

Topics for A-exam

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1 Algebraic number theory

1.1 Extensions of dedekind schemes

Recall that a *dedekind scheme* is an integral noetherian normal scheme of dimension 1. If X is a Dedekind scheme, then all the stalks $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ are one-dimensional regular local rings, i.e. discrete valuation rings. In particular, each closed point $x \in X$ induces a discrete valuation v_x on the field of fractions k of X .

If K/k is a finite separable extension, let Y be the normalization of X in K , i.e. the relative spectrum of the sheaf

$$U \mapsto \text{integral closure of } \mathcal{O}_X(U) \text{ in } K.$$

Then $p : Y \rightarrow X$ is a finite surjective morphism. Each fiber $p^{-1}(x)$ is a finite set, possibly with nilpotents.

1.2 Discrete valuation fields

Let k be a field with a discrete valuation $v : k^\times \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$. Let $\mathfrak{o} = \{x \in k : v(x) \geq 0\}$ be the valuation ring of k , and let $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathfrak{o}$ be the unique maximal ideal. Put $U = 1 + \mathfrak{p}$, and give \mathfrak{p} and U filtrations by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{p}^r &= \text{the } r\text{-th power of } \mathfrak{p} \\ U^r &= 1 + \mathfrak{p}^r. \end{aligned}$$

There is a canonical isomorphism $\text{gr}(\mathfrak{p}^\bullet) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{gr}(U^\bullet)$, given by $x \mapsto 1 + x$.

1.3 Henselian Fields

Let k be a field with a discrete valuation. One calls k *Henselian* if Hensel's lemma holds for \mathfrak{o}_k . Alternatively, one requires that valuations extend uniquely to algebraic extensions of k . Complete fields are Henselian.

One can give a reasonable description of the absolute Galois group G_k of a Henselian field k . Let κ be the residue field of k , and let $p \geq 0$ be the characteristic of κ . If K/k is a *finite* extension, then define for $r \geq 0$,

$$\text{Gal}(K/k)_r = \ker \left(\text{Gal}(K/k) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\mathfrak{o}_k}(\mathfrak{o}_L/\mathfrak{p}^{r+1}) \right).$$

There is a canonical embedding $\text{gr}(\text{Gal}(K/k)_\bullet) \hookrightarrow \text{gr}(U_K^\bullet)$, given by $\sigma \mapsto \sigma\pi/\pi$, for $\pi \in \mathfrak{o}_K$ an arbitrary uniformizer. In particular, $\text{Gal}(K/k)$ is solvable.

upper ramification numbering

1.4 Local fields

A *local field* is a locally compact topological field. Local fields are known to be finite extensions of either $\mathbf{F}_p((t))$ or \mathbf{Q}_p .

1.5 Global fields

1.6 Classical geometry of numbers

Our main reference is Chapter I, §5-7 of [Neu99]. Let k be a number field, and write $k_\infty = k_{\mathbf{R}} = k \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{R}$. This is a finite étale \mathbf{R} -algebra isomorphic to $\mathbf{R}^r \times \mathbf{C}^s$, where r is the number of real places and s is the number of complex places of k . One gives k_∞ a standard measure (twice Lebesgue on copies of \mathbf{C} and Lebesgue on copies of \mathbf{R}) under which the lattice \mathfrak{o} has volume $\text{vol}(\mathfrak{o}) = \text{vol}(k_\infty/\mathfrak{o}) = |d_k|^{1/2}$. As a corollary, if $S \subset k_\infty$ is open, convex, and centrally symmetric, then $\text{vol}(S) \geq \text{vol}(\mathfrak{o})$ implies $S \cap \mathfrak{o} \neq \emptyset$. The same type of theorem

holds for any $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathfrak{o}$, where $\text{vol}(\mathfrak{a}) = [\mathfrak{o} : \mathfrak{a}] |d_k|^{1/2}$. Considering $S = \{a : |N(a)| \leq ?\}$ gives that for every nonzero ideal $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathfrak{o}$, there is $a \in \mathfrak{a} \setminus 0$ such that (there exist a for both of these)

$$|N_{k/\mathbf{Q}}(a)| \leq \frac{n!}{n^n} \left(\frac{4}{\pi}\right)^s |d_k|^{1/2} [\mathfrak{o} : \mathfrak{a}]$$

$$|N_{k/\mathbf{Q}}(a)| \leq \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^s |d_k|^{1/2} [\mathfrak{o} : \mathfrak{a}].$$

There is a natural map $\log |\cdot| : k_\infty^\times$.

1.7 Adelic geometry of numbers

A key fact is that \mathbf{I}_k^1/k^\times and \mathbf{A}_k/k are compact.

Our main reference here is [PR94]. Let k be a number field, and G an algebraic group over k . Let S be a finite set of places of k , containing all the infinite places, and let $k_S = \prod_{v \in S} k_v$. It is a theorem of Borel (essentially Theorem 5.1 of [PR94]) that the double quotient $G(k) \backslash G(\mathbf{A}_k) / G(k_S)K$ is finite, whenever $K \subset G(\mathbf{A})$ is open compact.

Let $X(G) = \text{hom}_k(G, \mathbf{G}_m)$; this is a finite free \mathbf{Z} -module. There is a canonical homomorphism

$$c : G(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow X(G)_{\mathbf{R}}^\vee \quad (g_v) \mapsto \chi \mapsto \prod_v |\chi(g_v)|_v.$$

Let $G(\mathbf{A})^1 = \ker(c)$. Then Theorem 5.6 of [PR94] tells us that $G(\mathbf{A})^1/G(k)$ is compact if and only if the semisimple part of G is anisotropic over k .

2 Class field theory

The main references are Chapter V of [Neu99] and Chapter VI of [CF86].

2.1 Local class field theory

These theorems are from chapter V of [Neu99]. Recall that if κ is a finite field, we regard \mathbf{Z} as a subgroup of G_κ by letting $1 \in \mathbf{Z}$ correspond to the (arithmetic) Frobenius of κ . We normalize all valuations so that uniformizers have valuation 1.

Theorem 2.1.1. *Let k be a local field with residue field κ . Then there is a unique continuous homomorphism $r : k^\times \rightarrow G_k^{\text{ab}}$ such that*

1. *the following diagram commutes:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k^\times & \xrightarrow{r} & G_k^{\text{ab}} \\ \downarrow v & & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{Z} & \hookrightarrow & G_\kappa \end{array}$$

2. *for all finite abelian K/k , the map r induces an isomorphism $k^\times / N(K^\times) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Gal}(K/k)$*

This homomorphism (called the reciprocity map) induces an isomorphism $\widehat{k^\times} \xrightarrow{\sim} G_k^{\text{ab}}$. Finally, a subgroup $G \subset k^\times$ is of the form $N(K^\times)$ for some finite K/k if and only if G is open and has finite index.

Proof. This proof is inspired by that of Theorem 1.13 in [Mil13]. We only prove the uniqueness of r . Since k^\times is topologically generated by uniformizers, it suffices to show that conditions determine $r(\pi)$ for any $\pi \in k^\times$ with $v(\pi) = 1$. For any such π , we get a decomposition $k^{\text{ab}} = k^{\text{ur}} \cdot k_\pi$, where k_π is the fixed field of $r(\pi)$. Since $r(\pi)$ has to act on k^{ur} as Frobenius, and (by definition), $r(\pi)$ acts trivially on k_π , the action of $r(\pi)$ on k^{ab} is determined. \square

This theorem is true even if k is archimedean. Just ignore part 1, and note that $G_{\mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{Z}/2$, which has no nontrivial automorphisms. In other words, there is a unique homomorphism $\mathbf{R}^{\times} \rightarrow G_{\mathbf{R}}$ inducing an isomorphism $\widehat{\mathbf{R}^{\times}} \xrightarrow{\sim} G_{\mathbf{R}}$.

2.2 Global class field theory

A good references is chapter VI of [Neu99]. For a global field k , write \mathbf{A}_k for its ring of adeles, and define $C_k = \mathrm{GL}(1, \mathbf{A}_k) / \mathrm{GL}(1, k)$. For a place v of k , write r_v for the reciprocity map of k_v . Since the decomposition groups $D_v = G_{k_v}$ are well-defined up to conjugacy in G_k , the abelianized decomposition groups D_v^{ab} are well-defined as subgroups of G_k^{ab} .

Theorem 2.2.1. *There is a unique continuous homomorphism $r : C_k \rightarrow G_k^{\mathrm{ab}}$ such that*

1. *the following diagram commutes for all v :*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k_v^{\times} & \hookrightarrow & C_k \\ \downarrow r_v & & \downarrow r \\ D_v^{\mathrm{ab}} & \hookrightarrow & G_k^{\mathrm{ab}} \end{array}$$

2. *if K/k is finite abelian, r induces an isomorphism $C_k / N(C_K) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{Gal}(K/k)$.*

This homomorphism (also called the reciprocity map) induces an isomorphism $\widehat{C}_k \xrightarrow{\sim} G_k^{\mathrm{ab}}$. Finally, a subgroup $G \subset C_k$ is of the form $N(K^{\times})$ for some finite K/k if and only if G is open and has finite index.

3 Algebraic geometry

[Har77], [Sil09], and [EH00]

Zariski's main theorem

tangent space on affine / projective variety as special case of tangent sheaf for arbitrary morphism of schemes

3.1 Cartier divisors

For a ringed space X , let \mathcal{M} be the sheaf of meromorphic functions, and put $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{M}^{\times} / \mathcal{O}^{\times}$. This is a sheaf of abelian groups on X , called the *sheaf of Cartier divisors*. A global section of \mathcal{D} is called a *Cartier divisor* on X . The (tautological) short exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^{\times} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\times} \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \rightarrow 0$$

yields a long exact sequence in sheaf cohomology:

$$1 \rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{O}^{\times}) \rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{M}^{\times}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Div}(X) \rightarrow \mathrm{Pic}(X) \rightarrow H^1(\mathcal{M}^{\times}) \rightarrow \dots$$

If X is integral, \mathcal{M} is flasque, so $H^1(\mathcal{M}^{\times}) = 0$, whence $\mathrm{Pic}(X) = \mathrm{Div}(X) / \mathrm{div} \Gamma(\mathcal{M}^{\times})$. If X is a one-dimensional scheme over S , then points $x \in X(S)$ yield Cartier divisors, denoted $\mathcal{I}(x)$, on X . If we think of $\mathcal{I}(x)$ as a sheaf, then it makes sense to talk about $\mathcal{I}^{-1}(x)$.

3.2 Algebraic groups and their Lie algebras

We would like to interpret the notion of a representation of an algebraic group over a field in terms of arbitrary ringed topoi. The main source here is [?]. We start with the following list of analogies.

classical	topos-theoretic
field k	base scheme S
finite-dimensional k -space V	coherent \mathcal{O}_X -module \mathcal{M}
$R \mapsto V_R = V \otimes_k R$	$(X \xrightarrow{f} S) \mapsto \Gamma(f^* \mathcal{M})$
$\text{Spec}(k[V^\vee])$	$\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{M}) = \text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_S[\mathcal{M}^\vee])$
$\text{GL}(V) : R \mapsto \text{Aut}_R(V_R)$	$\text{GL}(\mathcal{M}) : X \mapsto \text{Aut}_{\Gamma(X)}(\Gamma(f^* \mathcal{M}))$
$\rho : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(V)$	$\rho : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathcal{M})$
$G(R) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_R(V_R)$	$G(X) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\Gamma(X)}(\Gamma(f^* \mathcal{M}))$

An algebraic group G over a field k is *anisotropic* if it contains no k -split tori. If k is a non-algebraically closed local field, then G is anisotropic if and only if $G(k)$ is compact.

4 Geometry of curves

The main references for this section are Chapter IV of [Har77] and Chapter 7 of [Liu02]:

4.1 Divisors and invertible sheaves on curves

4.2 The Riemann-Roch theorem

5 Elliptic curves

The main reference on elliptic curves is [Sil09], especially chapters II-IV and VI-VIII. Chapter II mostly covers the geometry of curves.

- elliptic curves over local fields
- elliptic curves over global fields

5.1 The group law on an elliptic curve

If X is a curve over S , define

$$\text{Pic}_{X/S}^1(T) = \text{Pic}^1(X_T) / \text{Pic}(T).$$

Theorem 5.1.1. *Let E be an elliptic curve over S . Then there is a natural isomorphism of functors $E \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Pic}_{E/S}^1$ given by $x \mapsto \mathcal{J}^{-1}(x)$. This induces the structure of an S -group on E , where $x + y + z = 0$ if and only if*

$$(\mathcal{J}(x) - \mathcal{J}(0)) + (\mathcal{J}(y) - \mathcal{J}(0)) + (\mathcal{J}(z) - \mathcal{J}(0)) = 0 \quad \text{in } \text{Pic}_{X/S}(T).$$

Proof. This is Theorem 2.1.2 of [KM85] □

5.2 Formal groups of elliptic curves

Let F be a formal group. By Proposition IV.4.2 of [Sil09], the invariant differential of F is $\omega = \frac{\partial F}{\partial X}(0, T)^{-1} dT$. Put $\log_F = \int \omega$. Then $\log_F : F \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{G}}_a$ is an isomorphism over \mathbf{Q} . If F is defined over a mixed-characteristic complete discrete valuation ring and $v(p) > 0$, then for $r > v(p)/(p-1)$, \log_F induces an isomorphism $F(\mathfrak{m}^r) \xrightarrow{\sim} \hat{\mathbf{G}}_a(\mathfrak{m}^r)$.

If E is an elliptic curve, let \hat{E} denote the corresponding formal group. A nice theorem (IV.7.4 in [Sil09]) is that if $f : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ is an isogeny of characteristic p elliptic curves, then $\deg_i(f) = p^{\text{ht } \hat{f}}$, where \deg_i denotes inseparable degree.

5.3 Elliptic curves over \mathbf{C}

Let E be an elliptic curve over \mathbf{C} , which we will take to mean that E is a compact connected one-dimensional complex Lie group of genus one. Let $\mathfrak{e} = \text{Lie } E$. The exponential map $\exp : \mathfrak{e} \rightarrow E$ is a surjective homomorphism of Lie groups, so we get a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Lambda \rightarrow \mathfrak{e} \xrightarrow{\exp} E \rightarrow 0.$$

It is possible to go the other direction. Start with a lattice $\Lambda \subset \mathbf{C}$, and define

$$\wp_\Lambda(z) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda \setminus 0} \left((z - \lambda)^{-2} - \lambda^{-2} \right)$$

$$G_k(\Lambda) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda \setminus 0} \lambda^{-k}.$$

Theorem 5.3.1. *Let $\Lambda \subset \mathbf{C}$ be a lattice. Let $g_2 = 60G_2(\Lambda)$ and $g_3 = 140G_6(\Lambda)$. Let E_Λ be the elliptic curve $y^2 = 4x^3 + g_2x + g_3$. Then the map $(\wp_\Lambda : \wp'_\Lambda : 1) : \mathbf{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow E_\Lambda$ is an analytic isomorphism.*

Proof. This is Proposition VI.3.6 of [Sil09]. □

In fact, $\Lambda \mapsto E_\Lambda$ induces an equivalence of categories between lattices over \mathbf{C} and elliptic curves over \mathbf{C} .

6 Representation theory

The main references are [Kna79] and [Don97].

6.1 Representations of reductive Lie groups

Following [Wal88], we say that a real Lie group G is *real reductive group* if it is a finite cover of the real points of a Zariski-closed subgroup of $\text{GL}_n(\mathbf{C})$, defined over \mathbf{R} , which is closed under conjugate-transpose.

First, note that if G is an arbitrary locally compact group, $f \in C_c(G)$, and π is a continuous Banach representation of G , then we can put

$$\pi(f) = \int_G f(g) \pi(g) dg.$$

This is a representation of the algebra $C_c(G)$. We apply this construction to the special case where G be a real reductive group with maximal compact K . Let \hat{K} be the unitary dual of K . If $\tau \in \hat{K}$, put $\alpha_\tau(k) = \dim(\tau) \text{tr } \tau(k^{-1})$. For any representation π of K , set $\Pi_\tau = \pi(\alpha_\tau)$ for any $\tau \in \hat{K}$. It turns out that Π_τ is a projection operator, and that

$$\pi = \widehat{\bigoplus_{\tau \in \hat{K}} \text{im}(\Pi_\tau)}.$$

One says that π is *admissible* if each $\text{im}(\Pi_\tau)$ is finite-dimensional (equivalently, if each τ has finite multiplicity in π). Call a representation π of G *admissible* if the restriction $\text{res}_K \pi$ is admissible.

6.2 Decompositions of groups

Let G be a real reductive group with lie algebra \mathfrak{g} and Cartan involution θ . Put

$$\mathfrak{k} = \{X \in \mathfrak{g} : \theta X = X\}$$

$$\mathfrak{p} = \{X \in \mathfrak{g} : \theta X = -X\}.$$

Then \mathfrak{k} is the Lie algebra of a “canonical” maximal compact K of G . The *Cartan decomposition* of G is the fact that the map $\mathfrak{p} \times K \rightarrow G$, $(X, k) \mapsto \exp(X)k$, is a diffeomorphism. **Warning:** \mathfrak{p} is *not* a subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} . The next decomposition is trickier. Let $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathfrak{p}$ be a maximal abelian subalgebra. For $\alpha \in \mathfrak{a}^\vee$, put

$$\mathfrak{g}_\alpha = \{X \in \mathfrak{g} : \text{ad } Y(X) = \lambda(Y)X \text{ for all } Y \in \mathfrak{a}\}.$$

Let $R = \{\alpha \in \mathfrak{a}^\vee \setminus 0 : \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \neq 0\}$. It is known that $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \sum_{\alpha \in R} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$. Let $\Delta^+ \subset R$ be some choice of positive roots, and put

$$\mathfrak{n} = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha.$$

Then $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{n}$, inducing an isomorphism $G = KAN$ (at least, if everything is appropriately connected). One interprets A and N as depending on \mathfrak{p} , so write $A_{\mathfrak{p}}, N_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Define

$$M = M_{\mathfrak{p}} = Z_K(A_{\mathfrak{p}}) = \{k \in K : ka = ak \text{ for all } a \in A_{\mathfrak{p}}\}.$$

Then $S = MAN$ is the “standard minimal parabolic.” In the main example $G = \text{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{p} &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbf{R} \right\} = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} & 1 \\ 1 & \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \\ \mathfrak{k} &= \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} & 1 \\ -1 & \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = \text{Lie } K = \text{Lie} \left\{ k_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} : 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi \right\} \\ \mathfrak{a} &= \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = \text{Lie } A = \text{Lie} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & \\ & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix} : a > 0 \right\} \\ \mathfrak{n} &= \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} & 1 \\ & \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = \text{Lie } N = \text{Lie} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathfrak{m} &= 0 = \text{Lie } M = \text{Lie}(\pm 1) \end{aligned}$$

One puts $\mathfrak{n}_+ = \mathfrak{n}$, $\mathfrak{n}_- = \sum_{\alpha \in -\Delta^+} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$.

6.3 Induced representations

Let G be a real reductive group, and consider the canonical decomposition $G = KS = KMAN$. Suppose ρ is a unitary representation of S with space V_ρ . The induced space $\text{ind}_S^G \rho$ is the completion of

$$\{f : G \rightarrow V_\rho : f(ks) = \rho(s^{-1})f(k)\}$$

with respect to the norm

$$\|f\|^2 = \int_K |f(k)|^2 dk.$$

The action is $(\gamma \cdot f)(g) = f(\gamma^{-1}g)$. A function $f \in \text{ind}_S^G \rho$ is determined by both its restrictions $f|_K$ and $f|_{N_-}$, so $\text{ind}_S^G \rho$ can be realized as function spaces on both those subgroups of G .

6.4 Representations of $\text{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$

Let's start out with the standard families of unitary representations of $\text{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$. Each of these is defined as the completion of some space of smooth (or analytic) functions with respect to a specified norm.

Definition 6.4.1 (finite-dimensional: \mathcal{F}_n for $n \geq 0$). Let $\rho_0 : \text{SL}_2(\mathbf{R}) \hookrightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbf{C})$ be the inclusion morphism. Put $\rho_n = \text{Sym}^n \rho_0$. The representation ρ_n can be realized in the space \mathcal{F}_n of homogeneous polynomials $f \in \mathbf{C}[x, y]$ of degree n . A matrix $\gamma \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ acts by $(\gamma f)(v) = f(\gamma^{-1}v)$. If we reinterpret $f \in \mathbf{C}[x, y]_n$ as an element of $\mathbf{C}[z]_{\leq n}$, then $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ acts by $(\gamma f)(z) = (bz + d)^n f\left(\frac{az+c}{bz+d}\right)$.

Theorem 6.4.2. Every finite-dimensional irreducible representation of $\text{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ is one of $\{\mathcal{F}_n : n \geq 0\}$.

The finite-dimensional representations of $\text{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ are *not* unitary, except for the trivial representation.

Definition 6.4.3 (discrete series: \mathcal{D}_n^\pm for $n \geq 2$). Let G act on the upper half-plane \mathfrak{h} in the usual way: $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : z \mapsto \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$. The group G has a right action on functions on \mathfrak{h} :

$$(f \cdot \gamma)(z) = \frac{1}{(cz+d)^n} f\left(\frac{az+b}{cz+d}\right) = j(z, \gamma)^{-n} f(\gamma z).$$

Composing with the inverse gives us a left action: $(\gamma f)(z) = j(z, \gamma^{-1})^{-n} f(\gamma^{-1}z)$. The norm on \mathcal{D}_n^+ is

$$\|f\|^2 = \int_{\mathfrak{h}} |f(z)|^2 y^n \frac{dx dy}{y^2}.$$

To be precise: $\mathcal{D}_n^+ = \{f : \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \text{ analytic} : \|f\| < \infty\}$.

Theorem 6.4.4. The representations \mathcal{D}_n^\pm are irreducible for $n \geq 1$.

Proof. We only consider \mathcal{D}_n^+ . Let $K = \text{SU}(2) \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ be the standard maximal compact subgroup. Its unitary representations are of the form $\chi_n : \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \mapsto e^{in\theta}$ for $n \in \mathbf{Z}$. Let $\Pi_n = \Pi_{\chi_n}$. This is the projection operator on \mathcal{D}_n^+ defined by

$$(\Pi_n f)(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-in\theta} (-z \sin \theta + \cos \theta)^{-n} f\left(\frac{z \cos \theta + \sin \theta}{-z \sin \theta + \cos \theta}\right) d\theta$$

The function $f_n(z) = (z+i)^{-n}$ is an eigenvector for Π_n , and an element of \mathcal{D}_n^+ . Moreover, a computation in complex analysis shows that if $f \in \mathcal{D}_n^+$ has $f(i) \neq 0$, then $\Pi_n f \in \mathbf{C} \cdot f_n$. Using the transitivity of the action of $\text{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ on \mathfrak{h} , the result easily follows. \square

Definition 6.4.5 (principal series: $\mathcal{P}^{\pm, iv}$ for $v \in \mathbf{R}$). The space underlying $\mathcal{P}^{\pm, iv}$ is $L^2(\mathbf{R})$. The action is

$$(\gamma \cdot f)(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|-bx+d|^{1+iv}} f\left(\frac{ax-c}{-bx+d}\right) & \text{if } + \\ \frac{\text{sgn}(-bx+d)}{|-bx+d|^{1+iv}} f\left(\frac{ax-c}{-bx+d}\right) & \text{if } - \end{cases}$$

These are induced from unitary representations of $S = \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}$. They can be realized as functions on K or N_- .

The only reducible principal series is $\mathcal{P}^{-,0} \simeq \mathcal{D}_1^+ \oplus \mathcal{D}_1^-$. There is a “nonunitary principal series” $\mathcal{P}^{k,z}$ for $k \in \mathbf{Z}$, $z \in \mathbf{C}$, where the space is $C_c^\infty(\mathbf{R})$, and the action is

$$(\gamma f)(x) = \frac{\pm(-bx+d)}{|-bx+d|^{1+z}} f\left(\frac{ax-c}{-bx+d}\right).$$

Definition 6.4.6 (complementary series \mathcal{C}^s for $0 < s < 1$). Let $0 < s < 1$. The space underlying \mathcal{C}^s is the set of $f \in L_{\text{loc}}^1(\mathbf{R})$ such that

$$\|f\|^2 = \int_{\mathbf{R}^2} \frac{f(x) \overline{f(y)}}{|x-y|^{1-u}} dx dy < \infty.$$

The action is what we would have with $\mathcal{P}^{+,u}$, i.e.

$$(\gamma f)(x) = \frac{1}{|-bx+d|^{1-u}} f\left(\frac{ax-c}{-bx+d}\right).$$

Definition 6.4.7 (limits of discrete series: \mathcal{D}_1^\pm). The action here is the same as in the \mathcal{D}_n^\pm , but the norm is

$$\|f\|^2 = \sup_{y>0} \int_{\mathbf{R}} |f(x+iy)|^2 dx.$$

Theorem 6.4.8. *Every irreducible unitary representation of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ is one of the following:*

- \mathcal{D}_n^\pm for $n \geq 2$
- \mathcal{D}_1^\pm
- $\mathcal{P}^{\pm,iv}$ for $v \in \mathbf{R}$, and $v \neq 0$ if $-$.
- \mathcal{C}^s for $0 < s < 1$.

The only isomorphisms between items in this list are:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P}^{+,iv} &\simeq \mathcal{P}^{+,-iv} \\ \mathcal{P}^{-,iv} &\simeq \mathcal{P}^{-,-iv}.\end{aligned}$$

6.5 Representations of $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{R})$

This is discussed in section 2 of [Kna79]. Let $\mathrm{SL}_2^\pm(\mathbf{R}) = \{g \in \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{R}) : \det g = \pm 1\}$, and consider $\mathrm{ind}_{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})}^{\mathrm{SL}_2^\pm(\mathbf{R})} \pi$ for irreducible unitary representations π of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$. We have

$$\mathrm{ind}_{\mathrm{SL}_2}^{\mathrm{SL}_2^\pm}(\mathcal{P}^{\pm,iv}) \simeq P^{\pm,iv} \oplus P^{\pm,iv}$$

for a canonical irreducible unitary representation $P^{\pm,iv}$ of $\mathrm{SL}_2^\pm(\mathbf{R})$. For $n \geq 2$, the representation $\mathrm{ind}_{\mathrm{SL}_2}^{\mathrm{SL}_2^\pm}(\mathcal{D}_n^\pm)$ is irreducible unitary. These (also with the complementary series) exhaust the irreducible unitary representations of $\mathrm{SL}_2^\pm(\mathbf{R})$. The irreducible unitary representations of $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ are of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & \\ & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \chi(x) \pi \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

for χ a unitary character of \mathbf{R}^+ and π a representation of $\mathrm{SL}_2^\pm(\mathbf{R})$.

6.6 Representations of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{C})$

A good reference is II.4 of [Kna86].

Definition 6.6.1 (principal series $\mathcal{P}^{n,iv}$ for $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $v \in \mathbf{R}$). The underlying space is $L^2(\mathbf{C})$. The action is, for $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$:

$$(\gamma f)(z) = |-bz + d|^{-2-iv} \left(\frac{-bz + d}{|-bz + d|} \right)^{-n} f\left(\frac{az - c}{-bz + d} \right).$$

Definition 6.6.2 (complementary series \mathcal{C}^s for $0 < s < 2$). As for $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$, the space lives inside $L_{\mathrm{loc}}^1(\mathbf{C})$, has action just like $\mathcal{P}^{0,s}$:

$$(\gamma f)(z) = |-bz + d|^{-2-s} f\left(\frac{az - c}{-bz + d} \right).$$

The norm is

$$\|f\|^2 = \int_{\mathbf{C}^2} \frac{f(x) \overline{f(y)}}{|x - y|^{2-s}} dx dy.$$

Theorem 6.6.3. *Every irreducible unitary representation of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{C})$ is one of the following:*

- $\mathcal{P}^{n,iv}$ for $n \in \mathbf{Z}$, $v \in \mathbf{R}$
- \mathcal{C}^s for $0 < s < 2$

The only isomorphisms between items in this list are:

$$\mathcal{P}^{n,iv} \simeq \mathcal{P}^{-n,-iv}.$$

Proof. This is Theorem 16.2 of [Kna86]. □

6.7 Representations of $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{C})$

It is claimed in the last paragraph of [Kna79] that every irreducible unitary representation of $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{C})$ is of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} z & \\ & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \chi(z) \pi \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix},$$

for $z \in \mathbf{C}^\times$, $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{C})$, and χ a unitary character of \mathbf{C}^\times that agrees with π on $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

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