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ABSTRACT. We construct many infinite sequences of pairs of Lens spaces that are  $p$ -isospectral for all  $p$  but are not strongly isospectral. Such pairs are associated to special  $\|\cdot\|_1$ -isospectral lattices on  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Two compact riemannian manifolds  $M, M'$  are said to be isospectral if the spectrum of  $M$  and  $M'$  with respect to the Laplace operator are the same. More generally, they are said to be  $p$ -isospectral if the spectrum on  $p$ -forms for  $M, M'$  are the same. Clearly, if  $M, M'$  are isometric, they are  $p$ -isospectral for all  $p$ . The first examples of manifolds that are  $p$ -isospectral for every  $p$  and still they are not isometric are due to J.Milnor ([Mi]). Since then many more examples have been constructed showing connections between spectra and geometry of a riemannian manifold (see...). In [Su], Sunada gave a general procedure to construct isospectral pairs of manifolds by using orbit spaces of two finite groups  $F, F'$  of isometries acting on a riemannian manifold  $M$ , where  $F, F'$  are almost conjugate in a bigger finite group  $G$ , that is, there is a bijection between  $F$  and  $F'$  that preserves  $G$ -conjugacy classes. Sunada's method yields many new examples, but always provides manifolds that are strongly isospectral, that is they are isospectral for every strongly natural operator acting on sections of a vector bundle  $E$  over  $M$ , in particular they are  $p$ -isospectral for all  $p$ .

The first pair of manifolds that are isospectral on functions and not on 1-forms is due to Carolyn Gordon, who used left invariant metrics on Heisenberg nilmanifolds. Later, Ikeda studied the spectrum of spherical space forms and produced, for each  $p$ , lens spaces that are  $q$ -isospectral for every  $q \leq p$  and are not  $p+1$ -isospectral. For a given  $p$ , Ikeda's examples have dimension of the order of about  $n = 2p$ . Several people produced, subsequently, new examples of strongly isospectral, non isometric, spherical space forms, by Sunada's method (J.A.Wolf, P.

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Gilkey, D. Schueth, A. Ikeda). However, in the class of *non strongly isospectral* spherical space forms, we are just left with Ikeda's examples ([Ik]) and those found by Gornet-Mc Gowan by computer methods. These examples cannot be Sunada isospectral, since two lens spaces that are Sunada isospectral are necessarily isometric.

In this paper we take up the construction of lens spaces that are  $p$ -isospectral for all  $p$  but still they are not strongly isospectral. This question has been open for some time and was raised by J.A. Wolf in [Wo, Introduction]. Our approach consists in using the representation theory of a compact Lie group and some invariant theory to derive a formula for the multiplicity of each eigenvalue of  $\Delta_p$ , the  $p$ -Laplace operator, in terms of the multiplicities of the weights of representations of  $G$  and on the number of solutions of certain congruences, depending on the data of the lens space (see Theorem ). One can associate to each lens space  $L(q : p_1, \dots, p_m)$  the integral lattice containing  $q\mathbb{Z}^r$  given by

$$\Lambda(q : p_1, \dots, p_m) = \{(z_1, \dots, z_m) \in \mathbb{Z}^r : \sum z_i p_i \equiv 0 \pmod{q}\}.$$

We show that two lens spaces  $L(q : p_1, \dots, p_m)$  and  $L(q : p'_1, \dots, p'_m)$  are  $p$ -isospectral for every  $1 \leq p \leq n$ , if and only if the lattices  $\Lambda(q : p_1, \dots, p_m)$  and  $\Lambda(q : p'_1, \dots, p'_m)$  are strongly  $\|\cdot\|_1$ -isospectral (see Definition ).

In Section ?? we construct an infinite family of strongly  $\|\cdot\|_1$ -isospectral lattices. The proof of isospectrality is involved and is based on a subdivision of the lattice into layers and in showing that the number of elements in each layer, having a fixed  $\|\cdot\|_1$  length, is the same for both lattices. This is attained by partitioning each layer into finitely many regions (6?) and defining, for each of these regions, an  $\|\cdot\|_1$ -isometry that gives a bijective correspondence between the elements of one lattice in that layer and those of the other lattice. As mentioned, the associated lens spaces are  $p$ -isospectral for every  $p$ , but they cannot be strongly isospectral since we give a representation  $\tau$  of  $G$  such that the lattices are not  $\tau$ -isospectral. We point out that the corresponding lens spaces are homotopically equivalent but not homeomorphic to each other.

Finally, in Section ?? we show (see Theorem ??) that to check the  $\|\cdot\|_1$ -isospectrality of the lattices in

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it is sufficient to do this for all elements having  $\|\cdot\|_1$  less than or equal to ..., thus reducing the verification to a finite set of lengths. We conclude the section with an Appendix that gives a list, obtained by computer methods, of all pairs for  $m = 3$  and  $m = 4$ , for  $q \leq 500$ . As we can see, there are many examples which are not included in the family constructed in the previous section.

bundles

**2.1. Homogeneous vector bundles.** For each finite dimensional unitary representation  $(\tau, W_\tau)$  of  $K$ , we consider the *homogeneous vector bundle*

$$E_\tau = G \times_\tau W_\tau \longrightarrow X = G/K,$$

that is the quotient of  $G \times W_\tau$  under the right action of  $K$  given as  $(x, v) \cdot k = (xk, \tau(k^{-1})v)$  (see for instance [Wa73, Ch. 5] or [LMR13, §2.1]). The space  $\Gamma^\infty(E_\tau)$  of smooth sections of  $E_\tau$  is in one to one correspondence with the space  $C^\infty(G/K; \tau)$  of smooth functions  $f : G \rightarrow W_\tau$  such that  $f(xk) = \tau(k^{-1})f(x)$ .

We restrict to  $\Gamma$  the left actions of  $G$  on  $X = G/K$ ,  $E_\tau$ ,  $\Gamma^\infty(E_\tau)$  and  $C^\infty(G/K; \tau)$ . The space  $\Gamma^\infty(\Gamma \backslash E_\tau)$  of  $\Gamma$ -invariant elements in  $\Gamma^\infty(E_\tau)$  is a homogeneous vector bundle over the

compact Riemannian manifolds  $\Gamma \backslash X$ , and it isomorphic to the space  $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash G/K; \tau)$  of  $\Gamma$ -invariant functions in  $C^\infty(G/K; \tau)$ . We denote by  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash E_\tau)$  the closure of  $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash G/K; \tau)$  with respect to the inner product  $(f_1, f_2) = \int_{\Gamma \backslash X} \langle f_1(x), f_2(x) \rangle dx$ .

The (semisimple) Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  of  $G$ , its complexification  $\mathfrak{g}$  and the universal enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  act on  $C^\infty(G/K; \tau)$  in a natural way. We shall denote by  $C = \sum X_i^2 \in U(\mathfrak{g})$ , where  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is any orthonormal basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , the *Casimir* element of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ;  $C$  defines a [second order elliptic differential operator](#)  $\Delta_\tau$  on  $C^\infty(G/K; \tau) \simeq \Gamma^\infty(E_\tau)$ . This operator commutes with the left action of  $G$ , in particular with elements in  $\Gamma$ , thus  $\Delta_\tau$  induces a differential operator  $\Delta_{\tau, \Gamma}$  acting on  $\Gamma^\infty(\Gamma \backslash E_\tau)$ .

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**Example 2.1.** In the next sections we shall fix the following symmetric pair  $(O(n+1), O(n))$ . Its associated symmetric space is the  $n$ -dimensional sphere  $S^n$ . For  $0 \leq p \leq n$ , let  $\tau_p$  denote the  $p$ -exterior representation  $\bigwedge^p(\mathbb{C}^n)$  of  $K = O(n)$ . Then  $\Delta_{\tau_p}$  (resp.  $\Delta_{\tau_p, \Gamma}$ ) coincides with the Hodge-Laplace operator on complex valued differential forms of degree  $p$  on  $S^n$  (resp.  $\Gamma \backslash S^n$ ).

We now recall some notions and facts from the Introduction. <sup>1</sup>

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**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(G, K)$  be a Riemannian symmetric pair, let  $X = G/K$  and let  $\tau \in \widehat{K}$ . Let  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  be two discrete subgroups of  $G$  acting freely on  $X$ . The spaces  $\Gamma_1 \backslash X$  and  $\Gamma_2 \backslash X$  are said to be  $\tau$ -ispectral if the Laplace type operators  $\Delta_{\tau, \Gamma_1}$  and  $\Delta_{\tau, \Gamma_2}$  have the same spectrum.

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**Definition 2.3.** Two compact Riemannian spaces  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are called  $p$ -ispectral if the Hodge-Laplace operators acting on  $p$ -forms have the same spectrum.

We note that if a discrete <sup>2</sup> subgroup  $\Gamma \subset O(n+1)$  acts freely on  $S^n$ , then it must necessarily be included in  $SO(n+1)$ , thus  $\Gamma \backslash S^n$  is an orientable manifold. [In particular](#), this implies that  $\Gamma_1 \backslash S^n$  and  $\Gamma_2 \backslash S^n$  are  $p$ -ispectral if and only if they are  $(n-p)$ -ispectral.

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**2.2. Right regular representation.** We consider the *right regular representation*  $R_\Gamma$  of  $G$  on  $L^2(G)$  given by  $(R(g) \cdot f)(x) = f(xg)$ . Since  $G$  is a compact group, by the Peter-Weyl theorem the set  $\bigcup_{\pi \in \widehat{G}} \{C_{v_i, v_j}^\pi : 1 \leq i, j \leq \dim V_\pi\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L^2(G)$ , where  $\{v_1, \dots, v_{d_\pi}\}$  ( $d_\pi := \dim V_\pi$ ) is any orthonormal basis of  $V_\pi$  and  $C_{v, w}^\pi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is given by  $C_{v, w}^\pi(x) = d_\pi^{-1/2} \langle \pi(x)v, w \rangle$ . Let  $\pi \in \widehat{G}$ . By fixing any  $w \in V_\pi$ , we have that the subspace  $\{C_{v, w}^\pi : v \in V_\pi\}$  is invariant by the right regular representation and isomorphic to  $V_\pi$ , thus the representation  $\pi$  has multiplicity  $d_\pi$  in  $L^2(G)$ .<sup>3</sup> Hence

$$L^2(G) = \sum_{\pi \in \widehat{G}} d_\pi V_\pi.$$

We restrict the right regular representation  $R$  to the subspace

$$L^2(\Gamma \backslash G) := \{f \in L^2(G) : f(\gamma x) = f(x) \quad \forall \gamma \in \Gamma\}.$$

We denote by  $R_\Gamma$  the action of  $G$  on this subspace. We then have

$$\begin{aligned} C_{v, w}^\pi \in L^2(\Gamma \backslash G) &\iff \langle \pi(\gamma x)v, w \rangle = \langle \pi(x)v, w \rangle \quad \forall x \in G, \forall \gamma \in \Gamma \\ &\iff \langle \pi(x)v, \pi(\gamma^{-1})w - w \rangle = 0 \quad \forall x \in G, \forall \gamma \in \Gamma \\ &\iff \pi(\gamma)w = w \quad \forall \gamma \in \Gamma \\ &\iff w \in V_\pi^\Gamma, \end{aligned}$$

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where  $V_\pi^\Gamma$  is the subspace of  $V_\pi$  invariant by the action of  $\Gamma$ . Let  $d_\pi^\Gamma = \dim V_\pi^\Gamma$ . Hence we have the decomposition

$$(2.1) \quad L^2(\Gamma \backslash G) = \sum_{\pi \in \widehat{G}} d_\pi^\Gamma V_\pi.$$

**Remark 2.4.** In the notation in [LMR13], (2.1) tells us that  $n_\Gamma(\pi) = d_\pi^\Gamma$  for all  $\pi \in \widehat{G}$  when  $G$  is a compact group.

For any  $\tau \in \widehat{K}$ , set  $\widehat{G}_\tau = \{\pi \in \widehat{G} : \text{Hom}_K(W_\tau, V_\pi) \neq 0\}$  and let  $R_{\Gamma, \tau}$  denote the restriction of  $R_\Gamma$  on the subspace

$$(2.2) \quad L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)_\tau = \sum_{\pi \in \widehat{G}_\tau} d_\pi^\Gamma V_\pi.$$

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $\tau \in \widehat{K}$ . Two discrete subgroups  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  of  $G$  that act freely on  $X = G/K$  are called  $\tau$ -equivalent if the representations  $R_{\Gamma_1, \tau}$  and  $R_{\Gamma_2, \tau}$  are equivalent, or equivalently, if  $d_{\pi_1}^{\Gamma_1} = d_{\pi_2}^{\Gamma_2}$  for every  $\pi \in \widehat{G}_\tau$ .

There is a strong relation between the notions of  $\tau$ -equivalence groups (Definition 2.5) and  $\tau$ -isospectral manifolds (Definition 2.2). The next result (see [LMR13]) explains one part of this relation.

**Proposition 2.6.** Let  $(G, K)$  be a symmetric pair of compact type and let  $\Gamma, \Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  be discrete cocompact subgroups of  $G$  that act freely on  $X = G/K$ . Let  $\Delta_{\tau, \Gamma}$  be the Laplace operator acting on the sections of the homogeneous vector bundle  $\Gamma \backslash E_\tau$  (see Subsection 2.1) of the manifold  $\Gamma \backslash X$ .

(1) If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , the multiplicity  $d_\lambda(\tau, \Gamma)$  of the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $\Delta_{\tau, \Gamma}$  is given by

$$(2.3) \quad d_\lambda(\tau, \Gamma) = \sum_{\pi \in \widehat{G}: \lambda(C, \pi) = \lambda} d_\pi^\Gamma \dim(\text{Hom}_K(W_\tau^*, V_\pi)).$$

(2) If  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  are  $\tau^*$ -equivalent then  $\Gamma_1 \backslash X$  and  $\Gamma_2 \backslash X$  are  $\tau$ -isospectral.

The next result gives a description of  $d_\pi^\Gamma$  when  $\Gamma$  is a finite abelian group inside a maximal torus  $T$  of  $G$ . Let  $\mathfrak{h}_0$  denote the Lie subalgebra of  $T$ , and let  $\mathfrak{h}$  be its complexification. We denote by ... consider the root system of  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$ . Any finite dimensional representation  $(\pi, V_\pi)$  of  $G$  decomposes as  $V_\pi = \bigoplus_\mu V_\pi(\mu)$ , where  $\mu$  runs over the weight lattice  $P(G) \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$  of  $G$  and

$$V_\pi(\mu) = \{v \in V_\pi : \pi(h)v = h^\mu v \quad \forall h \in T\},$$

where  $h^\mu := e^{\mu(H)} \in \mathbb{C}$  for any  $H \in \mathfrak{h}_0$  such that  $\exp(H) = h$ . The nonzero elements in  $V_\pi(\mu)$  are called weight vectors of weight  $\mu$ . The multiplicity of  $\mu$  in  $\pi$  is denoted by  $m_\pi(\mu) = \dim V_\pi(\mu)$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite subgroup of  $G$ ,  $\Gamma \subset T$ , a maximal torus of  $G$  and let  $(\pi, V_\pi)$  be any finite dimensional representation of  $G$ . Then

$$d_\pi^\Gamma = \dim V_\pi^\Gamma = \sum_{\substack{\mu \in P(G): \\ \gamma^\mu = 1 \quad \forall \gamma \in \Gamma}} m_\pi(\mu).$$

*Proof.* Since  $\Gamma \subset T$ , the action of any  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  diagonalizes on the decomposition  $\bigoplus_\mu V_\pi(\mu)$ . Moreover, any weight vector  $v$  of weight  $\mu$  is invariant by  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  if and only if  $\gamma^\mu = 1$ . Hence

$$V_\pi(\mu)^\Gamma = \begin{cases} V_\pi(\mu) & \text{if } \gamma^\mu = 1 \quad \forall \gamma \in \Gamma, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The remaining assertions follows easily. □

s-forms

**2.3. Spherical spaces forms.** In this subsection we restrict our attention to the symmetric pair  $(G, K) = (O(n+1), O(n))$ , thus  $X = S^n$  the  $n$ -dimensional sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . A spherical space form is a manifold of the form  $\Gamma \backslash S^n$  where  $\Gamma \subset O(n+1)$  acts freely on  $S^n$ . Since even dimensional spheres  $S^n$  cover only  $S^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}P^n$ , we will look only at odd dimensional spheres, thus we assume from now on that  $G = O(2m)$  and  $K = O(2m-1)$ . We also note that if a discrete subgroup  $\Gamma \subset G$  acts freely on  $S^{2m-1}$ ,<sup>4</sup> then it must necessarily be included in  $G^0 = SO(2m)$ ; thus, all odd-dimensional spherical space forms are orientable.

Here and subsequently, we denote by  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = \mathfrak{so}(2m)$  the real skew-symmetric matrices, which is the Lie algebra of  $G^0 = SO(2m)$  and of  $G = O(2m)$  as well. Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_0 \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \simeq \mathfrak{so}(2m, \mathbb{C})$ , the complex skew-symmetric matrices. We fix the maximal torus in  $SO(2m)$  the subgroup

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$$(2.4) \quad T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} R(\theta_1) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & R(\theta_m) \end{pmatrix} : \theta_1, \dots, \theta_m \in \mathbb{R} \right\},$$

where  $R(\theta) := \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi\theta) & \sin(2\pi\theta) \\ -\sin(2\pi\theta) & \cos(2\pi\theta) \end{pmatrix}$ . The Lie algebra of  $T$  is

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$$(2.5) \quad \mathfrak{h}_0 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2\pi\theta_1 & & \\ -2\pi\theta_1 & 0 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 & 2\pi\theta_m \\ & & & -2\pi\theta_m & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \theta_1, \dots, \theta_m \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Note that  $h = \exp(H)$  if  $h \in T$  and  $H \in \mathfrak{h}_0$  as above. Let

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$$(2.6) \quad \mathfrak{h} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & ih_1 & & \\ -ih_1 & 0 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 & ih_m \\ & & & -ih_m & 0 \end{pmatrix} : h_1, \dots, h_m \in \mathbb{C} \right\},$$

thus  $\mathfrak{h} \cong \mathfrak{h}_0 \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$  is a *Cartan subalgebra* of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . For  $H \in \mathfrak{h}$  as in (2.6), set  $\varepsilon_j(H) = h_j$  for  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , thus  $\{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_m\}$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{h}^*$ . Note that  $\varepsilon_j(H) = -2\pi i \theta_j$  for  $h \in \mathfrak{h}_0$  as in (2.5).

Let us denote by  $P(G^0) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^m \mathbb{Z}\varepsilon_j$  the *weight lattice* of  $G^0 = SO(2m)$  and by  $\Delta(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}) = \{\pm\varepsilon_i \pm \varepsilon_j : 1 \leq i < j \leq m\}$  the *roots* of  $\mathfrak{h}$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$ . We fix the set  $\Delta^+(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}) = \{\varepsilon_i \pm \varepsilon_j : 1 \leq i < j \leq m\}$  as *positive roots*, thus the *corresponding simple roots* are  $\Pi(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}) = \{\varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_{j+1} : 1 \leq j \leq m-1\} \cup \{\varepsilon_{m-1} + \varepsilon_m\}$  and the *dominant weight*  $P_+(G^0)$  of  $G^0$  are the elements  $\sum_{j=1}^m a_j \varepsilon_j \in P(G^0)$  such that  $a_1 \geq \dots \geq a_{m-1} \geq |a_m|$ .

Similarly, we fix the Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{so}(2m-1, \mathbb{C})$ , the complexification of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{k}_0$  of  $K^0 = SO(2m-1)$ , as in (2.6) except that the last two rows and columns are replaced by one with all coefficients equal to zero. In this case, the dominant weight  $P_+(K^0)$  of  $K^0$  are the elements  $\sum_{j=1}^{m-1} a_j \varepsilon_j$  such that  $a_j \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $j$  and  $a_1 \geq \dots \geq a_{m-1} \geq a_{m-1} \geq 0$ .

The highest weight theorem gives a one-one correspondence between the irreducible representations of  $SO(n)$  and the elements in  $P_+(SO(n))$ . For  $\mu \in P_+(SO(2m-1))$  (resp.  $\Lambda \in P_+(SO(2m))$ ), we write  $(\tau_\mu, W_\mu)$  (resp.  $(\pi_\Lambda, V_\Lambda)$ ) the irreducible representation of  $SO(2m-1)$  (resp.  $SO(2m)$ ) with highest weight  $\mu$  (resp.  $\Lambda$ ).

The irreducible representation of  $O(2m-1)$  are in a one-one correspondence with the elements  $\mu$  in  $P_+(SO(2m-1))$  and a parameter  $\kappa \in \{\pm 1\}$ . We denote by  $\tau_{\mu, \kappa}$  the representation associated to the parameters  $(\mu, \kappa)$ . The underlying vector space of  $\tau_{\mu, \kappa}$  is  $W_\mu$ ,  $\tau_{\mu, \kappa}$  valued in  $SO(2m-1)$  coincides with  $\tau_\mu$  and  $\tau_{\mu, \kappa}(-Id) = \kappa Id_{W_\mu}$ . We have that

$$\tau_{\mu, \kappa}|_{SO(2m-1)} \cong \tau_\mu \quad \text{and} \quad \tau_{\mu, \kappa} \cong \tau_{\mu, -\kappa} \otimes \det.$$

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The even case is a bit more complicated (see [LMR13, Subsection 2.2] for more details). For  $\Lambda = \sum_{j=1}^m a_j \varepsilon_j \in P_+(\mathrm{SO}(2m))$  such that  $a_m = 0$  and  $\delta \in \{\pm 1\}$ , one associates  $\pi_{\Lambda, \delta} \in \widehat{\mathrm{O}(2m)}$ . Again we have  $\pi_{\Lambda, \delta}|_{\mathrm{SO}(2m)} \cong \pi_\Lambda$  and  $V_{\pi_{\Lambda, \delta}} = V_{\pi_\Lambda}$ . The parameter  $\delta$  depends on certain intertwining operator  $T_\Lambda$  (see [Pe1, p. 372] and [LMR13, eq. (2.7)]). In the case  $a_m \neq 0$ , we have only one representation  $\pi_{\Lambda, 0} \in \widehat{\mathrm{O}(2m)}$ , which satisfies  $\pi_{\Lambda, 0}|_{\mathrm{SO}(2m)} \cong \pi_\Lambda \oplus \pi_{\bar{\Lambda}}$  and  $V_{\pi_{\Lambda, 0}} = V_{\pi_\Lambda} \oplus V_{\pi_{\bar{\Lambda}}}$ , where  $\bar{\Lambda} = \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} a_j \varepsilon_j - a_m \varepsilon_m$ . Since  $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{SO}(2m)$  if  $\Gamma$  acts freely on  $S^{2m-1}$  and  $V_{\pi_{\Lambda, \delta}}$  is equal to  $V_{\pi_\Lambda} \oplus V_{\pi_{\bar{\Lambda}}}$  or  $V_{\pi_\Lambda}$  according  $\delta$  is zero or not, it follows that

$$(2.7) \quad d_{\pi_{\Lambda, \delta}}^\Gamma = \dim V_{\pi_{\Lambda, \delta}}^\Gamma = \begin{cases} \dim V_{\pi_\Lambda}^\Gamma & \text{if } a_m = 0, \\ \dim V_{\pi_\Lambda}^\Gamma + \dim V_{\pi_{\bar{\Lambda}}}^\Gamma & \text{if } a_m \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

We end this section by describing the  $p$ -spectrum of any odd-dimensional spherical space form in terms of the coefficients  $d_\pi^\Gamma$ . This result can be proved by using Proposition 2.6 (1) and the branching law from  $\mathrm{O}(2m)$  to  $\mathrm{O}(2m-1)$  (see [LMR13, Thm. 1.1]). We first introduce more notation:

$$(2.8) \quad \Lambda_k^p = \begin{cases} k\varepsilon_1 & \text{if } p = 1, \\ k\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \cdots + \varepsilon_p & \text{if } 2 \leq p \leq m, \\ \Lambda_{k, 2m-p} & \text{if } m+1 \leq p \leq 2m-1, \end{cases}$$

$$(2.9) \quad \lambda_k^p = k^2 + k(2m-2) + (p-1)(2m-1-p),$$

$$(2.10) \quad \mathcal{E}_p = \begin{cases} \{\lambda_k^p : k \in \mathbb{N}\} & \text{if } 1 \leq p \leq 2m-1, \\ \{0\} & \text{if } p = 0 \text{ or } 2m. \end{cases}$$

Hence  $\Lambda_k^p \in P_+(\mathrm{SO}(2m))$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and every  $1 \leq p \leq 2m-1$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_p = \mathcal{E}_{2m-p}$  for every  $0 \leq p \leq 2m$  and the sets  $\mathcal{E}_p$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{p+1}$  are disjoint for every  $0 \leq p \leq 2m-1$

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite subgroup of  $\mathrm{O}(2m)$  acting freely on  $S^{2m-1}$  and let  $0 \leq p \leq 2m-1$ . If  $\lambda \in \mathrm{Spec}_p(\Gamma \backslash S^{2m-1})$  then  $\lambda \in \mathcal{E}_p \cup \mathcal{E}_{p+1}$ . Furthermore, if  $\lambda = \lambda_k^p \in \mathcal{E}_p$  then*

$$(2.11) \quad d_\lambda(p, \Gamma) = d_\lambda(p-1, \Gamma) = d_{\pi_{\Lambda_k^p, \delta}}^\Gamma = \begin{cases} \dim V_{\pi_{\Lambda_k^p}}^\Gamma & \text{if } p \neq m, \\ \dim V_{\pi_{\Lambda_k^p}}^\Gamma + \dim V_{\pi_{\bar{\Lambda}_k^p}}^\Gamma & \text{if } p = m, \end{cases}$$

In particular, if  $\lambda \in \mathrm{Spec}_0(\Gamma \backslash S^n)$  then  $\lambda = k(k+2m-2)$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and

$$(2.12) \quad d_\lambda(0, \Gamma) = \dim V_{\pi_{k\varepsilon_1}}^\Gamma.$$

### 3. LENS SPACES

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Let  $q$  be a positive integer and let  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_m) \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  such that  $\gcd(s_j, q) = 1$  for all  $j$ . Let

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} R(s_1/q) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & R(s_m/q) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Recall that  $R(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi\theta) & \sin(2\pi\theta) \\ -\sin(2\pi\theta) & \cos(2\pi\theta) \end{pmatrix}$ . The element  $\gamma$  generates the cyclic subgroup  $\Gamma(q; s) := \{\gamma^j\}_{j=1}^q$  of order  $q$  of  $\mathrm{SO}(2m)$ , which acts freely on  $S^{2m-1}$ . The manifold  $L(q; s) := \Gamma(q; s) \backslash S^{2m-1}$  is called a *lens space*.<sup>6</sup> The following properties are known (see for instance [Ik88, Thm. 3.1]).

<sup>5</sup>escribir algo

<sup>6</sup>creo que en todo el paper debiera ser lens space con minscula, salvo al comienzo de oracin

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $L = L(q; s)$  and  $L' = L(q; s')$  be two Lens spaces of degree  $q$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $L$  is isometric to  $L'$ .
- (2)  $L$  is diffeomorphic to  $L'$ .
- (3)  $L$  is homeomorphic to  $L'$ .
- (4) There are  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\epsilon \in \{\pm 1\}^m$  such that  $(s_1, \dots, s_m)$  is a permutation of  $(\epsilon_1 \ell s'_1, \dots, \epsilon_m \ell s'_m) \pmod{q}$ . ■

**Remark 3.2.** If two Lens spaces are strongly isospectral then they are isometric.<sup>7</sup>

We next compute the  $p$ -spectrum for a Lens space  $L = \Gamma \backslash S^{2m-1}$  with  $\Gamma = \Gamma(q; s)$ . From Theorem 2.8, if  $\lambda \in \text{Spec}_p(L)$  then  $\lambda \in \mathcal{E}_p \cup \mathcal{E}_{p+1}$  where  $\mathcal{E}_p$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{p+1}$  are disjoint sets given in (2.10). Moreover, if  $\lambda \in \mathcal{E}_p$  then  $\lambda = \lambda_k^p$  (see (2.9)) for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq p \leq 2m-1$  and the multiplicities  $d_\lambda(p, L)$  and  $d_\lambda(p-1, L)$  of  $\lambda$  of the Hodge-Laplace operator on  $p$  and  $p-1$ -forms of the Lens space  $L$  are given by

$$d_\lambda(p, L) = d_\lambda(p-1, L) = d_{\pi_{\Lambda_k^p, \delta}^\Gamma}^\Gamma = \begin{cases} \dim V_{\pi_{\Lambda_k^p}^\Gamma} & \text{if } p \neq m, \\ \dim V_{\pi_{\Lambda_k^p}^\Gamma} + \dim V_{\pi_{\bar{\Lambda}_k^p}^\Gamma} & \text{if } p = m, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Lambda_k^p \in P_+(\text{SO}(2m))$  is given in (2.8) and  $\pi_{\Lambda_k^p}$  is the irreducible representation of  $\text{SO}(2m)$  with highest weight  $\Lambda_k^p$ .

We denote by  $\pi_k^p$  the irreducible representation of  $\text{SO}(2m)$  with highest weight  $\Lambda_k^p$  (i.e.  $\pi_k^p = \pi_{\Lambda_k^p}$ ) if  $p \neq m$  and  $\pi_k^m = \pi_{\Lambda_k^m} \oplus \pi_{\bar{\Lambda}_k^m}$ . Hence

$$(3.1) \quad d_{\lambda_k^p}(p, L) = d_{\pi_k^p}^\Gamma.$$

We write  $\mathbb{Z}^m$  instead  $P(\text{SO}(2m))$ , by corresponding  $(a_1, \dots, a_m)$  with  $\sum_{j=1}^m a_j \varepsilon_j$ . For  $\mu = \sum_j a_j \varepsilon_j \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  we set  $|\mu| = \sum_j |a_j|$  and  $Z(\mu) = \#\{j : a_j = 0\}$  the *height* and *zeros* of  $\mu$  respectively. For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $0 \leq z \leq m$ , we define

$$(3.2) \quad M_\Gamma(k) = \#\{\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^m : |\mu| = k, \gamma^\mu = 1\},$$

$$(3.3) \quad N_\Gamma(k, z) = \#\{\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^m : |\mu| = k, Z(\mu) = z, \gamma^\mu = 1\}.$$

The next result gives a sufficient condition for a pair of lens spaces to be 0-isospectral (resp.  $p$ -isospectral for all  $p$ ).

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $L = \Gamma \backslash S^n$  and  $L' = \Gamma' \backslash S^n$  be Lens spaces. Then:*

- (1) If  $M_\Gamma(k) = M_{\Gamma'}(k)$  for all  $k \geq 0$ , then  $L$  and  $L'$  are 0-isospectral.
- (2) If  $N_\Gamma(k, z) = N_{\Gamma'}(k, z)$  for all  $k \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq z \leq m$ , then  $L$  and  $L'$  are  $p$ -isospectral for all  $p$ .

We first [state](#) a useful lemma which will be proved in Section 5.

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $\mu, \eta \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  and let  $\pi_k^p \in \widehat{\text{SO}(2m)}$  with highest weight  $\Lambda_k^p$  (see (2.8)) if  $p \neq m$  and  $\pi_k^m = \pi_{\Lambda_k^m} \oplus \pi_{\bar{\Lambda}_k^m}$ . Then the following assertions hold.*

- (1) If  $m_{\pi_k^p}(\mu) > 0$  then  $|\Lambda_k^p| - |\mu| \in 2\mathbb{N}_0$ .
- (2) If  $|\mu| = |\eta|$  then  $m_{\pi_{k\varepsilon_1}}(\mu) = m_{\pi_{k\varepsilon_1}}(\eta)$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .
- (3) If  $|\mu| = |\eta|$  and  $Z(\mu) = Z(\eta)$  then  $m_{\pi_k^p}(\mu) = m_{\pi_k^p}(\eta)$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq p \leq 2m-1$ .

<sup>7</sup>ampliar, pero creo que este es un buen lugar para ponerlo

*Proof of Theorem 3.3.* We shall prove (2) since (1) is very similar and simpler. Since Lens spaces are orientable manifolds, we only need to show that they are  $p$ -isospectral for every  $0 \leq p \leq m-1$ . By Theorem 2.8 and (3.1), it is sufficient to show that  $d_{\pi_k}^\Gamma = d_{\pi_k}^{\Gamma'}$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and every  $1 \leq p \leq m$ .

We fix  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq p \leq m$ . Since  $\Gamma$  is cyclic generated by  $\gamma$  and it lies inside the maximal torus  $T$  given in (2.4), by Proposition 2.7 we have that

$$d_{\pi_k}^\Gamma = \sum_{\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^m: \gamma^\mu=1} m_{\pi_k^p}(\mu).$$

Lemma 3.4 (1) ensures that the weights  $\mu$  of  $V_{\pi_k^p}$  satisfy  $|\mu| = |\Lambda| - 2r$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , thus

$$(3.4) \quad d_{\pi_k}^\Gamma = \sum_{r=0}^{[\Lambda/2]} \sum_{z=0}^m \sum_{\substack{\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^m: \gamma^\mu=1, \\ |\mu|=|\Lambda|-2r, Z(\mu)=z}} m_{\pi_k^p}(\mu),$$

and similarly for  $d_{\pi_k}^{\Gamma'}$ . By Lemma 3.4 (3), the third sum in (3.4) is equal to  $N_\Gamma(|\Lambda| - 2r, z)$  times  $m_{\pi_k^p}(\mu_0)$ , for any particular  $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  that satisfies the conditions. But  $N_\Gamma(k, z) = N_{\Gamma'}(k, z)$  by hypothesis, thus the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Remark 3.5.** Let  $\mu = \sum_{j=1}^m a_j \varepsilon_j \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  and let

$$H_\gamma = \text{diag} \left( \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 2\pi s_1/q \\ -2\pi s_1/q & 0 \end{array} \right) \cdots \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 2\pi s_m/q \\ -2\pi s_m/q & 0 \end{array} \right) \right).$$

We have that  $\exp H_\gamma = \gamma$ , thus

$$\gamma^\mu = e^{-2\pi i \left( \frac{a_1 s_1 + \cdots + a_m s_m}{q} \right)}.$$

Hence

$$(3.5) \quad \gamma^\mu = 1 \iff a_1 s_1 + \cdots + a_m s_m \equiv 0 \pmod{q}.$$

This is the condition in (3.4).

Theorem 3.3 gives sufficient conditions for a pair of Lens spaces to be  $p$ -isospectral for all  $p$ . However, these conditions require infinitely many congruence equations to be satisfied<sup>8</sup>. The following theorem shows one can reduce the verification to only finitely many equations. We first introduce some new notions.

We call  $\mu = \sum_{j=1}^m a_j \varepsilon_j \in \mathbb{Z}^m$   $q$ -primitive if  $|a_j| < q$  for every  $j$ . Now, for a Lens space  $L = \Gamma \backslash S^n$  where  $\Gamma = \langle \gamma \rangle$  has order  $q$ , we set

$$(3.6) \quad N_\Gamma^*(k, z) = \#\{\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^m \text{ } q\text{-primitive} : |\mu| = k, Z(\mu) = z, \gamma^\mu = 1\},$$

for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and any  $0 \leq z \leq m$ . Note that  $N_\Gamma^*(k, z) = 0$  if  $k > (m-1)q$  or if  $z = m$  and  $k > 0$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $L = \Gamma \backslash S^n$  and  $L' = \Gamma' \backslash S^n$  be Lens spaces. If  $N_\Gamma^*(k, z) = N_{\Gamma'}^*(k, z)$  for all  $k \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq z \leq m$ , then  $L$  and  $L'$  are  $p$ -isospectral for all  $p$ .*

*Proof.* HACER (Juan Pablo tiene una fórmula).<sup>9</sup>  $\square$

**Remark 3.7.** Theorems 3.3 and 3.6 give sufficient conditions for pairs of Lens spaces to be  $p$ -isospectral for all  $p$ . We do not know whether the converse is true. In other words, if  $L = \Gamma \backslash S^{2m-1}$  and  $L' = \Gamma' \backslash S^{2m-1}$  are Lens space  $p$ -isospectral for all  $p$ , then  $N_\Gamma(k, z) = N_{\Gamma'}(k, z)$  and/or  $N_\Gamma^*(k, z) = N_{\Gamma'}^*(k, z)$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \leq z \leq m$ .

<sup>8</sup>buscar mejor sinónimo

<sup>9</sup>hacer.



## 4. EXPLICIT EXAMPLES

## 5. APPENDIX

appendix

In this section we prove Lemma 3.4. The first assertion follows immediately since any weight can be written as the highest weight minus a sum of simple roots, thus the height of  $\Lambda - \mu$  is even and nonnegative since all simple roots of the root system associated to  $\mathrm{SO}(2m)$  have height two. The rest shall be proved by using a realization of the irreducible representation of  $\mathrm{SO}(2m)$  with highest weight  $\Lambda_p^k$  (see (2.8)) given by Ikeda and Taniguchi [IT78].

Let us denote by  $\mathcal{P}_k$  the set of complex homogeneous polynomials of degree  $k$  in the variables  $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{2m})^t$ . The group  $\mathrm{SO}(2m)$  acts on  $\mathcal{P}_k$  by  $(g \cdot f)(\bar{x}) = f(g^{-1}\bar{x})$ . It is well known that the subspace  $\mathcal{H}_k$  of harmonic polynomials in  $\mathcal{P}_k$  is invariant by the action of  $\mathrm{SO}(2m)$  and is an irreducible representation of highest weight  $k\varepsilon_1$ . Moreover,  $\mathcal{P}_k = \mathcal{H}_k \oplus \mathcal{P}_{k-2}$ , where  $\mathcal{P}_{k-2}$  is injected in  $\mathcal{P}_k$  by  $f(\bar{x}) \mapsto |\bar{x}|^2 f(\bar{x})$  where  $|\bar{x}|^2 = x_1^2 + \dots + x_{2m}^2$ .

Again, we write  $\mathbb{Z}^m$  instead  $P(\mathrm{SO}(2m))$ , by corresponding  $(a_1, \dots, a_m)$  with  $\sum_{j=1}^m a_j \varepsilon_j$ , and write  $|\mu| = \sum_{j=1}^m |a_j|$  and  $Z(\mu) = \#\{1 \leq j \leq m : a_j = 0\}$ . Furthermore, if  $(\pi, V)$  is any representation of  $\mathrm{SO}(2m)$  and  $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ , we let

$$V(\mu) = \{v \in V : \pi(h) \cdot v = h^\mu v \quad \forall h \in T\},$$

where  $T$  is the maximal torus in (2.4) of  $\mathrm{SO}(2m)$  and  $h^\mu = e^{\mu(H)}$  for any  $H \in \mathfrak{h}$  such that  $\exp H = h$ . The multiplicity of  $\mu$  in  $V$  is  $\dim V(\mu)$ .

mult\_P\_k

**Proposition 5.1.** *We denote by  $\tilde{m}_k(\mu)$  the multiplicity of  $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  in  $\mathcal{P}_k$ . Then*

mult\_P\_k

$$(5.1) \quad \tilde{m}_k(\mu) = \begin{cases} \binom{r+m-1}{m-1} & \text{if } r = \frac{1}{2}(k - |\mu|) \in \mathbb{N}_0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* For  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , let  $\tilde{x}_j = x_{2j-1} + ix_{2j}$  and  $\tilde{x}_{j+m} = x_{2j-1} - ix_{2j}$ . We consider the basis in  $\mathcal{P}_k$  given by

base\_P\_k

$$(5.2) \quad \left\{ \tilde{x}_1^{l_1} \dots \tilde{x}_{2m}^{l_{2m}} : l_j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \forall j, \sum_{j=1}^{2m} l_j = k \right\}.$$

Given  $h \in T$ , one can check that  $h \cdot \tilde{x}_j = e^{-i\theta_j} \tilde{x}_j$  and  $h \cdot \tilde{x}_{j+m} = e^{i\theta_j} \tilde{x}_{j+m}$ , then

basis\_P\_k

$$(5.3) \quad h \cdot \tilde{x}_1^{l_1} \dots \tilde{x}_{2m}^{l_{2m}} = e^{-i((l_1 - l_{m+1})\theta_1 + \dots + (l_m - l_{2m})\theta_m)} \tilde{x}_1^{l_1} \dots \tilde{x}_{2m}^{l_{2m}} = e^{\mu(H)} \tilde{x}_1^{l_1} \dots \tilde{x}_{2m}^{l_{2m}},$$

where  $\mu = \sum_{j=1}^m (l_j - l_{j+m}) \varepsilon_j$ .

Equation (5.3) tells us that (5.2) is a basis of weight vectors of  $\mathcal{P}_k$ . It follows that an arbitrary element  $\mu = \sum_j a_j \varepsilon_j \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  is a weight of  $\mathcal{P}_k$  if and only if there are  $l_1, \dots, l_{2m} \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that  $a_j = l_j - l_{j+m}$  and  $\sum_j l_j = k$ . The last condition is equivalent to  $k - |\mu| \in 2\mathbb{N}_0$ . In this case, if  $k - |\mu| = 2r$  with  $r \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , then  $\tilde{m}_k(\mu)$  is equal to the different ways to write  $r$  as sum of  $m$  different nonnegative integer numbers, that is<sup>10</sup>  $\binom{r+m-1}{m-1}$ .  $\square$

We obtain the following Corollary, which proves the second assertion of Lemma 3.4 since  $\pi_k^1 \in \widehat{\mathrm{SO}(2m)}$  has highest weight  $k\varepsilon_1$ .

**Corollary 5.2.** *Let  $\pi_k^1$  be the irreducible representation of  $\mathrm{SO}(2m)$  with highest weight  $k\varepsilon_1$ . Then*

$$m_{\pi_k^1}(\mu) = \begin{cases} \binom{r+m-2}{m-2} & \text{if } r = \frac{1}{2}(k - |\mu|) \in \mathbb{N}_0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

<sup>10</sup>REFERIR A ALGÚN LADO. Juan Pablo dice que es algo muy conocido

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{P}_k = \mathcal{H}_k \oplus \mathcal{P}_{k-2}$ , we have that  $m_{k\varepsilon_1}(\mu) = \dim \mathcal{H}_k(\mu) = \tilde{m}_k(\mu) - \tilde{m}_{k-2}(\mu)$ . The Corollary follows by applying Proposition 5.1.  $\square$

We now study the  $p$ -exterior representation  $\Lambda^p(\mathbb{C}^{2m})$  of  $\mathrm{SO}(2m)$  for  $0 \leq p \leq 2m$ . The action of  $\mathrm{SO}(2m)$  on  $\Lambda^p(\mathbb{C}^{2m})$  is given by  $g \cdot (w_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge w_p) = (g.w_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge (g.w_p)$ . If  $p = 0$  or  $2m$ , this is the trivial representation. When  $0 < p < m$  or  $m < p < 2m$ , the representation is irreducible with highest weight  $\Lambda_1^p = \varepsilon_1 + \cdots + \varepsilon_p$ , thus it is equivalent to  $\pi_1^p$ . If  $p = m$  the representation splits as  $\Lambda_+^m(\mathbb{C}^{2m}) \oplus \Lambda_-^m(\mathbb{C}^{2m})$  with each of those are irreducible with highest weight  $\varepsilon_1 + \cdots + \varepsilon_{m-1} \pm \varepsilon_m$ , thus  $\Lambda^m(\mathbb{C}^{2m})$  is equivalent  $\pi_1^m$ . Hence the  $p$ -exterior representation of  $\mathrm{SO}(2m)$  is equivalent to  $\pi_1^p$  for every  $1 \leq p \leq 2m - 1$ .

**Proposition 5.3.** *We denote by  $\tilde{m}^p(\mu)$  the multiplicity of  $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  in  $\Lambda^p(\mathbb{C}^{2m})$ . We write  $\tilde{p} = \min(p, 2m - p)$ . Then*

$$(5.4) \quad \tilde{m}^p(\mu) = \begin{cases} \binom{m - \tilde{p} + 2r}{r} & \text{if } r = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{p} - |\mu|) \in \mathbb{N}_0 \text{ and } |a_j| \leq 1 \text{ for all } j, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* We assume that  $1 \leq p \leq m$  since the other cases are similar, thus  $\tilde{p} = p$ . Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{2m}\}$  be the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{C}^{2m}$ . For  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , we set  $v_j = e_{2j-1} - ie_{2j}$  and  $v_{j+m} = e_{2j-1} + ie_{2j}$ . Hence  $\{v_1, \dots, v_{2m}\}$  is also a basis of  $\mathbb{C}^{2m}$  and

$$(5.5) \quad \{v_{j_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge v_{j_p} : j_1 < j_2 < \cdots < j_p\}$$

is a basis of  $\Lambda^p(\mathbb{C}^{2m})$ . For  $J = \{j_1 < j_2 < \cdots < j_p\}$  we write  $\omega_J = v_{j_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge v_{j_p}$ .

Let  $h$  be in the maximal torus  $T$ , then  $h \cdot v_j = e^{i\theta_j} v_j$  and  $h \cdot v_{j+m} = e^{-i\theta_j} v_{j+m}$ . For  $J = \{j_1 < \cdots < j_p\}$  we have that

$$(5.6) \quad h \cdot \omega_J = e^{\mu(H)} \omega_J,$$

where  $\mu = \sum_{j=1}^m a_j \varepsilon_j$  with

$$a_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \in J \text{ and } j + m \notin J, \\ -1 & \text{if } j \notin J \text{ and } j + m \in J, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It follows that an arbitrary element  $\mu = \sum_j a_j \varepsilon_j \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  is a weight of  $\Lambda^p(\mathbb{C}^{2m})$  if and only if  $p - |\mu| \in 2\mathbb{N}_0$  and  $|a_j| \leq 1$  for all  $j$ .

Let  $\mu = \sum_{j=1}^m a_j \varepsilon_j \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  such that  $|a_j| \leq 1$  for all  $j$  and  $r = \frac{1}{2}(p - |\mu|) \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Let  $I = \{1 \leq j \leq m : a_j = 1\} \cup \{m+1 \leq j \leq 2m : a_{j-m} = -1\}$ . Thus  $I$  has  $p - 2r$  elements. It is a simple matter to check that  $\omega_J$  is a weight vector with weight  $\mu$  if and only if  $J$  has  $p$  elements,  $I \subset J$  and satisfies that  $j \in J \setminus I \iff j + m \in J \setminus I$ . Clearly, there are  $\binom{m-p+2r}{r}$  choices for  $J$ , hence  $\tilde{m}^p(\mu) = \binom{m-p+2r}{r}$ .  $\square$

Following [IT78], we consider the subspace  $\mathcal{P}_k^p$  of the complexified cotangent vector bundle  $\Lambda^p \mathbb{R}^{2m}$  of the manifolds  $\mathbb{R}^{2m}$  generated by elements of the form

$$f(\bar{x}) dx_{j_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{j_p},$$

where  $f(\bar{x})$  is a homogeneous complex polynomial in the variables  $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{2m})^t$ . Note that  $\mathcal{P}_k^0 \cong \mathcal{P}_k$  and  $\mathcal{P}_0^p \cong \Lambda^p(\mathbb{C}^{2m})$ . One can check that

$$(5.7) \quad \mathcal{P}_k^p \cong \mathcal{P}_k \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \Lambda^p(\mathbb{C}^{2m}).$$

**Proposition 5.4.** *We denote by  $\tilde{m}_k^p(\mu)$  the multiplicity of  $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  in  $\mathcal{P}_k^p$ . If  $|\mu| = |\eta|$  and  $Z(\mu) = Z(\eta)$ , then  $\tilde{m}_k^p(\mu) = \tilde{m}_k^p(\eta)$ .*

*Proof.* We have to prove that  $\tilde{m}_k^p(\mu)$  depends only on  $|\mu|$  and  $Z(\mu)$ . From (5.7) we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{m}_k^p(\mu) &= \sum_{\mu_1 + \mu_2 = \mu} \tilde{m}_k(\mu_1) \tilde{m}^p(\mu_2) \\ &= \sum_{\eta} \tilde{m}_k(\mu - \eta) \tilde{m}^p(\eta).\end{aligned}$$

The sum is already over the weights  $\eta$  of  $\Lambda^p(\mathbb{C}^{2m})$ . From Proposition 5.3, these weights are of the form  $\eta = \sum_{j=1}^m a_j \varepsilon_j \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  such that  $|a_j| \leq 1$  and  $\tilde{p} - |\eta| = 2r$  with  $r \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . We denote by  $Q$  the set of these weights.

According to the above remarks, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{m}_k^p(\mu) &= \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{\tilde{p}}{2} \rfloor} \sum_{\eta \in Q: |\eta| = \tilde{p} - 2r} \tilde{m}_k(\mu - \eta) \binom{m - \tilde{p} + 2r}{r} \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{\tilde{p}}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m - \tilde{p} + 2r}{r} \sum_{\substack{\eta \in Q: \eta > 0, \\ |\eta| = \tilde{p} - 2r}} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}_2^J} \tilde{m}_k(\mu - \sigma(\eta)),\end{aligned}\tag{5.8}$$

where  $\eta = \sum_{j=1}^m a_j \varepsilon_j > 0$  means that  $a_1 \geq \dots \geq a_m \geq 0$ ,  $J := \{1 \leq j \leq m : a_j \neq 0\}$ , and  $\mathbb{Z}_2^J$  denotes the group given by multiplying by  $\pm 1$  on the coordinates in  $J$ .

**Claim:** For a fixed  $\eta \in Q$  such that  $\eta > 0$  and  $|\eta| = \tilde{p} - 2r$ , the factor  $\sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}_2^J} \tilde{m}_k(\mu - \sigma(\eta))$  depends only on  $|\mu|$  and the number of zero coordinates of  $\mu$  for which  $\eta$  has a nonzero coordinate.

We fix  $\eta = \sum_{j=1}^m a_j \varepsilon_j \in Q$  such that  $\eta > 0$  and  $|\eta| = \tilde{p} - 2r$ . Recall that  $a_j = \pm 1$  for every  $j \in J$ . Write  $\mu = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \varepsilon_j$ .

We first consider the simplest case: if  $b_j = 0$  for every  $j \in J$ , then  $\mu - \sigma(\eta)$  has the same height  $|\mu| + \#J = |\mu| + \tilde{p} - 2r$  for every  $\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}_2^J$ , thus Proposition 5.1 implies that  $\sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}_2^J} \tilde{m}_k(\mu - \sigma(\eta))$  depends only on  $|\mu|$  as we claimed. Actually,

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}_2^J} \tilde{m}_k(\mu - \sigma(\eta)) = \begin{cases} 2^{\tilde{p}-2r} \binom{\tilde{r} + m - 1}{m - 1} & \text{if } \tilde{r} = \frac{1}{2}(k - |\mu| - \tilde{p} + 2r) \in \mathbb{N}_0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For the general case we set  $J = J_0 \cup J_1$ ,  $\ell_0 = \#J_0$  and  $\ell_1 = \#J_1$ , where  $J_0 = \{j \in J : b_j = 0\}$  and  $J_1 = \{j \in J : b_j \neq 0\}$ . We fix  $\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}_2^J$ . We write  $\sigma(\eta) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sigma_j a_j \varepsilon_j$  where  $\sigma_j = \pm 1$  if  $j \in J$  and  $\sigma_j = 0$  otherwise. We set  $I_{\pm}(\sigma) = \{j \in J_1 : \pm b_j \sigma_j a_j > 0\}$ , thus  $J_1 = I_+(\sigma) \cup I_-(\sigma)$  (disjoint union). Clearly, the height of  $\mu - \sigma(\eta)$  is  $|\mu|$  plus one for each coordinate in  $J_0$ , minus one for each coordinate in  $I_+(\sigma)$ , plus one for each coordinate in  $I_-(\sigma)$ . By setting  $\alpha = \#I_+(\sigma)$ , thus  $\#I_-(\sigma) = \ell_1 - \alpha$ , we have that  $|\mu - \sigma(\eta)| = |\mu| + \ell_0 - \alpha + (\ell_1 - \alpha) = |\mu| + \ell_0 + \ell_1 - 2\alpha$ .

By summing over the variable  $t = \ell_1 - 2\alpha$ , we conclude that

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}_2^J} \tilde{m}_k(\mu - \sigma(\eta)) = \sum_t \binom{\ell_1}{\frac{\ell_1 - |t|}{2}} A_t$$

where  $t$  runs over the integer numbers such that  $-\ell_1 \leq t \leq \ell_1$  and  $t \equiv \ell_1 \pmod{2}$ , and

$$A_t = \begin{cases} \binom{\tilde{r}_t + m - 1}{m - 1} & \text{if } \tilde{r}_t = \frac{1}{2}(k - |\mu| - \ell_0 - t) \in \mathbb{N}_0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In particular, the mentioned factor depend only on  $|\mu|$ . ■

The Claim tells us that the factor  $\sum_{\substack{\eta \in Q: \eta > 0, \\ |\eta| = \bar{p} - 2r}} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}_2^J} \tilde{m}_k(\mu - \sigma(\eta))$  in (5.8) depends only on  $|\mu|$  and  $Z(\mu)$ , which is the desired conclusion.  $\square$

Finally, we can prove the third assertion of Lemma 3.4.

*Proof of Lemma 3.4 (3).* By [Ik88, Prop. 1.12], we have that

$$V_{\pi_k^p} \cong \sum_{t=0}^p (-1)^t (\mathcal{P}_{k+t}^{p-t} - \mathcal{P}_{k-t-2}^{p-t}),$$

hence

$$m_{\pi_k^p}(\mu) = \sum_{t=0}^p (-1)^t (\tilde{m}_{k+t}^{p-t}(\mu) - \tilde{m}_{k-t-2}^{p-t}(\mu)),$$

which completes the proof by Proposition 5.4.  $\square$

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