

# Symmetric cohomology of groups

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- Cohomology of groups is a contravariant functor turning groups and modules over groups into graded abelian groups.
- It came into being with the fundamental work of Eilenberg and MacLane (Ann. Math. 1947).
- The theory was further developed by Hopf, Eckmann, Segal, Serre, and many other mathematicians.
- It has been studied from different perspectives with applications in various areas of mathematics.
- It provides a beautiful link between algebra and topology.

- There are three main equivalent descriptions of cohomology of groups.

$$\textit{Algebraic} \leftrightarrow \textit{Topological} \leftrightarrow \textit{Combinatorial}$$

- Let  $G$  be a group and  $A$  a  $G$ -module.
- For each  $n \geq 0$ , let  $C^n(G, A) = \{\sigma \mid \sigma : G^n \rightarrow A\}$  and define  $\partial^n : C^n(G, A) \rightarrow C^{n+1}(G, A)$  by

$$\begin{aligned}\partial^n(\sigma)(g_1, \dots, g_{n+1}) &= g_1\sigma(g_2, \dots, g_{n+1}) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \sigma(g_1, \dots, g_i g_{i+1}, \dots, g_{n+1}) \\ &+ (-1)^{n+1} \sigma(g_1, \dots, g_n).\end{aligned}$$

- Since  $\partial^{n+1}\partial^n = 0$ , we obtain a cochain complex.
- The  $n$ th cohomology of  $G$  with coefficients in  $A$  is defined as  $H^n(G, A) = \text{Ker}(\partial^n) / \text{Im}(\partial^{n-1})$ .

Cohomology of groups have concrete group theoretic interpretations.

- $H^0(G, A) = A^G$ .
- $H^1(G, A) = \text{Derivations/Principal Derivations}$ .
- Let  $\mathcal{E}(G, A) = \text{Set of equivalence classes of extensions of } G \text{ by } A \text{ giving rise to the given action of } G \text{ on } A$ . Then there is a one-one correspondence between  $H^2(G, A)$  and  $\mathcal{E}(G, A)$ .
- There are also group theoretic interpretations of the functors  $H^n$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

- Let  $\Phi : H^2(G, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(G, A)$  be the one-one correspondence.
- Under  $\Phi$ , the trivial element of  $H^2(G, A)$  corresponds to the equivalence class of an extension

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$$

admitting a section  $s : G \rightarrow E$  which is a group homomorphism.

- An extension  $\mathcal{E} : 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$  of  $G$  by  $A$  is called a symmetric extension if there exists a section  $s : G \rightarrow E$  such that  $s(g^{-1}) = s(g)^{-1}$  for all  $g \in G$ . Such a section is called a symmetric section.
- Let  $\mathcal{S}(G, A) = \{[\mathcal{E}] \in \mathcal{E}(G, A) \mid \mathcal{E} \text{ is a symmetric extension}\}$ . Then the following question seems natural.

### Question 1

What elements of  $H^2(G, A)$  corresponds to  $\mathcal{S}(G, A)$  under  $\Phi$ ?

- Consider the non-split extension

$$\mathcal{E}_1 : 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{i} \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2 \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{Z}/4 \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $i(n) = (2n, \bar{n})$  and  $\pi(n, \bar{m}) = \overline{n + 2m}$ .

Let  $s : \mathbb{Z}/4 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2$  be given by

$$s(\bar{0}) = (0, \bar{0}), \quad s(\bar{1}) = (-1, \bar{1}), \quad s(\bar{2}) = (0, \bar{1}) \text{ and } s(\bar{3}) = (1, \bar{1}).$$

Then  $s$  is a symmetric section and hence  $[\mathcal{E}_1] \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{Z}/4, \mathbb{Z})$ .

- Consider the split extension

$$\mathcal{E}_2 : 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{i} \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4 \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{Z}/4 \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $i(n) = (n, \bar{0})$  and  $\pi(n, \bar{m}) = \bar{m}$ . Then  $s : \mathbb{Z}/4 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4$  given by  $s(\bar{m}) = (0, \bar{m})$  is a symmetric section and hence  $[\mathcal{E}_2] \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{Z}/4, \mathbb{Z})$ .

- Consider the non-split extensions

$$\mathcal{E}_3 : 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{i} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{Z}/4 \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $i(n) = 4n$  and  $\pi(n) = \overline{n}$  and

$$\mathcal{E}_4 : 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{i'} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{Z}/4 \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $i'(n) = -4n$  and  $\pi'(n) = \overline{n}$ .

- These extensions do not admit any symmetric section and hence  $[\mathcal{E}_3], [\mathcal{E}_4] \in \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{Z}/4, \mathbb{Z}) - \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{Z}/4, \mathbb{Z})$ .
- Thus  $\mathcal{S}(G, A) \neq \mathcal{E}(G, A)$  in general.

- Mihai Staic (2009) answered Question 1 for abstract groups.
- Motivated by some problems in constructing invariants of 3-manifolds, Staic introduced a new cohomology theory of groups called symmetric cohomology which classifies symmetric extensions in dimension two.



- For  $n \geq 0$ , let  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  be the symmetric group on  $n + 1$  symbols.
- For  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , let  $\tau_i = (i, i + 1)$ .
- For  $\sigma \in C^n(G, A)$  and  $(g_1, \dots, g_n) \in G^n$ , define

$$(\tau_1 \sigma)(g_1, \dots, g_n) = -g_1 \sigma(g_1^{-1}, g_1 g_2, g_3, \dots, g_n),$$

$$(\tau_i \sigma)(g_1, \dots, g_n) = -\sigma(g_1, \dots, g_{i-2}, g_{i-1} g_i, g_i^{-1}, g_i g_{i+1}, g_{i+2}, \dots, g_n)$$

for  $1 < i < n$ ,

$$(\tau_n \sigma)(g_1, \dots, g_n) = -\sigma(g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_{n-1} g_n, g_n^{-1}).$$

- It is easy to see that

$$\tau_i(\tau_i(\sigma)) = \sigma,$$

$$\tau_i(\tau_j(\sigma)) = \tau_j(\tau_i(\sigma)) \text{ for } j \neq i \pm 1,$$

$$\tau_i(\tau_{i+1}(\tau_i(\sigma))) = \tau_{i+1}(\tau_i(\tau_{i+1}(\sigma))).$$

- Thus there is an action of  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  on  $C^n(G, A)$ .

- Define  $d^j : C^n(G, A) \rightarrow C^{n+1}(G, A)$  by

$$d^0(\sigma)(g_1, \dots, g_{n+1}) = g_1 \sigma(g_2, \dots, g_{n+1}),$$

$$d^j(\sigma)(g_1, \dots, g_{n+1}) = \sigma(g_1, \dots, g_j g_{j+1}, \dots, g_{n+1}) \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n,$$

$$d^{n+1}(\sigma)(g_1, \dots, g_{n+1}) = \sigma(g_1, \dots, g_{n+1}).$$

$$\text{Then } \partial^n(\sigma) = \sum_{j=0}^{n+1} (-1)^j d^j(\sigma).$$

- It turns out that

$$\tau_i d^j = d^j \tau_i \text{ if } i < j,$$

$$\tau_i d^j = d^j \tau_{i-1} \text{ if } j + 2 \leq i,$$

$$\tau_i d^{i-1} = -d^i,$$

$$\tau_i d^i = -d^{i-1}.$$

- Let  $CS^n(G, A) = C^n(G, A)^{\Sigma_{n+1}}$ . If  $\sigma \in CS^n(G, A)$ , then it follows from the above identities that  $\partial^n(\sigma) \in CS^{n+1}(G, A)$ .
- Thus the action is compatible with coboundary operators.

- We obtain a cochain complex  $\{CS^n(G, A), \partial^n\}_{n \geq 0}$ . Its cohomology, denoted  $HS^n(G, A)$ , is called the symmetric cohomology of  $G$  with coefficients in  $A$ .
- $HS^0(G, A) = A^G = H^0(G, A)$ .
- A 1-cochain  $\lambda : G \rightarrow A$  is symmetric if  $\lambda(g) = -g\lambda(g^{-1})$ .  
 $ZS^1(G, A) =$  group of symmetric derivations.
- A 2-cochain  $\sigma : G \times G \rightarrow A$  is symmetric if  $\sigma(g, h) = -g\sigma(g^{-1}, gh) = \sigma(gh, h^{-1})$ .

- The inclusion  $CS^*(G, A) \hookrightarrow C^*(G, A)$  induces a homomorphism

$$h^* : HS^*(G, A) \rightarrow H^*(G, A).$$

- Clearly  $h^*$  is an isomorphism in dimension 0 and is injective in dimension 1. Similar result holds in dimension 2.

Proposition (M. Staic, J. Algebra 2009)

The map  $h^* : HS^2(G, A) \rightarrow H^2(G, A)$  is injective.

- We now have an answer to Question 1.

Theorem (M. Staic, J. Algebra 2009)

The map  $\Phi \circ h^* : HS^2(G, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(G, A)$  is a bijection.

- Examples in previous slides corresponds to the fact that  $H^2(\mathbb{Z}/4, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}/4$  and  $HS^2(\mathbb{Z}/4, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}/2$ .

- When the group under consideration is equipped with a topology (or any other structure), it is natural to look for a cohomology theory which also takes the topology (the other structure) into account.
- This lead to various cohomology theories of topological groups.
- Topology was first inserted in the formal definition of cohomology of topological groups in the works of S. -T. Hu (1952), W. T. van Est (1953) and A. Heller (1973).

- Let  $G$  be a topological group and  $A$  an abelian topological group. We say that  $A$  is a topological  $G$ -module if there is a continuous action of  $G$  on  $A$ .
- For each  $n \geq 0$ , let  $G^n$  be the product topological group and  $C_c^n(G, A) = \{\sigma \mid \sigma : G^n \rightarrow A \text{ is a continuous map}\}$ .
- Let  $\partial^n : C_c^n(G, A) \rightarrow C_c^{n+1}(G, A)$  be the standard coboundary map as used for abstract groups. Then  $\{C_c^n(G, A), \partial^n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a cochain complex.
- The cohomology of this cochain complex, denoted  $H_c^*(G, A)$ , is called the continuous cohomology of  $G$  with coefficients in  $A$ .
- Clearly this cohomology coincides with the ordinary cohomology when the groups under consideration are discrete (in particular finite).
- The low dimensional cohomology groups are as expected with  $H_c^0(G, A) = A^G$  and  $Z_c^1(G, A) = \text{group of continuous derivations}$ .

- An extension of topological groups

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{\pi} G \rightarrow 1$$

is an algebraically exact sequence of topological groups with the additional property that  $i$  is closed continuous and  $\pi$  is open continuous.

- If we assume that  $i$  and  $\pi$  are only continuous, then  $A$  viewed as a subgroup of  $E$  may not have the relative topology and the isomorphism  $E/i(A) \cong G$  may not be a homeomorphism.
- Since  $i$  is closed continuous, its an embedding of  $A$  onto a closed subgroup of  $E$ .
- Two extensions  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{\pi} G \rightarrow 1$  and  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i'} E' \xrightarrow{\pi'} G \rightarrow 1$  are called equivalent if there exists an open continuous isomorphism  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  making the following diagram commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{i} & E & \xrightarrow{\pi} & G \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow \phi & & \parallel \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{i'} & E' & \xrightarrow{\pi'} & G \longrightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

- Let  $G$  be a topological group and  $A$  a topological  $G$ -module. Let  $\mathcal{E}_c(G, A) = \text{Set of equivalence classes of topological group extensions of } G \text{ by } A \text{ giving rise to the given action of } G \text{ on } A.$
- Let  $\mathcal{E}_c^0(G, A) = \{[\mathcal{E}] \in \mathcal{E}_c(G, A) \mid \mathcal{E} \text{ admits a global continuous section}\}.$
- As in ordinary cohomology, the following result holds for continuous cohomology.

### Theorem (Hu, Michigan. Math. J. 1952)

Let  $G$  be a topological group and  $A$  a topological  $G$ -module. Then there is a bijection  $\Psi : H_c^2(G, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_c^0(G, A).$

- An extension of topological groups is called topologically split if  $E$  is  $A \times G$  as a topological space. Clearly an extension admitting a global continuous section is topologically split.
- Extensions admitting a global continuous section are assured by the following result.

### Theorem (Shtern, Ann. Global. Ann. Geom. 2001)

Let  $G$  be a connected locally compact group. Then any topological group extension of  $G$  by a simply connected Lie group admits a global continuous section.



- Let  
 $\mathcal{S}_c^0(G, A) = \{[\mathcal{E}] \in \mathcal{E}_c(G, A) \mid \mathcal{E} \text{ admits a symmetric global cont section}\}.$   
Then we have the following analogous question.

### Question 2

What elements of  $H_c^2(G, A)$  corresponds to  $\mathcal{S}_c^0(G, A)$  under  $\Psi$ ?

- Let

$$\mathcal{H}_3(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & z \\ 0 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

be the 3-dimensional real Heisenberg group. Its a non-abelian topological group (in fact a Lie group).

- Let

$$A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & z \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

be the center of  $\mathcal{H}_3(\mathbb{R})$ .

- Since  $A \cong (\mathbb{R}, +)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_3(\mathbb{R})/A \cong (\mathbb{R}^2, +)$  as topological groups, we have a non-split extension of topological groups

$$\mathcal{E} : 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow 0.$$

- Let  $s : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_3(\mathbb{R})$  be given by

$$s(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & \frac{xy}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $s$  is a continuous section. Further  $s$  is symmetric

$$s(-x, -y) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -x & \frac{xy}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = s(x, y)^{-1}.$$

Thus  $[\mathcal{E}] \in \mathcal{S}_c^0(G, A)$ .

- More examples of topological group extensions admitting a symmetric continuous section are guaranteed by the following result.

### Theorem (E. Michael, Ann. Math. 1956)

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be real or complex Banach spaces regarded as topological groups with respect to addition. If  $\pi : X \rightarrow Y$  is a surjective continuous linear map, then there exists a symmetric continuous section  $s : Y \rightarrow X$ .

- Continuity of  $G$ -action on  $A$  implies that  $\tau(\sigma) \in C_c^n(G, A)$  for each  $\tau \in \Sigma_{n+1}$  and  $\sigma \in C_c^n(G, A)$ .
- Let  $CS_c^n(G, A) = C_c^n(G, A)^{\Sigma_{n+1}}$ . Then  $\{CS_c^n(G, A), \partial^n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a cochain complex. Its cohomology, denoted  $HS_c^n(G, A)$ , is called the symmetric continuous cohomology of  $G$  with coefficients in  $A$ .
- $HS_c^0(G, A) = A^G = H_c^0(G, A)$ .
- $ZS_c^1(G, A) =$  group of symmetric continuous derivations.

- The inclusion  $CS_c^*(G, A) \hookrightarrow C_c^*(G, A)$  induces a homomorphism

$$h_c^* : HS_c^*(G, A) \rightarrow H_c^*(G, A).$$

- $h_c^*$  is an isomorphism in dimension 0 and is injective in dimension 1.

## Proposition (S, HHA 2013)

The map  $h_c^* : HS_c^2(G, A) \rightarrow H_c^2(G, A)$  is injective.

- Following theorem answers Question 2.

## Theorem (S, HHA 2013)

The map  $\Psi \circ h_c^* : HS_c^2(G, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_c^0(G, A)$  is a bijection.

- Let  $G$  be a topological group and  $A$  a topological  $G$ -module. Restriction to the underlying abstract group structure gives the homomorphisms

$$r^* : H_c^2(G, A) \rightarrow H^2(G, A) \text{ and}$$

$$r_s^* : HS_c^2(G, A) \rightarrow HS^2(G, A)$$

making the following diagram commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} HS_c^2(G, A) & \xrightarrow{r_s^*} & HS^2(G, A) \\ \downarrow h_c^* & & \downarrow h^* \\ H_c^2(G, A) & \xrightarrow{r^*} & H^2(G, A) \end{array}$$

- We have shown that the vertical maps  $h_c^*$  and  $h^*$  are injective.

- Using results of C. C. Moore (Trans. AMS 1968, IHES 1976) on measurable cohomology, we obtain the following result.

### Proposition

Let  $G$  be a perfect group satisfying either of the following conditions:

- 1  $G$  is a profinite group and  $A$  a discrete  $G$ -module.
- 2  $G$  is a Lie group and  $A$  a finite dimensional  $G$ -vector space.

Then the restriction map  $r_s^* : HS_c^2(G, A) \rightarrow HS^2(G, A)$  is injective.

- The map  $r_s^*$  is not injective in general.
- Let  $X$  be an infinite dimensional complex Banach space and  $A$  be a non-complemented subspace of  $X$ . Then the quotient map  $\pi : X \rightarrow X/A$  admits a symmetric continuous section by the result of E. Michael. Since  $A$  is non-complemented in  $X$ , the extension

$$\mathcal{E} : 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow X \rightarrow X/A \rightarrow 0$$

is non-split as an extension of topological groups and hence  $[\mathcal{E}] \neq 0$  in  $HS_c^2(X/A, A)$ .

But  $X$  is isomorphic to  $A \times X/A$  as an abelian group and hence  $r_s^*([\mathcal{E}]) = 0$  in  $HS^2(X/A, A)$ .



- The map  $r_s^*$  is not surjective in general.
- Consider the extension of abstract groups

$$\mathcal{E} : 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow 0.$$

Then  $[\mathcal{E}] \neq 0$  in  $HS^2(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R})$ .

Consider  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  as a topological group with discrete topology and  $(\mathbb{R}^2, +)$  as a topological group with usual topology. Then there is no topology on  $\mathcal{H}_3(\mathbb{R})$  making  $\mathcal{E}$  into an extension of topological groups inducing the underlying abstract group extension.

Hence  $[\mathcal{E}] \in HS^2(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R})$  has no preimage in  $HS_c^2(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R})$  under  $r_s^*$ .

- A profinite group is a topological group which is isomorphic to the inverse limit of an inverse system of discrete finite groups.
- Profinite groups form a special class of topological groups.
- The symmetric continuous cohomology of profinite groups behave well with the symmetric cohomology of finite groups.

### Theorem (S, HHA 2013)

The symmetric continuous cohomology of a profinite group with coefficients in a discrete module equals the direct limit of the symmetric cohomology of finite groups.

- Let  $G$  be a Lie group and  $A$  a smooth  $G$ -module.
- For each  $n \geq 0$ , let  $C_s^n(G, A) = \{\sigma \mid \sigma : G^n \rightarrow A \text{ is a smooth map}\}$ .
- Let  $\partial^n : C_s^n(G, A) \rightarrow C_s^{n+1}(G, A)$  be the standard coboundary map. Then  $\{C_s^n(G, A), \partial^n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a cochain complex giving the smooth cohomology of  $G$  with coefficients in  $A$ . We denote it by  $H_s^*(G, A)$ .
- $H_s^0(G, A) = A^G$ .  
 $Z_s^1(G, A) = \text{group of smooth derivations.}$

- Smoothness of  $G$ -action on  $A$  implies that  $\tau(\sigma) \in C_s^n(G, A)$  for each  $\tau \in \Sigma_{n+1}$  and  $\sigma \in C_s^n(G, A)$ .
- Let  $CS_s^n(G, A) = C_s^n(G, A)^{\Sigma_{n+1}}$ . Then  $\{CS_s^n(G, A), \partial^n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a cochain complex giving the symmetric smooth cohomology of  $G$  with coefficients in  $A$ . We denote it by  $HS_s^n(G, A)$ .
- $HS_s^0(G, A) = A^G$ .
- $ZS_s^1(G, A) =$  group of symmetric smooth derivations.

- An extension of Lie groups

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{\pi} G \rightarrow 1$$

is an algebraic short exact sequence of Lie groups with the additional property that both  $i$  and  $\pi$  are smooth homomorphisms and  $\pi$  admits a local smooth section  $s : U \rightarrow E$ , where  $U \subset G$  is an open neighbourhood of identity.

- The existence of a local smooth section means that  $E$  is a principal  $A$ -bundle over  $G$  with respect to the left action of  $A$  on  $E$  given by  $(a, e) \mapsto i(a)e$  for  $a \in A$  and  $e \in E$ .
- Since an extension of Lie groups is a principal bundle, it is a trivial bundle ( $E$  is  $A \times G$  as a smooth manifold) if and only if it admits a global smooth section.

- Two extensions of Lie groups  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{\pi} G \rightarrow 1$  and  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i'} E' \xrightarrow{\pi'} G \rightarrow 1$  are said to be equivalent if there exists a smooth isomorphism  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  with smooth inverse such that the following diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{i} & E & \xrightarrow{\pi} & G \longrightarrow 1 \\
 & & \parallel & & \downarrow \phi & & \parallel \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{i'} & E' & \xrightarrow{\pi'} & G \longrightarrow 1.
 \end{array}$$

- Let  $G$  be a Lie group and  $A$  a smooth  $G$ -module. Let  $\mathcal{S}_s(G, A) =$  *Set of equivalence classes of Lie group extensions of  $G$  by  $A$  admitting a symmetric global smooth section and giving rise to the given action of  $G$  on  $A$ .*

## Theorem (S, HHA 2013)

Let  $G$  be a Lie group and  $A$  a smooth  $G$ -module. Then there is a one-one correspondence  $HS_s^2(G, A) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{S}_s(G, A)$ .

- An extension of Lie groups  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{\pi} G \rightarrow 1$  can be thought of as an extension of topological groups by considering only the underlying topological group structure.
- This gives the restriction homomorphism

$$r_s^* : HS_s^2(G, A) \rightarrow HS_c^2(G, A).$$

- Hilbert's fifth problem: Is every locally Euclidean topological group necessarily a Lie group?
- The problem has a positive solution due to Gleason and Montgomery (Ann. Math. 1952).
- Contrary to the topological case, using solution of Hilbert's fifth problem, we have the following result.

### Theorem (S, HHA 2013)

Let  $G$  be a Lie group and  $A$  a smooth  $G$ -module. Then the restriction map  $r_s^* : HS_s^2(G, A) \rightarrow HS_c^2(G, A)$  is an isomorphism.

- The following questions seems natural.
- 1 Does there exists a Lyndon-Hochschild-Serre type spectral sequence for symmetric cohomology of groups?
  - 2 Is it possible to define a symmetric cohomology of Lie algebras? How does this relate to the symmetric cohomology of Lie groups?
- It seems possible to define a symmetric cohomology of Lie algebras. M. Staic suspect that it is equal to the usual cohomology.



- Let  $G$  be a group and  $\mathbb{C}^\times$  a trivial  $G$ -module. Then the Schur multiplier of  $G$  is defined as  $\mathcal{M}(G) := H^2(G, \mathbb{C}^\times)$ .
- It turns out that the Schur multiplier  $\mathcal{M}(G)$  of a finite group  $G$  is a finite abelian group. Finding bounds on the order of  $\mathcal{M}(G)$  is an active area of research and has wide range of applications.
- We define symmetric Schur multiplier of  $G$  as  $\mathcal{MS}(G) := HS^2(G, \mathbb{C}^\times)$ .
- Symmetric Schur multiplier  $\mathcal{MS}(G)$  of a finite group  $G$  is a finite group. The following questions seem interesting.

- 1 Find bounds on the order of  $\mathcal{MS}(G)$ .
- 2 Find bounds on the order of  $\mathcal{M}(G)/\mathcal{MS}(G)$ .
- 3 Relate  $\mathcal{MS}(G)$  to other interesting subgroups of  $\mathcal{M}(G)$ .

**Thank You All**