

Lie groups and Lie algebras are useful in QM and in particle physics.

Lemma: Let $T: G \mapsto \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ with G a compact group, s.t.

this map is weakly continuous. → inner product on Hilbert space \mathcal{H}

Weakly continuous: $\Leftrightarrow G \ni a \mapsto \langle f, T(a)g \rangle \in \mathbb{C}$ is continuous $\forall f, g \in \mathcal{H}$

Then $\exists \mathbf{T} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : \langle f, \mathbf{T}g \rangle = \int_G \langle f, T(a)g \rangle da \forall f, g \in \mathcal{H}$.

It means that $\mathbf{T} = \int_G T(a) da$ different from the integral introduced in the last lecture? on $C(G)$ or representation

Idea of the proof:

Choose $\{f_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ basis of \mathcal{H} and compute $\alpha_{jk} := \int \langle f_j, T(a)f_k \rangle da$,

and we set $\langle f_j, \mathbf{T}f_k \rangle := \alpha_{jk}$. Then we should check \mathbf{T} is a bounded operator.

To give a meaning of $\int_G U(a)T U(a)^{-1} da$

For Lie group G we shall consider unitary representations

(it means $\forall a \in G : U(a) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is unitary)

which are strongly continuous, it means $G \ni a \mapsto U(a)f \in \mathcal{H}$ is continuous

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{b \rightarrow a} \|U(b)f - U(a)f\| = 0 \forall f \in \mathcal{H}$$

↑ When using ϵ - δ , δ can be dependent on f .

(If continuous on norm, δ is independent on f)

↑ can be defined by the local charts

Corollary: If $U: G \mapsto \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$ set of unitary operators on \mathcal{H} is strongly continuous

Proof as exercise

and G a compact Lie group, SC any

Then for any $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$: the map $G \ni a \mapsto U(a)T U(a)^{-1}$ is strongly continuous

(\Rightarrow weakly continuous) and

then $M_G(T) := \int U(a)T U(a)^{-1} da \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$

$$M_G(T) \text{ satisfies } U(b)M_G(T)U(b)^{-1} = M_G(T) \forall b \in G$$

A deep thm (Peter-Weyl theorem (Part II))

Let $U: G \mapsto \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$ be a strongly continuous unitary representation

of a compact Lie group G .

Then $\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{H}_n$ with $\dim \mathcal{H}_n < \infty$ Est-ce possible qu'il y a infini d' \mathcal{H}_n ?

and $U|_{\mathcal{H}_n}$ is an irreducible representation of G .

\Rightarrow All irreducible representations of a compact Lie group are finite dimensional.

We denote by $\eta_k = [(U_k, \mathcal{H}_k)]$ the equivalence class containing the irreducible representation (U_k, \mathcal{H}_k) . We set

Prop. Let (U, \mathcal{H}) be any finite dim rep of G . proof as exercise

Recall the character $\chi(a) := \text{tr}(U(a))$

$$1) \mathcal{H} = \bigoplus \nu_k \mathcal{H}_k \text{ with } \nu_k = \int_G \overline{\chi(b)} \chi_k(b) db$$

$$2) (U, \mathcal{H}) \text{ is irreducible iff } \int |\chi(b)|^2 db = 1$$

$$3) \int \overline{\chi_k(b)} \chi_l(b) db = \delta_{kl}$$

$$4) \int U(b)_{st}^p U(b)_{pq}^k db = \delta_{rk} \delta_{sp} \delta_{tq}$$

These relations can still be interpreted as orthogonal relations in $L^2(G)$

$$L^2(G) := \{f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \int |f(b)|^2 db < \infty\} \text{ (} L^2\text{-integrable on } G\text{)}$$

$$\text{Note that } \dim(L^2(G)) = \infty$$

Now we pay attention to the props around the identity of a Lie group.

(which leads to Lie-Algebra)

Recall that G is CONNECTED: if any $a, b \in G$ can be connected by a continuous path, it means $\exists f: [0, 1] \rightarrow G$ continuous with $f(0) = a, f(1) = b$.

G is SIMPLY CONNECTED if any closed curve can be deformed to a point in G .

In a Lie group, the IDENTITY COMPONENT $G_0 \equiv G_e$ is

the set of all elements of G which are connected to e .

Prop. $G_0 \triangleleft G$ proof as exercise

2) If (U, \mathcal{H}) is a representation or a projective representation of G ,

Then G_0 is always represented by unitary operators.

Proof of 2)

$\forall a \in G_e: a = a_1^2 a_2^2 \dots a_N^2$ for a finite family of elements in G_0 . will be shown later

Then we observe $U(a_i^2) = w(a_i, a_i) U(a_i) U(a_i)$ with

$$U(a_i) \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{unitary} & : \Leftrightarrow \langle Uf, Ug \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle \Rightarrow U(a_i) U(a_i) \text{ is unitary} \\ \text{or} \\ \text{anti-unitary} & : \Leftrightarrow \langle Uf, Ug \rangle = \langle g, f \rangle \Rightarrow U(a_i) U(a_i) \text{ is unitary} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow U(a)$ is unitary. □

III.2 Linear (or matrix) Lie groups and Lie algebra

⚠ Most (if not all) statements are true for general Lie groups, but the statements are more complicated.

Def. A LINEAR (or MATRIX) LIE GROUP is a Lie subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ or $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$

⚠ Even in $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ we consider some parametrization with real coefficients. (up to $2n^2$ parameters)

Topology on $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ is induced by the distance $(\|\cdot\|_2)$

$$d: GL(n, \mathbb{C}) \times GL(n, \mathbb{C}), d(A, B) := \left(\sum_{j,k=1}^n |a_{jk} - b_{jk}|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ with } A = (a_{jk}), B = (b_{jk})$$

Let G be a Lie subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ and let (U_0, φ_0) be a chart near $e = \mathbf{1} \in G$.

Suppose (for simplicity) $\varphi_0(e) = \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Let us set

$$Y_j := \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varphi_0^{-1}(\epsilon E_j) - \mathbf{1}}{\epsilon} \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, m$$

Here the linear assumption plays a role:

$$(Y_j)_{tm} = [\partial_j (\varphi_0^{-1})]_{tm} (0)$$

$$\hookrightarrow: \mathbb{R}^m \mapsto \mathbb{C}$$

Facts:

proof as exercise

$$\rightarrow \alpha Y_j + \beta Y_k = 0 \text{ \& \& } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha = \beta = 0$$

1) The matrices Y_1, \dots, Y_m are linearly independent (over \mathbb{R})

(1 and i are linearly independent over \mathbb{R} but not over \mathbb{C})

but each Y_j can be made of complex numbers.

2) If $(-1, 1) \ni t \mapsto X(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ with $X(0) = 0$ is smooth

Then $(-1, 1) \ni t \mapsto \varphi_0^{-1} \circ X(t) \in G$ is a smooth map and

$$\varphi_0^{-1} \circ X(0) = e \text{ and } \left[\frac{d}{dt} \varphi_0^{-1} \circ X(t) \right] (0) = \sum_{j=1}^m Y_j X_j'(0)$$

It means that the derivative at 0 of any smooth curve in G passing to e at 0 is a linear combination (over \mathbb{R}) of $\{Y_j\}_{j=1}^m$.

The vector space generated by $\{Y_j\}$ is called the TANGENT SPACE at e .

Note: Tangent space is defined in any Lie group.