





Geometric rep theory: application of  
geometric constructions to algebra.

Geometry  $\xrightarrow{\text{quantization}}$  Algebra

$T^*X$   $\xrightarrow{(\omega_{T^*X})}$   $\mathcal{D}_X$  (sheaf of nc algs)

Modules: Alg. diffeqs.

$T^*G/B = \text{flag var.}$   $\xrightarrow{\quad}$   $\mathcal{D}_{G/B} \text{ -mod} \cong \text{certain } \mathfrak{g}\text{-mods}$   
 $G = SL_n$ : usual flag var.  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie } G$ .

Aside on  $G/B$ :  $G = \mathbb{C}$  semisimple (or reductive)  
alg/Lie group

e.g.  $G = SL_n^{\mathbb{C}}, Sp_{2n}^{\mathbb{C}}, SO_n^{\mathbb{C}}, E_6, E_7, E_8$

$B < G$  Borel subgroup = maximal solvable etc  
Subgp.

Example:  $G = SL_n$ ,  $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & & \\ & * & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & * \end{pmatrix} \right\} \subseteq SL_n$ .

Let  $\mathcal{B} := \left\{ \text{flags } 0 \subsetneq V_1 \subsetneq V_2 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq V_n = \mathbb{C}^n \right\}$

Note:  $GL_n^{\mathbb{C}}$  or  $SL_n^{\mathbb{C}}$  acts transitively, isotropy =  $B$ .  
 $\dim V_i = i$

isotropy := stabilizer

stabilizer of  $(0 \in \mathbb{C} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n)$  =:  $\neq$

is  $\begin{pmatrix} * & & \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & * \end{pmatrix}$ .

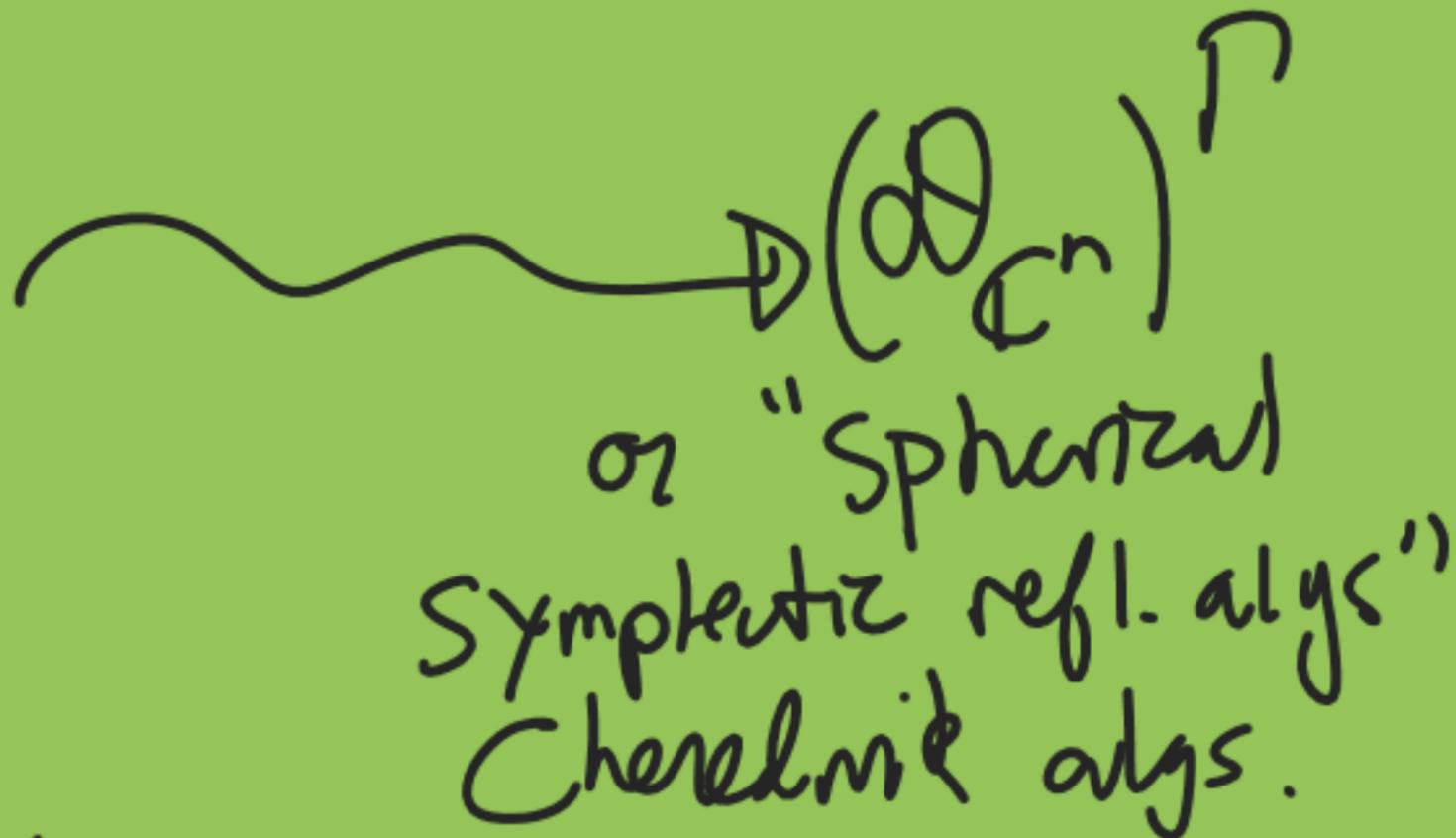
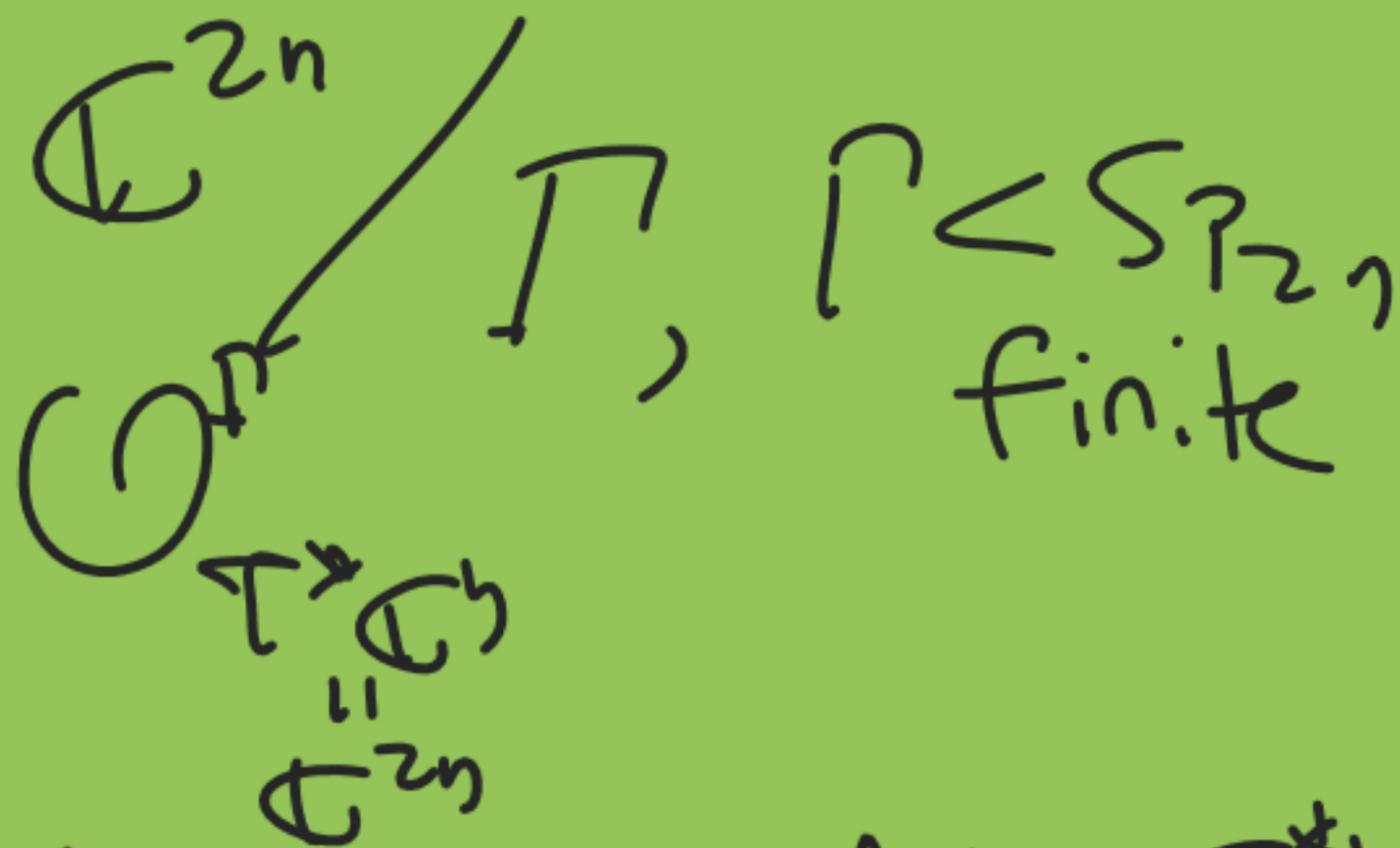
$G \times B \rightarrow B$  transitive induces

$G/B \xrightarrow{\sim} B$

$gB \mapsto g \cdot \neq$ .

Inside  $T^*G/B$ ,  
 e.g. "resolved Kostant  
 Slodowy  
 Slices"

→ finite  
 W-algs.



Hamiltonian/symplectic reduction,  $T^*V // G \rightsquigarrow G$ -equivariant  
 $\mathcal{D}_V$ -mods

These are known as "Higgs branch"  
varieties  
quantization

Includes:

- hypertoric ( $G = \text{torus}$ )
- quiver varieties ( $G = \prod GL_{n_i}$ )

$$V = \text{sum of } (V_{n_i}^* \otimes V_{n_j}).$$

Main theorem:

Beilinson-Bernstein localization:

$$\mathcal{D}_{G/B} \xrightarrow[\Gamma(G/B, -)]{\sim} \text{og-mods with } Z(W_{\text{og}}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cdot \text{Id} \text{ according to } \lambda$$

$$\lambda=0: \mathcal{D}_{G/B} \mapsto \text{og-mods where } Z(W_{\text{og}}) \text{ acts like on triv.}$$

Case  $G = \text{SL}_n$ : usual flag var.

Recall: Defn: A rep  $V$  of a Lie alg  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a homomorphism  $\rho: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V) = \text{End } V$

Defn: A rep  $V$  of an assoc alg  $A$  is a homom  $A \rightarrow \text{End } V$ .

$[x, y] \mapsto \rho(x)\rho(y) - \rho(y)\rho(x)$

Class of reps forms an abelian cat in both cases.

Defn  $U\mathfrak{g} := \overline{T\mathfrak{g}} / \left( x \otimes y - y \otimes x - [x, y] \right)$   
 $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie alg} \quad \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} \mathfrak{g}^{\otimes m}$

Have functor  $U: \text{Lie algs} \longrightarrow \text{Assoc}$

$\uparrow$  Forgetful

Induces:  $f: \text{Rep } \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \text{Rep } U\mathfrak{g}$   
 $(V, \rho) \longmapsto (V, \tilde{\rho})$

$\tilde{\rho}: U\mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \text{End } V$  uniquely extends

$\rho: \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{gl} V$

Exercise: This is an equivalence, inverse:  
 $F$

$\rho \longmapsto \rho \circ \log.$

Analogue for finite groups:

Recall  $\text{Rep } G \longrightarrow \text{Rep } \mathbb{C}[G]$  is an equiv.

$\Rightarrow$  reps of fin groups  $\hookrightarrow$  reps of algs.

# Rep theory of semisimple Lie algs:

Humphreys, Fulton + Harris, ...

Ex:  $\mathfrak{sl}_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix} \right\} \supseteq \mathfrak{b} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & -a \end{pmatrix} \right\}$   
 $\text{tr} = 0$

$\mathfrak{h} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & -a \end{pmatrix} \right\}$   
"Cartan"

"Borel"

Thm  $\exists!$  irrep of  $sl_2$  of each dim  $n \geq 1$ ,

characterized by:  $V_n |_{\mathfrak{h}} \cong \mathbb{C}_{r-n} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{C}_{n-1}$

$\mathbb{C}_k = 1$ -dim rep,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  act by  $k \cdot Id = (k)$ .

Geometric:  $V_n = \mathbb{C}[X, Y]_{n-1}$   $\leftarrow$  degree,  $gl_2 \supseteq \mathfrak{sl}_2$  acts as on  $\mathbb{C} \cdot X \oplus \mathbb{C} \cdot Y \cong \mathbb{C}^2$   
Span  $(X^{n-1}, X^{n-2}Y, \dots)$   
Derivation

$$\xi \in \mathcal{A}_2, \quad \xi(x^m y^n) = m \xi(x) x^{m-1} y^n + n \xi(y) x^m y^{n-1}$$

i.e.  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  acts by  $a x \partial_x + b x \partial_y + c y \partial_x + d y \partial_y$ .

Relation to  $\mathbb{P}^1$ :  $(\mathbb{C}[x, y])_{n_1} = \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}(n_1))$ .

$\mathcal{A}_2$  acts on  $\mathbb{P}^1$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_2 \rightarrow \text{PGL}_2 \cong \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^1)$ .

$\leadsto$  action on  $\Gamma(\mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}(n_1))$ .

General case:  $\mathfrak{g} =$  semisimple Lie alg /  $\mathbb{C}$

(a direct sum of simple (nonabelian) Lie algs.)

$\mathfrak{b} =$  maximal solvable subalgebra

$$\mathfrak{b}^{(k+1)} = \left[ \mathfrak{b}^{(k)}, \mathfrak{b}^{(k)} \right], \quad \mathfrak{b}^{(m)} = 0,$$

$\mathfrak{n} := [\mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{b}]$ ,  $\mathfrak{h} \subseteq \mathfrak{b}$  "Cartan subalg", any abelian subalg,  
 $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}$ .

Ex  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_n \cong \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & * \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \mathfrak{b} \cong \mathfrak{h} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$   
 $\text{tr} = 0$   $\text{tr} = 0$

$\mathfrak{n} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

Thm 1)  $\mathfrak{h}$  <sup>abelian</sup> acts semisimply on any f.d. rep,  $(V, \rho)$ :

$$(V, \rho|_{\mathfrak{h}}) \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda \in I_V} (\mathbb{C}_{\lambda}, \rho_{\lambda})$$

$I_V \subseteq \mathfrak{h}^*$ ,  $\mathbb{C}_{\lambda} \cong$  one-dim rep,  $\rho_{\lambda}(\mathfrak{h}) = (\lambda(\mathfrak{h}))$ .

2) If  $V$  irr, then  $\exists! \lambda \in I_V$  "highest wt"

s.t.  $V$  generated over  $\mathfrak{b}$  by  $v_\lambda$ ,  
 $\rho(x)(v_\lambda) = \lambda(x)v_\lambda$ ,  $x \in \mathfrak{h}$ , then  $r_\lambda = 1$ .

$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{irr fd reps} \\ \text{of } \mathfrak{g} \end{array} \right\} / \sim \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$

Image = "dominant integral weights"

3) All fd reps are semisimple ( $\oplus$  of irreps).

Note: Given (dominant integral)  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ ,  
there is a const. of (f.d.) irrep of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  
h.w.  $\lambda$ .

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Geometry:  $G =$  <sup>(almost)</sup> semisimple alg / Lie  $\mathfrak{g}$   
(ie Lie  $G$  is semisimple)

$B < G$  Borel (max sol.  $\Leftrightarrow$  Lie  $B$  solvable)

Flag var :=  $G/B$

Let  $T < B$  be maximal torus ( $\cong (\mathbb{C}^{\times})^m$ )

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{h} := \text{Lie } T$ ,  $\mathfrak{b} := \text{Lie } B$  are Cartan, Borel.

Let  $\lambda \in \text{Hom}_{\text{group lattice}}(T, \mathbb{C}^{\times}) \subseteq \mathfrak{h}^*$

Define  $(\mathcal{O}(\lambda)) := G_{//_{\mathfrak{b}}} X_{\mathbb{C}, \lambda}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}_{\lambda}$  rep of  $B \supseteq T$   
 $(G \times \mathbb{C}_{\lambda}) //_{\mathfrak{b}}$   $b \cdot v = \exp(\lambda(h))v$   
 $b = \exp(h+n)$

$h \in \mathfrak{h}$ ,  $n \in \mathfrak{n}$ . (As rep of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $n$  acts by 0)

$$\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{n}$$

Remember  $h \cdot v = \lambda(h)v$

Here  $G \times \mathbb{C}_\lambda$  is line bundle on  $G$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \hookrightarrow & G \\ B & \hookrightarrow & B \twoheadrightarrow T \end{array}$$

$$G \times_B \mathbb{C}_\lambda := (G \times \mathbb{C}_\lambda) / B = \text{line bundle on } G/B.$$

Thm (Borel-Weil):  $\Gamma(G/B, \mathcal{O}(N)) = 0$  or  
h.w. irrep of h.w.  $\lambda$  ( $\lambda$  dominant)  $\left| \begin{array}{l} \text{dominant} \\ \text{NOT} \end{array} \right.$

eg.  $G = SL_2$ ,  $G/B = \mathbb{P}^1: \mathcal{O}(m)$ ,

$m$  dominant  $\Leftrightarrow m \geq 0$ .

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}(-k)) = 0, \quad k \geq 1$$

Note:  $G/B$  is projective.

Remark: Borel-Weil-Bott extends to  
 $H^i(G/B, \mathcal{O}(N))$ .

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geometry  $\rightsquigarrow$  rep thry of  $\mathfrak{g}$

Only: finite-dim reps.  $\mathfrak{ss}$ .

Deeper: observe:  $\mathfrak{g} \subseteq \text{Vect}(G/B) := \Gamma(G/B, \mathcal{I}_{\mathfrak{g}})$   
 $\mathfrak{g} \subset G/B$

If we have a sheaf on  $A/B$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  
and action of  $T_{A/B}$  on  $\mathcal{F}$

$\Rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{F}) \ni \mathcal{O}$ .

$D_{A/B}^{\vee} := \{ \text{diff ops } \mathcal{O}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X) \}$

$d=0$ :  $D_{A/B}$ . (gen by  $\mathcal{O}, T$ )

(makes sense  $\lambda \mathcal{O}_X^* \cong \text{Hom}(T, \mathcal{O}^X)$ )

Thm Beilinson - Bernstein:

$$1) \Gamma(G/B, \mathcal{D}_{G/B}^\lambda) \cong U\mathfrak{g} / (\text{Ker } \sigma^*(\lambda))$$

(Hartsh-Chandru Isom:  $\sigma: Z(U\mathfrak{g}) \xrightarrow{\sim} ([\mathfrak{h}^*]^W)$

$$2) \Gamma: \mathcal{D}_{G/B}^\lambda \text{ -mod} \xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma(\mathfrak{b}_1) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod with}$$

$Z(U\mathfrak{g})$  acting by  $\sigma^*(\lambda) \text{ Id}$

Under this,  $(\mathcal{O}C/N) \xrightarrow{\quad} \checkmark$

h.w.  $\lambda$  irr.

Symplectic geom:

$(T^*G/B \xrightarrow[\text{taor}]{\text{symplectic}} \text{Nil}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\text{core}} \cong \mathfrak{g} = \text{ad-nilp elements.})$