

Polynomials + the HC Isom

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Let V be a v.s./ \mathbb{C} then $V^* = \{f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f(\lambda v) = \lambda f(v), f(v_1+v_2) = f(v_1) + f(v_2)\}$ since what are polynomials on V ? $\text{Sym}^k(V) = \text{deg } k \text{ polys on } V = \{f \mid f(\lambda v) = \lambda^k f(v), \dots\}$ by defn

$\text{Sym}(V) = \text{polys on } V = \mathcal{O}(V) = \mathbb{C}[V^*]$ it is a polynomial on a basis for V^* .

Can evaluate $f \in \mathbb{C}[V^*]$ on $v \in V$, or $p \in \mathbb{C}[V]$ on $\lambda \in V^*$.

If $G \in V$ then $G \in V^*$ $g \cdot f(v) = f(g \cdot v)$ same formula for action on $\mathcal{O}(V)$

We'll be interested mostly in $\mathcal{O}(h)$, $\mathcal{O}(h^+)$, $\mathcal{O}(q)$, $\mathcal{O}(q^+)$.

There is an analogy b/w $\mathbb{C}[h^+]$ and $\mathbb{Z}[\Lambda^+_{wt}] \otimes \mathbb{C}$: choose w_i basis for Λ^+ , h^+ .

Then $\mathbb{C}[h^+]$ has a basis $w_1^{a_1} w_2^{a_2} \cdots w_k^{a_k}$ monomials $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ $a_i \geq 0$

$$\mathbb{C}[\Lambda^+] \xrightarrow{\quad} e^{a_1 w_1 + a_2 w_2 + \cdots + a_k w_k} = (e^{w_1})^{a_1} \cdots (e^{w_k})^{a_k} \quad a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

so $\mathbb{C}[h^+]$ is like the "group alg" of the monoid $\Lambda^+_{wt \dots}$ or if we choose $\alpha_i = \alpha_j$ basis instead, of $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \langle \alpha_i \rangle \dots$ or of ...

big headache is the mult vs add convention! No linear combos of $\{e^{w_1}, \dots, e^{w_k}\}$ will give e^{α_i} . But $\alpha_i = \sum a_i w_i$. Weights are treated in totally different ways!!

Extremely different flavor, but surprisingly similar theorems.

Thm: ① Let $a = \prod_{i \in I} \alpha_i$. Then $a \in \mathcal{O}(h)^{\text{sgn}}$ and $\mathcal{O}(h)^{\text{sgn}} = a \cdot \mathcal{O}(h)^W$.

(Chow) ② $\mathcal{O}(h)^W$ is another polynomial ring, generated in various degrees. can compute degrees.
 ③ $\mathcal{O}(h)$ is free over $\mathcal{O}(h)^W$ w/ gen $= \pi(W) = \sum_{w \in W} q^{h(w)}$

Not going to do pf (see semesters) but type A example needs to be explained deeply.

Ex: $h = h_{\text{high}}$ h^+ spanned by $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ which pick out the entry on i^{th} term on diag. diag 1 2 3 ... n

$$\mathcal{O}(h) = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \text{ SW} = S_n \text{ in usual way.} \quad \mathcal{O}(h)^W = \mathbb{C}[e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n] \quad e_k = \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_k}$$

$$\deg e_k = k$$

For SL_n , $\mathcal{O}(g_{\text{SL}_n})^W \cong \mathbb{C}[e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n]^{2^n}$ ②

Prod of deg = $|W|$ || Sum of deg = $\binom{n+1}{2} - \binom{n}{2} + n-1 = \# \Phi^+ + \dim W$

$a = \prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)$ = "determinant" = "Vandermonde determinant" = $\det V$ $V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots \end{pmatrix}$

Crucial Idea (type A): Polynomial invariants of matrices (up to conjugation) are symmetric

polys of the eigenvalues!!
(w/ mult.)

$$\mathcal{O}(g_{\text{GL}_n})^{\text{SL}_n} \cong \mathcal{O}(h_{\text{GL}_n})^{\text{SL}_n}$$

x_i picks of i^{th} eigenval.

Idea 1: diag'le matrices are dense so a poly is determined by values there.

\hookrightarrow Conjugate to diag' $\xrightarrow{\text{Idea 1}} \text{only orbit under } S_n \text{ matrix b/c } S_n \subset Q_n$.

The sys $\mathcal{O}(g_{\text{GL}_n}) \xrightarrow{\text{restrict}} \mathcal{O}(h) \xrightarrow{\text{surjective}} \mathcal{O}(g_{\text{GL}_n}) \xrightarrow{\text{gen}} \mathcal{O}(h)$ injective,
lies in $\mathcal{O}(h)^{S_n}$.

Idea 2: Sym poly in evals ARE poly functions. So surjective.

PF: Consider $\det(tI - X)$. The coeffs of t^i are

$$t^n \quad t^{n-1} \quad \dots \quad t^0 \quad \text{the "characteristic function" of } X.$$

$$1 \quad -\text{Tr}(X) \quad \vdots \det(X)$$

When X is in JNF, $\det(tI - X) = \prod (t - a_i)$ for the evals a_i w/ mult.

The coeff of $t^m a^m$

$$t^n \quad t^{n-1} \quad t^{n-2} \quad t^{n-3} \quad \dots \quad t^0$$

$$1 \quad -\sum a_{00} + \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} - \sum_{i,j,k} a_{ijk} \dots \quad \mp \prod a_i \quad \text{thus } v \in \mathbb{Z}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$$

Finally, $\det(tI - X)$ is a poly in the matrix entries of X (~~and t~~) and coeffs are polys in matrix entries of X . e.g. $k_1 k_2 k_3 - k_4 + \dots$ ☐

Now we'll generalize this to other pf.

$$\mathcal{O}(g)^G \cong \mathcal{O}(h)^W$$

(t is fixed when poly ring, by directly from)

This ring will be important b/c
 $\cong \mathbb{Z}(U(g))$ as well.

Mimicking the proof: Have restriction map $\mathcal{O}(g) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(h)$. (Hardly injective!) (3)

so get map $\mathcal{O}(g)^G \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(h)$, where $G = \text{Int } g$.

Recall: $\text{Int } g \subset \text{GL}(g)$ is subgroup generated by $\exp(\text{ad } x)$ for $x \in g$.
 If $g = \text{Lie } G$ then $\text{Int } g = \text{Int}(\text{Ad}: G \rightarrow \text{GL}(g))$. (There is also $\text{Out}(g)$ among from, say, the Dynkin diagram automorphisms.)

Idea 0: Image of $\mathcal{O}(g)^G$ lies in $\mathcal{O}(h)^W$. Unlike gl_n , $W \not\subset G$!! (from SL_n !!)
 But for $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ have $\tilde{s}_\alpha = \exp(\text{ad } x_\alpha) \exp(\text{ad } y_\alpha) \exp(\text{ad } x_\alpha)$. $\det W = (-1)^{\dim W} \neq 1$.

Exercise: $\tilde{s}_\alpha : h \mapsto h - \alpha(h)x_\alpha$ (thus $W \subset G \cdot h$!)(Action of s_α)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x_\alpha & \mapsto & -y_\alpha \\ y_\alpha & \mapsto & x_\alpha \end{array} \quad \left| \begin{array}{c} \langle \beta, \alpha \rangle = -1 \\ \text{Certain} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{ccc} x_\beta & \mapsto & x_{\alpha+\beta} \\ x_{\alpha+\beta} & \mapsto & -x_\beta \end{array} \quad (\tilde{s}_\alpha)^2 \neq 1!$$

[] The group generated by \tilde{s}_α is weird. Signed permutation matrices in GL_n (SL_n or Sp_{2n})

Aside Let $T \subset G$ be generated by $\exp(\text{ad } h)$, $h \in h$. They commute to any elt in $\exp(\text{ad } h)$ and T is commutative. $T \cong (\mathbb{C}^*)^{rk \, g}$. $\tilde{s}_\alpha \in N_G(T) \supset T$

Theorem (later): $N_G(T)/T \cong W$, generated by \tilde{s}_α .

Regardless, $\tilde{s}_\alpha|_h = s_\alpha$ so $\mathcal{O}(g)^G \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(h)$ has image in $\mathcal{O}(h)^W$.

Idea 1: $g = \text{ad } g$ (the ~~int~~ of g) are dense, and they're all "conjugate" to an elt of h !!
i.e. G acts on h and

Theorem (later): All maximal toral subgroups are conjugate under G .

So any ^{int} poly determined by valence on h , and $\Theta: \mathcal{O}(g)^G \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(h)^W$ is injective

How Humphreys proves this is a little technical, but good stuff inside. Rutki Humphreys proves over \mathbb{F}_p , not over \mathbb{C} , so don't use dense in usual topology, use Zariski topology and good enough for polys.

i.e. he wants a set which is the complement of the zero set of a polynomial, as his dense do.

NOT g^{ss} . Instead $g^{\text{ss}, \text{reg}}$.

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Idea: Consider coeffs of t^i in $\det(tI - \text{ad } x)$ $x \in g$.

If $\text{ad } x$ has m zeros then t^m divides this, so many coeffs are zero.

All coeffs except $t^{dim g}$ are zero for $x \in h^\perp$ or η . At least $t^{dim h}$ for $x \in h$, best case scenario!

Def: $x \in g$ is regular if $\dim Z(x) = \text{rk } g \equiv \text{dim } h$. Rank: Can show always \geq .

Ex: $h = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ 2 & 3 & \\ & & -6 \end{pmatrix}$ regular b/c $\alpha(h) \neq 0 \forall x \in h^\perp \Rightarrow Z(h) = h$.
regular for $h \subset k \Leftrightarrow$ not on any Weyl walls.

Ex: $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ regular, $Z(x) = \text{Span}\{x, x^2, x^3\}$ (but still nilpotent, so char poly is trivial)

Prop: $\underbrace{\text{Coeff of } t^{reg}}_{\text{Thus a poly fn in } g} \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \in g^{\text{reg}, ss}$
Cor: $g^{\text{reg}, ss}$ is dense. (Obviously dense in h)

Since g^{reg} is cong to h^{reg} , ~~so Θ is injective~~ Θ is injective ✓

Idea 2: Show surjectivity by finding enough G -inv functions!

Def: A trace function on g is $x \mapsto \text{Tr}_V(x)$ for a g -rep V . Call Tr_V

A trace power fn $x \mapsto \text{Tr}_V(x^k)$ (maybe better to write) Call $\text{Tr}_{V,k}$

$\text{Tr}_V(\pi_V(x)^k) \quad \pi_V: g \rightarrow gl(V)$

(Rank: Θ is injective on trace power functions, by some stuff)

Pf: $x = x_s + x_n$, Commute \Rightarrow ~~($x_s + x_n$)~~ $(x_s + x_n)^k = x_s^k + \text{nilpotent}$
(or $\pi(x)$) $\text{Tr}_V(x^k) = \text{Tr}_V(x_s^k)$ so determined by ss part!

Prop: trace power fn for L_g is G -inv. (call $\text{Tr}_{V,k}$)

Pf: Really, look at general V . Pick $g \in G$. $g \xrightarrow{g^{-1}} g \xrightarrow{\pi} gl(V) \cong V^g$ twisted rep.

If $V^g \cong V$ then $\pi(x), \pi(g)$ are conjugate (choose basis) so $\text{Tr}(gx^k) = \text{Tr}(\pi(g)x^k)$

$\xrightarrow{g \cdot (\text{Tr}(x^k))}(x)$.

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Why is $L_g \cong L$? If $g = \exp(\alpha h)$, then

$$g \cdot h = h + \alpha(h)x \quad g \cdot h(v_+) = h(v_+) = \lambda v_+.$$

$g \cdot \eta^+ \subset \eta^+$ so $g \cdot \eta^+(v_+) = 0$ so still have hw vector for wt λ .

$$\Rightarrow L_g \subset L \quad \text{but same dimension.} \quad \square$$

Now $\text{Tr}_{\lambda, k}$ descends to h to h i.e. the ^{degree} polynomial $h \mapsto \sum_r \dim L_\lambda[h] v(h)^k$

$$\sum_r \dim L_\lambda[h] v^k \in \mathbb{C}[h^*] = \mathbb{O}(h)$$

So ITS Lemma: $\text{Tr}_{\lambda, k}|_h$ spans $\mathbb{O}(h)^W$. (Very related, as they in $\text{deg } k$)
 (Not like $\mathbb{Z}[h^*]$ stuff, mult is sum)

Follows from Lemma: In degree k $\mathbb{O}(h)^W$ spanned by $f_k = \sum_{\mu \in \lambda} \mu^k$ (① a Weyl alcove)
 (Just some algebra, Exercise.)

The "ob" from $\text{Tr}_{\lambda, k}$ to f_k is easy, $F_{\lambda, k} = f_{\lambda, k} + \text{lower term in p.o. on } \lambda$
 (NOT BASIS, SPAN)

Ex: λ minimal in Λ^+ w.r.t. \preceq then $\text{wt}(L_\lambda) = W\lambda = \emptyset$ so $\text{Tr}_{\lambda, k} = f_{\emptyset, k}$.

Ex: sl_3  3 minimal w.r.t. \preceq $\Lambda^+ / \Lambda^- \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$.

Next want to study $\mathbb{Z}(U(g))$.

We've discussed how $g \mathbb{C} U(g)$ by left mult (or right mult) is NOT a wt repn!

BUT $g \mathbb{C} U(g)$ by adjoint IS a wt repn, and even better.

Prop: $g \mathbb{C} U(g)$ is a (w) direct sum of fid. repns, and is isom
 as g -rep to $g \mathbb{C} \text{Sym}^\bullet(g)$ ^{adjoint rep.}

Pf: Recall $U(g)$ is filtered by length of word, w/ $\text{ass gr} \cong \text{Sym}(g)$. (6)

$\text{ad } x$ preserves the filtration $[x, x_1 \dots x_n] = [xx_1]_{k_1} \dots x_n + x_1 [xx_2]_{k_2} \dots x_n + \dots$ — desired
action on ass gr is same as action on $\text{Sym}(g)$. \square at least n.

(Each slice is full.)

Expect: $U(g)^G = \{z \in U(g) \mid [xz] = 0 \forall x \in g\} = Z(U(g))$

$(U(g))^G$ \leftarrow notes seen b/c locally full so ~~exp(ad x)~~ (expl ad x) defined

Group 3: $\text{Sym}(g)^G = O(g^*)^G = O(g)^G = O(h)^W$.

But this process is wonky. To get an alg map is harder. Ass gr not alg map.

Prop: $Z(U(g)) = (U(g))^G$. Pf: Lemma Suppose $x \in g(V)$ nilpotent and $\exp(kx) \in G$

$\forall k$, for some $G \subset GL(V)$. Then $1+x$ is a finite linear combo of elts of G .

Pf: $x^{N+1} = 1 + kx + \frac{k^2x^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{k^Nx^N}{N!}$ want linear combo to get just $1+x$.
 $\exp(kx) = 1 + k_1x +$

Again, let $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ 1 & k \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & k_{N+1} \end{pmatrix} = \prod (k_i - k_j)$

so if k_i all distinct, then are linearly indep,
then span no same linear comb is $1+x$

So if $G_z = z$ then $\forall x$ nilpotent
 $\exp(\text{ad } k)(z) = z$ for all k , then $1 + [x, z] = C \cdot z$ scalar mult $([x, z]$ has defined weight)
 $\Rightarrow [x, z] = 0$. If $[x_\alpha, z] = 0 \forall \alpha$ then $[x_\beta, z] = 0$.

So $U(g)^G \subset Z(U(g))$. Other direction obvious, since $[x, z] = 0 \Rightarrow \exp(\text{ad } x)(z) = z$. \square

The Harish-Chandra Map: $U(g) \xrightarrow{\text{vs}} U(\mathfrak{h}) \otimes U(h) \otimes U(\mathfrak{n}^+)$ i.e. has basis $\{y_\lambda \text{ then } h \text{ then } x\}$

$U(h) \hookrightarrow$ as words w/ only h .

Let $HC: U(g) \rightarrow U(h)$ be v.s. map killing

Note: $Z(U(g)) = Z(U(h))$ in weight 0, so $\sum \text{only } h + \sum \text{both } y \text{ and } x \text{ and maybe some } h$
HC removes this and kills them

Recall: $U(h) = \text{Sym}(h)$

Now let V be a hw repn (possibly ∞ -dim), be a quotient of Δ . (7)

If $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ then $z \cdot V_+ = \overbrace{\text{HC}(z) \circ V_+}^{\substack{\text{a poly} \\ \text{evaluated on } h^+}} = \underbrace{\text{HC}(z)(\lambda)}_{\substack{\text{a poly} \\ \text{in } h}} V_+$ a 1D rep $\chi_j : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$\Rightarrow z(y_\alpha V_+) = y_\alpha z V_+ = \text{Some scalar} \cdot y_\alpha V_+.$$

\hookrightarrow $\mathbb{Z} \otimes \mathbb{C}V$ by $c \cdot 1$, and thus gives a 1D repn of \mathbb{Z} .

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_j : \mathbb{Z} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ z &\mapsto \text{HC}(z)(\lambda) \text{ or write } \lambda(\text{HC}(z)). \end{aligned}$$

Thm (HC): HC induces an isom $\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}[h]^W$ shifted action of algebra.

1) $\text{HC}|_{\mathbb{Z}}$ is an alg map. Pf: $\text{HC}(z_1 z_2)$ is a poly so determined by $\text{HC}(z_1 z_2)(\lambda) \forall \lambda \in h^*$
 $\text{HC}(z_1 z_2)(\lambda) = \chi_j(z_1 z_2) = \chi_j(z_1) \chi_j(z_2) = \text{HC}(z_1)(\lambda) \cdot \text{HC}(z_2)(\lambda)$. \square

2) The image lies in $\mathbb{C}[h]^W$.

Recall: If $\lambda \in \Lambda_{\text{wt}}^+$ then ~~$\Delta(\lambda) \subset \Delta_{S_{\alpha^{-1}}}$~~ $\Delta_{S_{\alpha^{-1}}} \hookrightarrow \Delta$ b/c $y_\alpha V_+$
 is a hw vector. $z(y_\alpha^{d_{\alpha^{-1}}+1} V_+) = \chi_j(z) (y_\alpha V_+) \Rightarrow \chi_j = \chi_{S_{\alpha^{-1}}}$

the proof of this only used $\langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, not $\lambda \in \Lambda_{\text{wt}}^+$. (ie for a gen $\alpha \in \Delta$!)

so can also get $\chi_{S_{\beta^{-1}}} \hookrightarrow \chi_{S_{\alpha^{-1}}}$ why same argument as long as $\langle S_{\alpha^{-1}}, \beta \rangle \geq 0$.

but this is clearly not always true $S_{\beta} W >_W W$ in both order (redundant)

$\hookrightarrow \chi_{w^{-1}} = \chi_j \not\simeq W$, when $\lambda \in \Lambda_{\text{wt}}^+$. $\Rightarrow \text{HC}(z)(\lambda) = \text{HC}(z)(w\lambda) = (w^{-1} \text{HC}(z))$

But then are polys! You can't be W instead when evaluated on a lattice unless true everywhere! (Exercise.) In particular, $\chi_j = \chi_{S_{\alpha^{-1}}}$ even when $d_{\alpha^{-1}}/h^+$ is not integral!!

3) They have same size. (Already discussed).
 so $\exists T^3$ surjection

More precisely, we'll show they're the same via a filtration on length.

Idea: $\mathbb{C}[h]^W$ and $\mathbb{C}[h]^W$ are the "same" weight degree filtration.

$$\mathbb{C}[h] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[h]$$

$$h_x \mapsto h_x + 1 \quad \text{for } x \in \Delta$$

$$S_\beta(h_x) = \alpha h_x - \beta(h_x)h_\beta \mapsto h_x + 1$$

- $\beta(h_x)h_\beta \mapsto \beta(h_x)$

evaluate this on λh^λ to get $\langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle + 1 \mapsto \langle \beta, \alpha \rangle \times \langle \lambda, \beta \rangle \mapsto \langle \beta, \alpha \rangle$

Now $S_\beta \circ (h_x + 1)(\lambda) = (h_x + 1)(S_\beta(\lambda)) = (h_x + 1)(\lambda - (\langle \lambda, \beta \rangle + 1)\beta)$
 $= \langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle - (\langle \lambda, \beta \rangle + 1)\langle \beta, \alpha \rangle + 1.$

Thus this intertwines W action on left w/ W action on right. \leftarrow (which is word+nonlinear)

$$\mathbb{C}[h]^W \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}[h]^W.$$

The map sends a poly of degree k to a non-term poly of deg $\leq k$ w/ same leading term.

So we have

$\text{Sym}(a)$	\hookleftarrow	$\text{Sym}(a)^G$	$\xrightarrow{\text{V.S. map}}$	$\mathbb{U}(a)$	$\xrightarrow{\text{HC}}$	$\mathbb{U}(h)^W$
only 1S		1S		1S		1S Kirby
$\mathcal{O}(a)$	\hookleftarrow	$\mathcal{O}(a)^G \cong \mathbb{O}(h)^W$	$\xrightarrow{\text{restrict}}$	$\mathbb{O}(h)^W$	$\xrightarrow{h_x \mapsto h_x + 1}$	

does it commute? No. But yes, modulo shorter terms.

Given f homogeneous of deg k in $\mathcal{O}(a)^G$, $\pi(f) \in \mathbb{Z}$ is obtained by carrying it in PBW form. This is the same as reordering the terms of f , modulo words of length $< k$, so HC will just pick up the "only h " part, plus length $\leq k$ parts.

Particularly a_j make is same a property to only h part. So it all matches, modulo lower terms.

Ex: $\frac{1}{8}h_x^2$ Casimir = $\frac{1}{8}(x_\alpha y_\alpha + y_\alpha x_\alpha + \frac{1}{2}h_x h_\alpha)$ NOT PBW
 restrict to $\mathbb{C}[h]^W$ \downarrow
 $= \frac{1}{8}(2y_\alpha x_\alpha + \frac{1}{2}h_x^2 + h_\alpha) \xrightarrow{\text{HC}} \frac{1}{8}(h_x^2 + 2h_\alpha)$

$\frac{1}{8}h_x^2 \in \mathbb{C}[h]^{S_2}$ \downarrow inverse $h_x \mapsto h_x - 1$
 $\xrightarrow{h_x \mapsto -h_\alpha}$
 h_x^2 inversed

$$(\mathbb{C}[h]^{S_2} \ni \frac{1}{8}(h_x^2 - 1)) = \frac{1}{8}(h_x^2 - 2h_\alpha + 1 + 2h_\alpha - 2)$$