# Projective functors and their applications 

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## 1 Introduction and motivation

- Let $\mathfrak{g}$ be a semisimple Lie algebra over an algebraically closed field $k$ of characteristic 0 . Set $U=U(\mathfrak{g})$ and let $Z=Z(U)$ be its centre (the ring of Laplace operators).
- Following Bernstein-Gelfand's classic paper [1], we define and investigate projective functors arising from finite-dimensional $\mathfrak{g}$-modules $V$. These are endofunctors of the category $\mathscr{M}_{Z f}$ of $Z$-finite $\mathfrak{g}$-modules, occurring as direct summands of the functor

$$
F_{V}: \mathscr{M}_{Z f} \rightarrow \mathscr{M}_{Z f}, \quad M \mapsto V \otimes M
$$

When restricted to a category $\mathscr{M}(\theta)$ of $\mathfrak{g}$-modules with fixed central character $\theta$, projective functors and their morphisms are well behaved, and admit easy classifications.

- Goals: See/prove the main theorems on projective functors, then apply them in two directions: finding equivalences $\mathscr{M}(\theta) \cong \mathscr{M}\left(\theta^{\prime}\right)$ for certain pairs $\left(\theta, \theta^{\prime}\right)$, and producing an easy proof of Duflo's theorem.

In the second part, we explore connections to the theory of Harish-Chandra modules and principal series representations, obtaining equivalences to subcategories of $\mathcal{O}$ and Jordan-Holder multiplicities (respectively).

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Category theory

- All categories and functors are assumed to be $k$-linear, unless otherwise stated.
- If $\mathscr{B}$ is a complete subcategory of the abelian category $\mathscr{A}$, and $\mathscr{B}$ is closed under subquotients, then $\mathscr{B}$ is abelian too.
- Suppose $\mathscr{A}$ is an abelian category containing a class of objects $\mathscr{P}$ closed under direct sums. An object $A$ is $\mathscr{P}$-generated in case there exists an exact sequence

$$
P \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0
$$

in $\mathscr{A}$, and $\mathscr{P}$-presented in case there is an exact sequence

$$
P^{\prime} \rightarrow P \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0
$$

in $\mathscr{A}$. The full subcategory of $\mathscr{P}$-presentable objects in $\mathscr{A}$ is denoted $\mathscr{A}_{\mathscr{P}}$.

- The opposite algebra of an associative unital $k$-algebra $A$ is denoted $A^{\circ}$. Thus ( $A, B$ )-bimodules $X$ may be identified with left $A \otimes B^{\circ}$-modules. Write $A^{2}$ for the algebra $A \otimes A^{\circ}$.
- Let us denote by $h(X)$ the functor of tensoring induced by $X$ :

$$
h(X): B-\bmod \rightarrow A-\bmod , \quad M \mapsto X \otimes_{B} M
$$

Recall that, by definition, a right continuous functor is right exact and commutes with inductive limits.

- Theorem 2.1 (Watt): Let $\mathscr{C}$ be the full subcategory of right continuous functors within the category of functors $B-\bmod \rightarrow A-\bmod$. Then the functor

$$
h:(A, B)-\operatorname{bimod} \rightarrow \mathscr{C}, \quad X \mapsto h(X)
$$

is an equivalence of categories.

### 2.2 Lie theory

## - Standard notation:

(i) $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ is a Cartan subalgebra, dual to the space $\mathfrak{h}^{*}$ of weights of $\mathfrak{g}$.
(ii) $R^{+}$is a choice of positive roots inside the root system $R$, with half-sum $\rho$ and corresponding nilpotent sublagebra $\mathfrak{n}^{+}$
(iii) To each $\gamma \in R$ corresponds the dual root $h_{\gamma} \in \mathfrak{h}$ and the reflection $\sigma_{\gamma}$,

$$
\sigma_{\gamma}: \mathfrak{h}^{*} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^{*}, \quad \sigma_{\gamma}(\chi)=\chi-\chi\left(h_{\gamma}\right) \gamma
$$

these generate the Weyl group $W=\left\langle\sigma_{\gamma}\right\rangle$.
(iv) $\Lambda=\left\{\chi \in \mathfrak{h}^{*}: \chi\left(h_{\gamma}\right) \in \mathbb{Z}\right.$ for all $\left.\gamma \in R\right\}$ is the lattice of integer weights, containing the sublattice $\Gamma$ generated by $R$.
(v) Given $\chi \in \mathfrak{h}^{*}$, let $R_{\chi}$ denote the set of $\gamma \in R$ for which $\chi\left(h_{\gamma}\right) \in \mathbb{Z}$, and let

$$
W_{\chi}=\operatorname{Stab}_{W}(\chi), \quad W_{\chi+\Gamma}=\operatorname{Stab}_{W}(\chi+\Gamma)
$$

be stabilisers with respect to the action of $W$ on $\mathfrak{h}^{*}$ and $\mathfrak{h}^{*} / \Gamma$. Recall that we call $\chi$ regular in case $W_{\chi}$ is trivial.
(vi) $|\chi|$ denotes the length of $\chi \in \mathfrak{h}^{*}$ with respect to some $W$-invariant inner product on $\Lambda$.

- A partial order on $\mathfrak{h}^{*}$ : Given $\gamma \in R^{+}$, write

$$
\psi<_{\gamma} \chi \quad \text { for } \psi, \chi \in \mathfrak{h}^{*}
$$

whenever $\psi=\sigma_{\gamma}(\chi)$ and $\chi\left(h_{\gamma}\right) \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}$. We then let $\psi<\chi$ whenever there exist

$$
\psi=\psi_{0}, \ldots, \psi_{n}=\chi \in \mathfrak{h}^{*}, \quad \gamma_{1}, \ldots, \gamma_{n}
$$

such that $\psi_{i}<_{\gamma_{i+1}} \psi_{i+1}$ for all $i$. (So $<$ is the transitive closure of all the $<_{\gamma}$.) Call $\chi$ dominant if it is $<$-maximal.

- Central characters of $\mathfrak{g}: ~ \Theta=\operatorname{Hom}(Z, k)$. The kernel $J_{\theta} \subseteq Z$ of $\theta \in \Theta$ is clearly a maximal ideal.
- Denote by $\eta^{*}: Z \rightarrow S(\mathfrak{h})$ the Harish-Chandra homomorphism. Identifying $S(\mathfrak{h})$ with the set of polynomial functions on $\mathfrak{h}^{*}$, we obtain a dual map

$$
\eta: \mathfrak{h}^{*} \rightarrow \Theta, \quad \eta(\chi)(z)=\eta^{*}(z)(\chi)
$$

- Theorem 2.2 (Harish-Chandra): $\eta$ is an epimorphism with fibres

$$
\eta^{-1}(\eta(\chi))=W(\chi)
$$

- Any $(U, U)$-bimodule $Y$ admits an adjoint action of $\mathfrak{g}$ given by

$$
X \cdot u=X u-u X, \quad X \in \mathfrak{g}, u \in U
$$

denote the resulting $\mathfrak{g}$-module by $Y^{\text {ad }}$.

- Theorem 2.3 (Kostant): For any finite-dimensional $\mathfrak{g}$-module $U, \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}\left(L, U^{\text {ad }}\right)$ is naturally a free $Z$-module of rank equal to the multiplicity of the zero weight in $L$.
- Some key categories of $U$-modules: Full inside of $\mathscr{M}=U$-mod:

$$
\mathscr{M}_{f}=\{\text { finitely generated } U \text {-modules }\}, \quad \mathscr{M}_{Z f}=\{Z \text {-finite } U \text {-modules }\} .
$$

For $\theta \in \Theta$ and $n \geq 1$, set $U_{\theta}^{n}=U_{\theta} / J_{\theta}^{n}$ and

$$
\mathscr{M}^{n}(\theta)=\left\{M \in \mathscr{M}: J_{\theta}^{n} M=0\right\}=U_{\theta}^{n}-\bmod
$$

$$
\mathscr{M}^{\infty}(\theta)=\left\{M \in \mathscr{M}: \text { for all } m \in M \text { there exists } n \geq 1 \text { such that } J_{\theta}^{n} m=0\right\}
$$ suppressing the superscript for the case $n=1$.

- Elementary fact: each $Z$-finite module $M$ admits a unique decomposition

$$
M=\bigoplus_{\theta \in \Theta} M_{\theta}, \quad M_{\theta} \in \mathscr{M}^{\infty}(\theta)
$$

- Hence $\mathscr{M}_{Z f} \cong \prod_{\theta} \mathscr{M}^{\infty}(\theta)$ and we obtain projection functors

$$
\operatorname{Pr}(\theta): \mathscr{M}_{Z f} \rightarrow \mathscr{M}^{\infty}(\theta) .
$$

- Also have subcategory $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathscr{M}_{Z f}$, containing the Verma module

$$
M_{\chi}=U / U\left(I_{\chi-\rho}+\mathfrak{n}\right) ;
$$

$I_{\chi-\rho}$ is the ideal in $U(\mathfrak{h}) \subseteq U$ generated by the elements $h-(\chi-\rho)(h)$.

- Verma properties to recall:
(i) The unique and pairwise non-isomorphic simple quotients $L_{\chi}$ of the $M_{\chi}$ exhaust the simple modules in $\mathcal{O}$.
(ii) The natural homomorphism $Z \rightarrow \operatorname{End}_{\mathfrak{g}}\left(M_{\chi}\right)=k$ coincides with the character $\eta(\chi)$.
(iii) There is a unique indecomposable projective object $P_{\chi} \in \mathcal{O}$ mapping onto $L_{\chi}$; these projective objects admit a filtration by Verma modules. The common value

$$
d_{\chi \psi}=\left[M_{\chi}: L_{\chi}\right]=\operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Hom}\left(P_{\psi}, M_{\chi}\right)
$$

satisfies $d_{\chi \psi}>0$ if and only if $\chi>\psi$, and $d_{\chi \chi}=1$.
(iv) The classes $\delta_{\chi}=\left[M_{\chi}\right]$ form an free basis of the Grothendieck group $K(\mathcal{O})$. The unique inner product $\{-,-\}$ on $K(\mathcal{O})$ for which that basis is orthonormal is also clearly $W$-invariant with respect to the action $w \cdot \delta_{\chi}=\delta_{w \chi}$.

## 3 Projective functors

### 3.1 First properties

- Some of the main actors in our story are the functors

$$
F_{V}: \mathscr{M} \rightarrow \mathscr{M}, \quad M \mapsto V \otimes M,
$$

where $V$ is a finite-dimensional $\mathfrak{g}$-module.

## - Immediate properties:

(i) $F_{V}$ is exact and commutes with arbitrary direct sums and products.
(ii) $\mathfrak{g}$-morphisms $\varphi: V_{1} \rightarrow V_{2}$ induce natural transformations $F_{V_{1}} \rightarrow F_{V_{2}}$.
(iii) We have $F_{V_{1}} \circ F_{V_{2}} \cong F_{V_{1} \otimes V_{2}}$ and a biadjunction $\left(F_{V^{*}}, F_{V}\right)$. (Here $V^{*}$ is the dual of $V$, with respect to some anti-involution of $\mathfrak{g}$ fixing points of $\mathfrak{h}$.)
(iv) Suppose $V$ has weights $\mu_{1}, \ldots, \mu_{n}$ (with multiplicty). Then $F_{V}\left(M_{\chi}\right)$ has a filtration with quotients $M_{\chi+\mu_{i}}, 1 \leq i \leq n$.

- To $V$ we also associate the $(U, U)$-bimodule $\Phi_{V}=V \otimes U$, where the left and right actions are

$$
X(v \otimes u)=X v \otimes u+v \otimes X u, \quad(v \otimes u) X=v \otimes u X
$$

## - Lemma 3.1:

(i) $h\left(\Phi_{V}\right) \cong F_{V}$.
(ii) $\operatorname{Hom}_{U^{2}}\left(\Phi_{V}, Y\right) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}\left(V, Y^{\text {ad }}\right)$ for any $(U, U)$-bimodule $Y$.
(iii) $\Phi_{V}$ is $U$-generated on both sides by its subset $V=V \otimes 1$.

- Corollary 3.2: $F_{V}$ preserves the subcategories $\mathscr{M}_{f}$ and $\mathcal{O}$ in $\mathscr{M}$, and also preserves projective objects in all three categories.

Proof. $F_{V}$ is exact and $F_{V}(U)=\Phi_{V}$ is finitely generated by Lemma 3.1(iii), so $\left.F_{V}\left(\mathscr{M}_{f}\right) \subseteq \mathscr{M}_{f}\right)$. Moreover, if $M \in \mathcal{O}$, then $F_{V}(M)$ is $\mathfrak{h}$-diagonalisable and $U\left(\mathfrak{n}^{+}\right)$-finite because $V \in \mathcal{O}$, and we have already seen it is finitely generated. So $F_{V}(\mathcal{O}) \subseteq \mathcal{O}$.

The remaining statement follows from a general fact: functors with exact right adjoints always preserve projectives.

### 3.2 Another Kostant theorem

- Have a $Z^{2}$-action on the functor $F_{V}$, i.e. a ring map $Z^{2} \rightarrow \operatorname{End}\left(F_{V}\right)$ :

$$
z \cdot(v \otimes m)=\sum a_{i}\left(v \otimes b_{i} m\right), \quad \text { for } z=\sum_{i} a_{i} \otimes b_{i} \in Z^{2}
$$

- This is the action obtained by transport of structure from the action of $Z^{2} \subseteq$ $U^{2}$ on $\Phi_{V}$ to $F_{V}$ via the equivalence $h$.
- Let $I_{V}$ denote the kernel of the action:

$$
I_{V}=\left\{z \in Z^{2}: z(V \otimes M)=0 \text { for all } M \in \mathscr{M}\right\}
$$

- Note the embedding

$$
\eta^{*} \otimes \eta^{*}: Z^{2} \hookrightarrow S(\mathfrak{h}) \otimes S(\mathfrak{h})=S(\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{h})=P\left(\mathfrak{h}^{*} \oplus \mathfrak{h}^{*}\right)
$$

since $\eta^{*}$ identifies $Z$ with $S(\mathfrak{h})^{W}$, the image of $\eta^{*} \otimes \eta^{*}$ consists of polynomials $Q(\psi, \chi)$ which are $W$-invariant in each variable.

- Theorem 3.3 (Kostant): Let $Q$ be the image of some $z \in Z^{2}$. Then $z \in I_{V}$ if and only if $Q(\chi+\mu, \chi)$ is the zero polynomial for any weight $\mu \in P(V)$.


## - Corollary 3.4:

(i) $Z^{2} / I_{V}$ is finitely generated over $Z$.
(ii) $F_{V}\left(\mathscr{M}_{Z f}\right) \subseteq \mathscr{M}_{Z f}$.

Proof. Define $A=S(\mathfrak{h}), B=S(\mathfrak{h})^{W}$, and

$$
J=\left\{Q \in A^{2}: Q(\chi+\mu, \chi)=0 \text { for any } \mu \in P(V)\right\}
$$

Then $J$ is an ideal in $A^{2}$ and $J_{V}=J \cap B^{2}$ is an ideal in $B^{2}$. Claim (i) is equivalent to saying $B^{2} / J_{V}$ is finitely generated over $B$.
By the theorem, there is a $B$-module embedding

$$
i=\oplus_{\mu} i_{\mu}: B^{2} / J_{V} \rightarrow \oplus_{\mu \in P(V)} A
$$

where $i_{\mu}(Q)(\chi)=Q(\chi+\mu, \chi)$. But $A$ is finitely generated as a $B$-module because $W$ is finite, so by Noetherianity of $B$ we conclude $B^{2} / J_{V}$ is finitely generated over $B$.

It remains to prove (ii). Exercise from (i): Given a $\mathfrak{g}$-module with $J M=0$ for some finite-codimension ideal $J \subseteq Z$, cook up a finite-codimension ideal $J^{\prime} \subseteq Z$ with $J^{\prime}(V \otimes M)=0$. Then since $F_{V}$ commutes with direct limits, we get $F_{V}\left(\mathscr{M}_{Z f}\right) \subseteq \mathscr{M}_{Z f}$.

### 3.3 Functor decomposition and the main results

- We have seen that $F_{V}$ preserves $\mathscr{M}_{Z f}$; let $F_{V, Z f}$ denote its restriction to this subcategory.
- Definition 3.5: Direct summands of $F_{V, Z f}$ are known as projective functors.
- Every projective functor decomposes into a direct sum of indecomposable projective functors; ultimately we will describe these indecomposables.
- Proposition 3.6: Let $F, G$ be projective functors.
(i) $F$ is exact and preserves direct sums and products.
(ii) Direct summands of $F$ are projective; the functors $F \oplus G$ and $F \circ G$ are projective.
(iii) $F$ has projective right and left adjoints.
(iv) $F=\oplus_{\theta, \theta^{\prime}} \operatorname{Pr}_{\theta^{\prime}} \circ F \circ \operatorname{Pr}_{\theta}$ and each of these summands are projective.
- To parametrise projective functors, we require the sets

$$
\Xi^{0}=\left\{(\psi, \chi) \in\left(\mathfrak{h}^{*}\right)^{2}: \psi-\chi \in \Lambda\right\}, \quad \Xi=\Xi^{0} / W
$$

where the quotient is by the component-wise $W$-action.

- Every element $\xi \in \Xi$ has a proper representative $(\psi, \chi)$, by which we mean that $\chi$ is dominant and $\psi \leq W_{\chi}(\psi)$. There is a well-defined map

$$
\eta^{r}: \Xi \rightarrow \Theta, \quad \eta^{r}(\psi, \chi)=\eta(\chi)
$$

## - Theorem A:

(i) Each projective functor decomposes into a direct sum of indecomposable projective functors.
(ii) To each $\xi \in \Xi$ there corresponds an indecomposable projective functor $F_{\xi}$, unique up to isomorphism with the following properties:

- $F_{\xi}\left(M_{\varphi}\right)=0$ if $\eta^{r}(\xi) \neq \eta(\varphi), \varphi \in \mathfrak{h}^{*}$.
- If $\xi=(\psi, \chi)$ is written properly, then $F_{\xi}\left(M_{\chi}\right)=P_{\psi}$.
(iii) $\xi \mapsto F_{\xi}$ defines a bijection from $\Xi$ to the set of isomorphism classes of indecomposable projective functors.

Among other things, the next result reveals the remarkable fact that projective functors are determined by their induced action on $K(\mathcal{O})$.

- Theorem B: Suppose $F, G$ are projective functors. Then:
(i) If $[F]=[G]$, then $F$ is naturally isomorphic to $G$.
(ii) If $(F, G)$ is an adjoint pair, then $([F],[G])$ is a conjugate pair on the inner product space $K(\mathcal{O})$.
(iii) $[F]$ is $W$-equivariant.
- Theorems A and B allow us to compute $\left[F_{\xi}\right]$ explicitly. In particular, $\left[F_{\xi}\right]\left(\delta_{\varphi}\right)=$ 0 if $\varphi \notin W(\chi)$ and $\left[F_{\xi}\right]\left(\delta_{w(\chi)}\right)=\sum_{\varphi>\psi} d_{\varphi, \psi} \delta_{w \varphi}$, so understanding $F$ reduces to knowledge of the $d_{\varphi \psi}$.
- Definition 3.7: Let $\theta \in \Theta$ and let $F(\theta)$ denote the restriction of a projective functor to $\mathscr{M}(\theta)$. A projective $\theta$-functor $F: \mathscr{M}(\theta) \rightarrow \mathscr{M}$ is any direct summand of a functor $F_{V}(\theta)$.
- The third and final theorem in this section underpins the proofs of the previous two.
- Theorem C: Let $F, G$ be projective $\theta$-functors, $\chi \in \eta^{-1}(\theta)$. Then

$$
i_{\chi}: \operatorname{Hom}(F, G) \rightarrow \operatorname{Hom}\left(F M_{\chi}, G M_{\chi}\right), \quad i_{\chi}(\varphi)=\varphi_{M_{\chi}}
$$

is a monomorphism, and an isomorphism if $\chi$ is dominant.
Proof sketch. By considering decompositions $F_{V}(\theta)=F \oplus F^{\prime}, G_{L}(\theta)=G \oplus G^{\prime}$, we reduce to the case $F=F_{V}(\theta)$ and $G=G_{L}(\theta)$.

To prove injectivity of $i_{\chi}$, need the following fact: If $\chi \in \eta^{-1}(\theta)$ is a weight and $u \in U_{\theta}$, then $u M_{\chi}=0$ implies $u=0$.

The isomorphism for $\chi$ dominant is proven by counting dimensions using Kostant's theorem 2.3.

- We need some subsidiary information before we can proceed to the proofs of the other two theorems. Namely, we will need to see that the restriction

$$
F^{\infty}(\theta): \mathscr{M}^{\infty}(\theta) \rightarrow \mathscr{M}
$$

of a projective $F$ is determined by the restrictions $F^{n}(\theta): \mathscr{M}^{n}(\theta) \rightarrow \mathscr{M}$.

- Proposition 3.8: Suppose $F, G$ are projective functors. Then any natural transformation

$$
\varphi: F(\theta) \rightarrow G(\theta)
$$

admits a lift $\widehat{\varphi}: F^{\infty}(\theta) \rightarrow G^{\infty}(\theta)$. If $\varphi$ is an isomorphism, then so is $\widehat{\varphi}$; if $F=G$, then any idempotent $\varphi$ can be lifted to an idempotent $\widehat{\varphi}$.

Proof. Let $H^{n}=\operatorname{Hom}\left(F^{n}(\theta), G^{n}(\theta)\right), 1 \leq n \leq \infty$, and let $r_{n m}: H^{n} \rightarrow H^{m}$ denote the obvious restriction maps, $m \leq n$, so we have an inverse system.
Firstly, we have that $H^{\infty}=\lim H^{n}$. This is because $F$ commutes with direct limits and modules $M \in \mathscr{M}^{\infty} \overleftarrow{(\theta)}$ can be expressed as follows:

$$
M=\underline{\lim } M^{n}, \quad M^{n}=\left\{m \in M: J_{\theta}^{n} m=0\right\} \in \mathscr{M}^{n}(\theta) .
$$

As in the sketch of Theorem C, we may assume $F=F_{V}, G=F_{L}$. Then, exercise (use Watt's theorem and Lemma 3.1):

$$
H^{n}=\left(\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}\left(L^{*} \otimes V, U^{\mathrm{ad}}\right)\right) / J_{\theta}^{n} .
$$

So $H^{\infty}$ is a $J_{\theta}$-adic completion. Then $H^{n}=H^{\infty} / J_{\theta}^{n}$, so in particular $\varphi \in H^{1}$ can always be lifted to some $\widehat{\varphi} \in H^{\infty}$.

Suppose $\varphi$ is an isomorphism, inverse $\psi$. To prove $\widehat{\varphi}$ is an isomorphism, it suffices to prove $\widehat{\varphi} \widehat{\psi}$ and $\widehat{\psi} \widehat{\varphi}$ are invertible, so for that reason we can assume $F=G$ and $\varphi=1$. But then $\widehat{\varphi}=1-\alpha$ for some $\alpha \in J_{\theta}$, which is a unit in $H^{\infty}$. We omit the proof that an idempotent $\varphi$ has an idempotent lift.

- Theorem C + Proposition $3.8=$ Corollary 3.9: Suppose $F, G$ are projective functors, $\chi$ a dominant weight with $\theta=\eta(\chi)$. Any isomorphism $F M_{\chi} \cong G M_{\chi}$ lifts to an isomorphism $F^{\infty}(\theta) \cong G^{\infty}(\theta)$, and any $\mathfrak{g}$-module decomposition $F M_{\chi} \cong \oplus_{i} M_{i}$ lifts to a decomposition $F^{\infty}(\theta)=\oplus F_{i}$ with $F_{i} M_{\chi}=M_{i}$.
- If $F$ is a projective functor, then $F$ is the direct sum of its restrictions to the subcategories $\mathscr{M}^{\infty}(\theta)$; that is,

$$
F=\bigoplus_{\theta} F \circ \operatorname{Pr}(\theta)
$$

- Now, by the corollary, $F \circ \operatorname{Pr}(\theta)$ splits into a direct sum of (finitely many) indecomposable projective functors, according to the direct sum decomposition of $F M_{\chi}$. Thus we obtain Theorem A(i).
- Remark 3.10: If $F$ is an indecomposable projective functor, then $F=$ $F \circ \operatorname{Pr}(\theta)$ for some $\theta \in \Theta$. Thus $F M_{\chi}=0$ whenever $\eta(\chi) \neq \theta$. On the other hand, if $\chi \in \eta^{-1}(\theta)$ is dominant, then $M_{\chi}=P_{\chi}$ is an indecomposable projective and hence $F M_{\chi}=P_{\psi}$ for some $\psi \in \mathfrak{h}^{*}$.
- Proof of Theorem B. For the first point, suppose $[F]=[G]$. By the previous discussion, it is equivalent to prove $F M_{\chi} \cong G M_{\chi}$ for any dominant weight $\chi$. But $F M_{\chi}$ and $G M_{\chi}$ are projective objects in $\mathcal{O}$, whose isomorphism classes are recoverable from their images in $K(\mathcal{O})$.

For the second point, we need to prove $\{[F] x, y\}=\{x,[G] y\}$ for all $x, y \in K(\mathcal{O})$. We can assume $x=[P]$ is the class of a projective, since the classes of projective objects span $K(\mathcal{O})$. Then use the assumed adjunction and the formula

$$
\{[P],[M]\}=\operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Hom}(P, M), \quad P \text { projective, } M \text { arbitrary in } \mathcal{O}
$$

We omit the rather lengthy proof of $[F]$ 's $W$-equivariance.

- All that remains is to prove the classification results of Theorem A(ii),(iii).

Proof. Given a projective functor $F$, we define a quantity

$$
a_{F}:\left(\mathfrak{h}^{*}\right)^{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \quad a_{F}(\psi, \chi)=\left\{d_{\psi},[F] \delta_{\chi}\right\}
$$

In fact $a_{F}$ lands in $\mathbb{N}$. Indeed, if $\chi$ is dominant, then $F M_{\chi}$ is projective and $a_{F}(\psi, \chi) \geq 0$ for any $\psi$ (consider an appropriate Hom space); then use $W$ equivariance of $[F]$ to deduce that $a_{F}(\psi, \chi) \geq 0$ always.

Next consider the subsets

$$
\begin{gathered}
S(F)=\left\{(\psi, \chi): a_{F}(\psi, \chi)>0\right\} \\
S^{\max }(F)=\{(\psi, \chi) \in S(F):|\psi-\chi| \text { maximal }\}
\end{gathered}
$$

By non-negativity of $a_{F}$, we get that

$$
F=\oplus_{i} F_{i} \quad \Rightarrow \quad S(F)=\cup_{i} S\left(F_{i}\right)
$$

so that, since $S\left(F_{V}\right) \subseteq \Xi^{0}$, the same is true for $S(F)$. (Similarly $S^{\max }(F) \subseteq$ $\cup_{i} S^{\max }\left(F_{i}\right)$.) Both $S(F)$ and $S^{\max }(F)$ are preserved by $W$, due to the $W$ equivariance of $[F]$.

Suppose $F$ is indecomposable. Then $S^{\max }(F) / W$ consists of a single point. Indeed, if $F=F \circ \operatorname{Pr}(\theta)$ and $\chi \in \eta^{-1}(\theta)$ is dominant, then $F M_{\chi}=P_{\psi}$ and we get $S^{\max }(F)=W(\psi, \chi)$ (exercise).
To each indecomposable projective functor $F$ we have associated a $\xi \in \Xi$, such that if $\xi$ is written properly, then $F M_{\chi}=P_{\psi}$. And each $\xi=(\psi, \chi)$ arises
thus: If $V$ is a finite-dimensional $\mathfrak{g}$-module with extremal weight $\psi-\chi$, then $(\psi, \chi) \in S^{\max }\left(F_{V}\right)$ and therefore $(\psi, \chi) \in S^{\max }(F)$ for some indecomposable summand $F$ of $F_{V}$.

## 4 First applications

### 4.1 Worked example

- To apply this theory in a concrete case, we consider a worked example, following [3].
- Let us take $\mathfrak{g}=\mathfrak{s l}_{2}(\mathbb{C})$ with $\Lambda=\mathbb{Z}$, and suppose we are interested in studying the functor $F=F_{L_{m+1}}$.
- We know the module $L_{m+1}$ is $(m+1)$-dimensional with weights

$$
P\left(L_{m+1}\right)=\{-m,-m+2, \ldots, m-2, m\}
$$

so from 3.1 we know $L_{m+1} \otimes M_{n}$ has a Verma filtration with factors $M_{i}$ for $i \in I=P\left(L_{m+1}\right)+n$. Thus in $K(\mathcal{O})$, for dominant $n \geq 0$ :

$$
\left[L_{m+1} \otimes M_{n}\right]=\sum_{i \in I}\left[M_{i}\right]
$$

- We want to rewrite the latter sum in terms of projective classes:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i \in I}\left[M_{i}\right] & =\sum_{i \in I, i<-1}\left(\left[M_{i}+\left[M_{-i}\right]\right)+\sum_{i \in I, i>m-n}\left[M_{i}\right]\right. \\
& =\sum_{i \in I, i<-1}\left[P_{i}\right]+\sum_{i \in I, i>m-n}\left[P_{i}\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

- Thus from the theorem we can deduce a decomposition into indecomposables,

$$
F^{\infty}(n)=\bigoplus_{i \in I, i<-1} F_{(j, n)} \oplus \bigoplus_{i \in I, i>m-n} F_{(j, n)}
$$

### 4.2 Equivalences between categories $\mathscr{M}(\theta)$

- Theorem 4.1: For $\theta, \theta^{\prime} \in \Theta$, let

$$
F_{\theta^{\prime}, V, \theta}=\operatorname{Pr}\left(\theta^{\prime}\right) \circ F \circ \operatorname{Pr}(\theta): \mathscr{M}^{\infty}(\theta) \rightarrow \mathscr{M}^{\infty}\left(\theta^{\prime}\right) .
$$

Suppose we have dominant weights $\chi \in \eta^{-1}(\theta), \psi \in \eta^{-1}\left(\theta^{\prime}\right)$ such that $W_{\chi}=W_{\psi}$ and $\lambda=\psi-\chi \in \Lambda$. Then

$$
F_{\theta^{\prime}, V, \theta}: \mathscr{M}^{\infty}(\theta) \rightarrow \mathscr{M}^{\infty}\left(\theta^{\prime}\right), \quad F_{\theta, V^{*}, \theta^{\prime}}: \mathscr{M}^{\infty}\left(\theta^{\prime}\right) \rightarrow \mathscr{M}^{\infty}(\theta)
$$

are inverse equivalences of categories, where $V$ is a finite-dimensional $\mathfrak{g}$-module with extremal weight $\lambda$.

Proof. Let $F=F_{\theta^{\prime}, V, \theta}, G=F_{\theta, V^{*}, \theta^{\prime}}$. Remembering $\lambda$ is an extremal weight of $V$ (so that $-\lambda$ is such for $V^{*}$ ), one can show that (exercise)

$$
F M_{\chi}=M_{\psi}, \quad G M_{\psi}=M_{\chi}
$$

Hence $G F M_{\chi}=M_{\chi}$, so the theorem provides that $G F \cong \operatorname{Pr}(\theta)$; similarly $F G \cong \operatorname{Pr}\left(\theta^{\prime}\right)$. By restricting $F, G$ to $\mathscr{M}(\theta), \mathscr{M}\left(\theta^{\prime}\right)$, we deduce that they are categorical equivalences.

- The following observations in [1] refine earlier results of Zuckerman [4]:
(i) Let $\mathscr{H}$ be any complete subcategory of $\mathscr{M}$ preserved by all functors $F_{V}$, e.g. $\mathscr{H}=\mathcal{O}$. The same proof method shows that the intersections of $\mathscr{H}$ with $\mathscr{M}^{\infty}(\theta)$ and $\mathscr{M}^{\infty}\left(\theta^{\prime}\right)$ are equivalent.
(ii) If we assume just an inequality of stabilisers $W_{\psi} \subseteq W_{\chi}$, then (in the notation of the proof) we conclude $G F \cong \mathrm{Id}^{\oplus\left|W_{\chi}: W_{\psi}\right|}$.


### 4.3 Lattices of two-sided ideals and submodules

- Notation: Suppose $\chi$ is a dominant weight with $\eta(\chi)=\theta$. Let $\Omega_{\theta}$ be the lattice of two-sided ideals in $U_{\theta}$; let $\Omega_{\chi}$ be the submodule lattice of $M_{\chi}$.
- Theorem 4.2: Let $\chi$ be a dominant weight, $\theta=\eta(\chi)$.
(i) The mapping

$$
\nu: \Omega_{\theta} \rightarrow \Omega_{\chi}, \quad \nu(J)=J M_{\chi}
$$

is a lattice isomorphism if $\chi$ is regular.
(ii) In general, $\nu$ is an embedding. Let $\mathscr{P}$ be the class of modules isomorphic to direct sums of $P_{\psi}$ for $\psi<\chi$ and $\psi \leq W_{\chi}(\psi)$. Then the image of $\nu$ consists of the $\mathscr{P}$-generated submodules of $M_{\chi}$.

Sketch. Note that (i) is a special case of (ii), so it suffices to prove (ii).
For (ii): Let $(\varphi, F)$ be the pair of a projective $\theta$-functor $F: \mathscr{M}(\theta) \rightarrow \mathscr{M}$ and $\varphi: F \rightarrow 1_{\mathscr{M}(\theta)}$ a natural transformation. Then let

$$
J(\varphi, F)=\operatorname{im} \varphi_{U_{\theta}} \subseteq U_{\theta}, \quad M(\varphi, F)=\operatorname{im} \varphi_{M_{\chi}} \subseteq M_{\chi}
$$

Then follow these steps:
(a) $J(\varphi, F)$ is a two-sided ideal with $\nu(J(\varphi, F))=M(\varphi, F)$.
(b) Every two-sided ideal of $U_{\theta}$ has the form $J(\varphi, F)$ : take finitely many generators for a given $J$, belonging to a finite-dimensional ad-invariant subspace $V \subseteq J ;$ then $F=F_{V}$ and $\varphi$ is induced from a bimodule homomorphism $V \otimes U_{\theta} \rightarrow U_{\theta}$.
(c) If $M(\varphi, F) \subseteq M\left(\varphi^{\prime}, F^{\prime}\right)$, then $J(\varphi, F) \subseteq J\left(\varphi^{\prime}, F^{\prime}\right)$ : because $F M_{\chi}$ is projective, get a morphism $a: F M_{\chi} \rightarrow F^{\prime} M_{\chi}$ such that $\varphi_{M_{\chi}}^{\prime} \circ a=\varphi_{M_{\chi}}$. Then use Theorem C to get $\alpha: F \rightarrow F^{\prime}$ lifting $a, \varphi^{\prime} \circ \alpha=\varphi$, and hence the desired inclusion of images.

From these steps, we get that $\nu$ is an embedding. Also, (a) and (b) show that its image consists exactly of submodules having the form $M(\varphi, F)$. But Theorem C provides that these are exactly the submodules of the form $\varphi\left(F M_{\chi}\right)$, where $F$ is a protective $\theta$-functor and $\varphi \in \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}}\left(F M_{\chi}, M_{\chi}\right)$. Now deduce the result from Theorem A, Corollary 3.9, and the Verma properties at the end of Section 2.

### 4.4 Duflo's theorem

The result in the previous section allows for an easy re-derivation of Duflo's famous theorem [2]

- Theorem 4.3 (Duflo): Let $J \in \Omega_{\theta}$ be a two-sided prime ideal. Then a weight $\psi \in \eta^{-1}(\theta)$ exists such that $J=\operatorname{Ann} L_{\psi}$.

Proof. Take $\chi \in \eta^{-1}(\theta)$ dominant. Let $L_{1}, \ldots, L_{n}$ be the composition factors of the module $M=M_{\chi} / J M_{\chi}$, with annihilators $I_{i} \subseteq U_{\theta}$. Certainly $J \subseteq I_{i}$ for all $i$, and the product $I=I_{1} \cdots I_{n}$ annihilates $M$. It follows from section 4.2 that $I \subseteq J$. Invoking that $J$ is prime gives $J=I_{i}$ for some $i$. But now from our knowledge of $M_{\chi}$, we have that $L_{i}=L_{\psi}$ for some $\psi<\chi$, and the result follows.

## 5 Classifying Harish-Chandra modules

### 5.1 Context

- Extrinsic motivation: Harish-Chandra modules for semisimple Lie groups over $\mathbb{R}$, which arise when studying the unitary dual of $G$ : c.f. Anna's IFS talks in October last year.
- In this setup, we have a semisimple Lie group $G$ and maximal compact $K$, with Lie algebras $\mathfrak{g}$ and $\mathfrak{k}$.
- Best understood special case: when $G$ is a complex semisimple Lie group viewed as real. But to apply our theory above, we have to complexify and return to the algebraically closed $k=\mathbb{C}$. In fact the Lie algebra complexifies to $\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}$ and $\mathfrak{k}$ complexifies to a skew-diagonal copy of $\mathfrak{g}$ (with respect to the fixed anti-involution $t: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g})$.
- The objective is then to study Harish-Chandra modules on the Lie algebra side, connecting them with subcategories of $\mathcal{O}$ and principal series representations.
- Throughout, we work instead with $\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}^{0}$, because it's more convenient. This is possible because $U \cong U^{\mathrm{op}}$ thanks to the fixed anti-automorphism $t$ of $\mathfrak{g}$.


### 5.2 Notation and definitions

- We retain the notation from last week, and introduce:
(i) $\mathfrak{g}^{2}=\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}^{0}$, where $\mathfrak{g}^{0}$ is the opposite Lie algebra.
(ii) Its subalgebra $\mathfrak{k}=\{(X,-X)\} \cong \mathfrak{g}$.
(iii) $\left.Y\right|_{\mathfrak{k}}$ denotes the restriction of a $\mathfrak{g}^{2}$-module $Y$ to a representation of $\mathfrak{k}$; this coincides with the $\mathfrak{g}$-module $Y^{\text {ad }}$.
- Definition 5.1: A $U^{2}$-module $M$ is $\mathfrak{k}$-algebraic if the module $\left.M\right|_{\mathfrak{k}}$ is a direct sum of finite-dimensional irreducible $\mathfrak{k}$-modules.
- Lemma 5.2: Let $\mathscr{H}\left(\mathscr{H}_{f}\right)$ denote the category of (finitely generated) $\mathfrak{k}$ algebraic modules. Then:
(i) $\mathscr{H}, \mathscr{H}_{f}$ are closed with respect to subquotients.
(ii) Modules $\Phi_{V}$ belong to $\mathscr{H}_{f}$, and any $Y \in \mathscr{H}_{f}$ is a quotient of some $\Phi_{V}$.
(iii) $\Phi_{V}$ are projective objects in $\mathscr{H}, \mathscr{H}_{f}$.
- Proposition 5.3: Suppose $Y \in \mathscr{H}_{f}$. Then the following are equivalent:
(i) For any finite-dimensional $\mathfrak{g}$-module $V$, the space

$$
\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}\left(V,\left.Y\right|_{\mathfrak{k}}\right)=\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathscr{H}}\left(\Phi_{V}, Y\right)
$$

is finite-dimensional.
(ii) Any irreducible representation of $\mathfrak{g}$ occurs in a decomposition of $\left.Y\right|_{\mathfrak{k}}$ with finite multiplicity.
(iii) The annihilator of $Y$ in $Z^{2}$ has finite codimension.
(iv) The module $Y$ is $Z$-finite on the right.

Proof. (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv) is a straightforward exercise.
(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Suppose $Y$ is $Z$-finite on the right, with generators $Y_{1}, \ldots, y_{n}$ over $U^{2}$. Let

$$
J=\left\{z \in 1 \otimes Z: z y_{i}=0\right\}, \quad J=\cap J_{i} .
$$

By assumption, $J$ has finite codimension in $1 \otimes Z$ and $J Y=0$. Now $Y$ is a quotient of some $\Phi_{L}$, hence also of $\Phi_{L} / J$, so by projectivity of $\Phi_{V}$ we can assume $Y=\Phi_{L} / J$.

But then

$$
\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{k}}(V, Y)=\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{k}}\left(V, \Phi_{L}\right) / J=\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}\left(V, L \otimes U^{\mathrm{ad}}\right) / J,
$$

which is $\operatorname{Hom}\left(L^{*} \otimes V, U^{\text {ad }}\right) / J$, and this is finite-dimensional by Kostant's first theorem.

- Denote by $\mathscr{H} \mathscr{C}$ the category of Harish-Chandra modules satisfying these equivalent conditions.


### 5.3 Classification of irreducibles

- From now on let $Z^{r}=1 \otimes Z, Z^{\ell}=Z \otimes 1 \subseteq Z^{2}$.
- We can decompose $\mathscr{H} \mathscr{C}$ into a sum of categories, each corresponding to characters $\left(\theta_{1}, \theta_{2}\right)$ of $Z^{2}$.
- So let us put $\mathscr{H}_{f}^{m}(\theta)^{r}=\left\{Y \in \mathscr{H}_{f}:\left(J_{\theta}^{r}\right)^{m} Y=0\right\}$ and also define $\mathscr{H}_{f}^{\infty}(\theta)^{r}$ analogously to $\mathscr{M}^{\infty}(\theta)$ above.
- First aim: to study $\mathscr{H}_{f}(\theta)^{r}$, for $\theta \in \Theta$ fixed; this is a complete subcategory of $\left(U, U_{\theta}\right)$-bimodules.
- Proposition 5.4: Let $\Phi_{V}(\theta)=\Phi_{V} / J_{\theta}^{r}$.
(i) The modules $\Phi_{V}(\theta)$ are projective in $\mathscr{H}_{f}(\theta)^{r}$, and every module in $\mathscr{H}_{f}(\theta)^{r}$ is a quotient of some $\Phi_{V}(\theta)$.
(ii) All Hom spaces in $\mathscr{H}_{f}(\theta)^{r}$ are finite-dimensional.
(iii) A projective object in $\mathscr{H}_{f}(\theta)^{r}$ admits a decomposition into a finite direct sum of indecomposable projective objects.
(iv) $\left\{\xi \in \Xi: \eta^{r}(\xi)=\theta\right\} \leftrightarrow\left\{\right.$ indecomposable projective objects $\left.P_{\xi} \in \mathscr{H}_{f}(\theta)^{r}\right\} /$ iso. $P_{\xi}$ is determined up to isomorphism by the fact that $P_{\xi} \otimes_{U} M_{\chi} \cong P_{\psi}$ if $\xi=(\psi, \chi)$ is written properly.
Proof. (i) is immediate from Lemma 5.2 (ii) and (iii) is immediate from (ii).
For (ii): if $\Phi_{V}(\theta) \rightarrow Y$ then $\operatorname{Hom}_{U}^{2}\left(Y, Y^{\prime}\right) \subseteq \operatorname{Hom}\left(\Phi_{V}(\theta), Y\right)=\operatorname{Hom}\left(\Phi_{V}, Y^{\prime}\right)$; now recall Prop. 5.3(i).

For (iv): notice that $F_{V}(\theta): \mathscr{M}(\theta) \rightarrow \mathscr{M}$ is the projective $\theta$-functor corresponding to the $\left(U, U_{\theta}\right)$-bimodule $\Phi_{V}(\theta)$ via the equivalence of categories $h$. So the statements follow from Theorems A and C, since any projective object $P$ is a quotient (and hence a direct summand) of some $\Phi_{V}(\theta)$.

- Lemma 5.5: $P_{\xi}$ has unique simple quotient $L_{\xi} ; \operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Hom}\left(P_{\xi}, L_{\xi^{\prime}}\right)=\delta_{\xi, \xi^{\prime}}$.

Proof. First, note End $P_{\xi}$ is local with a nilpotent maximal ideal.

If $P, P^{\prime}$ are proper submodules of $P_{\xi}$, then $P+P^{\prime}$ is proper. Indeed, otherwise we would have a surjection

$$
\operatorname{Hom}\left(P_{\xi}, P\right) \oplus \operatorname{Hom}\left(P_{\xi}, P^{\prime}\right) \rightarrow \operatorname{Hom}\left(P_{\xi}, P_{\xi}\right)
$$

and thus an expression $1=\varphi+\varphi^{\prime}$ in End $P_{\xi}$. In a local ring, this means one of $\varphi, \varphi^{\prime}$ is invertible, and hence one of $P, P^{\prime}=P_{\xi}$. This proves the existence of a unique simple quotient.

By $(\mathrm{c}), \operatorname{Hom}\left(P_{\xi}, L_{\xi}\right)=\operatorname{Hom}\left(L_{\xi}, L_{\xi}\right)=k$. If $\operatorname{Hom}\left(P_{\xi}, L_{\xi^{\prime}}\right) \neq 0$, then $L_{\xi} \cong L_{\xi^{\prime}}$ by uniqueness. Use projectivity to lift to to morphisms

$$
\varphi: P_{\xi} \rightarrow P_{\xi^{\prime}}, \quad \psi: P_{\xi^{\prime}} \rightarrow P_{\xi}
$$

Check: $\varphi \psi, \psi \varphi$ are invertible, so $\varphi, \psi$ are isomorphisms: $P_{\xi} \cong P_{\xi^{\prime}}$ and $\xi=\xi^{\prime}$ by Prop. 5.4(iv).

- Theorem 5.6: $\xi \mapsto L_{\xi}$ is a one-to-one correspondence between $\Xi$ and the equivalence classes of simple Harsih-Chandra modules.

Proof. Every simple module of $\mathscr{H}$ belongs to the category $\mathscr{H}_{f}(\theta)^{r}$ for some $\theta$. Then use Prop. 5.4.

## - Corollary 5.7:

(i) If $J \subseteq Z^{2}$ is an ideal of finite codimension, then there are finitely many simple $L \in \mathscr{H} \mathscr{C}$ with $J L=0$.
(ii) Suppose $Y \in \mathscr{H}$ is annihilated by some such $J$, and $\operatorname{Hom}(V, Y)$ is finitedimensional for any finite-dimensional $\mathfrak{g}$-module $V$. Then $Y$ is of finite length. In particular, every $Y \in \mathscr{H} \mathscr{C}$ is of finite length.

### 5.4 The functor $T_{\chi}$

- Consider the functors

$$
T_{M}=(-) \otimes_{U} M: \mathscr{H} \rightarrow \mathscr{M}
$$

and in particular, $T_{\chi}=T_{M_{\chi}}$ for a weight $\chi \in \eta^{-1}(\theta)$.

- We consider $T_{\chi}$ as a functor $\mathscr{H}_{f}(\theta)^{r} \rightarrow \mathscr{O}$. Let $\mathscr{P}(\chi)$ denote the class of projective objects in category $\mathcal{O}$ formed as direcy sums of modules $P_{\psi}$, for $\psi \in \chi+\Lambda$ and $\psi \leq W_{\chi}(\psi)$. Also let $\mathcal{O}_{\chi+\Lambda}$ consist of modules $M \in \mathcal{O}$ such that $M^{\psi}=0$ for $\psi \notin \chi+\Lambda$.
- Theorem 5.8: Let $\chi$ be a dominant weight, $\theta=\eta(\chi)$.
(i) If $\chi$ is regular, then $T_{\chi}$ defines an equivalence $\mathscr{H}_{f}(\theta)^{r} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\chi+\Lambda}$.
(ii) In general, $T_{\chi}$ is an equivalence between $\mathscr{H}_{f}(\theta)^{r}$ and $\mathcal{O}_{\mathscr{P}(\chi)}$.
- Note that (i) follows from (ii), because for a regular $\chi$ we have $\mathcal{O}_{\mathscr{P}(\chi)}=\mathcal{O}_{\chi+\Lambda}$. To prove (ii) we can apply the following general result.
- Proposition 5.9: Let $\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B}$ be abelian categories. Let $\mathscr{P}$ be the class of projective objects in $\mathscr{A}$ and $T: \mathscr{A} \rightarrow \mathscr{B}$ be a right exact functor. Assume:

1. $\mathscr{A}=\mathscr{A}_{\mathscr{P}}$.
2. $T$ preserves projective objects.
3. $T$ is fully faithful on $\mathscr{P}$.

Then $T$ is fully faithful and defines an equivalence of $\mathscr{A}$ with $\mathscr{B}_{T(\mathscr{P})}$.

### 5.5 Corollaries

- Theorem 5.10: Suppose $\chi \in \eta^{-1}(\theta)$ is dominant. Let $M=T_{\chi}(Y)$ for $Y \in \mathscr{H}_{f}(\theta)^{r}$, and let $\Omega_{Y}, \Omega_{M}$ denote their respective lattices of submodules. Then

$$
\nu: \Omega_{Y} \rightarrow \Omega_{M}, \quad \nu\left(Y^{\prime} \rightarrow Y\right)=\operatorname{im}\left(T_{\chi}\left(Y^{\prime}\right) \rightarrow T_{\chi}(Y)\right)
$$

is an embedding, with image consisting of $\mathscr{P}_{\chi}$-generated submodules of $M$. In particular, $\nu$ is an isomorphism if $\chi$ is regular.

Proof. This theorem is proven in the same way as Theorem 4.2.

- Proposition 5.11: Let $\chi, \psi$ be weights in the same orbit of $W$. Then the categories $\mathcal{O}_{\chi+\Lambda}, \mathcal{O}_{\psi+\Lambda}$ are equivalent as $Z$-categories.
Proof. Assume $\psi=w \chi$. Replacing $\chi$ by $\chi+\lambda, \psi$ by $\psi+w \lambda$ for $\lambda \in \Lambda$, we can assume $\chi, \psi$ are regular. Modifying them further by elements of $W_{\chi+\Gamma}$ and $W_{\psi+\Gamma}$, we can assume $\chi, \psi$ are dominant. But now

$$
\mathcal{O}_{\chi+\lambda} \cong \mathscr{H}_{f}(\theta)^{r} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\psi+\Lambda}, \quad \text { for } \theta=\eta(\chi)=\eta(\psi)
$$

## 6 Multiplicities in principal series reps, Verma modules

### 6.1 The functor $H$

- Motivation: To describe the inverse functor to the equivalence

$$
T_{\chi}: \mathscr{H}_{f}(\theta)^{r} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\chi+\Lambda}
$$

- For $M, N \in \mathscr{M}$, give $\operatorname{Hom}_{k}(M, N)$ the structure of a $U^{2}$-module by $\left(\left(u \otimes u^{0}\right) \varphi\right)(m)=u \varphi\left(u^{0} m\right)$. Then

$$
H(M, N)=\left\{\mathfrak{k} \text {-finite vectors in } \operatorname{Hom}_{k}(M, N)\right\}
$$

is a $U^{2}$-submodule, and thus we obtain a functor $H: \mathscr{M} \times \mathscr{M} \rightarrow \mathscr{H}$.

- For $M \in \mathscr{M}$ we get $H_{M}=H(M,-): \mathscr{M} \rightarrow \mathscr{H}$.


## - Lemma 6.1:

(i) The functor $H$ is left exact in each variable.
(ii) $H_{M}$ is right adjoint to $T_{M}$.
(iii) The functors $N \mapsto H(M, N), M \mapsto H(M, N)$ are linear over $Z^{\ell}, Z^{r}$, respectively. If $V$ is finite-dimensional, then it holds that

$$
H(M, V \otimes N)=\Phi_{V} \otimes_{U} H(M, N), \quad H(V \otimes M, N)=H(M, N) \otimes_{U} \Phi_{V^{*}}
$$

- We are interested in category $\mathcal{O}$, and hence Lemma 6.2:
(i) If $M, N \in \mathcal{O}$, then $H(M, N) \in \mathscr{H} \mathscr{C}$.
(ii) If $M$ is a projective object in $\mathcal{O}$, then the functor $H_{M}: \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathscr{H} \mathscr{C}$ is exact.

Proof. (ii) follows from the fact that $H_{M}$ has a left adjoint, and so is left exact, but is also clearly right exact.
For (i), it suffices to verify that $\operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{k}}(V, H(M, N))<\infty$ for any finitedimensional $\mathfrak{g}$-module $V$, by the definition of Harish-Chandra modules. But in fact,

$$
\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{k}}(V, H(M, N))=\operatorname{Hom}_{U^{2}}\left(\Phi_{V}, H(M, N)\right)=\operatorname{Hom}_{U}\left(\Phi_{V} \otimes_{U} M, N\right)
$$

and the latter is a Hom space between objects of category $\mathcal{O}$.

- Proposition 6.3: Let $\chi \in \eta^{-1}(\theta)$ be dominant. Then $H_{\chi}=H_{M_{\chi}}$ is the inverse to the functor $T_{\chi}$ as it appears in (both situations of) Theorem 5.8.


### 6.2 Representations of principal series

- Suppose $M, N \in \mathcal{O}$ and give $N \otimes M$ the $\mathfrak{g}^{2}$-module structure

$$
(x, y)(n \otimes m)=\left(-x^{t} n\right) \otimes m-n \otimes y m
$$

where $t$ is a anti-automorphism of $\mathfrak{g}$.

- The conugate module $(N \otimes M)^{*}$ is naturally isomorphic to the space of bilinear forms $B: N \times M \rightarrow k$, with action

$$
((x, y) B)(n, m)=B\left(x^{t} n, m\right)+B(n, y m)
$$

- We let $\operatorname{Dual}(N, M) \subseteq(N \otimes M)^{*}$ be the submodule of $\mathfrak{k}$-finite vectors, and then get the representation of principal series

$$
X(\psi, \chi)=\operatorname{Dual}\left(M_{\psi}, M_{\chi}\right), \quad \psi, \chi \in \mathfrak{h}^{*}
$$

- Proposition 6.4: Let $M, N \in \mathcal{O}$. Then $\operatorname{Dual}(N, M)=H\left(M, N^{\tau}\right)$. Hence $X(\psi, \chi) \cong H_{\chi}\left(M_{\psi}^{\tau}\right)$.
- Theorem 6.5: Let $\chi, \psi \in \mathfrak{h}^{*}$ and $\xi \in \Xi$. Suppose $\chi$ is a dominant weight.
(i) If $\xi$ cannot be written properly, $\xi=(\varphi, \chi)$, then $\left[X(\psi, \chi): L_{\xi}\right]=0$.
(ii) If $\xi$ can be written properly, $\xi=(\varphi, \chi)$, then $\left[X(\psi, \chi): L_{\xi}\right]=\left[M_{\psi}: L_{\varphi}\right]$.

Proof. This is a direct calculation:

$$
\begin{aligned}
{\left[X(\psi, \chi): L_{\xi}\right]=\operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathscr{H}}\left(P_{\xi}, X(\psi, \chi)\right) } & =\operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathscr{H}}\left(P_{\xi}, H_{\chi}\left(M_{\psi}^{\tau}\right)\right) \\
& =\operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Hom}_{U}\left(T_{\chi}\left(P_{\xi}\right), M_{\psi}^{\tau}\right) \\
& =\operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Hom}_{u}\left(P_{\varphi}, M_{\psi}^{\tau}\right) \\
& =\left[M_{\psi}^{\tau}: L_{\varphi}\right]=\left[M_{\psi}: L_{\varphi}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

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