Nearly Kähler geometry and totally geodesic submanifolds

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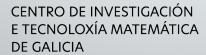
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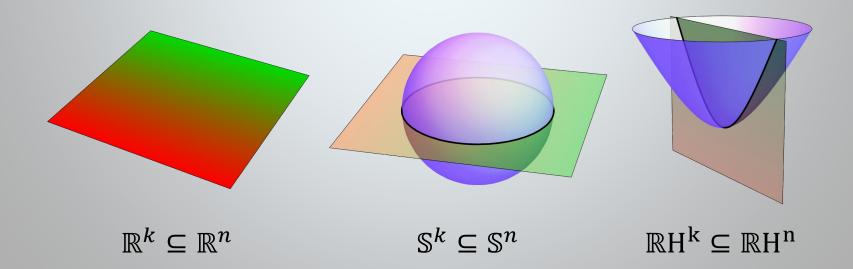
Preliminaries

- M complete Riemannian manifold.
- Metric $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : T_p M \times T_p M \to \mathbb{R}$.
- Levi-Civita connection $\nabla: \mathfrak{X}(M) \times \mathfrak{X}(M) \to \mathfrak{X}(M)$.
- Curvature tensor $R: T_pM \times T_pM \times T_pM \to T_pM$.

$$R(X,Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X,Y]} Z.$$

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General problem

Given M, classify all totally geodesic submanifolds of M up to congruence.

Nearly Kähler spaces

- (M, J) almost Hermitian manifold.
 - $J: T_pM \to T_pM$ such that $J^2 = -\operatorname{Id}_{T_pM}$.
- M is nearly Kähler if ∇J is skew-symmetric.
- Butruille ('06): classification of homogeneous NK 6manifolds:

$$\mathbb{S}^6 = \frac{G_2}{SU(3)} \qquad \mathbb{C}P^3 = \frac{Sp(2)}{U(1) \times Sp(1)}$$

$$F(\mathbb{C}^3) = \frac{SU(3)}{T^2} \qquad \mathbb{S}^3 \times \mathbb{S}^3 = \frac{SU(2) \times SU(2) \times SU(2)}{\Delta SU(2)}$$

Previously known results

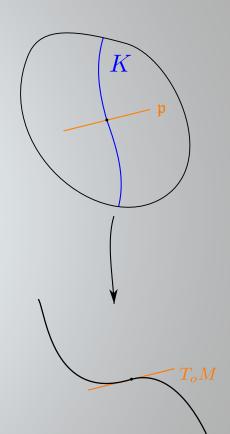
- $F(\mathbb{C}^3)$:
 - Totally geodesic + Lagrangian (Storm '20).
 - Totally geodesic + almost complex + 2 dim (Vrancken, Cwiklinski '22).
- CP³:
 - Totally geodesic + Lagrangian (Aslan '23, Liefsoens '22).
- $\mathbb{S}^3 \times \mathbb{S}^3$:
 - Totally geodesic + Lagrangian (Zhang, Dioos, Hu, Vrancken, Wang '16).
 - Totally geodesic + almost complex + 2 dim (Bolton, Dillen, Dioos, Vrancken '22).

Reductive homogeneous spaces

- M = G/K homogeneous space, o = eK.
- G $\curvearrowright M$ gives a homomorphism G $\to I(M)$.
- Anti-homomorphism $X \in \mathfrak{g} \to \mathfrak{X}(M)$.

$$X_p^* = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \operatorname{Exp}(tX) \cdot p$$

• $T_o M = g/f \text{ via } X + f \mapsto X_o^*$.



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- $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{t} = T_o M$.
- Isotropy representation $K \curvearrowright T_oM \longleftrightarrow$ Adjoint representation $K \curvearrowright \mathfrak{p}$.
- G-invariant tensor fields on $M \leftrightarrow Ad(K)$ -invariant tensors on \mathfrak{p} .

Connection and curvature

• M has a canonical connection ∇^c .

$$(\nabla^c_{X^*}Y^*)_o = -[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{p}}, X,Y \in \mathfrak{p}.$$

• $D = \nabla - \nabla^c$ difference tensor.

$$D_X Y = \frac{1}{2} [X, Y]_{\mathfrak{p}} + U(X, Y),$$

$$2\langle U(X, Y), Z \rangle = \langle [Z, X]_{\mathfrak{p}}, Y \rangle + \langle X, [Z, Y]_{\mathfrak{p}} \rangle,$$

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$$R(X, Y) = [D_X, D_Y] - D_{[X, Y]_{\mathfrak{p}}} - \operatorname{ad}([X, Y]_{\mathfrak{f}}).$$

Natural reductivity

- M = G/K is naturally reductive if U = 0.
 - $\Leftrightarrow \exp_{o}(tX) = \operatorname{Exp}(tX) \cdot o \text{ for all } X \in \mathfrak{p}.$
- *M* is normal homogeneous if:
 - 1. G has a bi-invariant metric.
 - 2. The complement $p = g \ominus f$.
 - 3. The metric on M is induced from the metric on G.

Totally geodesic submanifolds of G/K

• $\Sigma \subseteq M$ totally geodesic, $p \in \Sigma$. Then

$$\Sigma = \exp_p(T_p\Sigma).$$

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Theorem (Cartan '51, Hermann '59)

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Theorem (Cartan) for naturally reductive spaces

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- \mathfrak{v} is $\nabla^k R$ -invariant for all $k=0,1,2,\ldots,d$.

Tojo's criterion ('96)

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- $e^{-D_X}\mathfrak{v}$ is R-invariant for all $X \in \mathfrak{v}$.

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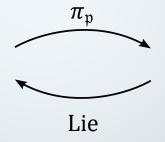
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Canonically embedded $\mathfrak{g} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$



R and D-invariant $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$



Totally geodesic $\Sigma \subseteq M, o \in \Sigma$



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$$\operatorname{diag}(e^{i\theta_1}, e^{i\theta_2}, e^{-i(\theta_1+\theta_2)}) \bullet e^{i(\theta_1-\theta_2)}$$

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- $T^2 \subseteq U(2) \subseteq SU(3)$ gives the fibration $\mathbb{C}P^1 \to F(\mathbb{C}^3) \to \mathbb{C}P^2$.
- $\mathcal{V}_o = \mathfrak{p}_1$, $\mathcal{H}_o = \mathfrak{p}_2 \oplus \mathfrak{p}_3$.

General fact:

 $K \subseteq H \subseteq G$ gives a fibration $H/K \rightarrow G/K \rightarrow G/H$.

The complex projective space CP³

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$$(\lambda, \mu) \cdot z = \lambda^2 z$$
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•
$$\langle X, Y \rangle = -2 \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{tr}_{\mathbb{H}}(XY)$$
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- U(1) \times Sp(1) \subseteq Sp(1) \times Sp(1) \subseteq Sp(2) gives the fibration $\mathbb{C}P^1 \to \mathbb{C}P^3 \to \mathbb{H}P^1 = \mathbb{S}^4$.
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- $\mathfrak{p} = \{(X, Y, Z): X + Y + Z = 0\} = \mathfrak{p}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{p}_2.$
 - $\mathfrak{p}_1 = \{(X, -2X, X) : X \in \mathfrak{su}(2)\} \cong Ad.$
 - $\mathfrak{p}_2 = \{(X, 0, -X) : X \in \mathfrak{su}(2)\} \cong Ad.$
- $\langle (X,Y,Z), (X',Y',Z') \rangle = -\operatorname{tr}(XX') \operatorname{tr}(YY') \operatorname{tr}(ZZ').$

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- $\Delta SU(2) \subseteq \Delta_{13}SU(2) \times SU(2)_2 \subseteq SU(2)^3$ gives the fibration $\mathbb{S}^3 \to \mathbb{S}^3 \times \mathbb{S}^3 \to \mathbb{S}^3$.
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Low codimension

Theorem (Nikolayevsky '15)

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If there exists a totally geodesic hypersurface $\Sigma \subseteq M$, then $M = \mathbb{S}^n$.

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Dimension three

Ambient	Submanifold	Orbit of
$F(\mathbb{C}^3)$	$F(\mathbb{R}^3) = \mathbb{S}^3(2\sqrt{2})/Q_8$	SO(3)
	$\mathbb{S}^3_{\mathbb{C},1/4}\left(2\right)$	SU(2)
$\mathbb{C}\mathrm{P}^3$	$\mathbb{R}P^3_{\mathbb{C},1/2}(\sqrt{2})$	SU(2) ^j
$\mathbb{S}^3 \times \mathbb{S}^3$	$\mathbb{S}^3(2/\sqrt{3})$	$SU(2)_2$
	$\mathbb{S}^3_{\mathbb{C},1/3}\left(2\right)$	$\Delta_{13}SU(2) \times SU(2)_2$

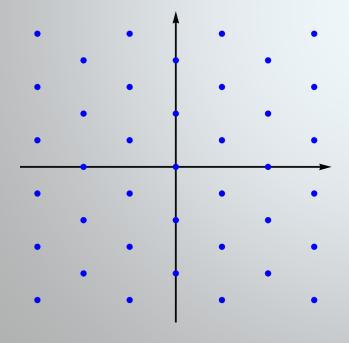
All of them are Lagrangian.

Dimension two in $F(\mathbb{C}^3)$

Submanifold	Orbit of	Relationship with <i>J</i>
$T_A = \mathbb{R}^2/A$	T^2	Almost complex
$\mathbb{C}\mathrm{P}^1 = \mathbb{S}^2 \big(1/\sqrt{2} \big)$	U(2)	Almost complex
$\mathbb{S}^2(\sqrt{2})$	SO(3)	Almost complex
$\mathbb{R}P^2\big(2\sqrt{2}\big)\toF(\mathbb{R}^3)$	Inhomogeneous	Totally real

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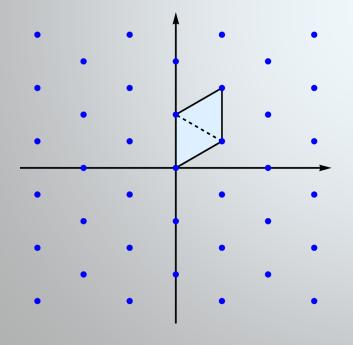
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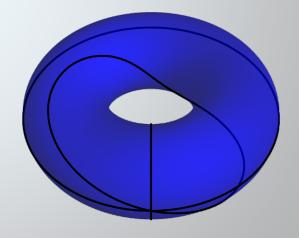


$$A = \mathbb{Z} - \operatorname{span}\left\{ \left(0, \frac{2\sqrt{2}\pi}{\sqrt{3}}\right), \left(\sqrt{2}\pi, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}\pi\right) \right\}$$

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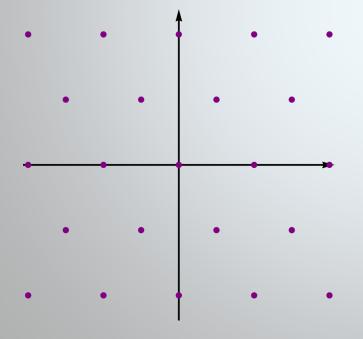
 $\Lambda_3 = \operatorname{Sym}^3(\mathbb{C}^2)$: four-dimensional irrep. of SU(2).

Dimension two in $\mathbb{S}^3 \times \mathbb{S}^3$

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$T_{\rm B} = \mathbb{R}^2/{\rm B}$	$T \subseteq U(1)^3$	Almost complex	
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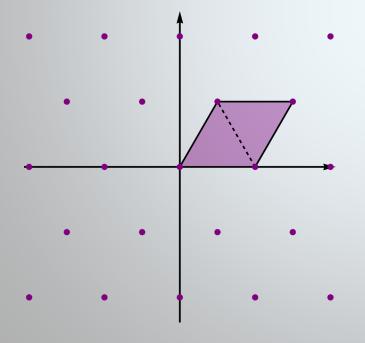
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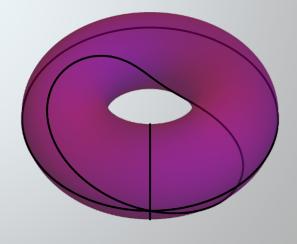


$$B = \mathbb{Z} - \operatorname{span}\left\{ \left(\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{3}}, 0\right), \left(\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}}, 2\pi\right) \right\}$$

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