

Coarse embeddings of symmetric  
spaces and euclidean buildings

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Obstructions for coarse embeddings  
between such spaces?

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Def 2:

$X = \mathbb{R}^m \times S \times B$ , The rank of  $X$

$$\text{rk}(X) := \max \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} / \exists \mathbb{R}^k \xrightarrow{\text{isom}} X \right\}$$

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Question: What about coarse embeddings?



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e.g.:

- $G/\mathbb{K} \xrightarrow[\times]{\text{C.E.}} \mathbb{H}^m \times \mathbb{H}^p$ , when  $\text{rk}(G) \geq 3$

- $\underbrace{T_3 \times \dots \times T_3}_m \times \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow[\times]{\text{C.E.}} G/\mathbb{K}$ ,  $\text{rk}(G) \leq m$

Thank you!