

Cocycle propre à valeurs dans une représentation  
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# Affine representations and 1-cocycles

## Definition

Let  $\pi$  be a representation of a group  $G$  in a vector space  $H$ . A 1-cocycle is a map  $b : G \rightarrow H$  such that  $b(gg') = b(g) + \pi(g)b(g')$ .

In other words,  $\pi$  and  $b$  define an affine representation of  $G$  in  $H$  by the formula  $g \cdot x = \pi(g)x + b(g)$ .

## Definition

A 1-cocycle as above is a coboundary if there exists  $v \in H$  such that  $b(g) = \pi(g)v - v$ , or equivalently if the associated affine representation has a fixed point.

Let  $X$  be a set equipped with an action of  $G$  and  $c : X \times X \rightarrow H$  such that  $c(x, y) + c(y, z) = c(x, z)$  for any  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $c(gx, gy) = \pi(g)c(x, y)$  for  $g \in G, x \in X$ . Then for any fixed  $x \in X$ ,  $b(g) = c(gx, x)$  is a 1-cocycle.

## Example

$X$  is the set of vertices of a tree,  $H$  is the space of odd  $\ell^2$  functions on the set of arrows, and  $c(x, y)$  is the characteristic function of the set of edges on the oriented path from  $x$  to  $y$ . If  $G$  has a fixed vertex then  $c$  is a coboundary.

# Haagerup vs. Kazhdan

## Definition

A locally compact second countable group  $G$  has the **Haagerup property** if the following equivalent conditions are satisfied:

- (i) There exists an action of  $G$  by affine isometries on a Hilbert space which is metrically proper.
- (ii) There exists a unitary representation  $\pi$  of  $G$  on a Hilbert space  $H$ , and a 1-cocycle which is proper.
- (iii) There exists a function of conditional negative type on  $G$  which is proper.

## Definition

A locally compact second countable group  $G$  has **Kazhdan's property (T)** if the following equivalent conditions are satisfied:

- (i) Any action of  $G$  by affine isometries on a Hilbert space admits a fixed point (or, equivalently, has a bounded orbit)
- (ii) For any unitary representation  $\pi$  of  $G$  on a Hilbert space  $H$ , any 1-cocycle is a coboundary (or, equivalently, is bounded).
- (iii) Any function of conditional negative type on  $G$  is bounded.

# The case of simple Lie groups

Let  $G$  be a simple Lie group of rank  $r$ , with Iwasawa decomposition  $G = KAN$  ( $K$  compact,  $AN$  semidirect product of  $N$  nilpotent by an action of  $A \simeq \mathbf{R}^r$ ).

Example:  $G = SL_n(\mathbf{R})$  or  $SL_n(\mathbf{C})$ , then  $r = n - 1$

## Theorem

- (i) If  $r \geq 2$  then  $G$  is Kazhdan.
- (ii) If  $r = 1$  and  $G$  isomorphic to  $SO_0(n, 1)$  or  $SU(n, 1)$  then  $G$  is Haagerup.
- (iii) If  $r = 1$  and  $G$  is isomorphic to  $Sp(n, 1)$  or  $F_{4(-20)}$  then  $G$  is Kazhdan.

The associated riemannian symmetric space is  $X = G/K$ . Let  $\partial X$  be the boundary of  $X$ . The action of  $G$  extends to an action by diffeomorphisms on  $\partial X$ , and the  $G$ -orbit decomposition has a stratification described by the set of parabolic subgroups.

We restrict to the rank 1 case:  $\partial X = G/P$  is homogeneous, where  $P = MAN$  is the Borel subgroup or minimal parabolic subgroup, with  $M = K \cap P$ .

# A cocycle with values in $\Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$

Let  $\pi$  be the representation of  $G$  in the vector space  $\Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$  of differential forms on  $\partial X$  with maximal degree and vanishing integral.

Consider the following  $G$ -invariant 1-cocycle with value in  $\Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$ .

$$c : X \times X \rightarrow \Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$$

defined by  $c(x, y) = \mu_y - \mu_x$  where for  $x \in X$  we denote  $\mu_x$  the integral 1 volume form which is  $K_x$  invariant ( $K_x$  is the stabilizer of  $x$ , it is  $gKg^{-1}$  if  $x = gx_0$ ).

## Theorem

- (i) *There exists a quadratic form  $q$  on  $\Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$  which is  $G$ -invariant such that the kernel  $q(c(x, y))$  is proper. For  $G = SO_0(n, 1)$  ou  $SU(n, 1)$ , the quadratic form  $q$  is positive definite. For  $G = Sp(n, 1)$  or  $F_{4(-20)}$ , it is not positive definite.*
- (ii) *There exists a  $K$ -invariant euclidian norm on  $\Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$  satisfying: the kernel  $\|c(x, y)\|^2$  is proper and the representation  $\pi$  of  $G$  in  $\Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$  is uniformly bounded for the associated norm.*

# Construction of a quadratic form on $\Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial X)_{f=0}$

In hyperbolic geometry, it is convenient for 3 points  $z, w$  and  $x \in X$  to define the **Gromov scalar product** of  $z$  et  $w$  with respect to  $x$  as

$$(z, w)_x = d(z, x) + d(w, x) - d(z, w)$$

*Basic example:* for a tree,  $(z, w)_x$  is (twice) the distance from  $x$  to the segment  $[z, w]$ .

**Limit case:** fix  $x \in X$  and let  $z$  et  $w$  tend to *distinct* points of the boundary  $\partial X$ , then the Gromov product has a limit. defining  $(z, w)_x$  for  $x \in X$  et  $(z, w) \in \partial X \times \partial X \setminus \Delta$ .

In the case of a tree,  $(z, w)_x$  is the distance from  $x$  to the path  $(z, w)$ .

**Change of basis  $x$ :** introduce the **Buseman functions**  $\beta_z(x, y) = \lim(d(z', x) - d(z', y))$  when  $z' \rightarrow z \in \partial X$ . Then

$$(z, w)_y = (z, w)_x + \beta_z(x, y) + \beta_w(x, y)$$

## Proposition

For  $\alpha \in \Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial X)$ , the integral

$$q_x(\alpha) = \int_{\partial X \times \partial X} (z, w)_x \alpha_z \otimes \alpha_w$$

is convergent. If moreover  $\alpha \in \Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$  then  $q_x(\alpha) = q_y(\alpha)$  for any  $x, y \in X$ , i.e.  $q_x$  on  $\Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$  is independent of the choice of the origin  $x$ .

## Corollary

The formula  $q(\alpha) = \int_{\partial X \times \partial X} (z, w)_x \alpha_z \otimes \alpha_w$  defines a  $G$ -invariant quadratic form on  $\Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$ .

# Complementary series on $\Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial X)$

The Buseman functions  $\beta(x, y) : z \mapsto \beta_z(x, y)$  satisfy an obvious cocycle relation  $\beta(x, y) + \beta(y, z) = \beta(x, z)$ .

Define a family of representations of  $G$  in  $\Omega(\partial X)^{\text{top}}$  (fixing an origin  $x \in X$ )

$$\pi_s(g)\alpha = e^{s\beta(x, gx)}g^{-1*}\alpha$$

for any  $\alpha \in \Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial X)$ .

Note that the representation  $\pi_0$  leaves  $\Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial X)_{f=0}$  invariant and restricts to  $\pi$ .

## Proposition

*The integral*

$$q_{s,x}(\alpha) = \int_{\partial X \times \partial X} e^{s(z,w)_x} \alpha_z \otimes \alpha_w$$

*is convergent for  $0 < \text{Re } s < \nu$  where  $\nu$  is a certain critical exponent to be calculated expliciteley below. Moreover changing the origin yields  $q_{s,y}(\alpha) = q_{s,x}(e^{s\beta(x,y)}\alpha)$ .*

## Corollary

*The formula  $q_s(\alpha) = \int_{\partial X \times \partial X} e^{s(z,w)_x} \alpha_z \otimes \alpha_w$  defines a quadratic form on  $\Omega(\partial X)^{\text{top}}$  invariant by  $\pi_s$*

# Limits at $s = 0$ and $\nu$

## Proposition

(i) *Limit for  $s \rightarrow 0$ : for any  $\alpha \in \Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial X)_{\int=0}$ ,*

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{q_s(\alpha)}{s} = q(\alpha)$$

(ii) *Limit for  $s \rightarrow \nu$ : consider the normalisation constant  $c_s = q_s(\mu_x)$ , then for any  $\alpha \in \Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial X)$ ,*

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \nu} \frac{1}{c_s} q_s(\alpha) = \int_{\partial X} \|\alpha\|_x^2 d\mu_x$$

*the  $L^2$ -norm of the form  $\alpha$  for the metric associated to  $x$ .*

The limit at 0 simply follows from the fact that  $e^{s(z,w)_x} - 1 \sim s(z,w)_x$ , leading to consider  $\alpha$ 's with  $\int_{\partial X} \alpha = 0$ :

The limit at  $\nu$  says that after normalization, the distribution kernel  $(z,w)_x$  on  $\partial X \times \partial X$  tends to a delta distribution on the diagonal.

# Projective model

The hyperbolic space of dimension  $n$  over the division ring (corps non nécessairement commutatif)  $K$  with  $K = \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{C}$  or  $\mathbf{H}$  is defined as follows. Consider  $K^{n+1}$  as a right  $K$ -vector space, equipped with a  $K$ -hermitian scalar product (one has  $\langle xa, yb \rangle = \bar{a} \langle x, y \rangle b$  and  $\langle y, x \rangle = \overline{\langle x, y \rangle}$ , cf Hilbert modules over  $C^*$ -algebras: consider here  $K$  as a real  $C^*$ -algebra!) We take the signature  $(1, n)$  hermitian product:

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \bar{x}_0 y_0 - \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}_i y_i$$

and  $G$  is the group of right  $K$ -linear bijections of  $K^{n+1}$  preserving the hermitian product (or a subgroup thereof).  $X$  and  $\partial X$  are subsets of the projective space  $P(K^{n+1})$  (set of dimension one subspaces of the right  $K$ -vector space  $K^{n+1}$ ):

$X = \{x = xK \in P(K^{n+1}), \langle x, x \rangle > 0\}$  and  $\partial X = \{z = zK \in P(K^{n+1}), \langle z, z \rangle = 0\}$

## Proposition

The Riemannian distance between  $x$  and  $y \in X$  is given by the formula

$$\cosh d(x, y) = \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|}{\langle x, x \rangle^{1/2} \langle y, y \rangle^{1/2}}$$

## Corollary

The Gromov scalar product and the Buseman functions are given for  $x, y \in X$  and  $z, w \in \partial X$  by the formulae:

$$(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w})_x = -\ln \frac{\langle x, x \rangle |\langle z, w \rangle|}{|\langle z, x \rangle| |\langle w, x \rangle|}, \quad \beta_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \ln \frac{|\langle y, z \rangle| \langle x, x \rangle}{|\langle x, z \rangle| \langle y, y \rangle}$$

# Checking positivity for $K$ commutative

Let us use the ball model, i.e. normalize the elements of  $X$  and  $\partial X \subset P(K^{n+1})$  to be represented by vectors in the affine hyperplane  $\langle x, \cdot \rangle = 1$  where  $x = (1, 0)$  is chosen as origin. Denote the hermitian product on  $K^n$  by  $(\zeta, \omega) = \sum \bar{\zeta}_i \omega_i$ .

## Corollary

Let  $z = (1, \zeta)$ ,  $w = (1, \omega)$  and  $y = (1, \eta)$  with  $(\zeta, \zeta) = (\omega, \omega) = 1$  and  $(\eta, \eta) < 1$ . The above formulae become:

$$(z, w)_x = -\ln |1 - (\zeta, \omega)|$$

$$\beta_z(x, y) = \ln \frac{1 - (\eta, \eta)}{|1 - (\eta, \zeta)|}$$

Let us expand

$$(\zeta, \omega)_x = -\ln |1 - (\zeta, \omega)| = \sum_{r=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\operatorname{Re}(\zeta, \omega)^r}{r}$$

$$e^{s(z, w)_x} = |1 - (\zeta, \omega)|^{-s} = \sum_{r=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^r \binom{-s/2}{r} \operatorname{Re}(\zeta, \omega)^r$$

Since the coefficients are positive, it is enough to show that the kernels  $\operatorname{Re}(\zeta, \omega)^r$  are positive definite? it is equal to  $(\operatorname{Re}(\zeta^{\otimes r}, \omega^{\otimes r}))$  where  $\zeta^{\otimes r} = \zeta \otimes_K \dots \otimes_K \zeta$  belongs to the tensor product  $K^n \otimes_K \dots \otimes_K K^n$ , which is defined only for commutative  $K$  because  $K^n$  is both right and left  $K$ -vector space!

# Checking convergence of the kernel $e^{s(z,w)_x}$ for $0 < \operatorname{Re} s < \nu$ , and computing $\nu$ .

The convergence of  $q_x(\alpha) = \int_{\partial X \times \partial X} (z, w)_x \alpha_z \otimes \alpha_w$  follows from the logarithmic behaviour of  $(z, w)_x = -\ln |1 - (\zeta, \omega)|$ . More subtle is the case of  $e^{s(z,w)_x} = |1 - (\zeta, \omega)|^{-s}$ .

## Proposition

*The critical value is  $\nu = p + 2q$  where  $p = \dim K^{n-1} = k(n-1)$  and  $q = \dim \operatorname{Im} K = k-1$ . One has  $\nu = n-1$  for  $K = \mathbf{R}$ ,  $2n$  for  $K = \mathbf{C}$  and  $4n+2$  for  $K = \mathbf{H}$ .*

For the proof, note that  $\|\zeta - \omega\|^2 = 2(1 - \operatorname{Re}(\zeta, \omega))$  so that

$$|1 - (\zeta, \omega)|^2 = (1 - \operatorname{Re}(\zeta, \omega))^2 + (\operatorname{Im}(\zeta, \omega))^2 = \frac{1}{4} \|\zeta - \omega\|^4 + (\operatorname{Im}(\zeta, \omega))^2$$

To check convergence, we are reduced to consider the function  $(x, t) \mapsto N(x, t) = (\|x\|^4 + \|t\|^2)^{-1/4}$  on  $\mathbf{R}^p \times \mathbf{R}^q$ . It is an exercise to show that  $N^{-s}$  is locally  $L^1$  iff  $s < p + 2q$ . Here  $p = \dim K^{n-1} = k(n-1)$  and  $q = \dim \operatorname{Im} K = k-1$ .

# Commutative vs. non commutative case

## Theorem

- (i) The quadratic form  $q(\alpha) = \int_{\partial X \times \partial X} (z, w)_x \alpha_z \otimes \alpha_w$  on  $\Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$  is positive if  $K = \mathbf{R}$  or  $\mathbf{C}$ . The representation  $\pi$  defined by  $\pi(g)\alpha = g^{*-1}\alpha$  is unitary for the associated Hilbert space structure.
- (ii) The quadratic form  $q_s(\alpha) = \int_{\partial X \times \partial X} e^{s(z, w)_x} \alpha_z \otimes \alpha_w$  on  $\Omega(\partial X)^{\text{top}}$  is positive for any real  $s$  with  $0 < s < \nu$  if  $K = \mathbf{R}$  and  $\nu = n - 1$ , or or  $K = \mathbf{C}$  and  $\nu = 2n$ . The representation  $\pi_s$  defined by  $\pi_s(g)\alpha = e^{s\beta(x, gx)} g^{-1*}\alpha$  is unitary for the Hilbert space structure associated to  $q_s$ .

## Theorem

If  $K = \mathbf{H}$  the quadratic form  $q$  on  $\Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$  is not positive. The form  $q_s$  on  $\Omega(\partial X)^{\text{top}}$  is defined for  $0 < \text{Res} < \nu = 4n + 2$ , but it is positive definite iff  $s$  is real and  $1 < s < 4n - 1$ .

# Riemannian and sub-riemannian structures

## Proposition

- (i) *There is a  $G$ -invariant riemannian metric on  $X$ .*
- (ii) *The cotangent space  $T_z^* \partial X$  is canonically identified to the Lie algebra  $\text{Lie}(N_z)$  which is isomorphic to the generalized Heisenberg Lie algebra  $K^{n-1} \oplus \text{Im}K$  with  $[q, q'] = \text{Im} \langle q, q' \rangle$  for  $q, q' \in K^{n-1}$  and  $\text{Im}K$  is central.*
- (iii) *The tangent space  $T_z \partial Z$  (of dimension  $kn - 1$ ) has a canonically defined subspace  $E_z$  of dimension  $k(n - 1)$  which is the orthogonal (for duality) of the centre of  $T_z^* \partial X = \text{Lie}(N_z)$ .*
- (iv) *To any  $x \in X$  one can associate a metric on  $T_z \partial X = (\text{Lie}(N_z))^*$  such that different values of  $x$  give metrics transported by each other via an automorphism of the Heisenberg group  $N_z$ . Concretely*

$$T_z \partial X = E_z \oplus F_z^x$$

where  $F_z^x$  is the orthogonal of  $E_z$  in  $T_z \partial X$ . Then the metric on  $\partial X$  associated with a point  $y \in X$  is the image of the metric associated to  $x$  by a map of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-\beta_z(x,y)} & * \\ 0 & e^{-2\beta_z(x,y)} \end{pmatrix}$$

- (v) *The subbundle  $E$  of  $T \partial X$  satisfies the Hörmander condition, i.e. the sections of  $E$  and their brackets generate all vector fields. To each  $x \in X$  is associated a sublaplacian  $\Delta_{x,E} = -\sum X_i^2$  on  $\partial X$  which is hypoelliptic.*

# Volume forms on $\partial X$ and Buseman functions

Let us recall that to any  $x \in X$  is associated a  $K_x$ -invariant volume form  $\mu_x$  of mass 1 on  $\partial X$ . It is related to the  $G$ -invariant volume form  $\text{vol}$  on  $X$  as follows: in polar coordinates centered at  $x$ , the volume form on  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is related to  $\mu_x$  and to the distance function  $\rho_x$  to  $x$  by the formula:

$$d\text{vol} = b_{kn}(\sinh \rho_x)^p (\sinh 2\rho_x)^q d\rho_x d\mu_x$$

where  $p = k(n-1)$  is the real dimension of  $K^{n-1}$ ,  $q = k-1$  the real dimension of  $\text{Im } K$ , and  $b_{kn}$  is the volume of the unit ball in  $K^n = \mathbf{R}^{kn}$ . Asymptotically

$$d\text{vol} \sim b_{kn} e^{-\nu \rho_x} d\rho_x d\mu_x$$

where the number  $\nu = p + 2q$  is the critical exponent in the sense that  $e^{-\lambda \rho_x}$  is  $L^1$  iff  $\lambda > \nu$ .

One has  $\nu = n-1$  for  $K = \mathbf{R}$ ,  $2n$  for  $K = \mathbf{C}$  and  $4n+2$  for  $K = \mathbf{H}$ .

## Proposition

For  $x$  and  $y \in X$ ,

$$d\mu_y = e^{-\nu \beta(x,y)} d\mu_x$$

where  $\beta(x,y)$  is the function  $z \mapsto \beta_z(x,y)$  on  $\partial X$ .

# Duality functions/top forms, $L^p$ -norms...

## Proposition

- (i) *There is a  $G$ -invariant non degenerate duality between  $\Omega^0(\partial X)$  and  $\Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial X)$  given by  $(f, \alpha) \mapsto \int_{\partial X} f \alpha$ .*
- (ii) *Under the above duality, the family of representations on  $\Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial X)$  defined  $\pi_s(g)\alpha = e^{s\beta(x, gx)} g^{-1*} \alpha$  admits as contragredient the representations defined by  $\pi_s(g)f = e^{-s\beta(x, gx)} g^{-1*} f$  on  $\Omega^0(\partial X)$ .*
- (iii) *The map  $f \mapsto f \mu_x$  intertwines  $\pi_s$  on  $\Omega^0(\partial X)$  with  $\pi_{\nu-s}$  on  $\Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial X)$ .*
- (iv) *Consider the  $L^p$  norm on  $\Omega^0(\partial X)$  defined by  $\|f\|_p^p = \int_{\partial X} f^p d\mu_x$ . Then for any  $s$  with  $0 < \text{Res} < \nu$ , the representation  $\pi_s$  acts by isometries on  $L^p$  of functions for  $\text{Res} = \frac{\nu}{p}$  ( $1 < p < +\infty$ ) In particular,  $\pi_{\nu/2}$  acts unitarily on  $L^2(\partial X, \mu_x)$ .*
- (v) *Consider the  $L^q$  norm on  $\Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial X)$  defined by  $\|\alpha\|_q^q = \int_{\partial X} \|\alpha\|_x^q d\mu_x$ . The above duality between  $\Omega^0(\partial X)$  and  $\Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial X)$  extends to a duality between  $L^p$  and  $L^q$  norms if  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ . Moreover, the representation  $\pi_{\nu-s}$  acts by isometries on  $L^q$  of top forms for  $\text{Res} = \frac{\nu}{p}$ , i.e.  $\nu - s = \frac{\nu}{q}$ .*

# Cowling's theorem, case of functions

## Theorem

Let us equip  $\Omega^0(\partial X)$  with the representation  $\pi_s(g) = e^{-s\beta(x, gx)}g^{-1*}$  and with the Sobolev norm

$$\|f\|_{W^\sigma} = \|(1 + \Delta_x)^{\sigma/2}f\|_{L^2(\mu_x)}$$

defined by the sublaplacian associated to the subbundle  $E$  and the metric associated to  $x$ .

Then for  $\sigma = \nu/2 - \text{Res}$  and  $0 < \text{Res} < \nu$  (i.e.  $-\nu/2 < \sigma < \nu/2$ ) there is a constant  $C_s$  such  $\pi_s$  is uniformly bounded by  $C_s$ :

$$\|\pi_s(g)f\|_{W^\sigma} \leq C_s \|f\|_{W^\sigma}$$

for any  $g \in G$ .

Similarly the representation  $\pi_s$  defined by  $\pi_s(g)\alpha = e^{s\beta(x, gx)}g^{-1*}\alpha$  on  $\Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial X)$  is uniformly bounded for the norm  $\|(1 + \Delta_x)^{-\sigma/2}\alpha\|_{L^2(\mu_x)}$ . One would naively expect an analogue for the degree  $k$  forms for  $0 \leq k \leq \text{top}$ .

But this is not the case since the representation of  $G$  on  $\Omega^k(\partial X) = \Omega^k(G/P)$  is not in the principal series, except in the  $SO(n, 1)$  case. Indeed let  $G = KAN$  the Iwasawa decomposition associated to a point  $x \in X$  and a point at infinity  $z \in \partial X$ :  $K$  is the stabilizer of  $x$  and  $P = MAN$  the stabilizer of  $z$  ( $M = K \cap P$ ). then the action of  $P_x$  on the cotangent space  $T^*\partial X$  does not factorize through  $MA$ , i.e. is not trivial on  $N$ . This comes from the non commutativity of the nilpotent group  $N$ : indeed one can canonically identify  $T^*\partial X$  with the Lie algebra of  $N$  which acts on it by the coadjoint representation!

# Cowling's theorem, case of principal series bundles

More generally, consider a principal series representation, i.e. a space of smooth sections  $\Gamma(\partial X, \mathcal{V})$  of a bundle  $\mathcal{V} = G \times_P V$  where  $V$  is a representation of  $P = MAN$  trivial on  $N$ , equal to  $a \mapsto a^w$  on  $A = \mathbf{R}_+^*$  for some  $w \in \mathbf{Z}$  and to some unitary representation on the compact group  $M$ .

For  $f \in \Gamma(\partial X, \mathcal{V})$  let  $\pi_s(g)f = e^{-s\beta(x, gx)}g^{-1*}f$ . This defines a family of representations of  $G$  on the space  $\Gamma(\partial X, \mathcal{V})$ . The  $L^2$ -norm on  $\Gamma(\partial X, \mathcal{V})$  is defined by  $\|f\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{\partial X} \|f\|^2 d\mu_x$ . Then the representation  $\pi_s$  is unitary for  $s = \nu/2 - w$ .

## Theorem

Let us equip  $\Gamma(\partial X, \mathcal{V})$  with the Sobolev norm

$$\|f\|_{W^\sigma} = \|(1 + \Delta_x)^{\sigma/2} f\|_{L^2(\mu_x)}$$

defined by the sublaplacian associated to the subbundle  $E$  and the metric defined by  $g$ . Then for  $\sigma = \nu/2 - w - \text{Res}$  and  $0 < \text{Res} + w < \nu$  (i.e.  $-\nu/2 < \sigma < \nu/2$ ) there is a constant  $C_s$  such  $\pi_s$  is uniformly bounded by  $C_s$ :

$$\|\pi_s(g)f\|_{W^\sigma} \leq C_s \|f\|_{W^\sigma}$$

for any  $g \in G$ .

# From Cowling to Nashikawa

Consider the bundle  $E$  defined above. It is associated to a representation of  $MAN$  trivial on  $N$  and to a character of  $A$  with  $w = 1$ .

The representation  $\pi_0$  on  $\Gamma(\partial X, E^*)$  (i.e. the natural representation of  $G$  on the space of sections of  $E^*$ ) is uniformly bounded for the norm  $\|(1 + \Delta_x)^{\sigma/2} f\|_{L^2}$  for  $\sigma = \nu/2 - 1$ . The theorem of Cowling applies since  $\sigma < \nu/2$ . On the contrary, the Cowling theorem does not apply to  $\pi_0$  since  $\sigma = \nu/2$  is critical. But Nashikawa considers the quotient  $\Omega^0(\partial X)/\mathbf{C}$  by constant functions.

## Corollary

*Let us equip the quotient  $\Omega^0(\partial X)/\mathbf{C}$  with the norm*

$$\|(1 + \Delta_x)^{\sigma/2} d_E f\|_{L^2}$$

*with  $\sigma = \nu/2 - 1$ . then the representation  $\pi$  on  $\Omega^0(\partial X)/\mathbf{C}$  is uniformly bounded.*

Consider the representation  $\pi_0$  on  $\Omega_0$  and the  $G$ -equivariant map

$$d_E : \Omega^0(\partial X) \rightarrow \Gamma(E^*)$$

obtained by composing the de Rham map  $d : \Omega^0(\partial X) \rightarrow \Omega^1(\partial X)$  with the restriction map  $\Omega^1(\partial X) \rightarrow \Gamma(E^*)$ .

Then the kernel of  $d_E$  is equal to the subspace  $\mathbf{C}$  of constant functions. The quotient  $\Omega^0(\partial X)/\mathbf{C}$  is equipped with the above norm.

# Nashikawa's theorem

Note that the space  $\Omega^0(\partial X)/\mathbf{C}$  considered above is dual (via the pairing  $(f, \alpha) \mapsto \int_{\partial X} f\alpha$ ) to the space  $\Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$  in which the cocycle  $c(x, y)$  lives. We shall note  $\|\cdot\|$  the norm on  $\Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$  obtained by duality from the norm in the above corollary.

## Theorem

*The cocycle  $c : (x, y) \mapsto \mu_y - \mu_x$  is proper for the above defined norm. In other words,  $\|c(x, y)\|^2$  tends to infinity when the distance  $d(x, y)$  does so.*

## Corollary

*Let  $H$  be the Hilbert space obtained by completing  $\Omega(\partial X)_{f=0}^{\text{top}}$  for the Nashikawa norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Then the representation  $\pi$  of  $G$  is uniformly bounded and admits a proper 1-cocycle.*

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