

# Tempered representations and limit algebras

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## Tempered representations and limit algebras — Introduction

$G$  : connected Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,

$H$  : connected closed subgroup with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

Plan to discuss conditions on  $(G, H)$  from 4 different disciplines:

(i) (unitary rep)  $G \curvearrowright L^2(G/H)$  is tempered .

(ii) (combinatorics)  $2\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

(iii) (orbit method)  $\mathfrak{h}^{\perp} \cap \mathfrak{g}_{\text{reg}}^* \neq \emptyset$  in  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ .

(iv) (limit algebra)  $\overline{\text{Ad}(G)\mathfrak{h}} \ni \exists \mathfrak{h}_{\infty}$  solvable.

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Algebra (ii)

Geometry (iii)

Topology (iv)

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## Limit algebras (1) — Example

Consider two equi-dimensional subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{R})$ :

$$\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{so}(n), \quad \mathfrak{n} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & * \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Observation  $\exists$  sequence  $g_j \in SL(n, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \text{Ad}(g_j) \mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{n}$

Proof ( $n = 2$ )

Take  $g_j = \begin{pmatrix} 2^j & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{-j} \end{pmatrix}$ . Then

$$\text{Ad}(g_j) \mathbb{R} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{R} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2^{2j} \\ 2^{-2j} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{R} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2^{-4j} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbb{R} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Remark  $\nexists$  sequence  $g_j \in SL(n, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \text{Ad}(g_j) \mathfrak{n} = \mathfrak{k}$

## Limit algebras (2) — Definition

$\mathfrak{g}$ : Lie algebra.

$\mathfrak{h}$ :  $k$ -dimensional subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

We regard  $\mathfrak{h}$  as a point of the Grassmann variety  $Gr_k(\mathfrak{g})$ .

$$Gr(\mathfrak{g}) := \coprod_{k=0}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} Gr_k(\mathfrak{g}).$$

$Gr(\mathfrak{g}) \supset \underset{\text{submanifold}}{\text{Ad}(G)\mathfrak{h}}$ , which may or may not be closed.

$Gr(\mathfrak{g}) \supset \overline{\text{Ad}(G)\mathfrak{h}} \ni \mathfrak{h}_\infty$  (limit algebra)

Definition (limit algebra)  $\mathfrak{h}_\infty (\subset \mathfrak{g})$  is a limit algebra of  $\mathfrak{h}$  if  $\exists$  sequence  $g_j \in G$  such that  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \text{Ad}(g_j)\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{h}_\infty$  in  $Gr(\mathfrak{g})$ .

## Limit algebras (3) — Properties

$\mathfrak{g} \supset \mathfrak{h}$  subalgebra  $\rightsquigarrow Gr(\mathfrak{g}) \supset \overline{Ad(G)\mathfrak{h}} \ni \mathfrak{h}_\infty$  (limit algebra)

Remark  $\mathfrak{h}$  itself is a limit algebra of  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

### Basic properties

1) Any limit algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_\infty$  is an equi-dimensional Lie algebra.

2) If  $\mathfrak{h}$  is  $\begin{cases} \text{abelian} \\ \text{nilpotent} \\ \text{solvable} \end{cases}$  then any limit algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_\infty$  is also  $\begin{cases} \text{abelian} \\ \text{nilpotent} \\ \text{solvable} \end{cases}$ .

“Semisimple” may collapse to “solvable”, but not vice versa.

Question What can we say about  $\mathfrak{h}$  if  $\overline{Ad(G)\mathfrak{h}} \ni \exists$  solvable  $\mathfrak{h}_\infty$  ?

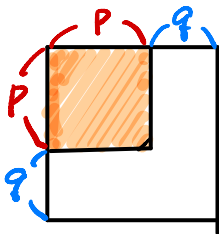
## Limit algebras (4) — Example

$\mathfrak{g} \supset \mathfrak{h}$  subalgebra  $\rightsquigarrow Gr(\mathfrak{g}) \supset \overline{\text{Ad}(G)\mathfrak{h}} \ni \mathfrak{h}_\infty$  (limit algebra)

Remark  $\mathfrak{h}_\infty$  is determined by how  $\mathfrak{h}$  is embedded in  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

Exercise Fix  $p$ , and consider  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{sl}_p \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_{p+q}$

Find a necessary and sufficient condition on  $q$  such that  $\overline{\text{Ad}(G)\mathfrak{h}} \ni \exists$  solvable  $\mathfrak{h}_\infty$ .



$\Updownarrow$  (see later)

$$q \geq p + 1$$



## Variety of all Lie algebras $\mathcal{L}$ and its subset $\mathcal{S}$

$\mathfrak{g}$ : Lie algebra.

Formulation: Consider the variety of all subalgebras in  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

$\mathcal{L} := \{\text{subalgebras of } \mathfrak{g}\}$

$\mathcal{S} := \{\mathfrak{h} \in \mathcal{L} : \overline{\text{Ad}(G)\mathfrak{h}} \ni \exists \mathfrak{h}_\infty \text{ solvable}\}$ .

$$\{\text{solvable subalgs}\} \subset \mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{L} \underset{\text{closed}}{\subset} \text{Gr}(\mathfrak{g}) \equiv \prod_{N=0}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} \text{Gr}_N(\mathfrak{g}).$$

Question (Topology of  $\mathcal{S}$ ) Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra.

(1) Is  $\mathcal{S}$  closed in  $\mathcal{L}$ ?

(2) Is  $\mathcal{S}$  open in  $\mathcal{L}$ ?

## Topology of $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathfrak{h} : \overline{\text{Ad}(G)\mathfrak{h}} \ni \exists \mathfrak{h}_\infty \text{ solvable}\}$

Theorem 1 Suppose  $\mathfrak{g}$  is an algebraic Lie algebra  $/\mathbb{C}$ .

(1)  $\mathcal{S}$  is closed in  $\mathcal{L}$ .

(2)  $\mathcal{S}$  is open and closed in  $\mathcal{L}$  if  $\mathfrak{g}$  is semisimple.

### Recall

$\mathcal{L} := \{\text{subalgebras of } \mathfrak{g}\}$

$\mathcal{S} := \{\mathfrak{h} \in \mathcal{L} : \overline{\text{Ad}(G)\mathfrak{h}} \ni \exists \mathfrak{h}_\infty \text{ solvable}\}$ .

$$\{\text{solvable subalgs}\} \subset \mathcal{S} \subset \underset{\text{closed}}{\mathcal{L}} \subset Gr(\mathfrak{g}) \cong \prod_{N=0}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} Gr_N(\mathfrak{g}).$$

Our proof for Theorem 1 uses unitary representation theory.

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## Tempered representation — Definition

Let  $G$  be a locally compact group.

Def A unitary rep  $\pi$  of  $G$  is called **tempered** if  $\pi \ll L^2(G)$ .

$\ll$  ... weakly contained

*i.e.*, every matrix coefficient of  $\pi$  is a uniform limit on every compacta of  $G$  of a sequence of sum of coefficients of  $L^2(G)$ .

- Any unitary rep  $\pi$  can be disintegrated (Mautner) (*e.g.*, branching law, Plancherel thm).

$\pi \simeq \int^{\oplus} \sigma$  with  $\sigma$  irreducible

$\pi$  is **tempered**  $\iff \sigma$  is **tempered**, almost everywhere

## When is $L^2(X)$ tempered?

$G \curvearrowright L^2(X)$ :  $L^2$ -sections for the half-density bundle on a  $G$ -space  $X$   
 $X = G/H$  with  $H$  connected closed subgroup

Question When is the unitary rep on  $L^2(X)$  tempered?

### Examples

1.  $H$  compact  $\Rightarrow L^2(G/H)$  is tempered.
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# What can we say on $L^2(G/H)$ when $\overline{\text{Ad}(G)\mathfrak{h}} \ni \exists \mathfrak{h}_\infty$ solvable ?

$G$  : complex algebraic group  $\supset G_{\text{ss}}$  : max semisimple subgroup

$H$  : algebraic subgroup of  $G$

Theorem 2 The following conditions on  $(G, H)$  are equivalent:

(i)  $\overline{\text{Ad}(G)\mathfrak{h}} \ni \exists \mathfrak{h}_\infty$  solvable .

(ii)  $L^2(G/H)$  is tempered as a  $G_{\text{ss}}$ -module.

For the proof, we begin with tempered reps of real Lie group  $G$ .

Analysis (i)

dynamical system  $\swarrow$

$\searrow$  geometric quantization

Algebra (ii)



Geometry (iii)



Topology (iv)

## Irreducible tempered reps — semisimple Lie groups

### Recall

Def A unitary representation  $\pi$  is called **tempered** if  $\pi \ll L^2(G)$ .

- For a solvable Lie group, all  $\pi$  are **tempered**.
- For a **semisimple Lie group**  $G$  and irreducible  $\pi$ , tempered representations  $\pi$  have been studied extensively.

Known results on **tempered reps** and beyond ...

- Many equivalent definitions, e.g.,  $L^{2+\varepsilon}(G)$ ,
- Harish-Chandra's theory towards Plancherel formula,
- Knapp–Zuckerman's classification (1982),
- Building blocks of Langlands classification,
- Selberg  $\frac{1}{4}$  conjecture,
- Margulis work for discontinuous groups  $\Gamma$  for  $G/H$ ,
- Gan–Gross–Prasad conjecture, ...



## Tempered representations — Examples (irreducible cases)

V. Bargmann (1947): Irreducible unitary reps of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$   
=  $\{ \mathbf{1} \} \amalg \{ \text{principal series} \} \amalg \{ \text{complementary series} \}$   
 $\amalg \{ \text{discrete series} \} \amalg \{ \text{limit of discrete series} \}$

$-\frac{1}{2}$  Casimir operator acts on them as scalars

$\{0\}$ ,  $[\frac{1}{4}, \infty)$ ,  $(0, \frac{1}{4})$

$\{\frac{1}{4}(n^2 - 1) : n \in \mathbb{N}_+\}$ ,  $\{0\}$

$\Gamma$ : congruence subgroup of  $G = SL(2, \mathbb{R})$

Selberg's  $\frac{1}{4}$  eigenvalue conjecture:

Are all eigenvalues of  $\Delta$  on Maas wave forms for  $\Gamma \geq \frac{1}{4}$ ?

$\Leftrightarrow$  Is the unitary rep of  $G \curvearrowright L^2_{\text{cusp}}(\Gamma \backslash G)$  is tempered?

Just one irred non-tempered rep would deny the conjecture.

## When is $L^2(X)$ tempered?

Question When is the unitary rep on  $L^2(G/H)$  tempered?

### Examples

1.  $H$  compact  $\Rightarrow L^2(G/H)$  is tempered.
2.  $H$  amenable  $\Rightarrow L^2(G/H)$  is tempered.
3.  $L^2(SL_{p+q}(\mathbb{R})/SL_p(\mathbb{R}))$  is tempered  $\iff q \geq p + 1$  (later).
4.  $G/H$  a semisimple symmetric space (well-studied)?
5. Tensor product of two non-tempered reps?

We discuss when matrix coefficients for  $L^2(X)$  belong to  $L^{2+\varepsilon}(G)$ .

*cf.* A classical result about  $L^2(X)$  vs  $L^{2+\varepsilon}(X)$   
(Harish-Chandra, Oshima, Bernstein  $\sim$  80s).

## Example: $G/H$ semisimple symmetric spaces

The known “Plancherel theorem” for symmetric spaces  $G/H$  may suggest:

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Our criterion (to be explained soon) detects

Counterexample If  $p_1 \geq 1, q_1 \geq 1, p_1 + q_1 = p_2 + q_2 + 1$ ,  
then  $Sp(p_1 + p_2, q_1 + q_2)/Sp(p_1, q_1) \times Sp(p_2, q_2)$  is not tempered.

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A subtle point (“What is missing?”):

- It may happen that discrete series reps  $\pi_\lambda$  for  $G/H$  are tempered for generic  $\lambda$ , but are non-tempered for very singular  $\lambda$  if  $\pi_\lambda \neq 0$ .
- Langlands parameter of  $\pi_\lambda$  becomes unstable when  $\lambda$  is singular, after crossing many walls.
- Condition for which  $\pi_\lambda \simeq A_q(\lambda - 2\rho) \neq 0$  is complicated if  $\lambda$  is very singular, (cf. [K-, Memoirs of AMS 1992](#), [Trapa 2001](#)).

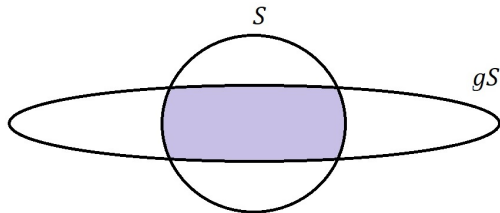
## Change of approach: from PDE to dynamical system

Locally compact group  $G \curvearrowright X$  locally compact space

$$G \curvearrowright X \text{ proper} \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \{g \in G : S \cap gS \neq \emptyset\} \text{ is compact } \forall S \subset X \text{ compact,}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \text{vol}(S \cap gS) \in C_c(G) \quad \forall S \subset X \text{ compact.}$$

Idea: Qualitative estimate of non-proper actions.

Look at asymptotic behavior of  $\text{vol}(S \cap gS)$  as  $g$  goes to infinity.



## Piecewise linear function $\rho_V$

$\mathfrak{h}$ : Lie algebra/ $\mathbb{R}$

Definition For a finite-dim'l  $\tau: \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{R}}(V)$ ,

$$\rightsquigarrow \rho_V: \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, \quad Y \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \sum |\text{Re } \lambda(Y)|.$$

eigenvalues of  $\tau(Y) \in \text{End}(V)$

$\rho_V$  is a piecewise linear function.

Remark For  $\mathfrak{h}$  semisimple and for  $(\tau, V) = (\text{ad}, \mathfrak{h})$ ,  
 $\rho_{\mathfrak{h}}$  is twice the usual  $\rho$  on a dominant Weyl chamber.

## Temperedness criterion — dynamical approach $+\alpha$

$G$  : real algebraic Lie group  $\supset G_{\text{ss}}$ : max semisimple subgroup,

$H$  : algebraic subgroup.

Theorem 3  $L^2(G/H)$  is  $G_{\text{ss}}$ -tempered  $\iff 2\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}}$  on  $\mathfrak{h}$ .



## Condition on $2\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}}$ — Example

Recall that for  $\pi: \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{R}}(V)$ ,  $\rho_V$  is a piecewise linear function:

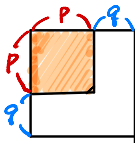
Definition  $\rho_V: \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $Y \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \sum |\text{Re } \lambda(Y)|$ .  
 eigenvalues of  $\pi(Y) \in \text{End}(V)$

Example  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(p+q, \mathbb{R}) \supset \mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{sl}(p, \mathbb{R})$

$$2\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}} \iff \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} |x_i - x_j| \leq q \sum_{i=1}^p |x_i| \quad \forall (x_1, \dots, x_p) \text{ with } \sum_{j=1}^p x_j = 0$$

$$\iff p \leq q + 1$$

Theorem 3 tells  $L^2(SL(p+q, \mathbb{R})/SL(p, \mathbb{R}))$  is tempered  $\iff p \leq q + 1$ .



## Sketch of proof (easier part) of Theorem 3

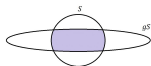
$G$  : real algebraic  $\supset H$  : algebraic subgroup.

**Theorem 3**  $L^2(G/H)$  is  $G_{ss}$ -tempered  $\iff 2\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}}$  on  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

Sketch of the proof for the easier part  $\Rightarrow$  in the reductive case:

For a small ball  $S$  near  $o = eH \in G/H$  and  $Y \in \mathfrak{h}$ ,

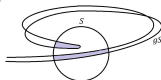
$$C_S e^{(\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} - \rho_{\mathfrak{g}})(Y)} \underset{\text{geometry}}{\leq} \text{vol}(e^Y S \cap S) \underset{\text{temperedness}}{\leq} C'_S e^{-\rho_{\mathfrak{g}}(Y)}$$



$$\therefore 2\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}} \quad \text{on } \mathfrak{h}.$$

The general case and the converse  $\Leftarrow$  are much more involved.

• Global picture



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References for Theorem 3

[BK] Tempered homogeneous spaces I,II,IV

$G$  reductive  $\supset H$  reductive (I, J. Eur. Math., 2015)

$G$  reductive  $\supset H$  any (II, Margulis Festschrift, 2021)

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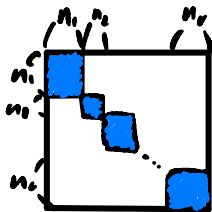
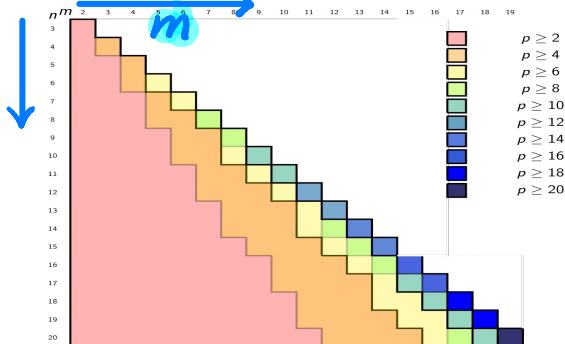
## Another direction of generalization — Almost $L^p$ representation

$G$ : real reductive  $\supset H$  real reductive,  $p \in 2\mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 3'**  $L^2(G/H)$  is almost  $L^p \iff \frac{p}{p-1}\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}}$  on  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

**Example** ([arXiv:2108.12125](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.12125))  $G/H = GL(n, \mathbb{R})/GL(n_1, \mathbb{R}) \times \cdots \times GL(n_r, \mathbb{R})$

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  $m = \max(n_1, \dots, n_r)$ .



## 4 different disciplines — $G$ complex reductive

Thm 4 Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a complex reductive Lie algebra.

The following 4 conditions on a Lie subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  are equivalent.

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## From orbit philosophy by Kirillov–Kostant

Explain (iii) (Geometric condition)  $\mathfrak{h}^\perp \cap \mathfrak{g}_{\text{reg}}^* \neq \emptyset$

$\mathfrak{g}^* \supset \mathfrak{g}_{\text{reg}}^* := \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{g}^* : \text{Ad}^*(G)\lambda \text{ is of maximal dimension}\},$

$\mathfrak{g}^* \supset \mathfrak{h}^\perp := \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{g}^* : \lambda|_{\mathfrak{h}} \equiv 0\}.$

Orbit philosophy by Kirillov–Kostant

$$\text{Supp}(L^2(G/H)) \cong \text{Ad}^*(G)\mathfrak{h}^\perp / \text{Ad}^*(G)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \cap & & \cap \\ \widehat{G} & \cong & \mathfrak{g}^* / \text{Ad}^*(G) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \cup & & \cup \\ \widehat{G}_{\text{temp}} & \cong & \mathfrak{g}_{\text{reg}}^* / \text{Ad}^*(G) \end{array}$$

Remark  $\mathfrak{h}^\perp \cap \mathfrak{g}_{\text{reg}}^* \neq \emptyset \iff \mathfrak{h}^\perp \cap \mathfrak{g}_{\text{reg}}^* \subset \mathfrak{h}^\perp$   
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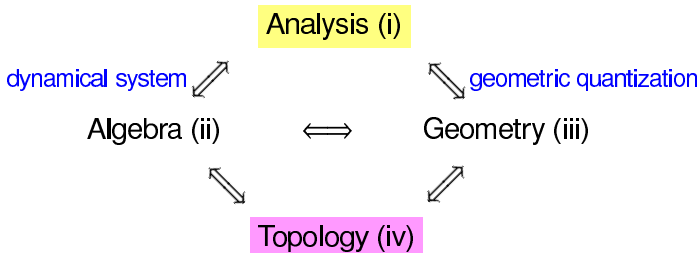
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## Proof of Theorem 1

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Recall

Theorem 1 Suppose  $\mathfrak{g}$  is an algebraic Lie algebra  $/\mathbb{C}$ .

(1)  $\mathcal{S}$  is closed in  $\mathcal{L}$ .

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Theorem 4 says

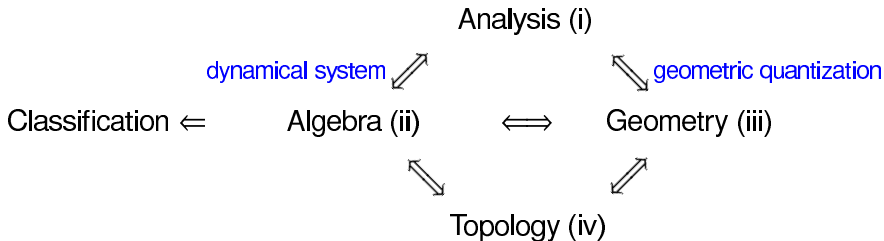
$$\text{(iv) } \mathcal{S} \ni \mathfrak{h} \Leftrightarrow \text{(ii) } 2\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}} \Leftrightarrow \text{(iii) } \mathfrak{h}^\perp \cap \mathfrak{g}_{\text{reg}}^* \neq \emptyset.$$



## Sketch of proof of Theorem 4 — complex case

**Thm 4** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a complex reductive Lie algebra.  
The following 4 conditions on a Lie subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  are equivalent.

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Full classification of pairs of real reductive groups  $G \supset H$  for which  $L^2(G/H)$  is non-tempered, ([BKIII, 2021]).

## More general setting — Real case

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Recall

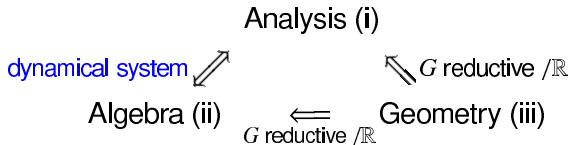
(i) (unitary rep)  $L^2(G/H)$  is  $G_{\text{ss}}$ -tempered.

(ii) (combinatorics)  $2\rho_{\mathfrak{h}} \leq \rho_{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

(iii) (orbit method)  $\mathfrak{h}^\perp \cap \mathfrak{g}_{\text{reg}}^* \neq \emptyset$  in  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ .

Theorem 3 tells (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) in this general setting.

Corollary If  $G$  is real reductive, then (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) & (ii).



Remark  $G/H = SL(3, \mathbb{H})/SL(2, \mathbb{H})$  satisfies (i) and (ii) but not (iii).

Thank you very much!

## References

This work is joint with Yves Benoist.

For more details of the talk today, please see

Tempered Homogeneous Spaces **IV** ([arXiv:2009.10391](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.10391))

Related references:

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[Classification Theory \(Combinatorics\)](#)

*cf.  $\otimes$  product of  $GL_n$*  ([arXiv:2108.12125](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.12125)) **(B-Inove-K)**