

On equivariant holomorphic imbeddings of Siegel domains to compact complex homogeneous spaces

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Introduction

Let D be a Siegel domain of the second kind. If $Aut(D)$ is so "small" that $Aut(D) = Aff(D)$, the domain D can be equivariantly imbedded as an open set of complex projective space. In the case where $Aut(D)$ is the "largest", i.e., the domain D is symmetric, D can be also equivariantly imbedded as an open set of the hermitian symmetric space of compact type dual to D . Therefore it is natural to ask whether there exists an equivariant open imbedding of a Siegel domain D to a compact complex homogeneous space M . In this paper, we shall prove the following:

(a) *If there exists an open equivariant imbedding of D to M , then M must be a hermitian symmetric space of compact type (Theorem 8).*

(b) *D can be equivariantly imbedded as an open set of $P^n(\mathbb{C})$ if and only if $Aut(D) = Aff(D)$ or D is holomorphically equivalent to a disk (Theorem 9).*

(c) *There exists a Siegel domain which does not admit open equivariant imbeddings to compact complex homogeneous spaces (§ 6).*

Throughout this paper, we use the following notations: $Aut(M)$ means the group of all holomorphic transformations of a complex manifold M . For a real vector space or a real Lie algebra V , $V^{\mathbb{C}}$ denotes its complexification. We denote by $Gr(W, r)$ the complex grassmann manifold consisting of all r -dimensional subspaces of a complex vector space W .

§ 1. Homogeneous spaces associated with complex graded Lie algebras of certain type

Let \mathcal{A} be a totally ordered abelian group which satisfies the following conditions;

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$\alpha > \beta$ if and only if $\alpha - \beta > 0$.

$\alpha > 0$ if and only if $-\alpha < 0$

Let \mathfrak{g} be a finite dimensional complex Lie algebra and let $\{\mathfrak{g}_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$ be a family of subspaces of \mathfrak{g} satisfying

$$\mathfrak{g} = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \text{ (direct sum)}$$

$$[\mathfrak{g}_\alpha, \mathfrak{g}_\beta] \subset \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha+\beta}.$$

We further assume that there exists $\alpha_0 < 0$ such that

- (1) For $X \in \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$ $\alpha \leq \alpha_0$, the condition “ $[X, \mathfrak{g}_0] = 0$ ” implies $X = 0$;
 $\mathfrak{h} = \sum_{\alpha > \alpha_0} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$ is a subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} .

Under these conditions we shall prove the following

Theorem 1. *Let G be a connected Lie group with the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} and let B be any Lie subgroup of G with the Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} . Then*

- (i) *B is closed and connected.*
(ii) *The homogeneous space G/B is simply connected.*

Proof. We set $B^* = \{a \in G; Ad a \mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{h}\}$. Then B^* is a closed subgroup of G containing B . From the condition (1), we can show that the Lie algebra of B^* coincides with \mathfrak{h} . Therefore the group B is closed in B^* and hence closed in G . We put $\mathfrak{n} = \sum_{\alpha \leq \alpha_0} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$. Clearly \mathfrak{n} is a nilpotent subalgebra. We assert that the mapping $\pi \circ \exp$ is an imbedding of \mathfrak{n} into G/B , where π denotes the natural projection of G onto G/B . Let N be a connected subgroup of G corresponding to the subalgebra \mathfrak{n} . It is sufficient to prove that $N \cap B = \{e\}$, e denoting the unit element in G . Let $a \in N \cap B$. Since N is nilpotent, there exists $X \in \mathfrak{n}$ such that $\exp X = a$. We can write $X = \sum_{\alpha \leq \alpha_0} X_\alpha$. For any $Y \in \mathfrak{g}_0$, $Ad(\exp X)Y \in \mathfrak{h}$. Suppose that $X_\alpha = 0$ for $\alpha > \alpha'$ and $X_{\alpha'} \neq 0$. Then the $\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha'}$ -part of $Ad(\exp X)Y$ is equal to $[X_{\alpha'}, Y]$. Hence $[X_{\alpha'}, Y] = 0$ for any $Y \in \mathfrak{g}_0$. It follows that $X_{\alpha'} = 0$ by (1), contradicting the assumption $X_{\alpha'} \neq 0$. Thus we get $X = 0$, proving our assertion.

We set $N' = \pi \circ \exp \mathfrak{n}$. N' is an open orbite of N through the origin o of G/B . Let C be the union of all singular orbites of N and let (X_1^*, \dots, X_n^*) be a family of holomorphic vector fields on G/B corresponding to a base (X_1, \dots, X_n) of \mathfrak{n} . Then the subset C of G/B is defined by the equation $X_1^* \wedge \dots \wedge X_n^* = 0$. Therefore $G/B - C$ is connected and hence coincides with N' . Let B_0 be the identity component of B . Then G/B_0 is a covering space of G/B . We denote by ρ the covering map of G/B_0 to G/B . It is clear that the open (resp. a singular) orbite of N in G/B_0 is mapped by ρ to the open (resp. to a singular) orbite in G/B . On the other hand ρ is a homomorphism on

the open orbite because $\pi \circ \exp$ is an imbedding on \mathfrak{n} . Therefore $G/B_0 = G/B$ and hence $B_0 = B$.

Let \tilde{G} be the universal covering group of G and let ϖ be the covering map of \tilde{G} to G . We now know that $\varpi^{-1}(B)$ is closed and connected. Therefore $G/B = \tilde{G}/\varpi^{-1}(B)$ is simply connected. q.e.d.

§ 2. Siegel domains and equivariant holomorphic mappings

Let D be a Siegel domain of the second kind due to Pyatetski-Shapiro [5] and let $G(D)$ be the identity component of $Aut(D)$. Denote by $\mathfrak{g}(D)$ the Lie algebra of $G(D)$. For each $X \in \mathfrak{g}(D)$, X^* means the vector field on D generated by $\{\exp tX\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$. Then the correspondence: $X \rightarrow X^*$ can be extended to an injective linear mapping of $\mathfrak{g}(D)^c$ to the space of all vector fields on D by putting $(\sqrt{-1}X)^* = JX^*$ for $X \in \mathfrak{g}(D)$, where J denotes the complex structure on D . It is easy to see that for any point $z \in D$, $T_z(D) = \{X_z^*; X \in \mathfrak{g}(D)^c\}$.

We set

$$(2) \quad \mathfrak{b}_z = \{X \in \mathfrak{g}(D)^c; X_z^* = 0\}.$$

Then \mathfrak{b}_z is a complex subalgebra of $\mathfrak{g}(D)^c$ and $\dim \mathfrak{b}_z$ is constant for any $z \in D$. Therefore the assignment: $z \rightarrow \mathfrak{b}_z$ gives a holomorphic mapping \emptyset of D into $Gr(\mathfrak{g}(D)^c, r)$, where $r = \dim \mathfrak{b}_z$.***) The group $G(D)$ acts on $Gr(\mathfrak{g}(D)^c, r)$ by its adjoint representation. Clearly

$$(3) \quad \emptyset(az) = Ada \emptyset(z) \quad \text{for } a \in G(D) \text{ and } z \in D.$$

Let M be a complex manifold such that $Aut(M)$ is a Lie group. A holomorphic mapping f of D to M will be called *equivariant* if there exists a homomorphism τ of $G(D)$ to $Aut(M)$ such that

$$(4) \quad f(ap) = \tau(a)f(p) \quad \text{for } a \in G(D) \text{ and } p \in D.$$

By (3) the mapping \emptyset is equivariant.

Let f be a equivariant holomorphic mapping of D into M with a homomorphism $\tau: G(D) \rightarrow Aut(M)$. We now assume that $Aut(M)$ is a complex Lie group and denote by $\mathfrak{g}(M)$ the Lie algebra of $Aut(M)$. Let τ_* be the homomorphism of $\mathfrak{g}(D)$ to $\mathfrak{g}(M)$ induced by τ . The mapping τ_* can be extended to a homomorphism of $\mathfrak{g}(D)^c$ to $\mathfrak{g}(M)$ complex linearly, which is denoted by the same letter τ_* . It follows that

$$(5) \quad f_*X^* = (\tau_*X)^* \quad \text{for } X \in \mathfrak{g}(D),$$

where $(\tau_*X)^*$ denotes the vector field on M corresponding to $\tau_*X \in \mathfrak{g}(M)$.

**) J. Hano [1] constructed the mapping \emptyset for an effective homogeneous space G/K with an invariant complex structure and the non-degenerate canonical hermitian form.

Lemma 2. *The equation (5) holds for $X \in \mathfrak{g}(D)^\circ$.*

Proof. We set $X = X_1 + \sqrt{-1}X_2$ ($X_1, X_2 \in \mathfrak{g}(D)$). Then $f_*X^* = f_*(X_1^* + JX_2^*) = f_*X_1^* + J'f_*X_2^*$, where J' denotes the complex structure on M . On the other hand $(\tau_*X)^* = (\tau_*X_1)^* + (\sqrt{-1}\tau_*X_2)^* = (\tau_*X_1)^* + J'(\tau_*X_2)^*$. q.e.d.

Proposition 3. *Let $z \in D$ and let B' be the isotropy subgroup of $\text{Aut}(M)$ at $f(z)$. Then $f(D) \subset \text{Aut}(M)/B'$.*

Proof. For any $z' \in D$, there exist $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_m \in D, t_1, \dots, t_m \in \mathbf{R}$ and $X_1, \dots, X_m \in \mathfrak{g}(D)^\circ$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 &= z, \quad p_m = z', \\ p_i &= \exp t_i X_i^*(p_{i-1}) \quad 1 \leq i \leq m, \end{aligned}$$

$\{\exp tX_i^*\}$ denoting the one parameter group of local transformations of D generated by the vector field X_i^* . It follows by Lemma 2

$$\begin{aligned} f(z') &= f(\exp t_m X_m^*(p_{m-1})) \\ &= \exp t_m \tau_* X_m \circ f(p_{m-1}) \\ &= \exp t_m \tau_* X_m \circ \dots \circ \exp t_1 \tau_* X_1 \circ f(z) \end{aligned} \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

§ 3. The mapping Φ and Tanaka's imbeddings

The Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}(D)$ has a graded structure such that (cf. [2])

$$\mathfrak{g}(D) = \mathfrak{g}_{-2} + \mathfrak{g}_{-1} + \mathfrak{g}_0 + \mathfrak{g}_1 + \mathfrak{g}_2. \quad \text{***)}$$

Let E and I are elements in \mathfrak{g}_0 as in § 1 of [3]. We set

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{-1} &= \mathfrak{g}_{-2}^\circ + \{X - \sqrt{-1}[I, X]; X \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}\} \\ \theta_0 &= \{X + \sqrt{-1}[I, X]; X \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}\} + \mathfrak{g}_0^\circ + \{Y - \sqrt{-1}[I, Y]; Y \in \mathfrak{g}_1\} \\ \theta_1 &= \{Y + \sqrt{-1}[I, Y]; Y \in \mathfrak{g}_1\} + \mathfrak{g}_2^\circ \\ H_0 &= \frac{1}{2}(E + \sqrt{-1}I). \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{g}(D)^\circ &= \theta_{-1} + \theta_0 + \theta_1 \quad (\text{direct sum}) \\ [\theta_\lambda, \theta_\mu] &\subset \theta_{\lambda+\mu} \\ \theta_\lambda &= \{X \in \mathfrak{g}(D)^\circ; [H_0, X] = \lambda X\} \quad \lambda = -1, 0, 1. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Let G° be the adjoint group of $\mathfrak{g}(D)^\circ$. Since $G(D)$ is centerless ([2]),

***) Our subspace \mathfrak{g}_1 corresponds to $\mathfrak{g}_{1/2}$ in [2].

$G(D)$ is identified with a subgroup of G^c . Define a closed subgroup B of G^c by

$$(8) \quad B = \{a \in G^c; a(\theta_0 + \theta_1) = \theta_0 + \theta_1\}.$$

The Lie algebra of B coincides with $\theta_0 + \theta_1$ as is easily observed (cf. [8]). Hence B is connected by Theorem 1. According to [3], we identify the domain D with an open subset of θ_{-1} and define a holomorphic mapping h of D onto an open set of G^c/B by putting

$$(9) \quad h(z) = \pi \circ \exp z \quad z \in D,$$

where π denotes the projection of G^c onto G^c/B . The map h is equivariant (Lemma 2.4 in [3]) and called Tanaka's imbedding. We now fix a point $z \in D$. Let B_z be the isotropy subgroup of G^c at $h(z)$. Then from (9) we obtain

$$(10) \quad B_z = \exp z \cdot B \cdot (\exp z)^{-1}.$$

For any $X \in \mathfrak{g}(D)^c$, the vector field on G^c/B generated by $\{\exp tX\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ is equal to X^* on $D \subset G^c/B$. Therefore from (2), the Lie algebra of B_z coincides with \mathfrak{b}_z . Thus we get from (10),

$$(11) \quad \mathfrak{b}_z = Ad \exp z (\theta_0 + \theta_1).$$

The group G^c acts on $Gr(\mathfrak{g}(D)^c, r)$ in a natural manner. By (8), (10) and (11), the isotropy subgroup of G^c at $\emptyset(z)$ is B_z . It follows from Proposition 3 that $\emptyset(D)$ is contained in the homogeneous space G^c/B_z . We define a holomorphic diffeomorphism φ of G^c/B onto G^c/B_z by

$$\varphi(aB) = a(\exp z)^{-1}B_z \quad a \in G^c.$$

Then the following equality holds;

$$(12) \quad \varphi(aq) = a\varphi(q) \quad \text{for } a \in G^c, q \in G^c/B.$$

Lemma 4. $\emptyset = \varphi \circ h$.

Proof. Let $a \in G(D)$. By (12), $\emptyset(az) = a\emptyset(z) = a\varphi \circ h(z) = \varphi \circ h(az)$. Therefore $\emptyset = \varphi \circ h$ on the orbite of $G(D)$ through z . Since both \emptyset and $\varphi \circ h$ are holomorphic, we can conclude that $\emptyset = \varphi \circ h$ on D (cf. Lemma 2.5 in [3]). q.e.d.

Corollary 5. \emptyset is an imbedding of D .

We can now verify the following

Theorem 6. Let f be an equivariant holomorphic mapping of D into

a complex manifold M . Assume that $Aut(M)$ is a complex Lie group. Then there exists a unique holomorphic mapping $\psi: G^c/B_z \rightarrow M$ such that $f = \psi \circ \Phi$.

Proof. The uniqueness follows from the fact that $\Phi(D)$ is open in G^c/B_z . Let \tilde{G}^c be the universal covering group of G^c and let τ be the homomorphism of $G(D)$ to $Aut(M)$ attaches to f . We denote by $\tilde{\tau}$ the homomorphism of \tilde{G}^c to $Aut(M)$ corresponding to the homomorphism τ_* of $\mathfrak{g}(D)^c$ to $\mathfrak{g}(M)$. Let \tilde{B}_z be the connected subgroup of \tilde{G}^c with the Lie algebra \mathfrak{b}_z . By Lemma 2, we see that for any $X \in \mathfrak{b}_z$ $(\tau_* X)_{f(z)}^* = f_* X_z^* = 0$. Therefore $\tilde{\tau}(\tilde{B}_z)$ is contained in the isotropy subgroup of $Aut(M)$ at $f(z)$. Hence $\tilde{\tau}$ induces a holomorphic mapping ψ of \tilde{G}^c/\tilde{B}_z to M . We now set

$$(13) \quad \begin{aligned} H &= Ad(\exp z) H_0 \\ \mathfrak{a}_\lambda &= Ad(\exp z) \theta_\lambda \quad \lambda = -1, 0, 1. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (7)

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathfrak{g}(D)^c &= \mathfrak{a}_{-1} + \mathfrak{a}_0 + \mathfrak{a}_1 \quad (\text{direct sum}) \\ [\mathfrak{a}_\lambda, \mathfrak{a}_\mu] &\subset \mathfrak{a}_{\lambda+\mu} \\ \mathfrak{a}_\lambda &= \{X \in \mathfrak{g}(D)^c; [H, X] = \lambda X\}. \end{aligned}$$

By (14) the graded Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}(D)^c = \mathfrak{a}_{-1} + \mathfrak{a}_0 + \mathfrak{a}_1$ and the subalgebra $\mathfrak{b}_z = \mathfrak{a}_0 + \mathfrak{a}_1$ satisfy the condition (1). Hence applying Theorem 1, we have $G^c/B_z = \tilde{G}^c/\tilde{B}_z$. The equation $f = \psi \circ \Phi$ follows from Proposition 3. q.e.d.

§ 4. Equivariant open imbeddings of Siegel domains to compact complex homogeneous spaces

Let f be an equivariant holomorphic immersion of a Siegel domain D to a compact complex homogeneous space M with a homomorphism $\tau: G(D) \rightarrow Aut(M)$. Note that $Aut(M)$ is a complex Lie group. We further assume that $f(D)$ is open in M . Let τ_* be the homomorphism of $\mathfrak{g}(D)^c$ to $\mathfrak{g}(M)$ defined in § 2. Suppose that $\tau_* X = 0$, $X \in \mathfrak{g}(D)^c$. By Lemma 2, $f_* X^* = (\tau_* X)^* = 0$. Since f is an immersion, we have $X^* = 0$. Therefore τ_* is injective. In what follows, we consider $\mathfrak{g}(D)^c$ as a complex subalgebra of $\mathfrak{g}(M)$. Let ψ be the holomorphic mapping of $G^c/B_z (= \tilde{G}^c/\tilde{B}_z)$ to M given by Theorem 6 and let B' be the isotropy subgroup of $Aut(M)$ at $f(z)$. Since f is an immersion, the Lie algebra of $\tau^{-1}(B')$ is \mathfrak{b}_z . Therefore by Theorem 1, $\tilde{B}_z = \tilde{\tau}^{-1}(B')$ and hence ψ is an imbedding.

Lemma 7. *Let λ be an eigenvalue of $ad H$ on $\mathfrak{g}(M)$, where H is an element of $\mathfrak{g}(D)^c$ defined by (13). Then λ is an integer and $\lambda \geq -1$.*

Proof. Let \mathfrak{b}' be the Lie algebra of B' . Since $f(D)$ is open, we know $\dim \mathfrak{g}(D)^c/\mathfrak{b}'_z = \dim \mathfrak{g}(M)/\mathfrak{b}'$. Define subspaces $\{\mathfrak{b}'_m\}_{m \geq -1}$ of $\mathfrak{g}(M)$ by setting

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{b}'_{-1} &= \mathfrak{g}(M), \quad \mathfrak{b}'_0 = \mathfrak{b}'. \\ \mathfrak{b}'_m &= \{X \in \mathfrak{b}'_{m-1}; [X, \mathfrak{g}(M)] \subset \mathfrak{b}'_{m-1}\} \quad (m \geq 1). \end{aligned}$$

Let $X \in \mathfrak{b}'_m$. Then all m' -th derivatives of X^* at $f(z)$ must be zeros where $m' < m$. Therefore $\bigcap_{m=-1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{b}'_m = 0$. As a consequence, there exists $m_0 \geq 0$ such that $\mathfrak{b}'_m = 0$ for $m > m_0$ and $\mathfrak{b}'_{m_0} \neq 0$. Thus we get a sequence $\mathfrak{b}'_{-1} \supseteq \mathfrak{b}'_0 \supseteq \dots \supseteq \mathfrak{b}'_{m_0} \supseteq \mathfrak{b}'_{m_0+1} = 0$. It is easy to see the following equality holds

$$adH X \equiv mX \pmod{\mathfrak{b}'_{m+1}} \quad \text{for } X \in \mathfrak{b}'_m. \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

We now set

$$(15) \quad \mathfrak{a}'_\lambda = \{X \in \mathfrak{g}(M); (adH - \lambda)^m = 0 \text{ for some } m\}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{g}(M) &= \sum_{\lambda \geq -1} \mathfrak{a}'_\lambda, \quad \mathfrak{b}'_\mu = \sum_{\lambda \geq \mu} \mathfrak{a}'_\lambda \\ [\mathfrak{a}'_\lambda, \mathfrak{a}'_\mu] &\subset \mathfrak{a}'_{\lambda+\mu}. \end{aligned}$$

By (14) and (15) we have $\mathfrak{a}'_\lambda \subset \mathfrak{a}'_\lambda$. Therefore $\mathfrak{a}'_{-1} = \mathfrak{a}_{-1}$ because $\dim \mathfrak{a}'_{-1} = \dim \mathfrak{a}_{-1}$. From (15), we see that the pair $(\mathfrak{g}(M), \mathfrak{b}')$ satisfies (1) and hence the homogeneous space M is simply connected. As a result M is a C -space due to Wang [9] and hence $\mathfrak{g}(M)$ is reductive ([9]). Let X be an element in the center of $\mathfrak{g}(M)$. We can write $X = \sum_{\lambda=-1}^{m_0} X_\lambda$ ($X_\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}'_\lambda$). Since $[H, X] = 0$, we have $X_\lambda = 0$ for $\lambda \neq 0$. Then $[\mathfrak{g}(M), X_0] = [\mathfrak{g}(M), X] = 0$. Thus we know $X_0 \in \mathfrak{b}'_1$ and hence $X_0 = 0$. Consequently the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}(M)$ is semi-simple and $\mathfrak{a}'_\lambda = 0$ for $\lambda > 1$. We now know from [7] that M is a hermitian symmetric space of compact type. We have thereby prove the following

Theorem 8. *If there exists an open immersion f of a Siegel domain D to a compact complex homogeneous space M , then M must be a hermitian symmetric space of compact type and f is an imbedding.*

Remark. Note that the following equality hold: $\mathfrak{a}'_\lambda = \{X \in \mathfrak{g}(M); [H, X] = \lambda X\}$ $\lambda = -1, 0, 1$. Indeed, an endomorphism η defined by $\eta(X) = \lambda X$ for $X \in \mathfrak{a}'_\lambda$ is a derivation of the semi-simple Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}(M)$. Therefore there exists $H' \in \mathfrak{g}(M)$ such that $adH' = \eta$. It is easy to see that $H' \in \mathfrak{a}'_0$. Both H and H' are in \mathfrak{a}'_0 and $adH = adH'$ on \mathfrak{a}'_{-1} . Hence we get $H = H'$.

§ 5. Siegel domains which can be equivariantly imbedded as an open subset of $P^n(C)$

In this section, we shall determine Siegel domains which admit equivariant open imbeddings to the complex projective space $P^n(\mathbf{C})$. We prove the following

Theorem 9. *Let D be a Siegel domain of the second kind. Then D can be equivariantly imbedded as an open set of $P^n(\mathbf{C})$ if and only if D is one of the following two type;*

- (i) D is holomorphically equivalent to the disk, i.e.,

$$D \cong \{(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbf{C}^n; \sum_{i=1}^n |z_i|^2 < 1\},$$

- (ii) $Aut(D) = Aff(D)$, where $Aff(D)$ denotes the affine transformation group of D .

It is well known that if D satisfies (i) or (ii), then D can be imbedded equivariantly as an open set of $P^n(\mathbf{C})$. We verify the converse.

Let f be an open equivariant imbedding of D to $P^n(\mathbf{C})$ with a homomorphism $\tau: G(D) \rightarrow SL(n+1, \mathbf{C})$. Let $z \in D$ and let (w_1, \dots, w_{n+1}) be a homogeneous coordinate system of $P^n(\mathbf{C})$. We may assume $f(z) = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$. As in § 4, we identify $\mathfrak{g}(D)^c$ with a subalgebra of $\mathfrak{sl}(n+1, \mathbf{C})$ by τ_* . Let $\alpha'_i (\lambda = -1, 0, 1)$ be the subspaces of $\mathfrak{sl}(n+1, \mathbf{C})$ defined by (15).

Lemma 10. *Let $Y \in \alpha'_i$. If $Y \neq 0$, the linear mapping adY is injective on α'_{-1} .*

Proof. Let \mathfrak{b}' be the isotropy subalgebra at $f(z)$. Then $\mathfrak{b}' = \alpha'_0 + \alpha'_1$ and

$$\mathfrak{b}' = \left\{ X \in \mathfrak{sl}(n+1, \mathbf{C}); X = \begin{pmatrix} -\text{Tr } A & \xi \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}; \xi \in \mathbf{C}^n \text{ and } A \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbf{C}) \right\}.$$

We set

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha''_{-1} &= \left\{ X \in \mathfrak{sl}(n+1, \mathbf{C}); X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \eta & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \eta \in \mathbf{C}^n \right\} \\ \alpha''_0 &= \left\{ X \in \mathfrak{sl}(n+1, \mathbf{C}); X = \begin{pmatrix} -\text{Tr } A & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}; A \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbf{C}) \right\} \\ \alpha''_1 &= \left\{ X \in \mathfrak{sl}(n+1, \mathbf{C}); X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \xi \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \xi \in \mathbf{C}^n \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\alpha'_1 = \{X \in \mathfrak{b}'; [\mathfrak{sl}(n+1, \mathbf{C}), X] \subset \mathfrak{b}'\}$. We can show $\alpha''_1 = \alpha'_1$. There exists a unique element $H^\#$ of α''_0 such that $adH^\#X = \lambda X$ for $X \in \alpha'_1$ ($\lambda = -1, 0, 1$), because $\mathfrak{sl}(n+1, \mathbf{C})$ is semi-simple. Both H and $H^\#$ are in \mathfrak{b}' and $adHX \equiv adH^\#X \equiv -X \pmod{\mathfrak{b}'}$ for any $X \in \mathfrak{sl}(n+1, \mathbf{C})$. Therefore we can write $H^\# - H = Z$, $Z \in \alpha'_1$. Then $H = Ad(\exp Z)H^\#$ and hence $\alpha'_1 = Ad(\exp Z)\alpha''_1$.

By direct calculations, we know that for any $Y \in \mathfrak{a}''_1$ ($Y \neq 0$), adY is injective on \mathfrak{a}''_{-1} . q.e.d.

We assume that $Aut(D) \neq Aff(D)$, which is equivalent to $\mathfrak{g}_2 \neq 0$ ([3]). Suppose that $\mathfrak{g}(D)$ is not semi-simple. Then there exists a non-zero element X in \mathfrak{a}_{-2} such that $[X, \mathfrak{g}_2] = 0$ (Remark 1 in [4]), which contradicts to Lemma 10 because $Ad(\exp z)X$ is in \mathfrak{a}'_{-1} and $Ad(\exp z)\mathfrak{g}_2 \subset \mathfrak{a}'_1$. Therefore $\mathfrak{g}(D)$ is semi-simple and the domain D is symmetric. When D is symmetric, it is well known that G^c/B is the compact hermitian symmetric space dual to non-compact D and that h is the Borel imbedding (cf. [6]). Since $\psi(G^c/B_z)$ is a compact open subset of $P^n(\mathbb{C})$, we get $G^c/B \cong G^c/B_z \cong P^n(\mathbb{C})$, completing the proof of Theorem 9.

§ 6. An example

Let D be a 4-dimensional homogeneous Siegel domain defined by

$$D = \{(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \in \mathbb{C}^4; \text{Im } z_3 > 0 \text{ and } \text{Im } z_3(\text{Im } z_1 - |z_4|^2) - (\text{Im } z_2)^2 > 0\}.$$

The domain D is not symmetric. In this section we prove that D does not admit open equivariant imbeddings to compact complex homogeneous spaces. We first calculate $\mathfrak{g}(D)$. Let \mathfrak{r} denote the radical of $\mathfrak{g}(D)$. Then \mathfrak{r} is of the form: $\mathfrak{r} = \mathfrak{r}_{-2} + \mathfrak{r}_{-1} + \mathfrak{r}_0$, $\mathfrak{r}_\lambda \subset \mathfrak{g}_\lambda$ ([2]). By using results in [4], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \mathfrak{g}_{-2} &= 3, & \dim \mathfrak{g}_{-1} &= 2, & \dim \mathfrak{g}_0 &= 4, \\ \dim \mathfrak{g}_1 &= 0, & \dim \mathfrak{g}_2 &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

By (6) we can decompose \mathfrak{r}^c into the form: $\mathfrak{r}^c = \mathfrak{r}'_{-1} + \mathfrak{r}'_0$, where $\mathfrak{r}'_\lambda = \mathfrak{r}^c \cap \theta_\lambda$. By Theorem 1.1 in [4], there exists a semi-simple subalgebra \mathfrak{s} of $\mathfrak{g}(D)^c$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{s} &= \mathfrak{s}_{-1} + \mathfrak{s}_0 + \mathfrak{s}_1, & \mathfrak{s}_\lambda &= \mathfrak{s} \cap \theta_\lambda, \\ \mathfrak{g}(D)^c &= \mathfrak{r}^c + \mathfrak{s} \text{ (direct sum)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathfrak{s}_1 = \theta_1 = \mathfrak{g}_2^c$, $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{s}_1 = 1$ and hence $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{s}_{-1} = 1$. Because \mathfrak{s} is semi-simple, there exists a unique $H_s \in \mathfrak{s}_0$ such that $[H_s, X] = \lambda X$ for $X \in \mathfrak{s}_\lambda$.

Suppose that there exists an equivariant imbedding of D onto an open set of a compact complex homogeneous space M . By Theorem 8, M must be a hermitian symmetric space of compact type. We also know that $\mathfrak{g}(D)^c$ is identified with a subalgebra of $\mathfrak{g}(M)$. We set $\theta'_i = Ad(\exp z)^{-1}\mathfrak{a}'_i$ where \mathfrak{a}'_i is as in § 4. Then $\mathfrak{g}(M) = \theta'_{-1} + \theta'_0 + \theta'_1$ and $\theta_\lambda \subset \theta'_\lambda$. We assert that M must be irreducible. If M is a product of two hermitian symmetric spaces M_1 and M_2 , then $\mathfrak{g}(M) = \mathfrak{g}(M_1) + \mathfrak{g}(M_2)$. Being an ideal of $\mathfrak{g}(M)$, $\mathfrak{g}(M_i)$ is decomposed as follows ($i = 1, 2$);

$$\mathfrak{g}(M_i) = \theta^i_{-1} + \theta^i_0 + \theta^i_1, \quad \theta^i_\lambda = \mathfrak{g}(M_i) \cap \theta'_\lambda.$$

Note that $\theta_{-1}^1 \neq 0$. Let $X \in \theta_{-1}^1$. Since $\theta_{-1} = \theta_{-1}'$, we can write $X = X_s + X_r$ ($X_s \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ and $X_r \in \mathfrak{r}'_{-1}$). If $X_s \neq 0$, then \mathfrak{g}_1 is contained in θ_1^1 because $\mathfrak{g}_1 = [\mathfrak{g}_1, [\mathfrak{g}_1, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}]]$ and $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{g}_1 = 1$. Hence \mathfrak{g}_{-1} is contained in θ_{-1}^1 because $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} = [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1]]$. As a result \mathfrak{g}_{-1} is contained in θ_{-1}^1 or θ_{-1}^2 . We may assume that $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \subset \theta_{-1}^1$. It follows that $\mathfrak{g}_1 \subset \theta_1^1$. For the domain D , we know from [4] that $\mathfrak{g}_{-2} = [\mathfrak{g}_{-2}, [\mathfrak{g}_{-2}, \mathfrak{g}_2]]$. Therefore $\mathfrak{g}_{-2} \subset \theta_{-1}^1$. Now let $Y \in \theta_{-1}^2$. We can write $Y = Y_{-2} + Y_{-1} - \sqrt{-1}[I, Y_{-1}]$, where $Y_{-2} \in \mathfrak{g}_{-2}^c$ and $Y_{-1} \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$. Since $[E, Y_\lambda] = \lambda Y_\lambda$ ($\lambda = -2, -1$), we have $Y_{-2} \in \theta_{-1}^2$ and $Y_{-1} - \sqrt{-1}[I, Y_{-1}] \in \theta_{-1}^2$. Hence $Y_{-2} = 0$ and $[Y_{-1} - \sqrt{-1}[I, Y_{-1}], Y_{-1} + \sqrt{-1}[I, Y_{-1}]] = 2\sqrt{-1}[Y_{-1}, [I, Y_{-1}]] \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}^c \cap \theta_{-1}^2 = 0$. Consequently $Y_{-1} = 0$ and hence $\theta_{-1}^2 = 0$. This is a contradiction. We have thus proved that M is irreducible.

A 4-dimensional irreducible hermitian symmetric space of compact type is $SU(5)/S(U_1 \times U_4)$ or $SU(4)/S(U_2 \times U_2)$. Hence M must be $SU(4)/S(U_2 \times U_2)$ by Theorem 9. Then $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{g}(M) = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} SU(4) = 15$. Let $\mathfrak{t}_\lambda = \{X \in \mathfrak{g}(M); (adE - \lambda)^m X = 0 \text{ for some } m\}$. Then $\mathfrak{g}(M) = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{t}_\lambda$. Since $\mathfrak{g}(M)$ is semi-simple, $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{t}_\lambda = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{t}_{-\lambda}$. By using the fact $\mathfrak{g}_\lambda \subset \mathfrak{t}_\lambda$, we have $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{t}_{-2} = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{t}_2 \geq 3$, $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{t}_{-1} = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{t}_1 \geq 2$ and $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{t}_0 \geq 4$. Since $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{g}(M) = 15$, the only possible case is the following: $\mathfrak{g}(M) = \mathfrak{t}_{-2} + \mathfrak{t}_{-1} + \mathfrak{t}_0 + \mathfrak{t}_1 + \mathfrak{t}_2$, $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{t}_{-2} = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{t}_2 = 3$, $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{t}_{-1} = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{t}_1 = 2$ and $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{t}_0 = 5$. In this case $\mathfrak{t}_{-2} = \mathfrak{g}_{-2}^c$ and $\mathfrak{t}_{-1} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1}^c$. Therefore $\mathfrak{t}_{-2} \neq [\mathfrak{t}_{-1}, \mathfrak{t}_{-1}]$. On the other hand, $\mathfrak{t}_{-2} = [\mathfrak{t}_{-1}, \mathfrak{t}_{-1}]$ because $\mathfrak{g}(M)$ is a simple Lie algebra (Lemma 1.3 in [4]). Thus we have a contradiction.

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