

Visible Actions and Multiplicity-free Representations

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Plan

I propose

*a new method (based on “visible actions”) to
prove/find/construct
multiplicity-free representations*

for finite/infinite dimensional representations.

References (a) for Varna Lectures

- Overview
[Publ. Res. Inst. Math. Sci. \(2005\)](#)
- Visible Actions — Classification Theory
[J. Math. Soc. Japan \(2007\)](#) ··· GL_n case
[Transformation Groups \(2007\)](#) ··· symmetric pairs
A. Sasaki (IMRN (2009), IMRN (2011), Geometriae Dedicata (2010))
Y. Tanaka (J. Algebra (2014), J. Math. Soc. Japan (2013), Tohoku J. B. Australian Math. Soc. (2013), etc)
- Multiplicity-free Theorem via Visible Actions
[Progr. Math. \(2013\)](#) ··· general theory

References (b) for Varna Lectures

- Application to concrete examples
[Acta Appl. Math. \(2004\)](#) $\cdots \otimes$ product, GL_n
[Progr. Math. \(2008\)](#)
- Generalization of Kostant–Schmid formula
[Proc. Rep. Theory, Saga \(1997\)](#)
- Multiplicity-free Theorems and Orbit Philosophy
[Adv. Math. Sci. \(2003\), AMS](#) (with Nasrin)
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$\dim \text{Hom}_{(\mathbb{C}^\times)^n}(\tau, \mathcal{O}(\{0\})) \leq 1$
($\forall \tau = \tau_\alpha$: irred. rep. of $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^n$)

i.e. $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^n \curvearrowright \mathcal{O}(\{0\})$ is MF

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$G \curvearrowright L^2(G/K)$ is MF (E. Cartan ('29)—I. M. Gelfand ('50))

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Lecture 2. Various examples of MF representations

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Ex.12 $(GL_n \downarrow (GL_p \times GL_q)) \quad n = p + q$

$\pi^{GL_n}(\underbrace{x, \dots, x}_{n_1}, \underbrace{y, \dots, y}_{n_2}, \underbrace{z, \dots, z}_{n_3})|_{GL_p \times GL_q}$ is MF

if $\min(p, q) \leq 2$ or

if $\min(n_1, n_2, n_3, x - y, y - z) \leq 1$

(Kostant $n_3 = 0$; Krattenthaler 1998)

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(Kostant $n_3 = 0$; Krattenthaler 1998)

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Ex.17 ([Progress in Math. 2008](#))

Branching law of holomorphic discrete series rep. with respect to symmetric pair

Hua-Kostant-Schmid,

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Prop. The irreducible decomp. of π is unique, and $m_\pi(\tau) \leq 1$ for almost every τ with respect to $d\mu$.

In particular, multiplicity for any discrete spectrum ≤ 1

$$\pi \simeq \int_{\widehat{G}} m_\pi(\tau) \tau d\mu(\tau) \quad (\text{direct integral})$$

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deformation coming from hidden symmetry.

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Other real forms of $SL(n, \mathbb{C})/SO(n, \mathbb{C})$:

Ex.23 (T. Oshima, Delorme) $G/H = SL(n, \mathbb{R})/SO(p, n-p)$

Multiplicity of most cont. spec. in $L^2(G/H)$

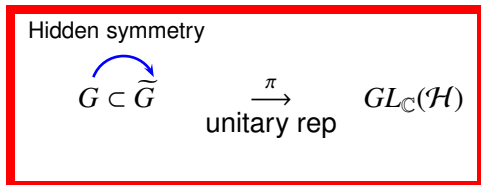
$$= \frac{n!}{p!(n-p)!} > 1 \text{ if } 0 < p < n.$$

\Rightarrow **NOT MF**

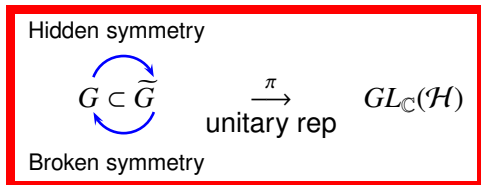
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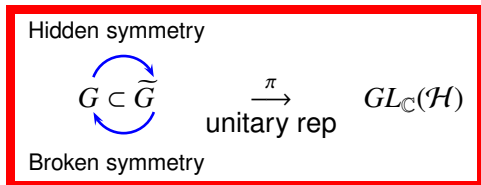
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= description of broken symmetry

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Existing methods to prove MF

Various techniques have been used in proving various MF results, in particular, for finite dim'l reps

For example, one may

1. look for an open orbit of a Borel subgroup.
2. apply Littlewood–Richardson rules and variants.
3. use computational combinatorics.
4. employ the Gelfand trick (the commutativity of the Hecke algebra).
5. apply Schur–Weyl duality and Howe duality.

New approach to prove/construct MF reps

Plan:

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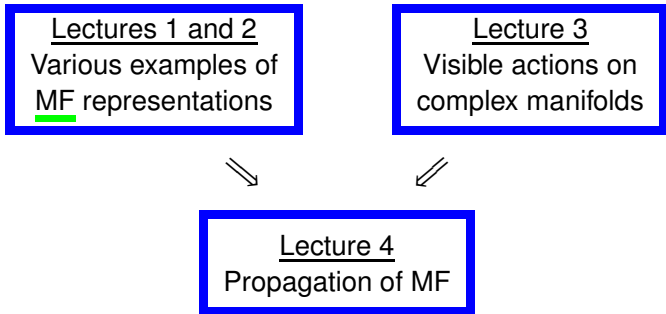
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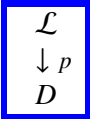
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Example $\mathcal{L} = D \times \mathbb{C}$ (trivial line bundle)
 $O(D, \mathcal{L}) \simeq O(D)$ (= {holomorphic functions})

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If $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow D$ is an H -equivariant holomorphic line bundle, then we get a rep of H on $O(D, \mathcal{L})$ by

$$s \mapsto g \cdot s(g^{-1} \cdot) \quad (g \in H)$$

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$\iff \mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{O}(D, \mathcal{L})$ such that
Hilbert space

every $g \in H$ leaves \mathcal{H} invariant and
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Example (Borel–Weil)

$D =$ flag variety H/T (T : maximal torus of compact H)
 \leadsto Any irred rep of H is given as $H \curvearrowright D$ on $\mathcal{O}(D, \mathcal{L})$
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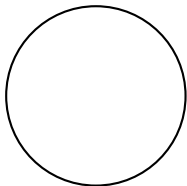
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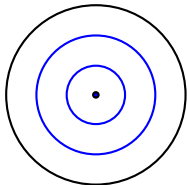
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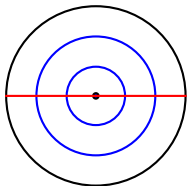


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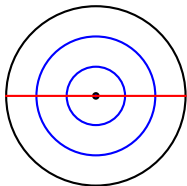


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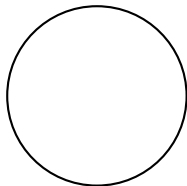
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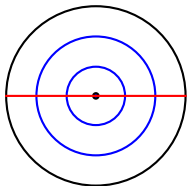
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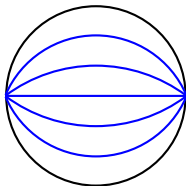
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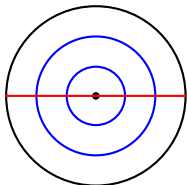


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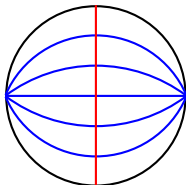
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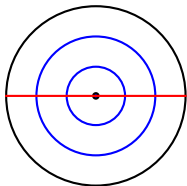


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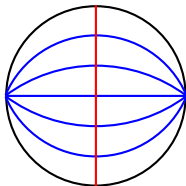
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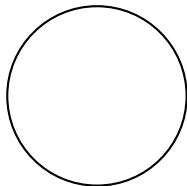
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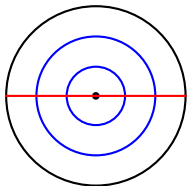
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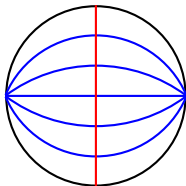
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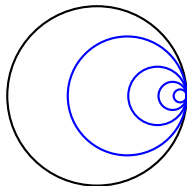
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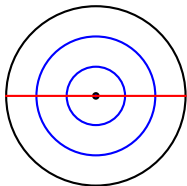


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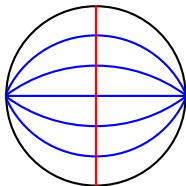
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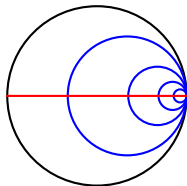
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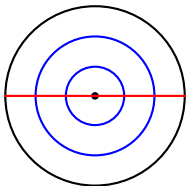
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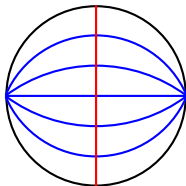
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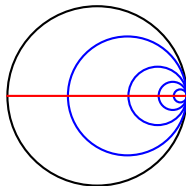
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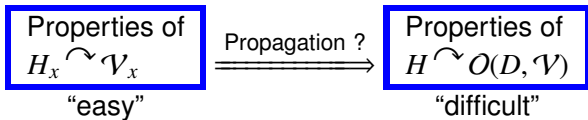
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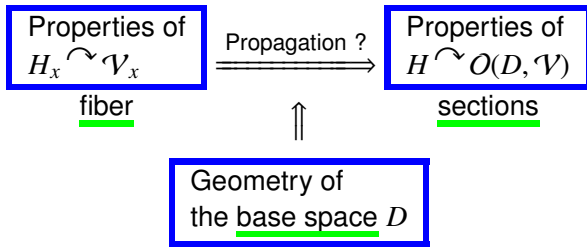
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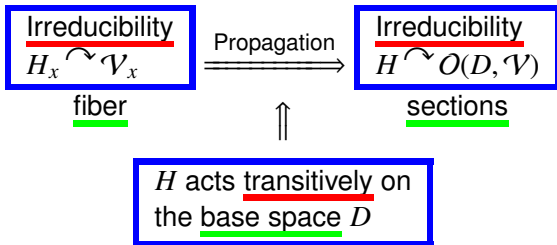


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Progr. Math (2013)

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H -equiv. holo. vector b'dle:

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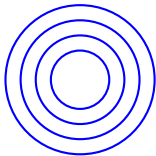
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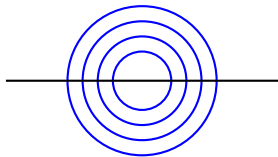
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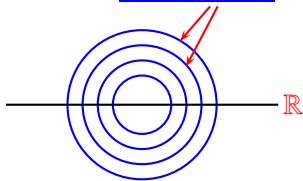


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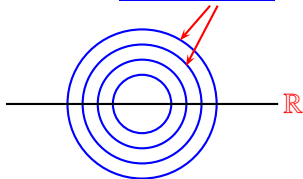
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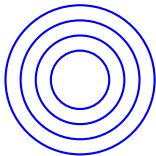
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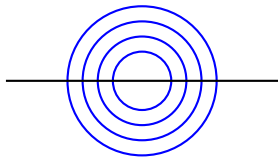
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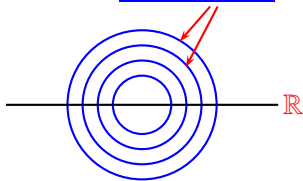


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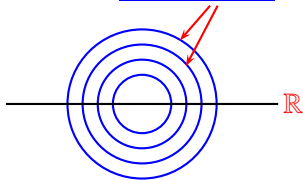
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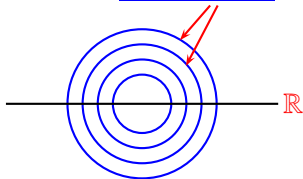
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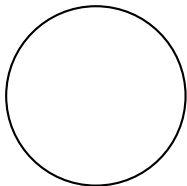
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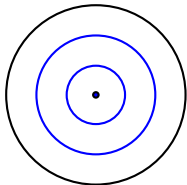
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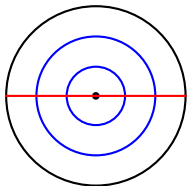


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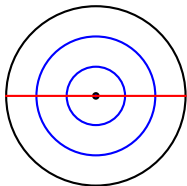


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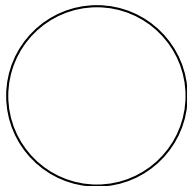
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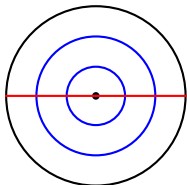
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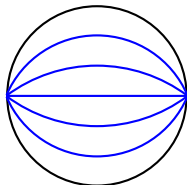
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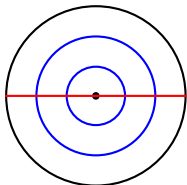


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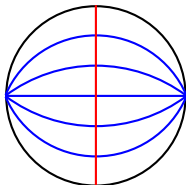
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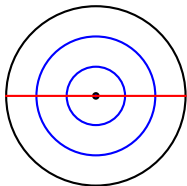


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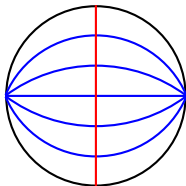
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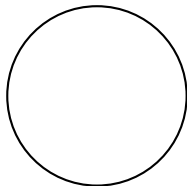
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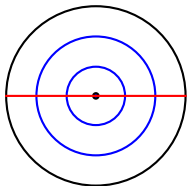
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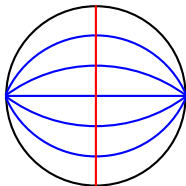
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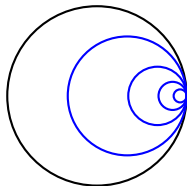
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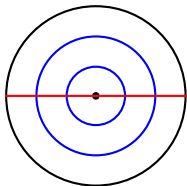


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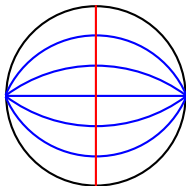
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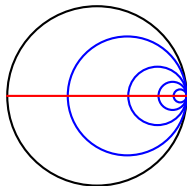
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Theorem ([Transf. Groups \(2007\)](#))

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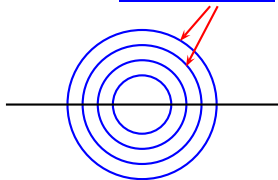
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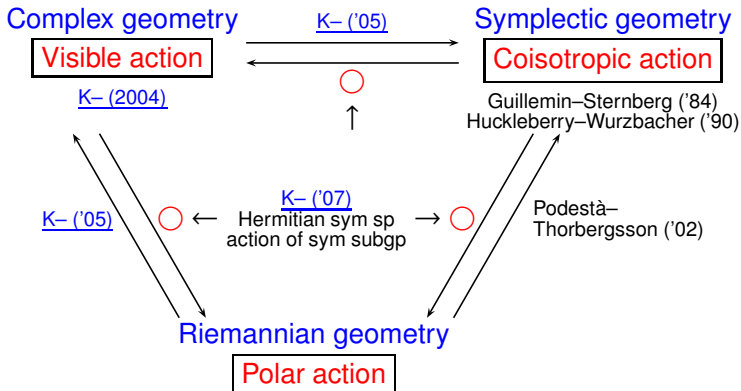
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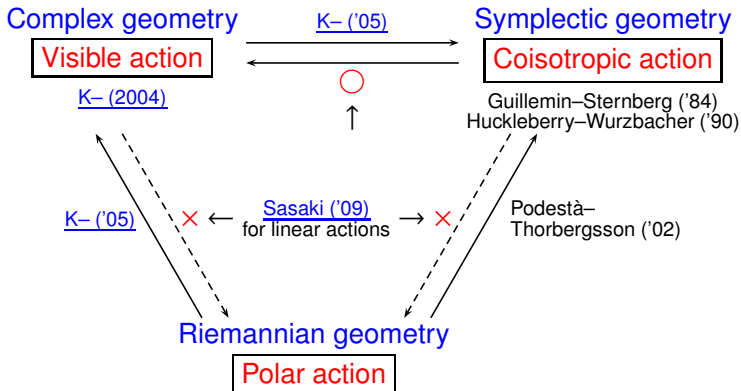
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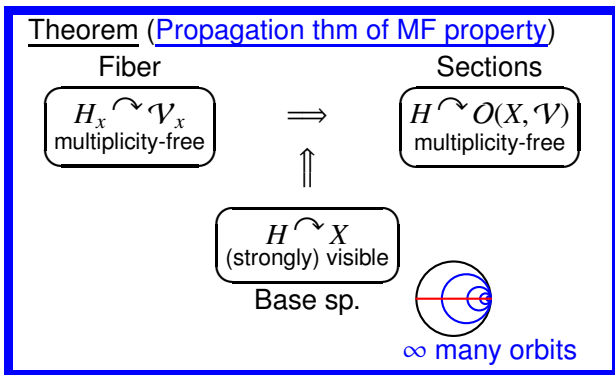
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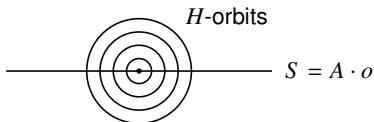
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- the Stembridge list of $\pi_\lambda \otimes \pi_\nu$ Ex.11
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- $(GL_n \downarrow GL_{n-1})$ Restriction $\pi|_{GL_{n-1}}$ Ex.14
- (Pieri) $\pi \otimes S^k(\mathbb{C}^n)$ Ex.9

\otimes -product rep.

$$\lambda = (\underbrace{a, \dots, a}_p, \underbrace{b, \dots, b}_q) \in \mathbb{Z}^n, \quad a \geq b$$

Ex.11 (Stembridge 2001, [K-2002](#))

$\pi_\lambda \otimes \pi_\nu$ is MF as a $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ -module if

1) $\min(a - b, p, q) = 1$ (and ν is any),

or

2) $\min(a - b, p, q) = 2$ and

★ ν is of the form $\nu = (\underbrace{x \cdots x}_{n_1} \underbrace{y \cdots y}_{n_2} \underbrace{z \cdots z}_{n_3})$ ($x \geq y \geq z$)

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3) $\min(a - b, p, q) \geq 3$, ★ &

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Restriction $(GL_n \downarrow G_{n_1} \times GL_{n_2} \times GL_{n_3})$

Ex.12 $(GL_n \downarrow (GL_p \times GL_q)) \quad n = p + q$

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$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{n_1} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{n_2} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{n_3}$

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(Kostant $n_3 = 0$; Krattenthaler 1998)

Ex.13 $(GL_n \downarrow (GL_{n_1} \times GL_{n_2} \times GL_{n_3}))$ ([5])

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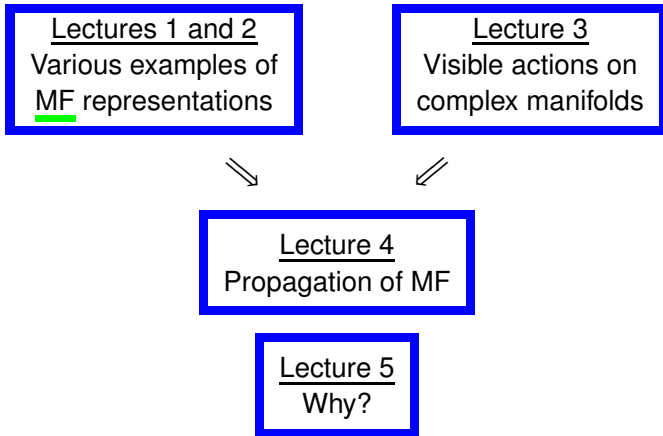
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complex manifolds



Lecture 4
Propagation of MF

Plan of Lecture 5



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such that

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 $\implies T^\#(A) = A^*$ if $A \in \text{End}_G(\mathcal{H})$.

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Definition (reproducing kernel)

Let $\{\varphi_l\}$ be an orthonormal basis of \mathcal{H} .

$$K_{\mathcal{H}}(z, w) := \sum_l \varphi_l(z) \overline{\varphi_l(w)}$$

is independent of the choice of the basis.

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Note that $\sigma(z) = \sigma(g) \cdot s$ because $\sigma|_S = \text{id}$.

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'Visible' approach to multiplicity-free theorems

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fiber $\xrightarrow{\text{visible action}}$ sections

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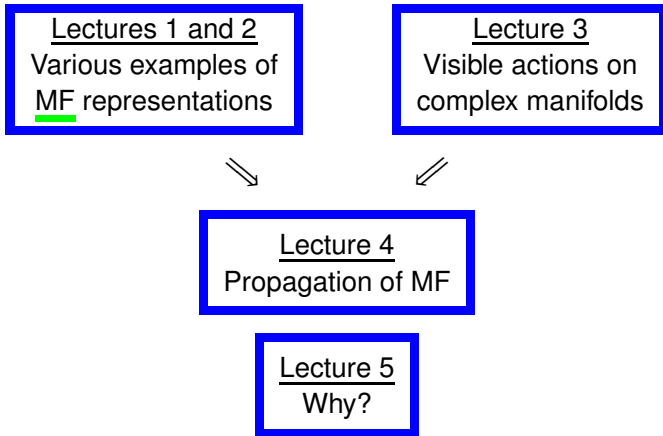
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Thank you very much!

'Visible' approach

To give a **simple principle** that explains the property MF for both **finite** and **infinite** dimensional reps

MF (multiplicity-free) theorem

Propagation of MF property
from fiber to sections



Visible actions on complex mfd's

Analysis of group action **with infinitely many orbits**

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Thank you !!

(Short story by Soseki, 1908)

“He uses the hammer and chisel without any forethought, and he can make the eyebrows and nose as live.”

“Ah, they are not made by hammer and chisel. The eyebrows and nose are buried inside the tree. It is exactly the same as digging a rock out of the earth — there is no way to mistake.”



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