Conjecture

Bessel distributions are L_{loc}^1 .

Note: No descent to Lie algebras/Luna slices here, due to nilpotence.

The setting for D -modules

Now consider G , $B = TN$ and ψ over \mathbb{C} . Let $\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{W}(G, T)$.

Convention

$\ell = \text{left}$, $r = \text{right}$.

- Let $N_\ell \times N_r \subset G_\ell \times G_r$ act on G .
- Let $\mathfrak{n}_{\ell r}^\psi \subset \mathcal{U}\mathfrak{g}_\ell \otimes \mathcal{U}\mathfrak{g}_r$ be the Lie subalgebra generated by
$$(\xi - \psi(\xi)) \otimes 1, \quad 1 \otimes (\xi - \psi(\xi)) \quad (\xi \in \mathfrak{n}).$$
- Let $(D(G), \mathfrak{n}_{\ell r}^\psi)\text{-Mod} \subset D(G)\text{-Mod}$ be the Serre subcategory consisting of modules on which $\mathfrak{n}_{\ell r}^\psi$ acts locally nilpotently — **this is what we want to understand**.

Fact

There is an explicit equivalence $(D(G), \mathfrak{n}_{\ell r}^\psi)\text{-Mod} \simeq \mathbb{W}\text{-Mod}$, where

$$\mathbb{W} := \left(D(G) / D(G)\mathfrak{n}_{\ell r}^\psi \right)^{N_\ell \times N_r}.$$

- \mathbb{W} is an instance of quantum Hamiltonian reduction:

$$\mathbb{W} = D(G) // \mathfrak{n}_{\ell_r}^\psi.$$

- Also known as the quantum Toda lattice, a 2-sided Noetherian ring.
- $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g}) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{W}$.

Definition (Harish-Chandra modules)

Let $\nu : \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a character with $\mathfrak{m}_\nu := \ker(\nu)$. The corresponding Harish-Chandra \mathbb{W} -module is

$$\mathcal{G}_\nu := \mathbb{W} / \mathbb{W}\mathfrak{m}_\nu.$$

Can check that \mathcal{G}_ν corresponds to

$$\mathcal{G}_\nu^{\mathfrak{h}} = D(G) / \left(D(G)\mathfrak{n}_{\ell_r}^\psi + D(G)\mathfrak{m}_\nu \right) \in (D(G), \mathfrak{n}_{\ell_r}^\psi)\text{-Mod.}$$

For representations of infinitesimal character ν , Baruch's Bessel distributions are solutions to $\mathcal{G}_\nu^{\mathfrak{h}}$.

Definition (admissibility)

We say a \mathbb{W} -module is admissible if it is f.g. and $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ acts locally finitely.

- Admissible \iff generated by finitely many $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ -finite elements;
- Harish-Chandra \mathbb{W} -modules are admissible;
- admissible modules have finite length;
- let M be admissible and corresponds to $M^\natural \in (D(G), \mathfrak{n}_{\ell_r}^\psi)\text{-Mod}$, then M^\natural is holonomic, and $j^* M^\natural$ is a flat connection where $j : B_{W_0} B \hookrightarrow G$.
Proof: apply Aizenbud–Gourevitch–Minchenko 2016 or L. 2022 that

$$\text{SS}(M^\natural) \subset (\mu_\ell \times \mu_r)^{-1} \left(\text{Nilp} \cap (\mathfrak{n}_\ell \times \mathfrak{n}_r)^\perp \right).$$

Remark

The connection $j^* M^\natural$ is almost never regular, due to the exponential behavior along $N_\ell \times N_r$ -orbits.

But the minimal extension $j_{!*} j^* M^\natural$ still makes sense!

Naive questions

Motivated by works by Hotta–Kashiwara, Bellamy–Nevins–Stafford et al., we rise the following

Question 1

Let M be an admissible \mathbb{W} -module. Is M^{\natural} equal to $j_{!*}j^*M^{\natural}$?

This is the same as demanding M^{\natural} has neither submodules nor quotients that are nonzero and supported on $G \setminus Bw_0B$. We will formulate it in terms of M .

Question 2

How about the special case $M = \mathcal{G}_{\nu}$, possibly with conditions on ν ?

An affirmative answer would be useful for studying their b -functions, and for the study of Bessel distributions (long term goal).

Kazhdan filtration

Fix an invariant form (\cdot, \cdot) on \mathfrak{g} and a principal $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ -triple (e, h, f) , such that $e \in \mathfrak{n}^-$, $f \in \mathfrak{n}$ and $\psi = (e, \cdot)$. We are going to define a \mathbb{Z} -filtration on \mathbb{W} .

- Equip $D(G)$ with the order filtration $D(G)_{\leq \bullet}$.
- The adjoint h -action equips $D(G)$ with a \mathbb{Z} -grading. The *Kazhdan filtration* $F_{\bullet}D(G)$ is

$$F_n D(G) = \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{Z}} (F_n D(G))(d), \quad (F_n D(G))(d) := D(G)_{\leq \frac{n-d}{2}}(d).$$

- Equip \mathbb{W} with the filtration $F_{\bullet}\mathbb{W}$ induced by $F_{\bullet}D(G)$.

The induced filtration on $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$ is the PBW filtration, i.e. that induced by the PBW filtration on $\mathcal{U}\mathfrak{g}$.

Ginzburg's results: the graded setting

- Let $\mathfrak{c} := \mathfrak{g}^* // G$ and recall that $\mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathfrak{g}^*$ via (\cdot, \cdot) .
- Let $\mathfrak{Z} = \mathfrak{Z}_G$ be the *universal centralizer*. It is a smooth symplectic affine variety — to be reviewed.
- The characteristic morphism $\kappa : \mathfrak{Z} \rightarrow \mathfrak{c}$ makes \mathfrak{Z} into an affine commutative \mathfrak{c} -group scheme; κ is also a Lagrangian fibration.

Theorem (Ginzburg 2018)

The filtration on \mathbb{W} is separating and there is an isomorphism of Poisson algebras

$$\mathrm{gr}(\mathbb{W}) \simeq \mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{Z}]$$

that induces an isomorphism of maximal commutative subalgebras

$$\mathrm{gr}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})) \simeq \kappa^*(\mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{c}]).$$

Ginzburg's result: relation to nil-DAHA

Assume G is simply connected. Take the affine Lie algebra

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\text{aff}} \supset \mathfrak{t}_{\text{aff}}, \quad \tilde{W} = W \ltimes X^*(T) \supset W_{\text{aff}},$$

$\hbar \in \mathfrak{t}_{\text{aff}}$: the minimal imaginary coroot.

Define

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathfrak{t}_{\text{aff}}, \tilde{W}) := \text{nil-DAHA}$$

generated by $\text{Sym}(\mathfrak{t}_{\text{aff}}) = \text{Sym}(\mathfrak{t})[\hbar]$ and Demazure operators indexed by affine roots. This is a $\mathbb{C}[\hbar]$ -algebra.

- There is a \mathbb{Z} -grading on $\mathcal{H}(\mathfrak{t}_{\text{aff}}, \tilde{W})$ such that $\deg \hbar = 1$, and \hbar is not a 0-divisor (\implies a Rees algebra).
- $\mathbb{H} := \mathcal{H}(\mathfrak{t}_{\text{aff}}, \tilde{W})|_{\hbar=1}$ is thus a \mathbb{Z} -filtered algebra with $\text{gr}\mathbb{H} = \mathcal{H}(\mathfrak{t}_{\text{aff}}, \tilde{W})|_{\hbar=0}$.

The group algebra $\mathbb{C}W$ embeds naturally in $\mathcal{H}(\mathfrak{t}_{\text{aff}}, \tilde{W})$. Use the idempotent

$$\mathbf{e} := \frac{1}{|W|} \sum_{w \in W} w$$

to define the spherical part $\mathbb{H}^{\text{sph}} := \mathbf{e}\mathbb{H}\mathbf{e}$.

Theorem (Ginzburg 2018)

There is an isomorphism $\mathbb{W} \simeq \mathbb{H}^{\text{sph}}$ of filtered algebras which restricts to $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g}) \simeq \text{Sym}(\mathfrak{t})^W$ that coincides with Harish-Chandra's isomorphism.

In *loc. cit.*, one defines $\mathcal{H}(\mathfrak{t}_{\text{aff}}, \tilde{W})^{\text{sph}}$ and the isomorphisms above can be upgraded to the level of Rees algebras.

Proposition

When G is general, \mathbb{W} is 2-sided flat over $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$.

Digression on universal centralizers

There are at least three constructions of \mathfrak{Z} .

- 1 Let \mathcal{L}_{reg} be the variety of pairs $(x, g) \in \mathfrak{g}_{\text{reg}}^* \times G$ such that $\text{Ad}^*(g)x = x$. Then \mathfrak{Z} is the unique affine commutative \mathfrak{c} -group scheme whose pullback via $\mathfrak{g}_{\text{reg}}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{c}$ is \mathcal{L}_{reg} . The morphism $\kappa : \mathfrak{Z} \rightarrow \mathfrak{c}$ is induced by $(x, g) \mapsto x$.
- 2 As the bi-Whittaker Hamiltonian reduction $T^*G // (N_{\ell} \times N_r, \psi \times \psi)$. Easily described using Kostant slices.
- 3 As a quotient by $W(G, T)$ of a certain affine blow-up of $T \times \mathfrak{t}^*$ (Bezrukavnikov–Finkelberg–Mirković 2005). Not directly used here.

The second construction implies $\mathbb{C}[G]^{N_{\ell} \times N_r} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{Z}]$. It upgrades to $\mathbb{C}[G]^{N_{\ell} \times N_r} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{W}$: the filtration on $\mathbb{C}[G]^{N_{\ell} \times N_r}$ induced from $F_{\bullet} \mathbb{W}$ splits!

Study of torsion

$$\mathbb{C}[G]^{N_e \times N_r} = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in X^*(T)_{\text{dom}}} V_\lambda^{*,N} \otimes V_\lambda^N.$$

Take any $d \in \mathbb{C}[G]^{N_e \times N_r} \setminus \{0\}$ corresponding to regular dominant λ .
Then $\{d \neq 0\} = Bw_0B$. Let $\mathcal{S} := d^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$.

Observation

Let M be a \mathbb{W} -module and M^\natural the corresponding $D(G)$ -module. TFAE:

- (a) M^\natural is supported off Bw_0B ,
- (b) every element of M^\natural is of \mathcal{S} -torsion,
- (c) every element of M is of \mathcal{S} -torsion.

The study of nonzero sub/quot of M^\natural supported off Bw_0B reduces to the study of \mathcal{S} -torsion sub/quot of M .

When properly phrased, the notions of good filtrations, singular supports and completions also apply to \mathbb{Z} -filtrations.

Let $SS(M) \subset \mathfrak{Z}$ be the *singular support*/characteristic variety of M , computed using any *good filtration* on M .

Strategy (after Levasseur–Stafford and Bellamy–Nevins–Stafford)

Let Q be a subquotient of an admissible \mathbb{W} -module M . When all elements of Q are of \mathcal{S} -torsion, we shall look at $SS(Q)$ w.r.t. any good filtration on Q .

Obstacle

For \mathbb{Z} -filtrations, it might happen that $Q \neq 0$ yet $\text{gr}(Q) = 0$, or equivalently the completion $\hat{Q} = 0$.

- This is because $F_\bullet \mathbb{W}$ is not necessarily a **Zariskian** filtered ring.
- The problem fades away for modules over the filtered ring $\hat{\mathbb{W}}$:
complete \implies Zariskian.

Results modulo completion

All completions are relative to $F_\bullet \mathbb{W}$ and good filtrations on f.g. \mathbb{W} -modules.

Theorem A

Let M be an admissible \mathbb{W} -module. If Q is a subquotient of the $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}$ -module \widehat{M} such that Q is generated by \mathcal{S} -torsion elements, then $Q = 0$.

- One can show that $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}_\nu \neq 0$.
- If we can obtain a “decompleted” version, then $M^\natural \simeq j_{!} j^* M^\natural$ as desired.
- We are taking completion of modules over non-commutative rings like \mathbb{W} , and results such as exactness and Noetherian properties are needed. No problem if one works on the level of Rees algebras (Asensio, van den Bergh, van Oystaeyen 1989).

Below is a sketch of the proof of Theorem A.

- 1 It suffices to prove $\text{gr}(Q) = 0$ w.r.t. any good filtration, since $\hat{\mathbb{W}}$ is Zariskian as a filtered ring.
- 2 Admissibility implies $\text{SS}(Q)$ lies in some $\kappa^{-1}(\nu_0)$, which is Lagrangian in \mathfrak{J} . It remains to show $d = 0$ cuts down its dimension (\mathfrak{J} is symplectic and Gabber's theorem applies to \mathbb{Z} -filtered rings as well).
- 3 Define the big cell $\mathfrak{B}_{w_0} := \{d \neq 0\} \subset \mathfrak{J}$. We are reduced to show that: every connected component of $\kappa^{-1}(\nu_0)$ intersects \mathfrak{B}_{w_0} .
- 4 Using the compatibility of \mathfrak{J} with isogenies, we reduce to adjoint G , in which case κ has connected fibers.
- 5 Claim: for adjoint G , the morphism $\kappa : \mathfrak{B}_{w_0} \rightarrow \mathfrak{c}$ is surjective.

The final, hardcore geometric claim is actually in **Kostant's 1979 paper: *The Solution to a Generalized Toda Lattice and Representation Theory***. Also re-proved recently by Xin Jin (arXiv:2206.09035).

Homological properties of $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}$

Proposition

The ring $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}$ is Auslander regular, with self-injective dimension = global dimension = $\dim T$.

Moreover, completions of admissible modules are “holonomic” in the sense that $\mathrm{RHom}_{\widehat{\mathbb{W}}}(\cdot, \widehat{\mathbb{W}})$ is concentrated at degree $\dim T$, and $\mathrm{Ext}_{\widehat{\mathbb{W}}}^{\dim T}(\cdot, \widehat{\mathbb{W}})$ gives a duality between such modules (left \leftrightarrow right).

Given the completeness of $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}$, the arguments are similar to those for D -modules; the part about duality follows from results of Iwanaga (1997). The only new input here is

Proposition

For all $\nu \in \mathfrak{c}$ we have $\mathrm{Ext}_{\widehat{\mathbb{W}}}^m(\mathcal{G}_\nu, \widehat{\mathbb{W}}) = 0$ when $m > \dim T$, and when $m = \dim T$ it is the right module version of \mathcal{G}_ν .

Proof. Koszul resolution + flatness of \mathbb{W} over $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g})$.

For general f.g. M , we have $\mathrm{Ext}_{\widehat{\mathbb{W}}}^m(M, \widehat{\mathbb{W}})^\wedge \simeq \mathrm{Ext}_{\widehat{\mathbb{W}}}^m(\widehat{M}, \widehat{\mathbb{W}})$.

Harish-Chandra modules with general ν

Let $\nu \in \mathfrak{c} \simeq \mathfrak{t}^* // W$ with preimage $\dot{\nu} \in \mathfrak{t}^*$. Results for \mathcal{G}_ν without completion are available, provided that ν is \tilde{W} -regular in the sense that no $w \in \tilde{W} \setminus \{1\}$ stabilizes $\dot{\nu}$.

Theorem B

If $\nu \in \mathfrak{c}$ is \tilde{W} -regular, then \mathcal{G}_ν has no sub/quot that are nonzero and of \mathcal{S} -torsion.

As $\hat{\mathcal{G}}_\nu \neq 0$, it follows from the deeper statement below.

Theorem C

If $\nu \in \mathfrak{c}$ is \tilde{W} -regular, then \mathcal{G}_ν is a simple \mathbb{W} -module.

Idea of proof for Theorem C.

- Using Ginzburg's result about nil-DAHA (for simply connected G) + ϵ , we deduce

$$D(T)^W \subset \mathbb{W} \subset \mathcal{U}^{-1}D(T)^W,$$

where \mathcal{U} is some 2-sided Ore subset, $\mathcal{U} \subset \text{Sym}(\mathfrak{t})^W$ (micro/non-commutative localizations). They are compatible with the embedding of $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g}) \simeq \text{Sym}(\mathfrak{t})^W$.

- For \tilde{W} -regular ν , we are reduced to the simplicity of the $D(T)^W$ -module $D(T)^W / D(T)^W \mathfrak{m}_\nu$.
- For each preimage $\dot{\nu} \mapsto \nu$ let $\mathfrak{m}_{\dot{\nu}} \subset \text{Sym}(\mathfrak{t})$ be the maximal ideal. Fact: tensoring by $D(T)$ induces

$$D(T)^W\text{-Mod} \simeq \mathbb{W} \times D(T)\text{-Mod} \simeq D(T)\text{-Mod}^{W\text{-equi}}.$$

So we only have to show

$$D(T) \otimes_{D(T)^W} (\text{above}) \simeq \bigoplus_{\dot{\nu} \mapsto \nu} D(T) / D(T) \mathfrak{m}_{\dot{\nu}}$$

is simple as a W -equivariant $D(T)$ -module. Use arguments akin to Clifford theory.

Questions

- 1 Can we “decomplete” these results?
- 2 Alternatively, do the graded parts or completions already contain sufficient information for our purposes? Example: b -functions, etc.
- 3 Explicit computations in rank 1 case?
- 4 More general setting, eg. $(N, \psi) \backslash X$ where X is an affine spherical homogeneous G -space?



Thank you for the attention

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