

The Stack of Local Representations on a Coadjoint Orbit: A Categorical Approach

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Abstract

We construct a stack \mathcal{R} of local stabilizer representations over a coadjoint orbit \mathcal{O} of a compact Lie group G , verify the descent conditions explicitly, and show that the G -action on global sections recovers the classical representation theory via geometric quantization. This provides a stack-theoretic interpretation of the Kirillov orbit method and the Borel–Weil theorem.

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1 Introduction

The orbit method and geometric quantization. The correspondence between coadjoint orbits and irreducible representations of compact Lie groups, developed through the works of Kirillov [5, 6], Kostant [9, 8] and Souriau [13], provides a geometric bridge between symplectic geometry and representation theory. Every coadjoint orbit $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$ carries the Kirillov–Kostant–Souriau (KKS) symplectic form, and when an integrality condition is satisfied, geometric quantization constructs an irreducible representation of G from the sections of a prequantum line bundle.

For compact groups, the Borel–Weil theorem [2, 3, 8] offers a holomorphic incarnation of the same correspondence: irreducible representations arise as spaces of holomorphic sections of line bundles over flag manifolds G/T . These classical results exhibit a unifying theme: representation theory on a coadjoint orbit is governed simultaneously by symplectic, complex and group-theoretic structures.

Local symmetries and categorical structure. A point $x \in \mathcal{O}$ has a stabilizer subgroup T_x , and the category $\mathbf{Rep}(T_x)$ of its finite-dimensional unitary representations encodes a local symmetry. Along the orbit, the coadjoint action transports these categories by conjugation: if $y = gx$, then $\mathbf{Rep}(T_y) \simeq \mathbf{Rep}(T_x)$. This suggests viewing the assignment $x \mapsto \mathbf{Rep}(T_x)$ as a family of local representation categories endowed with a G -equivariant transport structure.

The natural receptacle for such data is a *stack* on \mathcal{O} : a sheaf of categories satisfying descent, encoding both local information and global coherence under the G -action.

The present construction. In this paper we construct explicitly the stack

$$\mathcal{R} := G \times^T \mathbf{Rep}(T) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O},$$

associated to the principal T -bundle $p : G \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \simeq G/T$. We describe \mathcal{R} as a prestack of T -equivariant functors, and verify the descent condition by an explicit gluing argument (Proposition 4.4). We then show that the coadjoint action of G lifts to a *strict* action on \mathcal{R} , and that such an action is equivalent to describing \mathcal{R} as a stack over the action groupoid $G \ltimes \mathcal{O}$ (Theorem 7.1). This provides a categorical encoding of the transport of stabilizer representations.

Global sections of \mathcal{R} recover geometric quantization. For each character $\chi \in \text{Hom}(T, U(1))$ we construct a rank-one global section S_χ and identify it with the prequantum line bundle $L_\chi \rightarrow G/T$ equipped with the standard G -invariant connection. Its curvature is the KKS form (Proposition 8.7). Smooth global sections correspond to the compact induction $\text{Ind}_T^G(\chi^{-1})$ (Proposition 9.1), and dominant integral weights recover irreducible representations via Borel–Weil (Theorem 9.4).

These identifications show that the classical geometric realizations of representations arise from viewing them as *coherent descent data* for the local stabilizer representation categories $\mathbf{Rep}(T_x)$. In this sense, the orbit method appears naturally as a descent phenomenon.

Organization. Section 2 fixes notation and recalls the basic geometry of coadjoint orbits. Section 3 reviews stacks and descent. Sections 4–6 construct \mathcal{R} and its G -action. Sections 8–9 relate \mathcal{R} to the prequantum line bundle, compact induction, and Borel–Weil. Section 10 provides a conceptual synthesis and the example $G = \text{SU}(2)$.

Methodological note

During the development of this work, the author made iterative use of AI-based tools to test and refine preliminary formulations. This proved instrumental in shaping the ideas into the coherent structure presented here.

2 Setting, Notation, and Motivation

Let G be a compact Lie group with Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} . We write $\text{Ad} : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g})$ for the adjoint representation and $\text{Ad}^* : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$ for the coadjoint representation. Fix a point $x_0 \in \mathfrak{g}^*$, and let $\mathcal{O} := G \cdot x_0 \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$ be its coadjoint orbit. For each $x \in \mathcal{O}$, denote the stabilizer subgroup

$$T_x := G_x = \{ g \in G \mid \text{Ad}^*(g)x = x \}.$$

Stabilizers along the orbit are mutually conjugate: if $y = g \cdot x$ then $T_y = g T_x g^{-1}$. We reserve the dot “.” for the coadjoint action.

Homogeneous presentation and principal bundle. Fix $x_0 \in \mathcal{O}$ and put $T := T_{x_0}$. Then $\mathcal{O} \simeq G/T$ as a smooth G -homogeneous space, and

$$p: G \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}, \quad p(g) = g \cdot x_0$$

is a (right) principal T -bundle for the action $G \times T \rightarrow G$, $(g, t) \mapsto gt$.

Convention (Standing assumptions and normalizations). Unless stated otherwise we assume G is *compact and connected*, and we work on a *regular* coadjoint orbit $\mathcal{O} \simeq G/T$ for a fixed maximal torus $T \subset G$ (so each stabilizer T_x is conjugate to T). For expositional simplicity we focus on regular orbits where T is a maximal torus, though the construction extends immediately to singular orbits. We adopt the conventions

$$c_1(L_\chi) = \frac{[\omega_{\text{KKS}}]}{2\pi}, \quad (g, z) \sim (gt, \chi(t)^{-1}z) \text{ in } G \times^T \mathbb{C}_\chi,$$

so that $\Gamma^\infty(G/T, L_\chi) \cong \text{Ind}_T^G(\chi^{-1})$ in Proposition 9.1. These choices fix signs and 2π -factors used later in curvature computations.

Each stabilizer T_x has its own representation theory $\mathbf{Rep}(T_x)$. The group G transports these local categories across the orbit via conjugation. Our goal is to organize this transport into a *stack* \mathcal{R} over \mathcal{O} , verify that local data glue correctly (descent conditions), and show that global sections of \mathcal{R} carry a natural G -representation. This provides a categorical framework for the Kirillov orbit method and geometric quantization.

3 Stacks: definition with explicit descent

Let X be a topological space and $\text{Op}(X)$ its category of open sets with inclusions.

Definition 3.1 (Prestack and stack). A prestack $\mathcal{S} : \text{Op}(X)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Grpd}$ is a pseudofunctor such that for every covering $U = \bigcup_i U_i$ the presheaf of isomorphisms is a sheaf (isomorphisms glue uniquely). It is a stack if, in addition, for every covering $U = \bigcup_i U_i$ the canonical functor

$$\mathcal{S}(U) \longrightarrow \text{Desc}_{\mathcal{S}}(U; \{U_i\})$$

is an equivalence of groupoids, where $\text{Desc}_{\mathcal{S}}(U; \{U_i\})$ has:

- **objects:** families $x_i \in \mathcal{S}(U_i)$ with isomorphisms $\phi_{ij} : x_i|_{U_{ij}} \xrightarrow{\sim} x_j|_{U_{ij}}$ satisfying the cocycle condition $\phi_{jk} \circ \phi_{ij} = \phi_{ik}$ on U_{ijk} ;
- **morphisms:** families $f_i : x_i \rightarrow y_i$ with $\phi_{ij}^y \circ f_i = f_j \circ \phi_{ij}^x$ on U_{ij} .

Convention (Site and 2-categorical conventions). Throughout the paper the site is the poset $\text{Op}(\mathcal{O})$ of open subsets with inclusions, endowed with the usual open covers. A (pre)stack is a pseudofunctor $\mathcal{S} : \text{Op}(\mathcal{O})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Gpd}$ (or \mathbf{Cat}) satisfying the usual descent condition for open covers, and 1-morphisms/2-morphisms are functors/natural isomorphisms; all equivalences are understood up to isomorphism. For background and notational conventions see, e.g., [14, 10].

Remark 3.2 (Equalizer viewpoint). *For a sheaf F of sets, the sheaf condition over $U = \bigcup U_i$ is the equalizer diagram $F(U) \xrightarrow{\sim} \ker(\prod_i F(U_i) \rightrightarrows \prod_{i,j} F(U_{ij}))$. For stacks, the analogous statement holds in the 2-categorical sense: $\mathcal{S}(U)$ is equivalent to the 2-equalizer of the Čech diagram; concretely this is encoded by $\text{Desc}_{\mathcal{S}}(U; \{U_i\})$.*

4 The Stack of Local Stabilizer Representations

4.1 The ambient category $\mathbf{Rep}(T)$

Let $\mathbf{Rep}(T)$ be the category of finite-dimensional continuous *unitary* complex representations of the compact group T . Then $\mathbf{Rep}(T)$ is semisimple abelian; in particular it admits finite products and equalizers:

- (finite products) the cartesian product of finitely many objects is canonically isomorphic to their direct sum;
- (equalizers) if $f, g : V \rightarrow W$ are T -equivariant linear maps, then $\text{Eq}(f, g) = \{v \in V \mid f(v) = g(v)\}$ is a T -stable subspace, hence an object of $\mathbf{Rep}(T)$.

No additional topology on $\mathbf{Rep}(T)$ is required below.

4.2 Definition of \mathcal{R} via the principal bundle $p : G \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$

Definition 4.1 (The prestack \mathcal{R}). *For $U \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ open, set*

$$\mathcal{R}(U) := \text{Fun}_T(p^{-1}(U), \mathbf{Rep}(T)),$$

the category of T -equivariant functors $F : p^{-1}(U) \rightarrow \mathbf{Rep}(T)$ with

$$F(gt) = t^{-1} \cdot F(g) \quad (\forall g \in p^{-1}(U), t \in T),$$

and T -equivariant natural transformations as morphisms. Here $p^{-1}(U)$ is a discrete category with right T -action $g \mapsto gt$, while T acts on $\mathbf{Rep}(T)$ by conjugation $(t \cdot \rho)(s) := \rho(t^{-1}st)$. For $V \subseteq U$, restriction is $F \mapsto F|_{p^{-1}(V)}$.

An object $F \in \mathcal{R}(U)$ may be viewed more geometrically as the assignment, for each point $x \in U$, of a representation of the stabilizer T_x , compatibly with the conjugation isomorphisms along the G -orbit.

Indeed, the T -equivariance condition

$$F(gt) = t^{-1} \cdot F(g)$$

guarantees that the datum assigned at $g \in G$ depends only on the basepoint $x = p(g)$ and transforms correctly under change of representative.

Proposition 4.2 (Factorization along the fibres). *The condition $F(gt) = t^{-1} \cdot F(g)$ implies that F is constant along the fibres of p and determines a map $\tilde{F} : U \rightarrow \bigsqcup_{x \in U} \mathbf{Rep}(T_x)$ such that for $x = p(g)$,*

$$F(g) = g^{-1} \cdot \tilde{F}(x), \quad T_x = gTg^{-1}.$$

Conversely, a choice $x \mapsto \tilde{F}(x) \in \mathbf{Rep}(T_x)$ compatible with conjugation determines F by this formula. Thus \mathcal{R} is the associated stack $G \times^T \mathbf{Rep}(T) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$.

4.3 Descent data and explicit gluing

Let $U = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ be an open cover; write $U_{ij} = U_i \cap U_j$, $U_{ijk} = U_i \cap U_j \cap U_k$.

Definition 4.3 (Descent datum in \mathcal{R}). *A descent datum over $\{U_i\}$ is a family $F_i \in \mathcal{R}(U_i)$ with T -equivariant isomorphisms*

$$\phi_{ij} : F_i|_{U_{ij}} \xrightarrow{\sim} F_j|_{U_{ij}}$$

such that on triple overlaps U_{ijk} one has the cocycle identity $\phi_{jk} \circ \phi_{ij} = \phi_{ik}$. Morphisms of descent data are families $\{\alpha_i : F_i \rightarrow G_i\}$ with $\phi_{ij}^G \circ \alpha_i = \alpha_j \circ \phi_{ij}^F$ on U_{ij} .

Proposition 4.4 (Descent for \mathcal{R} , with explicit gluing). *Since G is compact, the stabilizer T is a compact torus and the category $\mathbf{Rep}(T)$ is semisimple. In particular it has finite products and equalizers; the proof only uses finite limits (and one may reduce to finite subcovers), hence no set-theoretic issues appear.*

For every cover $U = \bigcup U_i$, the canonical functor

$$\mathcal{R}(U) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Desc}_{\mathcal{R}}(U; \{U_i\})$$

is an equivalence of categories.

Proof. We construct a quasi-inverse $\mathbf{Glue} : \mathrm{Desc}_{\mathcal{R}}(U; \{U_i\}) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(U)$ and verify that it is inverse up to canonical isomorphism.

Step 1: explicit construction of the glued object. Since $p^{-1}(U)$ is a discrete category, all limits in $\mathbf{Rep}(T)$ are computed pointwise, and restriction along an inclusion $p^{-1}(V) \subset p^{-1}(U)$ preserves these limits automatically. Fix a descent datum (F_i, ϕ_{ij}) . For each $g \in p^{-1}(U)$, choose any index $i(g) \in I$ such that $p(g) \in U_{i(g)}$, and define

$$F(g) := F_{i(g)}(g). \tag{1}$$

This is well defined up to the isomorphisms ϕ_{ij} : if $p(g) \in U_i \cap U_j$, then $\phi_{ij}(g) : F_i(g) \xrightarrow{\sim} F_j(g)$ identifies the two choices.

Step 2: independence of the choice. If i, j are two indices with $p(g) \in U_i \cap U_j$, the cocycle condition ensures that the resulting object $F(g)$ is well defined up to canonical isomorphism in $\mathbf{Rep}(T)$. More precisely, the map F takes values in the disjoint union of isomorphism classes, and the cocycle ensures coherence.

Step 3: T -equivariance of F . For any $t \in T$,

$$F(gt) = F_{i(gt)}(gt).$$

Since $p(gt) = p(g)$, we have $i(gt) = i(g)$, and each F_i is T -equivariant, so

$$F(gt) = F_{i(g)}(gt) = t^{-1} \cdot F_{i(g)}(g) = t^{-1} \cdot F(g).$$

Thus $F \in \mathcal{R}(U)$.

Step 4: comparison isomorphisms on U_i . For each $i \in I$, the restriction $F|_{U_i}$ is canonically isomorphic to F_i via the maps $\phi_{i,i(g)}$ for $g \in p^{-1}(U_i)$. These isomorphisms are compatible on overlaps by the cocycle condition.

Step 5: uniqueness up to unique isomorphism. Suppose $F, F' \in \mathcal{R}(U)$ are two gluings of the same datum, with comparison isomorphisms $\psi_i : F|_{U_i} \xrightarrow{\sim} F_i$ and $\psi'_i : F'|_{U_i} \xrightarrow{\sim} F_i$ as above. For each $g \in p^{-1}(U)$, choose i with $p(g) \in U_i$ and define

$$\Psi(g) := (\psi'_i(g))^{-1} \circ \psi_i(g) : F(g) \rightarrow F'(g).$$

This is independent of the choice of i : if $p(g) \in U_i \cap U_j$, then

$$(\psi'_j)^{-1} \psi_j = ((\phi_{ji} \psi'_i))^{-1} (\phi_{ji} \psi_i) = (\psi'_i)^{-1} \psi_i,$$

using $\psi_j = \phi_{ji} \psi_i$ and $\psi'_j = \phi_{ji} \psi'_i$ on U_{ij} . Thus Ψ is well defined and gives a natural isomorphism $\Psi : F \xrightarrow{\sim} F'$. It is T -equivariant because each ψ_i, ψ'_i is so.

Uniqueness: if $\Theta : F \rightarrow F'$ is another natural isomorphism with $\psi'_i \Theta|_{U_i} = \psi_i$, then for each g and a chosen $i \ni p(g)$, $\Theta(g) = (\psi'_i(g))^{-1} \psi_i(g) = \Psi(g)$. Hence $\Theta = \Psi$ is unique.

Step 6: gluing of morphisms. Let $\alpha_i : F_i \rightarrow G_i$ be a morphism of descent data, i.e. $\phi_{ij}^G \circ \alpha_i = \alpha_j \circ \phi_{ij}^F$ on U_{ij} . Define $\alpha : p^{-1}(U) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Rep}(T)}$ by

$$\alpha(g) := \alpha_{i(g)}(g).$$

If $p(g) \in U_i \cap U_j$, then

$$\alpha_j(g) = \phi_{ji}^G(g) \alpha_i(g) (\phi_{ji}^F(g))^{-1},$$

so $\alpha(g)$ is independent of the choice of $i(g)$ up to the identifications already fixed in Step 4; hence α is a morphism $F \rightarrow G$ in $\mathcal{R}(U)$. Uniqueness is immediate from the definition.

Step 7: verification of quasi-inverse property. If $F \in \mathcal{R}(U)$, restricting to U_i and applying the above gluing gives back an object canonically isomorphic to F . Conversely, starting from (F_i, ϕ_{ij}) , the construction (1) produces an object whose restrictions and comparison isomorphisms are exactly (F_i, ϕ_{ij}) . Thus **Glue** is inverse to the restriction functor up to canonical isomorphism, proving that $\mathcal{R}(U) \rightarrow \text{Desc}_{\mathcal{R}}(U; \{U_i\})$ is an equivalence. \square

Remark 4.5 (Why finiteness/limits matter). *The constructions above take place in $\mathbf{Rep}(T)$ and use only finite limits (products/equalizers) implicitly when checking independence of choices and T -equivariance; these limits exist in $\mathbf{Rep}(T)$ and are preserved by restriction along open covers and by the conjugation action of T .*

Remark 4.6 (Conceptual summary). *The explicit gluing just proved is the concrete manifestation of the general fact: the associated object $G \times^T \mathbf{Rep}(T) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ to the principal T -bundle $p : G \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ is a stack; descent along open covers is effective.*

5 The induced G -action on \mathcal{R} and fibrewise equivalences

Let $p : G \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ be the principal T -bundle of Section 4. Recall

$$\mathcal{R}(U) = \text{Fun}_T(p^{-1}(U), \mathbf{Rep}(T)).$$

We write $L_g : G \rightarrow G$, $L_g(h) = gh$ for left translation.

5.1 Conjugation on stabilizers: an equivalence of categories

Fix $x \in \mathcal{O}$ and $g \in G$. Conjugation gives a group isomorphism

$$c_g : T_x \longrightarrow T_{g \cdot x}, \quad c_g(t) = gtg^{-1}.$$

Define the functor

$$c_g^* : \mathbf{Rep}(T_{g \cdot x}) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Rep}(T_x), \quad (c_g^*\rho)(t) := \rho(c_g(t)) = \rho(gtg^{-1}),$$

and on morphisms c_g^* acts as the identity linear map.

Proposition 5.1. *For every $x \in \mathcal{O}$ and $g \in G$, the functor $c_g^* : \mathbf{Rep}(T_{g \cdot x}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Rep}(T_x)$ is an equivalence of categories.*

Proof. *Full and faithful.* Let $\rho, \tau \in \mathbf{Rep}(T_{g \cdot x})$ and $L : V_\rho \rightarrow V_\tau$ linear. Then L intertwines $c_g^*\rho$ and $c_g^*\tau$ iff

$$L\rho(gtg^{-1}) = \tau(gtg^{-1})L \quad (\forall t \in T_x).$$

Setting $s = gtg^{-1} \in T_{g \cdot x}$, this is equivalent to $L\rho(s) = \tau(s)L$ for all $s \in T_{g \cdot x}$, i.e. L is a $T_{g \cdot x}$ -intertwiner $\rho \rightarrow \tau$. Thus c_g^* induces bijections on Hom-sets.

Essentially surjective. For $\sigma \in \mathbf{Rep}(T_x)$ define $\rho \in \mathbf{Rep}(T_{g \cdot x})$ by $\rho(s) := \sigma(g^{-1}sg)$. Since conjugation by g is a group isomorphism $T_{g \cdot x} \rightarrow T_x$, the assignment $s \mapsto g^{-1}sg$ ensures that ρ is again a well-defined representation.

Then $(c_g^*\rho)(t) = \rho(gtg^{-1}) = \sigma(t)$, so $c_g^*\rho \simeq \sigma$. Hence every object of $\mathbf{Rep}(T_x)$ lies in the essential image. \square

5.2 Translation functors on \mathcal{R}

Definition 5.2 (Left-translation action on \mathcal{R}). *For $g \in G$ and $U \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ open, define*

$$g_* : \mathcal{R}(U) \longrightarrow \mathcal{R}(gU), \quad (g_*F)(h) := F(L_{g^{-1}}(h)) = F(g^{-1}h),$$

and, for a natural transformation $\alpha : F \Rightarrow F'$, $(g_*\alpha)(h) := \alpha(g^{-1}h)$.

Lemma 5.3 (Well-definedness). *If $F \in \mathcal{R}(U)$ is T -equivariant, then $g_*F \in \mathcal{R}(gU)$ is T -equivariant. Moreover g_* is a functor.*

Proof. Let $h \in p^{-1}(gU)$ and $t \in T$. Since $L_{g^{-1}}$ commutes with the right T -action,

$$(g_*F)(ht) = F(g^{-1}ht) = F((g^{-1}h)t) = t^{-1} \cdot F(g^{-1}h) = t^{-1} \cdot (g_*F)(h).$$

Hence g_*F is T -equivariant. Functoriality follows since $(g_*\alpha)(h) = \alpha(g^{-1}h)$ respects identities and composition pointwise. \square

Proposition 5.4 (Strict functoriality). *For all $g, h \in G$ and open $U \subseteq \mathcal{O}$,*

$$(gh)_* = g_* \circ h_* : \mathcal{R}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(ghU), \quad e_* = \text{Id}_{\mathcal{R}(U)}.$$

Proof. Evaluate on $F \in \mathcal{R}(U)$ and $k \in p^{-1}(ghU)$:

$$((g_* \circ h_*)F)(k) = (h_*F)(g^{-1}k) = F(h^{-1}g^{-1}k) = F((gh)^{-1}k) = ((gh)_*F)(k).$$

The identity case is immediate from $L_e = \text{id}$. The strictness of the identities follows from the discreteness of $p^{-1}(U)$, so that all compositions are computed pointwise. \square

Proposition 5.5 (Compatibility with restriction). *If $V \subseteq U$ then, as functors $\mathcal{R}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(gV)$,*

$$(g_*F)|_{gV} = g_*(F|_V) \quad \text{and} \quad (g_*\alpha)|_{gV} = g_*(\alpha|_V).$$

Proof. For $k \in p^{-1}(gV)$ we have $g^{-1}k \in p^{-1}(V)$, hence

$$((g_*F)|_{gV})(k) = (g_*F)(k) = F(g^{-1}k) = (F|_V)(g^{-1}k) = (g_*(F|_V))(k).$$

The statement for morphisms is pointwise identical. \square

5.3 Fibrewise description: relation with conjugation

Recall Proposition 4.2: an object $F \in \mathcal{R}(U)$ corresponds to a function $\tilde{F} : U \rightarrow \bigsqcup_{x \in U} \mathbf{Rep}(T_x)$ such that

$$F(h) \cong \theta_h^*(\tilde{F}(p(h))), \quad \theta_h : T \xrightarrow{\sim} T_{p(h)}, \quad \theta_h(t) = hth^{-1}.$$

Proposition 5.6 (Fibres under g_*). *Let $x \in U$ and $y = g \cdot x \in gU$. If $\tilde{F}(x) \in \mathbf{Rep}(T_x)$ represents the fibre of F at x , then the fibre of g_*F at y is*

$$\widetilde{(g_*F)}(y) \cong (c_{g^{-1}})^*(\tilde{F}(x)) \in \mathbf{Rep}(T_y).$$

Proof. Pick $k \in p^{-1}(y)$, so $p(g^{-1}k) = x$. Using the factorization for F ,

$$(g_*F)(k) = F(g^{-1}k) \cong \theta_{g^{-1}k}^*(\tilde{F}(x)).$$

On the other hand the fibre description for g_*F at y says $(g_*F)(k) \cong \theta_k^*(\widetilde{(g_*F)}(y))$. Since $\theta_{g^{-1}k} = c_{g^{-1}} \circ \theta_k$ (check directly),

$$\theta_{g^{-1}k}^* = \theta_k^* \circ (c_{g^{-1}})^*.$$

Thus $\theta_k^*(\widetilde{(g_*F)}(y)) \cong \theta_k^*((c_{g^{-1}})^*\tilde{F}(x))$, and applying the faithful functor θ_k^* yields $\widetilde{(g_*F)}(y) \cong (c_{g^{-1}})^*\tilde{F}(x)$. \square

6 Global sections and the G -action

6.1 Global sections as maps of stacks over the base

Let $1_{\mathcal{O}}$ denote the terminal stack on \mathcal{O} (the constant groupoid with one object and one arrow on each open).

Proposition 6.1. *There is a canonical equivalence of categories*

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{O}) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Stk}/\mathcal{O}}(1_{\mathcal{O}}, \mathcal{R}).$$

Proof. A morphism $\Phi : 1_{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ over \mathcal{O} amounts to an object $s := \Phi_{\mathcal{O}}(*) \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{O})$ whose restrictions satisfy $\Phi_V(*) = s|_V$ for all opens $V \subseteq \mathcal{O}$; conversely an $s \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{O})$ defines a morphism by $\Phi_s(U) := s|_U$ and Φ_s on arrows the identity. These assignments are inverse up to unique isomorphism and functorial in morphisms. \square

6.2 The strict G -action on $\mathcal{R}(U)$ and on global sections

For each open $U \subseteq \mathcal{O}$, Definitions 5.2–5.4 give functors

$$g_* : \mathcal{R}(U) \longrightarrow \mathcal{R}(gU)$$

with $(gh)_* = g_* \circ h_*$ and $e_* = \text{Id}$, and which commute strictly with restrictions (Prop. 5.5).

Proposition 6.2 (Strict action on global sections). *Since $g\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}$ for all $g \in G$, the assignment*

$$G \times \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{O}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{O}), \quad (g, s) \mapsto g_* s$$

defines a strict action of G on the category $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{O})$:

$$(gh)_* s = g_*(h_* s), \quad e_* s = s,$$

and likewise on morphisms of $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{O})$.

Proof. These are precisely the identities of Proposition 5.4, evaluated at $U = \mathcal{O}$. \square

Proposition 6.3 (Compatibility with restriction squares). *For every inclusion $V \subseteq U$ and $g \in G$, the square of functors*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{R}(U) & \xrightarrow{g_*} & \mathcal{R}(gU) \\ (-)|_V \downarrow & & \downarrow (-)|_{gV} \\ \mathcal{R}(V) & \xrightarrow{g_*} & \mathcal{R}(gV) \end{array}$$

commutes strictly.

Proof. This is exactly Proposition 5.5. \square

Remark 6.4 (Fibrewise form of the action). *For $s \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{O})$ and $x \in \mathcal{O}$, the fibre at $y = g \cdot x$ of $g_* s$ is $(c_{g^{-1}})^*(s_x) \in \mathbf{Rep}(T_y)$ by Proposition 5.6.*

7 Equivariant stacks vs. stacks over the action groupoid

Let $G \curvearrowright \mathcal{O}$ be the coadjoint action and $G \ltimes \mathcal{O}$ its action groupoid: $\text{Ob} = \mathcal{O}$, arrows $(g, x) : x \rightarrow g \cdot x$, composition $(h, g \cdot x) \circ (g, x) = (hg, x)$.

7.1 Two 2-categories and the comparison functors

(i) G -equivariant stacks over \mathcal{O} . An object is a stack \mathcal{S} on $\text{Op}(\mathcal{O})$ with a *pseudofunctional* G -action: for each $g \in G$ and open $U \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ a functor

$$g_* : \mathcal{S}(U) \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}(gU),$$

together with invertible natural transformations (coherences)

$$\alpha_{g,h} : g_* \circ h_* \xrightarrow{\sim} (gh)_*, \quad \lambda : \text{Id} \xrightarrow{\sim} e_*,$$

such that the usual pentagon and triangle identities hold and all maps commute with restrictions (functorially in U).

(ii) Stacks over the groupoid $G \ltimes \mathcal{O}$. An object is a stack \mathcal{T} on $\text{Op}(\mathcal{O})$ with, for each arrow (g, x) , an equivalence of fibre categories $g_x^* : \mathcal{T}_{g \cdot x} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{T}_x$ and, for each composable pair $(h, g \cdot x) \circ (g, x)$, a specified isomorphism

$$\beta_{h,g,x} : g_x^* \circ h_{g \cdot x}^* \xrightarrow{\sim} (hg)_x^*,$$

plus units $\eta_x : \text{Id}_{\mathcal{T}_x} \xrightarrow{\sim} e_x^*$, satisfying the standard groupoid pentagon/triangle coherences and naturality with respect to open restrictions.

We define two 2-functors

$$\mathbf{E} : \text{Stk}_G(\mathcal{O}) \longrightarrow \text{Stk}(G \ltimes \mathcal{O}), \quad \mathbf{A} : \text{Stk}(G \ltimes \mathcal{O}) \longrightarrow \text{Stk}_G(\mathcal{O}),$$

and state (without detailed proof) that they are quasi-inverse.

7.2 From G -equivariant stacks to groupoid stacks

Let $(\mathcal{S}, \{g_*\}, \alpha, \lambda)$ be G -equivariant. Set $\mathbf{E}(\mathcal{S}) =: \mathcal{T}$:

- *Fibre at x .* $\mathcal{T}_x := \mathcal{S}_x$ (fibre of \mathcal{S} at x).
- *Arrow (g, x) .* Put $g_x^* := g^* : \mathcal{S}_{g \cdot x} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_x$ (the pullback on fibres induced by g_*).
- *Coherences.* For composable arrows, take $\beta_{h,g,x}$ to be the fibre of $\alpha_{g,h}^{-1} : g_* \circ h_* \Rightarrow (gh)_*$. Units η_x are the fibres of λ^{-1} .

7.3 From groupoid stacks to G -equivariant stacks

Let $(\mathcal{T}, \{g_x^*\}, \beta, \eta)$ be a stack over $G \ltimes \mathcal{O}$. Define $\mathbf{A}(\mathcal{T}) =: \mathcal{S}$ by:

- *Objects.* For $U \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ open, set $\mathcal{S}(U) := \mathcal{T}(U)$.
- *G -action.* For $g \in G$,

$$g_* : \mathcal{S}(U) \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}(gU), \quad (g_* A)_y := (g^{-1})_y^*(A_{g^{-1}y}) \quad (y \in gU),$$

and $(g_* f)_y := (g^{-1})_y^*(f_{g^{-1}y})$ fibrewise on morphisms.

- *Coherences.* Define

$$\alpha_{g,h}(A) \text{ at fibre } z := \beta_{g^{-1},h^{-1},z}^{-1} : (g^{-1})_z^*((h^{-1})_{g^{-1}z}^*(A_{(hg)^{-1}z})) \xrightarrow{\sim} ((hg)^{-1})_z^*(A_{(hg)^{-1}z}),$$

and $\lambda(A)$ at z to be $\eta_z^{-1} : A_z \xrightarrow{\sim} (e^{-1})_z^*(A_z)$.

7.4 Equivalence of 2-categories (statement)

Theorem 7.1. \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{A} give mutually quasi-inverse 2-equivalences between G -equivariant stacks over \mathcal{O} and stacks over $G \ltimes \mathcal{O}$.

Proof. Starting with $(\mathcal{S}, \{g_*\}, \alpha, \lambda)$, the composite $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{E}(\mathcal{S}))$ recovers the original g_* and coherences fibrewise, yielding a canonical 2-isomorphism $\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{E} \Rightarrow \text{Id}$. Since the site $\text{Op}(\mathcal{O})$ is subcanonical and all stacks considered are fibrewise small, the general results of [11, 1] apply directly. Conversely, for $(\mathcal{T}, \{g_x^*\}, \beta, \eta)$, the composite $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}(\mathcal{T}))$ reconstructs the same fibre functors and coherences up to canonical identifications, giving $\mathbf{E} \circ \mathbf{A} \Rightarrow \text{Id}$. The verification of coherence diagrams (pentagon and triangle identities) is standard; see [11, 1] for the general framework. \square

Remark 7.2 (Strict vs. weak actions). *If one prefers strict actions $(gh)_* = g_* \circ h_*$, $e_* = \text{Id}$ (as in our stack \mathcal{R}), take $\alpha = \lambda = \text{id}$; the equivalence becomes tautological on fibres. In general, pseudofunctorial actions are unavoidable, but the 2-equivalence remains valid.*

Remark 7.3 (Conceptual meaning of the theorem). *This theorem tells us that working with a G -equivariant stack \mathcal{R} over \mathcal{O} is equivalent to working with a stack over the action groupoid $G \ltimes \mathcal{O}$. In our setting, this means that the transport of local stabilizer representations by conjugation is naturally encoded in the groupoid structure.*

8 The prequantum line bundle as a rank-one global section

Fix $x_0 \in \mathcal{O}$, $T = G_{x_0}$ and identify $\mathcal{O} \simeq G/T$ via $p : G \rightarrow G/T$. Let $\Lambda^\vee = \text{Hom}(T, U(1))$ be the character lattice; for $\chi \in \Lambda^\vee$ let \mathbb{C}_χ be the one-dimensional T -module of weight χ .

8.1 From a character to a rank-one object of \mathcal{R}

Definition 8.1 (Rank-one section). Define $S_\chi \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{O})$ by

$$(S_\chi)_x := (\mathbb{C}, \chi_x), \quad \chi_x(t) := \chi(g^{-1}tg) \quad \text{for } x = g \cdot x_0, t \in T_x = gTg^{-1}.$$

This is well defined (independent of the choice of g modulo T).

Lemma 8.2. S_χ is a global object of \mathcal{R} , and for every $h \in G$, $h_*S_\chi = S_\chi$ fibrewise.

Proof. If $g' = gt$ then $\chi((g')^{-1}(\cdot)g') = \chi(t^{-1}g^{-1}(\cdot)gt) = \chi(g^{-1}(\cdot)g)$ since χ is a character of T . For $h \in G$ and $y = h \cdot x$, $(h_*S_\chi)_y = h^*(S_\chi)_x = \chi((hg)^{-1}(\cdot)(hg)) = (S_\chi)_y$. \square

8.2 Identification with the associated line bundle

Definition 8.3 (Associated line bundle). Let

$$L_\chi := G \times^T \mathbb{C}_\chi \longrightarrow G/T \simeq \mathcal{O},$$

the quotient of $G \times \mathbb{C}$ by $(g, z) \sim (gt, \chi(t)^{-1}z)$; G acts by $h \cdot [g, z] = [hg, z]$.

Proposition 8.4. Under the identification $\mathcal{R} \simeq G \times^T \mathbf{Rep}(T)$, the rank-one object S_χ corresponds to the associated line bundle L_χ . In particular, sections of L_χ are the same as T -equivariant functions $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with $f(gt) = \chi(t)^{-1}f(g)$, and the G -action on $\Gamma^\infty(\mathcal{O}, L_\chi)$ matches the action on S_χ .

Proof. An object of \mathcal{R} is, by definition, a T -equivariant functor on $p^{-1}(U)$; the rank-one object given by \mathbb{C}_χ produces the associated bundle $G \times^T \mathbb{C}_\chi$, and the G -equivariance is inherited from left translation on G . Sections vs. equivariant functions is the standard associated-bundle identification. \square

8.3 Principal connection and curvature equals KKS

Choose an $\mathrm{Ad}(T)$ -invariant reductive decomposition $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{t} \oplus \mathfrak{m}$. Let $\theta \in \Omega^1(G, \mathfrak{g})$ be the left Maurer–Cartan form and set

$$A := \mathrm{pr}_{\mathfrak{t}}(\theta) \in \Omega^1(G, \mathfrak{t}), \quad \theta_{\mathfrak{m}} := \mathrm{pr}_{\mathfrak{m}}(\theta).$$

Lemma 8.5 (Canonical principal T -connection). A is a principal connection one-form on $p : G \rightarrow G/T$: it is right T -equivariant ($R_t^*A = \mathrm{Ad}(t^{-1})A$) and reproduces vertical generators ($A(\xi_G) = \xi$ for all $\xi \in \mathfrak{t}$).

Proof. For $t \in T$, $R_t^*\theta = \mathrm{Ad}(t^{-1})\theta$; projecting to \mathfrak{t} yields the first claim. Since the projection $\mathrm{pr}_{\mathfrak{t}}$ is $\mathrm{Ad}(T)$ -equivariant by construction of the reductive decomposition, the resulting form A is again $\mathrm{Ad}(T)$ -equivariant. If $\xi \in \mathfrak{t}$, the fundamental vertical field is $\xi_G(g) = \frac{d}{ds}|_0 g \exp(s\xi)$; then $\theta(\xi_G) = \xi$ so $A(\xi_G) = \xi$. \square

Definition 8.6 (Induced connection on L_χ). Let $\lambda \in \mathfrak{t}^*$ be the differential of χ , $\chi(\exp H) = e^{2\pi i \lambda(H)}$. The connection on L_χ associated to A has connection 1-form

$$\alpha_\lambda := 2\pi i \lambda(A) \in \Omega^1(G, i\mathbb{R})$$

on the principal bundle, which descends to L_χ by the associated-bundle construction.

Proposition 8.7 (Curvature equals the KKS form). Let $\Omega = dA + \frac{1}{2}[A \wedge A] \in \Omega^2(G, \mathfrak{t})$ be the curvature of A . Then for horizontal vectors the basic 2-form $2\pi i \lambda(\Omega)$ descends to the base and equals

$$F_{\nabla^\chi} = i\omega_\lambda,$$

where ω_λ is the Kirillov–Kostant–Souriau form on G/T : at eT and $X, Y \in \mathfrak{m}$,

$$\omega_\lambda(\overline{X}, \overline{Y}) = 2\pi \lambda([X, Y]_{\mathfrak{t}}).$$

Under the identification $\mathcal{O} \simeq G/T$, the value of the functional λ corresponds to the base point $x \in \mathcal{O}$, so that the expression $2\pi \lambda([X, Y]_{\mathfrak{t}})$ matches the standard KKS formula $\langle x, [X, Y] \rangle$.

Proof. Since G is compact, there exists an $\text{Ad}(G)$ -invariant inner product on \mathfrak{g} . Taking $\mathfrak{m} := \mathfrak{t}^\perp$ yields an $\text{Ad}(T)$ -invariant reductive decomposition $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{t} \oplus \mathfrak{m}$, with $[\mathfrak{t}, \mathfrak{m}] \subset \mathfrak{m}$.

The Maurer–Cartan equation $d\theta + \frac{1}{2}[\theta, \theta] = 0$ and the decomposition $\theta = A + \theta_{\mathfrak{m}}$ give

$$dA + \frac{1}{2}[A \wedge A] = -\frac{1}{2}\text{pr}_{\mathfrak{t}}[\theta_{\mathfrak{m}} \wedge \theta_{\mathfrak{m}}],$$

since $\text{pr}_{\mathfrak{t}}[A \wedge \theta_{\mathfrak{m}}] = 0$. Thus on horizontal vectors $\overline{X}, \overline{Y}$ (lifts of $X, Y \in \mathfrak{m}$),

$$\Omega(\overline{X}, \overline{Y}) = -\frac{1}{2}\text{pr}_{\mathfrak{t}}[X, Y].$$

Pairing with $2\pi i \lambda$:

$$2\pi i \lambda(\Omega)(\overline{X}, \overline{Y}) = -\pi i \lambda([X, Y]_{\mathfrak{t}}) = i\omega_\lambda(\overline{X}, \overline{Y}),$$

with the normalization of Definition 8.6. Since Ω is horizontal and T -equivariant, $2\pi i \lambda(\Omega)$ is basic and descends to the curvature F_{∇^χ} on the base. \square

Corollary 8.8 (Integrality criterion). $c_1(L_\chi) = [\omega_\lambda]/(2\pi) \in H^2(G/T, \mathbb{Z})$. Hence \mathcal{O}_λ is prequantizable iff λ is integral (equivalently, iff χ exists).

Remark 8.9 (Bridging the languages). Section 7 packages transport of local stabilizer representations as a stack over $G \ltimes \mathcal{O}$; Section 8 identifies rank-one such data with the associated line bundle and computes its curvature, recovering the KKS form. In short:

$$\text{rank-one object } S_\chi \iff L_\chi \iff (\omega_\lambda, \lambda \in \Lambda^\vee).$$

9 From sections of the prequantum line to induced representations

Throughout, let G be compact and connected, let $x_0 \in \mathcal{O}$ with stabilizer $T = G_{x_0}$ (a maximal torus in the regular case), and identify $\mathcal{O} \simeq G/T$ via $p : G \rightarrow G/T$. Fix a character $\chi \in \Lambda^\vee = \text{Hom}(T, U(1))$, with differential $\lambda \in \mathfrak{t}^*$. Let $L_\chi \rightarrow G/T$ be the associated line bundle (Def. 8.3), and ∇^χ the G -invariant connection of Section 8, with curvature $F_{\nabla^\chi} = i\omega_\lambda$ (Prop. 8.7).

9.1 The function model of sections and compact induction

Define the *smooth induced space*

$$\mathcal{I}_\chi^\infty := \{ f \in C^\infty(G, \mathbb{C}) \mid f(gt) = \chi(t)^{-1}f(g) \quad \forall g \in G, t \in T \},$$

endowed with the left regular action

$$(L_g f)(h) := f(g^{-1}h), \quad g, h \in G.$$

This is the smooth Fréchet model of the compact induction $\text{Ind}_T^G(\chi^{-1})$.

Proposition 9.1 (Explicit isomorphism $\Gamma^\infty(G/T, L_\chi) \cong \mathcal{I}_\chi^\infty$). *Define*

$$\Phi : \Gamma^\infty(G/T, L_\chi) \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}_\chi^\infty, \quad (\Phi s)(g) := z \text{ such that } s(gT) = [g, z] \in L_\chi.$$

Then Φ is well defined, linear and bijective, with inverse

$$\Psi : \mathcal{I}_\chi^\infty \longrightarrow \Gamma^\infty(G/T, L_\chi), \quad (\Psi f)(gT) := [g, f(g)].$$

Moreover Φ is a G -intertwiner: $\Phi(g \cdot s) = L_g \Phi(s)$ for all $g \in G$.

Proof. Well definedness of Φ . If $gT = g'T$ then $g' = gt$ for some $t \in T$. Write $s(gT) = [g, z] = [gt, z']$; by the defining relation of $G \times^T \mathbb{C}_\chi$ there exists z' with $[gt, z'] = [g, z]$ iff $z' = \chi(t)^{-1}z$. The value $(\Phi s)(g')$ is by definition the unique z' s.t. $s(g'T) = [g', z']$, hence $(\Phi s)(gt) = \chi(t)^{-1}(\Phi s)(g)$, i.e. $\Phi s \in \mathcal{I}_\chi^\infty$.

This uses only the defining relation $(g, z) \sim (gt, \chi(t)^{-1}z)$ for the associated bundle $G \times^T \mathbb{C}_\chi$.

Well definedness of Ψ . If $g' = gt$ then

$$[g', f(g')] = [gt, f(gt)] = [g, \chi(t)f(gt)].$$

The T -equivariance condition $f(gt) = \chi(t)^{-1}f(g)$ shows $[gt, f(gt)] = [g, f(g)]$, so Ψf is well defined and smooth.

Φ and Ψ are inverses. For s , $(\Psi \Phi s)(gT) = [g, (\Phi s)(g)] = [g, z] = s(gT)$. For f , $(\Phi \Psi f)(g)$ is the unique z with $[g, z] = [g, f(g)]$, hence $z = f(g)$.

G -equivariance. The G -action on sections is $(g \cdot s)(x) = g^*(s(g^{-1} \cdot x))$. Evaluate at hT :

$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi(g \cdot s))(h) &= \text{the } z \text{ with } (g \cdot s)(hT) = [h, z] \\ &= g^*(s(g^{-1}hT)) \\ &= g^*([g^{-1}h, (\Phi s)(g^{-1}h)]) \\ &= [h, (\Phi s)(g^{-1}h)]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $(\Phi(g \cdot s))(h) = (\Phi s)(g^{-1}h) = (L_g \Phi s)(h)$ for all h , i.e. $\Phi(g \cdot s) = L_g \Phi(s)$. \square

Remark 9.2 (Functoriality). *The identifications above are natural in χ and compatible with restriction to open subsets, hence also with the stack description in Section 7.*

9.2 Hilbert space picture and unitarity

Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ be a G -invariant Hermitian metric on L_χ and $d\mu_{G/T}$ the G -invariant probability measure on G/T . Define on smooth sections

$$\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle_{G/T} := \int_{G/T} \langle s_1(x), s_2(x) \rangle d\mu_{G/T}(x).$$

Let dg be Haar probability on G , and put on \mathcal{I}_χ^∞ the L^2 inner product

$$\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle_G := \int_G f_1(g) \overline{f_2(g)} dg,$$

which descends to the closed subspace $\mathcal{I}_\chi := L^2(G) \cap \{f(gt) = \chi(t)^{-1}f(g)\}$.

Proposition 9.3 (Isometry and unitary equivalence). *With the choices above, Φ extends by completion to a unitary*

$$\Phi : L^2(G/T, L_\chi) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{I}_\chi,$$

intertwining the unitary G -representations by left translation. In particular, the smooth vectors agree with $\Gamma^\infty(G/T, L_\chi)$ and \mathcal{I}_χ^∞ .

Proof. By Fubini for the principal bundle $G \rightarrow G/T$ (disintegration of Haar),

$$\int_G F(g) dg = \int_{G/T} \int_T F(gt) dt d\mu_{G/T}(gT), \quad (\text{normalize } dt \text{ to prob. on } T).$$

For s_1, s_2 and $f_i = \Phi s_i$ we have $s_i(gT) = [g, f_i(g)]$ and $\langle s_1(gT), s_2(gT) \rangle = f_1(g) \overline{f_2(g)}$ in the standard trivialization. Using $f_i(gt) = \chi(t)^{-1}f_i(g)$ and $|\chi(t)| = 1$,

$$\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle_{G/T} = \int_{G/T} f_1(g) \overline{f_2(g)} d\mu_{G/T}(gT) = \int_G f_1(g) \overline{f_2(g)} dg = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle_G.$$

Thus Φ is an isometry on smooth vectors and extends to a unitary onto the closed subspace \mathcal{I}_χ . G -equivariance of Φ (Prop. 9.1) implies unitarity intertwines the G -actions. \square

9.3 Holomorphic sections and the Borel–Weil theorem

Assume T is a maximal torus and fix a choice of positive roots. The corresponding complex structure on G/T makes it a flag manifold, and L_χ a holomorphic line bundle when χ is dominant integral.

Theorem 9.4 (Borel–Weil [2, 3, 12]). *If χ is dominant integral with differential λ , then $H^0(G/T, L_\chi)$ is an irreducible G -module of highest weight λ . Under the identification of Proposition 9.1, holomorphic sections correspond to functions $f \in \mathcal{I}_\chi^\infty$ annihilated by right-invariant vector fields in \mathfrak{n}^+ .*

Remark 9.5 (Summary of the three equivalent models). *For dominant integral λ (character χ):*

$$H^0(G/T, L_\chi) \cong \mathcal{H}_\chi \subset \text{Ind}_T^G(\chi^{-1}),$$

and, after completion, the unitary representation on $L^2(G/T, L_\chi)$ is unitarily equivalent to the closed G -subrepresentation of $L^2(G)$ consisting of functions with right T -covariance $f(gt) = \chi(t)^{-1}f(g)$.

9.4 Compatibility with the stack action

Let $S_\chi \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{O})$ be the rank-one object of Section 8. The induced G -action on global sections $s \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{O})$ is $(g \cdot s)(x) = g^*s(g^{-1} \cdot x)$ (Prop. 6.2). Under the identification $\Gamma^\infty(G/T, L_\chi) \cong \mathcal{I}_\chi^\infty$ of Prop. 9.1, this action corresponds exactly to left translation $(L_g f)(h) = f(g^{-1}h)$. Hence the representation obtained from the *stack* \mathcal{R} agrees with the *classical* induced (and, in the holomorphic case, Borel–Weil) representation.

10 Synthesis and conceptual summary

We conclude by gathering the main ideas and their interrelations.

10.1 The chain of constructions

Starting from a coadjoint orbit \mathcal{O} of a compact Lie group G , our results assemble into the following sequence:

1. **Local symmetry:** each point $x \in \mathcal{O}$ has a stabilizer T_x , and the category $\text{Rep}(T_x)$ captures a local fragment of symmetry.
2. **Stack construction:** these categories glue to a stack $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$, realized concretely as the associated stack $G \times^T \text{Rep}(T)$ (Sections 3–4).
3. **Descent:** we verify explicitly that families of objects satisfying the Čech cocycle condition glue uniquely (Proposition 4.4), showing that \mathcal{R} is indeed a stack.
4. **G -action:** the coadjoint action lifts to a strict functorial action on \mathcal{R} (Sections 5–6).

5. **Groupoid form:** the G -equivariant structure is equivalent to describing \mathcal{R} as a stack over the action groupoid $G \ltimes \mathcal{O}$ (Section 7), encoding conjugation transport.
6. **Rank-one objects:** characters χ yield rank-one global sections S_χ , identified with the prequantum line bundles $L_\chi \rightarrow G/T$ whose curvature recovers the KKS form (Section 8).
7. **Global sections:** smooth sections of L_χ match the compact induction $\text{Ind}_T^G(\chi^{-1})$, and for dominant integral weights their holomorphic sections give Borel–Weil representations (Section 9).

10.2 Interpretation

Representation theory on a coadjoint orbit is a descent phenomenon: global representations arise as the coherent gluing of local stabilizer symmetries.

The stack \mathcal{R} serves as a categorical analogue of a prequantum object. While a prequantum line bundle encodes the symplectic geometry of \mathcal{O} , the stack \mathcal{R} encodes the transport of representation categories along the orbit. Global sections of \mathcal{R} correspond precisely to representations of G obtained from this coherent descent.

10.3 Context and outlook

The framework unifies geometric quantization, induced representations, and the Borel–Weil theorem under a single conceptual umbrella. It suggests potential generalizations to noncompact groups, orbits with more intricate topology, or higher-categorical refinements, though such developments lie beyond the scope of this work.

In summary, the stack-theoretic organization of local stabilizer representations provides a clean and flexible categorical setting for the orbit method, making explicit the descent mechanism underlying geometric representation theory.

10.4 Final perspective

The chain of ideas

$$\text{Local stabilizers} \Rightarrow \text{Stack of reps} \Rightarrow \text{Action groupoid} \Rightarrow \text{Geometric quantization}$$

shows that representation theory can be understood as a *descent phenomenon*: the “global” representation of G is the coherent shadow of its local self-similar actions across the orbit. The stack \mathcal{R} makes this descent explicit, providing both a conceptual framework and concrete computational tools.

In summary: We have shown that the stack-theoretic organization of local stabilizer representations provides a rigorous categorical foundation for the Kirillov orbit method and geometric quantization, unifying these classical theories within a single coherent picture.

10.5 Example: $G = \mathrm{SU}(2)$ and $\mathcal{O} \simeq \mathbb{C}P^1$

Let $T = \{\mathrm{diag}(e^{i\theta}, e^{-i\theta})\} \cong \mathrm{U}(1)$ and fix $\chi_n : T \rightarrow \mathrm{U}(1)$ by $\chi_n(\mathrm{diag}(e^{i\theta}, e^{-i\theta})) = e^{in\theta}$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then the rank-one section $S_{\chi_n} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{O})$ corresponds to the associated line bundle

$$L_{\chi_n} = G \times^T \mathbb{C}_{\chi_n} \longrightarrow G/T \simeq \mathbb{C}P^1.$$

With the G -invariant connection constructed in Section 8 one has $F_{\nabla_{\chi_n}} = i\omega_{\mathrm{KKS}}$ and

$$c_1(L_{\chi_n}) = \frac{[\omega_{\mathrm{KKS}}]}{2\pi} = n.$$

In particular $L_{\chi_n} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}P^1}(n)$ and prequantization exists iff $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Moreover

$$\Gamma^\infty(G/T, L_{\chi_n}) \cong \{f \in C^\infty(G) \mid f(gt) = \chi_n(t)^{-1}f(g)\} \cong \mathrm{Ind}_T^G(\chi_n^{-1}),$$

with G acting by left translations (Proposition 9.1). For $n \geq 0$, endowing $G/T \simeq \mathbb{C}P^1$ with its standard complex structure, one recovers Borel–Weil:

$$H^0(\mathbb{C}P^1, \mathcal{O}(n)) \cong V_n, \quad \dim V_n = n + 1,$$

the unique irreducible representation of highest weight n (see, e.g., [4, 7]).

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