Holomorphic Sections of a Homogeneous Line Bundle Associated to an Infinite-Dimensional Lie Group

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Introduction. The first part of this article deals with a certain type of analytic structure on a particular Banach manifold. Fix a positive integer n, and let z be an indeterminate. Define a group G^c by

$$G^c \equiv \left\{ g = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} A_k z^k | A_k \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) \text{ for all } k, \right.$$

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |A_k| < \infty, \ \det g = 1$$

where $|A_k|$ denotes the usual norm of an element of $M_n(\mathbb{C})$, the space of $n \times n$ matrices over \mathbb{C} ; and "det g" is defined below. This is, in fact, an infinite-dimensional Lie group. Let P^c denote the subgroup of elements which only involve terms of nonpositive degree. Then set $X^c \equiv G^c/P^c$. We describe a special analytic structure on X^c , and examine the relationship of X^c to a dense subset X consisting of those elements with representatives in a subgroup G of G^c ; the subgroup G consists of those elements that are finite Laurent polynomials with coefficients in $M_n(\mathbb{C})$. This is related to work of Pressley [12] and more recently Atiyah and Pressley [1].

The second part of this article deals with a result of Kac and Peterson realizing a certain set of sections of a line bundle over X as an irreducible module of a central extension of G (see [7]). We show the same module can be realized as a set of sections of a line bundle over X^c that are holomorphic with respect to the aforementioned analytic structure. This result suggests an approach to a Borel-Weil theorem for infinite-dimensional homogeneous spaces along the lines of Kostant's work in [9].

Notation. Let n be a nonzero element of \mathbb{Z}^+ , the non-negative integers, throughout this article. We denote the identity element of $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$, as well as that of G, by I.