

## ON CANONICAL REALIZATIONS OF BOUNDED SYMMETRIC DOMAINS AS MATRIX-SPACES<sup>1)</sup>

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### Introduction

It is the purpose of the present paper to give a natural method of realizing bounded symmetric domains as matrix-spaces. Our method yields, as special cases, the well-known bounded models of irreducible bounded symmetric domains of classical type (I)-(IV), as were already described in the original paper of E. Cartan [1] (see §3; we follow in this paper the classification table in [14], not in [1]). A direct application of this method will be to determine the *canonical* bounded models of the irreducible bounded symmetric domains of exceptional type; it will be published in another paper (see [6], [7] for the summary of the results).

In the Appendix, we indicate briefly that our version on symmetric domains can be generalized and applied to a more general class of symmetric spaces, the so-called symmetric  $R$ -spaces of non-compact type in the sense of J. Tits; this was partly stated in Nagano [13] and Takeuchi [16].

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NOTATION: 1)  $M_{p,q}$  denotes the complex vector space of all complex matrices of type  $(p, q)$ ; in particular, we write as  $M_{p,p} = M_p$  for brevity. Similarly  $M_{p,q}(\mathbf{R})$  is the real vector space of all real matrices of type  $(p, q)$ .

2)  $C^n$  is the complex cartesian space of  $n$ -dimensions, and in many cases,  $C^n$  is identified with  $M_{n,1}$ , or with  $M_{1,n}$ .

3) For hermitian matrices  $A, B$  ( $\in M_r$ ),  $A < B$  means that all eigen-values of  $A - B$  are negative.  $I_r$  denotes the unit matrix of degree  $r$ .

4) For complex vector spaces  $V, W$ , we denote by  $\mathfrak{L}(V, W)$  the complex vector space of all complex linear mappings of  $V$  into  $W$ .

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- 5) For a real vector space  $\mathfrak{g}$ , we denote the complexification of  $\mathfrak{g}$  by  $\mathfrak{g}_c$ .
- 6)  $\oplus$  denotes the direct sum (not the tensor sum) of vector spaces.
- 7) As for terminology and notation concerning symmetric spaces we refer the reader mainly to [3]; especially we denote Lie groups by large Roman letters and Lie algebras by German letters.

**§ 1. Harish-Chandra-Langlands realization.**

1.1. Let  $X = G/K$  denote a hermitian symmetric space of non-compact type, and  $X_u = G_u/K$  the hermitian symmetric space of compact type which is *dual* to  $X$ ; where  $G$ ,  $G_u$  and  $K = G \cap G_u$  should be all real connected closed subgroups of a simply-connected complex semi-simple Lie group  $G_c$ , and both of  $G$  and  $G_u$  are real forms of  $G_c$  (see, for detail, [3]). We know that  $X_u$  is, as a complex manifold, of the form  $G_c/B$  for a connected, complex closed subgroup  $B$  of  $G_c$ . Small German letters corresponding to the respective large Roman letters will mean the Lie algebras. Then we have the so-called *symmetric pair* (see [3]):

$$(1) \quad \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{m}, \quad \mathfrak{g}_u = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \sqrt{-1} \mathfrak{m},$$

$$(2) \quad \mathfrak{g}_c = \mathfrak{k}_c \oplus \mathfrak{m}_c.$$

Moreover, taking a Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $\mathfrak{k}_c$  (and also of  $\mathfrak{g}_c$ ), we get the Cartan decompositions:  $\mathfrak{g}_c = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \sum_{\alpha} C e_{\alpha}$ ,  $\mathfrak{k}_c = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \sum'_{\beta} C e_{\beta}$ . In the above decompositions, we can further decompose  $\mathfrak{m}_c$  as

$$(3) \quad \mathfrak{m}_c = \mathfrak{n}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{n}^-; \quad \mathfrak{n}^+ = \sum''_{\alpha > 0} C e_{\alpha}, \quad \mathfrak{n}^- = \sum''_{\alpha > 0} C e_{-\alpha};$$

( $\sum''$  designates the summation complementary to  $\sum'$  in  $\sum$ )

$$(4) \quad [\mathfrak{k}_c, \mathfrak{n}^{\pm}] \subset \mathfrak{n}^{\pm}, \quad [\mathfrak{n}^+, \mathfrak{n}^-] \subset \mathfrak{k}_c, \quad [\mathfrak{n}^{\pm}, \mathfrak{n}^{\pm}] = \{0\}.$$

In what follows, we will call the decompositions (2) and (3), with (4), a *complex symmetric pair* corresponding to the hermitian symmetric spaces  $X$  and  $X_u$ . Then we can here regard as  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{n}^-$  and that  $\mathfrak{g}_u$  has Weyl's canonical base. Following to Harish-Chandra, we consider then the inclusion relations:

$$GB \subset N^+B \subset G_c.$$

We take the quotients of these sets by  $B$  from the right, then, using  $G \cap B = K$ ,  $N^+ \cap B = \{1\}$ , it yields the new inclusions:

$$X \subset N^+ \subset X_u.$$

We denote these inclusion maps by  $j_1: X \rightarrow N^+$  and by  $j_2: N^+ \rightarrow X_u$  and then put  $j = j_2 \circ j_1$ , while  $N^+$  is a complex vector group and so mapped isomorphically onto  $\mathfrak{n}^+$  by the inverse of the exponential mapping,  $\exp^{-1}$ , through which we will hereafter identify  $N^+$  with  $\mathfrak{n}^+$ . Thus we have an injective holomorphic mapping  $\exp^{-1} \circ j_1$  of  $X$  into  $\mathfrak{n}^+$ , which we also denote for brevity by  $j_1$ . Hence, the above inclusions now becomes

$$(5) \quad X \xrightarrow{j_1} \mathfrak{n}^+ \xrightarrow{j_2} X_u.$$

This relation plays the fundamental role throughout the present paper; so we want to call it the *fundamental inclusion relation* for  $X$ . We note here that  $j = j_2 \circ j_1$  is equivariant under the action of  $G$ . Furthermore we often identify  $\mathfrak{n}^+$  with the complex cartesian space  $\mathbb{C}^N$  ( $N = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{n}^+$ ) through a suitable base of  $\mathfrak{n}^+$ . Then  $j_1(X) = D$  is an open set of  $\mathfrak{n}^+ = \mathbb{C}^N$ , and a distinguished result of Harish-Chandra says that  $D$  is relatively compact, namely  $D$  is a bounded symmetric domain in  $\mathbb{C}^N$ .

**1.2.** In the original proof of Harish-Chandra for the above result, the explicit form of  $D$  is still ambiguous; it is later clarified by several authors: R.Hermann, R.Langlands and C.C.Moore (see [4], [10], [12]). Their results, which are essential in our later arguments, will be reproduced below after Langlands (see Lemma 2 in [10]).

Let  $\tau$  denote the complex conjugation of  $\mathfrak{g}_c$  relative to the compact real form  $\mathfrak{g}_u$ ; we can then define, as usual, the positive definite hermitian inner product  $(u, v)$  in  $\mathfrak{g}_c$  by putting

$$(u, v) = -\Phi(u, \tau v), \quad (u, v \in \mathfrak{g}_c)$$

where  $\Phi$  denotes the Killing form of  $\mathfrak{g}_c$ . Now, for every element  $z$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_c$ ,  $\theta(z)$  will denote the adjoint operator  $ad(z)$  in  $\mathfrak{g}_c$  and we put  $z^* = -\tau(z)$ . Then we have

LEMMA 1. 1) If  $z \in \mathfrak{n}^{\pm}$ , then  $z^* \in \mathfrak{n}^{\mp}$ . 2)  $\theta^*(z) = \theta(z^*)$ , where  $\theta^*(z)$  denotes the adjoint operator of  $\theta(z)$  with respect to the inner product introduced above. 3) Two hermitian operators  $\theta^*(z)\theta(z)$  and  $\theta(z)\theta^*(z)$  have the same norms, and for  $z \in \mathfrak{n}^+$ , we have

$$\theta^*(z)\theta(z) = \theta([z^*, z]), \quad ([z^*, z] \in \mathfrak{k}_c).$$

on the space  $\mathfrak{n}^-$

*Proof.* 1) is obvious from the fact that  $\mathfrak{g}_u$  has the canonical base. 2) is verified as follows:  $(\theta^*(z)u, v) = (u, \theta(z)v) = -\Phi(u, \tau[z, v]) = -\Phi(u, [\tau z, \tau v]) = \Phi([\tau z, u], \tau v) = (\theta(z^*)u, v)$ . 3) is followed from the fact that  $\mathfrak{n}^-$  is an abelian subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}_e$ .

In the following, the hermitian operator  $\theta^*(z)\theta(z)$ , or  $\theta([z^*, z])$  will be considered as that on  $\mathfrak{n}^-$ ,<sup>2)</sup> unless otherwise specified.

**THEOREM (LANGLANDS).** *The bounded domain  $D$  is explicitly given by*

$$D = \{z \in \mathfrak{n}^+ = \mathbb{C}^N; \theta([z^*, z]) < 2I_N\}.$$

(cf. Notation 2) in the Introduction)

**§ 2. Realization as matrix-space.**

**2.1.** We shall now consider the irreducible hermitian symmetric space of type  $(I_{p,q})$ ; in this case,  $X_u$  is the complex Grassmannian manifold  $V_{p,q} = U(p+q)/U(p) \times U(q)$ ,  $\mathfrak{n}^+$  can be canonically identified with  $M_{p,q}$  (see Notation) and  $X$  is holomorphically isomorphic to the bounded domain  $D_{p,q}$  with the ambient space  $M_{p,q}$ :  $D_{p,q} = \{Z \in M_{p,q}; {}^t\bar{Z}Z < I_q\}$ . The fundamental inclusion relation in this case is the following one:

$$(6) \quad X \xrightarrow{j_1} M_{p,q} \xrightarrow{j_2} V_{p,q}$$

where  $j_1(X) = D_{p,q}$ . All these statements shall be showed explicitly in § 3. The mapping  $j_2$  in the above (6) is given by the following rule: For every  $Z \in M_{p,q}$ ,

$$j_2(Z) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} Zu \\ u \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^n; u \in \mathbb{C}^q \right\}, \quad (n = p + q),$$

where the right-hand side is a  $q$ -dimensional linear sub-space of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and  $V_{p,q}$  is here regarded as the totality of such sub-spaces of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

In this section, we present the following commutative diagram:

$$(7) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{j_1} & \mathfrak{n}^+ & \xrightarrow{j_2} & X_u \\ & & \downarrow \rho & & \downarrow \rho \\ D_{p,q} \subset M_{p,q} & \longrightarrow & & \longrightarrow & V_{p,q} \end{array}$$

<sup>2)</sup> The hermitian operator  $\theta^*(z)\theta(z)$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_e$  maps  $\mathfrak{n}^+$  to  $\{0\}$ , both  $\mathfrak{k}_e$  and  $\mathfrak{n}^-$  into themselves respectively. Further we can show easily that the norm of  $\theta^*(z)\theta(z)$  coincides with those of  $\theta^*(z)\theta(z)$  considered as the operators on  $\mathfrak{k}_e$ , or on  $\mathfrak{n}^-$  respectively.

namely we will introduce the mappings  $\rho$ ; the left-hand  $\rho$  is a complex linear mapping and the right-hand  $\rho$  a holomorphic one.

**2.2.** To begin with, we take up a non-trivial irreducible holomorphic representation  $\tilde{\rho}$  of  $G_c$  into  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  ( $n > 1$ ), and denote by  $\rho_K$  the restriction of  $\tilde{\rho}$  to  $K_c$ . Then,  $\rho_K$  is completely reducible; we decompose  $(\rho_K, V)$  into the direct sum of several number of representations  $(\rho_i, V_i)$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s$ ) after Matsushima and Murakami [11] (cf. Part II, 5):

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} \rho_K &\sim \rho_1 + \rho_2 + \cdots + \rho_s, \\ V &= V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_s. \end{aligned}$$

The definition of  $(\rho_i, V_i)$  is as follows: Put  $V_1 = \{u \in V; \tilde{\rho}(x)u = 0, \text{ for all } x \in \mathfrak{n}^+\}$  and  $V_i = \tilde{\rho}(\mathfrak{n}^-)V_{i-1}$  ( $i \geq 2$ ) inductively; namely  $V_i$  is the linear span of all  $\tilde{\rho}(x)u$ , for  $x \in \mathfrak{n}^-$  and  $u \in V_{i-1}$ . Then, these  $V_i$  constitute the direct sum decomposition of  $V$  as in (8).

LEMMA 2 (MATSUSHIMA AND MURAKAMI).<sup>3)</sup> For the above decomposition (8), it holds that

- i)  $\tilde{\rho}(\mathfrak{k}_c)V_i \subset V_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s$ );  $\tilde{\rho}(\mathfrak{n}^+)V_i \subset V_{i-1}$ ,  $\tilde{\rho}(\mathfrak{n}^-)V_{i-1} \subset V_i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq s$ ),
- ii)  $(\rho_1, V_1)$  is irreducible, and the highest weight of  $\rho_1$  coincides with that of  $\tilde{\rho}$  with respect to a common Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of both  $\mathfrak{k}_c$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_c$ .

In the decomposition (8), we put  $\dim V_i = n_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s$ ), and in particular  $n_1 = p$ ,  $n_2 = r$  and  $n - p = q$  ( $= \sum_{i=2}^s n_i$ ). Furthermore, we take and fix, once for all, an orthonormal base of  $V$  with respect to a  $\tilde{\rho}(G_u)$ -invariant hermitian inner product as the totality of those of respective  $V_i$ . By use of these fixed bases of  $V_i$  and  $V$ , we shall identify every linear transformation or linear mapping with respect to  $V, V_i$  with the corresponding matrix respectively; in particular, we identify thus  $GL(V)$  with  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ . Then, from Lemma 2 we see

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<sup>3)</sup> A somewhat different version on this lemma is found in Murakami's lecture note at Chicago University, "Cohomology groups of vector valued forms on symmetric spaces" (1966).

(9)

$$\tilde{\rho}(\mathfrak{k}_c) \subset \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}^{n_1} \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}^{n_1} \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}^{n_s} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\tilde{\rho}(\mathfrak{u}^+) \subset \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}^{n_1} \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}^{n_2} \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}^{n_s} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}, \quad \tilde{\rho}(\mathfrak{u}^-) \subset \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}^{n_1} \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}^{n_2} \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}^{n_s} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} .$$

Next we shall identify:

$$\mathbf{M}_{p,q} = \mathfrak{L}(V_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_s, V_1) =$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{p,r} = \mathfrak{L}(V_2, V_1) =$$

Furthermore, if we put

$$GL(n: n_1, \dots, n_s, \mathbf{C}) = \{A \in GL(V); A(V_i) \subset V_i \oplus \dots \oplus V_s \ (1 \leq i \leq s)\},$$

$$GL(n: p, q, \mathbf{C}) = \{A \in GL(V); A(V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_s) \subset V_2 \oplus, \dots \oplus V_s\},$$

then,  $GL(n: n_1, \dots, n_s, \mathbf{C}) \subset GL(n: p, q, \mathbf{C})$ ,  $V_{p,q}$  is identified with  $GL(n, \mathbf{C})/GL(n: p, q, \mathbf{C})$  and  $\tilde{\rho}(B) \subset GL(n: n_1, \dots, n_s, \mathbf{C})$ , since  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{k}_e \oplus \mathfrak{u}^-$  and  $B = K_e N^-$ . Hence,  $\tilde{\rho}$  naturally induces the holomorphic mapping  $\rho$ :

$$\rho: X_u = G_e/B \longrightarrow V_{p,q} = GL(n, \mathbf{C})/GL(n: p, q, \mathbf{C}).$$

We can then prove that  $\rho$  is injective, provided that  $G_e$  is simple, or more generally the restriction of  $\tilde{\rho}$  to any simple component of  $G_e$  is not trivial (see [5], p. 231). From this it follows that, for any irreducible  $X$ ,  $\rho$  is always an *injective* holomorphic mapping. Next, the linear mapping  $\rho$  of  $\mathfrak{u}^+$  into  $M_{p,q}$  will be defined in the following way: For  $Z \in \mathfrak{u}^+$  we may write  $\tilde{\rho}(Z)$ , as in (9),

$$\tilde{\rho}(Z) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Z_1 & & & & \\ & Z_2 & \cdot & & & \\ & & \cdot & \cdot & & \\ & & & \cdot & \cdot & \\ & & & & Z_{s-1} & \\ & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}; Z_i \in M_{n_i, n_{i+1}}.$$

For this, we denote by  $\rho(Z)$  the matrix  $Z_i \in M_{p,\tau}$  which is likewise the  $M_{p,q}$ -component of  $\tilde{\rho}(Z)$ . Then we see that  $\rho$  can be regarded as the differential at the basic point of the former mapping  $\rho: X_u \longrightarrow V_{p,q}$ , and from this follows that the linear mapping  $\rho$  is injective and the diagram (7) is commutative.

**2.3. Remark.** In the decomposition (8), it always holds that  $s \geq 2$ ; in case  $s = 2$ , we note that  $M_{p,q} = M_{p,\tau}$ . Indeed, if we take, as  $\tilde{\rho}$ , the irreducible representation of the lowest degree for each irreducible type of  $X$ , then it holds:

- $s = 2$ , for the type (I), (II), (III).
- $s = 3$ , for the type (IV), (V).
- $s = 4$ , for the type (VI).

These facts will be showed for the classical type (I)-(IV) in §3, and for the exceptional type (V), (VI) in [6], [7].

2.4. From the arguments in § 2.2, we have a somewhat sharpened form of the diagram (7):

$$(7') \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{j_1} & \mathfrak{u}^+ & \xrightarrow{j_2} & X_u \\ & & \downarrow \rho & & \searrow \rho \\ & & D_{p,r} \subset \mathbf{M}_{p,r} & \subset \mathbf{M}_{p,q} & \subset \mathbf{V}_{p,q} \end{array}$$

In what follows, we call the above (7') the *fundamental diagram* for  $X$  and  $\bar{\rho}$ ; thus we get the embedding of  $X$  into  $\mathbf{M}_{p,r}$ , the mapping  $\rho \circ j_1$  (we write simply  $\rho \circ j_1 = \rho$  in the sequel). Through this embedding  $\rho$  we shall derive a concrete form of Langlands' theorem: For this sake, we identify  $\bar{\rho}(A) = A$  ( $A \in \mathfrak{g}_e$ ) for brevity, and take  $Z \in \bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{u}^+)$ ,  $X \in \bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{u}^-)$ . Then,  $Z^* \in \bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{u}^-)$  and we can write

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Z_1 & & & \\ & & \cdot & & \\ & & & \cdot & \\ & & & & Z_{s-1} \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & \\ X_1 & & & & \\ & \cdot & & & \\ & & \cdot & & \\ & & & X_{s-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Z^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & \\ Z_1^* & & & & \\ & \cdot & & & \\ & & \cdot & & \\ & & & Z_{s-1}^* & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $X_i, Z_i^* \in \mathbf{M}_{n_{i+1}, n_i}$  ( $2 \leq i \leq s$ ), so that we have

$$[Z^*, Z] = \begin{pmatrix} -Z_1 Z_1^* & & & & \\ & Z_1^* Z_1 - Z_2 Z_2^* & & & \\ & & \cdot & & \\ & & & \cdot & \\ & & & & Z_{s-1}^* Z_{s-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{k}_e), \quad (\text{see (9)}).$$

From this we infer that the  $X_1$ -component of  $\theta([Z^*, Z])X \in \bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{u}^-)$  is given by

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} & (Z_1^* Z_1) X_1 + X_1 (Z_1 Z_1^*), \quad \text{if } s = 2, \\ & (Z_1^* Z_1 - Z_2 Z_2^*) X_1 + X_1 (Z_1 Z_1^*), \quad \text{if } s \geq 3. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, the linear mapping  $X \rightarrow X_1$ , of  $\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{u}^-)$  into  $\mathbf{M}_{r,p}$  is injective, since the embedding  $\rho$  is injective; so we may regard  $\theta([Z^*, Z])$  as the linear transformation on the space  $\mathbf{M}_{r,p}(\mathfrak{u}^-) = \{X_1 \in \mathbf{M}_{r,p}; X \in \bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{u}^-)\}$ . As is shown later in § 3 and in [6], [7], when  $X_u$  is one of the irreducible type (IV)–(VI) and  $\bar{\rho}$  is the irreducible representation of  $G_e$  of the lowest degree (hence  $s \geq 3$ ), the following holds:

$$n_1 = p = 1, \quad \mathbf{M}_{r,p} = \mathbf{C}^r \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{M}_{r,p}(\mathfrak{u}^-) = \mathbf{M}_{r,p} = \mathbf{C}^r.$$

Therefore, in these cases, our transformation  $\theta([Z^*, Z])$  takes of the form:

$$\theta([Z^*, Z]): X_1 \longrightarrow (Z_1 Z_1^* + Z_1^* Z_1 - Z_2 Z_2^*) X_1;$$

hence, to  $\theta([Z^*, Z])$  corresponds the hermitian matrix

$$\begin{aligned} Z_1 Z_1^* + Z_1^* Z_1 - Z_2 Z_2^* &\in \mathbf{M}_r \\ (Z_1 Z_1^* \text{ is a scalar matrix in } \mathbf{M}_r). \end{aligned}$$

We write here as  $Z_1 = z \in \mathbf{C}^r = \mathbf{M}_{1,r}$ ; then we can state the following result:

**THEOREM 1.** (i) *For the irreducible bounded symmetric domains of type (I)–(III), the simplest bounded models in our sense are presented by*

$$D = \{Z \in \tilde{\rho}(\mathfrak{n}^+); Z_1^* Z_1 < I\},$$

where  $\tilde{\rho}$  is the irreducible representation of the lowest degree.

(ii) *For the domains of type (IV) – (VI), the simplest ones in the same sense as above are presented by*

$$D = \{z \in \mathbf{C}^r; Z_1 Z_1^* + Z_1^* Z_1 - Z_2 Z_2^* < 2I_r\}.$$

For the statement (i) in the theorem, we shall verify it case by case in the next section 3.

**DEFINITION.** The simplest bounded model  $D$  obtained in Theorem 1 for each type of irreducible bounded symmetric domain  $X$  will be called the *canonical bounded model* of  $X$ .

**2.5.** As for our realization  $D = \rho(X)$ , for any  $\tilde{\rho}$ , of a bounded symmetric domain in  $\mathbf{M}_{p,r}$ , we state here an important property as to holomorphic automorphisms: For every  $g \in G$  and  $x \in X$ , we write as (with respect to a base of  $V$  as chosen in § 2, 2)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho}(g) &= \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}; A \in \mathbf{M}_{p,p}, B \in \mathbf{M}_{p,q}, C \in \mathbf{M}_{q,p}, D \in \mathbf{M}_{q,q}, \\ \rho(x) &= Z, (Z \in \mathbf{M}_{p,r} \subset \mathbf{M}_{p,q}), \end{aligned}$$

then we know that  $\rho(g \cdot x) = \tilde{\rho}(g) \cdot \rho(x)$  (see § 2, 2).

**THEOREM 2.**  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \cdot Z = (AZ + B)(CZ + D)^{-1}$ ; namely every holomorphic automorphism  $\tilde{\rho}(g)^{4)}$  of  $D$  acts as a linear fractional transformation of the vector space  $\mathbf{M}_{p,q}$ .

4) It is to be noted that  $g$  belongs to the connected Lie group  $G$ .

*Proof.* To begin with, we recall that  $V_{p,q}$  is identified with the set of all  $q$ -dimensional linear subspaces of  $C^n$ . This identification will be done in the following way: Let  $\mathfrak{L}$  denote the set of all linear isomorphisms  $L$  of  $C^q$  into  $C^n$ ; namely we put

$$\mathfrak{L} = \{L \in M_{n,q}; \text{rank } L = q\},$$

then  $GL(q, C)$  acts on  $\mathfrak{L}$  from the right as linear transformations, and the quotient  $\mathfrak{L}/GL(q, C)$  can be considered as the set of all  $q$ -dimensional subspaces of  $C^n$ . Thus we put here  $V_{p,q} = \mathfrak{L}/GL(q, C)$  and denote by  $\pi$  the canonical projection of  $\mathfrak{L}$  onto  $V_{p,q}$ . We define further a subset  $\mathfrak{L}'$  of  $\mathfrak{L}$  by

$$\mathfrak{L}' = \left\{ L \in M_{n,q}; L = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}, u \in M_{p,q}, v \in M_{q,q}, \det(v) \neq 0 \right\},$$

then  $\mathfrak{L}'$  is left invariant under the action of  $GL(q, C)$  and the quotient  $\mathfrak{L}'/GL(q, C)$  is naturally identified with  $M_{p,q}$ ; namely, for  $L = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{L}'$ , we put  $\pi(L) = uv^{-1}$ . On the other hand, the inclusion  $\mathfrak{L}' \subset \mathfrak{L}$  induces the inclusion mapping:  $M_{p,q} \rightarrow V_{p,q}$  which is no other than  $j_2$  in (7), as is easily seen. Hence we have the commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{L}' & \subset & \mathfrak{L} \\ \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \pi \\ M_{p,q} & \xrightarrow{j_2} & V_{p,q} \end{array}$$

Now we let  $\tilde{\rho}(g)$  act on  $\mathfrak{L}$  from the left as a linear transformation;  $\tilde{\rho}(g)\mathfrak{L}'$  is then not always contained in  $\mathfrak{L}'$ , but we infer that  $\tilde{\rho}(g)\pi^{-1}(D) \subset \pi^{-1}(D)$  ( $D \subset M_{p,q}$ ) and that  $\pi(\tilde{\rho}(g)L) = \tilde{\rho}(g) \cdot \pi(L)$  for  $L = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \in \pi^{-1}(D)$ . So, denoting  $\pi(L) = uv^{-1} = Z$  ( $= \rho(x)$  for some  $x \in X$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho}(g) \cdot Z &= \pi(\tilde{\rho}(g)) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \pi \begin{pmatrix} Au + Bv \\ Cu + Dv \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (Au + Bv)(Cu + Dv)^{-1} = (AZ + B)(CZ + D)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Our theorem is thus proved.

*Remark.* Theorem 2 is described in [14] in the case where  $X$  is one of the classical type (I) – (III) and  $\tilde{\rho}$  is the natural representation of the classical groups. We refer also to H. Klingen [8], [9] as for these facts. The proof presented above is just a rearrangement of H. Cartan [2] for the case of type (III). We note here that T. Nagano communicated to me that Theorem 2 had been obtained by T. Yokonuma independently.

2.6. We know since A. Korányi and J.A. Wolf (Ann. of Math., 81 (1965), 265–288) that every bounded symmetric domain  $X$  has the *unbounded model*; namely it is realized as a Siegel domain of the second kind in  $\mathfrak{n}^+$ , which is a generalization of the so-called Siegel’s generalized upper half-plane  $\{Z \in \mathbf{M}_n; {}^tZ = Z, \text{Im}(Z) > 0\}$ . Such an unbounded domain  $D^c$  is obtained from Harish-Chandra’s domain  $D$  (see §1) through a transformation  $c \in G_u$  which is called the *Cayley transform* of  $D$ :  $D^c = j_2^{-1} c j_2(D)$ . Therefore the conjugate group  $cGc^{-1} = G^c$  acts on  $D^c$  as the automorphism group. Then, taking the maximal compact subgroup  $cKc^{-1}$  of  $G_c$  instead of  $K$ , we have an analogous decomposition of  $V$  as in (8):  $V = V'_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V'_s$ ,  $V'_i = \tilde{\rho}(c) \cdot V_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s$ ). Thus, writing  $\tilde{\rho}(cgc^{-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} (g \in G)$  with reference to this decomposition as in Theorem 2, we see immediately that the proof of Theorem 2 is valid also for this case, and that  $\tilde{\rho}(cgc^{-1})$  acts on  $D^c$  as a linear fractional transformation. This fact is well-known for Siegel’s generalized upper half-plane (see [14]).

§3. **The canonical models of irreducible bounded symmetric domains of classical type.**

In this section we shall determine the canonical models of the domains of classical type. As we have clarified in the preceding section, the irreducible domains of type (I) – (III) and that of type (IV) are somewhat different to handle (see Theorem 1); so we shall divide the following arguments into two cases:

(1°) The domains of type (I) – (III). The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_c$  is of classical type and we choose, as  $\tilde{\rho}$ , the *identity* representation that is of the lowest degree; so we identify  $\tilde{\rho}(\mathfrak{g}_c)$  with  $\mathfrak{g}_c$  itself, etc. Then we see  $s=2$ ,  $V=V_1 \oplus V_2$  as for the notation in §2; in fact, we have:

$$\mathfrak{g}_c = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{M}_{p+q}; A \in \mathbf{M}_p, B \in \mathbf{M}_{p,q}, C \in \mathbf{M}_{q,p}, D \in \mathbf{M}_q \text{ which satisfy} \right.$$

$$\left. \text{the condition (11) given below} \right\},$$

$$\mathfrak{k}_c = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{g}_c \right\}, \quad \mathfrak{m}_c = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{g}_c \right\},$$

$$\mathfrak{n}^+ = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{m}_c \right\}, \quad \mathfrak{n}^- = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{m}_c \right\},$$

where  $\mathfrak{n}^\pm$  are to be identified with the totality of  $B$ , or  $C$ , respectively.

While the compact form  $\mathfrak{g}_u$  is here presented by  $\mathfrak{g}_u = \mathfrak{g}_c \cap \mathfrak{u}(p + q)$ , so the complex conjugation  $\tau$  with respect to  $\mathfrak{g}_u$  is given by

$$\tau: \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -{}^t\bar{A} & -{}^t\bar{C} \\ -{}^t\bar{B} & -{}^t\bar{D} \end{pmatrix}$$

The condition in the definition of  $\mathfrak{g}_c$  are given as follows:

$$(11) \quad \begin{cases} \text{For the type (I}_{p,q}), \text{ Trace}(A + D) = 0. \\ \text{For the type (II}_n), p = q = n, D = -{}^tA, {}^tB = -B, {}^tC = -C. \\ \text{For the type (III}_n), p = q = n, D = -{}^tA, {}^tB = B, {}^tC = C. \end{cases}$$

Now, for  $Z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Z \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{n}^+$ , the hermitian operator  $\theta^*(Z)\theta(Z)$  is given by

$$\theta^*(Z)\theta(Z): X \longrightarrow (Z^*Z)X + X(ZZ^*),$$

where  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ X & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{n}^-$  (see § 2) and  $Z^* = -\tau(Z) = {}^t\bar{Z}$ .

Now, for the type  $(I_{p,q})$ , the transformations  $X \longrightarrow (Z^*Z)X$  and  $X \longrightarrow X(ZZ^*)$  commute with each other, and the eigen-values of the former one are  $p$ -copies of those of the hermitian matrix  $Z^*Z$ , and, in like manner, the eigen-values of the latter are  $q$ -copies of these of  $ZZ^*$ . On the other hand, both  $Z^*Z$  and  $ZZ^*$  have non-negative common eigen-values with their multiplicity. Hence we have the canonical model:

$$D_{p,q} = \rho(X) = \{Z \in \mathfrak{M}_{p,q}; Z^*Z < I_q \text{ (or, } ZZ^* < I_p)\}.$$

For the type  $(II_n)$ ,  $\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{n}^+) = \mathfrak{n}^+$  is identified with  $\{Z \in \mathfrak{M}_n; {}^tZ = -Z\}$  and for the type  $(III_n)$ ,  $\bar{\rho}(\mathfrak{n}^+)$  with  $\{Z \in \mathfrak{M}_n; {}^tZ = Z\}$ ; so in each case, the operator  $\theta^*(Z)\theta(Z)$  is the natural prolongation of the hermitian operator  $ZZ^*$  in  $\mathfrak{C}^n$  to the respective matrix-space (= the tensor space of type (1,1) consisting of skew-symmetric ones with respect to the canonical non-degenerate inner-product, for the type  $(II_n)$ ; that of symmetric ones, for the type  $(III_n)$ ). From this we infer that, for the type  $(II_n)$ , the eigen-values of  $\theta^*(Z)\theta(Z)$  consists of  $\lambda_i + \lambda_j$  ( $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ ), and for the type  $(III_n)$ , those consist of  $\lambda_i + \lambda_j$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ), where  $\lambda_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) denote the eigen-values of  $Z^*Z$  (or, of  $ZZ^*$ ). While, in the former case  $(II_n)$ , we see the following fact:

LEMMA 3. *For any skew-symmetric matrix  $Z$  of degree  $n \geq 2$ , every positive eigen-value of  $Z^*Z$  has the multiplicity not less than two.*



$$Z_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -{}^t z'' \\ -{}^t z' \end{pmatrix} = -J^t z, \quad Z_2^* = (-\bar{z}'', -\bar{z}') = -\bar{z}J \quad \text{for } J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_m \\ I_m & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It follows then that

$$\begin{aligned} Z_1 Z_1^* &= (\sum_{i=1}^n |z_i|^2) I_n = \|z\|^2 \cdot I_n, \\ Z_1^* Z_1 &= {}^t \bar{z} z = (\bar{z}_i z_j) \in \mathbf{M}_n, \\ Z_2 Z_2^* &= J^t z \bar{z} J = J(z_i \bar{z}_j) J \in \mathbf{M}_n. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the hermitian matrix to be considered is of the form:

$$Z_1 Z_1^* + Z_1^* Z_1 - Z_2 Z_2^* = \|z\|^2 \cdot I_n + H_z,$$

where  $H_z = Z' - J\bar{Z}'J$ ,  $Z' = Z_1^* Z_1$ . We note that  $Z' = (\bar{z}_i z_j)$  may have only one non-zero eigen-value  $\alpha = \|z\|^2 (\geq 0)$ ; hence we infer that

$$\text{rank } H_z \leq \text{rank } Z' + \text{rank } J\bar{Z}'J \leq 2.$$

Let  $\lambda$  be a non-zero eigen-value of  $H_z$ , then  $H_z u = \lambda u$  for some vector  $u \in \mathbf{C}^n (u \neq 0)$ . So, using  $\bar{H}_z \bar{u} = \lambda \bar{u}$  and  $\bar{H}_z = -JH_z J$ , we get

$$H_z J \bar{u} = (-\lambda) J \bar{u}; \quad J \bar{u} \neq 0.$$

This shows that  $-\lambda$  is also an eigen-value of  $H_z$  and that the eigen-values of  $H_z$  consist of  $\{\lambda (\geq 0), -\lambda \text{ and } 0, \dots, 0\}$ . Now we can compute the (possible) non-zero eigen-value  $\lambda$  of  $H_z$ . The eigen-values of  $H_z^2$  consist of  $\{\lambda^2, \lambda^2, 0, \dots, 0\}$ , so we have  $\lambda^2 = \frac{1}{2} \text{Trace } H_z^2$ . On the other hand, from  $H_z^2 = Z'^2 + J\bar{Z}'^2 J - Z' J \bar{Z}' J - J \bar{Z}' J Z'$  follows that  $\text{Trace } H_z^2 = 2\{\text{Trace } Z'^2 - \text{Trace } (Z' J \bar{Z}' J)\} = 2\lambda^2$ . Thus we have to compute  $\lambda^2 = \text{Trace } Z'^2 - \text{Trace } (Z' J \bar{Z}' J)$ ; in fact, we have

$\text{Trace } Z'^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n |z_i z_j|^2$ ,  $\text{Trace } (Z' J \bar{Z}' J) = 4 \sum_{i,j=1}^m (\bar{z}_i z_j \bar{z}_{i+m} z_{j+m})$ . Namely, the canonical model of our domain is the set of all  $z \in \mathbf{C}^n$  satisfying the inequality  $\alpha + \lambda < 2$ . However, we transform the coordinates  $(z_1, \dots, z_m, \dots, z_n)$  of  $z$  by

$$(z_1, \dots, z_n) = (z'_1, \dots, z'_n) \begin{pmatrix} I_m & \\ \sqrt{-1} I_m & -\sqrt{-1} I_m \end{pmatrix}.$$

As for the new coordinates  $(z'_1, \dots, z'_n) (= z')$ , we see

$$\begin{aligned} \|z\|^2 &= 2\|z'\|^2, \quad \sum_{i,j=1}^n |z_i z_j|^2 = 4 \sum_{i,j=1}^n |z'_i z'_j|^2 \\ \sum_{i,j=1}^m (\bar{z}_i z_j \bar{z}_{i+m} z_{j+m}) &= \sum_{i,j=1}^m (\bar{z}'_i z'_j)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we get  $\lambda^2 = 4 \sum_{i,j=1}^n \{|z'_i z'_j|^2 - (\bar{z}'_i z'_j)^2\} = -4 \sum_{i<j} \{\bar{z}'_i z'_j z'_i + z'^2_i \bar{z}'_j - 2 z'_i \bar{z}'_i z'_j \bar{z}'_j\} = -4 \sum_{i<j} (z'_i \bar{z}'_j - \bar{z}'_i z'_j)^2 = 16 \sum_{i<j} \{\text{Im}(z'_i \bar{z}'_j)\}^2$ ; namely  $\lambda = 4 [\sum_{i<j} \{\text{Im}(z'_i \bar{z}'_j)\}^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Thus the inequality in Theorem 1, ii) is

$$\alpha + \lambda = 2\|z'\|^2 + 4 [\sum_{i<j} \{\text{Im}(z'_i \bar{z}'_j)\}^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} < 2.$$

Thus the canonical model of our domain is the set of all  $z \in C^n$  satisfying this inequality; therefore it is equivalent to

$$D = \{z \in C^n; \|z\|^2 + 2 [\sum_{i<j} \{\text{Im}(z_i \bar{z}_j)\}^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} < 1\}.$$

This realization of the domain of type (IV<sub>n</sub>) coincides with the usual one which has been known since E. Cartan [1], because of the following easily-checked lemma:

LEMMA 4. For  $z \in M_{n,1} = C^n$ , the condition

$${}^t \bar{z} z < \frac{1}{2} (1 + |{}^t z z|^2) < 1$$

is equivalent to the following single inequality:

$${}^t \bar{z} z + 2 [\sum_{i<j} \{\text{Im}(z_i \bar{z}_j)\}^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} < 1.$$

*Proof.* This lemma is immediately derived from the relation

$$|{}^t z z|^2 = ({}^t \bar{z} z)^2 + \sum_{i<j} (z_i \bar{z}_j - \bar{z}_i z_j)^2;$$

hence we leave it to the reader.

### Appendix

1. In this Appendix, we shall sketch a generalization of our arguments in §§ 1-3 to a class of *real symmetric spaces*—the so-called *symmetric R-spaces* (see [16]). Materials are mostly provided in [16], so we will recall here some notions stated in [16]; Chap. III, § 1 (see also [13]). We denote by  $X = G/K$  and by  $X_u = G_u/K$ , respectively, the non-compact form and the compact form of such a space. Typical examples are the irreducible symmetric spaces of type  $(BDI)_{p,q}$  in the classification table of E. Cartan (see [3]); namely  $X = SO_0(p, q, \mathbf{R})/SO(q, \mathbf{R}) \times SO(p, \mathbf{R})$  and  $X_u = O(p+q, \mathbf{R})/O(p, \mathbf{R}) \times O(q, \mathbf{R})$ . T. Nagano, H. Matsumoto and M. Takeuchi have proved, analogously to the case of hermitian symmetric spaces, that there exist likewise the canoni-

cal embedding relations for any symmetric  $R$ -spaces  $X$  and  $X_u$ ;

$$(12) \quad X \xrightarrow{j_1} \mathfrak{n}^+ \xrightarrow{j_2} X_u.$$

To be more precise,  $X_u$  can be written as  $X_u = G'/U'$  for a real semi-simple (or, reductive) Lie group  $G'$  and its parabolic subgroup  $U'$ , and furthermore if we take a maximal compact subgroup  $G_u$  of  $G'$ , then  $G' = G_u U'$  and  $X_u = G_u/K$ ,  $K = G_u \cap U'$ . While, we have a subgroup  $G$  of  $G'$  which is isomorphic to a real form of the complexification of  $G_u$  and contains  $K$  as a maximal compact subgroup, for which we get the non-compact symmetric space  $X = G/K$  that is dual to  $X_u = G_u/K$ . Under these situations, we can show the following relations: First, the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}'$  is decomposed into the eigen-spaces of  $\text{ad } Z$  (where  $Z$  denotes some element in a Cartan sub-algebra; see [16]); namely

$$\mathfrak{g}' = \mathfrak{n}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{k}' \oplus \mathfrak{n}^-,$$

where  $\mathfrak{n}^\pm$  denote the sum of eigen-spaces corresponding to positive (resp. negative) eigen-values, and  $\mathfrak{k}'$  that corresponding to zero eigen-value. Then  $\mathfrak{k}' \oplus \mathfrak{n}^- = \mathfrak{u}'$  may be considered as the Lie algebra of  $U'$ , while  $\mathfrak{n}^\pm$  generate vector groups  $N^\pm$  and  $\mathfrak{k}'$  the reductive subgroup  $K'_0$  of  $G'$ . Further, there exist (not nec. connected) subgroup  $K'$  of  $G'$  such that  $U' = K'N^-$  (semi-direct product) and its connected component of the identity is  $K'_0$ . For these Lie subgroups of  $G'$ , the following relations hold:

$$U' \cap G = K' \cap G = G \cap G_u = K, \quad G \subset N^+U' \quad (N^+ \cap U' = \{1\}).$$

From the last inclusion relation we have  $GU' \subset N^+U' \subset G'$ ; thus it yields the following:

$$G/K \subset N^+ \subset G'/U',$$

where we can identify  $N^+$  with  $\mathfrak{n}^+$  through the exponential map; thus getting the relation (12) analogously to (5).

2. We will now illustrate the subgroups and subalgebras introduced above in the case of the spaces of type  $(BDI)_{p,q}$ : In this case we put  $n = p + q$  ( $p \geq q \geq 1, p + q > 4$ ), then

$$G' = GL(n, \mathbf{R}), \quad G_u = O(n, \mathbf{R}),$$

$$G = \{g \in G'; {}^t g I_{p,q} g = I_{p,q}\}; \quad I_{p,q} = \begin{pmatrix} -I_p & 0 \\ 0 & I_q \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 U' &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}; A \in GL(p, \mathbf{R}), C \in \mathbf{M}_{q,p}(\mathbf{R}), D \in GL(p, \mathbf{R}) \right\}, \\
 K' &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} \in U' \right\} \cong GL(p, \mathbf{R}) \times GL(q, \mathbf{R}), \\
 K &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} \in K'; A \in O(p, \mathbf{R}), D \in O(q, \mathbf{R}) \right\} \cong O(p, \mathbf{R}) \times O(q, \mathbf{R}), \\
 N^+ &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} I_p & B \\ 0 & I_q \end{pmatrix}; B \in \mathbf{M}_{p,q}(\mathbf{R}) \right\}, N^- = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} I_p & 0 \\ C & I_q \end{pmatrix}; C \in \mathbf{M}_{q,p}(\mathbf{R}) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, as for the corresponding Lie algebras we have, for instance, as below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathfrak{g} &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ \iota B & D \end{pmatrix}; A \in \mathfrak{o}(p, \mathbf{R}), D \in \mathfrak{o}(q, \mathbf{R}), B \in \mathbf{M}_{p,q}(\mathbf{R}) \right\}, \\
 \mathfrak{k} &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{g} \right\} \in \mathfrak{o}(p, \mathbf{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{o}(q, \mathbf{R}), \\
 \mathfrak{n}^+ &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; B \in \mathbf{M}_{p,q}(\mathbf{R}) \right\}, \mathfrak{n}^- = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix}; C \in \mathbf{M}_{q,p}(\mathbf{R}) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Further, put  $\mathfrak{m} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B \\ \iota B & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{g} \right\} \cong \mathbf{M}_{p,q}(\mathbf{R})$ , then  $(\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{m})$  provides the symmetric pair corresponding to the symmetric space  $X = G/K$ .

From these materials, the inclusion relation (12) now yields the following special one:

$$(13) \quad X \xrightarrow{j_1} \mathbf{M}_{p,q}(\mathbf{R}) \xrightarrow{j_2} X_u = \mathbf{V}_{p,q}(\mathbf{R}),$$

where we have identified  $\mathfrak{n}^+$  with  $\mathbf{M}_{p,q}(\mathbf{R})$  as in § 2 and denoted by  $\mathbf{V}_{p,q}(\mathbf{R})$  the real Grassmann manifold. Then we can show, as in § 3, that  $j_1(X) = D$  is realizable as a real bounded domain:

$$D_{p,q} = \{Z \in \mathbf{M}_{p,q}(\mathbf{R}); {}^t Z Z < I_q\};$$

in case  $q = 1$ ,  $X \cong D_{p,1}$  is the real hyperbolic space and  $X_u = \mathbf{V}_{p,1}(\mathbf{R})$  the real projective space, of  $p$ -dimensions, respectively.

3. Now let  $\rho$  be an irreducible representation of  $G'$  into  $GL(n, \mathbf{R})$  ( $n = p + q$ ) such that  $\rho$  sends  $U'$  into  $GL(n; p, q, \mathbf{R})$ . It then induces a real analytic mapping  $\rho$  of  $X_u = G'/U'$  into  $\mathbf{V}_{p,q}(\mathbf{R}) = GL(n, \mathbf{R})/GL(n; p, q, \mathbf{R})$ , which gives rise to the following commutative diagram in the quite same manner as in (7):

$$(14) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} X & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^+ & \longrightarrow & X_u \\ & & \downarrow \rho & & \downarrow \rho \\ D_{p,q} \subset \mathbf{M}_{p,q}(\mathbf{R}) & \longrightarrow & & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{V}_{p,q}(\mathbf{R}). \end{array}$$

All these procedure are carried out by using the complexification of (14), which is no other than a diagram of type (7), as is readily seen from [16], p. 181 (we leave the detail to the reader). In particular, by taking the complexified representation of  $\rho$ , we can show that our mapping  $\rho$ 's are injective;  $X$  is therefore mapped injectively into  $\mathbf{M}_{p,q}(\mathbf{R})$ . Here we note that the *real analogue* of Lemma 2 in §2 will be also valid (cf. Foot note 3)), and so we infer that the image  $\rho(X) = D$  is a real bounded domain in  $\mathbf{M}_{p,r}(\mathbf{R})$  as is known from [16], Theorem 5, p. 182, or by using the complexification and the arguments in §2. In the bounded model  $D$  of  $X$  thus obtained, every element of  $\rho(G) \subset GL(p+q, \mathbf{R})$  also acts on  $D$  as a linear fractional transformation:

$$Z \longrightarrow (AZ + B)(CZ + D)^{-1}.$$

The proof of this fact is done in the same way as that of Theorem 2, or by using the complexification of (14) and Theorem 2. A simple example of this result is exhibited in Takahashi [15], p. 372, where  $X$  is of type  $(BDI)_{p,q}$  with  $p = 4$ ,  $q = 1$ , by taking as the ambient space  $\mathbf{M}_{4,1}(\mathbf{R})$  the real quaternions algebra  $\mathbf{Q}$ ; indeed  $D$  is there given by  $D = \{u \in \mathbf{Q}; \|u\| < 1\}$ ,  $\|u\|$  denoting the norm in the sense of quaternions.

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