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Discretely Decomposable Restrictions of Unitary Representations of Reductive Lie Groups — Examples and Conjectures

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<u>1.1.</u> The purpose of this exposition is to give a survey of the recent study of **discrete decomposable restrictions** of unitary representations of real reductive Lie groups ([24], [30], [31]). We shall also give some perspectives by examples and open problems.

There have been recent developments in connection with restrictions of unitary representations such as:

i) finding explicit branching laws ([8], [10], [16], [23], [24], [33], [36], [37], [40], [44], [57]),

ii) estimate of multiplicities in the branching laws ([30], [35]),

iii) topology of modular varieties in locally Riemannian symmetric spaces ([34]),

iv) construction of new discrete series representations for non-symmetric homogeneous spaces ([15], [22], [24], [27], [28], [32], [39]),

v) finding explicit parameters λ for which Zuckerman-Vogan's derived functor modules $A_{\mathfrak{q}}(\lambda)$ are non-zero with λ singular in some special settings ([22], §4),

vi) existence problem of compact Clifford-Klein forms of non-Riemannian homogeneous spaces ([21], [25], [26], [42]).

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