

# Structure of Tempered Homogeneous Spaces

## II. Combinatorics Approach

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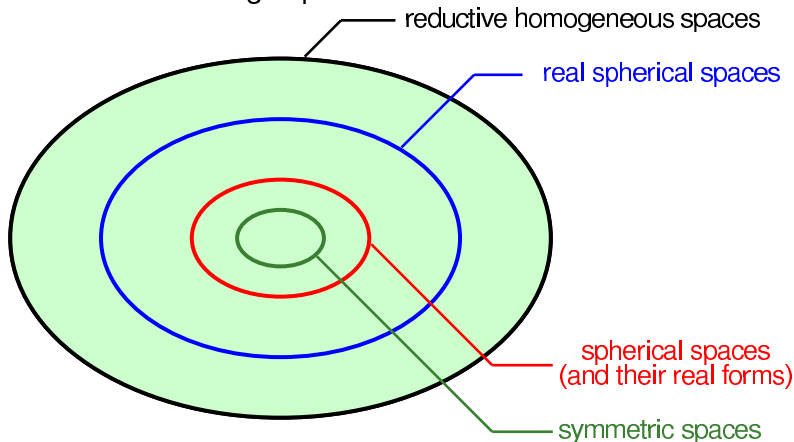
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## Reductive homogeneous space $G/H$

$G$ : real reductive groups

$H$ : reductive subgroup



## Plan of Lectures

- Talk 1: (February 17, 2025)  
Tempered homogeneous spaces  
—Dynamical approach :  $L^q$  estimate of  $\text{vol}(gS \cap S)$
- Talk 2: ~~(February 19, 2025)~~ (February 20, 2025)  
Classification theory of “tempered space”  $G/H$   
—Combinatorics of convex polyhedra
- Talk 3: (February 21, 2025)  
Tempered homogeneous spaces  
—Interaction with topology and geometry

## References

The theme of the mini-course is joint with Yves Benoist.

Tempered Homogeneous Spaces:

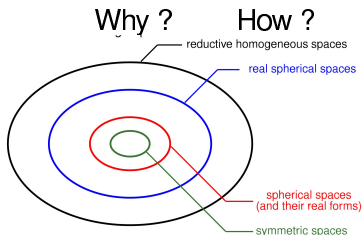
- I. (J. Euro Math., 2015)  
Method ([Dynamical System](#))
- II. (Margulis Festschrift, 2022, Chicago Univ. Press)  
[Representation Theory](#)
- III. (J. Lie Theory, 2021)  
[Classification Theory \(Combinatorics\)](#)
- IV. (J. Inst. Math. Jussieu, 2023)  
[Limit algebra, geometric quantization](#)

- Tensor product of  $GL_n$  ([J. Algebra, 2023](#))

## Main goal for today — Classification theory

Quite surprisingly, it turns out that a complete description of tempered reductive homogeneous spaces  $G/H$  is realistic.

Theorem G\* One can give a complete description of pairs  $G \supset H$  of real reductive algebraic groups for which  $L^2(G/H)$  is tempered.



\* Benoist-Kobayashi, Tempered homogeneous spaces III, J. Lie Theory **31** (2022), 833–869.

## Reminder: Tempered spaces and tempered subgroups

$G \supset H$  Lie groups

- Induction  $H \uparrow G \cdots L^2(G/H) \ll L^2(G)$ .

Definition We say  $G/H$  is a tempered homogeneous space if  $L^2(G/H)$  is a tempered rep of  $G$ .

- Restriction  $G \downarrow H \cdots \pi|_H \ll L^2(H)$

Definition We say  $H$  is a  $G$ -tempered subgroup if  $\pi|_H$  is a tempered rep of  $H$  for any  $\pi \in \widehat{G} \setminus \{1\}$ .

cf. Margulis used “ $G$ -tempered subgroup” in a different sense.

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Tempered homogeneous spaces

—Dynamical approach

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Classification theory of tempered  $G/H$

—Combinatorics of convex polyhedra

Definition<sup>\*\*</sup> (Lecture 1)

$$p_V := \max_{Y \in \mathfrak{a} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\rho_{\mathfrak{h}}(Y)}{\rho_V(Y)}$$

- Talk 3: (February 21, 2025)

Tempered homogeneous spaces

—Interaction with topology and geometry

**Reminder**  $p_V \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$

Let  $\mathfrak{h}$  be a Lie algebra, and  $\mathfrak{a}$  its max split abelian subalgebra.

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## Reminder: Main results in Lecture 1

Let  $H$  be a semisimple Lie group.

Consider  $H \rightarrow SL_{\mathbb{R}}(V)$  and  $H \subset G$  (reductive).

Theorems A and B\* (Lecture 1) ( $L^2(G/H)$ )

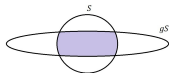
$p_V \leq 2 \iff H \curvearrowright L^2(V)$  is tempered.

$p_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}} \leq 1 \iff G/H$  is a tempered homogeneous space.



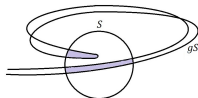
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(local estimate)



more difficult

(global estimate)



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## Reminder from Lecture 1

$p_V$  (combinatorics)  $\iff$  Analytic Rep Theory

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$p_V \leq 2 \iff H \curvearrowright L^2(V)$  is tempered.

$p_{g/b} \leq 1 \iff G/H$  is a tempered homogeneous space.

Theorem E\*\* ( $G \downarrow H$ ) Let  $G := SL(n, \mathbb{R})$  and  $H$  a reductive subgrp.  
Let  $H \curvearrowright V := \mathbb{R}^n$  be the natural rep.

Then one has the equivalence:

- (1)  $p_V < 1 \iff H$  is a Margulis  $G$ -tempered subgroup\*\*\*.
- (2)  $p_V \leq 2 \iff H$  is a tempered subgroup.

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\*\* K–, (to appear).

\*\*\* G. Margulis, Bull. Soc. Math. France **125** (1997), 447–456.

## Main theme of Lecture 2

Basic Problem Classify all non-tempered homogeneous spaces.



Combinatorics

Understand the number  $p_V$  associated to  $\tau: H \rightarrow GL_{\mathbb{R}}(V)$ .

## Combinatorics for $p_V$

Very special cases of combinatorics for  $p_V$  have already interactions with

- Kazhdan's estimate  $(SL(3, \mathbb{R}) \downarrow SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2)$ ,
- Tempered subgroup a la Margulis,
- Minimal  $K$ -type theory of Vogan,  
 $(G, H)$  symemtric pair,  $H$  split
- Plancherel formula for  $G/H$ ,  
 $(G, H)$  semisimple symemtric pair
- Vanishing condition of gen. Borel–Weil–Bott theorem,  
Zuckerman's module  $A_q(\lambda)$  with singular parameter  $\lambda$ ,

and more.

Want to understand  $\rho_V : \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  and  $p_V \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$

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## Basic properties of $\rho_V$

- For an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow W \rightarrow V \rightarrow V/W \rightarrow 0$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$ -modules, one has

$$\rho_V = \rho_W + \rho_{V/W}.$$

- (contragredient rep)  $\rho_V = \rho_{V^*}$

Example ( $\mathfrak{h}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ )

For  $0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\mathfrak{h}$ -modules, one sees

$$p_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}} \leq 1 \iff \rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}} \iff 2\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}}$$

( $\iff$  Theorem B)  $G \curvearrowright L^2(G/H)$  is tempered rep)

Definition\*\* (Lecture 1)

$$p_V := \max_{Y \in \alpha \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\rho_{\mathfrak{h}}(Y)}{\rho_V(Y)}$$

## Elementary example: computation of $\rho_V$

Definition\* (Lecture 1: piecewise linear function  $\rho_V$ )

$$\rho_V : \mathfrak{a} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, \quad Y \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \sum |\text{eigenvalues of } Y \curvearrowright V|.$$

$$\mathfrak{h} := \mathfrak{sl}(p, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{R}}(V)$$

$$\mathfrak{a} := \{X = \text{diag}(x_1, \dots, x_p) : \sum x_i = 0\}$$

Example 1)  $V = \mathbb{R}^p$

{Eigenvalues of  $X \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}^p$ } =  $\{x_i : 1 \leq i \leq p\}$

$$\rho_V = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^p |x_i|$$

Example 2)  $V = \mathfrak{h}$  (adjoint representation)

{Eigenvalues of  $\text{ad}(X)$ } =  $\{x_i - x_j : 1 \leq i \neq j \leq p\}$

$$\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} |x_i - x_j|$$

Example  $G = SL(3, \mathbb{R}) \supset H = SL(2, \mathbb{R})$

$$\mathfrak{a} = \{\text{diag}(x_1, x_2, 0) : x_1 + x_2 = 0\}$$

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$$\mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{\text{ad}} \mathfrak{h} \quad \rho_{\mathfrak{h}} = |x_1 - x_2| = 2|x_1|$$

Example 1 ( $G/H$  is a tempered space. )

Proof  $\mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{\text{ad}} \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} \quad \rho_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}} = |x_1| + |x_2| = 2|x_1| \quad \therefore \rho_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}} = 1$

$$L^2(G/H) \text{ is tempered} \stackrel{\text{Theorem B}}{\iff} \rho_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}} \leq 1 \quad \text{Yes!}$$

Example 2 ( $H$  is a tempered subgroup of  $G$ )

Proof  $\mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{\text{ad}} V = \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \rho_V = \frac{1}{2}(|x_1| + |x_2|) = |x_1| \quad \therefore \rho_V = 2.$

$$\pi|_H \text{ is tempered} \quad \forall \pi \in \widehat{G} \setminus \{\mathbf{1}\} \stackrel{\text{Theorem E}}{\iff} \rho_V \leq 2 \quad \text{Yes!}$$



$$(G, H) = (SL(p+q, \mathbb{R}), SL(p, \mathbb{R}))$$

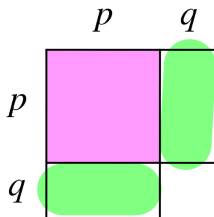
$$\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{sl}(p, \mathbb{R})$$

$\cup$

$$\mathfrak{a} = \{x = \text{diag}(x_1, \dots, x_p) : x_1 + \dots + x_p = 0\}.$$

$$\rho_{\mathfrak{h}}(x) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} |x_i - x_j|$$

$$\rho_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}}(x) = q \sum_{i=1}^p |x_i|$$



$L^2(G/H)$  is tempered (i.e.,  $G/H$  is a tempered space)

$$\Longleftrightarrow \text{Theorem B } \rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}}$$

$$\Longleftrightarrow \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} |x_i - x_j| \leq q \sum_{i=1}^p |x_i| \quad \text{whenever } \sum_{i=1}^p x_i = 0.$$

For which  $(p, q)$  does this happen?

## Combinatorial problem $p_{g/b} \leq 1$

Question Find a necessary and sufficient condition on  $(p, q)$  such that

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} |x_i - x_j| \leq q \sum_{i=1}^p |x_i| \quad (*)$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_p) \in \mathbb{R}^p$  with  $x_1 + \dots + x_p = 0$ .

This is an inequality for piecewise linear functions.

... Enough to check finitely many inequalities at the edges of convex polyhedral cones.

Answer  $p \leq q + 1$

Necessity Let  $x = (1, 0, \dots, 0, -1)$  (witness vector).

Then  $(*) \iff 2 + 2(p - 2) \leq 2q \iff p - 1 \leq q$ .

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### Combinatorics

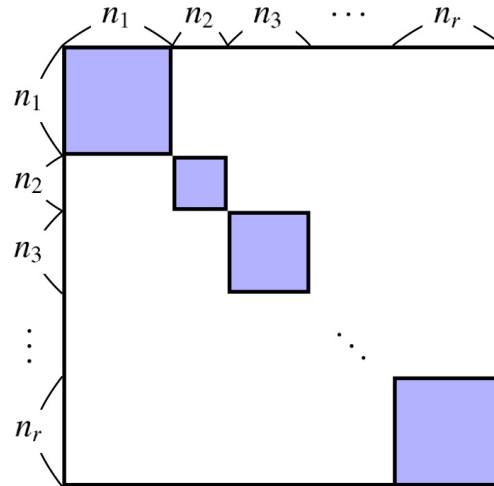
Understand the number  $p_V$  associated to  $\tau: H \rightarrow GL_{\mathbb{R}}(V)$ .

## Plan of Lecture 2

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  - Criterion for  $L^2(X)$  to be almost  $L^p$  representation
2. Example. Computation of  $p_V$
3. Example.  $SL(p+q+r)/SL(p) \times SL(q) \times SL(r)$
4. Classification theory of reductive tempered homogeneous spaces

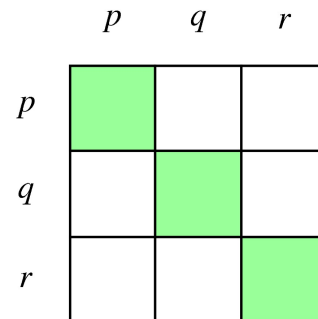
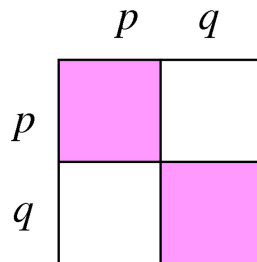
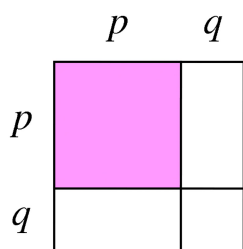
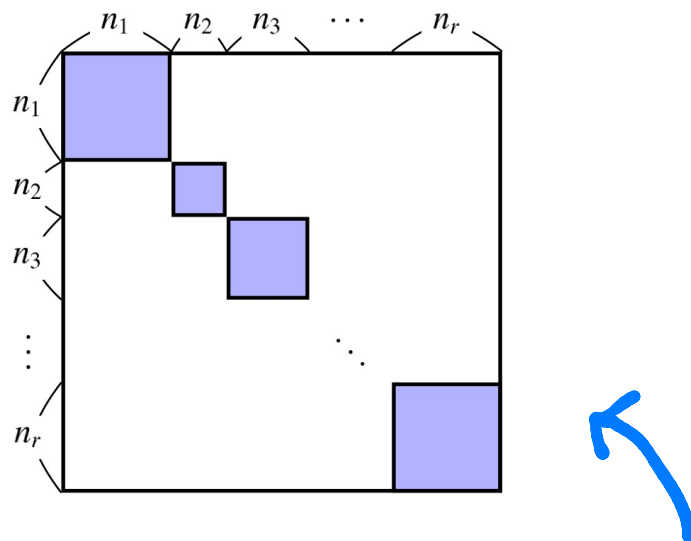
$$G/H = GL(n, \mathbb{R})/GL(n_1, \mathbb{R}) \times \cdots \times GL(n_r, \mathbb{R})$$

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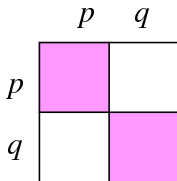


## Combinatorics of temperedness criterion — Example

When is the unitary rep  $L^2(G/H)$  tempered ( $\Leftrightarrow$  almost  $L^2$ )?

Consider an example with 2 parameters:

$$G/H = SL(p+q, \mathbb{R})/SL(p, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(q, \mathbb{R}).$$



## Combinatorics of temperedness criterion — Example

Find a condition on  $(p, q)$  such that  $G \curvearrowright L^2(G/H)$  is tempered

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| $p$ |     |     |
| $q$ |     |     |

Our temperedness criterion  $\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}}$  amounts to the following:

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} |x_i - x_j| + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq q} |y_i - y_j| \leq \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq p \\ 1 \leq j \leq q}} |x_i - y_j|$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_p, y_1, \dots, y_q) \in \mathbb{R}^{p+q}$  with  $\sum x_i = 0$ ,  $\sum y_j = 0$ .



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| p |   |   |
| q |   |   |

Evaluations at very special edges:

$(x_1, \dots, x_p, y_1, \dots, y_q) = (1, 0, \dots, 0, -1; 0, \dots, 0)$  yields  $p - q \leq 1$ ,

$(x_1, \dots, x_p, y_1, \dots, y_q) = (0, \dots, 0; 1, 0, \dots, 0, -1)$  yields  $-1 \leq p - q$ .

Hence  $|p - q| \leq 1$  is a necessary condition. However, we still need to check finite but “huge number” of edges.

## Combinatorics of temperedness criterion — Example

Find a condition on  $(p, q)$  such that  $G \curvearrowright L^2(G/H)$  is tempered

$$G/H = SL(p+q, \mathbb{R})/SL(p, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(q, \mathbb{R}).$$

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$$\iff |p - q| \leq 1.$$

We have two interpretations.

$\iff$  (1)  $GU(p, q)$  is quasi-split  $\iff (G, H)$  symmetric pair.

$\iff$  (2)  $2 \max(p, q) \leq p + q + 1$ .

$$(G, H) = (GL(p + q, \mathbb{R}), GL(p, \mathbb{R}) \times GL(q, \mathbb{R}))$$

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In this very particular case (i.e.,  $H$  is split &  $(G, H)$  is symmetric pair), the function

$$\rho_g - 2\rho_h$$

appeared in a different context, namely,

Harish-Chandra's parameter — Blattner parameter

for discrete series representations, and the combinatorial techniques have been developed by many experts including Parthasarathy, Vogan, among others.

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When is  $L^2(G/H)$  is tempered ( $\Leftrightarrow$  almost  $L^2$ )?

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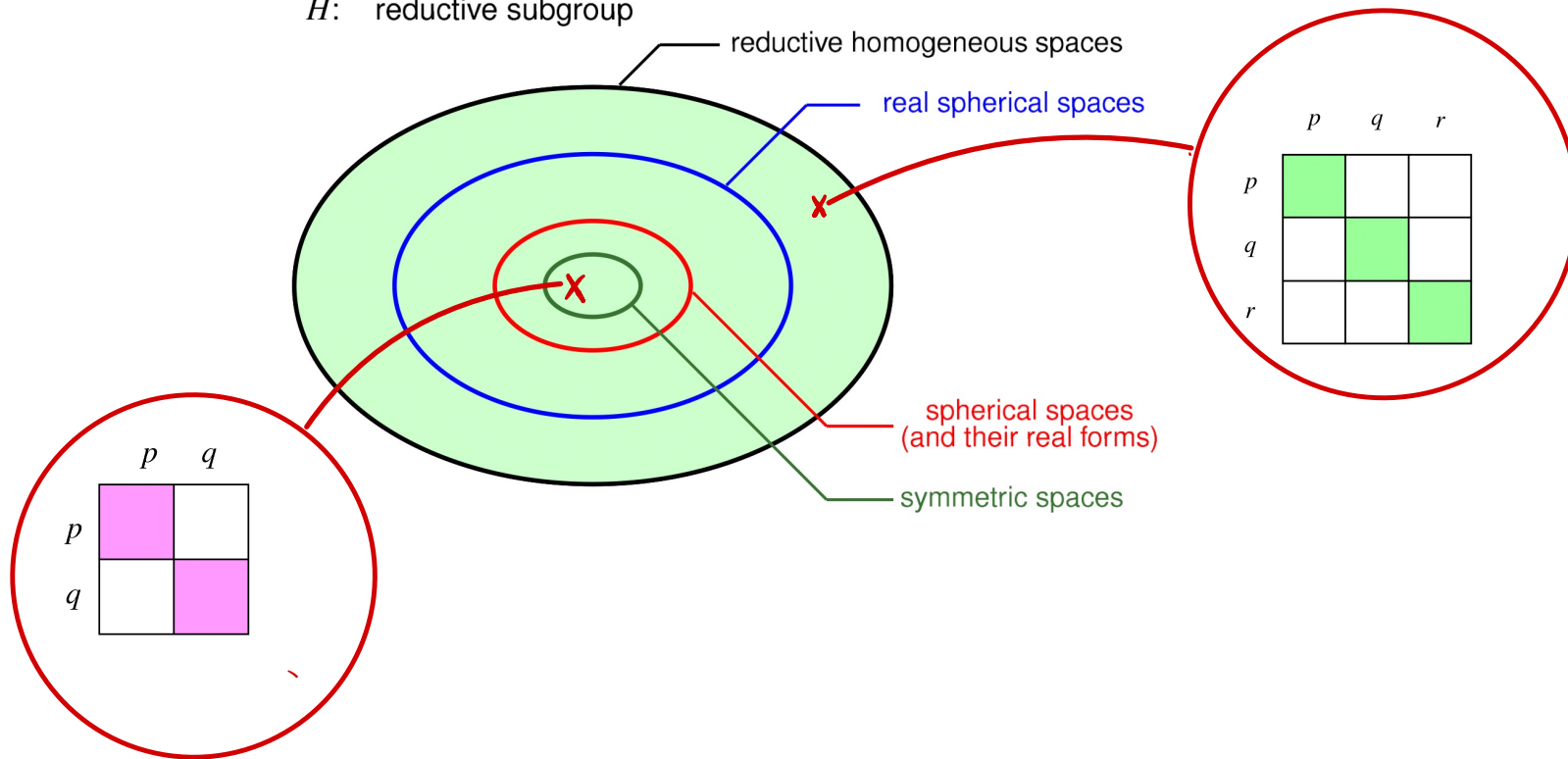
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$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} |x_i - x_j| + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq q} |y_i - y_j| + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} |z_i - z_j| \\ & \leq \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq p \\ 1 \leq j \leq q}} |x_i - y_j| + \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq q \\ 1 \leq k \leq r}} |y_j - z_k| + \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k \leq r \\ 1 \leq i \leq p}} |z_k - x_i| \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_p, y_1, \dots, y_q, z_1, \dots, z_r) \in \mathbb{R}^{p+q+r}$  with  $\sum x_i = 0, \sum y_j = 0, \sum z_k = 0$ .

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$$\iff 2 \max(p, q, r) \leq p + q + r + 1.$$

... combinatorics on convex polyhedral cones

**Example:**  $H := SL(p, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(q, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(r, \mathbb{R})$

Consider two homomorphisms:

$$H \hookrightarrow SL(p+q+r, \mathbb{R}) =: G, \quad (1)$$

$$H \rightarrow SL(pq+qr+rp, \mathbb{R}) =: \tilde{G}. \quad (2)$$

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|     | $p$ | $q$ | $r$ |
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(2) is defined via  $H \curvearrowright V := \text{Hom}(\mathbb{R}^q, \mathbb{R}^p) \oplus \text{Hom}(\mathbb{R}^r, \mathbb{R}^p) \oplus \text{Hom}(\mathbb{R}^r, \mathbb{R}^q)$ .

Consider 3 unitary reps  $H \curvearrowright L^2(V)$ ,  $\tilde{G} \downarrow H$ , and  $G \curvearrowright L^2(G/H)$ :

Example One has an equivalence (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iv):

(i)  $H \curvearrowright L^2(V)$  is a tempered rep of  $H$ .

(ii) For any irred unitary rep  $\pi (\neq 1)$  of  $\tilde{G} = SL(pq+qr+rp, \mathbb{R})$ , the restriction  $\pi|_H$  via (2) is a tempered representation of  $H$ .

(iii)  $L^2(G/H)$  is a tempered rep of  $G = SL(p+q+r, \mathbb{R})$ .

(iv)\*  $2\max(p, q, r) \leq p+q+r+1$ .

(i) and (iii)  $\cdots$  Theorem B; (ii)  $\cdots$  Theorem E (to appear).

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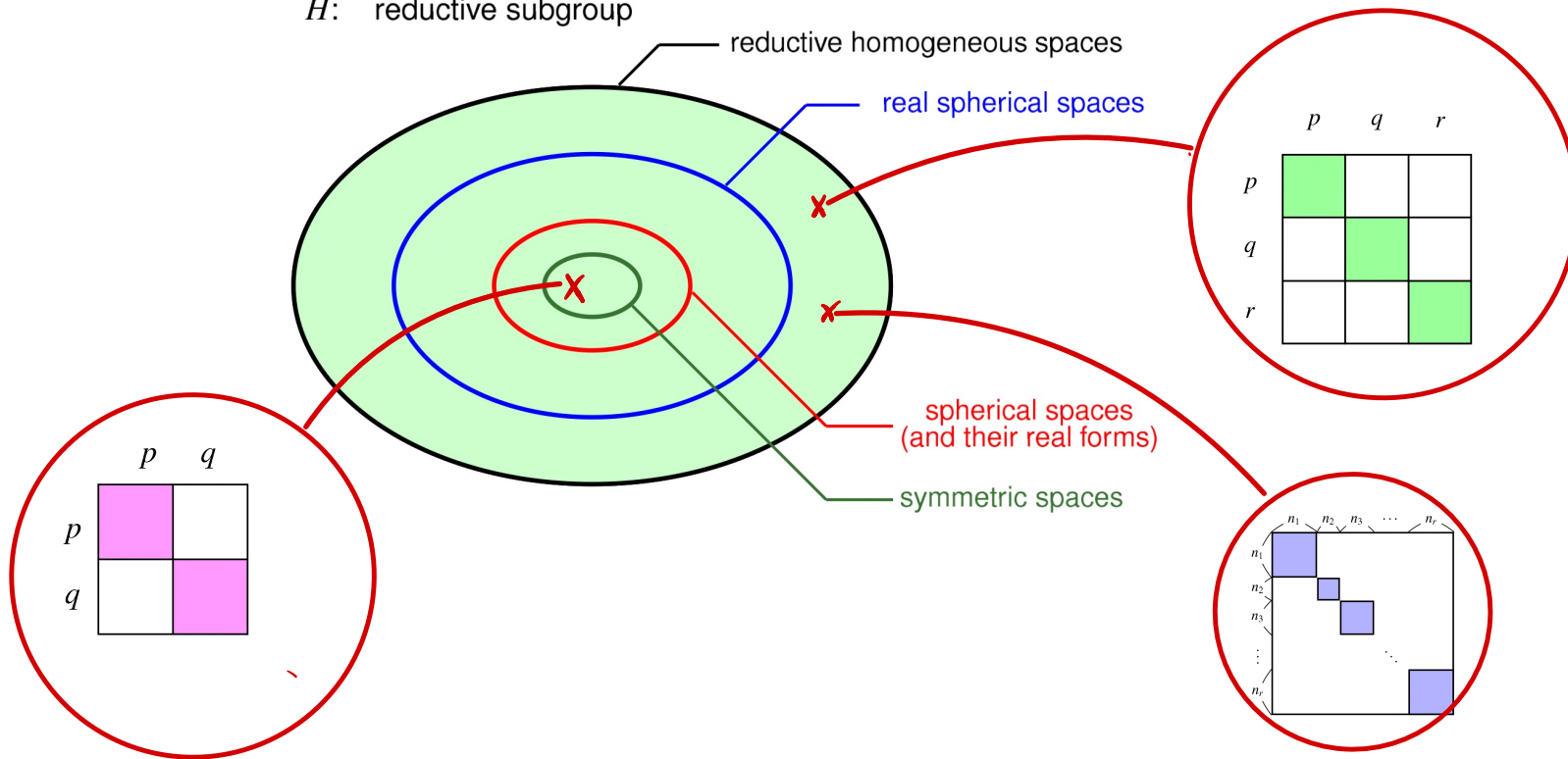


$$G/H = GL(n, \mathbb{R})/GL(n_1, \mathbb{R}) \times \cdots \times GL(n_r, \mathbb{R})$$

$$n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_r = n$$

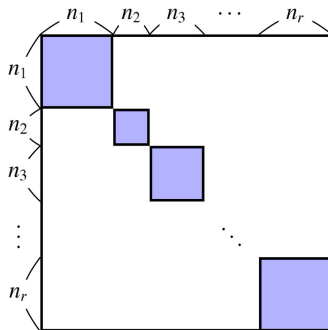
$G$ : real reductive groups

$H$ : reductive subgroup



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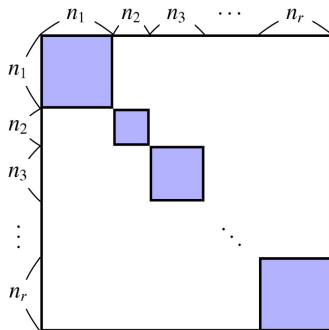


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$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{\rho_{g/b}}{\rho_b}} = \frac{\rho_b}{\rho_g} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{a,b \in \{i\text{-th block}\}} |x_a - x_b|}{\sum_{1 \leq a < b \leq n} |x_a - x_b|}$$

Idea: Where is the maximum of  $\frac{\rho_b}{\rho_{g/b}}$  attained?

$\rightsquigarrow$  Candidate:  $2^n$  edges of convex polyhedral cone.

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trick

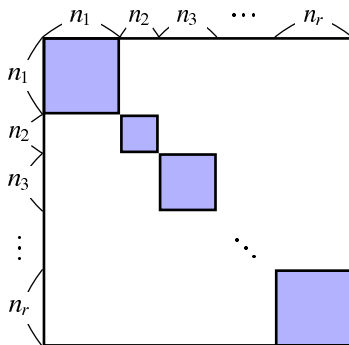
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## Non-tempered reductive homogeneous space

What is the best  $p$  for which  $L^2(G/H)$  is almost  $L^p$ ?

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$$n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_r = n$$



## almost $L^p$ criterion (recall from Lecture 1)

Let  $G$  be a semisimple Lie group,  $H$  a reductive subgroup, and  $X = G/H$ .

Theorem B (Lecture 1) The optimal constant  $q(G; X)$  such that  $\text{vol}(gS \cap S)$  is almost  $L^q$  for any compact subset  $S$  in  $X$  is given by

$$q(G; X) = 1 + p_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}}.$$

Concerning the regular rep  $G \curvearrowright L^2(X)$  for  $p$  even,

$$L^2(X) \text{ is almost } L^p \iff 1 + p_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}} \leq p \iff \rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq (p-1)\rho_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}}.$$

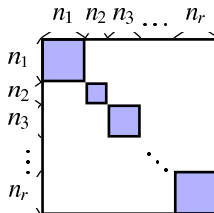
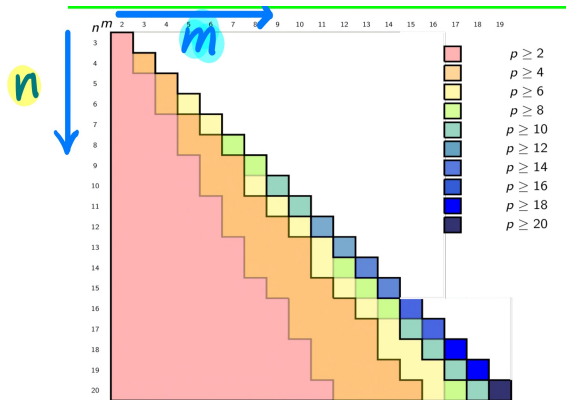
$$L^2(X) \text{ is tempered} \iff p_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}} \leq 1 \iff \rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}}.$$

The temperedness criterion holds also for a non-reductive subgroup  $H$ .

## Almost $L^p$ representation

Example  $G/H = GL(n, \mathbb{R})/GL(n_1, \mathbb{R}) \times \cdots \times GL(n_r, \mathbb{R})$

The smallest even integer  $p$  for which  $L^2(G/H)$  is almost  $L^p$  amounts to  $p = 2\lceil \frac{n-1}{2(n-m)} \rceil$  with  $m = \max(n_1, \dots, n_r)$ .



## Plan of Lecture 2

1. Reminder from Lecture 1:
  - Criterion for  $L^2(X)$  to be almost  $L^p$  representation
2. Example. Computation of  $p_V$
3. Example.  $SL(p + q + r)/SL(p) \times SL(q) \times SL(r)$
4. Classification of reductive tempered homogeneous spaces



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$$G/H := SO(p, q)/(SO(p_1, q_1) \times SO(p_2, q_2) \times \cdots \times SO(p_r, q_r)).$$

$$L^2(G/H) \text{ is non-tempered} \iff \max_{p_i q_i \neq 0} (p_i + q_i) > \frac{1}{2}(p + q + 2).$$

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Step 1.A.  $G$  reductive  $\Rightarrow G$  simple

For  $H \subset G = G_1 \times \cdots \times G_n$ , we set  $H_i := H \cap G_i$ .

$$L^2(G/H) \text{ is tempered} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{easy}} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{difficult}} \end{array} L^2(G_i/H_i) \text{ is tempered} \quad \forall i.$$

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$$2\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}} \iff 2\rho_{\mathfrak{h}_i} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}_i} \quad \forall i.$$

Example If  $\mathfrak{h} \cap \mathfrak{g}_i = \{0\} \quad \forall i$ , then  $L^2(G/H)$  is tempered.

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## Classification — feature : “huge factors” in $H_{\mathbb{C}}$

Point  $L^2(G_{\mathbb{C}}/H_{\mathbb{C}})$  is non-tempered only if  $H_{\mathbb{C}}$  has a “huge factor”.

Theorem H (“huge factor”) \* Let  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  be a simple Lie group, and  $H_{\mathbb{C}}$  a reductive subgroup. If  $L^2(G_{\mathbb{C}}/H_{\mathbb{C}})$  is non-tempered, then  $H_{\mathbb{C}}$  is “huge” in the following sense.

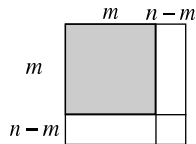
(Type A) If  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C})$ , then  $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{C}}$  contains

- $\mathfrak{sl}(m, \mathbb{C})$  with  $m > \frac{1}{2}(n+1)$  or
- $\mathfrak{sp}(m, \mathbb{C})$  with  $n = 2m$ .

...

(Type  $E_7$ ) If  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathfrak{e}_7^{\mathbb{C}}$ , then  $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{C}}$  contains  $\mathfrak{d}_6^{\mathbb{C}}$  or  $\mathfrak{e}_6^{\mathbb{C}}$ .

(Type  $E_8$ ) If  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathfrak{e}_8^{\mathbb{C}}$ , then  $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{C}}$  contains  $\mathfrak{e}_7^{\mathbb{C}}$ .



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## Tool

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a complex simple Lie algebra.

Want to find a subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  s.t.  $p_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}} \leq 1$  (temperedness criterion).

For a representation  $\tau: \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{R}}(V)$ , we defined

$$p_V = \max_{Y \in \mathfrak{h}} \frac{\rho_{\mathfrak{h}}(Y)}{\rho_V(Y)} \quad (\geq 0).$$

Preparation in a more general setting:

- Analyze when  $p_V > 1$  for a representation  $(\tau, V)$ .
  - ... Finite inequalities on generators of convex polyhedral cones.

(“exponential time”  $\Rightarrow$  “polynomial time”)

Case 1  $\mathfrak{h}$  simple,  $(\tau, V)$  irreducible.

Case 2  $\mathfrak{h} \curvearrowright V_1 \oplus V_2$ .

Case 3  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{h}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{h}_2 \curvearrowright V = V_1 \otimes V_2, \dots$ .

## Example of $p_V$ with $p_V > 1$

$$H \curvearrowright V \text{ (linear)} \rightsquigarrow p_V \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}.$$

Example Consider  $H = SL(4, \mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright V$  irreducible

(1)  $V = \mathbb{C}^4 \Rightarrow p_V = 6.$

(2)  $V = S^2(\mathbb{C}^4) \Rightarrow p_V = \frac{3}{2}.$

(3)  $V = \Lambda^2(\mathbb{C}^4) \Rightarrow p_V = 3.$

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If  $V$  or  $V^*$  is not in (1)–(4), then  $p_V \leq 1.$

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## Classification theory: generic stabilizers of $H \curvearrowright \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$

For a representation  $\tau: H \rightarrow GL(V)$ , we set  $(V)_{\text{Ab}} \subset (V)_{\text{Am}}$  by

$$(V)_{\text{Ab}} := \{x \in V : \text{the stabilizer } H_x \text{ is abelian}\},$$

$$(V)_{\text{Am}} := \{x \in V : \text{the stabilizer } H_x \text{ is amenable}\}.$$

Classification theory includes:

**Theorem I\***  $G \supset H$  be pairs of real reductive algebraic groups.

One has the implication (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii).

(i)  $(\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h})_{\text{Ab}}$  is dense in  $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$ .

(ii)  $L^2(G/H)$  is a tempered unitary representation of  $G$ .

(iii)  $(\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h})_{\text{Am}}$  is dense in  $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$ .

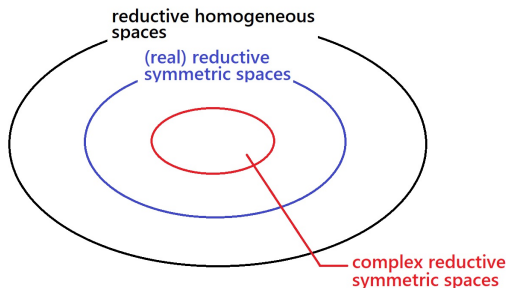
**Corollary J**  $L^2(G_{\mathbb{C}}/H_{\mathbb{C}})$  is tempered iff  $(\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}/\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{C}})_{\text{Ab}}$  is dense in  $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

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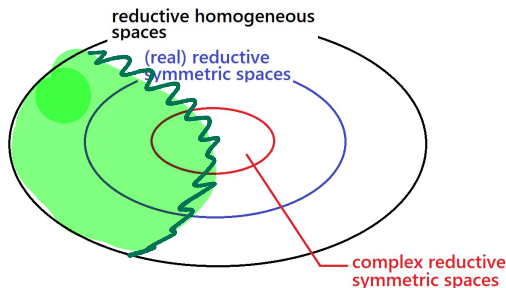


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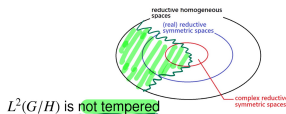
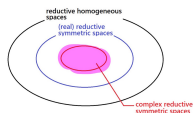
## Combinatorics for $p_V$

Very special cases of combinatorics for  $p_V$  have already interactions with

- Kazhdan's estimate  $(SL(3, \mathbb{R}) \downarrow SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2)$ ,
- Tempered subgroup a la Margulis,
- Minimal  $K$ -type theory of Vogan,  
 $(G, H)$  symemtric pair,  $H$  split
- Plancherel formula for  $G/H$ ,  
 $(G, H)$  semisimple symemtric pair
- Vanishing condition of gen. Borel–Weil–Bott theorem,  
Zuckerman's module  $A_q(\lambda)$  with singular parameter  $\lambda$ ,

and more.

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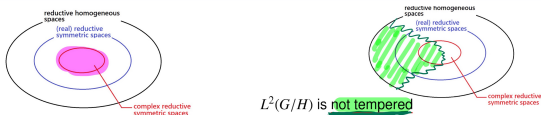
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Example  $G_{\mathbb{C}}/H_{\mathbb{C}} = GL(p+q, \mathbb{C})/GL(p, \mathbb{C}) \times GL(q, \mathbb{C})$   
 $\rightsquigarrow G_{\mathbb{R}} = U(p, q).$

|     |     |     |
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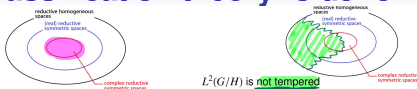
$$L^2(G_{\mathbb{C}}/H_{\mathbb{C}}) \text{ is } G_{\mathbb{C}}\text{-tempered} \iff G_{\mathbb{R}} \text{ is quasi-split.}$$

Vogan's minimal  $K$ -type theory tells us that

$$2\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}} \iff \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}} \text{ is quasi-split.}$$

Since  $L^2(G_{\mathbb{C}}/H_{\mathbb{C}})$  is  $G$ -tempered  $\iff 2\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}}$  (Lecture 1), this gives an alternative proof of Corollary J in this special case.

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Vogan's theory on minimal  $K$ -types gives an alternative proof:

$$2\rho_{\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{C}}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}}$$

$\iff$   
Vogan

$G_{\mathbb{R}}$  is quasi-split

Lecture 1  $\iff$  Dynamics

combinatorics  
 $\iff$   
Corollary J

$\iff$  definition

$L^2(G_{\mathbb{C}}/K_{\mathbb{C}})$  is tempered

$(\mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{C}})_{\text{Ab}}$  is dense in  $\mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

## Classification theory: side remarks 2

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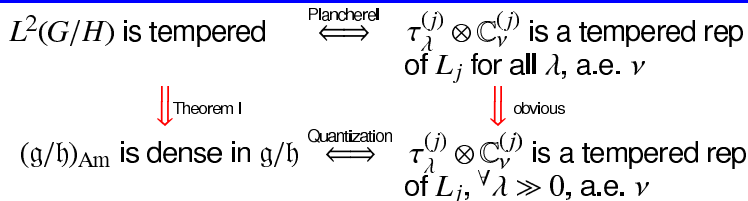
(b) Let  $G/H$  be a reductive symmetric space.

The Plancherel theorem\* for  $G/H$ :

$$L^2(G/H) \simeq \bigoplus_{j=1}^N \int_{\nu}^{\oplus} \sum_{\lambda}^{\oplus} \text{Ind}_{L_j N_j}^G (\tau_{\lambda}^{(j)} \otimes \mathbb{C}_{\nu}^{(j)}) d\nu.$$

$\tau_{\lambda}^{(j)} \otimes \mathbb{C}_{\nu}^{(j)} \cdots$  relative discrete series for  $L_j/(L_j \cap H)$ .

- Delicate issues arise from  $\tau_{\lambda}^{(j)}$  with “singular”  $\lambda$ .

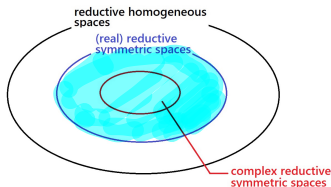


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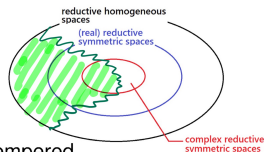
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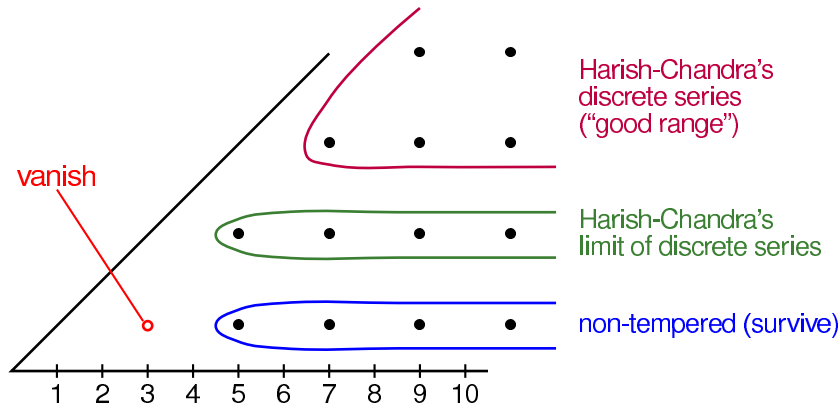


(b) Let  $G/H$  be a (real) reductive symmetric space.

Our classification in this special setting (b) singles out a small number of reductive symmetric spaces such that a “large part” of the spectra in  $L^2(G/H)$  (e.g., induced from discrete series of Flensted-Jensen type) are tempered but  $L^2(G/H)$  itself is not tempered.

E.g. For  $p_1 \geq 1, q_1 \geq 1, p_1 + q_1 = p_2 + q_2 + 1$ ,  $Sp(p_1 + p_2, q_1 + q_2)/(Sp(p_1, q_1) \times Sp(p_2, q_2))$  is NOT tempered, although “most of” the spectra are tempered.

## Discrete series for $Sp(4, 1)/Sp(1) \times Sp(3, 1)$



## Plan of Lectures

- Talk 1: Tempered homogeneous spaces  
—Dynamical approach
- Talk 2: Classification theory of tempered  $G/H$   
—Combinatorics of convex polyhedra
- Talk 3: Tempered homogeneous spaces  
—Interaction with topology and geometry

Thank you for your attention!