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Visible Actions and Criteria for Multiplicity-Freeness of Representations of Heisenberg Groups

A visible action on a complex manifold is a holomorphic action that admits a J -transversal totally real submanifold S . It is said to be strongly visible if there exists an orbit-preserving anti-holomorphic diffeomorphism σ such that $\sigma|_S = \text{id}_S$. Let G be the Heisenberg group and H a non-trivial connected closed subgroup of G . We prove that any complex homogeneous space $D = G^{\mathbb{C}}/H^{\mathbb{C}}$ admits a strongly visible L -action, where L stands for a connected closed subgroup of G explicitly constructed through a co-exponential basis of H in G . This leads in turn that G itself acts strongly visibly on D . The proof is carried out by finding explicitly an orbit-preserving anti-holomorphic diffeomorphism and a totally real submanifold S , for which the dimension depends upon the dimensions of G and H . As a direct application, our geometric results provide a proof of various multiplicity-free theorems on continuous representations on the space of holomorphic sections on D . Moreover, we also generate as a consequence, a geometric criterion for a quasi-regular representation of G to be multiplicity-free.

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