

The Bonnet Plancherel formula for monomial  
 representations for classes of completely solvable  
 Lie groups

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**Abstract**

We compute the Bonnet Plancherel formula associated to a monomial representation of a nilpotent Lie group. We give also the corresponding formula for finite multiplicity monomial representation for a class of completely solvable Lie groups.

## 0. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a connected Lie group having a smooth dual. Given a unitary representation  $\pi$  of  $G$  acting in a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_\pi$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{H}_\pi^\infty$  the Fréchet space of smooth vectors for  $\pi$ , and  $\mathcal{H}_\pi^{-\infty}$  the space of continuous anti-linear functionals on  $\mathcal{H}_\pi^\infty$ . Let  $\alpha$  be any positive distribution on  $G$  of finite order. Bonnet's Plancherel formula ([Bon.]) tells us that for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(G)$

$$\alpha(\varphi) = \int_{\hat{G}} \text{tr}(\pi(\varphi)U_\pi) d\nu(\pi) \quad (1)$$

where for  $\nu$  almost everywhere,  $U_\pi : \mathcal{H}_\pi^\infty \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\pi^{-\infty}$ ,  $\pi \in \hat{G}$ , is a certain uniquely determined nuclear operator (see [Bon.] Theorem 4-1).

We recall that Penney's and Bonnet's Plancherel formulas have been described for nilpotent groups and exponential groups in ([Pen], [Fu.1,3,4], [F.Y.], [Gr,1,2], [Li.2,3], [B.L.2]). Furthermore, Fujiwara has given an explicit expression by duality of Bonnet's operators in the case of monomial representations of nilpotent Lie groups.

In the first part of this paper we take a closed connected subgroup  $H = \exp(\mathfrak{h})$  of a nilpotent connected simply connected Lie group  $G = \exp(\mathfrak{g})$ , a unitary character

$\chi = \chi_f$  of  $H$  (where  $f \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  is such that  $\langle f, [\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{h}] \rangle = 0$ ) and we consider the positive distribution

$$\langle S_{H,f}, \varphi \rangle = \int_H \varphi(h) \chi_f(h) dh, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(G).$$

To describe the measure  $\nu$  given in (1), we use the result of [B.L. 1] where it has been shown that there exists a certain affine subspace  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $(f + \mathfrak{h}^\perp)$  such that  $Ind_H^G \chi_f \simeq \int_{\mathcal{V}}^\oplus \pi_\phi d\phi$  ( $d\phi$  denotes the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathcal{V}$ ). There exists a Borel cross-section  $\Sigma$  of  $G$ -orbits in  $G \cdot \mathcal{V}$  and it turns out that the measure  $\nu$  of Bonnet's formula is supported on  $\Sigma$ . We show in (6) that for  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  the operator  $U_\sigma$  is an integral of rank one operators:

$$U_\sigma = \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} Q_{s,\sigma} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{s})$$

where  $\Gamma_\sigma$  is defined in paragraph (1.1.b), the operators  $Q_{s,\sigma}$  and the measure  $d\lambda_\sigma$  in 1.3.

In the exponential case, the determination of Bonnet's operators  $U_\pi$  is difficult. One of the reasons is that there exists no easy way to determine explicitly the  $C^\infty$  vectors of a representation.

Several authors have studied in the past the disintegration of induced representations for exponential solvable Lie groups. In ([D.R.]) Duflo and Rais computed the Plancherel formula for  $L^2(G)$  of an exponential solvable Lie group. Bonnet's operators have been explicitly described for a normal monomial representation induced from a normal subgroup of an exponential solvable Lie group in [G.H.L.S.].

In the second part of this paper we take the semi-direct product  $G = NH$ ; where  $N = \exp(\mathfrak{n})$  is nilpotent and normal in  $G$ , and  $H = \exp(\mathfrak{h})$  is abelian and acts semi-simply on  $N$  with real eigenvalues. Let  $\chi = \chi_f$  be a unitary character of  $H$  (where  $f \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ ). We consider the representation  $\tau_f = Ind_H^G \chi_f$  and we assume that  $\tau_f$  has finite multiplicity. The first precise formulas in this case have been given by Currey in ([Cu.2]). To describe the measure  $\nu$  given in (1) we use the main results of this reference, where it has been shown that the set of generic  $H$ -orbits in the disintegration of  $\tau_f$  admits a natural smooth algebraic cross-section  $\Sigma$ . We derive a cross-section  $\Gamma$  of  $G$ -orbits in  $G \cdot (f + \Sigma)$ , and the measure  $\nu$  of Bonnet's formula will be explicitly described as a measure on  $\Gamma$ . We take  $\sigma \in (f + \Sigma)$  and for  $l \in G \cdot \sigma \cap (f + \Sigma)$  we define an operator  $\beta'_l$  on the space of the smooth vectors  $\mathcal{H}_\sigma^\infty$  of  $\pi_\sigma$ . We show in (13) that the operators  $U_{\pi_\sigma} = U_\sigma$  in Bonnet's formula are determined as a finite sum of rank one operators:  $P_{\beta'_l, \beta'_l}$ .

## 1. The Bonnet Plancherel formula for nilpotent Lie group

### 1.1 Notations and definitions

#### 1.1.a Quotient measures

Let  $G$  be a connected simply connected nilpotent Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  and let  $K = \exp(\mathfrak{k})$  be a closed subgroup of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . We choose a Jordan-Hölder basis  $\mathcal{Z} = \{Z_1, \dots, Z_n\}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $B = \{X_1, \dots, X_r\}$  be a Malcev-basis relative to  $\mathfrak{k}$ , i.e.  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq r} \mathbb{R}X_i \oplus \mathfrak{k}$  and for any  $j = 1, \dots, r$ , the subspace  $\mathfrak{g}_j = \text{span}\{X_j, \dots, X_r, \mathfrak{k}\}$  is a subalgebra. The mapping  $E_B : \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow G/K : E_B(t_1, \dots, t_r) = E'_B(t_1, \dots, t_r)K$ , where  $E'_B(t_1, \dots, t_r) = \exp(t_1X_1) \cdots \exp(t_rX_r)$ , is then a diffeomorphism. We obtain a  $G$ -invariant measure  $d\dot{g}$  on the quotient space  $G/K$  by setting

$$\int_{G/K} \xi(g) d\dot{g} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^r} \xi(E_B(T)) dT, \quad \xi \in C_c(G/K),$$

where  $C_c(G/K)$  denotes the space of the continuous functions with compact support on  $G/K$ .

It is not difficult to see the following:

**1.1.a.1 Proposition** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a nilpotent Lie algebra of dimension  $n$ . Let  $\mathfrak{k}$  be a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be two Malcev-basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$  relative to  $\mathfrak{k}$ . Then  $E_{B_2}^{-1} \circ E_{B_1}$  is a polynomial mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^r$  to  $\mathbb{R}^r$  (where  $r$  is the codimension of  $\mathfrak{k}$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ ) whose total degree is bounded by a constant  $M$  which depends only on the dimension of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .*

#### 1.1.b Induced representation

Let  $G$  be a nilpotent connected simply connected Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{h}$  be a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ;  $f \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  such that  $\langle f, [\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{h}] \rangle = 0$  and let  $\chi_f$  be the unitary character of  $H = \exp(\mathfrak{h})$  associated to  $f$ . Let  $\tau = \text{Ind}_H^G \chi_f$ . It has been shown in [B.L.1] that there exists a certain affine subspace  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $\Gamma_f = f + \mathfrak{h}^\perp \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$ , such that

$$\tau = \text{Ind}_H^G \chi_f \simeq \int_{\mathcal{V}} \pi_\phi d\mu(\phi) \quad (2)$$

where  $d\mu$  denotes Lebesgue measure on  $\mathcal{V}$  and where  $\pi_\phi$  is the irreducible representation associated to  $\phi$  ( $\phi \in \mathcal{V}$ ).

One has:

**Lemma** ([Bour], [Fuj. 3])

$$\mu = \int_{G \cdot \mathcal{V}/G} \nu_\Omega d\nu(\Omega)$$

where  $\nu_\Omega$  is a certain measure on  $\Omega \cap \mathcal{V}$ .

Let  $\Sigma$  be a borel cross-section of the  $G$ -orbits in  $G \cdot \mathcal{V}$ . We can consider the measure  $\nu$  as a measure on  $\Sigma$  and write  $\mu = \int_\Sigma \nu_{G\sigma} d\nu(\sigma)$ .

Hence for a continuous function  $F$  with compact support on  $\mathcal{V}$  we get

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} F(\phi) d\mu(\phi) = \int_\Sigma \int_{G \cdot \sigma \cap \mathcal{V}} F(l) d\nu_{G\sigma}(l) d\nu(\sigma).$$

We identify  $G \cdot \sigma \cap \mathcal{V}$  with the space  $G_\sigma/G(\sigma)$ , where  $G_\sigma = \{g \in G; g \cdot \sigma \in \mathcal{V}\}$  and  $G(\sigma) = \{g \in G; g \cdot \sigma = \sigma\}$  and we consider the measure  $\lambda_\sigma$  on  $\Gamma_\sigma = G_\sigma/G(\sigma)$  which corresponds to the measure  $\nu_{G\sigma}$ , we write:

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} F(\phi) d\mu(\phi) = \int_\Sigma \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} F(s \cdot \sigma) d\lambda_\sigma(s) d\nu(\sigma). \quad (3)$$

Let now  $\mathcal{S}(G/H, f)$  be the space of all  $C^\infty$ -function  $\xi$  on  $G$ , such that  $\xi(gh) = \chi_f(h^{-1})\xi(g)$  for all  $g \in G, h \in H$  and such that the function  $T \mapsto \xi(E_B(T))$  is a Schwartz-function on  $\mathbb{R}^r$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}(G)$  denote the Schwartz-space of  $G$ , i.e. the space of all complex valued functions  $\varphi$  on  $G$ , such that  $\varphi \circ \exp$  is an ordinary Schwartz-function on the vector space  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

Denote for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(G)$   $P_{H,f}(\varphi)(g) = \int_H \varphi(gh)\chi_f(h)dh$  and let  $S_{H,f}$  be the tempered distribution on  $G$  defined by the projection  $P_{H,f}(\varphi)$  of  $\varphi$  on  $\mathcal{S}(G/H, f)$ , i.e:

$$\langle S_{H,f}, \varphi \rangle = \int_H \varphi(h)\chi_f(h)dh = P_{H,f}\varphi(e).$$

Let for  $\phi \in \mathcal{V}$   $B(\phi)$  denote the Vergne polarization at  $\phi$  for the basis  $\mathcal{Z}$ . It has been shown in [B.L.1] that there exists for  $\phi \in \mathcal{V}$  an invariant measure  $d\dot{b}$  on  $B(\phi)/B(\phi) \cap H$  such that for the mapping

$$T_\phi : \mathcal{S}(G/H, f) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(G/B(\phi), \phi) \quad (\phi \in \mathcal{V})$$

given by

$$T_\phi(\xi)(g) = \int_{B(\phi)/B(\phi) \cap H} \xi(bg)\chi_\phi(b)d\dot{b}, \quad \xi \in \mathcal{S}(G/H, f), g \in G,$$

and for  $\xi \in \mathcal{S}(G/H, f)$  we have:

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} \langle T_\phi(\xi), T_\phi(\xi) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\phi} d\phi = \|\xi\|_{\mathcal{H}_\tau}^2. \quad (4)$$

We recall also that from [B.L.2]  $S_{H,f}$  is disintegrated as an integral  $\int_{\mathcal{V}} S_{\phi} d\mu(\phi)$ , where  $S_{\phi}$  denotes the tempered distribution on  $\mathcal{S}(G)$  defined by :

$$\langle S_{\phi}, \varphi \rangle = \int_{H/H \cap B(\phi)} T_{\phi}(P_{H,f}(\varphi))(h) \chi_f(h) dh. \quad (5)$$

## 1.2 Main results

This section is based on the paragraph 7.5 in [L.M.].

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a nilpotent Lie algebra. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an algebraic subset of finite dimensional real vector space  $W$ , the pair  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{B})$  is a rationnally variable nilpotent Lie algebra (or r.v.n.) if the following holds true:

For every  $b \in \mathcal{B}$ , a Lie bracket  $[,]_b$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  is given such that  $(\mathfrak{g}, [,]_b)$  forms a nilpotent Lie algebra. Moreover there exists a fixed basis  $\mathcal{Z} = \{Z_1, \dots, Z_n\}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , so that the structure constants  $(a_{ij}^k(b))$ , given by  $[Z_i, Z_j]_b = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ij}^k(b) Z_k$ , are rational functions in  $b$ , satisfying  $a_{ij}^k(b) = 0$  for  $i < j, k \leq j$  (so that  $\mathcal{Z}$  is a Jordan-Hölder-basis for  $(\mathfrak{g}, [,]_b)$  (see [L.M.]).

A mapping on  $\mathcal{B}$  is called polynomial if it is the restriction of a polynomial mapping on  $W$  to  $\mathcal{B}$  and it is called rational if it is the restriction of a rational mapping on  $W$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ , such that the denominators of the corresponding rational functions do not vanish on  $\mathcal{B}$ .

For every  $b \in \mathcal{B}$  we choose  $m$  elements  $V_1(b), \dots, V_m(b)$ , in  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  depending rationally on  $b$ . Let  $V(b) = \text{span}(V_1(b), \dots, V_m(b))$  and  $\phi^b : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow V(b)$  defined by  $\phi^b(X) = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i V_i(b)$ , where  $X = (x_1, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

Let us denote for  $(X, b) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathcal{B}$  and for a polarization  $\mathfrak{b}$  at  $\phi^b(X)$  in  $\mathfrak{g}_b$  the induced representation  $\pi_{\phi^b(X), \mathfrak{b}}$  by  $\pi_{(X, b), \mathfrak{b}}$ . Given any Malcev basis  $B$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_b$  relative to  $\mathfrak{b}$ , we can realize the representation in a canonical way on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^r)$  and for every element  $u$  in the enveloping  $U(\mathfrak{g}_b)$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_b$ , the operator  $d\pi_{\phi^b(X), \mathfrak{b}}(u)$  becomes a partial differential operator with polynomial coefficients on  $\mathbb{R}^r$ .

In the following theorem we generalize the theorem 7.7 of [L.M.] by replacing the generic points in  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  by the generic points of the forms  $\phi^b(X)$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^m$ :

**1.2.1 Theorem** *There exists a Zariski-open subset  $O$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathcal{B}$  such that:*

i) *For every  $(X, b) \in O$  there exists a polarization  $\mathfrak{b}(X, b) = \mathfrak{b}(\phi^b(X))$  at  $\phi^b(X)$  and a Malcev basis  $B(X, \phi^b(X))$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  relative to  $\mathfrak{b}(\phi^b(X))$  depending rationally on  $(X, b)$ .*

ii) For every partial differential operator  $D$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with polynomial coefficients there exists a rational mapping

$$A : O \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}_b), \quad A(X, b) = \sum_{|I| \leq n_d} a_I(X, b) Z^I$$

such that  $\pi_{(X, b), \mathfrak{b}}(A(X, b)) = D$ .

**Proof.** We use the notations and the proof of [L.M.].

Let  $b \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $X \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ; we can construct the indices  $j_i(X, b) = j_i(\phi^b(X)) = j_i(\phi^b(X), b)$ ;  $k_i(X, b) = k_i(\phi^b(X)) = k_i(\phi^b(X), b)$  as well as  $j_1(X, b)$  and  $k_1(X, b)$  corresponding to  $(\mathfrak{g}, [,]_b)$  as in [L.M]. We put

$$j_1 := \max\{j_1(X, b) : X \in \mathbb{R}^m; b \in \mathcal{B}\},$$

$$k_1 := \max\{k_1(X, b) : X \in \mathbb{R}^m; b \in \mathcal{B}\},$$

and put  $\mathcal{B}^1 := \{(X, b) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathcal{B} : j_1(\phi^b(X), b) = j_1 \text{ and } k_1(\phi^b(X), b) = k_1\}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{B}^1 = \{(X, b) : \phi^b(X)([Z_{j_1}, Z_{k_1}]_b) \neq 0\}$$

is a Zariski-open in  $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathcal{B}$ . Next, for  $(X, b) \in \mathcal{B}^1$ , we put  $(\mathfrak{p}_1(\phi^b(X), b), [,]_b) := \{Y \in \mathfrak{g} : \phi^b(X)([Z_{j_1}, Y]_b) = 0\}$ , and

$$Z_i^1(X, b) := Z_i - \frac{\phi^b(X)([Z_{j_1}, Z_i]_b)}{\phi^b(X)([Z_{j_1}, Z_{k_1}]_b)} Z_{k_1}, \quad i \neq k_1.$$

Then  $Z_i^1(X, b), i \neq k_1$ , form a Jordan-Hölder-basis of  $(\mathfrak{p}_1(\phi^b(X), b), [,]_b)$ .

We identify  $(\mathfrak{p}_1(\phi^b(X)), b)$  with  $\mathfrak{p}_1 := \mathbb{R}^q$ , where  $q = \dim(\mathfrak{p}_1(\phi^b(X)), b)$ , we obtain a new r.v.n.  $(\mathfrak{p}_1, \mathcal{B}^1)$ . Now for  $b^1 = (X, b) \in \mathcal{B}^1$ , we get  $m$  linear forms:  $(V_i^1(b^1))_{i=1}^m$  in  $\mathbb{R}^q$  given by:  $V_i^1(b^1) = V_i^1(X, b) =$

$$(\langle V_i(b), Z_1^1(X, b) \rangle, \dots, \langle V_i(b), Z_{k_1-1}^1(X, b) \rangle, \langle V_i(b), Z_{k_1+1}^1(X, b) \rangle, \dots, \langle V_i(b), Z_n^1(X, b) \rangle).$$

We put  $V^1(b^1) = \text{span } (V_1^1(b^1), \dots, V_m^1(b^1))$ , and  $\phi^{b^1} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow V^1(b^1) : \phi^{b^1}(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i V_i^1(b^1)$ .

Applying the same procedure now to  $(\mathfrak{p}_1, \mathcal{B}^1)$  instead of  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{B}^1)$ , and iterating this process, which stops after a finite number  $d$  of steps, we construct indices  $j_i(X, b)$  and  $k_i(X, b)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, d$ , and finally stop at some r.v.n  $(\mathfrak{p}_d, \mathcal{B}^d)$  where  $\mathcal{B}^d \subset \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathcal{B}^{d-1}$  is Zariski-open. We put  $O = \mathcal{B}^d$ .

Moreover, it has been shown in [L.M.] that for  $(X, b^{d-1}) \in O$  the subalgebra  $\mathfrak{p}_d(\phi^{b^{d-1}}(X), b^{d-1}) = \mathfrak{b}(\phi^{b^{d-1}}(X))$  is the Vergne polarization for  $\phi^{b^d}(X)$  associated to the basis  $\mathcal{Z}$  and there exist rational mappings  $Y_i : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq d$ , such that  $\{Y_1(X), \dots, Y_d(X)\}$  forms a Malcev basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$  relative to  $\mathfrak{b}(\phi^{b^{d-1}}(X))$ .

One continues as in the proof of theorem 7.7 in [L.M.]. ■

**1.2.2 Proposition** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a nilpotent Lie algebra. Let  $\mathfrak{h}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  be two subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . There exists a Malcev-basis  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  relative to  $\mathfrak{b}$ , which contains a Malcev-basis of  $\mathfrak{h}$  relative to  $\mathfrak{h} \cap \mathfrak{b}$ .*

**Proof.** We proceed by induction on  $\dim(\mathfrak{g})$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  be an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with codimension one containing  $\mathfrak{b}$ .

i) If  $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}_0$ , the induction hypothesis gives us a Malcev basis  $\mathcal{U}_0$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  relative to  $\mathfrak{b}$  which contains a Malcev-basis of  $\mathfrak{h}$  relative to  $\mathfrak{h} \cap \mathfrak{b}$ . Hence we put  $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathcal{U}_0, X\}$ , where  $X \in \mathfrak{g} \setminus \mathfrak{g}_0$ .

ii) If  $\mathfrak{h} \not\subset \mathfrak{g}_0$ , we can choose  $X \in \mathfrak{h}$  such that  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathbb{R}X$ . The induction hypothesis gives us a Malcev-basis  $\mathcal{U}_0$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  relative to  $\mathfrak{b}$ , which contains a Malcev-basis of  $\mathfrak{h} \cap \mathfrak{g}_0$  relative to  $\mathfrak{h} \cap \mathfrak{b}$ . Hence we put  $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathcal{U}_0, X\}$ . ■

### 1.3 The Bonnet Plancherel Formula

The aim of this section is to describe explicitly the Bonnet Plancherel Formula associated to the disintegration (2). Let  $G, H, f, \mathcal{V}, \Sigma$  be as in (1.1.b).

For  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ ,  $g \in G_\sigma$  we define the operator:  $q_{g,\sigma} : \mathcal{H}_\sigma^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\langle q_{g,\sigma}, \xi \rangle = \int_{H/B(g \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \overline{\xi(hg) \chi_f(h)} dh.$$

It has already been shown in [Fuj.1] that the integral on the right is well defined (here it suffices to use that for  $g \in G_\sigma$   $\chi_{g \cdot \sigma}(h) = \chi_f(h)$  for all  $h \in H$ ), the operator  $q_{g,\sigma}$  is continuous and for all  $h \in H$ ,  $\pi_\sigma(h)q_{g,\sigma} = \chi_f(h)q_{g,\sigma}$ .

Let  $\varphi$  be in  $\mathcal{S}(G)$ . For  $\sigma \in \mathcal{V}$ , the operator  $\pi_\sigma(\varphi)$  is a kernel-operator, whose kernel  $K_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi)}$  is given by

$$K_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi)}(x, y) = \int_{B(\sigma)} \varphi(xby^{-1}) \chi_\sigma(b) db, \quad x, y \in G.$$

Furthermore, for any Malcev-basis  $\mathcal{Y} = \{Y_1, \dots, Y_d\}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  relative to  $\mathfrak{b}(\sigma)$ , the function

$$(s, t) \mapsto K_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi)}\left(\prod_{i=1}^d \exp(s_i Y_i), \prod_{i=1}^d \exp(t_i Y_i)\right)$$

is a Schwartz-function on  $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$  (see [C.G.]).

Let us recall some results from [L.M.].

Let  $Z_1, \dots, Z_n \in \mathfrak{g}$  be a basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and put

$$L := \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j^2 \in U(\mathfrak{g}),$$

where  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  is the enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $(1 - L)^N$  is hypoelliptic for every  $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , there exists a local fundamental solution  $E_N \in \mathcal{D}'(U)$  of  $(1 - L)^N$  on a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $e \in G$ , i.e.

$$(1 - L)^N E_N = \delta_e \text{ in } U.$$

Since  $(1 - L)^N$  is hypoelliptic, we have that  $E_N$  is  $C^\infty$  on  $G \setminus \{e\}$  and for  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $N$  is big enough  $E_N$  is in  $C^d(G)$ . Hence  $E_N$  is in  $L^1(G) \cap L^2(G)$  and is even of class  $C^d$  in  $L^1(G)$ .

We recall that the  $N$ 'th Sobolev  $L^1$ -norm on  $G$  is defined by

$$\|f\|_{N,1} = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} \|Z^\alpha * f\|_1 + \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} \|f * Z^\alpha\|_1,$$

where  $Z^\alpha = Z_1^{\alpha_1} * \dots * Z_n^{\alpha_n}$  and  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$  for  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ .

**1.3.1 Proposition** *There exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for almost all  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  and all  $g \in G_\sigma$  the distribution  $q_{g,\sigma}$  is an element of  $\mathcal{H}_\sigma^{-N}$  and*

$$\int_{G/B(\sigma)} \int_{H/H \cap B(g\sigma)} |K_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi)}(u, hg)| d\dot{h} du \leq C_{\sigma,g} \|\varphi\|_{N,1} \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{S}(G),$$

for some constant  $C_{\sigma,g}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  and  $g \in G$ , such that  $g\sigma \in \mathcal{V}$ . Let  $B_1 = \langle Y_1, \dots, Y_d \rangle$  be a Malcev-basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$  relative to  $\mathfrak{b}(g\sigma)$  such that  $B'_1 = \langle Y_{i_1}, \dots, Y_{i_r} \rangle$  is a Malcev-basis of  $\mathfrak{h}$  relative to  $\mathfrak{h} \cap \mathfrak{b}(g\sigma)$  (according to 1.2.2). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle q_{g,\sigma}, \xi \rangle &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^r} \overline{\xi(\exp(t_1 Y_{i_1}) \cdots \exp(t_r Y_{i_r}) g) e^{-i \langle f, \sum_{j=1}^r t_j Y_{i_j} \rangle}} dt_1 \cdots dt_r \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^r} \overline{(\xi_g \circ E_{B'_1})(t_1, \dots, t_r) (\chi_f \circ E_{B'_1})(t_1, \dots, t_r)} dt_1 \cdots dt_r \end{aligned}$$

where  $\xi_g(g') = \xi(g'g)$ .

Let  $P_\sigma$  be a function on  $G/B(\sigma)$  such that  $S \mapsto P_\sigma(E'_{B_1}(S))$  is a polynomial on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  of degree  $\leq 2r$  such that

$$c_{g\sigma} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^r} \frac{1}{|P_\sigma(E'_{B_1}(T)g)|} dT < \infty.$$

Then we get

$$|\langle q_{g,\sigma}, \xi \rangle| \leq c_{g\sigma} \|(P_\sigma \cdot \xi)_g\|_\infty.$$

Let now  $B_2 = B_2(g\sigma)$  be the Malcev-basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$  relative to  $\mathfrak{b}(g\sigma)$  obtained by theorem (1.2.1) applied to the affine subspace  $\mathcal{V}$  and the one point set  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Let  $\tilde{Q}_\sigma(S) = P_\sigma(E'_{B_2}(S)g) = P_\sigma(E'_{B_1} \circ (E'_{B_1}^{-1} \circ E'_{B_2})(S)g)$ ,  $S \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , whose coefficients depend on  $g, \sigma$  and whose degree is bounded by an integer  $M_1$  independent of  $g, \sigma$  (by 1.1.a.1).

Moreover we can see that for some constant  $c'_{g\sigma}$  big enough the polynomial  $c'_{g\sigma} F = c'_{g\sigma}(1 + \|T\|^2)^{M_1}, T \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , dominates the function  $\tilde{Q}_\sigma$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Hence

$$\|\tilde{Q}_\sigma \xi_g\|_\infty \leq c'_{g\sigma} \|F \xi_g \circ E_{B_2}\|_\infty \leq c'_{g\sigma} \|D(F \xi_g \circ E_{B_2})\|_2$$

for some fixed partial differential operator with constant coefficients on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Now by theorem (1.2.1) we have that for almost all  $\sigma \in \mathcal{V}$  there exists  $a(\sigma) \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  such that :  $d\pi_\sigma(a(\sigma)) = D \circ$  multiplication by  $F$ . Moreover the degree of  $d\pi_\sigma(a(\sigma))$  is bounded by a constant  $N$  independent of  $\sigma$ . Thus for almost all  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  and all  $g \in G$

$$|\langle q_{g,\sigma}, \xi \rangle| \leq c''_\sigma \|\xi\|_N$$

for some big enough constant  $c''_\sigma$ .

For the second statement, we remark that, since  $K_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi)}$  is a Schwartz-function on  $G \times G$  modulo  $B(\sigma) \times B(\sigma)$  by Howe's result (see [C.G.]), the function

$$G \ni u \mapsto \eta_v(u) = K_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi)}(u, v), \quad v \in G,$$

is in  $\mathcal{S}(G/B(\sigma), \chi_f)$  and so by the arguments for the first statement

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{G/B(\sigma)} \int_{H/H \cap B(g\sigma)} |K_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi)}(hg, v)| dh dv &= \int_{H/H \cap B(g\sigma)} \left( \int_{G/B(\sigma)} |K_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi)}(hg, v)| dv \right) dh \\ &= \int_{H/H \cap B(g\sigma)} \frac{1}{|P_\sigma(hg)|} \left( \int_{G/B(\sigma)} |P_\sigma(hg) \eta_v(hg)| dv \right) dh \\ &\leq \int_{H/H \cap B(g\sigma)} \frac{1}{|P_\sigma(hg)|} \left( \int_{G/B(\sigma)} |\pi_\sigma(a'(g\sigma)) \eta_v(hg)| dv \right) dh \end{aligned}$$

for some element  $a'(g\sigma)$  in the enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , whose degree is bounded by a constant  $N$  which does not depend on  $g\sigma$  according to (1.2.1). Since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{G/B(\sigma)} |\pi_\sigma(a'(g\sigma)) \eta_v(hg)| dv &= \int_{G/B(\sigma)} \left| \int_{B(\sigma)} a'(g\sigma) * \varphi(hgbv^{-1}) \chi_\sigma(b) db \right| dv \\ &\leq \int_G |a'(g\sigma) * \varphi(hgv)| dv = \int_G |a'(g\sigma) * \varphi(v)| dv \leq c_{g\sigma} \|\varphi\|_{N,1}, \end{aligned}$$

(for some constant  $c_{g\sigma}$  depending on  $a'(g\sigma)$ ) for all  $h \in H$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{G/B(\sigma)} \int_{H/H \cap B(g\sigma)} |K_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi)}(v, hg)| d\dot{h} dv &= \int_{G/B(\sigma)} \int_{H/H \cap B(g\sigma)} |K_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi^*)}(hg, v)| d\dot{h} dv \\ &\leq c_{g\sigma} \|\varphi^*\|_{N,1} \int_{H/H \cap B(g\sigma)} \frac{1}{|P_\sigma(hg)|} d\dot{h} \leq C_{g\sigma} \|\varphi\|_{N,1} \end{aligned}$$

(for some new constant  $C_{g\sigma}$ ). ■

This gives us the one dimensional operators:

$$Q_{g,\sigma} = P_{q_{g,\sigma}, q_{g,\sigma}} : \mathcal{H}_\sigma^N \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\sigma^{-N}, \quad Q_{g,\sigma}(\xi) = \langle \xi, q_{g,\sigma} \rangle q_{g,\sigma}; \quad \xi \in \mathcal{H}_\sigma^N.$$

In particular for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(G)$ ,  $\pi_\sigma(\varphi) \circ Q_{g,\sigma} = P_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi)q_{g,\sigma}, q_{g,\sigma}}$  (see [G.H.L.S.]).

For  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ , we define the operator  $U_\sigma : \mathcal{H}_\sigma^N \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\sigma^{-N}$  as the integral of these operators:

$$U_\sigma = \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} Q_{g,\sigma} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{g}). \quad (6)$$

We have the following:

**1.3.2 Proposition** *For almost all  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  we have:  $U_\sigma : \mathcal{H}_\sigma^N \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\sigma^{-N}$  is trace class.*

**Proof.** Let  $\sigma \in \Sigma, s \in G_\sigma$ . We recall that the rank one operator  $Q_{s,\sigma}$  has a trace which is given by:

$$\text{tr}(Q_{s,\sigma}) = \text{tr}(A_\sigma^{-N} \circ Q_{s,\sigma} \circ A_\sigma^{-N}) = \langle \pi_\sigma(E_N)q_{s,\sigma}, \pi_\sigma(E_N)q_{s,\sigma} \rangle,$$

where  $A_\sigma^{-N} = \pi_\sigma(E_N)$  (see [G.H.L.S.]).

On the other hand for  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\sigma^\infty$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \pi_\sigma(E_N)q_{s,\sigma}, \psi \rangle &= \langle q_{s,\sigma}, \pi_\sigma(E_N^*)\psi \rangle = \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \overline{\pi_\sigma(E_N^*)\psi(hs)\chi_f(h)} d\dot{h} \\ &= \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_{G/B(\sigma)} \overline{K_{\pi_\sigma(E_N^*)}(hs, u)\psi(u)du\chi_f(h)} d\dot{h} \\ &= \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_{G/B(\sigma)} K_{\pi_\sigma(E_N)}(u, hs)\overline{\psi(u)du\chi_f(h)} dh. \end{aligned}$$

As  $N$  is increasing, the function  $E_N$  becomes smoother and smoother and the kernel function

$$(u, h) \mapsto K_{\pi_\sigma(E_N)}(u, hs)$$

is decreasing more and more rapidly at infinity, and so for  $N$  big enough, this function is in  $L^1(G/B(\sigma), \sigma) \otimes L^1(H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H, f)$  for almost all  $\sigma \in \mathcal{V}$  (see 1.3.1). Hence, using Fubini, we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \pi_\sigma(E_N)q_{s,\sigma}, \psi \rangle &= \int_{G/B(\sigma)} \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} K_{\pi_\sigma(E_N)}(u, hs) \overline{\chi_f(h)} dh \overline{\psi(u)} du \\ &= \langle \eta_{s,\sigma}, \psi \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (*)$$

where  $\eta_{s,\sigma}(u) = \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} K_{\pi_\sigma(E_N)}(u, hs) \chi_f(h^{-1}) d\dot{h}$  is in  $L^2(G/B(s \cdot \sigma), s \cdot \sigma)$ .

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(Q_{s,\sigma}) &= \langle \eta_{s,\sigma}, \eta_{s,\sigma} \rangle \\ &= \int_{G/B(\sigma)} \eta_{s,\sigma}(g) \overline{\eta_{s,\sigma}(g)} d\dot{g} \\ &= \int_{G/B(\sigma)} \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} K_{\pi_\sigma(E_N)}(g, hs) \chi_f(h'^{-1}) d\dot{h}' \\ &\quad \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} K_{\pi_\sigma(E_N)}(g, hs) \chi_f(h^{-1}) dh d\dot{g} \\ &= \int_{G/B(\sigma)} \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_{B(\sigma)} E_N(gbs^{-1}h'^{-1}) \chi_\sigma(b) db \chi_f(h'^{-1}) d\dot{h}' \\ &\quad \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_{B(\sigma)} E_N(gbs^{-1}h^{-1}) \chi_\sigma(b) db \chi_f(h^{-1}) dh d\dot{g} \\ &= \int_{G/B(s \cdot \sigma)} \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_{B(s \cdot \sigma)} E_N(gbh'^{-1}) \chi_{s \cdot \sigma}(b) db \chi_f(h'^{-1}) d\dot{h}' \\ &\quad \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_{B(s \cdot \sigma)} E_N(gbh^{-1}) \chi_{s \cdot \sigma}(b) db \chi_f(h^{-1}) dh d\dot{g}. \end{aligned}$$

Now for  $q \in C_c(G)$ , it has been shown in [B.L.2] that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_{B(s \cdot \sigma)} q(bh^{-1}) \chi_{s \cdot \sigma}(b) db \chi_f(h^{-1}) dh &= \\ \int_{B(s \cdot \sigma)/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_H q(bh^{-1}) \chi_{s \cdot \sigma}(b) \chi_f(h^{-1}) dh db & \quad (**) \end{aligned}$$

We obtain:

$$\text{tr}(Q_{s,\sigma}) = \langle T_{s \cdot \sigma}(P_{H,f}(E_N)), T_{s \cdot \sigma}(P_{H,f}(E_N)) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{s \cdot \sigma}} = \|T_{s \cdot \sigma}(P_{H,f}(E_N))\|_{\mathcal{H}_{s \cdot \sigma}}^2$$

On the other hand one has by (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Sigma} \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} \|T_{s \cdot \sigma}(P_{H,f}(E_N))\|_{\mathcal{H}_{s \cdot \sigma}}^2 d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{s}) d\nu(\sigma) &= \int_{\mathcal{V}} \langle T_\phi(P_{H,f}(E_N)), T_\phi(P_{H,f}(E_N)) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\phi} d\phi = \\ \|P_{H,f}(E_N)\|_{\mathcal{H}_\tau}^2 &\text{ by (4).} \end{aligned}$$

Hence for almost all  $\sigma \in \Sigma$

$$\|U_\sigma\|_1 = \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} \text{tr}(Q_{g,\sigma}) d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{g}) < \infty$$

and the integral

$$U_\sigma = \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} Q_{g,\sigma} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{g})$$

converges in the space of the trace-class operators.  $\blacksquare$

**1.3.4. Theorem** *There exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that for every  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(G)$  and for almost all  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ , we have that the operator  $\pi_\sigma(\varphi) \circ U_\sigma : \mathcal{H}_\sigma^N \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\sigma^N$  is trace class and*

$$\langle S_{H,f}, \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Sigma} \text{tr}(\pi_\sigma(\varphi) \circ U_\sigma) d\nu(\sigma).$$

**Proof.** Let  $\sigma \in \Sigma, s \in G_\sigma$  and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(G)$ . An argument similar to (\*) permits us to write  $\pi_\sigma(\varphi)q_{s,\sigma}(u) = \varphi_{s,\sigma}(u) = \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} K_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi)}(u, hs) \overline{\chi_f(h)} dh$ , for all  $u \in G$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \pi_\sigma(\varphi)q_{s,\sigma}, q_{s,\sigma} \rangle &= \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \varphi_{s,\sigma}(hs) \chi_f(h) d\dot{h} \\ &= \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} K_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi)}(hs, h's) \chi_f(h'^{-1}) d\dot{h}' \chi_f(h) d\dot{h} \\ &= \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} K_{\pi_{s \cdot \sigma}(\varphi)}(h, h') \chi_f(hh'^{-1}) d\dot{h}' d\dot{h}. \end{aligned}$$

We recall that  $\pi_\sigma(\varphi) \circ U_\sigma = \pi_\sigma(\varphi) \circ \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} P_{q_{s,\sigma}, q_{s,\sigma}} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{s}) = \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} P_{\pi_\sigma(\varphi)q_{s,\sigma}, q_{s,\sigma}} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{s})$ .

Hence we deduce that

$$\text{tr}(\pi_\sigma(\varphi) \circ U_\sigma) = \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} K_{\pi_{s \cdot \sigma}(\varphi)}(h, h') \chi_f(hh'^{-1}) d\dot{h}' d\dot{h} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{s}). \quad (***)$$

Now we recall that, from [B.L.2] one has

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S_{H,f}, \varphi \rangle &= \int_{\mathcal{V}} \langle S_\phi, \varphi \rangle d\mu(\phi) \\ &= \int_{\Sigma} \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} \int_{H/H \cap B(s \cdot \sigma)} T_{s \cdot \sigma}(P_{H,f}(\varphi))(h) \chi_f(h) d\dot{h} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{s}) d\nu(\sigma) \\ &\quad (\text{by (3) and (5)}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} \int_{H/H \cap B(s \cdot \sigma)} T_{s \cdot \sigma}(P_{H,f}(\varphi))(h) \chi_f(h) d\dot{h} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{s}) \\
&= \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} \int_{H/H \cap B(s \cdot \sigma)} \int_{B(s \cdot \sigma)/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} P_{H,f}(\varphi)(hb) \chi_{s \cdot \sigma}(b) db \chi_f(h) d\dot{h} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{s}) \\
&= \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} \int_{H/H \cap B(s \cdot \sigma)} \int_{B(s \cdot \sigma)/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_H \varphi(hbh') \chi_f(h') dh' \chi_{s \cdot \sigma}(b) db \chi_f(h) d\dot{h} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{s}) \\
&= \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} \int_{H/H \cap B(s \cdot \sigma)} \int_{B(s \cdot \sigma)/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_H \varphi(hbh'^{-1}) \chi_f(h'^{-1}) dh' \chi_{s \cdot \sigma}(b) db \chi_f(h) d\dot{h} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{s}).
\end{aligned}$$

Then by (\*\*), (\*\*\*)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} \int_{H/H \cap B(s \cdot \sigma)} T_{s \cdot \sigma}(P_{H,f}(\varphi))(h) \chi_f(h) d\dot{h} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{s}) \\
&= \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} \int_{H/H \cap B(s \cdot \sigma)} \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} \int_{B(s \cdot \sigma)} \varphi(hbh'^{-1}) \chi_{s \cdot \sigma}(b) db \chi_f(hh'^{-1}) d\dot{h}' d\dot{h} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{s}) \\
&= \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} \int_{H/H \cap B(s \cdot \sigma)} \int_{H/B(s \cdot \sigma) \cap H} K_{\pi_{s \cdot \sigma}(\varphi)}(h, h') \chi_f(hh'^{-1}) d\dot{h}' d\dot{h} d\lambda_\sigma(\dot{s}) \\
&= \text{tr}(\pi_\sigma(\varphi) \circ U_\sigma).
\end{aligned}$$

Whence

$$\langle S_{H,f}, \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Sigma} \text{tr}(\pi_\sigma(\varphi) \circ U_\sigma) d\nu(\sigma).$$

■

## 2. The Bonnet Plancherel formula for a class of completely solvable Lie group

In this part we take, as mentioned in the introduction, the semi-direct product  $G = NH$ ; where  $N = \exp(\mathfrak{n})$  is nilpotent and normal in  $G$ , and  $H = \exp(\mathfrak{h})$  is abelian and acts semi-simply on  $N$  with real eigenvalues. Let  $\chi = \chi_f$  be a unitary character of  $H$  (where  $f \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ ). We consider the representation  $\tau_f = \text{Ind}_H^G \chi_f$  and we assume that  $\tau_f$  has finite multiplicity.

Let us recall some results given in the paper [Cu.2].

### 2.1 Generalities and main results

#### 2.1.1 $C^\infty$ vectors

Let  $G$  be an exponential solvable Lie group and  $K$  a closed subgroup of  $G$ . Fix a choice of right Haar measures  $dg, dk$  on  $G$  and  $K$ . We write  $\Delta_G, \Delta_K$  for the modular

functions of  $G$ ,  $K$  (respectively). If  $\chi$  is a unitary character of  $K$ , the induced representation  $\pi_\chi = \text{Ind}_K^G \chi$  acts in the space  $C_c^\infty(G, K, \chi) = \{f \in C^\infty(G) : f(kg) = \chi(k)f(g) \ \forall k \in K, g \in G; f \text{ compactly supported mod } K\}$ , by the formula

$$\pi_\chi(g)f(x) = f(xg)q(g)^{1/2}.$$

Here  $q = q_{K,G} : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^*$  is a smooth function on  $G$  satisfying  $q(e) = 1$ ,  $q(kg) = \Delta_{K,G}(k)q(g)$ .

The space  $K \setminus G$  carries a relatively invariant measure  $d\gamma$  with modulus  $q^{-1}$  which satisfies:

$$\int_{K \setminus G} f(\gamma g) d\gamma = \int_{K \setminus G} f(\gamma) q(g^{-1}) d\gamma$$

where  $f \in C_c(K \setminus G)$ .

The Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_{\pi_\chi} = L^2(G, K, \chi)$  is the completion of  $C_c^\infty(G, K, \chi)$  under the norm  $\|f\|_2 = (\int_{K \setminus G} |f(\gamma)|^2 d\gamma)^{1/2}$ .

Now let  $\pi$  be a unitary representation of  $G$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_\pi$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{H}_\pi^\infty$  the Fréchet space of smooth vectors of  $\pi$ . Its anti-dual space is denoted by  $\mathcal{H}_\pi^{-\infty}$ . It is well known that  $\pi(D(G))\mathcal{H}_\pi^{-\infty} \subset \mathcal{H}_\pi^\infty$  where  $D(G) = C_c^\infty(G)$ .

### 2.1.2 Algebraic structure

Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{n} + \mathfrak{h}$  where  $\mathfrak{n}$  is nilpotent,  $[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] \subset \mathfrak{n}$  and where  $\mathfrak{h}$  is an abelian subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $ad(\mathfrak{h})$  consists of semi-simple endomorphisms with real eigenvalues.

In [Cu.2] it has been shown that if  $\tau_f$  is of finite multiplicity then the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  has a basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{C_1, \dots, C_a, V_1, \dots, V_\nu, X_1, \dots, X_u, Y_1, \dots, Y_u, A_1, \dots, A_u, B_1, \dots, B_\nu\}$  such that

$$\mathfrak{n} = \text{vect} \langle C_1, \dots, C_a, V_1, \dots, V_\nu, X_1, \dots, X_u, Y_1, \dots, Y_u \rangle$$

and  $\mathfrak{h} = \text{vect} \langle A_1, \dots, A_u, B_1, \dots, B_\nu \rangle$ . Furthermore we have:

- i)  $[X_h, Y_{h'}] = 0$  if and only if  $h \neq h'$  and  $[X_h, Y_h]$  is central in  $\mathfrak{n}$  for  $1 \leq h \leq u$ .
- ii) For every  $h, h'$   $[X_h, X_{h'}] = [Y_h, Y_{h'}] = 0$ .
- iii)  $\text{cent}(\mathfrak{g}) = \text{vect} \langle C_1, \dots, C_a \rangle$ , and  $\text{cent}(\mathfrak{n}) = \text{vect} \langle C_1, \dots, C_a, V_1, \dots, V_\nu \rangle$ .
- iv)  $[A_h, X_h] = -X_h$ ;  $[A_h, Y_h] = Y_h$ ;  $[A_h, X_{h'}] = [A_h, Y_{h'}] = 0$  for  $h \neq h'$ .
- v)  $[B_k, X_h] = \alpha_{k,h} X_h$ ,  $\alpha_{k,h} \in \mathbb{R}$ ;  $[B_k, Y_h] = 0$ ;  $[A_h, V_k] = 0$ ;  $[B_k, V_k] = V_k$  and  $[B_k, V_{k'}] = 0$  for  $k \neq k'$

(see Theorem 1.8 in [Cu.2]), we have simplified here the notations of Currey).

### 2.1.3 Plancherel formula

Let  $\tau$  be the monomial representation:  $\tau = \tau_f = \text{Ind}_H^G \chi_f$ . To decompose  $\tau$  means to describe the spectrum of  $\tau$ , the multiplicities and the equivalence class of the Plancherel measure in terms of the coadjoint orbit picture.

In the case of a completely solvable Lie group, it has been shown in [Li.1] that the spectral decomposition formula is given by  $\tau = \int_{(f+\mathfrak{h}^\perp)/H}^\oplus \pi_\theta d\nu(\theta)$  where  $\nu$  is a pushforward of a finite measure on  $(f+\mathfrak{h}^\perp)$  which is equivalent to Lebesgue measure.

In the case with which we are concerned where  $G = NH$  and  $\tau_f$  has finite multiplicity, it has been shown in [Cu.2] that the set of generic  $H$ -orbits in the decomposition of  $\tau_f$  admits a natural algebraic cross-section  $\Sigma$  and the measure  $\nu$  is given as an explicit measure on  $\Sigma$ .

Furthermore we can choose  $f|\mathfrak{n} = 0$ .

The cross-section in  $f + \mathfrak{h}^\perp$  is  $f + \Sigma$  and is given as follows:

Fixing a choice of signs  $\theta = (\epsilon, \delta) = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_u, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_\nu) \in \{1, -1\}^d$ ;  $d = u + \nu$ , one has  $\Sigma = \bigcup_{\theta \in \{1, -1\}^d} \Sigma_\theta$  where  $\Sigma_\theta = \{l \in \Omega \cap \mathfrak{h}^\perp; l(Y_k) = \epsilon_k, 1 \leq k \leq u \text{ and } l(V_i) = \delta_i, 1 \leq i \leq \nu\}$ . Here  $\Omega = \Omega_0 \cap \Omega_1$ , where  $\Omega_0$  is the set of  $G$ -orbits having maximal dimension in  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  and  $\Omega_1$  consists with  $H$ -orbits of maximal dimension. The irreducible representations which correspond to  $G$ -orbits  $G \cdot l$ ,  $l \in \Omega \cap (f + \mathfrak{h}^\perp)$ , are sufficient to decompose  $\tau_f$ .

There exists a dense open subset  $D_\theta$  of  $\mathbb{R}^a \times \mathbb{R}^u$  such that

$$\Sigma_\theta = \left\{ \sum_{h=1}^a \xi_h C_h^* + \sum_{i=1}^\nu \delta_i V_i^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \epsilon_k Y_k^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \mu_k X_k^*; (\xi, \mu) \in D_\theta \right\} \quad (7)$$

(see [Cu.2], we have made a small change of notations).

Let  $F$  be a function on  $f + \mathfrak{h}^\perp$ . One has

$$\int_{f+\Sigma} F(l) dl = \sum_{\theta \in \{1, -1\}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^a \times \mathbb{R}^u} F\left(f + \sum_{h=1}^a \xi_h C_h^* + \sum_{i=1}^\nu \delta_i V_i^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \epsilon_k Y_k^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \mu_k X_k^*\right) d\xi d\mu.$$

Now for  $l \in \Sigma$ , an  $H$ -covariant generalized vector for  $\pi_l$  is defined formally by; for  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_l^\infty$

$$\beta_l(\psi) = \int_H \overline{\psi(h)} q_{B,G}^{1/2} q_{H,G}^{-1/2} \chi_f(h) dh, \quad (8)$$

(see 2.1 in [Cu.2]).

**2.1.3.1. Theorem [Cu.2]** *The integral (8) is absolutely convergent for every  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_l^\infty$  and  $\beta_l$  is continuous on  $\mathcal{H}_l^N$  for a certain integer  $N$  (see [Cu.2] proof of theorem 2.2).*

The distribution-theoretic Plancherel formula which is equivalent to the disintegration of  $\tau_f$  is

$$\langle \tau_f(\omega) \alpha_\tau, \alpha_\tau \rangle = \int_{f+\Sigma} \langle \pi_l(\omega) \beta_l, \beta_l \rangle |R(l)| dl$$

where  $R(l) = ((2\pi)^n l([X_1, Y_1])l([X_2, Y_2]) \cdots l([X_u, Y_u]))^{-1}$  with  $n = \dim(\mathfrak{n})$  and  $\alpha_\tau$  is the generalized cyclic vector for  $\tau$ :  $\alpha_\tau(\xi) = \xi(e)$  for  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}_\tau^\infty$  (cf. [Cu.2] Theorem 3.2).

Of course the reference [Cu.2] contains more information than is conveyed here.

## 2.2 The Bonnet Plancherel formula

The aim of this section is to describe explicitly the Bonnet Plancherel Formula associated to the disintegration of  $\tau_f$ . Let  $G, H, f$  (and so on) be as above. We recall that the distribution  $S_{H, \chi_f}$ , defined on  $D(G)$  by:  $\langle S_{H, \chi_f}, \varphi \rangle = \int_H \varphi(h) \chi_f(h) \Delta_{G, H}^{1/2}(h) dh$ , is positive.

By the theorem of P. Bonnet [Bon.], there exist positive nuclear operators  $U_\pi : \mathcal{H}_\pi^\infty \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\pi^{-\infty}$ , such that

$$\langle S_{H, \chi_f}, \varphi \rangle = \int_{\hat{G}} \text{tr}(\pi(\varphi) U_\pi) d\mu(\pi), \quad \varphi \in D(G).$$

We shall show that the operators  $U_\pi$  are finite sum of rank one operators. The first step is a determination of a cross-section for  $G$ -orbits in  $G.(f + \Sigma)$ .

Let  $l = f + l_0 \in f + \Sigma$ . By (2.1.3) there exists  $\theta = (\epsilon, \delta) = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_u, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_\nu) \in \{-1, 1\}^d$  such that  $l_0 \in \Sigma_\theta$ :  $l_0 = \sum_{h=1}^a \xi_h C_h^* + \sum_{i=1}^\nu \delta_i V_i^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \epsilon_k Y_k^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \mu_k X_k^*$ ; the  $G$ -orbit of  $l$  consists of elements  $l'$  of the form:

$$l' = \sum_{h=1}^a \xi_h C_h^* + \sum_{i=1}^\nu \delta_i w_i V_i^* + \sum_{k=1}^u y_k Y_k^* + \sum_{k=1}^u x_k X_k^* + \sum_{k=1}^u P_k(w, x_k, y_k) A_k^* + \sum_{i=1}^\nu b_i B_i^*$$

where  $w_i \in ]0, +\infty[ \quad 1 \leq i \leq \nu, \quad x_k, y_k, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $P_k$  are polynomials in  $x_k, y_k$  and rationals in  $w_i, \quad 1 \leq k \leq u$ .

It has been shown in [Cu.2] that

$$O_l = G \cdot l \cap (f + \Sigma) = f + \bigcup_{\epsilon' \in \{-1, 1\}^u} \left\{ \sum_{h=1}^a \xi_h C_h^* + \sum_{i=1}^\nu \delta_i V_i^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \epsilon'_k Y_k^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \epsilon_k \epsilon'_k \mu_k X_k^* \right\}. \quad (9)$$

We give a cross-section for  $G-$  orbits in  $G.(f + \Sigma)$  as the set

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma &= \left\{ f + \sum_{h=1}^a \xi_h C_h^* + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \delta_i V_i^* + \sum_{k=1}^u Y_k^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \mu_k X_k^*, \quad (\xi_h, \mu_k) \in \mathbb{R}^a \times \mathbb{R}^u, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \text{and } \delta = (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_\nu) \in \{-1, 1\}^\nu \right\} \\ &= \bigcup_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}^\nu} \Gamma_\delta.\end{aligned}$$

We see that our cross-section  $\Gamma$  for  $G-$  orbits in  $G.(f + \Sigma)$  is contained in  $f + \Sigma$ .

Furthermore we decompose the Lebesgue measure on  $f + \Sigma$  into integral of measures on  $O_l, l \in \Gamma$ : Given a function  $F$  on  $(f + \Sigma)$  we write:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{f + \Sigma} F(l) dl &= \int_{\Gamma} \int_{G \cdot \sigma \cap (f + \Sigma)} F(\phi) d\mu_\sigma(\phi) d\nu(\sigma) \quad (10) \\ &= \sum_{\delta \in \{1, -1\}^\nu} \int_{\mathbb{R}^a \times \mathbb{R}^u} \sum_{\epsilon' \in \{1, -1\}^u} F\left(f + \sum_{h=1}^a \xi_h C_h^* + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \delta_i V_i^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \epsilon'_k Y_k^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \epsilon'_k \mu_k X_k^*\right) d\xi d\mu.\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand recall that for all  $\omega \in D(G)$  we have by [Cu.2]:

$$\langle \tau_f(\omega) \alpha_\tau, \alpha_\tau \rangle = \int_{f + \Sigma} \langle \pi_l(\omega) \beta_l, \beta_l \rangle |R(l)| dl,$$

$$\text{where } R(l) = ((2\pi)^n \prod_{k=1}^u l([X_k, Y_k]))^{-1}.$$

### Remarks

**i)** From the construction of vectors  $X_k, Y_k$  one can verify that  $l([X_k, Y_k]) \neq 0$  for all  $l \in \Omega$ .

**ii)** Since for all  $1 \leq k \leq u$ ,  $[X_k, Y_k] \in \text{cent}(\mathfrak{n})$  then for every  $\sigma \in \Gamma$  by (9) we have  $R(\sigma) = R(l) \quad \forall l \in G \cdot \sigma \cap (f + \Sigma)$ . Thus we can write  $R(l) = R(f, \delta, \xi)$  as a function uniquely depending on  $f, \delta = (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_\nu)$  and  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_a)$ .

Let us write  $\pi_{(\xi, \delta, \epsilon, \mu)}$  for the irreducible representation associated to the element  $l = l(\xi, \delta, \epsilon, \mu) = f + \sum_{h=1}^a \xi_h C_h^* + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \delta_i V_i^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \epsilon_k Y_k^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \mu_k X_k^*$  in  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ . We deduce that:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \tau_f(\omega) \alpha_\tau, \alpha_\tau \rangle &= \\ &\sum_{\delta \in \{1, -1\}^\nu} \int_{\mathbb{R}^a \times \mathbb{R}^u} \sum_{\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}^u} \langle \pi_{(\xi, \delta, \epsilon, \mu)}(\omega) \beta_{(\xi, \delta, \epsilon, \mu)}, \beta_{(\xi, \delta, \epsilon, \mu)} \rangle |R(f, \delta, \xi)| d\xi d\mu. \quad (11)\end{aligned}$$

Let now  $\sigma = f + \sum_{h=1}^a \xi_h C_h^* + \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \delta_i V_i^* + \sum_{k=1}^u Y_k^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \mu_k X_k^* \in \Gamma \subset (f + \Sigma)$ .

For every  $l \in G \cdot \sigma \cap (f + \Sigma)$  there exists by (9) an  $\epsilon \in \{-1, 1\}^u$  such that:

$$l = f + \sum_{h=1}^a \xi_h C_h^* + \sum_{i=1}^\nu \delta_i V_i^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \epsilon_k Y_k^* + \sum_{k=1}^u \epsilon_k \mu_k X_k^*.$$

Put for  $1 \leq k \leq u$ :  $a_k(\sigma) = \langle \sigma, [X_k, Y_k] \rangle$ . Since  $[X_k, Y_k] \in \text{cent}(\mathfrak{n})$ , we have that  $a_k(\sigma) = a_k(l)$ . Then by the obvious remark (i) one has  $a_k(\sigma) \neq 0$ .

Let  $g_l = \prod_{k=1}^u \exp(y_k Y_k) \prod_{k=1}^u \exp(x_k X_k) \prod_{h=1}^\nu \exp(v_h V_h) \in N$ , where  $x_k = \frac{1-\epsilon_k}{a_k(l)}$ ,

$$y_k = \frac{\epsilon_k - 1}{a_k(l)} \mu_k, \text{ and } v_h = -\delta_h^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^u \frac{1 - \epsilon_k}{a_k(l)} \alpha_{h,k} \mu_k.$$

**2.2.1 Lemma.** *We have that:*

$$l = g_l \cdot \sigma$$

**Proof.** We recall that

$$\mathfrak{g} = \text{vect} < C_1, \dots, C_a, V_1, \dots, V_\nu, X_1, \dots, X_u, Y_1, \dots, Y_u, A_1, \dots, A_u, B_1, \dots, B_\nu >.$$

According to the expressions of  $\sigma$ ,  $l$  and since the vectors  $C_h$  and  $V_i$  are central in  $\mathfrak{n}$  we have  $g_l \cdot \sigma(C_h) = l(C_h)$ ,  $1 \leq \forall h \leq a$ , and  $g_l \cdot \sigma(V_i) = l(V_i)$ ,  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \nu$ .

Fix  $s \in \{1, \dots, \nu\}$ , we have by (2.1.2.v) and the fact that  $f|_{\mathfrak{n}} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} g_l \cdot \sigma(B_s) &= \sigma(Ad(\prod_{h=1}^\nu \exp(-v_h V_h) \prod_{k=1}^u \exp(-x_k X_k))(B_s)) \\ &= \sigma(Ad(\prod_{h=1}^\nu \exp(-v_h V_h))(B_s + \sum_{k=1}^u x_k \alpha_{s,k} X_k)) \\ &= \sigma(B_s + v_s V_s + \sum_{k=1}^u x_k \alpha_{s,k} X_k) \\ &= \sigma(B_s) + \delta_s v_s + \sum_{k=1}^u x_k \alpha_{s,k} \mu_k \\ &= \sigma(B_s) - \sum_{k=1}^u x_k \alpha_{s,k} \mu_k + \sum_{k=1}^u x_k \alpha_{s,k} \mu_k \\ &= \sigma(B_s) = l(B_s) = f(B_s). \end{aligned}$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq u$ , we have by (2.1.2.v), (2.1.2.iv), (2.1.2.ii) and by the fact that  $f|_{\mathfrak{n}} = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
g_l \cdot \sigma(A_i) &= \sigma(Ad\left(\prod_{k=1}^u \exp(-x_k X_k)\right)(A_i + y_i Y_i)) \\
&= \sigma(A_i + y_i Y_i - x_i X_i - x_i y_i [X_i, Y_i]) \\
&= \sigma(A_i) + y_i - x_i \mu_i - x_i y_i a_i(\sigma) \\
&= \sigma(A_i) + \frac{\epsilon_i - 1}{a_i(\sigma)} \mu_i + \frac{\epsilon_i - 1}{a_i(\sigma)} \mu_i + \frac{(\epsilon_i - 1)^2}{a_i(\sigma)} \mu_i \\
&= \sigma(A_i) + \frac{\mu_i}{a_i(\sigma)} (2\epsilon_i - 2 + 1 + (\epsilon_i)^2 - 2\epsilon_i) \\
&= \sigma(A_i) = l(A_i),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
g_l \cdot \sigma(X_i) &= \sigma(Ad\left(\prod_{k=1}^u \exp(-x_k X_k)\right)(X_i - y_i [Y_i, X_i])) \\
&= \sigma(X_i + y_i [X_i, Y_i]) \\
&= \sigma(X_i) + (\epsilon_i - 1) \mu_i \\
&= \epsilon_i \mu_i \\
&= l(X_i)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
g_l \cdot \sigma(Y_i) &= \sigma(Y_i - x_i [X_i, Y_i]) \\
&= \sigma(Y_i) - (-\epsilon_i + 1) \\
&= \epsilon_i \\
&= l(Y_i).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $g_l \cdot \sigma = l$ . ■

We turn now to Bonnet's operators. First we define for every  $l \in G \cdot \sigma \cap (f + \Sigma)$  an operator  $\beta'_l : \mathcal{H}_\sigma^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\beta'_l(\psi) = \int_H \overline{\psi(g_l^{-1}h)} q_{B,G}^{1/2} q_{H,G}^{-1/2} \chi_f(h) dh \quad (12)$$

and a function  $\psi_{g_l}$  by  $\psi_{g_l}(g') = \psi(g_l^{-1}g')$ ,  $g' \in G$ . We can see that  $\psi_{g_l}$  is an element of  $\mathcal{H}_l^\infty$ . Indeed, the covariance condition is satisfied.

Let  $B(l)$  be the Vergne polarization associated to  $l$  and to our Jordan-Hölder basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . For  $g' \in G, b \in B(l)$  we have  $\psi_{g_l}(bg') = \psi(g_l^{-1}bg') = \psi(g_l^{-1}bg_lg_l^{-1}g')$ . Since

$l = g_l \cdot \sigma$ , we have that then  $B(l) = g_l B(\sigma) g_l^{-1}$  and  $b' = g_l^{-1} b g_l \in B(\sigma)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{g_l}(bg') &= \psi(b'g_l^{-1}g') \\ &= \chi_\sigma(b')\psi(g_l^{-1}g') \quad (\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\sigma^\infty) \\ &= \chi_\sigma(b')\psi_{g_l}(g') \\ &= \chi_l(b)\psi_{g_l}(g').\end{aligned}$$

Evidently  $\psi_{g_l}$  is  $C^\infty$  function. We obtain  $\beta'_l(\psi) = \beta_l(\psi_{g_l})$  where  $\beta_l$  is as in (8). Then using (2.1.3.1) we have that (12) converges for all  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\sigma^\infty$  and  $\beta'_l \in \mathcal{H}_\sigma^{-\infty}$ .

Let  $\sigma \in \Gamma$ ,  $l \in G \cdot \sigma \cap (f + \Sigma)$  and  $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_u) \in \{-1, 1\}^u$  such that  $\epsilon_k = l(Y_k)$ . Since  $l$  depends only on  $\epsilon$  we put  $\beta'_l = \beta'_\epsilon$  and we define the operator  $U_\sigma : \mathcal{H}_\sigma^\infty \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\sigma^{-\infty}$  by:

$$U_\sigma = \sum_{\epsilon \in \{-1, 1\}^u} P_{\beta'_\epsilon, \beta'_\epsilon}. \quad (13)$$

Here  $P_{\beta'_\epsilon, \beta'_\epsilon} : \mathcal{H}_\sigma^\infty \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\sigma^{-\infty}$  is a rank one operator defined by  $P_{\beta'_\epsilon, \beta'_\epsilon}(\psi) = \langle \psi, \beta'_\epsilon \rangle \beta'_\epsilon$ .

We have the following:

**2.2.2 Theorem** *Let  $G = \exp(\mathfrak{g})$  be the semi direct product; where  $N = \exp(\mathfrak{n})$  is nilpotent and normal in  $G$ , and  $H = \exp(\mathfrak{h})$  is abelian and acts semi-simply on  $N$  with real eigenvalues. Let  $f$  be a linear functional of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $f([\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{h}]) = \{0\}$  and  $\chi_f$  the corresponding unitary character of  $H$ . Let  $\tau_f = \text{Ind}_H^G \chi_f$  and assume that  $\tau_f$  has finite multiplicity. Let  $\Sigma \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$  be the cross-section for the  $H$ -orbit in  $\Omega \cap \mathfrak{h}^\perp$  given in [Cu.2]. Then there exists: a cross-section  $\Gamma$  for the  $G$ -orbit in  $G \cdot (f + \Sigma)$ , a measure  $\nu$  on  $\Gamma$ , such that for every  $\omega \in D(G)$  we have:*

$$\langle \tau_f(\omega) \alpha_\tau, \alpha_\tau \rangle = \int_\Gamma \text{tr}(\pi_\sigma(\omega) \circ U_\sigma) d\nu(\sigma)$$

where  $U_\sigma, \sigma \in \Gamma$ , is defined in (13).

**Proof.** Let  $\omega \in D(G)$ . We have  $\pi_\sigma(\omega) \circ U_\sigma = \sum_{\epsilon \in \{-1, 1\}^u} P_{\pi_\sigma(\omega) \circ \beta'_\epsilon, \beta'_\epsilon}$ . Hence

$$\text{tr}(\pi_\sigma(\omega) \circ U_\sigma) = \sum_{\epsilon \in \{-1, 1\}^u} \langle \pi_\sigma(\omega) \beta'_\epsilon, \beta'_\epsilon \rangle.$$

On the other hand, for all  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\sigma^\infty$ , we have:

$$\langle \pi_\sigma(\omega) \beta'_\epsilon, \psi \rangle = \langle \beta'_\epsilon, \pi_\sigma(\omega^*) \psi \rangle = \beta_l((\pi_\sigma(\omega^*) \psi)_{g_l}); \text{ where } l = g_l \cdot \sigma.$$

Since for all  $x \in G$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\pi_\sigma(\omega^*)\psi)_{g_l}(x) &= \pi_\sigma(\omega^*)\psi(g_l^{-1}x) \\
 &= \int_G \omega^*(y)(\pi_\sigma(y)\psi)(g_l^{-1}x)dy \\
 &= \int_G \omega^*(y)\psi(g_l^{-1}xy)q(y)^{1/2}dy \\
 &= \int_G \omega^*(y)\psi_{g_l}(xy)q(y)^{1/2}dy \\
 &= \pi_l(\omega^*)\psi_{g_l}(x),
 \end{aligned}$$

it follows that  $(\pi_\sigma(\omega^*)\psi)_{g_l} = \pi_l(\omega^*)\psi_{g_l}$ .

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle (\pi_\sigma(\omega)\beta'_\epsilon)_{g_l}, \psi_{g_l} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_l} &= \langle \pi_\sigma(\omega)\beta'_\epsilon, \psi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\sigma} = \langle \beta'_\epsilon, \pi_\sigma(\omega^*)\psi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\sigma} \\
 &= \langle \beta_\epsilon, \pi_l(\omega^*)\psi_{g_l} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_l} \\
 &= \langle \pi_l(\omega)\beta_l, \psi_{g_l} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_l}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\pi_l(\omega)\beta_l = (\pi_\sigma(\omega)\beta'_\epsilon)_{g_l}$  and  $\langle \pi_\sigma(\omega)\beta'_\epsilon, \beta'_\epsilon \rangle = \langle (\pi_\sigma(\omega)\beta'_\epsilon)_{g_l}, \beta_l \rangle = \langle \pi_\epsilon(\omega)\beta_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon \rangle$ .

We deduce that

$$\text{tr}(\pi_\sigma(\omega) \circ U_\sigma) = \sum_{\epsilon \in \{-1,1\}^u} \langle \pi_\epsilon(\omega)\beta_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon \rangle.$$

The formulas (10) and (11) permit us to conclude, the measure  $\nu$  is given on each  $\Gamma_\delta$  by:  $|R(f, \delta, \xi)|d\xi d\mu$ .  $\blacksquare$

### 2.3 Exemple ([Cu.2])

Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{vect} < B, A, X, Y, Z >$  with non vanishing brackets

$$[A, X] = -X, \quad [A, Y] = Y, \quad [X, Y] = Z, \quad [B, X] = X, \quad [B, Z] = Z.$$

Here  $\mathfrak{h} = \text{vect} < A, B >$  and  $\mathfrak{n} = \text{vect} < X, Y, Z >$ .

For  $l \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  we write  $l = (\lambda, \gamma, \mu, \alpha, \theta)$  where  $\lambda = l(Z); \gamma = l(Y); \mu = l(X); \alpha = l(A); \theta = l(B)$ .  $\Omega_0 = \{l \in \mathfrak{g}^*, \lambda \neq 0\}$  and  $\Omega_1 = \{l \in \mathfrak{g}^*, \gamma \neq 0\}$  and the set  $\Omega$  of generic linear functionals is  $\Omega = \Omega_0 \cap \Omega_1$ .

The cross-section for  $H$ -orbits in  $\mathfrak{h}^\perp \cap \Omega$  is given in [Cu.2] as:

$$\Sigma = \{(\delta, \epsilon, \mu, 0, 0); \mu \in \mathbb{R}; (\epsilon, \delta) \in \{-1, 1\}^2\} = \cup \Sigma_\theta.$$

Now the cross-section for  $G$ -orbits in  $G \cdot \Sigma$  is:  $\Gamma = \cup_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}} \Gamma_\delta$  where

$$\Gamma = \{(\delta, 1, \mu, 0, 0); \quad \mu \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \delta \in \{-1, 1\}\}.$$

Let  $\sigma \in \Gamma$ ; there exists  $\delta \in \{-1, 1\}$  such that  $\sigma = (\delta, 1, \mu, 0, 0)$ . The theorem (2.2.2) says that the Bonnet Plancherel measure is given on each  $\Gamma_\delta$  by  $(2\pi)^{-3}d\mu$ .

For  $l \in G \cdot \sigma \quad \exists \quad \epsilon = l(Y)$  such that  $l = (\delta, \epsilon, \epsilon\mu, 0, 0)$ . Put  $g_l$  such that  $l = g_l \cdot \sigma$ , here we have:  $V = Z$ ; and since  $[B, X] = X$  then for  $\epsilon = -1$

$$g_l = \exp\left(\frac{-2\mu}{\delta}Y\right)\exp\left(\frac{2}{\delta}X\right)\exp\left(\frac{-2\mu}{\delta^2}Z\right)$$

The operator  $\beta_l$  is given in [Cu.2]:

$$\beta_l(\psi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \overline{\psi(\exp(sB)\exp(tA))} e^s e^{\frac{(t-s)}{2}} ds dt.$$

Thus the formula for the operator  $\beta'_l$  is:

$$\beta'_l(\psi) = \beta'_\epsilon(\psi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \overline{\psi(g_l^{-1}\exp(sB)\exp(tA))} e^s e^{\frac{(t-s)}{2}} ds dt = \beta_l(\psi_{g_l}).$$

Then Bonnet's operator  $U_\sigma$  is given by

$$U_\sigma = \sum_{\epsilon_1 \in \{-1, 1\}} P_{\beta'_{\epsilon_1}, \beta'_{\epsilon_1}} \quad \text{where} \quad P_{\beta'_\epsilon, \beta'_\epsilon}(\psi) = \langle \psi, \beta'_\epsilon \rangle \beta'_\epsilon.$$

Furthermore for  $\epsilon = 1, \quad \beta'_1 = \beta_\sigma$ , then

$$U_\sigma = P_{\beta'_{-1}, \beta'_{-1}} + P_{\beta_1, \beta_1}.$$

Now for  $\omega \in D(G)$  we have:  $\pi_\sigma(\omega) \circ U_\sigma = P_{\pi_{(\delta, 1, \mu)}(\omega)\beta'_{-1}, \beta'_{-1}} + P_{\pi_{(\delta, 1, \mu)}(\omega)\beta_1, \beta_1}$ . Then:

$$\text{tr}(\pi_\sigma \circ U_\sigma) = \langle \pi_{(\delta, 1, \mu)}(\omega)\beta'_{-1}, \beta'_{-1} \rangle + \langle \pi_{(\delta, 1, \mu)}(\omega) \circ \beta_1, \beta_1 \rangle$$

By theorem (2.2.2) we have the Bonnet Plancherel formula:

$$\langle \tau_f(\omega)\alpha_\tau, \alpha_\tau \rangle = (2\pi)^{-3} \sum_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \text{tr}(\pi_{(\delta, 1, \mu)}(\omega)U_{(\delta, 1, \mu)}) d\mu.$$

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