

COMPLETENESS OF POINCARÉ SERIES FOR AUTOMORPHIC FORMS
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§1. Introduction

A couple of years ago, Wolf [11] studied the Poincaré series operator \mathcal{V} for a homogeneous holomorphic vector bundle $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow D$ over a flag domain $D = G/V$ and an arbitrary discrete subgroup $\Gamma \subset G$. He showed that if $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow D$ is nondegenerate (see below), and if G acts on the square integrable cohomology space $H_2^s(D; \mathbb{E})$ by an integrable discrete series representation, where s is the complex dimension of the maximal compact subvariety K/V in D , then every Γ -automorphic L_p cohomology class $\psi \in H_p^s(\Gamma \backslash D; \mathbb{E})$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, is represented by a Poincaré series

$$(1.1) \quad \psi = \mathcal{V}(\phi) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \gamma^* \phi \quad \text{with} \quad \phi \in H_p^s(D; \mathbb{E}).$$

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The purpose of this note is to shift the context from L_p bundle-valued harmonic forms over flag domains G/V to eigenspaces of the Casimir operator of G on L_p sections of bundles over symmetric spaces G/K . This lets us drop the nondegeneracy conditions of [11], where it was used to ensure that every K -finite element of $H_2^S(D; \mathbb{E})$ is in $H_1^S(D; \mathbb{E})$, using [10]. This allowed sharp estimates on the L_p behavior, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, of the reproducing kernel for $H_2^S(D; \mathbb{E})$ inside the space of all \mathbb{E} -valued square integrable $(0, s)$ -forms on D . These estimates replaced the explicit calculations of Bers [3, 4] and Ahlfors [1, 2] for classical automorphic forms over the unit disc. Here, over G/K , those sharp L_p estimates are obtained very easily. Once we have them, everything proceeds as in [11].

For simplicity we work with the case of a connected semisimple Lie group G in this paper. However, all the results go through in the same way for the larger class of reductive Lie groups considered in [12].

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§2. The Bundles

G is a connected real semisimple Lie group, θ is a Cartan involution of G , and $K = G^\theta$ is its fixed point set. So K is the Ad_G^{-1} image of a maximal compact subgroup of $\text{Ad}(G)$. We assume that $\text{rank } K = \text{rank } G$, so G has relative discrete series representations, and we choose a Cartan subgroup $T \subset K$ of G . Write

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{cases} \mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{k}_0, \mathfrak{t}_0 & \text{Lie algebras of } G, K, T; \\ \mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{t} & : \text{ complexifications of } \mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{k}_0, \mathfrak{t}_0; \\ \Phi, \Phi_K, \Phi_{G/K} & : \mathfrak{t}\text{-roots of } \mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{t}\text{-roots of } \mathfrak{k}, \Phi \setminus \Phi_K. \end{cases}$$

If necessary, replace by G a double covering group so that in some hence every) positive root system Φ^+ , $\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \alpha$ exponentiates to a character on T . G has center $Z \subset T \subset K \subset G$.

Let $\lambda \in \mathfrak{t}^*$ be \mathfrak{g} -regular and K -integral. Denote the corresponding (Harish Chandra parameterization) relative discrete series representation of G by π_λ , its class by $[\pi_\lambda] \in \hat{G}$. Then

$$(2.2) \quad \Phi^+ = \{\alpha \in \Phi : (\lambda, \alpha) > 0\}, \quad \Phi_K^+ = \Phi_K \cap \Phi^+, \quad \Phi_{G/K}^+ = \Phi_{G/K} \cap \Phi^+$$

are the positive roots systems with which we work. Denote

$$(2.3) \quad \rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \alpha, \quad \rho_K = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi_K^+} \alpha, \quad \rho_{G/K} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi_{G/K}^+} \alpha.$$

Then $\lambda - \rho_K + \rho_{G/K}$ is Φ_K^+ -dominant and K -integral. Denote the

irreducible representation of K with that highest weight by

$$(2.4) \quad \tau = \tau_{\lambda - \rho_K + \rho_{G/K}}, \text{ representation space } E = E_{\lambda - \rho_K + \rho_{G/K}}.$$

It is (see Schmid [7] or Wallach [9]) the lowest K -type of π_λ , in the sense that all others have highest weights obtained by adding elements of $\Phi_{G/K}^+$ to $\lambda - \rho_K + \rho_{G/K}$, and it has multiplicity 1 in π_λ .

Consider the associated homogeneous hermitian C^∞ vector bundle

$$(2.5) \quad \mathbb{E} = G \times_K E \rightarrow X = G/K, \text{ typical fibre } E.$$

Denote its space of L_p sections by

$$(2.6) \quad L_p(X, \mathbb{E}) = \{f: G \rightarrow E: f(gk) = \tau(k)^{-1}f(g), \|f(\cdot)\| \in L_p(X)\}.$$

Let Ω be the Casimir element of the universal enveloping algebra $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$, $\tilde{\Omega}$ its closure as operator on $L_p(X, \mathbb{E})$. Then, for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$,

$$(2.7) \quad H_p(X, \mathbb{E}) = \{f \in L_p(X, \mathbb{E}): \tilde{\Omega}f = (\|\lambda\|^2 - \|\rho\|^2)f\}$$

is a closed subspace of $L_p(X, \mathbb{E})$ on which G acts continuously and isometrically. In particular G acts on $H_2(X, \mathbb{E})$ by a unitary representation. The point is that (Hotta [6])

$$(2.8) \quad \text{the representation of } G \text{ on } H_2(X, \mathbb{E}) \text{ is equivalent to } \pi_\lambda.$$

If $[\pi] \in \hat{G}$ and H is the representation space of π , we have the coefficients

$$(2.9) \quad f_{u,v}: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ by } f_{u,v}(x) = (u, \pi(x)v)_H \text{ for } u, v \in H.$$

We recall that $[\pi]$ is said to be L_p if its K -finite coefficients satisfy $|f_{u,v}| \in L_p(G/Z)$ where Z is the center of G . So $[\pi]$ is in the relative discrete series if it is L_2 , is in the integrable relative discrete series if it is L_1 . The Trombi-Varadarajan-Hecht-Schmid condition for a relative discrete series class $[\pi_\lambda]$ to be integrable is ([5], [8])

$$(2.10) \quad |\langle \lambda, \gamma \rangle| > \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} |\langle \alpha, \gamma \rangle| \text{ for all } \gamma \in \Phi_{G/K}^+.$$

Finally, we note that

(2.11)

if $[\pi_\lambda]$ is L_p and $f \in H_2(X, \mathbb{E})$ is K -finite then $\|f\| \in L_p(G/Z)$.

For $f \in H \otimes H^* \otimes \mathbb{E}$, $H = H_{\pi_\lambda}$, and $H \otimes H^*$ is the L_2 -closure of the space of coefficients of π_λ . We are assuming f left- K -finite.

$f(gk) = \tau(k)^{-1}f(g)$ forces it to be right K -finite. That proves (2.11).

§3. The Reproducing Kernel

The K-type (τ, E) occurs with multiplicity 1 in π_λ . Denote the isometric K-equivariant inclusion which is adjoint to evaluation at $1 \in G$, by

$$(3.1) \quad i: E \rightarrow \mathcal{E} = H_2(X, \mathbb{E})_\tau .$$

Denote also

$$(3.2) \quad e: L_2(X, \mathbb{E}) \rightarrow E, \text{ orthogonal projection, and}$$

$$(3.3) \quad \mathbb{E}: G \rightarrow GL(E) \text{ by } \mathbb{E}(x)v = i^{-1} \cdot e \cdot \pi_\lambda(x) \cdot i(v) .$$

We are going to prove that

$$(3.4) \quad K_\lambda(x, y) = d_\lambda \cdot \text{trace } \mathbb{E}(y^{-1}x), \quad d_\lambda = \text{formal degree of } [\pi_\lambda],$$

is the reproducing kernel for $H_2(X, \mathbb{E})$ inside $L_2(X, \mathbb{E})$.

Let $\{v_1, \dots, v_\ell\}$ be an orthonormal basis of E and $\{\phi_j = i(v_j)\}$ the corresponding orthonormal basis of \mathcal{E} . We have K-finite coefficients of π_λ ,

$$(3.5) \quad f_j = f_{\phi_j, \phi_j} : x \mapsto (\phi_j, \pi_\lambda(x)\phi_j),$$

and we note from the definition (3.4) that

$$(3.6) \quad K_\lambda(x, y) = d_\lambda \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} (\pi_\lambda(y^{-1}x)\phi_j, \phi_j) = d_\lambda \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} f_j(x^{-1}y).$$

We assert that $i: E \rightarrow H_2(X, \mathbb{E})$ is given by

$$(3.7) \quad i(v)(x) = d_\lambda^{1/2} \cdot \mathbb{E}(x^{-1})v \quad \text{for } v \in E, \quad x \in G.$$

To see this, let $\phi: G \rightarrow E$ be given by $\phi_v(x) = \mathbb{E}(x^{-1})v$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_v(xk) &= \mathbb{E}(k^{-1}x^{-1})v = i^{-1} \cdot e \cdot \pi_\lambda(k)^{-1} \cdot \pi_\lambda(x^{-1}) \cdot i(v) = i^{-1} \cdot \pi_\lambda(k)^{-1} \cdot e \cdot \pi_\lambda(x^{-1}) \cdot i(v) \\ &= \tau(k)^{-1} \cdot i^{-1} \cdot e \cdot \pi_\lambda(x^{-1}) \cdot v = \tau(k)^{-1} \phi_v(x) \quad \text{for } k \in K, \end{aligned}$$

so ϕ is a section of $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow X$. Also, writing H for $H_2(X, \mathbb{E})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X \|\phi_v(x)\|_E^2 d(xK) &= \int_X \|e \cdot \pi_\lambda(x^{-1}) \cdot i(v)\|_H^2 d(xK) \\ &= \int_X \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} (\pi_\lambda(x^{-1}) \cdot i(v), \phi_j)_H \phi_j \right\|_H^2 d(xK) \\ &= \int_X \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} |(i(v), \pi_\lambda(x) \phi_j)_H|^2 d(xK) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \|f_{i(v), \phi_j}\|_{L_2(G/Z)}^2 = d_\lambda^{-1} \|i(v)\|_H^2 = d_\lambda^{-1} \|v\|_E^2 \end{aligned}$$

so $\phi_v \in L_2(X, \mathbb{E})$. Further,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega \phi_v(x) &= i^{-1} \cdot e \cdot d\pi_\lambda(\Omega) \cdot \pi_\lambda(x^{-1}) \cdot i(v) \\ &= (\|\lambda\|^2 - \|\rho\|^2) i^{-1} \cdot e \cdot \pi_\lambda(x^{-1}) \cdot i(v) = (\|\lambda\|^2 - \|\rho\|^2) \phi_v(x) \end{aligned}$$

so $\phi_v \in H_2(X, \mathbb{E})$. Finally, if $k \in K$ then

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{\tau(k)v}(x) &= \Xi(x^{-1})\tau(k)v = \Xi((k^{-1}x)^{-1})v \\ &= \phi_v(k^{-1}x) = (\pi_\lambda(k)\phi_v)(x)\end{aligned}$$

so $v \mapsto \phi_v$ is K -equivariant. As $\|\phi_v\|_H^2 = d_\lambda^{-1}\|v\|_E^2$, now $v \mapsto d_\lambda^{1/2}\phi_v$ coincides with $i: E \rightarrow E$ up to multiplication by a scalar of absolute value 1. Now (3.7) follows by our choice of i as adjoint to evaluation $E \rightarrow E$ at $1 \in G$.

3.8. Theorem. If $f \in L_2(X, \mathbb{E})$, then its orthogonal projection to $H_2(X, \mathbb{E})$ is given by an absolutely convergent integral

$$(3.9) \quad Hf(x) = \int_{G/Z} K_\lambda(x, y)f(y)d(yZ)$$

Proof. Let $\zeta \in \hat{Z}$ such that $\tau(kz) = \zeta(z)\tau(k)$ for $k \in K$ and $z \in Z$. Then the action $\tilde{\pi}$ of G on $L_2(X, \mathbb{E})$ satisfies

$$\tilde{\pi}(z)f(x) = f(z^{-1}x) = f(xz^{-1}) = \tau(z) \cdot f(x) = \zeta(z)f(x),$$

so $\tilde{\pi}$ and its subrepresentation π_λ have central character ζ . Now $K_\lambda(x, yz) = \zeta(z)^{-1}K_\lambda(x, y)$, so $K_\lambda(x, yz)f(yz) = K_\lambda(x, y)f(y)$, and the integrand in (3.9) is well defined.

In (3.5) we have $|f_j| \in L_2(G/Z)$, so (3.6) shows that $|K_\lambda(x, y)|$ is in $L_2(G/Z)$ for each variable separately. Thus the integral (3.9) converges absolutely. Now compute

$$\begin{aligned}
Hf(xk) &= \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda \cdot \text{trace } E(y^{-1}xk)f(y)d(yZ) \\
&= \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda \cdot \text{trace } E(ky^{-1}x)f(y)d(yZ) \\
&= \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda \cdot \text{trace } E(y^{-1}x)f(yk)d(yZ) \\
&= \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda \cdot \text{trace } E(y^{-1}x) \cdot \tau(k)^{-1}f(y)d(yZ) \\
&= \tau(k)^{-1}Hf(x) .
\end{aligned}$$

Thus Hf is a well defined section of $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow G/K$.

Denote $\langle u, v \otimes a \rangle_H = (u, v)_H a$ for $u, v \in H$ and $a \in \mathbb{E}$. If $f \in L_2(X, \mathbb{E})$ and $u, v \in H$ then

$$f_{u,v} \otimes f: x \mapsto (u, \pi(x)v)_H f(x)$$

is integrable over G/Z . That defines a map $\Pi(f): H \rightarrow H \otimes \mathbb{E}$ by

$$\langle u, \Pi(f)v \rangle_H = \int_{G/Z} (u, \pi(x)v)_H f(x)d(xZ) .$$

As $\|f_{u,v}\|_{L_2(G/Z)} = d_\lambda^{-1/2} \|u\|_H \|v\|_H$, now

$$|\langle u, \Pi(f)v \rangle_H| \leq d_\lambda^{-1/2} \|u\|_H \|v\|_H \|f\|_{L_2(X)} ,$$

so the operator norm

$$\|\Pi(f)\| \leq d_\lambda^{-1/2} \|f\|_{L_2(X)}.$$

The calculation just above, will allow us to estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \|Hf\|_{L_2(X)}^2 &= \int_X \|Hf(x)\|_E^2 d(xK) = \int_{G/Z} \|Hf(x)\|_E^2 d(xZ) \\ &= \int_{G/Z} \left\| \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} f_j(x^{-1}y) f(y) d(yZ) \right\|_E^2 d(xZ). \end{aligned}$$

For the inner integral, note

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{G/Z} f_j(x^{-1}y) f(y) d(yZ) &= \int_{G/Z} (\pi(x)\phi_j, \pi(y)\phi_j)_H f(y) d(yZ) \\ &= \langle \pi(x)\phi_j, \Pi(f)\phi_j \rangle_H. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \|Hf\|_{L_2(X)}^2 &= \int_{G/Z} \|d_\lambda \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \langle \pi(x)\phi_j, \Pi(f)\phi_j \rangle_H\|_E^2 d(xZ) \\ &= d_\lambda^2 \int_{G/Z} \sum_{j,k} (\langle \pi(x)\phi_j, \Pi(f)\phi_j \rangle_H, \langle \pi(x)\phi_k, \Pi(f)\phi_k \rangle_H)_E d(xZ) \\ &= d_\lambda^2 \sum_{j,k} d_\lambda^{-1} (\phi_j, \phi_k)_H (\Pi(f)\phi_k, \Pi(f)\phi_j)_{H \otimes E} \\ &= d_\lambda \sum_j \|\Pi(f)\phi_j\|_{H \otimes E}^2 \\ &\leq d_\lambda \cdot \dim E \cdot \|\Pi(f)\|^2 \\ &\leq (\dim E) \|f\|_{L_2(X)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $Hf \in L^2(X, E)$ with $\|Hf\| \leq (\dim E)^{1/2}$. Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}
(\tilde{\Omega} \cdot Hf)(x) &= \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda \cdot \text{trace}(\tilde{\Omega}_x \Xi(y^{-1}x)) f(y) d(yZ) \\
&= \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda \cdot d\pi_\lambda(\Omega) \text{trace} \Xi(y^{-1}x) f(y) d(yZ) \\
&= (\|\lambda\|^2 - \|\rho\|^2) Hf(x) ,
\end{aligned}$$

showing $Hf \in H_2(X, \mathbb{E})$. Now the integral operator (3.9) is a bounded operator $H: L_2(X, \mathbb{E}) \rightarrow H_2(X, \mathbb{E})$.

Next, we prove that H is a projection. It is hermitian because

$$(3.10) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned}
& (Hf, f')_{L_2(X)} \\
&= \int_{G/Z} \left(\int_{G/Z} d_\lambda \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} f_j(x^{-1}y) f(y) d(yZ), f'(x) \right)_{\mathbb{E}} d(xZ) \\
&= \int_{G/Z} \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} f_j(x^{-1}y) (f(y), f'(x))_{\mathbb{E}} d(yZ) d(xZ) \\
&= \int_{G/Z} (f(y), \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} f_j(y^{-1}x) f'(x) d(xZ))_{\mathbb{E}} d(yZ) \\
&= (f, Hf')_{L_2(X)} .
\end{aligned} \right.$$

And H is idempotent because

$$\begin{aligned}
H^2 f(g) &= \int_{G/Z} K_\lambda(g, x) \int_{G/Z} K_\lambda(x, y) f(y) d(yZ) d(xZ) \\
&= \int_{G/Z} \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda^2 \sum_{j,k} f_j(g^{-1}x) f_k(x^{-1}y) f(y) d(yZ) d(xZ) \\
&= \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda^2 \sum_{j,k} \left\{ \int_{G/Z} f_{\tilde{\pi}(g)\phi_j, \phi_j}(x) f_{\tilde{\pi}(y)\phi_k, \phi_k}(x) d(xZ) \right\} f(y) d(yZ) \\
&= \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda \cdot \sum_{j,k} (\tilde{\pi}(g)\phi_j, \tilde{\pi}(y)\phi_k) \overline{(\phi_j, \phi_k)} f(y) d(yZ) \\
&= \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} f_i(g^{-1}y) f(y) d(yZ) = Hf(g) .
\end{aligned}$$

The projection H is G -equivariant because $(\pi_\lambda(g) \cdot Hf)(x) = Hf(g^{-1}x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{G/Z} K_\lambda(g^{-1}x, y) f(y) d(yZ) = \int_{G/Z} K_\lambda(g^{-1}x, g^{-1}y) f(g^{-1}y) d(yZ) \\
&= \int_{G/Z} K_\lambda(x, y) f(g^{-1}y) d(yZ) = H(\tilde{\pi}(g)f)(x) . \text{ Thus its range is a}
\end{aligned}$$

G -invariant subspace of the G -irreducible space $H_2(X, \mathbb{E})$. Let $v \in \mathbb{E}$ and $\phi_v = d_\lambda^{-1/2} i(v): x \mapsto \mathbb{E}(x^{-1})v$ as in (3.7) and its proof. Then

$$\phi_v(x) = i^{-1} \cdot e \cdot \pi_\lambda(x^{-1}) \cdot i(v) = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} (\pi_\lambda(x^{-1}) \cdot i(v), \phi_j)_{H^v} \phi_j .$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
H\phi_v(x) &= \int_{G/Z} d_\lambda \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} f_{\phi_j, \phi_j}(x^{-1}y) \sum_{k=1}^{\ell} f_{i(v), \phi_k}(y)v_k d(yZ) \\
&= d_\lambda \sum_{j,k} (f_{i(v), \phi_k} * f_{\phi_j, \phi_j})(x)v_k \quad \text{convolution over } G/Z \\
&= \sum_{j,k} (i(v), \phi_j)_H f_{\phi_j, \phi_k}(x)v_k \\
&= \sum_{j,k} (v, v_j)_E (\pi_\lambda(x^{-1})\phi_j, \phi_k)v_k \\
&= \sum_j (v, v_j)_E(x^{-1})v_j \\
&= E(x^{-1})v = \phi_v(x) .
\end{aligned}$$

In particular $H \neq 0$. This completes the proof of Theorem 3.8.

q.e.d.

§4. Projection to $H_p(X, \mathbb{E})$

We now assume that the relative discrete series representation π_λ of G on $H_2(X, \mathbb{E})$ is integrable, i.e., that λ satisfies (2.10).

4.1. Lemma. $|K_\lambda(x, y)|$ is in $L_p(G/Z)$ in each variable, for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, with L_p norms $\|K_\lambda(x, \cdot)\|_{L_p(G/Z)} = \|K_\lambda(\cdot, y)\|_{L_p(G/Z)}$ independent of $x, y \in G$.

Proof. By (3.6), $x \mapsto |K_\lambda(x, 1)|$ is a finite sum of K -finite coefficients of π_λ , hence is $L_p(G/Z)$ for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. If $y \in G$ and $1 \leq p < \infty$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \|K_\lambda(\cdot, y)\|_{L_p(G/Z)}^p &= \int_{G/Z} |K_\lambda(x, y)|^p d(xZ) \\ &= \int_{G/Z} |K_\lambda(y^{-1}x, 1)|^p d(xZ) = \|K_\lambda(\cdot, 1)\|_{L_p(G/Z)}^p < \infty \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|K_\lambda(\cdot, y)\|_{L_\infty(G/Z)} &= \text{ess sup}_{x \in G} |K_\lambda(x, y)| \\ &= \text{ess sup}_{x \in G} |K_\lambda(y^{-1}x, 1)| = \|K_\lambda(\cdot, 1)\|_{L_\infty(G/Z)} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

The same argument works in the other variable. q.e.d.

Now define a constant $b = b(G, K, \lambda)$ by

$$(4.2) \quad b = \|K_\lambda(x, \cdot)\|_{L_1(G/Z)} = \|K_\lambda(\cdot, y)\|_{L_1(G/Z)} .$$

4.3. Theorem. Assume $[\pi_\lambda]$ integrable. Let $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. If $f \in L_p(X, \mathbb{E})$, then

$$(4.4) \quad Hf(x) = \int_{G/Z} K_\lambda(x, y)f(y)d(yZ)$$

converges absolutely to an element of $H_p(X, \mathbb{E})$. Furthermore,

$H: L_p(X, \mathbb{E}) \rightarrow H_p(X, \mathbb{E})$ has norm $\|H\| \leq b$, and if $\phi \in H_p(X, \mathbb{E})$ then

$$H\phi = \phi .$$

Proof. Convergence and the bound on H are clear for $p = \infty$:

$$\begin{aligned} \|Hf\|_\infty &\leq \text{ess sup}_{x \in G} \int_{G/Z} \|K_\lambda(x, y)f(y)\|_{\mathbb{E}} d(yZ) \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in G} \int_{G/Z} |K_\lambda(x, y)| d(yZ) \cdot \text{ess sup}_{y \in G} \|f(y)\|_{\mathbb{E}} \\ &= b \|f\|_\infty . \end{aligned}$$

If f is continuous with support compact modulo K , it is in $L_\infty(X, \mathbb{E})$

so Hf converges absolutely, as just seen, and of course

$$\begin{aligned}
\|Hf\|_1 &= \int_{G/Z} \left\| \int_{G/Z} K_\lambda(x, y) f(y) d(yZ) \right\|_{\mathbb{E}} d(xZ) \\
&\leq \int_{G/Z} \int_{G/Z} |K(x, y)| \|f(y)\|_{\mathbb{E}} d(yZ) d(xZ) \\
&\leq b \int_{G/Z} \|f(y)\|_{\mathbb{E}} d(yZ) = b \|f\|_1 .
\end{aligned}$$

Extend H to $L_p(X, \mathbb{E})$ by continuity for $1 \leq p < \infty$. The Riesz-Thorin Theorem gives convergence of (4.4) and shows that $H: L_p(X, \mathbb{E}) \rightarrow L_p(X, \mathbb{E})$ has norm $\|H\| \leq b$. Also,

$$(\tilde{\Omega} \cdot Hf)(x) = \pi_\lambda(\Omega) Hf(x) = (\|\lambda\|^2 - \|\rho\|^2) Hf(x)$$

for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, so in fact $H: L_p(X, \mathbb{E}) \rightarrow H_p(X, \mathbb{E})$.

If $p, q \geq 1$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, then we have a sesquilinear pairing

(4.6)

$$L_p(X, \mathbb{E}) \times L_q(X, \mathbb{E}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ by } (f, f')_X = \int_{G/Z} (f(x), f'(x))_{\mathbb{E}} d(xZ) .$$

We assert that it satisfies

$$(4.7) \quad (Hf, f')_X = (f, Hf')_X \text{ for } f \in L_p, f' \in L_q, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 .$$

If one of f, f' is in the space $C_c(X, \mathbb{E})$ of continuous compactly supported sections, and the other is in $C_c(X, \mathbb{E})$ or $L_\infty(X, \mathbb{E})$, then this follows by the calculation (3.10). As H is L_p, L_q bounded, it now follows when one is in the closure of $C_c(X, \mathbb{E})$ in its

$L_r(X, \mathbb{E})$, and the other is L_∞ or also in the closure of C_c in its $L_r(X, \mathbb{E})$. This covers all cases, so we have (4.7).

Now let $f \in H_p(X, \mathbb{E})$. If $f' \in C_c(X, \mathbb{E})$ then (4.7) applies, so $((1 - H)f, f')_X = (f, (1 - H)f')_X$. Let

$$D = \tilde{\pi}(\Omega) - (\|\lambda\|^2 - \|\rho\|^2).$$

The L_2 range of D is dense in $(1 - H)L_2(X, \mathbb{E})$. The same follows for the L_q range, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Thus $(1 - H)f' = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Df_n$ in

$L_q(X, \mathbb{E})$, and

$$\begin{aligned} ((1 - H)f, f')_X &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f, Df_n)_X \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (Df, f_n)_X = 0. \end{aligned}$$

We have shown that $f = Hf$ as distribution section of $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow X$. It follows that $Hf = f$. q.e.d.

§5. Projection to $H_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$

Fix a discrete subgroup $\Gamma \subset G$ that acts discontinuously on $X = G/K$, i.e., such that ΓZ is closed in G . Let F be a fundamental domain for the action of Γ on X . Then we have

$$(5.1) \quad L_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}) : \begin{cases} \text{all measurable } \Gamma\text{-invariant sections } f \\ \text{of } \mathbb{E} \rightarrow X \text{ with } \|f|_F(\cdot)\| \in L_p(F) \\ \text{and norm } \|f\|_{\Gamma, p} = \|f|_F(\cdot)\|_{L_p(F)} \end{cases}$$

and its closed subspace

$$(5.2) \quad H_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}) = \{f \in L_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}) : \tilde{\Delta}f = (\|\lambda\|^2 - \|\rho\|^2)f\}.$$

As in (4.6), for $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ these Banach spaces have a nondegenerate sesquilinear pairing

$$(5.3) \quad L_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}) \times L_q(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ by } (f, f')_{\Gamma} = \int_F (f(x), f'(x))_{\mathbb{E}} d(xK).$$

The arguments of Wolf [11, §5] now apply without any modification.

The result is

5.4. Theorem. Assume $[\pi_{\lambda}]$ integrable. Let $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. If $f \in L_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ then Hf is well defined by

$$Hf(x) = \int_{G/Z} K_{\lambda}(x, y) f(y) dy \quad \text{for } p = \infty,$$

L_p limits from $C_c(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ for $1 \leq p < \infty$.

Furthermore,

$$(5.5) \quad H: L_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}) \rightarrow H_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}) \text{ with } \|H\| \leq b,$$

$$(5.6) \quad \text{if } f \in H_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}) \text{ then } Hf = f, \text{ and}$$

$$(5.7) \quad \begin{cases} \text{if } f \in L_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}) \text{ and } f' \in L_q(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}) \text{ with} \\ \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \text{ then } (Hf, f')_\Gamma = (f, Hf')_\Gamma. \end{cases}$$

In effect, if $p = \infty$ then (5.5) is a computation and (5.6) follows from Theorem 4.3. If $p = 1$, then (5.7) is proved by approximation, and (5.5) and (5.6) are extracted in the distributional sense from the case $q = \infty$. If $1 < p < \infty$ the assertions extend from C_c to L_p by Riesz-Thorin.

Proceeding exactly as in Wolf [11, §6] we obtain

5.8. Theorem. Assume $[\pi_\lambda]$ integrable. Let $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Then the pairing (5.3) establishes a conjugate-linear isomorphism between $H_q(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ and the dual space of $H_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$. If $f' \in H_q(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ corresponds to the linear functional ℓ , then $b^{-1} \|f'\|_{\Gamma, q} \leq \|\ell\| \leq \|f'\|_{\Gamma, q}$.

5.9. Corollary. Let $f \in L_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ and $f' \in L_q(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$. Then $Hf = 0$ if and only if $(f, H_q(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}))_\Gamma = 0$, and $f' \in H_q(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ if and only if $((1 - H)L_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}), f')_\Gamma = 0$.

§6. The Poincaré Series Operator

The Poincaré series of a section f of $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow X$, relative to a discrete subgroup $\Gamma \subset G$, is defined by

$$(6.1) \quad \mathcal{V}(f)(x) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} f(\gamma^{-1}x) \quad \text{for } x \in G$$

whenever the right hand side converges in some suitable sense. In that case, $\mathcal{V}(f)$ is a Γ -invariant section of $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow X$.

For example, if $f \in L_1(X, \mathbb{E})$ then $\mathcal{V}(f)$ converges absolutely a.e. because

$$\int_{G/Z} \|f(x)\|_{\mathbb{E}} d(xZ) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \int_{\mathbb{F}} \|f(\gamma^{-1}x)\|_{\mathbb{E}} d(xK) = \|f\|_1,$$

$\mathcal{V}(f) \in L_1(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ with $\|\mathcal{V}(f)\|_{\Gamma, 1} \leq \|f\|_1$ because

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{F}} \|\mathcal{V}(f)(x)\|_{\mathbb{E}} d(xK) &= \int_{\mathbb{F}} \left\| \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} f(\gamma^{-1}x) \right\|_{\mathbb{E}} d(xK) \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{F}} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \|f(\gamma^{-1}x)\|_{\mathbb{E}} d(xK) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \int_{\mathbb{F}} \|f(\gamma^{-1}x)\|_{\mathbb{E}} d(xK) = \|f\|_1, \end{aligned}$$

and if $f \in H_1(X, \mathbb{E})$ then $\mathcal{V}(f) \in H_1(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ because

$$\tilde{\Omega} \cdot \mathcal{V}(f)(x) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \tilde{\Omega}_x \cdot f(\gamma^{-1}x) = \mathcal{V}(\Omega f)(x) = (\|\lambda\|^2 - \|\rho\|^2) \mathcal{V}(f)(x).$$

In brief, using ellipticity of Ω on X ,

$$(6.2) \quad \begin{cases} \mathcal{V}: H_1(X, \mathbb{E}) \rightarrow H_1(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}) \text{ with } \|\mathcal{V}\| \leq 1, \text{ and} \\ \text{here each } \mathcal{V}(f) \text{ converges absolutely and uniformly on compact sets.} \end{cases}$$

If $f \in L_1(X, \mathbb{E})$ and $f' \in L_\infty(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ we compute

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{V}(f), f')_\Gamma &= \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \int_{\mathbb{F}} (f(\gamma^{-1}x), f'(x))_{\mathbb{E}} d(xK) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \int_{\gamma\mathbb{F}} (f(x), f'(\gamma x))_{\mathbb{E}} d(xK) \\ &= \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \int_{\gamma\mathbb{F}} (f(x), f'(x))_{\mathbb{E}} d(xK) = \int_X (f(x), f'(x))_{\mathbb{E}} d(xK) \\ &= (f, f')_X . \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mathcal{V}: L_1(X, \mathbb{E}) \rightarrow L_1(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ has adjoint

$$\mathcal{V}^*: L_\infty(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}) \hookrightarrow L_\infty(X, \mathbb{E})$$

which is continuous inclusion of a closed subspace. This says that

$\mathcal{V}: L_1(X, \mathbb{E}) \rightarrow L_1(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ is surjective. The case $p = 1$ of Theorem 5.8 lets us specialize this to H_1 , as in (6.2). Thus

6.3. Proposition. The Poincaré series map $\mathcal{V}: H_1(X, \mathbb{E}) \rightarrow H_1(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ is continuous and surjective, and its adjoint is the inclusion $\mathcal{V}^*: H_\infty(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}) \rightarrow H_\infty(X, \mathbb{E})$.

One now continues just as in Wolf [11, §7]. \mathcal{V} converges on the dense subspace $H_1(X, \mathbb{E}) \cap H_p(X, \mathbb{E})$ of $H_p(X, \mathbb{E})$ -- dense because it contains all K -finite elements -- so $\mathcal{V} \circ H$ converges on

$$(6.4) \quad J_{\mathbb{F}} = \{\chi f: f \in C_c(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})\}$$

where χ is the indicator function of the fundamental domain F of Γ and $C_c(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ is the space of Γ -invariant sections of $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow X$ with support compact modulo Γ from X , i.e., compact modulo ΓZ from G .

If $f \in L_1(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$, then $\chi f \in L_1(X, \mathbb{E})$, so $H(\chi f) \in H_1(X, \mathbb{E})$ and thus $\mathcal{V}^H(H(\chi f)) \in H_1(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$. If $f' \in H_\infty(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ then

$$(Hf, f')_\Gamma = (f, f')_\Gamma \text{ by Corollary 5.9}$$

and, using the calculation just after (6.2),

$$(\mathcal{V}^H(\chi f), f')_\Gamma = (H(\chi f), f')_X = (\chi f, f')_X = (f, f')_\Gamma.$$

Thus, from Theorem 5.8 with $p = 1$,

$$(6.5) \quad \mathcal{V}^H(\chi f) = Hf \text{ for all } f \in L_1(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}).$$

In particular, if $\eta = \chi f \in J_F$ then (5.5) says $\|\mathcal{V}^H(\eta)\|_{\Gamma, p} = \|\mathcal{V}^H(\chi f)\|_{\Gamma, p} = \|Hf\|_{\Gamma, p} \leq b\|f\|_{\Gamma, p} = b\|\eta\|_p$. That is the L_p bound on \mathcal{V}^H in

6.6. Proposition. Let $1 \leq p < \infty$. If $\eta \in J_F$ then $\mathcal{V}^H(\eta)$ converges absolutely, uniformly on compact subsets of X , to an element of $H_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$, and $\|\mathcal{V}^H(\eta)\|_{\Gamma, p} \leq b\|\eta\|_{L_p(X)}$. So \mathcal{V}^H extends by continuity to a linear map

$$\mathcal{V}H: (L_p\text{-closure of } J_F) \rightarrow H_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$$

of norm $\leq b$. This extension is surjective: if $\phi \in H_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ then $\chi\phi$ is in the L_p -closure of J_F and $\mathcal{V}H(\chi\phi) = \phi$.

The case $p = \infty$ is slightly different. If $f \in L_\infty(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ then H is absolutely convergent on $\mathcal{V}(\chi f)$ because

$$\int_X \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} |K_\lambda(x, y)| \cdot \|(\chi f)(\gamma^{-1}y)\|_{\mathbb{E}} d(yZ) \leq b \|\chi f\|_\infty$$

Since $\mathcal{V}(\chi f) = f$ now $\mathcal{V}(H(\chi f)) = H(\mathcal{V}(\chi f)) = Hf$. Thus

6.7. Proposition. If $\eta \in H(\chi \cdot L_\infty(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E}))$ then $\mathcal{V}(\eta)$ converges absolutely to an element of $H_\infty(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$. The map $\mathcal{V}: H(\chi \cdot L_\infty(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})) \rightarrow H_\infty(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ is surjective: if $\phi \in H_\infty(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ then $\mathcal{V}(H(\chi\phi)) = \phi$.

In summary, now, we have completeness of Poincaré series for the bundles $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow X$.

6.8. Theorem. Suppose that $[\pi_\lambda]$ is integrable. Let $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. Then the Poincaré series operator is defined on

$$\begin{aligned} p = 1 & : \text{ all of } H_1(X, \mathbb{E}) \text{ as in (6.2);} \\ 1 < p < \infty & : H(\chi \cdot L_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})) \text{ as in Proposition 6.6;} \\ p = \infty & : H(\chi \cdot L_\infty(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})) \text{ as in Proposition 6.7;} \end{aligned}$$

and maps that space onto $H_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$. In fact, if $\phi \in H_p(X/\Gamma, \mathbb{E})$ then $\|H(\chi\phi)\|_p \leq b\|\phi\|_p$ and $\mathcal{V}H(\chi\phi) = \phi$.

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