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Let  $G$  be a locally compact topological group and  $H$  a closed subgroup of  $G$ . We note  $\Delta_G, \Delta_H$  the modular functions of  $G, H$  and put

$$\Delta_{H,G}(h) = \frac{\Delta_H(h)}{\Delta_G(h)}$$

for  $h \in H$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{K}(G, H)$  the space of all  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued continuous functions  $\phi$  on  $G$  with compact support modulo  $H$  from right and satisfying the covariance relation

$$\phi(gh) = \Delta_{H,G}(h)\phi(g) \quad (g \in G, h \in H).$$

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Now, let  $G = \exp \mathfrak{g}$  be an exponential solvable Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  the dual vector space of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .  $G$  acts on  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  by the coadjoint action and it is well known that the unitary dual  $\widehat{G}$  is realized by the orbit space  $\mathfrak{g}^*/G$ . This orbit method due to Kirillov, Bernat and Pukanszky provides us a powerful tool to study various questions concerning unitary representations of  $G$ .

Let  $H = \exp \mathfrak{h}$  be an analytic subgroup of  $G$  and  $\chi$  a unitary character of  $H$ . We consider the monomial representation  $\tau = \text{ind}_H^G \chi$  of  $G$  induced up from  $\chi$ . In order to study  $\tau$ , we employ the orbit method. There exists a linear form  $f$  in  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  such that

$$\chi(\exp X) = e^{if(X)} \quad (X \in \mathfrak{h}, \quad i = \sqrt{-1}).$$

Then we write  $\chi$  as  $\chi_f$ .

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At  $\ell \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  we take a (real) polarization  $\mathfrak{b}$  satisfying the Pukanszky condition and construct the monomial representation  $\pi_\ell = \text{ind}_B^G \chi_\ell$ , where  $B = \exp \mathfrak{b}$ . The Pukanszky condition means  $B \cdot \ell = \ell + \mathfrak{b}^\perp$  or equivalently that  $\pi_\ell$  is the irreducible unitary representation of  $G$  corresponding to the coadjoint orbit  $G \cdot \ell$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{H}_\ell$  the Hilbert space of  $\pi_\ell$ .

Now we are interested in a formal intertwining integral from  $\pi_\ell$  to  $\tau$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} & R(\tau, \pi_\ell)(\varphi)(g) \\ &= \int_{H/(H \cap B)} \varphi(gh) \chi_f(h) \Delta_{H,G}^{-1/2}(h) d\nu_{H, H \cap B}(h) \end{aligned}$$

for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}_\ell$ . This intertwining integral or its associated generalized vector

$$\begin{aligned} a_\ell(\varphi) &= \overline{R(\tau, \pi_\ell)(\varphi)(e)} \\ &= \int_{H/(H \cap B)} \overline{\varphi(h) \chi_f(h) \Delta_{H,G}^{-1/2}(h)} d\nu_{H, H \cap B}(h), \end{aligned}$$

$e$  being the unit element of  $G$ , comes in various aspects of our questions.

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Once we leave the nilpotent case, it becomes difficult to analyze this object. Is it possible to apply the linear form, namely the function in question does it satisfy the required covariance relation? If this is the case, what can we say about the convergence of the integral? Today from now on we assume that  $\mathfrak{h}$  is a polarization at  $\mathfrak{f}$  satisfying the Pukanszky condition. Hence,  $\tau \simeq \pi_\ell$  and translating the structure by an element of  $H$ , we also assume that  $\mathfrak{f} = \ell$ .

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Therefore, we can consider the formal intertwining operator

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The Pukanszky condition gives us

$$H_2H_1 = \{g \in G; g \cdot (f + \mathfrak{h}_1^\perp) \cap (f + \mathfrak{h}_2^\perp) \neq \emptyset\},$$

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such that if  $\mathfrak{g}_j$  is not an ideal then  $\mathfrak{g}_{j\pm 1}$  are ideals and the adjoint action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_{j+1}/\mathfrak{g}_{j-1}$  is irreducible. Put  $\ell_j = \ell|_{\mathfrak{g}_j}$ . Then  $\sum_{j=1}^n \mathfrak{g}_j(\ell_j)$  gives a polarization at  $\ell$  satisfying the Pukanszky condition. Polarizations constructed in such a fashion are called Vergne polarizations.

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If there is no such ideal, then the center of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is at most one-dimensional and we take a minimal non-central ideal  $\mathfrak{a}^f$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then,

$$\mathfrak{a}^f = \{X \in \mathfrak{g}; f([X, \mathfrak{a}]) = \{0\}\}$$

is a proper subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and we try to go down to  $G_0 = \exp \mathfrak{a}^f$  by using the modification

$$\mathfrak{h}_j \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}'_j = (\mathfrak{h}_j \cap \mathfrak{a}^f) + \mathfrak{a} \quad (1 \leq j \leq 2)$$

if  $\mathfrak{h}_j$  is not contained in  $\mathfrak{a}^f$ .

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Three cases are left to be examined. We can treat two cases: either

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In many cases listed above where  $H_2H_1$  turns out to be closed, the Pukanszky condition allowed us to choose convenient coexponential basis. But actually I have no idea to treat the last case in this line.



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For  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , we set  $\mathfrak{m}_j = \mathfrak{n}_j + \mathfrak{h}_1$ ,  $M_j = \exp \mathfrak{m}_j$  and

$$I^{\mathfrak{h}_2} = \{1 \leq j \leq m; \mathfrak{h}_2 \cap \mathfrak{m}_j \neq \mathfrak{h}_2 \cap \mathfrak{m}_{j-1}\}.$$

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If we get this assertion, we can prove inductively on  $j$  that  $H_2 H_1 \cap M_j$  is closed. However, we guess that this assertion is much stronger than the closeness of  $H_2 H_1$ . In any event, we get by this way the:

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Finally, without the closeness of  $H_2 H_1$ , what can we say on the convergence of our integral? For instance, we recently got almost everywhere on  $\Gamma$  the convergence of our integral  $R(\tau, \pi_\ell)(\varphi)$  for exponential groups where  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}_\ell$  has compact support modulo  $B$ ,  $\mathfrak{b}$  is a Vergne polarization and  $\tau = \text{ind}_H^G \chi_f$  has multiplicities of discrete type.

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This is an interesting problem on the way to a distribution version of the Frobenius reciprocity.

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