



Correction to: Classification of generalized Wallach spaces

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The paper [2] is devoted to the classification of generalized Wallach spaces. A generalized Wallach space is a homogeneous spaces G/H of a connected compact semisimple Lie group G (H is a compact subgroup of G), such that there is a $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ -orthogonal and $\text{Ad}(H)$ -invariant decomposition $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{p}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{p}_2 \oplus \mathfrak{p}_3$, where \mathfrak{g} and \mathfrak{h} are Lie algebras of G and H respectively, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is the minus Killing form of \mathfrak{g} , the modules \mathfrak{p}_i are $\text{Ad}(H)$ -irreducible, $[\mathfrak{p}_i, \mathfrak{p}_j] \subset \mathfrak{h}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$. Here we will make a correction to the obtained classification. In what follows, we use the notation from [2].

The main result of the paper [2] (Theorem 1) should be stated as follows (in fact, we just add the item (4)):

Theorem 1 *Let G/H be a connected and simply connected compact homogeneous space. Then G/H is a generalized Wallach space if and only if it is of one of the following types:*

- (1) G/H is a direct product of three irreducible symmetric spaces of compact type ($A = a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$ in this case);
- (2) The group G is simple and the pair $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$ is one of the pairs in Table 1 of [2] (the embedding of \mathfrak{h} to \mathfrak{g} is determined by the following requirement: the corresponding pairs $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}_i)$ and $(\mathfrak{k}_i, \mathfrak{h})$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, in Table 2 of [2] are symmetric);
- (3) $G = F \times F \times F \times F$ and $H = \text{diag}(F) \subset G$ for some connected simply connected compact simple Lie group F , with the following description on the Lie algebra level:

$$(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}) = (\mathfrak{f} \oplus \mathfrak{f} \oplus \mathfrak{f} \oplus \mathfrak{f}, \text{diag}(\mathfrak{f}) = \{(X, X, X, X) \mid X \in \mathfrak{f}\}),$$

where \mathfrak{f} is the Lie algebra of F , and (up to permutation) $\mathfrak{p}_1 = \{(X, X, -X, -X) \mid X \in \mathfrak{f}\}$, $\mathfrak{p}_2 = \{(X, -X, X, -X) \mid X \in \mathfrak{f}\}$, $\mathfrak{p}_3 = \{(X, -X, -X, X) \mid X \in \mathfrak{f}\}$ ($a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 1/4$ in this case).

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(4) $H = \text{diag}(K) \subset K \times K \subset F \times F = G$, where $(\mathfrak{f}, \mathfrak{k})$ is a compact irreducible symmetric pair with simple \mathfrak{f} and with simple or one-dimensional \mathfrak{k} , (up to permutation) $\mathfrak{p}_1 = \{(X, X) \mid X \in \mathfrak{q}\}$, $\mathfrak{p}_2 = \{(X, -X) \mid X \in \mathfrak{q}\}$, $\mathfrak{p}_3 = \{(Y, -Y) \mid Y \in \mathfrak{k}\}$, and \mathfrak{q} is the orthogonal complement to \mathfrak{k} in \mathfrak{f} with respect to the Killing form of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{f} .

The same item (4) should be added in the statement of Theorem 3 in [2]. The reason for the above correction is the fact that Corollary 2 in [2] is not correct in general, but it is true under some additional assumptions. The correct version of this corollary is as follows.

Corollary 1 *If $p \geq 2$ and at least one of the modules \mathfrak{p}_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$, is situated in some simple ideal \mathfrak{g}_j of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , then $A = 0$, consequently, GH locally is a direct product of three irreducible symmetric spaces of compact type.*

Proof Without loss of generality we may suppose that $\mathfrak{p}_1 \subset \mathfrak{g}_1$, then $[\mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2] \subset \mathfrak{p}_3 \cap \mathfrak{g}_1$ and $[\mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_3] \subset \mathfrak{p}_2 \cap \mathfrak{g}_1$. If $[\mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2] = 0$ or $[\mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_3] = 0$, we get $A = 0$. Otherwise, $\mathfrak{p}_2, \mathfrak{p}_3 \subset \mathfrak{g}_1$ (note that all the modules $\mathfrak{p}_2, \mathfrak{p}_3, \mathfrak{p}_2 \cap \mathfrak{g}_1$, and $\mathfrak{p}_3 \cap \mathfrak{g}_1$ are $\text{Ad}(H)$ -irreducible), which implies $p = 1$. □

This result should be completed with the following proposition (that provides the case (4) for Theorems 1 and 3 in [2]).

Proposition 1 *If $p \geq 2$ and no one module \mathfrak{p}_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$, is in some simple ideal \mathfrak{g}_j of \mathfrak{g} , then $p = 2$ and $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}) = (\mathfrak{f} \oplus \mathfrak{k}, \text{diag}(\mathfrak{k}))$, where $(\mathfrak{f}, \mathfrak{k})$ is a compact irreducible symmetric pair with simple \mathfrak{f} and with simple or one-dimensional \mathfrak{k} . Moreover, up to permutation of indices, we have $\mathfrak{p}_1 = \{(X, X) \mid X \in \mathfrak{q}\}$, $\mathfrak{p}_2 = \{(X, -X) \mid X \in \mathfrak{q}\}$, $\mathfrak{p}_3 = \{(Y, -Y) \mid Y \in \mathfrak{k}\}$, where \mathfrak{q} is the orthogonal complement to \mathfrak{k} in \mathfrak{f} with respect to the Killing form of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{f} .*

Proof Recall that $\varphi_i(\mathfrak{h})$ is the $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ -orthogonal projection of \mathfrak{h} to \mathfrak{g}_i . Let \mathfrak{q}_i be the $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ -orthogonal complement to $\varphi_i(\mathfrak{h})$ in \mathfrak{g}_i , $1 \leq i \leq p$. It is clear that $\mathfrak{q}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{q}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{q}_p \subset \mathfrak{p}$. Obviously, we have $p \leq 3$. If $p = 3$, then all \mathfrak{q}_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$, are $\text{Ad}(H)$ -irreducible and $\varphi_1(\mathfrak{h}) \oplus \varphi_2(\mathfrak{h}) \oplus \varphi_3(\mathfrak{h}) \subset \mathfrak{h}$. Since $[\varphi_i(\mathfrak{h}), \mathfrak{q}_i] \neq 0$ and $[\varphi_i(\mathfrak{h}), \mathfrak{q}_j] = 0$ for $i \neq j$, the $\text{Ad}(H)$ -modules \mathfrak{q}_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$, are pairwise non-isomorphic, hence, they coincide with the corresponding modules \mathfrak{p}_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$. By the above corollary we have $A = 0$ in this case.

If $p = 2$, then there are some isomorphic $\text{Ad}(H)$ -irreducible submodules $\mathfrak{q}'_1 \subset \mathfrak{q}_1$ and $\mathfrak{q}'_2 \subset \mathfrak{q}_2$. Therefore, by the above arguments, $\varphi_1(\mathfrak{h}) \not\subset \mathfrak{h}$ and $\varphi_2(\mathfrak{h}) \not\subset \mathfrak{h}$ (otherwise, \mathfrak{q}'_1 is not isomorphic to \mathfrak{q}'_2). Hence, $\mathfrak{h} \subsetneq \varphi_1(\mathfrak{h}) \oplus \varphi_2(\mathfrak{h})$, $\mathfrak{q}'_1 = \mathfrak{q}_1$, and $\mathfrak{q}'_2 = \mathfrak{q}_2$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $\mathfrak{p}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{p}_2 = \mathfrak{q}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{q}_2$, and $\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{p}_3 = \varphi_1(\mathfrak{h}) \oplus \varphi_2(\mathfrak{h})$. Therefore, $(\varphi_1(\mathfrak{h}) \oplus \varphi_2(\mathfrak{h}), \mathfrak{h})$ is a compact irreducible symmetric pair, which has the form $(\mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{l}, \text{diag}(\mathfrak{k}))$, where \mathfrak{k} is a compact simple Lie algebra or \mathbb{R} [1, Theorem 7.81]. Hence, φ_1 and φ_2 determine Lie algebra isomorphisms between \mathfrak{h} and $\varphi_i(\mathfrak{h})$, $i = 1, 2$. Let us consider $\theta : \varphi_1(\mathfrak{h}) \rightarrow \varphi_2(\mathfrak{h})$, such that $\theta = \varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1}$. It is clear that $\mathfrak{h} = \{(Y, \theta(Y)) \mid Y \in \varphi_1(\mathfrak{h})\}$.

Now, let us consider the $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ -orthogonal projections $\pi_i : \mathfrak{p}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{q}_i$, $i = 1, 2$. We may assume that π_1 is a bijection (otherwise, we can take \mathfrak{p}_2 instead of \mathfrak{p}_1). Now, let us consider the $\text{Ad}(H)$ -equivariant linear map $\psi := \pi_2 \circ \pi_1^{-1} : \mathfrak{q}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{q}_2$. We have $\mathfrak{p}_1 = \{(X, \psi(X)) \mid X \in \mathfrak{q}_1\}$. Since $[\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{p}_1] \subset \mathfrak{p}_1$ and $[\mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_1] \subset \mathfrak{h}$, we get $[\mathfrak{q}_1, \mathfrak{q}_1] \subset \varphi_1(\mathfrak{h})$, $\psi([Y, X]) = [\theta(Y), \psi(X)]$ and $\theta([X, Z]) = [\psi(X), \psi(Z)]$ for every $Y \in \varphi_1(\mathfrak{h})$ and for every

$X, Z \in \mathfrak{q}_1$. In particular, $(\mathfrak{q}_1, \varphi_1(\mathfrak{h}))$ is a compact irreducible symmetric pair with simple \mathfrak{q}_1 and and with simple or one-dimensional $\varphi_1(\mathfrak{h})$.

If we extend the linear map ψ from \mathfrak{q}_1 to \mathfrak{g}_1 setting $\psi(X) := \theta(X)$ for any $X \in \varphi_1(\mathfrak{h})$, we obtain the isomorphism ψ between \mathfrak{g}_1 and \mathfrak{g}_2 . Indeed, $\psi([X, Y]) = [\psi(X), \psi(Y)]$ for every $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}_1$, $\varphi_2(\mathfrak{h}) \subset \psi(\mathfrak{g}_1)$, and \mathfrak{g}_1 is simple. Therefore, $\psi(\mathfrak{g}_1)$ is a simple Lie subalgebra in \mathfrak{g}_2 , and, moreover, $\psi(\mathfrak{g}_1) = \mathfrak{g}_2$, since $\varphi_2(\mathfrak{h}) \subset \psi(\mathfrak{g}_1)$ and \mathfrak{p}_2 is $\text{ad}(\mathfrak{h})$ -irreducible. Note that $\mathfrak{p}_2 = \{(X, -\psi(X)) \mid X \in \mathfrak{q}_1\}$ and $\mathfrak{p}_3 = \{(Y, -\psi(Y)) \mid Y \in \varphi_1(\mathfrak{h})\}$. Therefore, we may consider \mathfrak{g}_2 as the copy \mathfrak{g}_1 under the isomorphism ψ . The proposition is proved. \square

The list of all generalized Wallach spaces of the type as in the Proposition 1 follows directly from the list of compact irreducible symmetric spaces, see e. g. [1, 7.102]. Using structure of symmetric spaces and the Casimir operators for the isotropy representations (see e. g. [1, Chapter 7]), one can easily compute the values A, a_1, a_2 , and a_3 (see the formulas (5) and (6) in [2]) for the spaces in Proposition 1: $A = \frac{1}{4}(\dim(\mathfrak{f}) - \dim(\mathfrak{k})) = \frac{1}{4} \dim(\mathfrak{p}_1) = \frac{1}{4} \dim(\mathfrak{p}_2)$, $a_1 = \frac{A}{\dim(\mathfrak{p}_1)} = a_2 = \frac{A}{\dim(\mathfrak{p}_2)} = 1/4$, and $a_3 = \frac{A}{\dim(\mathfrak{p}_3)} = \frac{\dim(\mathfrak{f}) - \dim(\mathfrak{k})}{4 \dim(\mathfrak{k})} \leq 1/2$.

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