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Harmonic Analysis on Affine groups and Continuous Wavelet Transform

The set of all invertible affine transformations of a two dimensional real vector space forms a locally compact group G_2 that is isomorphic to the semi-direct product group formed when $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ acts on \mathbb{R}^2 in the obvious manner, where $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ denotes the group of 2 by 2 real matrices with nonzero determinant. We give an explicit decomposition of the left regular representation of G_2 as a direct sum of infinitely many copies of a single irreducible representation. We also obtain an analog of the continuous wavelet transform associated to the representation we identify.