

Harish-Chandra's Tempered Representations and Geometry I

Is rep theory useful for global analysis on a manifold?
— Multiplicity: Approach from PDEs

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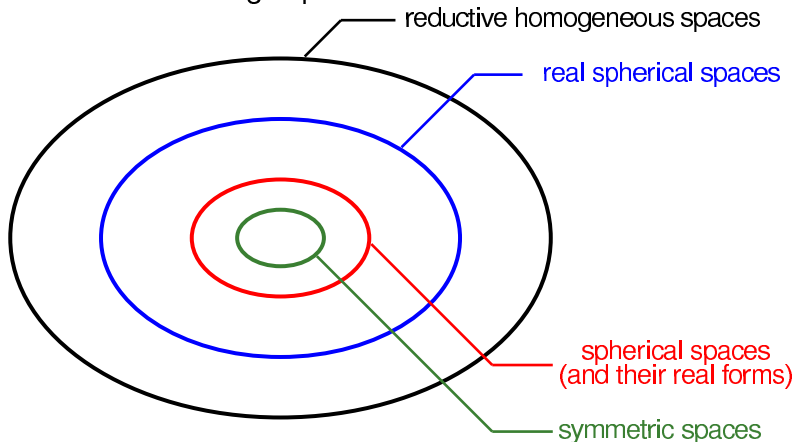
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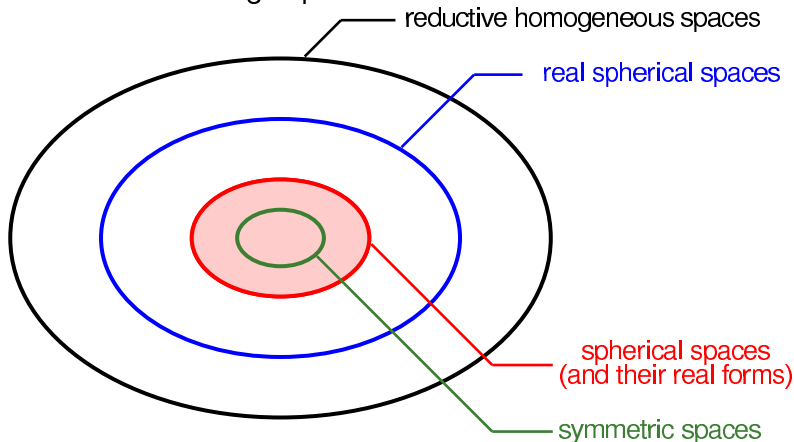


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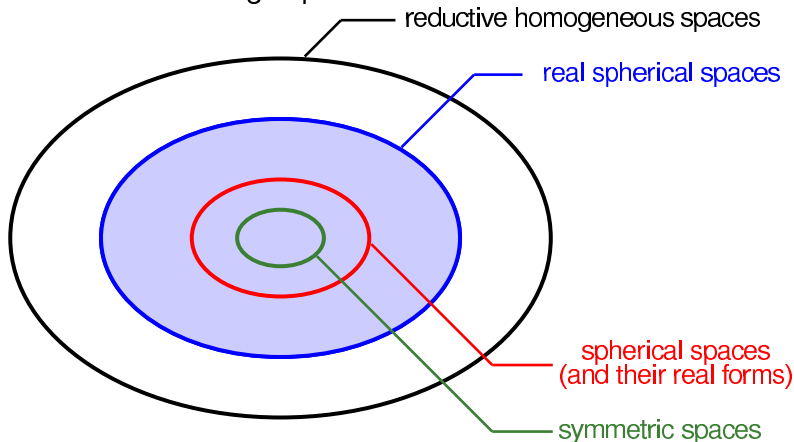


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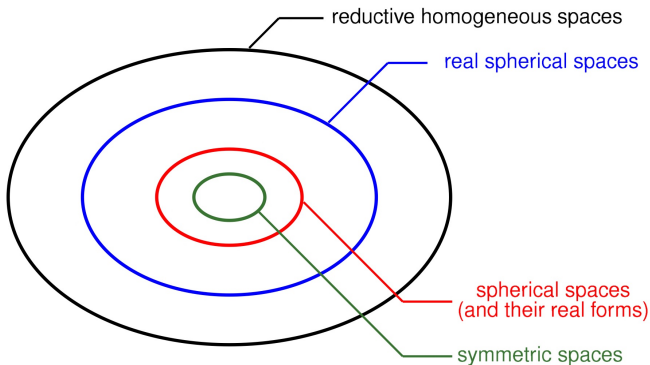
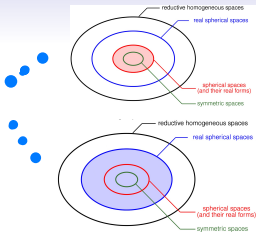
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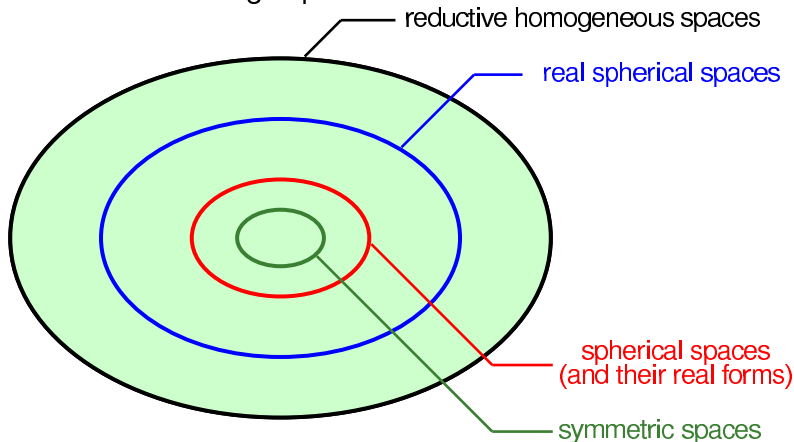
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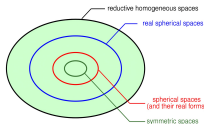
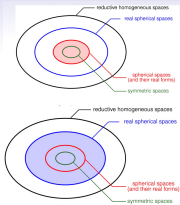
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—Dynamical approach
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—Combinatorics of convex polyhedra
- **Talk 4:** Tempered homogeneous spaces
—Interaction with topology and geometry



Is rep theory useful for global analysis on manifolds?

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Warming up: Analysis and Synthesis

Philosophy — Analysis and Synthesis : Try to understand

- how things are built up from the “smallest” objects;
 - what are the “smallest” ones.
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- Chemistry: understand a substance from the “smallest particle” (molecule, atom, \dots).
 - Lie groups: “built up” from simple Lie groups ($SL(n, \mathbb{R})$, $SO(p, q)$, \dots) and one-dimensional ones (\mathbb{R} or \mathbb{T}).
 - Representations: “decompose” into irreducible representations.
 - Functions: “expand” functions into “basic” functions.

First viewpoint ... Spectral Analysis on Riemannian manifolds

Without “group theory”

$$X : \text{complete Riemannian manifold}$$
$$\rightsquigarrow \Delta_X = -\operatorname{div} \circ \operatorname{grad} \quad (\text{Laplacian})$$

The Laplacian Δ_X is essentially self-adjoint on $L^2(X)$.

$$\rightsquigarrow L^2(X) \simeq \int_0^\infty \mathcal{H}_\lambda d\tau(\lambda) \quad (\text{spectral decomposition of } \Delta_X).$$

... any L^2 -function on X can be expanded into eigenfns of Δ_X .

Second viewpoint ... Group Representation 1

Without specific geometric structure such as Riemannian structure.

$$G \curvearrowright X \text{ (manifold)} \rightsquigarrow G \curvearrowright C^\infty(X), L^2(X), \dots$$

Geometry

Functions

$$G \curvearrowright C^\infty(X)$$

One defines a rep of G on $C^\infty(X)$ by $\pi_X(g): f(x) \mapsto f(g^{-1}x)$.

$$G \curvearrowright L^2(X)$$

- If X has a G -invariant Radon measure μ_X , then G acts unitarily on $L^2(X) := L^2(X, \mu_X)$.
- More generally, let \mathcal{L} be the half density bundle of X .
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Alternative definition

$$G \curvearrowright L^2(X) \quad (\text{multiplier representation})$$

We set $L^2(X) := L^2(X, \mu_X)$ by choosing a volume form μ_X on X .
One defines a unitary operator $\pi_X(g): L^2(X) \rightarrow L^2(X)$ by

$$(\pi_X(g)f)(x) := c(g, x)^{\frac{1}{2}} f(g^{-1}x) \in L^2(X),$$

where $c(g, x)$ is defined by $g_*\mu_X = c(g, x)\mu_X$ (Radon–Nykodim derivative).

$\rightsquigarrow \pi_X$ gives a unitary representation of G on $L^2(X)$.

Second viewpoint — Group Representation 2

Fact (Mautner) Any unitary rep Π of G can be disintegrated into irreducibles:

$$\Pi \simeq \int_{\widehat{G}}^{\oplus} \underline{m_{\pi}} \pi d\mu(\pi) \quad (\text{direct integral})$$

$\widehat{G} := \{\text{irreducible unitary representations}\} / \sim$ (unitary dual),

$m: \widehat{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$, $\pi \mapsto \underline{m_{\pi}}$ (multiplicity).

$$\underline{m_{\pi}} = \underbrace{\pi \oplus \cdots \oplus \pi}_{m_{\pi}}$$

In our setting

$G \curvearrowright X$ (manifold) $\rightsquigarrow G \curvearrowright^{\pi_X} L^2(X)$ (Hilbert space)

$L^2(X) \simeq \int_{\widehat{G}}^{\oplus} m_{\pi} \pi d\mu(\pi)$ (Plancherel-type theorem)

Connection of the two viewpoints

(Without group theory)

X : pseudo-Riemannian manifold

Spectral analysis of Δ_X : $L^2(X) \simeq \int \mathcal{H}_\lambda d\tau(\lambda)$.

“generalize” \Downarrow \Updownarrow if $m_\pi = 1$

Representation Theory: $L^2(X) \simeq \int_G^\oplus m_\pi \pi d\mu(\pi)$.

Symmetry: $G \curvearrowright X$

(No geometric structure specified)

Example Special cases for which both settings occur:

$G = \text{Isom}(X) \cdots$ the groups of isometries
of a pseudo-Riemannian manifold X .

Example: Spherical harmonics expansion on S^n

Two viewpoints give the same expansion for $X = \underline{S^n}$ or H^n :

(1) Spectral analysis: eigenfunctions of the Laplacian Δ_{S^n}

Any $f \in C^\infty(S^n)$ has an eigenfunction expansion:

$$f = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varphi_j$$

where $\Delta_{S^n} \varphi_j = j(n+j-1) \varphi_j$ ($\forall j$).

(2) Representation theory: Irreducible decomposition

$O(n+1)$ acts unitarily on $L^2(S^n)$, which decomposes

$$O(n+1) \curvearrowright L^2(S^n) \simeq \bigoplus_{j=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}_j \quad (\text{multiplicity-free irreducible decomposition}).$$

Likewise for $G = O(n, 1) \curvearrowright H^n$ (hyperbolic space).

Laplacian $\Delta_X \rightsquigarrow$ Invariant differential operators

Generalization of Δ_X by using “symmetry”

Setting $G \curvearrowright X$ (manifold) $\rightsquigarrow G \curvearrowright C^\infty(X), L^2(X), \dots$

X : no geometric structure specified.

Definition A differential operator D on X is G -invariant if

$$D \circ \pi_X(g) = \pi_X(g) \circ D \quad \text{on } C^\infty(X), \forall g \in G.$$

Note: $D, \pi_X(g) \in \text{End}(C^\infty(X))$.

$\mathbb{D}_G(X) :=$ ring of G -invariant differential operators on X

Example For a (pseudo-)Riemannian manifold X , take $G := \text{Isom}(X) \cdots$ the group of isometries of X .

(1) $\Delta_X \in \mathbb{D}_G(X)$.

(2) For $X = S^n$, $G \simeq O(n+1)$ and $\mathbb{D}_G(X) \simeq \mathbb{C}[\Delta_X]$.

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Smooth admissible representations

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Example $G = GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \supset K = O(n)$, $\mathfrak{g} = M(n, \mathbb{R})$

- Analytic rep theory (Fréchet space, Hilbert space, ...)

$\text{Irr}(G) := \{ \text{irred admissible reps of } G \text{ of moderate growth} \} / \sim$

$\widehat{G} := \{ \text{irred unitary representations of } G \} / \sim$ (unitary dual)

$\widehat{G} \hookrightarrow \text{Irr}(G)$, $\pi \mapsto \pi^\infty$ (smooth rep)

$\text{Irr}(G)_f := \{ \text{irred finite-dim'l reps of } G \}$.

Spherical vs real spherical

$G_{\mathbb{C}}$ complex reductive $\curvearrowright X_{\mathbb{C}}$ complex manifold (connected)

Definition $X_{\mathbb{C}}$ is **spherical** if a Borel subgroup B of $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ has an open orbit in $X_{\mathbb{C}}$.

Def. Borel subgroup B of $G_{\mathbb{C}}$

def = maximal connected solvable subgp of $G_{\mathbb{C}}$.

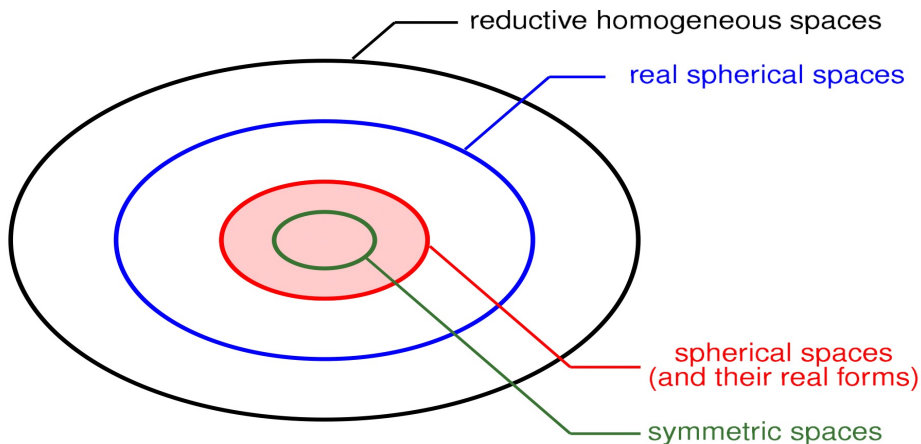
e.g. $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\} \subset GL(3, \mathbb{C}) = G_{\mathbb{C}}$.

Example Grassmannian varieties, flag varieties, symmetric spaces, complexification of weakly symmetric spaces (à la Selberg), \dots are spherical.

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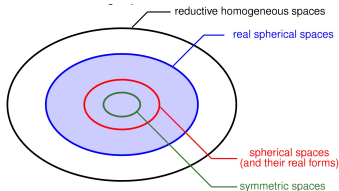
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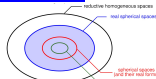
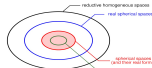
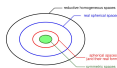
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For reductive H , Tanaka recently settled* a conjecture since '95:

$$G/H \text{ real spherical} \iff G = K^{\exists}AH$$

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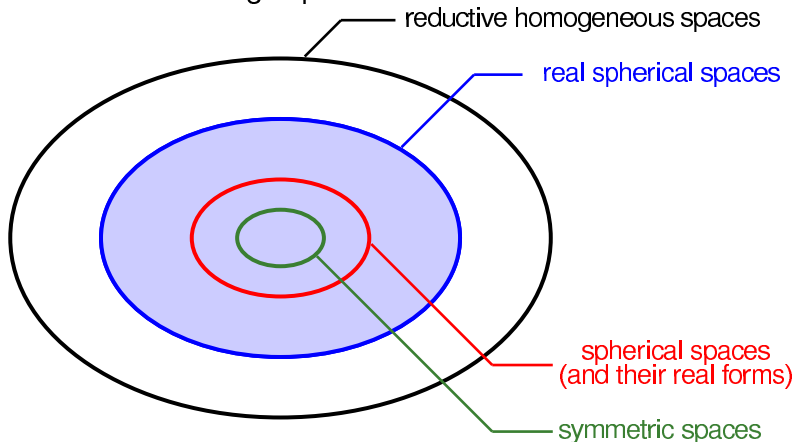
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Methods of proof

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) Reduction to geometry of boundaries

Equivariant compactification + hyperfunction-valued boundary maps
for a system of partial differential equations.

(i) \Rightarrow (ii)

Construction of integral intertwining operators from boundaries

(Cf. Knapp–Stein, Poisson–Fourier, Jacquet integral, . . .)

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Ex. Kostant–Lynch theory ('79) for Whittaker model,
when $H :=$ maximal unipotent subgroup

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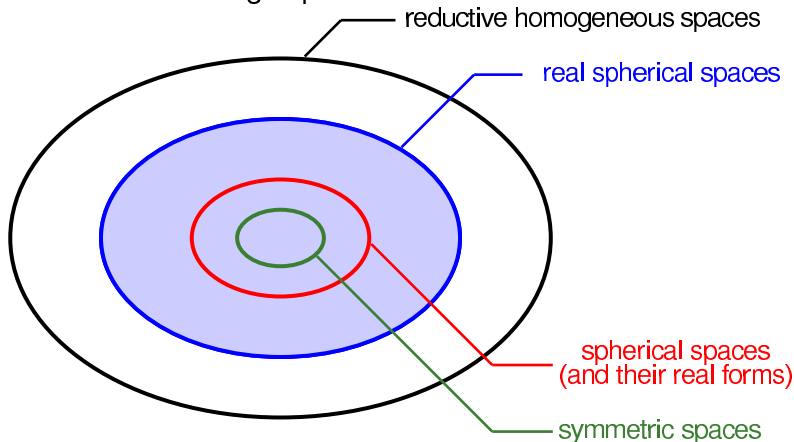
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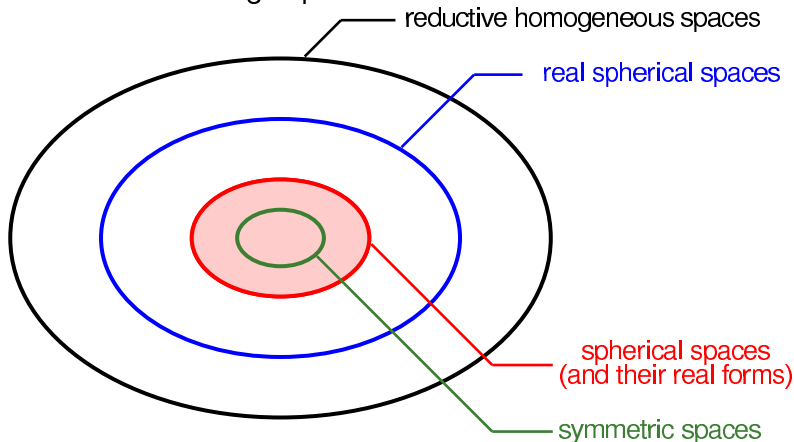


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When does the group “control” better the function space?

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Theorem B *The following conditions are all equivalent:

- (i) (Analysis & rep theory) There exists $C > 0$ s.t.
 $\dim \text{Hom}_G(\pi, C^\infty(X)) \leq C$ for all $\pi \in \text{Irr}(G)$.
- (ii) (Complex geometry) $X_{\mathbb{C}}$ is $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ -spherical.
- (ii)' (Algebra) The ring $\mathbb{D}_G(X)$ is commutative.
- (ii)'' (Algebra) The ring $\mathbb{D}_G(X)$ is a polynomial ring.

The equivalence (ii) \sim (ii)'' is classical (Vinberg, Knop, \dots).

The main point that we emphasize on here is an interaction of

(i) Analysis \iff (ii) \sim (ii)'' Algebra & Geometry.

- Surprisingly, uniform boundedness of the multiplicity in $C^\infty(X)$ is detected only by the complexification $X_{\mathbb{C}} = G_{\mathbb{C}}/H_{\mathbb{C}}$.

$X_{\mathbb{C}} = G_{\mathbb{C}}/H_{\mathbb{C}}$ detects “bounded multiplicity property”

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Example. Let $n \geq 2m$, and consider

$$G/H = SL(n, \mathbb{R})/Sp(m, \mathbb{R}), SU(n)/Sp(m),$$

$$SU(p, q)/Sp(p', q') \quad (p + q = n, p' + q' = m, p \geq 2p', q \geq 2q'),$$

$$SU^*(\frac{n}{2})/Sp(p', q') \quad (n \text{ even}, p' + q' = m), \dots$$

These homogeneous spaces have the isomorphic complexification

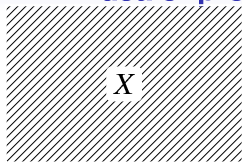
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The bounded multiplicity property for $C^{\infty}(G/H)$ holds

$$\iff n = 2m \text{ or } 2m + 1 \text{ (depending only on } G_{\mathbb{C}}/H_{\mathbb{C}}).$$

Remark Finite multiplicity property depends on real forms.

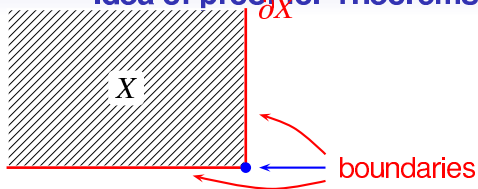
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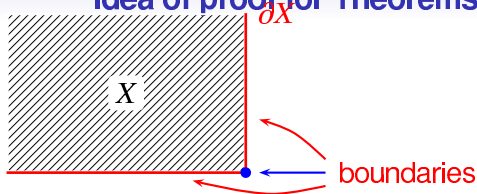
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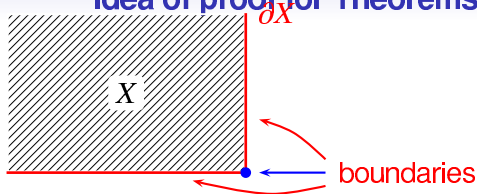
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 \dots & \longleftrightarrow & \text{distributions} \\
 \text{Hardy space} & \longleftrightarrow & L^2\text{-functions} \\
 \dots & \longleftrightarrow & \text{continuous functions}
 \end{array}$$

Classical example: $\Delta f = \lambda f$ in the Poincaré disc

$$\text{Poincaré disc } D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\} \quad ds^2 = \frac{4(dx^2 + dy^2)}{(1 - |z|^2)^2}$$

$$\text{Laplacian } \Delta = -\frac{1}{4}(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$\sim -\frac{1}{4}(\theta^2 - 2\theta) \quad \text{near the boundary } (s = 0)$$

$$\text{where } \theta = s \frac{\partial}{\partial s}, \quad s := \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}$$

Suppose $\Delta f = \lambda f$ in D and f is K -finite.

Look at near the boundary ∂D .

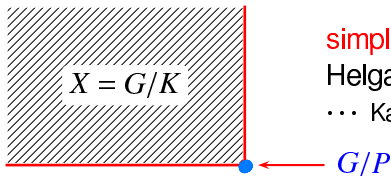
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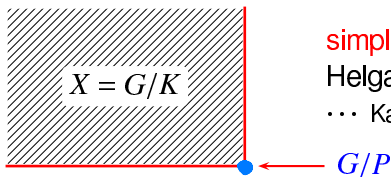
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- Consider $\tau: H \rightarrow GL(V)$

$$\mathcal{V} := G \times_H V \rightarrow G/H$$

$$\rightsquigarrow G \curvearrowright C^\infty(G/H, \mathcal{V}) \subset \mathcal{B}(G/H, \mathcal{V})$$

- $U(\mathfrak{g}) \supset Z(\mathfrak{g})$: center of enveloping algebra

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$$\#(\text{irred. subquotients}) < \infty$$

Induction $H \uparrow G$ vs Restriction $G \downarrow H$

Let $H \subset G$.

So far, we have discussed “Basic Problem” for the “induction”

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Geometry Functions

We may also think of the “restriction” $G \downarrow H$ (“branching problem”) which is much more involved.

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Comparison: $GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \downarrow O(n)$ vs $GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \downarrow O(p, n - p)$

Harish-Chandra's admissibility theorem concerns the restriction with respect to a **Riemannian symmetric pair**

$$G \supset K, \quad \text{e.g., } GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \supset O(n)$$

and asserts

$$[\Pi|_K : \pi] < \infty \quad \forall \Pi \in \text{Irr}(G), \forall \pi \in \text{Irr}(K).$$

In contrast,

For a **reductive symmetric pair**

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it may happen that

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techniques: linearization, prehomogeneous sp.,
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* T. Kobayashi–T. Matsuki, Transformation Groups, 2014 (Dynkin volume).

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Classification Theory (classical) **compact** (G, G') satisfying (2)

- ... Cooper (Kostant), Krämer (1970s)
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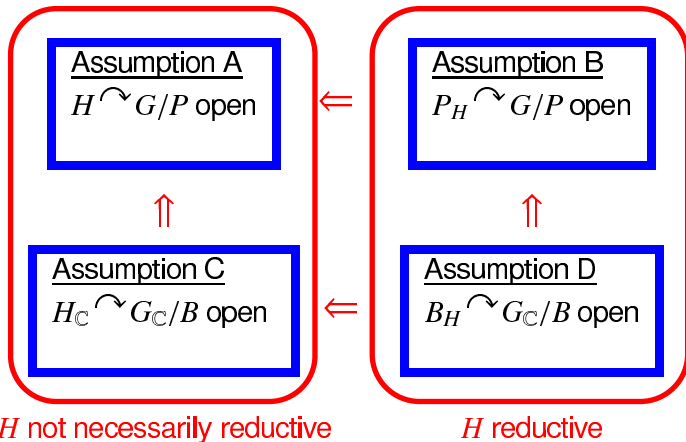
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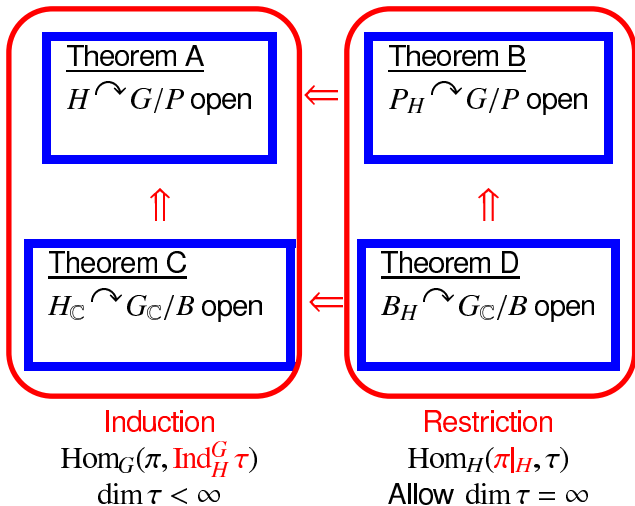
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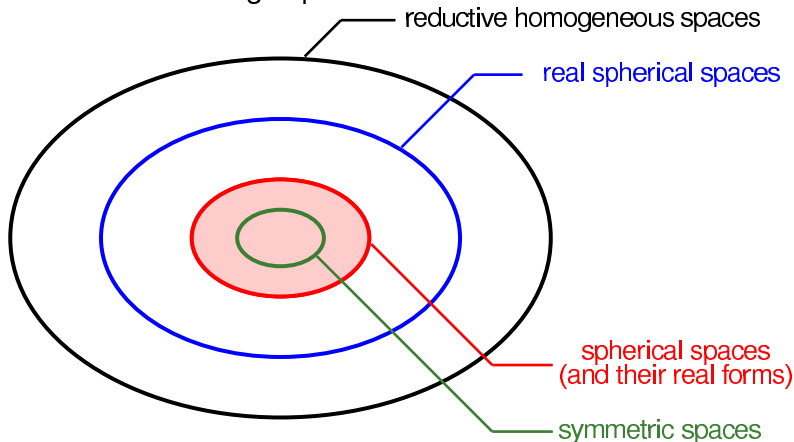
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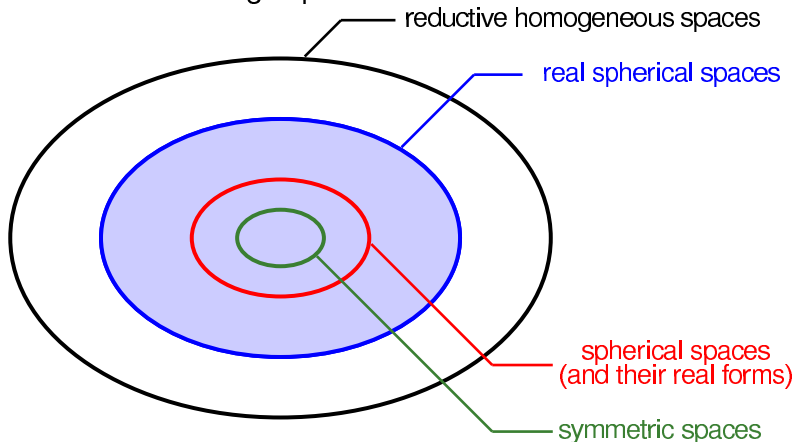


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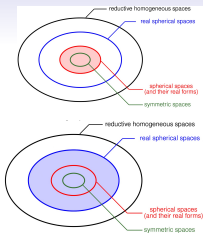
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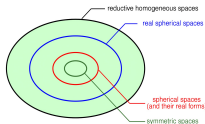
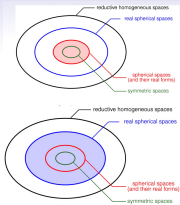
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