An invariant Kähler metric on the tangent disk bundle of a space-form

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Abstract

We find a family of Kähler metrics invariantly defined on the radius $r_0 > 0$ tangent disk bundle \mathcal{T}_{M,r_0} of any given real space-form M or any of its quotients by discrete groups of isometries. Such metrics are complete in the non-negative curvature case and non-complete in the negative curvature case. Moreover, if dim M = 2 and M has constant sectional curvature $K \neq 0$, then the Kähler metrics have holonomy SU(2) and, in particular, are Ricci flat. Regarding the case K > 0 in any dimension m, there is no (clear) coincidence with the celebrated Stenzel metric on $\mathcal{T}_{S^m,+\infty}$.

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1. Introduction

In this article we bring to light the remarkable Hermitian structure g_{τ_M} , ω , J, existing on the space \mathcal{T}_{M,r_0} , which yields a Kähler manifold structure. The real manifold is the radius r_0 open disk bundle contained in \mathcal{T}_M , the total space of the tangent bundle $TM \longrightarrow M$ of any given constant sectional curvature K Riemannian manifold M. Recurring to the canonical horizontal-plus-vertical decomposition of $T\mathcal{T}_M$, we have

$$g_{\tau_M} = \sqrt{c_1 + Kr^2} \, \pi^* g_{_M} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c_1 + Kr^2}} \, \pi^* g_{_M} \tag{1}$$

where $r = ||u||_M$, $u \in \mathcal{T}_M$, and c_1 is any positive constant, $r_0 = \sqrt{-c_1/K}$ for K < 0 and $r_0 = +\infty$ for $K \ge 0$. The general almost Hermitian structure induces a Kähler metric if

and only if the conditions on the above weights and base are fulfilled. We then try to study the properties and associated questions of the metric. Conferring the vast literature on the geometry of tangent bundles, we find that it is not completely unaware of the structure. The present discovery is, in fact, a particular case of the Kähler metrics found by V. Oproiu and N. Papaghiuc in [13].

In the case of non-negative sectional curvature, we must have radius $r_0 = +\infty$ in order to have a complete metric. In the negative case, r_0 must be finite in order to have the structure well-defined, and then it follows the latter cannot be complete.

Using results from [4] we also show the Kähler metric is non-flat and Ricci-flat if and only if m=2 and $K\neq 0$. In other words, we find a non-compact Calabi-Yau metric or, equivalently, a holonomy SU(2) manifold. Regarding the complete Kähler-Einstein classification the question remains open.

We prove that the Hermitian structures defined on \mathcal{T}_{M,r_0} are naturally preserved by the lift of any isometry of the base manifold M. Indeed the group of isometries of M lifts to the group of automorphisms of $g_{\mathcal{T}_M}$, J, and thus the Kähler metric on the tangent manifold becomes an intrinsic object of space-form geometries and any of their smooth Riemannian quotients.

Let us remark that, for K > 0, our metric is not the well-known Stenzel metric on \mathcal{T}_{S^m} . Indeed, for m > 2, our metric is not Ricci-flat and, for m = 2, we see that it does not coincide, by any means, with the Eguchi-Hanson metric, which, as it is well-known, is the Stenzel metric, cf. [8, 15]. Furthermore, our metric is not asymptotically locally Euclidean in the radial direction given by r. Above all, our construction has the virtue of working with a non-orientable base or with a hyperbolic space H^2 , taking the respective adjustments. We do have now explicit SU(2)-holonomy metrics on

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{RP}^2}$$
 and \mathcal{T}_{H^2,r_0} . (2)

We start below with a general construction of a metric and an almost-complex structure on the underlying manifold of TM. The Kähler metric appears then as the common solution to the equations of complex integrability and that of the associated symplectic 2-form ω being closed. We note our 2-form ω is always a scalar multiple of the pull-back of the canonical symplectic structure of T^*M .

As mentioned above, the author also found this metric to be a particular case of those found in [13]. Our independent discovery relies, however, on recent techniques and methods and concerns with a case which we suppose to be quite relevant and worthy of serious attention. We further discuss the metric completeness, the holonomy group and the holomorphic structure. Our space has non of the expected properties of a holomorphic bundle. Indeed, the metric g_{τ_M} is such that both zero-section and fibres are real Lagrangian submanifolds (instead of a *supposed* complex nature). Thus we have one rare example of an invariantly defined fibre bundle integrable structure satisfying those two properties together.

In the last chapter of the article, we endeavour to discover the complex charts, or just a totally commuting complex frame field, which would let us write for instance the Ricci-form. The former notion is introduced here, for the study of the cases dim M=2 and curvature ± 1 . We conclude this problem must have a more analytic rather than a geometric approach.

We follow notation and the theory introduced in previous works (such as [1, 2, 3, 4]). Still we may say that all Theorems below are proved twice.

2. The tangent manifold with Sasaki-type Hermitian metric

Given a smooth linear connection ∇ on any smooth manifold M, it is quite well established how one may find new smooth structures on the total space \mathcal{T}_M of the tangent bundle $\pi:TM\longrightarrow M$ arising from structures on M. Until the end of this article we assume ∇ is torsion-free. The canonical charts induced from an atlas of M and the corresponding trivialisations of TM show that the tangent sub-bundle to the fibration (TM,π,M) agrees with the kernel V of $d\pi$. In particular, we have $V_u = T_u(T_xM) = \{u\} \times T_xM$ where $x = \pi(u)$. The identification of V with π^*TM follows thus from the very nature of the tangent bundle of M. Furthermore we have an exact sequence of vector bundles over \mathcal{T}_M

$$0 \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow T\mathcal{T}_M \stackrel{\mathrm{d}\pi}{\longrightarrow} \pi^*TM \longrightarrow 0. \tag{3}$$

On the other hand, the linear connection ∇ gives a canonical decomposition of the tangent bundle of \mathcal{T}_M into $T\mathcal{T}_M = H^{\nabla} \oplus V$, where H^{∇} depends on the connection. Since the restriction $d\pi_{u_{\parallel}}: H_u^{\nabla} \to T_x M$ is an isomorphism, $\forall x \in M, \ u \in \pi^{-1}(x)$, both sub-bundles H^{∇} and V are isomorphic to the vector bundle π^*TM . Having this canonical decomposition, we conclude the linear connection $\pi^*\nabla \oplus \pi^*\nabla$, denoted ∇^* , is well-defined as a linear connection on the manifold \mathcal{T}_M . Clearly, the canonical projections are parallel morphisms.

A tautological vector field ξ over \mathcal{T}_M is defined by $\xi_u = u$, through the *vertical* lift. The projection $w \mapsto w^v$, $w \in T\mathcal{T}_M$, (same notation for lift and projection should not be confusing) coincides with the map $\pi^*\nabla . \xi : T\mathcal{T}_M \longrightarrow V$. By construction, the horizontal distribution H^{∇} agrees with the kernel of this map. The following expresses a fundamental identity of the theory: the torsion of ∇^* is

$$\nabla^*_{w} z - \nabla^*_{z} w - [w, z] = \mathcal{R}^{\xi}(w, z) , \quad \forall w, z \in T\mathcal{T}_M, \tag{4}$$

where $\mathcal{R}^{\xi}(w,z) = \pi^* R(w,z) \xi$ and R is the curvature tensor of (M,∇) . Notice \mathcal{R}^{ξ} is indeed a tensor, depends only on the horizontal parts of z, w, and assumes only vertical values. Using projections and $\nabla_w^* \xi = w^v$, turns the long proof of (4) with charts into a more pleasant verification.

Now suppose we have a Riemannian manifold (M, g_M) . We let $m = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} M$ and denote by ∇ the Levi-Civita connection. We may both pull-back to horizontals and lift to verticals the given symmetric tensor. We distinguish the two, respectively, by π^*g_M and π^*g_M .

Any two positive real smooth functions μ, λ defined on \mathcal{T}_M induce a Riemannian metric $g_{\mathcal{T}_M}$ on \mathcal{T}_M depending on the canonical decomposition. It is defined by

$$g_{\tau_M} = \mu^2 \pi^* g_M + \lambda^2 \pi^* g_M. \tag{5}$$

The well-known original metric $g_{\tau_{M,0}}$, the case when $\mu = \lambda = 1$, is due to S. Sasaki.

Now the new weighted Hermitian structure on the same manifold comes from a $g_{\mathcal{T}_M}$ compatible almost-complex structure J. At each point $u \in \mathcal{T}_M$ one defines an endomorphism J of $T_u\mathcal{T}_M$ by permuting lifts and by the correspondence, $\forall w \in T_{\pi(u)}M$,

$$w^h \longmapsto \frac{\mu}{\lambda} w^v \longmapsto -w^h.$$
 (6)

This clearly generalises the case $\mu = \lambda = 1$, denoted J_0 , which is due to Sasaki ([7, 14]). We call the endomorphism $B: T\mathcal{T}_M \longrightarrow T\mathcal{T}_M$ defined by $Bw^h = w^v$, $Bw^v = 0$ the mirror map. Arising from previous studies, the mirror map proves to be quite useful since it is indeed a tensor and a ∇^* -parallel one. We have

$$J = \frac{\mu}{\lambda} B - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} B^{\text{ad}} \tag{7}$$

$$\omega = \mu \lambda \, \omega_0. \tag{8}$$

Indeed, $\omega(w^v, z^h) = g_{\tau_M}(Jw^v, z^h) = -\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\mu^2 \pi^* g_{\scriptscriptstyle M}(w^h, z^h) = \lambda\mu \,\omega_0(w^v, z^h), \ \forall w, z \in TM$, and for other lifts of w, z the computation is quite similar.

The Hermitian structure $(J_0, g_{\tau_M 0})$ plays an important role. Until the end of the article, the musical isomorphism $\dot{}^{\flat}: T\mathcal{T}_M \longrightarrow T^*\mathcal{T}_M$ shall refer to the Sasaki metric $g_{\tau_M 0}$. And we assume always $m = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} M = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{T}_M > 1$.

Theorem 2.1. The non-degenerate 2-form ω is closed if and only if $\mu\lambda$ is a constant.

Proof. Consider the 1-form on \mathcal{T}_M defined by $\theta(w) = \xi^{\flat}(Bw)$. Correcting ∇^* to a torsion-free connection $D^* = \nabla^* - \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{R}^{\xi}$ and recalling \mathcal{R}^{ξ} takes values in V, we find

$$d\theta(w, z) = (D_w^* \theta) z - (D_z^* \theta) w$$

$$= w(\theta(z)) - \theta(\nabla_w^* z) - z(\theta(w)) + \theta(\nabla_z^* w)$$

$$= g_{\tau_M 0}(w^v, Bz) - g_{\tau_M 0}(z^v, Bw)$$

$$= -\omega_0(w, z)$$

Now clearly $d\omega = d(\mu\lambda) \wedge \omega_0$. And since the wedge of 1-forms with a symplectic form is injective, the result follows. (Here is a heuristic confirmation of the above: notice the

map $\cdot^{\flat}: \mathcal{T}_M \to \mathcal{T}_M^*, \ v \mapsto v^{\flat}$, is an invariant diffeomorphism for the respective induced connections ∇^* arising from the Levi-Civita connection. Simply, because on horizontals it is the identity and on verticals the canonical map $\cdot^{\flat}: TM \to T^*M$ permutes the respective connections. Then it follows that θ is the pull-back by \cdot^{\flat} of the canonical Liouville 1-form ℓ on the cotangent manifold. Moreover, as it is well-known, $-d\ell$ is an exact symplectic form on \mathcal{T}_M^* , so the same happens with the pull-back $\omega_0 = -d\theta$.)

In this article we assume the smooth functions μ, λ are dependent only of

$$r = r(u) = ||u||_{M}, \quad u \in \mathcal{T}_{M}, \tag{9}$$

and are continuously differentiable at 0. Since $r^2 = \pi^* g_M(\xi, \xi)$, we easily apply the $g_{\tau_{M0}}$ metric connection ∇^* in order to find

$$\mathrm{d}r^2 = 2\xi^{\flat}.\tag{10}$$

Let us now assume we have an isometry $f: M \longrightarrow M$.

Proposition 2.1. Under the above conditions, the differential $df: TM \longrightarrow f^*TM$ is a vector-bundle isomorphism, which corresponds to a well-defined manifold isometry $f_*: \mathcal{T}_M \longrightarrow \mathcal{T}_M$ and this isometry is pseudo-holomorphic. In other words, the Hermitian structure $g_{\mathcal{T}_M}$, J is invariant under isometries f of M.

Proof. We define $f_{\star}(u) = \mathrm{d}f_{\pi(u)}(u) \in T_{f(\pi(u))}M$ and hence the differential of f_{\star} coincides with the map $\mathrm{d}f$ on vertical directions. Due to uniqueness, the Levi-Civita connection is invariant by f (in the sense of [9]) and so H^{∇} is preserved by $\mathrm{d}f$. Hence $\mathrm{d}f_{\star}$, up to conjugation by $\mathrm{d}\pi_{|H^{\nabla}}$, also coincides with $\mathrm{d}f$ on horizontal directions. Therefore $g_{\tau_{M,0}}$ is preserved by f_{\star} . Moreover, the weighted metric $g_{\tau_{M}}$ with functions λ, μ , functions of r only, is preserved by f_{\star} . Finally, since the horizontal and the vertical distributions are both preserved, it becomes easy to see that

$$J_{f_{\star}(u)} \circ (\mathrm{d}f_{\star})_{u} = (\mathrm{d}f_{\star})_{u} \circ J_{u}, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{T}_{M}.$$

In other words, f_{\star} is pseudo-holomorphic and the result follows.

Many functorial properties from the action of isometry groups on M thus carry over to the Hermitian metric on \mathcal{T}_M .

3. Integrability of J

For each $r_0 > 0$ let us denote by $\mathcal{T}_{M,r_0} \subset \mathcal{T}_M$ the open disk (bundle) of radius r_0 :

$$\mathcal{T}_{M,r_0} = \{ u \in \mathcal{T}_M : \|u\| < r_0 \}. \tag{11}$$

We may allow the functions μ , λ to be only defined on a same interval of \mathbb{R}_0^+ . The following Theorem is independent but concerns with a particular case in [13]. We refer the reader also to this reference for the extensive literature on the geometry of tangent bundles.

Theorem 3.2. The largest disk bundle \mathcal{T}_{M,r_0} where the almost-complex structure J is defined and integrable is obtained with, and only with, the following data:

- M has constant sectional curvature K
- $\frac{\mu}{\lambda}(r) = \sqrt{c_1 + Kr^2}$, $\forall r \in [0, r_0[$, where $c_1 > 0$ is any constant
- $r_0 = \sqrt{-\frac{c_1}{K}}$ for K < 0 and $r_0 = +\infty$ for $K \ge 0$.

Proof. Let us write $J=aB-a^{-1}B^{\rm ad}$ where $a=\frac{\mu}{\lambda}$. Then a first proof of the analytic integrability is to take, in the notation of [13, Theorem 3], the values $a_1=a_2^{-1}=a$, $a_3=a_4=b_1=\cdots=b_4=0$ and apply that result.

But here is a second proof obtained easily with our experimented techniques. By the Theorem of Newlander-Niremberg, the integrability of J is equivalent to the vanishing of the Nijenhuis tensor N(w,z) = J[w,Jz] + J[Jw,z] + [w,z] - [Jw,Jz] for all tangent vectors at any given point of \mathcal{T}_M . Since the tensor N is complex anti-linear, it follows that it is enough to see N(w,z) = 0 with $w,z \in H^{\nabla}$. Moreover, by tensoriality, we may just take lifts of vector fields of M. We have the formula $da = a'dr^2 = 2a'\xi^{\flat}$ where $a' = \frac{da}{d(r^2)}$. Hence da(w) = 0 and $da(Bw) = 2a'\xi^{\flat}(Bw)$, $\forall w \in H^{\nabla}$. Now, using the torsion-free connection $\nabla^* - \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{R}^{\xi}$, we find

$$\begin{split} N(w,z) &= J[w,aBz] + J[aBw,z] + [w,z] - [aBw,aBz] \\ &= J\left(\nabla_w^*(aBz) - \nabla_{aBz}^*w\right) + J\left(\nabla_{aBw}^*z - \nabla_z^*(aBw)\right) + \\ &\quad \nabla_w^*z - \nabla_z^*w - \mathcal{R}^\xi(w,z) - \nabla_{aBw}^*(aBz) + \nabla_{aBz}^*(aBw) \\ &= -a^{-1}\mathrm{d}a(w)z - \nabla_w^*z - a^2\nabla_{Bz}^*Bw + a^2\nabla_{Bw}^*Bz + a^{-1}\mathrm{d}a(z)w + \nabla_z^*w + \nabla_w^*z \\ &\quad -\nabla_z^*w - \mathcal{R}^\xi(w,z) - a\mathrm{d}a(Bw)Bz - a^2\nabla_{Bw}^*Bz + a\mathrm{d}a(Bz)Bw + a^2\nabla_{Bz}^*Bw \\ &= -\pi^*R(w,z)\xi + 2aa'(\xi^\flat(Bz)Bw - \xi^\flat(Bw)Bz). \end{split}$$

At the base level, integrability is thus equivalent to $R(w, z)u = 2aa'(\langle z, u \rangle_M w - \langle w, u \rangle_M z)$. Since a is a function only of r, even in dimension 2 we must have constant sectional curvature, say K. Integrating, we find $a^2 = c_1 + Kr^2$. Now the boundary conditions follow.

Notice the flat base case (K = 0) is not as trivial as that deduced in [7] for J_0 . Indeed, the condition μ/λ constant may give holonomy equal to $\mathfrak{o}(2m)$, cf. [4, Proposition 2.1.i]. However, if μ , λ are constants, then we do have a flat manifold \mathcal{T}_M , by [4, Proposition 2.1.iii], which is Kähler, by Theorem 2.1.

Suppose M has constant sectional curvature K. Combining Theorems 2.1,3.2, we obtain the invariant Kähler metric on \mathcal{T}_{M,r_0} by solving $\mu/\lambda = \sqrt{c_1 + Kr^2}$, $\mu\lambda = c_2 > 0$ constant. This yields

$$\mu = \frac{c_2}{\lambda} = \sqrt{c_2} \sqrt[4]{c_1 + Kr^2}.$$
 (12)

Up to a global constant conformal factor the desired metric is

$$g_{\tau_{M,r_0}} = \sqrt{c_1 + Kr^2} \,\pi^* g_{\scriptscriptstyle M} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c_1 + Kr^2}} \,\pi^* g_{\scriptscriptstyle M}. \tag{13}$$

Theorem 3.3. The Kähler metric $g_{\tau_{M,r_0}}$ is complete if $K \geq 0$ and non-complete if K < 0.

Proof. It follows by straightforward computations that the fibres are totally geodesic, cf. [4, Proposition 1.3]. Suppose γ denotes a fibre-ray which issues from 0 to the boundary of \mathcal{T}_M . The length of the linear curve γ is $l(\gamma) = \int_0^{r_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{c_1 + Kt^2}} \mathrm{d}t$. Then $l(\gamma) = +\infty$ in the case $K \geq 0$, $r_0 = +\infty$, and is finite in the negative curvature case because the integral converges on $[0, r_0[$ where $r_0 = \sqrt{-\frac{c_1}{K}}$. Finally, any geodesic may be indefinitely extended in the first case, whereas in the second some geodesics cannot.

Improving on the above results, we may also consider the case of the complementary space $\mathcal{T}_M \setminus \overline{\mathcal{T}_{M,r_0}}$ when K > 0, $c_1 \leq 0$ and $r_0 = \sqrt{-\frac{c_1}{K}}$. However, we find no complete metric here as well.

Finally we observe the metric (13) has a remarkable resemblance with the well-known G_2 -holonomy metric of Bryant-Salamon on the manifolds $\Lambda^2_{\pm}T^*M^4$. The weight functions are formally the same, with constant scalar curvature replacing K, and the completeness issue is analogous (cf. [4, 5]).

4. Further geometric properties

A first problem with the Kähler metric found above is to compute the volume of \mathcal{T}_{M,r_0} for any K, r_0 . This becomes quite easy by simply recalling from (8) that $\omega = \omega_0$. Then we may apply the coarea formulae [6, p. 125, 160] without further ado:

$$vol(\mathcal{T}_{M,r_0}) = vol_{g_M}(M)vol_{\mathbb{R}^m}(D_{r_0}(0)) = vol_{g_M}(M)\frac{\pi^{m/2}r_0^m}{\Gamma(m/2+1)}.$$
 (14)

We may normalise the metric (13) within the constant values of K, c_1 ; indeed these correspond either to a conformal factor of g_M on M and/or to conformal factors of the metric in H^{∇} and V. Yet, they are helpful in computations.

The restriction of π to \mathcal{T}_M is not a Riemannian submersion in general. Some curvature related results for $g_{\mathcal{T}_M}$ may be easily obtained from the theory in [4], such as the Levi-Civita connection, the curvature on the zero-section and on the fibres. The fibres are totally geodesic Riemannian submanifolds. From [4, Section 1.5] we find that the m-plane disk $D_{r_0}(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ with spherically symmetric metric $\lambda^2 \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathrm{d}y^i)^2$ has scalar curvature

$$Scal = \frac{(m-1)K}{4(c_1 + Kr^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} (3(m-2)Kr^2 + 4mc_1).$$
 (15)

In case m=2, this is $2Kc_1/(c_1+Kr^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}$. And therefore one sees that, in the boundary, when $r \nearrow r_0$, the scalar curvature is 0 if K>0 and $-\infty$ if K<0. Also notice the sectional curvature of the, also totally geodesic, zero-section $M \hookrightarrow \mathcal{T}_M$ is clearly $K/\sqrt{c_1}$. But this is precisely the sectional curvature of the fibre D_{r_0} at 0, so we may wonder of an Einstein metric on \mathcal{T}_M (we recall, for Einstein metrics on 4-manifolds, orthogonal planes have the same sectional curvature).

In searching for Einstein metrics on the whole space, there is a test in [4, Corollary 2.1] which one may perform when the base manifold is itself Einstein. Again, like the G_2 metrics of Bryant-Salamon, our Kähler manifolds satisfy that necessary condition, from the Ricci tensor, and they could indeed be Einstein, with Einstein constant

$$(m-2)K/2\sqrt{c_1}. (16)$$

It is easy to apply the referred test. Certainly, when $m \neq 2$, the spaces are not Ricci flat and thus their holonomy is U(m). Let us give an explicit proof of this result.

Theorem 4.4. In case K = 0, the Kähler metric $g_{\tau_{M,r_0}}$ on \mathcal{T}_{M,r_0} is flat. If $K \neq 0$, then the metric satisfies:

- (i) if $m \neq 2$, the holonomy is U(m).
- (ii) if m = 2, the holonomy is SU(2); in other words, the metric is of the Calabi-Yau type, this is, non-flat Kähler and Ricci-flat.

Proof. The result will be achieved by computing the local holonomy on the zero-section (r=0). Applying [4, Theorem 2.1] to the obvious vector bundle and metric with curvature $R^M(z,w) = -K(z \wedge w)$, and weights induced by $\varphi_1 = \log \mu$, $\varphi_2 = \log \lambda$, we find with respect to the canonical decomposition $H^{\nabla} \oplus V$:

$$R^{g_{\tau_{M}}}(z^{h}, w^{h}) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{c_{1}}R^{M} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{c_{1}}}(R^{M})^{v} \end{bmatrix}, R^{g_{\tau_{M}}}(z^{v}, w^{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{c_{1}}}(R^{M})^{h} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{K}{c_{1}\sqrt{c_{1}}}z^{v} \wedge w^{v} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$R^{g_{\mathcal{T}_M}}(z^h, w^v) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -Q \\ Q^t & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where Q corresponds with

$$g_{\tau_M}(R^{g_{\tau_M}}(z^h, w^v)x^h, y^v) = \frac{K}{2c_1}\sqrt{c_1}\langle z^h, x^h\rangle_{\scriptscriptstyle M}\langle w^v, y^v\rangle_{\scriptscriptstyle M} - \frac{K}{2\sqrt{c_1}}\langle z^v \wedge x^v, w^v \wedge y^v\rangle_{\scriptscriptstyle M}.$$

These formulae show $g_{\tau_{\!\scriptscriptstyle M}}$ is indeed flat if K=0.

Now we find that $R^{g_{\tau_M}}(z^v, w^v) = \frac{1}{c_1} R^{g_{\tau_M}}(z^h, w^h), \ \forall z, w \in TM$. Furthermore,

$$R^{g_{T_M}}(z^h, w^v)x^h = \frac{K}{2}(\langle z^h, x^h \rangle w^v - \langle z^v, w^v \rangle x^v + \langle x^v, w^v \rangle z^v).$$

In an $g_{\tau_M 0}$ -orthonormal frame $e_i, f_i = Be_i$ of horizontals and verticals we see the latter is

$$R^{g_{\tau_M}}(e_i, f_j) = \frac{K}{2} (f_j \otimes e^i - \delta_{ij} B + f_i \otimes e^j).$$

These maps are all linearly independent when we restrict to $i \leq j$, $m \neq 2$. Indeed their trace is a multiple of 2B - mB, since $B = \sum f_k \otimes e^k$.

Finally, if $m \neq 2$, the space of skew-symmetric curvature tensors is spanned by the two linearly independent subspaces of endomorphisms found above. Their number clearly adds to m^2 , this is, to dim $\mathfrak{u}(m)$. Recall we already know the holonomy algebra is contained in $\mathfrak{u}(m)$. If m=2, then the holonomy algebra has dimension $m^2-1=3$ and so it is $\mathfrak{su}(2)$.

It is agreed the term Calabi-Yau is reserved for compact manifolds.

One is questioned if the above metric, in case m = 2, agrees with the well-known Eguchi-Hanson metric, which is the Stenzel metric, on T_{S^2} . Checking with [8, 15] and other works, there is no clear relation. Moreover, our metric is not ALE in the expected radial direction.

5. Topological and complex geometry remarks

In order to better understand the new metric, we recall here an interesting result proved in [3, Theorems 3.2 and 3.3] for general J, as defined in (7). Since the integer cohomology groups of M and \mathcal{T}_M may be identified, we deduce the total Chern and total Stiefel-Whitney characteristic classes satisfy, respectively, $c(\mathcal{T}_M, J) = c(TM \otimes \mathbb{C})$ and $w(\mathcal{T}_M) = (w(M))^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor m/2 \rfloor} (w_i(M))^2$. In particular, we obtain the Pontryagin classes of M as

$$p_j(M) = (-1)^j c_{2j}(\mathcal{T}_M, J), \qquad \forall \lambda, \mu.$$
(17)

We have the following easy result independent of λ, μ .

Proposition 5.2. Given any two functions f_1 , f_2 on \mathcal{T}_M , every real m-plane P, or JP, of the form

$$P_{f_1, f_2} = \{ f_1 x^h + f_2 x^v : x \in TM \}$$
(18)

is a real Lagrangian tangent distribution. In particular, H^{∇} and V are real Lagrangian distributions and hence the zero-section and the fibres of \mathcal{T}_M are totally geodesic real Lagrangian submanifolds.

Proof. For any $x, x_1 \in TM$, we have

$$\omega(f_1 x^h + f_2 x^v, f_1 x_1^h + f_2 x_1^v) = g_{\tau_M} (f_1 \frac{\mu}{\lambda} x^v - f_2 \frac{\lambda}{\mu} x^h, f_1 x_1^h + f_2 x_1^v)$$

$$= (\lambda^2 \frac{\mu}{\lambda} - \mu^2 \frac{\lambda}{\mu}) f_1 f_2 g_M(x, x_1) = 0$$

and so the result follows.

Resuming with our Kähler structure (13), both g_{τ_M} and J seem far from being homogeneous, taking from the non-complete case. Notice the bundle projection π is never holomorphic for any complex structure one may have on the base M, admitting m were even.

It is interesting to observe that in the study of fibre bundles with holomorphic structures we have now three classes of complex analytic spaces with distinct features. Firstly, we have the many holomorphic vector bundles over a complex manifold, with all objects holomorphic. Secondly, we have the Riemannian twistor bundle over a given Riemannian manifold or the symplectic twistor bundle, with fibre the Siegel domain, over a given symplectic manifold endowed with a symplectic connection. In twistor theory the bundle projection is not holomorphic, for the base may not even be complex, while the fibres are always complex submanifolds. Now, in the third remarkable class, we have \mathcal{T}_M , J, an invariant integrable holomorphic structure, yet a real fibre bundle with fibres just real submanifolds (e.g. even well-defined for m odd).

It is an open question how to find complex coordinates on the space \mathcal{T}_M . Complex geometry properties, like pseudo-convexity, holomorphic completeness and the derived functors from holomorphic to the real base structures, are quite non-trivial issues when the fibres are non-compact, non-complete and non-complex. Not only the sheaf of germs of holomorphic functions \mathcal{O} is unknown, also the sheaves $R^q \pi_* \mathcal{O}$ seem very difficult to understand.

We finally that since the metric $g_{\mathcal{T}_M}$ and complex structure J on \mathcal{T}_M are invariant under the lift of isometries of M, by Proposition 2.1, our Kähler manifold structure may also be found as a quotient of a same invariant construction over the tangent manifold of a given real space-form.

6. On a Riemann surface

We start with a remark on a complex integrable system question. Let us consider a real 2n-manifold Y and its complexified tangent bundle. Suppose we are given n linearly independent commuting vector fields Ξ_i , $i=1,\ldots,n$, which span $TY^c:=TY\otimes_{\mathbb{R}}\mathbb{C}$ over \mathbb{C} together with their conjugates. Then these Ξ_1,\ldots,Ξ_n generate the distribution of (0,1)-vector fields of an almost-complex structure J on Y. Indeed, we may see J is real and satisfies $J^2=-1$. Also J is integrable, since $[\Xi_i,\Xi_j]=0$, $\forall i,j$, applying Newlander-Niremberg Theorem. In general, however, the vector fields Ξ_i are not a (0,1)-totally commuting complex frame field. By this we mean a frame of commuting (0,1)-vector fields commuting also with their conjugates. Now, how to find such a frame, that is the question. Complex charts do exist and so a solution exists. But it is not easier to solve such problem independently.

For example, over the 2-plane disk $\{z \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |z| < 1\}$, let $\Xi = \overline{z}\partial_z + \partial_{\overline{z}}$. Then Ξ and $\overline{\Xi}$ are linearly independent and hence Ξ is (0,1) for an integrable complex structure J. We have $[\Xi, \overline{\Xi}] = \overline{z}\partial_{\overline{z}} - z\partial_z$. On the other hand, on some open subset, a J-complex chart is

given by $\phi(z,\overline{z})=\overline{z}^2-2z$ and hence the desired solution is $\frac{\partial}{\partial\overline{\phi}}$. Any (0,1)-totally complex field is both a multiple $f\Xi$, for some C^{∞} function f, and a holomorphic multiple of $\frac{\partial}{\partial\overline{\phi}}$. In particular, we have the solution $f=\frac{-1}{2(1-|z|^2)}$ (one just has to solve $f\Xi(\overline{\phi})=1$). On the other hand, searching merely for $f\in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C})$ such that $[f\Xi,\overline{f\Xi}]=0$ corresponds with a solution of the, indeed, more complicated equation

$$|z|^2 f \frac{\partial \overline{f}}{\partial z} + z f \frac{\partial \overline{f}}{\partial \overline{z}} - z \overline{f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \overline{z}} - \overline{f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} + \overline{z} |f|^2 = 0.$$
 (19)

Is $f = \frac{1}{1-|z|^2}$, up to a constant factor, the only solution of this equation?

For n=1, in general, we recall that given a Riemann surface with complex chart z then finding the complex chart for another complex structure is solved by the Beltrami equation. Locally, every J corresponds to an $\Xi = \partial_{\overline{z}} - \mu \partial_z$ with $\mu \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{C})$ such that $|\mu| < 1$.

Let us now resume with the geometry of \mathcal{T}_M as found in Theorem 3.2, where M is a Riemann surface of constant sectional curvature $K = \pm 1$. We know how to normalise K, so M is essentially \mathbb{CP}^1 or $D_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.

We may assume to have isothermal coordinates of M and hence take a complex chart z on an open subset $U \subset M$ where the metric is $g_M = \frac{2}{(1 \pm |z|^2)^2} \mathrm{d}z \odot \mathrm{d}\overline{z} = \frac{4(\mathrm{d}x^2 + \mathrm{d}y^2)}{(1 \pm x^2 \pm y^2)^2}$. We thus work on the complexified tangent bundle of M; we easily see the Levi-Civita connection is given by (as usual $\mathrm{d}z = \mathrm{d}x + \sqrt{-1}\mathrm{d}y$, dual to $\partial_z = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_x - \sqrt{-1}\partial_y)$, $\partial_{\overline{z}} = \overline{\partial_z}$)

$$\nabla_z \partial_z = \mp \frac{2\overline{z}}{1 \pm |z|^2} \partial_z, \qquad \nabla_z \partial_{\overline{z}} = 0.$$
 (20)

Since the metric is Kähler on M, we have a complex chart (z, w) of the tangent bundle manifold \mathcal{T}_M , over the subset $\pi^{-1}(U)$, such that π is the 1st-projection and the vertical tangent subspace V^c is spanned by $\partial_w, \partial_{\overline{w}}$. Admitting we had found the horizontal subbundle H^{∇} , we then have the mirror map $B \in \text{End}(T\mathcal{T}_M)^c$ and the induced connection ∇^* respecting the canonical decomposition. Immediately, since $B\partial_z = \partial_w$,

$$\nabla^* \partial_w = B \nabla^* \partial_z \qquad \nabla^* \partial_{\overline{w}} = B \nabla^* \partial_{\overline{z}}. \tag{21}$$

The tautological vector field ξ on \mathcal{T}_M clearly satisfies

$$\xi_{(z,w)} = w\partial_w + \overline{w}\partial_{\overline{w}}. (22)$$

Solving $\nabla_X^* \xi = 0$ in the unknown $X = a_1 \partial_z + a_2 \partial_{\overline{z}} + b_1 \partial_w + b_2 \partial_{\overline{w}}$, we obtain a complex basis of $(H^{\nabla})^c$:

$$X_1 = \partial_z \pm \frac{2w\overline{z}}{1 \pm |z|^2} \partial_w, \qquad X_2 = \partial_{\overline{z}} \pm \frac{2\overline{w}z}{1 \pm |z|^2} \partial_{\overline{w}} = \overline{X}_1.$$
 (23)

Now we have the adjoint of B respecting the canonical decomposition and so, for any given real function a of (z, w), we may consider the almost-complex structure

$$J = aB - a^{-1}B^{\text{ad}}. (24)$$

Theorem 6.5. The structure J is integrable if and only if with any constant $c_1 > 0$

$$a = \sqrt{c_1 \pm \frac{4|w|^2}{(1 \pm |z|^2)^2}}. (25)$$

Proof. The previous arguments in Theorem 3.2 regarding the Nijenhuis tensor apply again. In particular, just one equation decides all. Solving $N(X_1, X_2) = 0$, we find

$$\begin{cases} (1 \pm |z|^2) \frac{\partial a}{\partial z} \pm 2w\overline{z} \frac{\partial a}{\partial w} = 0\\ (1 \pm |z|^2)^2 a^2 \frac{\partial a}{\partial w} \mp 2\overline{w}a \pm 2z\overline{w}(1 \pm |z|^2) \frac{\partial a}{\partial z} + 4|w|^2 |z|^2 \frac{\partial a}{\partial w} = 0 \end{cases}$$
(26)

whose unique solution is the function a in (25). Notice the first equation yields the last summands in the second to cancel.

This result is a partial improvement of Theorem 3.2 since the solution a is not supposed a priory to be dependent uniquely of $r = \|\xi\| = \frac{2|w|}{1 \pm |z|^2}$. Further generality must follow from a non pre-arranged base metric.

The domain restrictions of the referred Theorem must apply again; we assume them from now on and work with J and $a = \sqrt{c_1 \pm r^2}$ defined on the disk bundle $\mathcal{T}_M = \mathcal{T}_{M,r_0}$. For the negative curvature case, we have $r_0 = \sqrt{c_1}$. Notice when $|z| \to 1$ we have w in disk fibres of ray going to infinite in $|\cdot|$ -norm.

Let us denote $(\Xi_i = X_i + \sqrt{-1}JX_i)$

$$\Xi_1 = X_1 + \sqrt{-1}a\partial_w, \qquad \Xi_2 = X_2 + \sqrt{-1}a\partial_{\overline{w}}. \tag{27}$$

Then Ξ_1, Ξ_2 span the vector bundle $T^{0,1}\mathcal{T}_M$ of $-\sqrt{-1}$ -eigenvectors of J.

Proposition 6.3. $f \in C^{\infty}_{\pi^{-1}(U)}(\mathbb{C})$ is J-holomorphic if and only if $\Xi_1 f = 0$, $\Xi_2 f = 0$.

All questions are driven into the realm of complex variables if we can find holomorphic charts. However, these are quite hidden. Also a (0,1)-totally commuting complex frame field (see the remarks at beginning of this section) does not appear easily. Yet some remarkable relations hold.

Proposition 6.4. Letting $\mathfrak{z} = 1 \pm |z|^2$, the following are satisfied:

$$\frac{\partial a}{\partial z} = -\frac{4\overline{z}|w|^2}{a\mathfrak{z}^3} \qquad \frac{\partial a}{\partial w} = \pm \frac{2\overline{w}}{a\mathfrak{z}^2} \qquad X_1(a) = X_2(a) = 0 \tag{28}$$

$$[X_1, X_2] = \pm \frac{2}{3^2} (\overline{w} \partial_{\overline{w}} - w \partial_w) = [a \partial_w, a \partial_{\overline{w}}] \qquad [X_1, \partial_{\overline{w}}] = [X_2, \partial_w] = 0$$
 (29)

$$[\Xi_1, \Xi_2] = 0 \qquad [\Xi_1, \overline{\Xi}_2] = \sqrt{-1} \, 2a[\partial_w, X_1] = \pm \sqrt{-1} \, \frac{4a\overline{z}}{3} \partial_w \tag{30}$$

$$[\overline{\Xi}_1, \overline{\Xi}_1] = 2[X_1, X_2] = -[\overline{\Xi}_2, \overline{\Xi}_2]. \tag{31}$$

After checking these simple computations, one may also observe the following. Since the X_i from (23) are horizontal and a found in (25) depends only of r, the right hand side of (28) was expected from (10). The first equation of (29) is the vertical part of (4).

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