Formal Sciences Seminar

Parabolic geometries, BGG sequences and geometry at infinity

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Generalized flag varieties are homogeneous spaces of the form $G/P$, where $G$ is a semisimple Lie group and $P$ is a parabolic subgroup of $G$. If $G$ is a complex semisimple group, these are exactly the compact homogeneous spaces of $G$ and they are known as rational homogeneous varieties. I will start by exhibiting a geometric content in the action of $G$ on $G/P$, thus leading to the idea of parabolic geometries. Next, I will discuss BGG (Bernstein-Gelfand-Gelfand) sequences based on a refinement of twisted de Rham complexes over $G/P$. In the second part of the talk, I will outline how this theory can be applied to the study of geometric compactifications and how it leads to several generalizations of the concept of conformally compact manifolds.

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