

Title: The wonderful compactification and the universal centralizer

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Abstract: Let G be a complex semisimple algebraic group of adjoint type and \overline{G} the wonderful compactification. We show that the closure in \overline{G} of the centralizer G^e of a regular nilpotent $e \in \text{Lie}(G)$ is isomorphic to the Peterson variety. We generalize this result to show that for any regular $x \in \text{Lie}(G)$, the closure of the centralizer G^x in \overline{G} is isomorphic to the closure of a general G^x -orbit in the flag variety. We consider the family of all such centralizer closures, which is a partial compactification of the universal centralizer. We show that it has a natural log-symplectic Poisson structure that extends the usual symplectic structure on the universal centralizer.

The wonderful compactification
of the universal centralizer

G semisimple conn alg grp / \mathbb{C}

$$Z(G) = 1$$

\tilde{G} simply-connected cover

$$\tilde{G} \supset \tilde{B} \supset \tilde{T}$$

compactification

centralizer

alg grp / \mathbb{C}

cover

A regular dom weight $\leftrightarrow V_\lambda \tilde{G}$ -rep

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{G} & \longrightarrow & \text{End } V_\lambda \setminus \{0\} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ G & \xrightarrow{X} & \mathbb{P}(\text{End } V_\lambda) \end{array}$$

Def. The wonderful compactification of G
is $\bar{G} = \overline{X(G)}$.

Propert

- $G \subset \bar{G}$
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weight $\leftrightarrow V_\lambda \tilde{G}$ -map

End $V_\lambda \{0\}$

\mathbb{P}^1

union of G

Properties: • independent of λ

• $G \subset \bar{G}$ open dense

• \bar{G} projective smooth, $G \times G$ -variety

• $\bar{G} \setminus G$ smooth normal crossing divisor

- finitely many $G \times G$ orbits

- orbit closures are smooth

- unique closed orbit $\cong B \times B$

← flag variety

Ex: $G = \text{PG}k_2$ $\tilde{G} = \text{Sk}_2$

std rep $V = \mathbb{C}^2$

Non-ex: $G = \text{PG}k_n$
 $n \geq 3$

$\bar{G} \neq \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$

$X: G \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(M_{2 \times 2}) \mid \text{Ym } X = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid ad - bc \neq 0 \right\}$

$\bar{G} = \mathbb{P}(M_{2 \times 2}) \cong \mathbb{P}^3$

\cup
 $\partial \bar{G} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid ad - bc = 0 \right\} \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ ← flag variety

$$\mathfrak{og} = \ker G$$

$$\mathfrak{l} = \ker \mathfrak{og}$$

Def: $x \in \mathfrak{og}$ is regular if G^x

has min dim \mathfrak{l} .

• $s \in \mathfrak{og}$ reg $\Leftrightarrow G^s$ max torus

• $e \in \mathfrak{g}$ reg nilp $\Leftrightarrow G^e$ unipotent abelian

Ex: \mathfrak{g}

• e reg

G^e

$$\underline{E}_x \quad \sigma_f = \ln$$

• e reg nilpotent



$$G^e = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & & & a & b & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & a & b \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

constant entries
along superdiags

$$\mathbb{F} \cdot X \in \sigma_f^{\log}$$

Belian



constant entries
along superdiagonal

1) $s \in \mathfrak{g}$ of regular semisimple

$$G^s = T \text{ max torus}$$

\overline{T} projective toric variety

\cong fan of Weyl chambers.
(smooth).

closure of a generic T -orbit on B

(Dabrowski)

(Klyachko)

\hookrightarrow self many

Plücker coords $\neq 0$.

2) $e \in$
 e

semisimple

as torus

projective toric variety

union of Weyl chambers.

(smooth).

a generic T -orbit on B

↳ self many

Plücker coords $\neq 0$.

2) $e \in \mathfrak{g}$ reg nilpotent

$e \in \mathfrak{b}$ unique Borel

$\bar{\mathfrak{b}} \in \mathcal{B}$ opposite Borel

Def: The Peterson variety is

$$\overline{G^e \cdot \bar{\mathfrak{b}}} \subset \mathcal{B}$$

(non-normal
except in small n)

Thm (\mathcal{B}) there is a G^e -isomorphism

$$\overline{G^e} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{P}^e$$

G^x -orbit on B

dense

as w/ previous

in sl_2 case

orbit on B

morphism

$\{e, h, f\}$ principal sl_2 -triple

$$\sigma_f^e = \ker G^e$$

→ principal slice $f + \sigma_f^e$

- intersects each regular

G -orbit on σ_f^e exactly once

- section to adjoint quot

$$\sigma_f \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$$

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exactly once

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Def. The universal centralizer is

$$Z = \left\{ (g, \xi) \in G \times (\mathfrak{g} + \sigma\mathfrak{g}^e) \mid g \in G^{\equiv} \right\}$$

Natural symplectic struct:

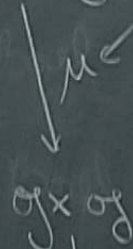
$$\mathfrak{e} \in \mathfrak{b} = \ker \mathcal{B}$$

$N \subset \mathcal{B}$ unipotent radical

$$\mathfrak{n} = \ker N$$

$$N \times N \hookrightarrow T^*G \cong G \times \mathfrak{g}$$

moment map ν



$$\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}$$

$$\eta^* \times \eta^* \cong \mathbb{T}^*B \times \mathbb{T}^*B \ni (\beta, \beta)$$

moment map for $G \times G$

- $\mu(g, \xi) = (g\xi, \xi)$
- $\text{Im } \mu = \{ \text{conjugate pairs} \}$
- $\mu^{-1}(\xi, \xi) \cong G^\xi$

fixed by $N \times N$.

- (β, β) is a regular value of ν
- $N \times N \hookrightarrow \nu^{-1}(\beta, \beta)$ free & proper
- $\nu^{-1}(\beta, \beta) / N \times N \cong \tilde{X}$ ← symplectic struct.

Partial compactification

$$\overline{Z} = \left\{ (x, z) \in \overline{G} \times (f + \sigma g^e) \mid x \in \overline{G^m} \right\}$$

\downarrow \rightsquigarrow generic fiber \overline{T}
 $f + \sigma g^e$ is smooth

$\Delta = \bar{G} \setminus G$ boundary divisor

\bar{G}_m

$T^*\bar{G}(-\log \Delta)$ logarithmic cotangent bundle

- sections are log forms w/
poles along Δ

- restricts to T^*G on $G = \bar{G}$

- canonical log-symplectic struct

$$\Delta = \{x_1 \cdots x_\ell = 0\} \quad \omega = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{dx_i}{x_i} \wedge d\xi_i + \sum_{i=k+1}^n dx_i \wedge d\xi_i$$

tangent bundle

is w/

along Δ

\bar{G}

structure

$$\sum_{i=k+1}^n dx_i \wedge dz_i$$

$$T^* \bar{G}(-\log \Delta) \hookrightarrow \bar{G} \times \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}$$

fiber at $x \in \bar{G}$:

$$\Theta = (G \times G) \times$$

$$\text{Stab}_{G \times G}(x) \cap \frac{T_x \bar{G}}{T_x \Theta}$$

$$= \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}(x) = \text{lie}(\text{ker of this action})$$

$$T_x^* \bar{G}(-\log \Delta)$$

$$\overline{G} \times \sigma_g \times \sigma_g$$

$$T_x \overline{G} / T_x \theta$$

of this action)

$$g \in G \subset \overline{G}$$

$$\sigma_g \times \sigma_g(g) = \text{Lie}(\text{Stab}_{G \times G}(g))$$

$$\sigma_g \times \sigma_g(e) = \text{Lie}(G_\Delta) = \sigma_{g\Delta}$$

$$\sigma_g \times \sigma_g(g) = g \circ \sigma_{g\Delta}$$

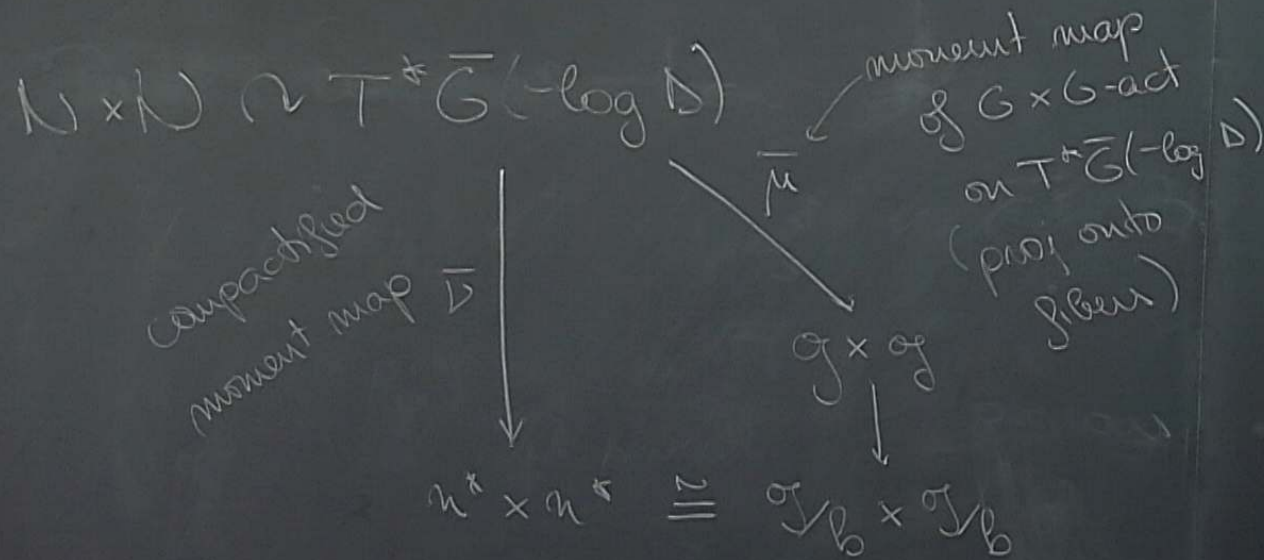
Rk Alternative const: $\tau: G \hookrightarrow \text{Gr}(\dim \sigma, \sigma \times \sigma)$
 $g \mapsto g \circ \sigma_g$

$$\overline{G} = \overline{\tau(G)}$$

$\Rightarrow T^+G(-\log \mathbb{D})$ is rest. of taut ball.

$$G_\Delta \hookrightarrow G \times G$$

$$g \mapsto (g, g^{-1})$$



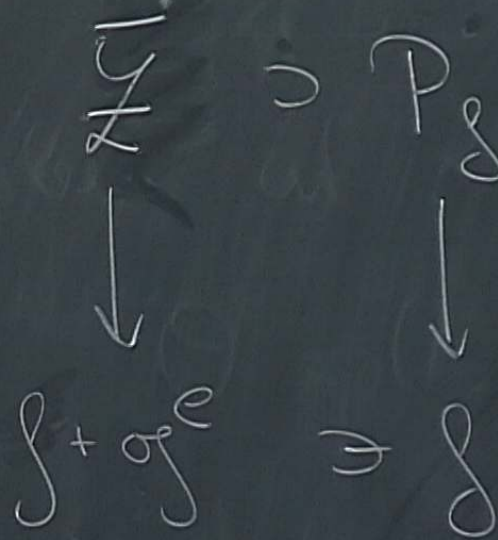
$\text{Im } \bar{\mu} = \mathfrak{g}^*/\mathfrak{b} + \mathfrak{g}^*/\mathfrak{b}$

$\bar{\mu}^{-1}(\bar{\mu}, \bar{\mu}) \cong G^m, \quad \bar{\mu} \in \mathfrak{g}^*/\mathfrak{b}$

image of \mathbb{P}^1

proper

Rk: \mathbb{P}^1 is smooth.



$\bar{G} = \coprod \mathcal{S}_\gamma$ strat into $G \times G$ -orbits
 indexed by $\gamma \in \{\text{simple roots}\}$

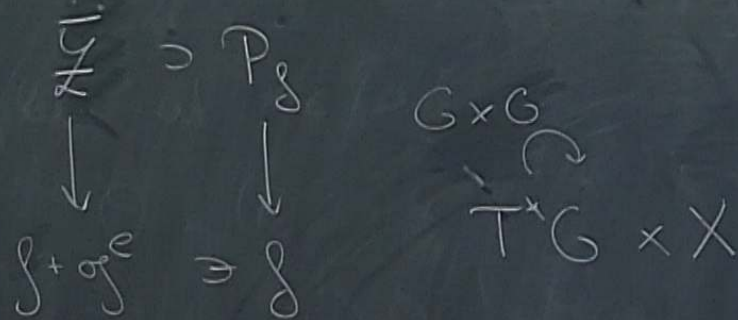
induces

$$\tilde{\mathcal{X}} \rightarrow \coprod \tilde{\mathcal{X}}_\gamma$$

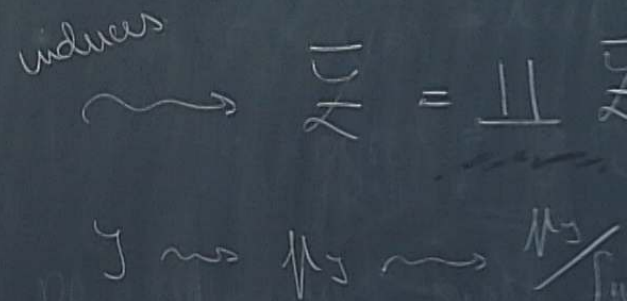
$$\gamma \mapsto \mu_\gamma \mapsto \mu_\gamma / [\mu_\gamma, \mu_\gamma] \cong \sigma_\gamma$$

Symplectic leaves in $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}_\gamma \longleftrightarrow \sigma_\gamma$

Re \overline{Z} is smooth.



$\overline{G} = \coprod \mathcal{S}_y$ stat
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Symplectic leaves in \overline{Z}