

Antipodal sets of compact Riemannian symmetric spaces

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1. Introduction

M : a Riemannian symmetric space

s_x : the geodesic symmetry at x

i.e. s_x is an isometry of M , $s_x^2 = \text{id}$ and x is an isolated fixed point of s_x

$S \subset M$: a subset

S : an antipodal set $\Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in S, s_x(y) = y$

the 2-number of M

$\#_2 M := \max\{|S| \mid S \subset M \text{ antipodal set}\}$

S : a great antipodal set $\Leftrightarrow |S| = \#_2 M$

G : a compact Lie group

p : a prime number

the p -rank of G = the maximal possible rank
of the subgroup $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_p$ of G (Borel-Serre)

$r_2(G) :=$ the 2-rank of G , $\#_2 G = 2^{r_2(G)}$

$M \subset N$: totally geodesic $\Rightarrow \#_2 M \leq \#_2 N$
(Chen-Nagano) M : cpt. conn.

$\#_2 M \geq \chi(M)$, $\chi(M)$: the Euler number
“=” if M : Herm. sym. sp. of cpt. type

(Takeuchi) M : a sym. R -sp.

$$\Rightarrow \#_2 M = \sum_{k=0}^{\dim M} b_k(M; \mathbb{Z}_2)$$

A sym. R -sp. is a real form L of some Herm. sym. sp. M of cpt. type, and vice versa.

$\exists \tau$: invol. anti-holo. isom. of M

$$L = F(\tau, M) := \{x \in M \mid \tau(x) = x\}$$

(T.-Tasaki) M : a Herm. sym. of cpt.

type, L_1, L_2 : real forms of M , $L_1 \pitchfork L_2$

$\Rightarrow L_1 \cap L_2$: an antipodal set of L_i ($i = 1, 2$)

Application : calculation of Lagrangian Floer homology (Iriyeh-Sakai-Tasaki)

Fundamental problem : classification of maximal antipodal sets

2. Antipodal sets of symmetric R -spaces

Theorem 1 (T.-Tasaki 2013)

In a symmetric R -space M (i) any antipodal set is included in a great antipodal set, (ii) any two great antipodal sets are ($I_0(M)$ -) congruent. (iii) a great antipodal set is an orbit of “the Weyl group”.

M is a real form of \hat{M}

\hat{M} : Herm. sym. sp. of cpt. type

i.e., τ : inv. anti-holo. isometry of \hat{M}

$M = F(\tau, \hat{M})$

$$\hat{M} = \text{Ad}(G)\xi \subset \mathfrak{g}, \quad (\text{ad}\xi)^3 = -\text{ad}\xi$$

$$\cup \qquad \qquad \cup$$

$$M = \text{Ad}(K)\xi \subset \mathfrak{p}, \quad \tau \rightsquigarrow \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{p}$$

G/K : Riem. sym. sp. of cpt. type

$$X, Y \in M, \quad s_X(Y) = Y \Leftrightarrow [X, Y] = 0$$

$$A \subset M : \textbf{MAS} \Leftrightarrow A = M \cap \mathfrak{a}, \quad \mathfrak{a} \subset \mathfrak{p} : \textbf{max.}$$

abel. \rightsquigarrow (i)-(iii)

“the Weyl gr.” = the Weyl group of G/K

We do not know much about antipodal sets
in a cpt. Riem. sym. sp. which is not a
sym. R -space.

A quotient group of a compact Lie group
is not a symmetric R -space in general.

3. Antipodal sets of compact Lie groups

G : a cpt. Lie gr. with bi-invariant metric

$$x \in G, s_x(y) = xy^{-1}x \quad (y \in G)$$

1 : the unit element of G

$$s_1(y) = y \Leftrightarrow y^2 = 1$$

If $x^2 = 1, y^2 = 1, s_x(y) = y \Leftrightarrow xy = yx$

$1 \in S \subset G$: max. antipodal set \Rightarrow subgroup

$$S \cong \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_2}_r \quad |S| = 2^r \quad (r = r_2(G))$$

$r \geq \text{rank}(G)$ ($r > \text{rank}(G)$ can occur)

$$\Delta_n := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \pm 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \pm 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset O(n)$$

$$\Delta_n^\pm := \{g \in \Delta_n \mid \det g = \pm 1\}$$

A maximal antipodal subgr. of $O(n)$, $U(n)$, $Sp(n)$ is conjugate to Δ_n .

A maximal antipodal subgr. of $SO(n)$, $SU(n)$ is conjugate to Δ_n^+ .

$$\#_2 O(n) = \#_2 U(n) = \#_2 Sp(n) = 2^n$$

$$\#_2 SO(n) = \#_2 SU(n) = 2^{n-1}$$

4. Classification of maximal antipodal subgroups of quotient groups of $U(n)$, $SU(n)$, $O(n)$, $SO(n)$, $Sp(n)$

the center of $U(n)$ $\stackrel{\text{id}}{=} \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\} = U(1)$

$\mathbb{Z}_\mu \subset U(1)$: **cyclic gr. of order μ**

$\Rightarrow U(n)/\mathbb{Z}_\mu$ is a cpt. Lie gr. locally isomorphic to $U(n)$

the center of $SU(n)$ $\stackrel{\text{id}}{=} \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z^n = 1\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$

$\mathbb{Z}_\mu \subset \mathbb{Z}_n$: **cyclic gr. of order μ , where n is divided by μ .**

$\Rightarrow SU(n)/\mathbb{Z}_\mu$ is a cpt. Lie gr. locally isomorphic to $SU(n)$

$$D[4] := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \pm 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \pm 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \pm 1 \\ \pm 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset O(2)$$

$D[4]$: dihedral group

$$D^\pm[4] := \{g \in D[4] \mid \det g = \pm 1\}$$

$$n = 2^k \cdot l, \quad l : \text{odd}$$

$$0 \leq s \leq k$$

$$D(s, n) := \underbrace{D[4] \otimes \cdots \otimes D[4]}_s \otimes \Delta_{n/2^s} \subset O(n)$$

Theorem 2 (T.-Tasaki)

\mathbb{Z}_μ : a cyclic subgr. of the center of $U(n)$

θ : a primitive 2μ -th root of 1

$\pi_n : U(n) \rightarrow U(n)/\mathbb{Z}_\mu$: the natural proj.

A max. antip. subgr. (MAS) of $U(n)/\mathbb{Z}_\mu$ is conjugate to one of the followings.

(1) n or μ is odd

$$\pi_n(\{1, \theta\}D(0, n)) = \pi_n(\{1, \theta\}\Delta_n)$$

(2) n and μ are even

$$\pi_n(\{1, \theta\}D(s, n)) \quad (0 \leq s \leq k)$$

where $(s, n) = (k - 1, 2^k)$ is excluded.

Remark. $\Delta_2 \subsetneq D[4]$.

$$\begin{aligned} D(k-1, 2^k) &= \underbrace{D[4] \otimes \cdots \otimes D[4]}_s \otimes \Delta_2 \\ &\subsetneq \underbrace{D[4] \otimes \cdots \otimes D[4]}_s \otimes D[4] = D(k, 2^k) \end{aligned}$$

MAS is not unique (up to conjugation)

$\Leftrightarrow n, \mu$: **even**, $n \geq 4$

**A great antipodal subgroup (GAS) is unique
for $\forall n, \forall \mu$.**

Sketch of Proof :

$A \subset U(n)/\mathbb{Z}_\mu$: **MAS**

$$B := \pi_n^{-1}(A) \subset U(n)$$

Case 1. B is abelian.

A is conjugate to $\pi_n(\Delta_n \cup \theta\Delta_n)$.

Case 2. B is not abelian.

$\exists a, b \in B$ s.t. $ab \neq ba$

$n = 2n'$: even

$\langle a, b \rangle \cong D[4] \otimes 1_{n'}$

A is conjugate to $\pi_n(D[4] \otimes B')$,

$B' = \pi_n^{-1}(\text{MAS in } U(n')/\mathbb{Z}_\mu)$

\rightsquigarrow induction

$$SU(n)/\mathbb{Z}_\mu \subset U(n)/\mathbb{Z}_\mu \quad (n \text{ is divided by } \mu)$$

Theorem 2 \rightsquigarrow **classification of MAS of** $SU(n)/\mathbb{Z}_\mu$

When $n = 8$, \exists **two GAS's:**

$$\pi_8(\{1, \theta\} \Delta_8^+), \quad \pi_8(\{1, \theta\} D(3, 8))$$

$$Q[8] := \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$$

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1,$$

$$ij = -ji = k, \quad jk = -kj = i, \quad ki = -ik = j$$

Theorem 3 (T.-Tasaki)

$\tilde{G} = O(n), SO(n), Sp(n), G = O(n)/\{\pm 1_n\},$

$SO(n)/\{\pm 1_n\}$ (n : even), $Sp(n)/\{\pm 1_n\}$

$\pi_n : \tilde{G} \rightarrow G$: the natural proj.

$n = 2^k \cdot l, l$: odd

(I) MAS of $G = O(n)/\{\pm 1_n\}$ is conjugate to

$\pi_n(D(s, n))$ ($0 \leq s \leq k$),

where $(s, n) = (k - 1, 2^k)$ is excluded.

(II) MAS of $G = SO(n)/\{\pm 1_n\}$ is conjugate to

(II-1) $k = 1$

$$\pi_n(\Delta_n^+), \quad \pi_n(D^+[4] \otimes \Delta_l),$$

where $\pi_2(\Delta_2^+)$ is excluded when $n = 2$.

(II-2) $k \geq 2$

$$\pi_n(\Delta_n^+), \quad \pi_n(D(s, n)) \quad (1 \leq s \leq k),$$

where $(s, n) = (k - 1, 2^k)$ is excluded & $\pi_4(\Delta_4^+)$ is excluded when $n = 4$.

(III) MAS of $G = Sp(n)/\{\pm 1_n\}$

is conjugate to

$$\pi_n(Q[8] \cdot D(s, n)) \quad (0 \leq s \leq k),$$

where $(s, n) = (k - 1, 2^k)$ is excluded.

Corollary 4

(I) $G = O(n)/\{\pm 1_n\}$

$n = 2$, $\pi_2(D[4])$ is a unique GAS.

$n = 4$, $\pi_4(D(2, 4))$ is a unique GAS.

$n \neq 2, 4$, $\pi_n(\Delta_n)$ is a unique GAS.

(II) $G = SO(n)/\{\pm 1_n\}$

$n = 2$, $\pi_2(D^+[4])$ is a unique GAS.

$n = 4$, $\pi_4(D(2, 4))$ is a unique GAS.

$n = 8$, $\pi_8(\Delta_8^+)$ and $\pi_8(D(3, 8))$ are the GAS's.

$n \neq 2, 4, 8$, $\pi_n(\Delta_n^+)$ is a unique GAS.

(III) $G = Sp(n)/\{\pm 1_n\}$

$n = 2$, $\pi_2(Q[8] \cdot D[4])$ is a unique GAS.

$n = 4$, $\pi_4(Q[8] \cdot D(2, 4))$ is a unique GAS.

$n \neq 2, 4$, $\pi_n(Q[8] \cdot \Delta_n)$ is a unique GAS.

5. Classification of MAS's of the automorphism groups of Lie algebras

G : conn. cpt. semisimple Lie gr.

Z : the center of G (discrete subgr. of G)

$G/Z \cong \text{Inn}(g) \cong \text{Ad}(G)$

How many involutive inner automorphisms of \mathfrak{g} which commute to each other can we take ? \rightsquigarrow MAS of $\text{Inn}(g)$

Section 4 \rightsquigarrow classification of MAS of $\text{Inn}(g)$,
 $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{su}(n), \mathfrak{so}(n), \mathfrak{sp}(n)$

$\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g})$: the group of automorphisms of \mathfrak{g}

$\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g})_0 = \text{Inn}(\mathfrak{g})$

$\text{Ad} : G \rightarrow G/Z$: the natural proj.

Theorem 5 (T.-Tasaki)

$n = 2^k \cdot l$, l : odd

(I) $\tau : \mathfrak{su}(n) \rightarrow \mathfrak{su}(n)$; $X \mapsto \bar{X}$

MAS of $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{su}(n))$ is conjugate to

$\{e, \tau\} \text{Ad}(D(s, n))$ $(0 \leq s \leq k)$,

where $(s, n) = (k - 1, 2^k)$ is excluded.

(II) MAS of $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{so}(n))$: is conjugate to

$\text{Ad}(D(s, n)) \quad (0 \leq s \leq k),$

where $(s, n) = (k - 1, 2^k)$ is excluded.

(III) MAS of $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{sp}(n))$: is conjugate to

$\text{Ad}(Q[8] \cdot D(s, n)) \quad (0 \leq s \leq k),$

where $(s, n) = (k - 1, 2^k)$ is excluded.

6. Classification of maximal antipodal subsets of G_2 and $G_2/SO(4)$

M : a cpt. Rieman. sym. sp., $o \in M$

Assume $F(s_o, M) = \{o\} \cup M_1^+$

$o \in A \subset M$

A : **MAS** of $M \Leftrightarrow A \cap M_1^+$: **MAS** of M_1^+

e : **the unit element**

$F(s_e, G_2) = \{e\} \cup M_1^+, \quad M_1^+ \cong G_2/SO(4)$

$o \in M_1^+$

$F(s_o, M_1^+) = \{o\} \cup M_{1,1}^+, \quad M_{1,1}^+ \cong (S^2 \times S^2)/\mathbb{Z}_2$

$S^2 \times S^2 \ni (p, q) \mapsto [p, q] \in (S^2 \times S^2)/\mathbb{Z}_2$

$(u_i, v_i) \in S^2 \times S^2 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$

$u_i \perp u_j, \quad v_i \perp v_j \quad (i \neq j)$

$A := \{[u_1, \pm v_1], [u_2, \pm v_2], [u_3, \pm v_3]\}$ is a unique
MAS of $(S^2 \times S^2)/\mathbb{Z}_2$ up to congruence.

$A \leftrightarrow A_{1,1} \subset M_{1,1}^+$

Theorem 6 (T.-Tasaki)

MAS of $G_2/SO(4)$ is congruent to $\{o\} \cup A_{1,1}$.

MAS of G_2 is conjugate to $\{e, o\} \cup A_{1,1}$.