

FINITE-DIMENSIONAL FINALLY PRECONTINUOUS UNITARY PSEUDOREPRESENTATIONS OF ALMOST CONNECTED LOCALLY COMPACT GROUPS

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ABSTRACT. We describe the structure of finally precontinuous finite-dimensional unitary pseudorepresentations of almost connected locally compact groups.

§ 1. INTRODUCTION

The structure of unitary finite-dimensional pseudorepresentations of connected Lie groups is known [1]. In the present paper, using results of [1–4], we discuss the structure of unitary finite-dimensional pseudorepresentations of almost connected locally compact groups.

§ 2. PRELIMINARIES

The finite-dimensional quasirepresentations of groups have the general structure described in Theorem 2.5.13 of [4]; see also [1–3]. This theorem shows that a unitary pseudorepresentation is a component of the generic locally bounded pseudorepresentation, and therefore the structure of these objects is of importance.

Recall Dong Hoon Lee’s supplement theorem (Theorem 2.13 of [5]): every almost connected locally compact group G with the connected component G_0 (i.e., a locally compact group G for which the quotient group G/G_0

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is compact) admits a totally disconnected compact subgroup D such that $G = G_0D$.

We also recall the following notion.

Lemma 1. *Let G be an almost connected locally compact group, and let \mathcal{N} be the family of compact normal subgroups $N \neq \{e\}$ such that G/N is a (not necessarily connected) Lie group. Then \mathcal{N} is a nontrivial filter basis convergent to $\{e\}$.*

Proof. This follows immediately from the Gleason–Montgomery–Zippin–Yamabe theorem.

Recall that a finite-dimensional locally bounded (in particular, unitary) representation of G is said to be *finally precontinuous* if the set $\text{FDG}(\pi) = \bigcap_{N \in \mathcal{N}} \overline{\pi(N)}$ is the singleton formed by the identity operator on the representation space of π [4]. As is well known, this condition implies that the restriction of π to the commutator subgroup G' of G is continuous with respect to the intrinsic Lie topology of the Lie group G' [6].

§ 3. MAIN RESULTS

The above results make it possible to give a short proof of the following theorem.

Theorem 2. *Let G be an almost connected locally compact group, let G_0 be the connected component of G , let R be the radical of G_0 , let L be a Levi subgroup of G_0 , and let D be a totally disconnected compact subgroup such that $G = G_0D$. Let π be a unitary finally precontinuous locally bounded pseudorepresentation of G in a finite-dimensional complex vector space E with a sufficiently small defect. Then there is a compact normal subgroup N of G such that the pseudorepresentation π can be regarded as a pseudorepresentation ρ of the Lie group G/N . The connected component $(G/N)_0$ has finite index in G/N . If the group $(G/N)_0$ has a nontrivial Hermitian symmetric quotient group, then the pseudorepresentation ρ is the direct sum of (ordinary) products of some continuous irreducible unitary representations of the maximal compact quotient group of G , some one-dimensional Guichardet–Wigner pseudorepresentations (i.e., mappings of the form $g \rightarrow \exp(ir\theta(g))$, $g \in G$, for some $r \in \mathbb{R}$, where θ stands for a Guichardet–Wigner pseudocharacter on G , see [4]), and some G -central unitary characters χ of the group R (i.e., $\varphi(k) = \varphi(gkg^{-1})$ for all $k \in R$ and $g \in G$). If the group G has no nontrivial Hermitian symmetric quotient groups, then the pseudorepresentation*

ρ is the direct sum of (ordinary) products of some continuous irreducible unitary representations of the maximal compact quotient group of G and some G -central unitary characters of the group R .

Proof. It follows from [6] (see [7] for preliminaries) that there is a compact normal subgroup N of G such that the unitary pseudorepresentation π can be regarded as a unitary pseudorepresentation ρ of the Lie group G/N . By Theorem 3.3.17 of [4], part 2, if the group G has a nontrivial Hermitian symmetric quotient group, then ρ is a direct sum of (ordinary) products of some continuous irreducible unitary representations of the maximal compact quotient group of G , some one-dimensional Guichardet–Wigner pseudorepresentations (i.e., mappings of the form

$$g \rightarrow \exp(i\chi(g)), \quad g \in G,$$

where χ stands for a Guichardet–Wigner pseudocharacter on G [4]), and some G -central unitary characters of the group R and, if the group G has no nontrivial Hermitian symmetric quotient groups, then ρ is the direct sum of (ordinary) products of some continuous irreducible unitary representations of the maximal compact quotient group of G and some G -central unitary characters of the group R . This completes the proof of the theorem.

§ 4. DISCUSSION

Theorem 2 motivates the following conjecture. Recall that a pseudorepresentation is said to be pure if its restriction to every commutative subgroup is an ordinary representation of the subgroup.

Conjecture. *Every finite-dimensional unitary finally precontinuous pseudorepresentation of an almost connected locally compact group is pure.*

Since, by Theorem 2, the restriction of the pseudorepresentation ρ (constructed for such a pseudorepresentation π) to the connected component $(G/N)_0$ of the identity element e of the group G/N is expressed in terms of ordinary representations and pseudocharacters, which are automatically pure, it follows that the restriction of π to G_0 is pure. Since the group $(G/N)/(G/N)_0$ is finite, it follows that the corresponding group D is finite, and hence the restriction of ρ to D is an ordinary representation of D . This gives hope that the conjecture is correct.

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