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## The role of unitary elements in the algebraic structure of a unital $JB^*$ -algebra

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Motivated by the Hatori-Molnár theorem, this talk is devoted to studying surjective isometries between the unitary sets of two unital  $JB^*$ -algebras. The possibility of extending  $\mathbb{R}$ -linearly these distance preserving mappings shall naturally lead us to explore whether two unital  $JB^*$ -algebras can be completely identified by the metric spaces determined by their sets of unitaries. We shall also consider the special case of  $JBW^*$ -algebras, which means a positive partial answer to the unitary Tingley's problem. This is a joint work with A.M. Peralta.

- [1] M. CUETO-AVELLANEDA AND A.M. PERALTA, *Can one identify two unital  $JB^*$ -algebras by the metric spaces determined by their sets of unitaries?*, preprint, arXiv:2005.04794, 2020.
- [2] O. HATORI AND L. MOLNÁR, *Isometries of the unitary groups and Thompson isometries of the spaces of invertible positive elements in  $C^*$ -algebras*, J. Math. Anal. Appl. **409** (2014), 158–167.

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