

Colloquium

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Dual Pairs, Theory and Applications

A pair (G, G') of subgroups of a group H is called a "dual pair" if each of G and G' is the full centralizer of the other inside H . It has been found that this simple idea is implicated in a large number of phenomena, including invariant theory, mathematical physics, special functions, number theory, etc. This talk will give a brief introduction to the setting in which dual pairs have been applied, and a survey of some of the applications.