# A LiE subroutine for Computing Prehomogeneous Spaces Associated with Real Nilpotent Orbits

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#### PREHOMOGENEOUS SPACES

•  $\mathfrak{g}$  semisimple complex Lie algebra ( $n \times n$  matrices of trace zero for example)

• G adjoint group of  $\mathfrak{g}$  ( $n \times n$  matrices with determinant 1 for example)

• V vector space on  $\mathbb{C}$ 

•  $\rho$  regular representation of G on V (associates to each element of G a linear transformation in Aut(V)whose entries are polynomials

 $(G, \rho, V)$  or (G, V) is called a **Prehomogenous space** if there exists a *G*-orbit  $\Omega$  that is Zariskiopen. (fill the space V) (M Sato) (New kind of zeta functions)

Examples:

- 1.  $G = C^*, V = \mathbb{C}, \rho(t)x = tx, \Omega = \mathbb{C}^*$
- 2.  $G = GL(n), V = \mathbb{C}^n, \rho(A)x = Ax, \Omega = \{x \neq 0\}$

### GRADED LIE ALGEBRAS

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A complex Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is said to be *graded* if  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathfrak{g}^k$  where  $\mathfrak{g}^k$  is a vector subspace of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $[\mathfrak{g}^i, \mathfrak{g}^j] = \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}^{i+j}$  for all integers i and j.

**Theorem 1.** (Vinberg) Let G be a complex semisimple Lie group with graded Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_i \mathfrak{g}^i$ , and let  $G^0$  be the analytic subgroup of G with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}^0$ . Then under the adjoint action  $(G_0, g^i)$ are prehomogeneous spaces for  $i \neq 0$ . The theory is more complicated and very much incomplete.

**Some Definitions :**  $\mathfrak{g}$  real semisimple Lie algebra

 $\blacklozenge \quad \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{p} : \text{Cartan decomposition}$ 

matrix of trace zero = antisymmetric matrix + symmetric matrix

- G adjoint group of  $\mathfrak{g}$  (conjugation)  $BAB^{-1}$
- $\blacklozenge \quad K \subseteq G : \text{maxl compact } Lie(K) = \mathfrak{k}$
- $\bullet \ \ \, \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{C}} \oplus \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{C}} : \text{ Complexification}$

$$\blacklozenge \quad K_{\mathbb{C}} \subseteq G_{\mathbb{C}} : \ Lie(K_{\mathbb{C}}) = \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{C}}$$

 $\blacklozenge e \text{ nilpotent in } \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{C}}$ 

 $K_{\mathbb{C}}$  preserves  $\mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{C}}.$ 

# The Kostant-Sekiguchi correspondence

There is a 1-1 correspondence between real

G-nilpotent orbits in  ${\mathfrak g}$  and complex  $K_{{\mathbb C}}\text{-}$ 

in nilpotent orbits in  $\mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{C}}$  [J. Sekiguchi, 1987] Related orbits are diffeomorphic [Vergne, 1995]

**TECHNIQUE:** Questions about real nilpotent orbits of G are studied via Complex nilpotent orbits of  $K_{\mathbb{C}}$  on  $\mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

### The $K_{\mathbb{C}}$ -Prehomogeneous Spaces on $\mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{C}}$

A triple (x, e, f) in  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$  is called a *standard triple* if [x, e] = 2e, [x, f] = -2f and [e, f] = x. If  $x \in \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{C}}$  and e and  $f \in \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{C}}$  then (x, e, f) is a *normal* triple. The action of  $\mathrm{ad}_x$  determines a grading

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}^{i}$$
  
where  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}^{i} = \{Z \in \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}} : [x, Z] = iz\}.$   
 $\operatorname{Lie}(G_{\mathbb{C}}^{0}) = \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}^{0}$ 

Let  $G^0_{\mathbb{C}} \cap K_{\mathbb{C}}$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}^i_{\mathbb{C}} \cap \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{C}}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}^i_{\mathbb{C}} \cap \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{C}}$  by  $K^0_{\mathbb{C}}$ ,  $\mathfrak{k}^i_{\mathbb{C}}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}^i_{\mathbb{C}}$  respectively. We can show that for  $i \neq 0$ ,  $(K^0_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathfrak{k}^i_{\mathbb{C}})$  and  $(K^0_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathfrak{p}^i_{\mathbb{C}})$  are prehomogeneous spaces.

(Consequence of a Lemma of È. B. Vinberg)

# Algorithm for Inner-Type Real Algebras

• Algorithm works for Matrices and exceptional algebras

• Algorithm is described in terms of *roots and weights* 

( Think of functionals of the space of diagonal matrices )

**Input:**  $\beta_i(x)$  for (i = 1, ..., l)  $(K_{\mathbb{C}})$  (Djokovíc)

**Step 1.** Compute  $\alpha_i(x)$  for (i = 1, ..., l)  $(G_{\mathbb{C}})$ 

**Step 2.** Make a list  $\mathcal{L}$  of all positive roots  $\delta$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$  such that  $\delta(x) = d$ 

**Step 3.** For each  $\delta \in \mathcal{L}$  do

• if  $\delta \in \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{C}}$  (respectively  $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{C}}$ ) set  $Y_{\delta} = X_{\delta}$ 

 $[Now \{Y_{\delta}\}_{\delta \in \mathcal{L}} \text{ is a basis for } \mathfrak{p}^d_{\mathbb{C}} \text{ (repectively } \mathfrak{k}^d_{\mathbb{C}})]$ 

**Step 4.** For each  $\delta \in \mathcal{L}$  check whether  $[X_{\beta_i}, Y_{\delta}] = 0$  $\forall i | \beta_i(x) = 0$ 

if not delete  $\delta$  from  $\mathcal{L}$ 

[Now  $\mathcal{L}$  is the list of  $K^0_{\mathbb{C}}$  highest weights in  $\mathfrak{p}^d_{\mathbb{C}}$  expressed in the  $(\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l)$  basis]

**Step 5.** Use the Cartan matrix of  $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{C}}$  to express the highest weights in the fundamental basis  $(\omega_1, \ldots, \omega_l)$  of  $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

End.

# **Implementation - Correctness - Complexity**

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• Implementation in Computer algebra system LiE on a Macintosh iMac 1Ghz PowerPC G4 with 1GB DDR SDRAM.

• Correcteness - Step 4 - provided by the highest weight Theory

• Complexity - Very fast - LiE internal routines are very fast because LiE is not a multipurpose system.  $\mathcal{O}(l * n^3)$  where n is the number of positive roots of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

• Output: a set of LATEX commands that can be pasted directly into LATEX's *longtable* environment.

# Example

Nilpotent orbits in type $G_{2(2)}$					
Orbit	$K_{\mathbb{C}}$ -I	Label	i	$\dim \mathfrak{p}^i_{\mathbb{C}}$	Highest weights of $\mathfrak{p}^i_{\mathbb{C}}$
1	0 1	0 1	1	2	(1,1) (3,-1)
			2	1	(3,1)
2	0 1	$\bigcirc$ 3	1	1	(-1, 1)
			2	1	(1,1)
			3	1	(3,1)
3	$\bigcirc$ 2	$\bigcirc 2$	2	2	(1,1) (3,-1)
			4	1	(3,1)
4	$\bigcirc$ 0	$\bigcirc$ 4	2	4	(3,1)
5	$\bigcirc$ 4	0 8	2	2	(-1,1) (3,-1)
			6	1	(1,1)
			10	1	(3,1)

All prehomogeneous spaces are trivial except that for orbit 4,  $\mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{C}}^2 = V^{3\omega_1} \simeq S^3(\mathbb{C}^2)$  which has dimension 4.

# LiE Session

Here is the LiE code that calls the subroutine in order to generate the irreducible modules. This is the content of the file *rgmodule*.

g = G2;

rirrdmodule("\typeg",2, [1,1],[1,1], [[1,0],[3,2]], [[2,0],[-3,1]],2,g);

rirrdmodule ("\typeg", 2,[1,3],[2,3], [[1,0],[3,2]], [[2,0],[-3,1]],2,g);

rirrdmodule ("\typeg", 2,[2,2],[2,2], [[1,0],[3,2]], [[2,0],[-3,1]],2,g);

rirrdmodule("\typeg", 2, [0,4], [2,4], [[1,0], [3,2]], [[2,0], [-3,1]], 2,g);

rirrdmodule("\typeg", 2, [4,8],[6,8], [[1,0],[3,2]], [[2,0],[-3,1]],2,g);

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LiE version 2.2 created on Nov 22 1997 at 16:50:29
Authors: Arjeh M. Cohen, Marc van Leeuwen, Bert Lisser.
Mac port by S. Grimm
Public distribution version
type '?help' for help information
type '?' for a list of help entries.
> read rphmod
> read rgmodule
     \hline 1. & typeg{1}{1} & 1 & 2 & ba(1,1)
 \\ (3,-1) \\ \ea \\
     \cline{3-\tablewidth} \& \& 2 \& 1 \& \ba(3,1)
  \\ \ea \\
     \hline 2. & typeg{1}{3} & 1 & 1 & ba(-1,1)
  \\ \ea \\
  \cline{3-\tablewidth} & & 2 & 1 & \ba(1,1)
  \\ \ea \\
  \cline{3-\tablewidth} & & 3 & 1 & \ba(3,1) \\ \ea \\
     \hline 3. & \typeg{2}{2} & 2 & 2 & \ba(1,1) \\ (3,
   \\ \ea \\
     \cline{3-\tablewidth} \& \& 4 \& 1 \& \ba(3,1)
    \\ \ea \\
     \hline 4. & \typeg{0}{4} & 2 & 4 & \ba(3,1) \\ \ea
     \hline 5. & \typeg{4}{8} & 2 & 2 & ba(-1,1) \setminus (3)
    \\ \ea \\
     \cline{3-\tablewidth} & & 6 & 1 & \ba(1,1) \\ \ea
     \cline{3-\tablewidth} & & 10 & 1 & \ba(3,1) \\
    \ea \\
    >
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