

Presentation

Invariant random subgroups in Lie groups were introduced to deal with the limit multiplicity problem. It follows from a theorem of Stück and Zimmer (relying on a result of Nevo) that in higher rank Kazhdan groups there are only the “obvious” ones arising from lattices and normal subgroups. The goal of these lectures is to explain, starting essentially from scratch, the proof of this result, with perhaps an eye towards the case of higher rank groups without property (T).

Lecture plan

- Lecture 1: IRS in Lie groups and relation with pmp actions, “Borel density” for IRS, statement of the Stück–Zimmer theorem and application to IRSs in higher rank groups;
- Lecture 2: Lie groups and their parabolic subgroups, Margulis factor theorem implies normal subgroup theorem;
- Lecture 3-4-5: Nevo–Zimmer factor theorem, implication of the SZ theorem and proof.

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