

# Loop groups, coadjoint orbits, and localization formulas

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- Full coadjoint orbit =  $\left\{ \frac{d}{ds} + A_s, E(A) \right\}$ .

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- Are the corresponding localization formulas correct?



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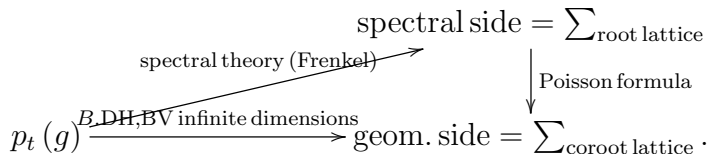
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