
Fourier coefficients and nilpotent orbits for small representations

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Overview

- Fourier coefficients and nilpotent orbits
- Whittaker coefficients and wavefront sets
- Small representations
- Kac–Moody case
- K -types
- Quantum cosmology
- Beyond Eisenstein series and automorphic forms?

Setting

Consider

- $G = G(\mathbb{R})$ a split real, reductive and f.d. algebraic group
- $\Gamma = G(\mathbb{Z}) \subset G(\mathbb{R})$ arithmetic Chevalley subgroup
- Global setting $G \rightarrow G(\mathbb{A})$ ($\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}$)

An automorphic form $\varphi \in \pi$ has Fourier expansion w.r.t. a unipotent subgroup $U \subset G$ (organised in derived series):

$$\varphi(g) = \sum_{\psi} F_{\psi}(\varphi, g) + \text{'non-abelian terms'}$$

unitary character $\psi : U(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash U(\mathbb{A}) \rightarrow U(1)$

$$F_{\psi}(\varphi, g) = \int_{U(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash U(\mathbb{A})} \varphi(ug) \overline{\psi(u)} du$$



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Remark: Cf. in local case Harish-Chandra–Howe expansion

$$\chi_{\pi_p} = \sum_{\mathcal{O} \in \text{WF}(\pi_p)} c_{\mathcal{O}} \hat{\mu}_{\mathcal{O}}$$

and work by [Mœglin, Waldspurger; Matumoto; Ginzburg]. Global
results by [Jiang, Liu, Savin; Gan, Savin]

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$$\mathfrak{p}_{\mathcal{O}} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^m \mathfrak{g}_i, \quad \mathfrak{l}_{\mathcal{O}} = \mathfrak{g}_0, \quad \mathfrak{u}_{\mathcal{O}} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathfrak{g}_i, \quad \mathfrak{v}_{\mathcal{O}} = \bigoplus_{i=2}^m \mathfrak{g}_i$$

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Let $\psi_{\mathcal{O}}$ be a unitary character on $V_{\mathcal{O}}$ (same stabilizer type as \mathcal{O}). The orbit Fourier coefficient is

$$F_{\psi_{\mathcal{O}}}(\varphi, g) = \int_{V_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash V_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathbb{A})} \varphi(vg) \overline{\psi_{\mathcal{O}}(v)} dv$$

If there is a $\psi_{\mathcal{O}}$ such that $F_{\psi_{\mathcal{O}}} \neq 0$ then $\mathcal{O} \in \text{WF}(\pi)$.

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We will tackle these questions for Eisenstein series and using (degenerate) Whittaker vectors. (cf. [Mœglin, Waldspurger; Matumoto; Gourevitch, Sahi])

Very explicit results for $SL(3)$ and $SL(4)$ in [GKP].

(Degenerate) principal series

$$E(\chi, g) = \sum_{\gamma \in B(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash G(\mathbb{Q})} \chi(\gamma g)$$

Eisenstein series induced from Borel $B = NA \subset G$ using a generic quasi-character $\chi : B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$, extended to G .

- Spherical function in the principal series
- $\text{GKdim } \pi = \dim N = \frac{1}{2} \dim \mathcal{O}_{\text{reg}}, \quad \text{WF}(\pi) = \overline{\mathcal{O}_{\text{reg}}}$

Induced from a parabolic subgroup $P = LU$ with $\chi_P : P \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$. Generically degenerate principal series

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For non-generic characters can have reductions of $\text{WF}(\pi)$ and contributions to the residual spectrum.



Rewriting the $SL(3)$ Fourier expansion

Nilpotent orbits \mathcal{O} for $SL(3)$

	Bala–Carter	partition	dim	$V_{\mathcal{O}}$
	0	(1^3)	0	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
	A_1	(21)	4	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
	A_2	(3)	6	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ & 1 & * \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

For trivial orbit define the orbit Fourier coefficient to be the constant term (along N):

$$F_{\psi_0}(\chi, g) = \int_{N(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash N(\mathbb{A})} E(\chi, ng) dn = \mathcal{F}_0$$

$SL(3)$ regular orbit

Since $V_{\mathcal{O}_{\text{reg}}} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ & 1 & * \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = N$, orbit Fourier coefficients equal non-degenerate Whittaker coefficients

$$F_{\psi_{A_2}}(\chi, g) = \int_{N(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash N(\mathbb{A})} E(\chi, ng) \overline{\psi_{A_2}(n)} dn = W_{[m_1, m_2]}(\chi, g)$$

where $(m_1 m_2 \neq 0)$

$$\psi_{A_2} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & * \\ & 1 & x_2 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \exp(2\pi i(m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2))$$

(Could be calculated locally using Casselman–Shalika.)



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Are also associated with the minimal orbit. E.g.

$$W_{[m,0]}(\chi, g) = \int_{(\mathbb{Q} \backslash \mathbb{A})^2} F_{\psi_{A_1}} \left(\chi, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & \\ & -1 & \\ & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & u_2 \\ & 1 & u_3 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} g \right) du_2 du_3$$

$SL(3)$ orbit Fourier expansion

Theorem_[GKP] Any Eisenstein series $E(\chi, g)$ on $SL(3)$ can be written as

$$E(\chi, g) = \mathcal{F}_0(\chi, g) + \mathcal{F}_{A_1}(\chi, g) + \mathcal{F}_{A_2}(\chi, g)$$

with

$$\mathcal{F}_0(\chi, g) = \text{const. term} = W_{[0,0]}(\chi, g)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{A_1}(\chi, g) = \sum_{m \neq 0} W_{[m,0]}(\chi, g) + \sum_{m \neq 0} W_{[0,m]}(\chi, g) + \sum_{m \neq 0} F_{\psi_{A_1}}(\chi, g)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{A_2}(\chi, g) = \sum_{m_1 m_2 \neq 0} W_{[m_1, m_2]}(\chi, g)$$

↑
'non-abelian'
Whittaker

Proof: Follows from considerations above.

Checks / Consequences

For $SL(3)$ the principal series can be parametrised by two complex numbers s_1, s_2

$$\chi_{s_1, s_2}(a) = v_1^{s_1} v_2^{s_2}, \quad a = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & & \\ & v_1^{-1} v_2 & \\ & & v_2^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Minimal series for $s_1 = 0$ (or $s_2 = 0$ or a Weyl image).
From explicit formulas for Whittakers [Bump] $\mathcal{F}_{A_2}(\chi, g) = 0$
and only minimal orbit in Fourier expansion of minimal series:

$$E(\chi_{A_1}, g) = \mathcal{F}_0 + \mathcal{F}_{A_1}, \quad \text{WF}(\pi_{A_1}) = \overline{\mathcal{O}_{A_1}}$$

\mathcal{F}_{A_1} functions same ‘functional type’ (single K-Bessel).

- For generic series all terms and $\text{WF}(\pi_{A_2}) = \overline{\mathcal{O}_{A_2}}$.

$SL(3)$ unipotent coefficients

Consider the (mirabolic) unipotent $U = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & u_1 & u_2 \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

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$$F_\psi(\chi, g) = \int_{\mathbb{Q} \backslash \mathbb{A}} F_{A_1} \left(\chi, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & u_1 & 0 \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} l_{m_1, m_2} g \right) du_1$$

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Simplicity for $GL(n)$ [Piatetski-Shapiro; Shalika]. In general: orbit structure much more intricate [Miller, Sahi].



Generalization to $SL(4)$

- Same logic works for $SL(4)$

Orbit \mathcal{O}	Weighted Dynkin diagram	$\dim(\mathcal{O})$	C	V
$(4) = A_3$	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \quad 2 \quad 2 \\ \circ - \circ - \circ \end{array}$	12	$\mathbb{1}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * & * \\ & 1 & * & * \\ & & 1 & * \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
$(31) = A_2$	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \quad 0 \quad 2 \\ \circ - \circ - \circ \end{array}$	10	T_1	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * & * \\ & 1 & * & * \\ & & 1 & * \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
$(2^2) = 2A_1$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \quad 2 \quad 0 \\ \circ - \circ - \circ \end{array}$	8	A_1	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * & * \\ & 1 & * & * \\ & & 1 & * \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
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$(1^4) = 0$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \\ \circ - \circ - \circ \end{array}$	0	A_3	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- Orbit of type $2A_1$ – next-to-minimal
- Our methods show also that the next-to-minimal representation is determined by degenerate Whittaker coefficients of type $2A_1$

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Theorem:_[FKP; Hashizume] *Let ψ be a deg. character on N and $G' \subset G$ the semi-simple subgroup on whose maximal unipotent $N' \subset N$ ψ is generic. Then for $\chi(nak) = a^{\lambda+\rho}$*

$$W_{\psi}^G(\lambda, a) = \sum_{w_c w'_0 \in \mathcal{W}/\mathcal{W}'} a^{(w_c w'_0)^{-1} \lambda + \rho} M(w_c^{-1}, \lambda) W_{\psi}^{G'}(w_c^{-1} \lambda, 1).$$

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Question: Does this simplify the calculation of arbitrary Fourier coefficients? (Min. rep.: yes [Gan, Savin])

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For \mathfrak{k} of hyperbolic $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{e}_{10}$ one has irreducible (spinor) representations of dimensions [Damour, AK, Nicolai]

32, 320, 1728, 7040

with quotients

$\mathfrak{so}(32)$, $\mathfrak{so}(288, 32)$, ?, ?



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For other Kac–Moody groups, e.g. $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \\ & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ other
quotients possible, also with $U(1)$ factors
 \Rightarrow holomorphic discrete series?

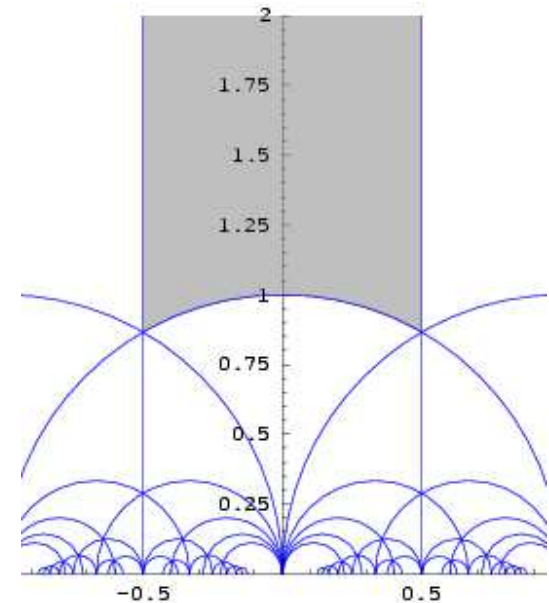
Question: Spherical vectors for Kac–Moody reps?

Yet more Kac–Moody connections

● Hyperbolic Weyl groups

Standard upper half plane can be seen as projection of (open) Tits cone $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathfrak{h}$ for the hyperbolic Kac–Moody algebra

with $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \\ & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$



(Real) upper half plane
 $z = x + iy; x \in \mathbb{R}, y > 0$

Action of $PSL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ on this space = Action of $W^+ \subset W$

[Feingold, Frenkel]

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These generate the Weyl group $W = W(E_{10})!$

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Can define Poincaré series [AK, Nicolai, Palmkvist]

$$P_s(z) = \frac{1}{240} \sum_{(c,d)=1} \frac{y^s}{|cz + d|^{2s}} \quad (\operatorname{Re}(s) > 4)$$

Fourier expansion similar to the $SL(2)$ case; involves K_{s-4} . Arithmetic properties not studied. Cusp forms?

Can also study other hyperbolic Kac–Moody algebras.



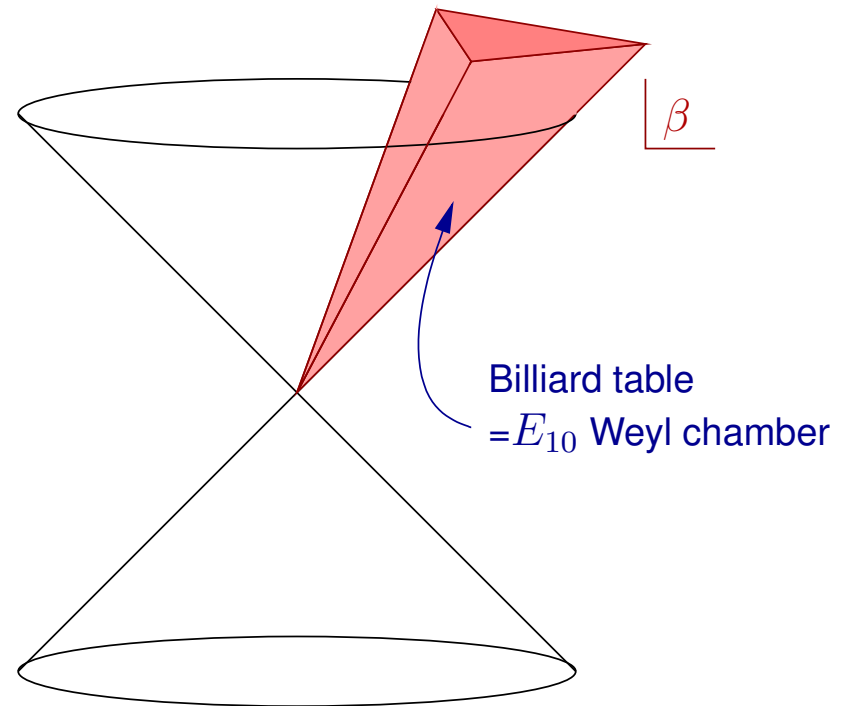
Hyperbolic Weyl groups

\mathbb{K}	\mathfrak{g}	Ring	$W(\mathfrak{g})$	$W^+(\mathfrak{g}^{++})$
\mathbb{R}	A_1	\mathbb{Z}	$2 \equiv \mathbb{Z}_2$	$PSL_2(\mathbb{Z})$
\mathbb{C}	A_2	Eisenstein \mathbb{E}	$\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes 2$	$PSL_2(\mathbb{E})$
\mathbb{C}	$B_2 \equiv C_2$	Gaussian \mathbb{G}	$\mathbb{Z}_4 \rtimes 2$	$PSL_2(\mathbb{G}) \rtimes 2$
\mathbb{C}	G_2	Eisenstein \mathbb{E}	$\mathbb{Z}_6 \rtimes 2$	$PSL_2(\mathbb{E}) \rtimes 2$
\mathbb{H}	A_4	Icosians \mathbb{I}	\mathfrak{S}_5	$PSL_2^{(0)}(\mathbb{I})$
\mathbb{H}	B_4	Octahedral \mathbb{R}	$2^4 \rtimes \mathfrak{S}_4$	$PSL_2^{(0)}(\mathbb{H}) \rtimes 2$
\mathbb{H}	C_4	Octahedral \mathbb{R}	$2^4 \rtimes \mathfrak{S}_4$	$\widetilde{PSL_2^{(0)}}(\mathbb{H}) \rtimes 2$
\mathbb{H}	D_4	Hurwitz \mathbb{H}	$2^3 \rtimes \mathfrak{S}_4$	$PSL_2^{(0)}(\mathbb{H})$
\mathbb{H}	F_4	Octahedral \mathbb{R}	$2^5 \rtimes (\mathfrak{S}_3 \times \mathfrak{S}_3)$	$PSL_2(\mathbb{H}) \rtimes 2$
\mathbb{O}	E_8	Octavians \mathbb{O}	$2 \cdot O_8^+(2) \cdot 2$	$PSL_2(\mathbb{O})$

Connection to physics

Max. supergravity near a space-like singularity (e.g. big bang) can be given effective description in terms of **cosmological billiard**. [Belinski, Khalatnikov, Lifschitz; Damour, Henneaux]

Classically: Free ball in hyperbolic space bouncing off the walls of Weyl chamber

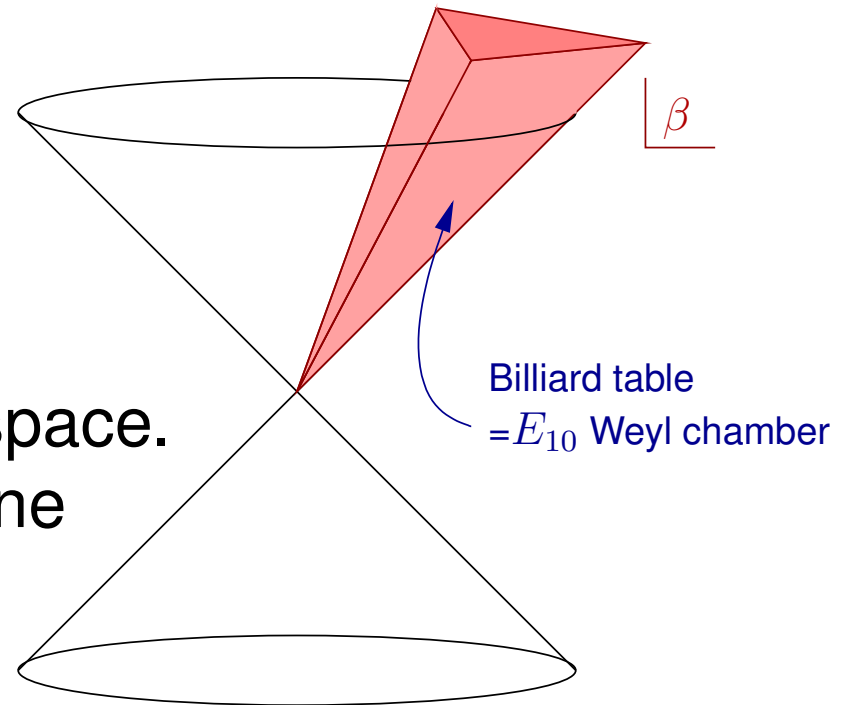


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Quantize: 'Wave-function' on this space.
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 \Rightarrow cups forms?



Could be related to 'singularity resolution' in quantum cosmology [AK, Koehn, Nicolai]

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[Green, Vanhove]

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Recently solved [Green, Miller, Vanhove]

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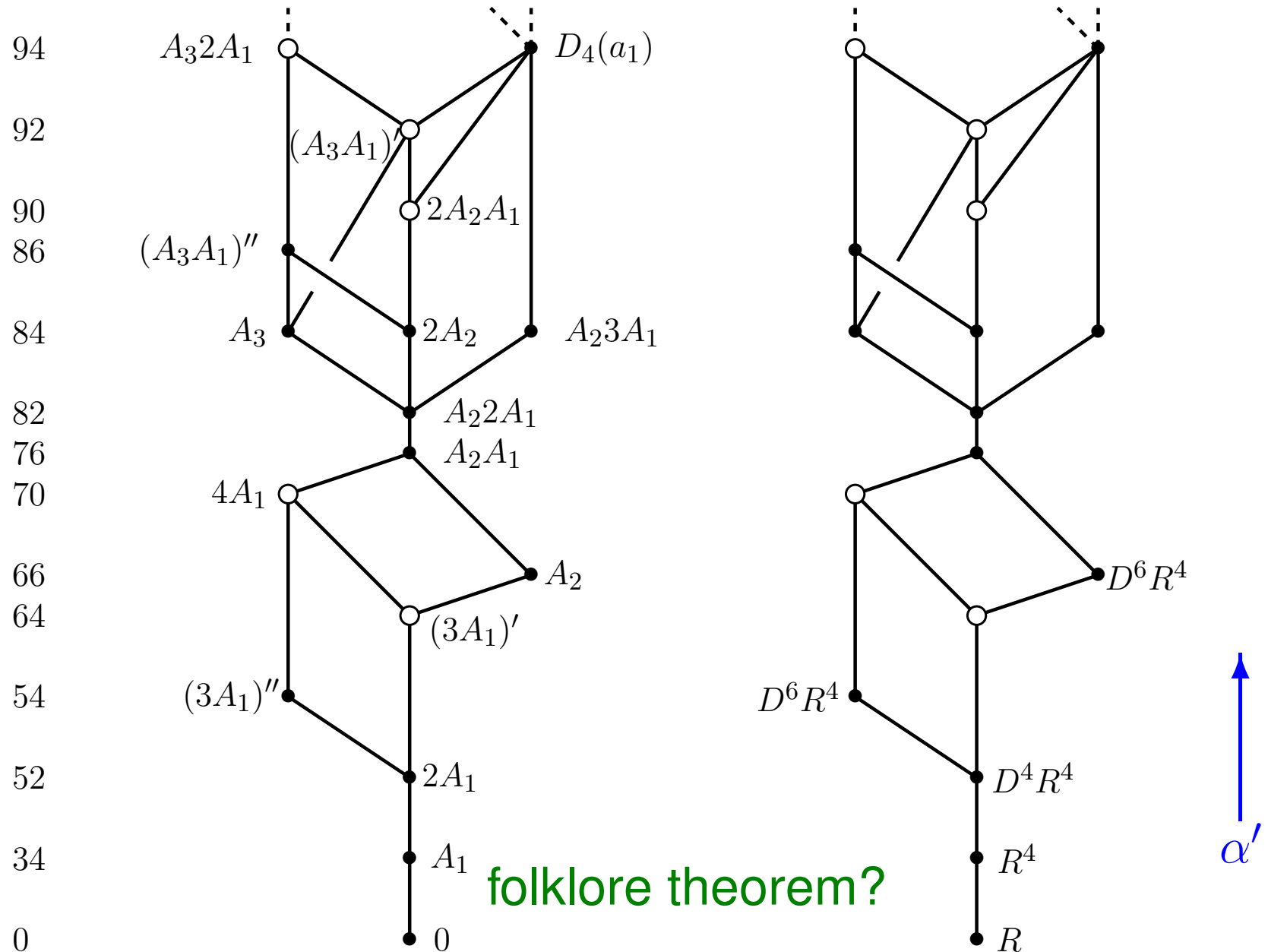
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Question: Rep. theory? Global version? Aut. distributions?

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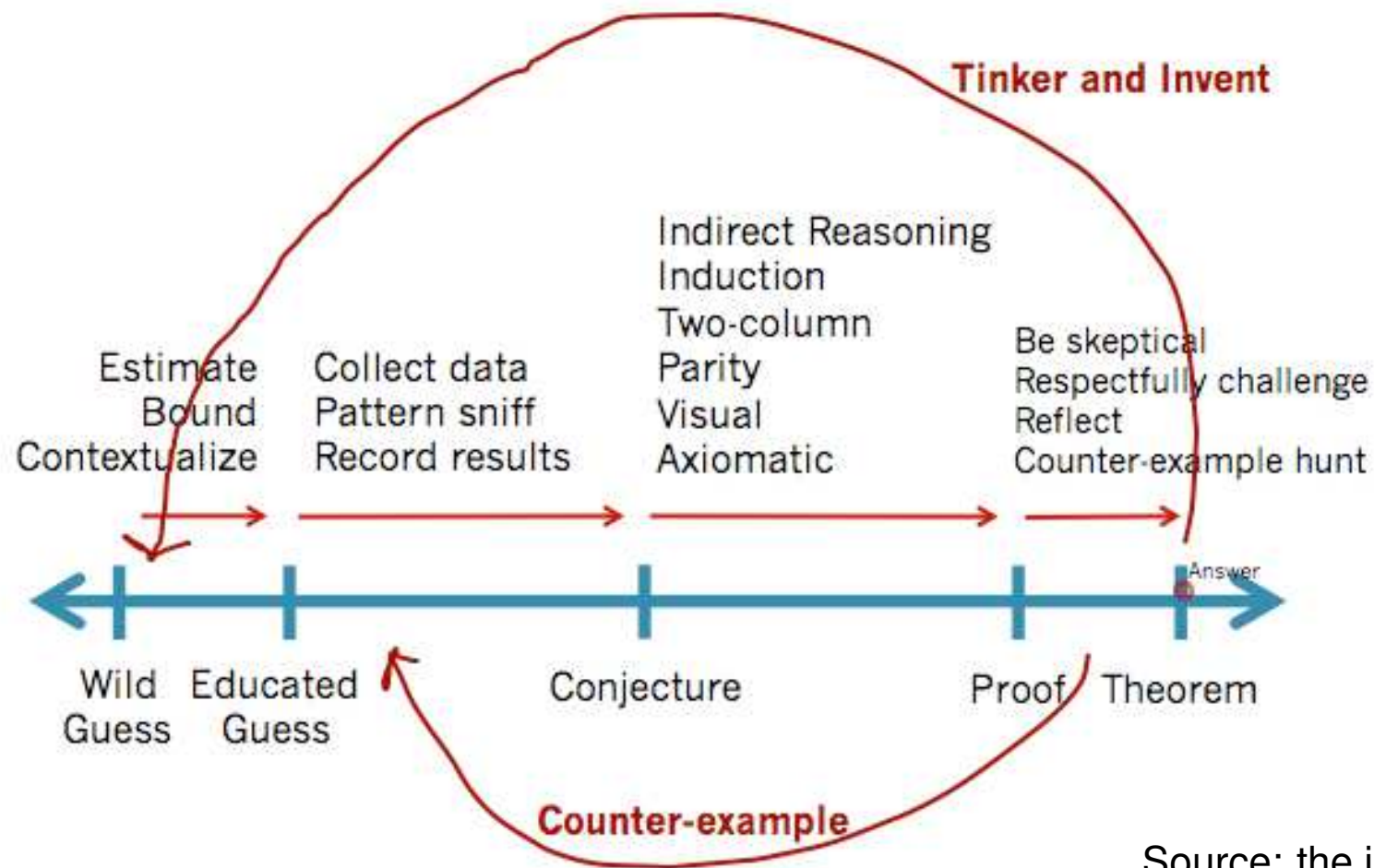


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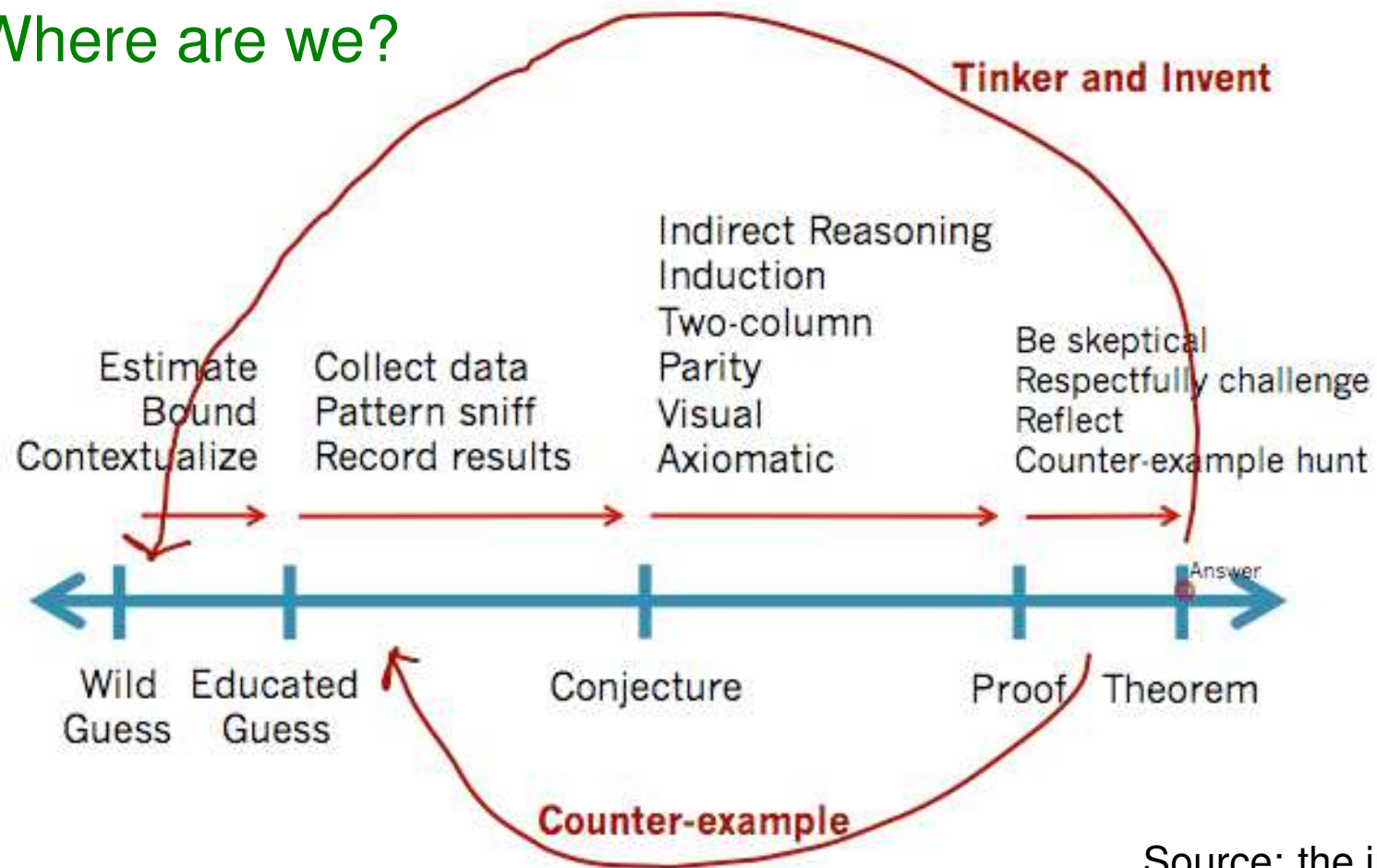


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