

(Geometric Langlands correspondence Series)

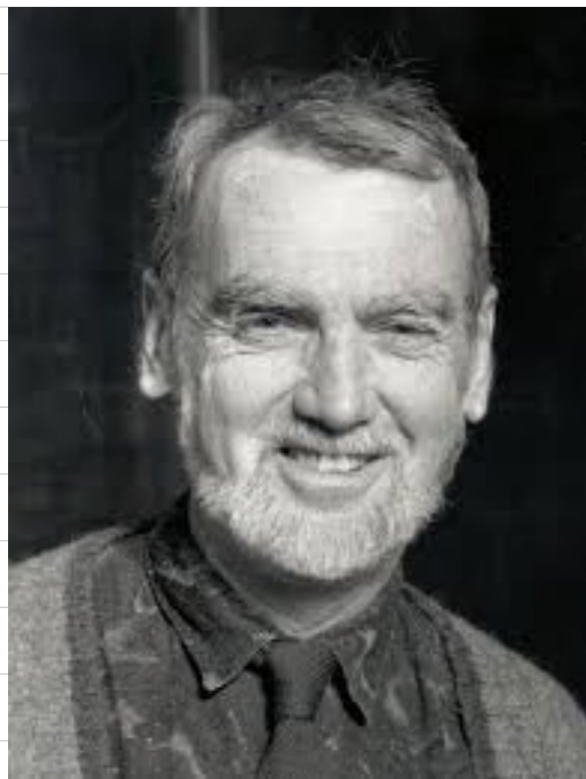
Conformal field theory
& Geometric Langlands

Part I: The protagonists
- \mathcal{D} -modules & opers

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Outline

- ① Conformal blocks
- ② D-modules & Opers



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Part I: Conformal Blocks

§1. Conformal blocks over $M_{g,n}$

§2. Conformal blocks over Bun_G

§1. Conformal blocks
over $M_{g,n}$

Affine Lie algebra $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$

\mathfrak{g} = simple Lie algebra

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mathbb{1} \rightarrow \hat{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{C}(t) \rightarrow 0$$

$\mathbb{1} \in \mathcal{C}(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})$ \uparrow central extension.

$$[A \otimes f(t), B \otimes g(t)] = [A, B]_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes fg - \kappa_0(A, B) \int f dg \cdot \mathbb{1}$$

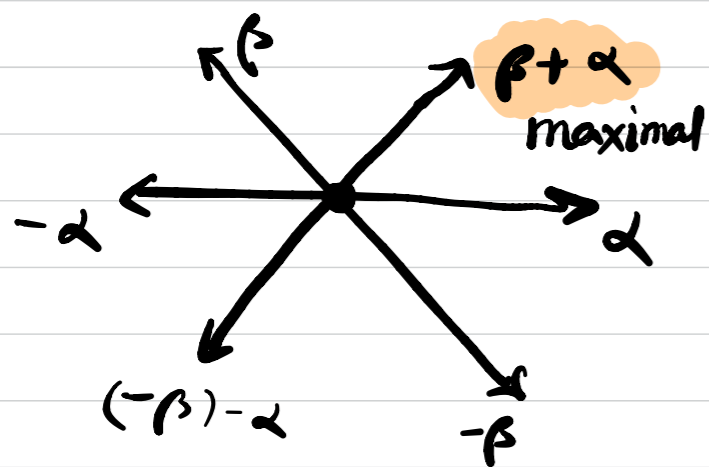
Ex: $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$

$$\kappa_0(A, B) = \text{tr}(AB)$$

\uparrow
normalized
non-degen
inner product

Some Root system facts

$$\mathfrak{g} = A_2 = \mathfrak{sl}_3$$



$$(x|y) = \text{tr}(\text{ad}(x)\text{ad}(y))$$

$$\text{ad}(x): \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}: a \mapsto [x, a]$$

$$(\theta|\theta) = 2$$

weight lattice

$$P = \left\{ \lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* \mid \frac{2(\lambda|\alpha)}{(\alpha|\alpha)} \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \forall \alpha \in \Delta \right\}$$

root system

$$\mathfrak{sl}_2 = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$\begin{matrix} e & f & h \\ x & y & h \end{matrix}$

$$U(\mathfrak{sl}_2) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} U_i$$

$$U_0 = \mathbb{C}$$

$$U_1 = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C}x \oplus \mathbb{C}y \oplus \mathbb{C}h$$

$$U_2 = U_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}xy \oplus \mathbb{C}xh \oplus \mathbb{C}yh \oplus \mathbb{C}x^2 \oplus \mathbb{C}y^2 \oplus \mathbb{C}h^2$$

$$U_i / U_{i-1} = \mathbb{C}[x, x_2, x_3]_i$$

$$\bigoplus U_i / U_{i-1} = \mathbb{C}[x, x_2, x_3]$$

PBW Basis

λ weight

$V_\lambda =$ irred. \mathfrak{g} -repⁿ of highest weight λ

$$\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}_+ \quad \mathfrak{n}_+ \cdot v^+ = 0$$

$$\mathfrak{h} \cdot v^+ = \lambda(\mathfrak{h})v^+$$

$$Z_\lambda = U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{h})} \mathbb{C}v^+$$

I_λ maximal proper submod

$$V_\lambda = Z_\lambda / I_\lambda$$

Its rep's

let $\lambda \in P_l^+$

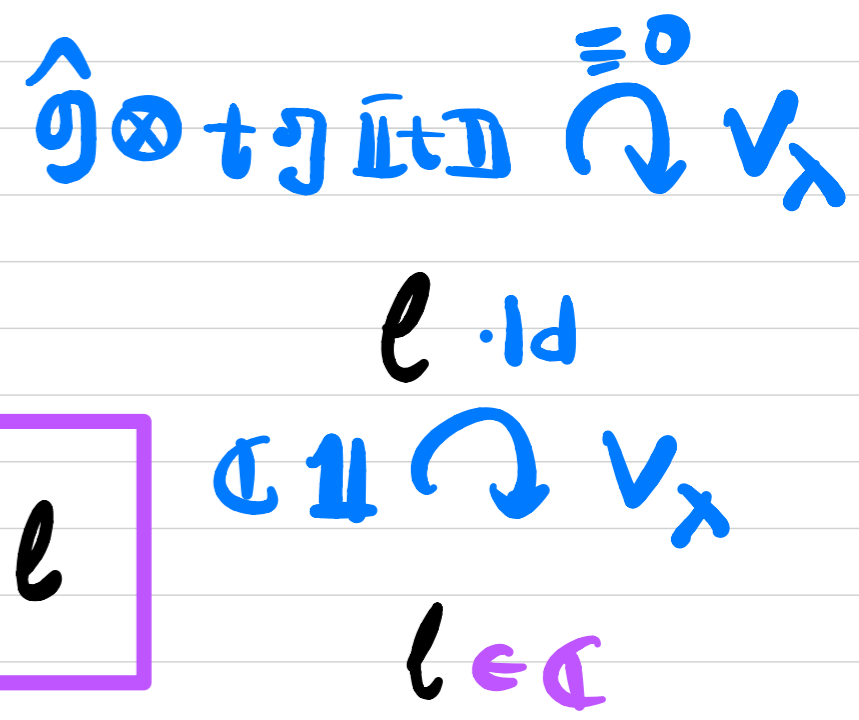
$$P_l^+ = \{ \lambda \in P_+ \mid (\lambda | \theta) \leq l \}$$

↑
positive weight
↑
highest root

V_λ = irred. \mathfrak{g} -rep of highest weight λ

$$M_\lambda = U(\hat{\mathfrak{g}}) \otimes V_\lambda$$

$U(\hat{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t] \oplus \mathbb{C}\mathbb{1})$



$$L_\lambda = M_\lambda / I_\lambda$$

$\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -rep of level l

↑
Irreducible

↓
Maximal proper submodule

Conformal blocks & sheaf of coinvariants

$X =$ smooth curve / \mathbb{C}

$x_1, \dots, x_n =$ distinct points of X

$t_1, \dots, t_n =$ local coordinates

$L_{\lambda_1}, \dots, L_{\lambda_n} =$ level k irred. $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -modules

$L_{\vec{\lambda}} = \bigotimes_{i=1}^n L_{\lambda_i}$ is an irreducible rep'n of

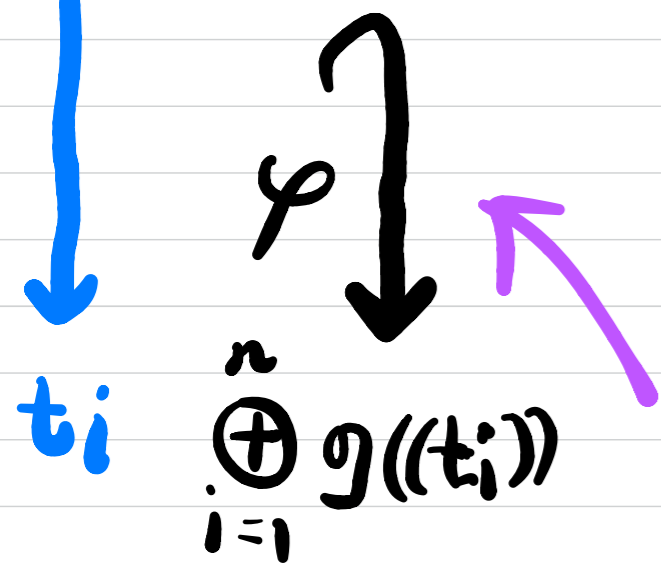
$$\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_n = \mathfrak{g} \otimes \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{C}((t_i)) \right) \oplus \mathbb{C} \mathbb{1}$$

Ex: $(n=2)$ $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_2 \times L_{\vec{\lambda}} \rightarrow L_{\vec{\lambda}}$

$$(\mathfrak{g}_1, \mathfrak{g}_2) \cdot (m_1 \otimes m_2) = (\mathfrak{g}_1 m_1) \otimes m_2 + m_1 \otimes (\mathfrak{g}_2 m_2)$$

$$x_i \quad \mathcal{O}_{\text{out}} := \mathcal{O} \otimes \mathbb{C}[X - \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}]$$

\uparrow \mathcal{O} -valued meromorphic fns on X
with poles only on x_1, \dots, x_n .



$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}(t_i)$$

WANT: Lie alg. homomorphism.

NEED: $\int_{D_{x_i}} f dg_i = 0$

error term

$$[A \otimes f(t), B \otimes g(t)] = [A, B]_{\mathcal{O}} \otimes fg - \int f dg \cdot \mathbb{1}$$

SPONSORED BY: RESIDUE THEOREM

(=0) killing it

$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{out}} \curvearrowright \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\lambda}} = \bigotimes_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}_{\lambda_i}$$

$$H_{\mathcal{G}}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) := \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\lambda}} / \mathcal{G}_{\text{out}} \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\lambda}}$$

sheaf of coinvariants

$$C_{\mathcal{G}}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) := \text{space of linear forms}$$



space of
conformal
blocks.

$$H_{\mathcal{G}}^{\dagger}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\lambda}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

invariant under action of \mathcal{G}_{out}

$$H_g(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$



$$(c, x_1, \dots, x_n, \underbrace{t_1, \dots, t_n}_{\text{NOT NEEDED}})$$

NOT NEEDED

[TUY '89]

$$\Delta_g(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$



$$\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$$

§2. Conformal blocks
over Bun^x_G

What is Bun_G^X ?

semi-simple

$G =$ reductive lie group

$P =$ G -bundle on X

trivialize P at $X \setminus \{x\}$

trivialize P at a small disc D_x

$P =$ coord. change for transition fxn

$X \setminus \{x\}$

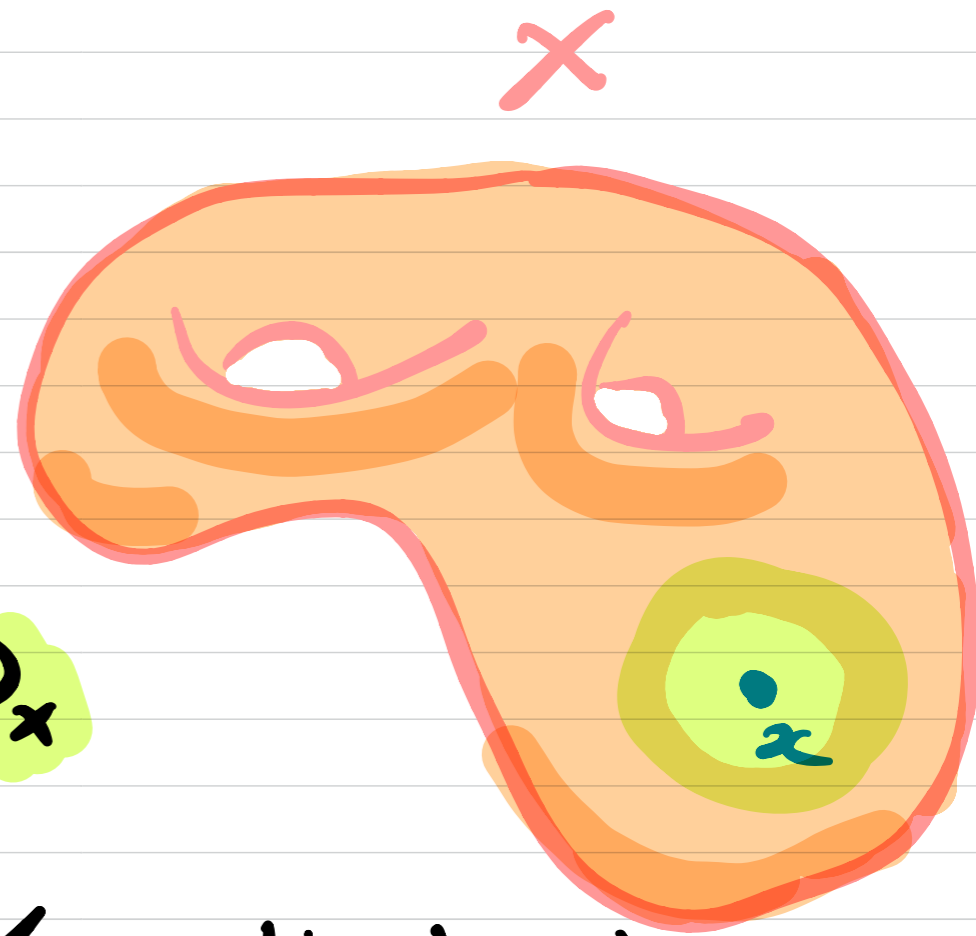
$G(t)$

coordinate change for D_x

$G_{\text{out}} = \{ X \setminus \{x\} \rightarrow G \}$

$G(t)$

$$\text{Bun}_G = G_{\text{out}} \backslash G(t) / G(t) = G_{\text{out}} \backslash G$$



Coinvariants over Bun_G^X

$$P \in \text{Bun}_G^X \quad \mathfrak{g} = \text{corr. Lie algebra}$$

$$\mathfrak{g}_P = P \times_G \mathfrak{g} \leftarrow \text{v.b. of Lie alg over } X$$

$$\mathfrak{g}_P^{\text{out}} = \Gamma(X \setminus \{x\}, \mathfrak{g}_P) \cong \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\lambda}}$$

$$\downarrow \text{ (=0) killing it}$$
$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{g}(t)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\lambda}} / \mathfrak{g}_P^{\text{out}} \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\lambda}} = H_{\mathfrak{g}}^P(\vec{\lambda})$$

fiber over $P \in \text{Bun}_G^X$ of the
v.b. of coinvariant over Bun_G^X .

Part II. \mathcal{D} -modules & Opers

§1. Constructing twisted \mathcal{D} -modules

§2. $V_k(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})$ and its center

§3. \mathfrak{g} -opers on a curve X

2.1. Constructing \mathcal{D} -modules

What is a \mathcal{D} -module?

$X = \text{smooth curve} / \mathbb{C}$

$\mathcal{D}_X = \text{sheaf of differential operators}$

(If $U \subseteq X$, $\mathcal{D}_X(U) = \langle z, \partial/\partial z \rangle$)

A \mathcal{D} -module is a sheaf of \mathcal{D}_X -modules

Ex: $\mathcal{D}_X(U) \curvearrowright \mathcal{O}_X(U)$

$$\left(f_0(z) + f_1(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot g(z) = f_0(z)g(z) + f_1(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} g(z)$$

~~What is a \mathcal{D} -module?~~

MOST IMPORTANTLY

Why am I talking about it??

$$X = \text{Bun}_G = G_{\text{out}} \backslash G_{\text{in}} = G_{\text{out}} \backslash G^{(\mathbb{H})} / G[[t]]$$

$$\mathcal{D}_X = \Omega_Z \otimes k \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G_{\text{out}} \backslash \tilde{Z} = Z \\ \downarrow \\ \text{Bun}_G \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{Z} = \hat{G} / G[[t]] \\ \downarrow \\ G_{\text{in}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left(\mathcal{D}_X \text{ mod } \right) \ni \Delta(V) \xrightarrow{\text{localization operator}} \text{Harish-Chandra module}$$

(Almost a) General construction

\mathfrak{g} simple lie algebra

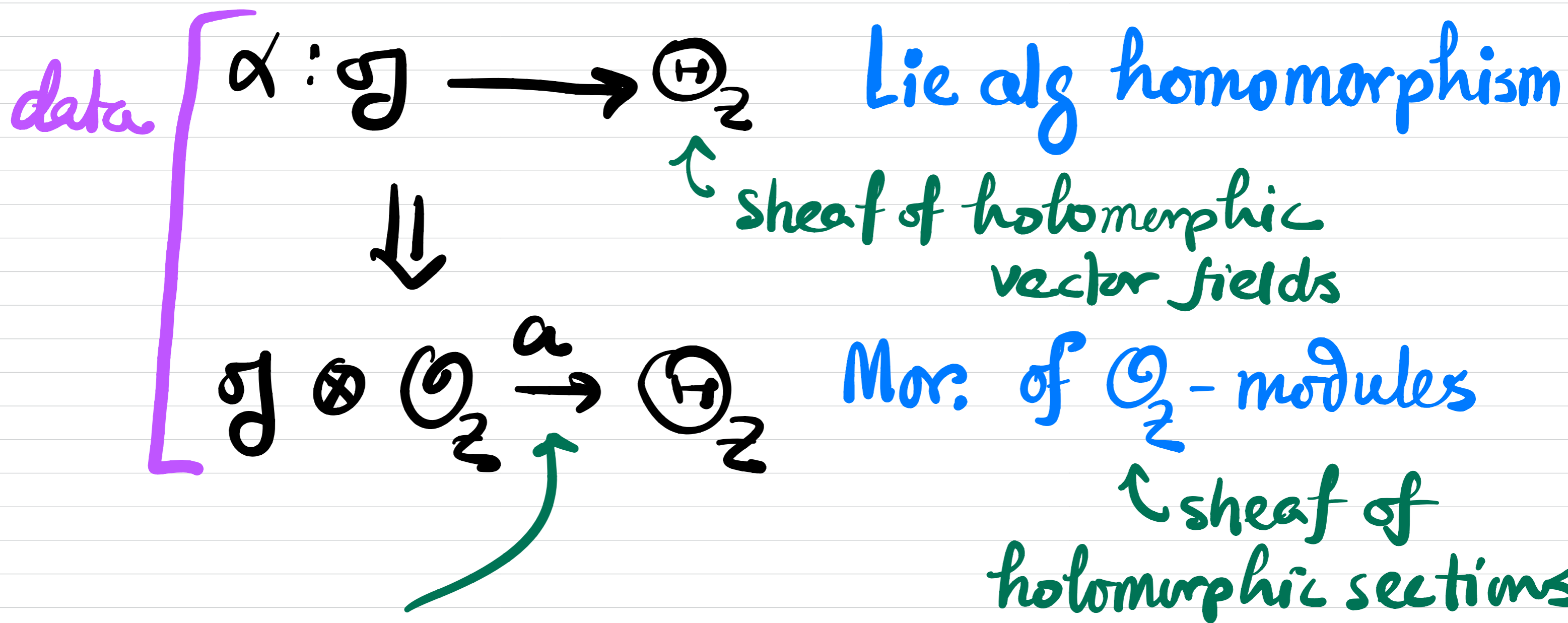
or

\mathfrak{L} lie subalgebra \leftrightarrow K lie group

(K, \mathfrak{g}) a Harish-Chandra pair

Z \mathbb{G} -variety with a (K, \mathfrak{g}) -action

$$\alpha: \mathfrak{g} \times \mathbb{H}_Z \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_Z \quad \& \quad f: K \times Z \rightarrow Z$$



Anchor map (Assume surjective)

$$\mathbb{H}_Z \cong (\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathcal{O}_Z) / \ker a$$

$$\mathbb{Z} = H \backslash G$$

$G = \text{red. lie group}$
 H lie subgroup.

$$(g, K) \curvearrowright H \backslash G$$

transitive action on right

$V = (g, K)$ -module

[BD 1991]

→ [How do you get such a module?]

Answer: Use isomorphism $C_g \cong \text{Fun Proj } D$

G semi-simple reductive lie group

$$\mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \mathbb{F} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{H \backslash G}$$

$A \in \mathfrak{g} \rightsquigarrow \{e^{tA} \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$
↑ one param.
subgroup of G

$$A \longmapsto \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} (e^{tA} \cdot p) \quad \text{at each point } p \in H \backslash G$$

$$a : \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{H \backslash G} \rightarrow \mathbb{F} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{H \backslash G}$$

$$\ker(a)_p = \text{Stab}_p(\mathfrak{g})$$

$$= \left\{ A \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} e^{tA} \cdot p = 0 \right\}$$

$V \in (\mathfrak{g}, K)$ module

V is a rep'n of \mathfrak{g}
 $L \cong V$ exponentiated
to $K \cong V$

$$V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{H \backslash G} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_{H \backslash G})$$

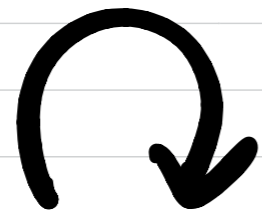
$$\frac{\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{H \backslash G}}{\ker \rho}$$

$$V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{H \backslash G} / \ker \rho \cdot (V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{H \backslash G})$$

is

is

$$\mathbb{H}_{H \backslash G}$$



$$\tilde{\Delta}(V)$$

$$\in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}_{H \backslash G})$$

$$\frac{V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{H \setminus G}}{\ker \alpha \cdot (V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{H \setminus G})}$$

is

$$\tilde{\Delta}(v) \longleftarrow$$



$$H \setminus G$$

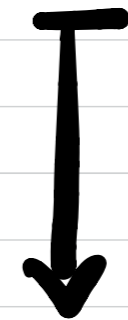
\Rightarrow

space of coinvariants

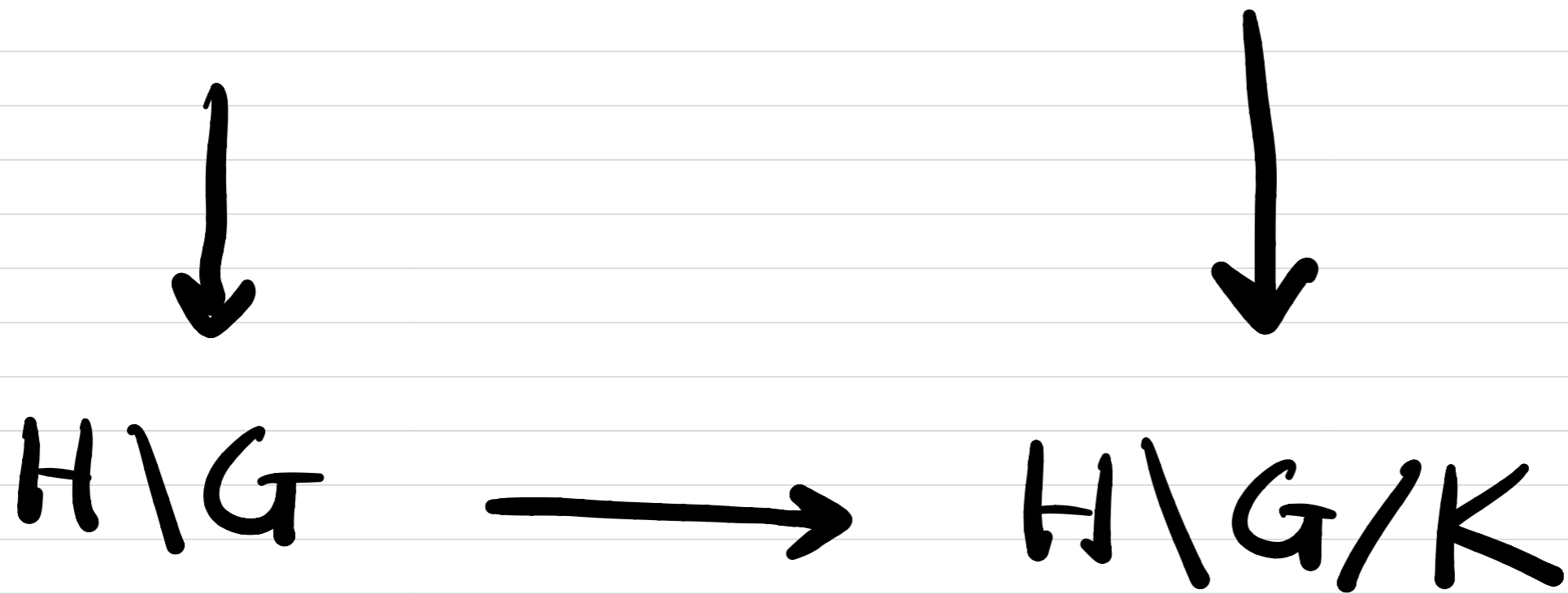
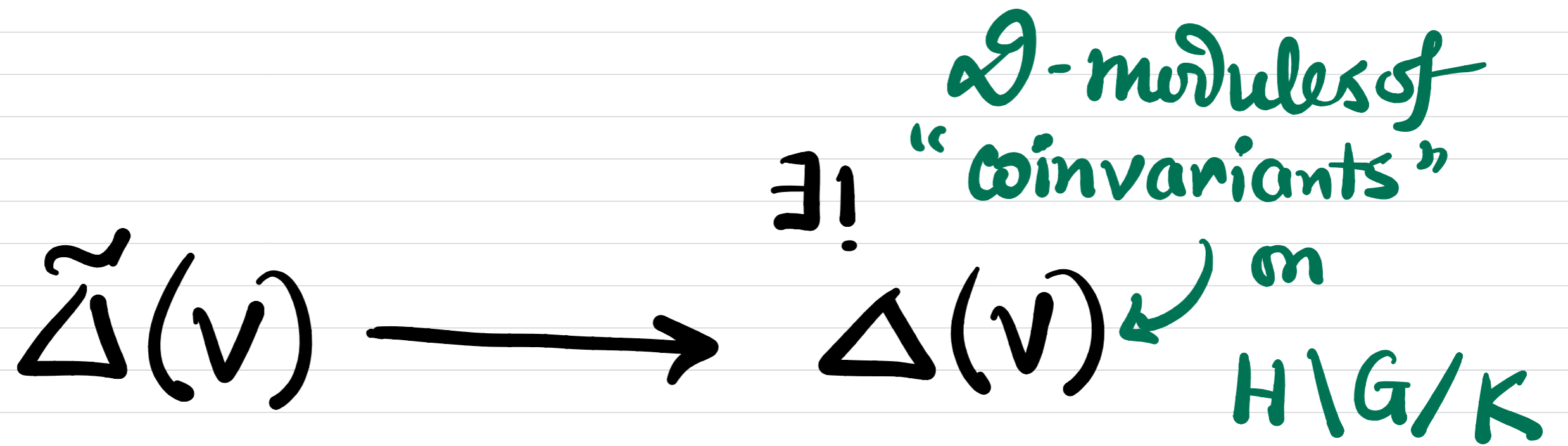


v

$$\frac{V}{\text{Stab}_P(g) \cdot v}$$



P



⚠ Not always a V.B. $\text{Stab}_P(g)$ varies in dimension

Localization functor

Fix: replace \mathfrak{g} with $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ and let
 $1 \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ act as $k \cdot \text{Id}$ on V

$\{ (\hat{\mathfrak{g}}, k)\text{-module} \} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{A}_k' \text{-modules} \\ \text{of "coinvariants"} \\ \text{on } H \backslash G / K \end{array} \right\}$

$V \mapsto \Delta(V)$

Why bother?

$$G = G(k(t))$$

$$K = G[[t]]$$

$$H = G_{\text{out}}$$

$$\left\{ (\hat{\mathfrak{g}}, G[[t]])\text{-Mod} \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow \left\{ \mathcal{D}_k\text{-mod on Bun}_G \right\}$$

$$V \mapsto \Delta(V)$$

$$\text{Stab}_P(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathfrak{g}_{\text{out}}^P = \mathbb{P}(X - \{x\}, \mathfrak{g}_P)$$

τ
G-bundle

$$a: \mathfrak{g} \times \mathcal{O}_{H \setminus G} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{H \setminus G}$$

Precisely sheaf of coinvariants coming from CFT.

$$\Delta(V)_P = V / \mathfrak{g}_{\text{out}}^P \cdot V$$

Let's construct the sheaf \mathcal{D}_k (for $k \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^* \mathbb{1} \rightarrow \widehat{G} \rightarrow G((t)) \rightarrow 0$$



$$\widetilde{L} := \widehat{G} / G[[t]]$$

$$L := G_{\text{out}} \setminus \widetilde{L}$$

$$\downarrow \mathbb{C}^* \text{-bundle} \quad \cong$$

$$Gr = G((t)) / G[[t]]$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$Bun_G = G_{\text{out}} \setminus G((t)) / G[[t]]$$

$$\mathcal{D}'_k := \Omega_L^{\otimes k} \in \text{Mod}(Bun_G)$$

§ 2. Vacuum Verma Modules & its center

[$U_{-h^v}(\mathfrak{g})$ an equivalent
way to see space
of \mathfrak{g} -opers]

The chiral algebra $V_k(\mathfrak{g})$

$k \in \mathbb{C};$

$\mathfrak{g}[[t]] \oplus \mathbb{C}\mathbb{1}$

$V_k(\mathfrak{g}) = U(\hat{\mathfrak{g}}) \otimes \mathbb{C}_k \cong U(\mathfrak{g} \otimes t^{-1}\mathbb{C}[[t^{-1}]])$

vacuum
verma
module

universal
enveloping alg

vacuum
vector

$\int_{n_1}^{a_1}$

$\int_{n_m}^{a_m}$

v_k

$\int_{ii}^{a_1} \otimes t^{n_1}$
 \uparrow
 basis elt of \mathfrak{g}

$(n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \dots \leq n_m < 0)$

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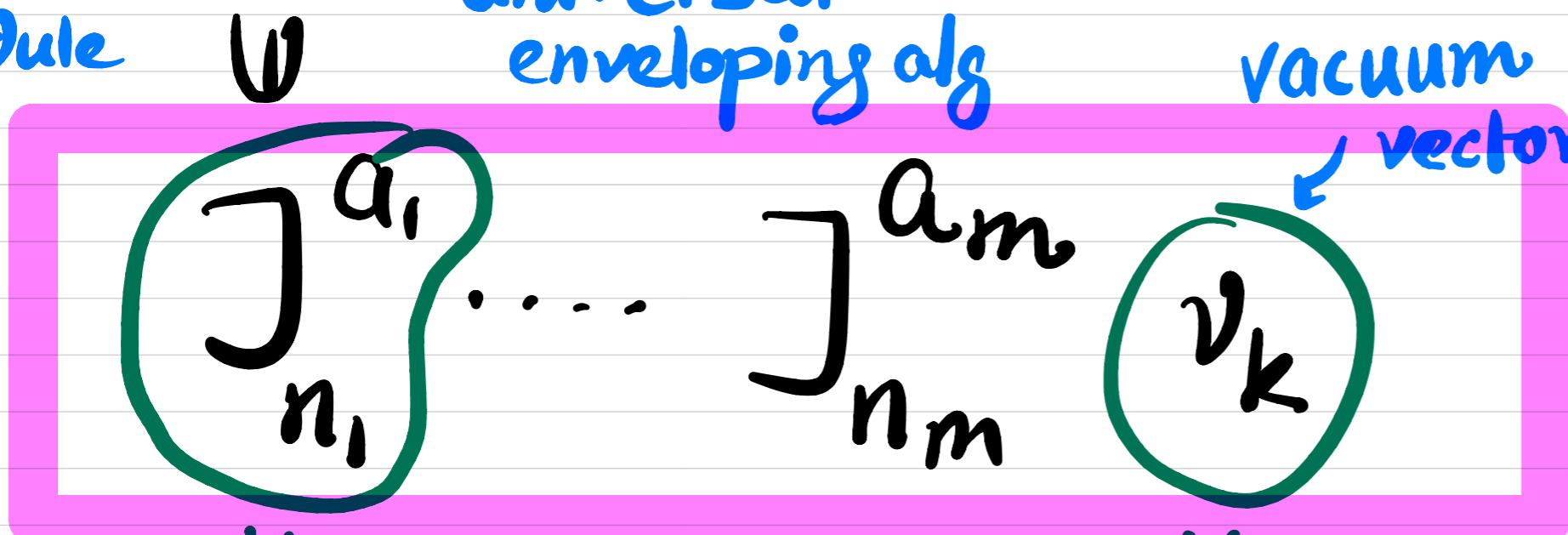
(as v.s.)

$V_k(\mathfrak{g}) = U(\hat{\mathfrak{g}}) \otimes \mathbb{C}_k \cong U(\mathfrak{g}[[t]] \oplus \mathbb{C}\mathbb{1})$

vacuum verma module \rightarrow universal enveloping alg \rightarrow vacuum vector \rightarrow

PBW basis for $V_k(\mathfrak{g})$ of $\text{deg} = -(n_1 + \dots + n_m)$

$(n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \dots \leq n_m < 0)$



$J_{n_1}^{a_1} \otimes t^{n_1}$
 t basis elt of \mathfrak{g}

$\text{Im}(1 \otimes 1)$
of $\text{deg} = 0.$

Segal-Sugawara & Center

$$S' = \frac{1}{2} J_{a,-1} J_{-1}^a \nu_k$$

State

$$S'(z) = \sum S_n z^{-n-2}$$

Field

$J_a =$ dual
basis
elt

$$[S_n, J_m^a] = -(k + \check{h}) m J_{n+m}^a$$

for $k = -\check{h}$; $S_n \in C_{-\check{h}}(\mathfrak{g})$

$$C_{-2}(sl_2) = C[S_n]_{n \leq -2}$$

$$C_k(\mathfrak{g}) = C \nu_k \quad (k \neq -2)$$

Next goal:
develop a coordinate
independent
description

§3. \mathcal{O} -opers on X

[Opers = tool for constructing
Harish-Chandra Module]

sl_2 -opers

$$\mathcal{C}_{-2}(sl_2) \cong \text{Fun}(\text{Proj } D_x) \quad | \quad D_x = \text{formal disc at } x$$

space of projective connections

polynomial functions
on $\text{Proj } D_x$

$$\partial_z^2 - v(z) : \Omega^{-1/2} \rightarrow \Omega^{3/2}$$

$$v(z) = \sum_{n \leq -2} v_n z^{-n-2}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_{-2}(sl_2) \cong \mathcal{C}[S_n]_{n \leq -2} \cong \mathcal{C}[v_n]_{n \leq -2} \cong \text{Fun}(\text{Proj } D_x)$$

$$\mathcal{C}_{-h}^v(\mathfrak{g}) \cong \text{Fun}(\mathcal{O}_{P, \mathfrak{g}}(D_x))$$

\mathfrak{g} -opers

$G =$ lie group of adjoint type
 \mathfrak{g} corresponding to \mathfrak{g}

B_+ = Borel subgroup

Example: $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$

$$SL_2 \rightarrow \mathfrak{sl}_2$$

$$A \mapsto ABA^{-1} \quad (\text{Non faithful adjoint map})$$

$$[-1, -1] \mapsto \text{id}_{\mathfrak{sl}_2}$$

$$\text{Take Image} = SL_2 / \mathbb{Z}(SL_2) = PGL(2)$$

A \mathfrak{g} -oper is a triple $(\mathcal{F}, \nabla, \mathcal{F}_{B_+})$

$U \subseteq X$ open
 with coordinate t

principal G -bundle on X

connection on F

B_+ reduction of \mathcal{F}

$$\nabla_{\partial_t} = \left[\partial_t + \sum_{i=1}^l \psi_i(t) f_i + v(t) \right]$$

↑ an equivalence class of $\partial_t + \sum_{i=1}^l \psi_i(t) f_i + v(t)$

rank of \mathfrak{g} i-th generator of nilpotent subalgebra \mathfrak{n}_-

$$\nabla_{\partial_t} = \partial_t + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \psi_i(t) f_i + v(t)$$

nowhere vanishing function $v \in \mathfrak{b}_+ = \mathfrak{h} + \mathfrak{n}_+$

an element in the Borel subalgebra

But! But! But!

also where are these coming from

WHY 1st ORDER OPERATOR??

Linear algebra

$$\mathfrak{sl}_2\text{-oper} \ni \partial_t^2 - v(t) : \Omega^{-1/2} \rightarrow \Omega^{3/2}$$

$$\mathfrak{sl}_n\text{-oper} \ni \partial_t^n - u_1(t) \partial_t^{n-2} - \dots - u_{n-2}(t) \partial_t - u_{n-1}(t)$$

Linearization

$$\Omega^{-(n-1)/2} \rightarrow \Omega^{(n+1)/2}$$

$$\partial_t + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & u_1(t) & u_2(t) & \dots & u_{n-1}(t) \\ 1 & 0 & & & 0 \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 \\ & & & & & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

[D - Sokolov 1985]

+ = nowhere
vanishing
fxn

* = any fxn

PreOp_{sl_n}(X) = Space of operators

$$\partial_t + \begin{pmatrix} * & * & - & - & - & * \\ + & * & - & - & & * \\ 0 & + & & & & * \\ \vdots & & + & & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & + & & * \end{pmatrix}$$

Op_{sl_n}(X) = PreOp_{sl_n}(X) / gauge transformation

= Space of operators $\partial_t + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & u_1 & - & - & - & u_1 \\ 1 & & & & & 0 \\ & \diagdown & 0 & & & \vdots \\ 0 & & & \diagup & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

PreOp_g(X) = Space of operators $\partial_t + \sum_{i=1}^l \psi_i(t) f_i + v(t)$

PreOp_g(X) = Space of operators $a_t + \sum_{i=1}^l \psi_i(t) f_i + v(t)$

Op_g(X) = Space of operators $a_t + P_{-1} + \sum_{j=1}^l v_j(t) \cdot P_j$

vs
 Proj(X) $\times \left(\bigoplus_{j=2}^l H^0(X, \Omega^{\otimes(d_j+1)}) \right)$

$a_s + P_{-1} + \sum_{j=1}^l \bar{v}_j(s) P_j$

fxns v_j

$t = \varphi(s)$

v_1 transforms as a projective connection

v_j " " a (d_j+1) -differential [F'05]

$2 \leq j \leq l$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}_g}(X) = \text{Space of operators } \partial_t + P_{-1} + \sum_{j=1}^l v_j(t) \cdot P_j$$

$$\cong \text{Proj}(X) \times \left(\bigoplus_{j=2}^l H^0(X, \Omega^{\otimes (d_j+1)}) \right)$$

$\begin{matrix} \updownarrow \\ v_1 \end{matrix} \qquad \begin{matrix} \updownarrow \\ v_2, \dots, v_l \end{matrix}$

fxns v_j
characterize
 $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}_g}(X)$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}_{sl_2}}(X) = \text{Space of operators } \partial_t + P_{-1} + v_1(t) P_1$$

\cong

$$\text{Proj}(X)$$

↑
proj. connection

The End