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# Geometry of Conformal Manifolds

Preserving Geodesics

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# I. INTRODUCTION



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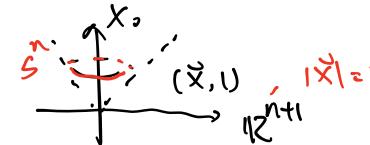
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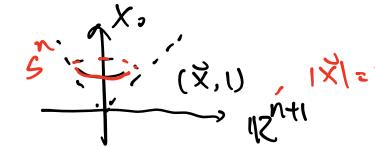
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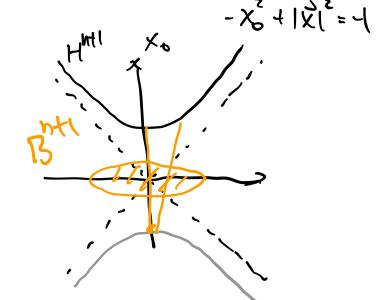
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## II. NORMAL CARTAN GEOMETRY



# Principal Bundle

## Definition (Principal bundle & Associated bundle)

A fiber bundle  $(P, \pi, M, H)$  is called a *principal  $H$ -bundle* if  $P$  has a smooth  $H$ -right action that is fiber preserving and freely transitively on each fiber.

Given a smooth manifold  $S$  with a smooth  $H$ -left-action.

Define  $P \times_H S = (P \times S) / \sim$  where the equivalence relation is  $[p, s] = [p \cdot h, h^{-1} \cdot s]$ ,  $[p, s] \in P \times_H S$ .

The fiber bundle  $(P \times_H S, \pi_S, M, S)$  is called an *associated bundle* with fiber  $S$ .



# Principal Bundle

## Example

- Frame bundle of a vector bundle  $E^r \rightarrow M$  with rank  $r$ 
  - $\text{Fr}(E^r) = \bigsqcup_{x \in M} \text{Fr}(E_x) \rightarrow M$  is a principal  $GL(r, \mathbb{R})$ -bundle, where  $\text{Fr}(E_x)$  is the collection of bases of  $E_x$ ;
  - $\text{Fr}_{O(r)}(E^r) \rightarrow M$  is a principal  $O(r)$ -bundle if  $E$  has a metric. It's called *orthonormal frame bundle*.
- Tangent bundle  $TM \cong \text{Fr}(M^n) \times_{GL(n)} \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\text{Fr}(M) \triangleq \text{Fr}(TM)$ .



# Principal Bundle- Connection and Curvature

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- (*Fundamental Vector Field*):

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- (*Vertical Subbundle*):

Denote  $\ker d\pi = VP$ . Note that  $\ker d\pi_p \cong \mathfrak{h} \quad \forall p \in P$ .

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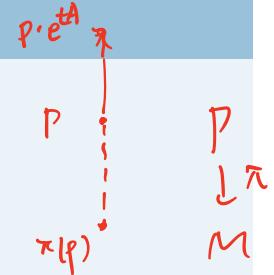
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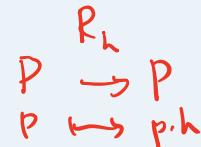
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Equivalently, there is a smooth  $\mathfrak{h}$ -valued 1-form  $\gamma$  on  $P$  satisfying the followings

- ① (Generate  $\mathfrak{h}$ )  $\gamma_p(\zeta_A(p)) = A$  for all  $A \in \mathfrak{h}$
- ② ( $G$ -equivariance)  $R_h^* \gamma = \text{Ad}(h^{-1}) \gamma$  for all  $h \in H$

The relation is  $HP = \ker \gamma$ .

Note that  $V_p P = \ker(d\pi_p) \simeq \mathfrak{h}$  and  $H_p P \simeq T_{\pi(p)} M$ .

## Definition (Curvature)

Let  $\gamma$  be a principal connection on a principal  $H$ -bundle  $P \xrightarrow{\pi} M$ . Define the curvature form  $\Omega \in \Omega^2(P, \mathfrak{h})$

$$\Omega(X, Y) = d\gamma(X, Y) + [\gamma(X), \gamma(Y)] \quad X, Y \in TP.$$

In fact,  $\Omega \in \Omega_H^2(P, \mathfrak{h})$ .



# Principal Bundle

[Andreas Čap and Jan Slovák 2009 Cor. 1.2.7]

Given a principal  $H$ -bundle  $P \xrightarrow{\pi} M$  and a representation  $H \xrightarrow{\rho} GL(V)$  with  $E = P \times_H V$ .

Let

- $\Omega^k(M, E) = \Gamma((\Lambda^k T^* M) \otimes E)$ .
- $\Omega_H^k(P, V)$  be  $V$ -valued  $k$ -forms on  $P$  s.t. they are  $H$ -equivariant and horizontal.

There is a bijective relation  $\Omega^k(M, E) \simeq \Omega_H^k(P, V)$  by

$$\alpha_{\pi(p)}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) = [p, \tilde{\alpha}_p(\tilde{\xi}_1, \dots, \tilde{\xi}_k)],$$

where  $\alpha \in \Omega^k(M, E)$ ,  $\tilde{\alpha} \in \Omega_H^k(P, V)$  and  $d\pi(\tilde{\xi}_j) = \xi_j$ .



# Principal Bundle- Connection and Curvature

Let  $P \xrightarrow{\pi} M$  be a principal  $H$ -bundle with a connection  $\gamma$  and  $\rho: H \rightarrow GL(V)$  be a representation where  $d\rho: \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ .

## Definition (Covariant derivative on a principal bundle)

The *covariant derivative* on  $\Omega_H^k(P, V)$  is

$$D\phi \triangleq (d\phi)^{hor}, \quad \forall \phi \in \Omega_H^k(P, V)$$

where  $(d\phi)^{hor}(X_1, \dots, X_k) = (d\phi)(X_1^{hor}, \dots, X_k^{hor})$  for  $X_i \in TP$ .

## Proposition (Tu 2017 Prop. 31.16)

The covariant derivative  $D$  preserves equivariancy and horizontality,

$$D: \Omega_H^k(P, V) \rightarrow \Omega_H^{k+1}(P, V).$$



# Principal Bundle- Connection and Curvature

$$(P, \gamma) \xrightarrow{\pi} M, \rho: H \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V), E = P \times_H V$$

Proposition (Covariant derivative formula [Tu 2017 Thm. 31.19])

By the bijective relation  $\Gamma(M, P \times_H V) \simeq \Gamma_H(P, V)$ , the covariant derivative  $D$  induces a linear connection  $\nabla$  on  $E = P \times_H V$ ,  $\nabla: \Gamma(M, E) \rightarrow \Omega(M, E)$ .

## Corollary

Let  $\xi$  be a section of  $E$  with  $\xi(\pi(p)) = [p, \tilde{\xi}(p)]$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (R(X, Y)\xi)(\pi(p)) &\triangleq (\nabla_X \nabla_Y - \nabla_Y \nabla_X - \nabla_{[X, Y]})\xi(\pi(p)) \\ &= [p, \Omega(\tilde{X}^{hor}, \tilde{Y}^{hor}) \cdot \tilde{\xi}(p)], \text{ where} \end{aligned}$$

vector fields  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ .



# Principal Bundle

## Definition (Category of principal $H$ -bundle)

- *Objects:* Principal  $H$ -bundles  $(P, \pi, M, H)$
- *Morphisms:*  $(P, \pi, M) \xrightarrow{\phi} (P', \pi', M')$  where  $\phi: P \rightarrow P'$  is fiberwise with  $\phi(p \cdot h) = \phi(p) \cdot h$ ,  $p \in P$  and  $h \in H$ .



# Cartan Geometry

Let  $H \subset G$  be a Lie subgroup of a Lie group  $G$  with the corresponding Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ .

Definition (Andreas Čap and Jan Slovák 2009)

Given a principal  $H$ -bundle  $P_H \rightarrow M$ . It is called *Cartan geometry of type  $(G, H, w)$*  where  $w \in \Omega^1(P_H, \mathfrak{g})$  satisfies

- (Generate  $\mathfrak{h}$ )  $w(\zeta_A(u)) = A, \quad \forall A \in \mathfrak{h};$
- ( $G$ -equivariant)  $R_h^*w = \text{Ad}(h^{-1}) w, \quad \forall h \in H;$
- (Linear isomorphism)  $w_p: T_p P_H \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{g} \quad \forall p \in P_H.$

Remark:

Assume  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{n} \oplus \mathfrak{h}$  and decompose  $w$  into  $w = (w)_{\mathfrak{n}} + (w)_{\mathfrak{h}}$ .

Then,  $(w)_{\mathfrak{h}}$  is a principal connection iff  $\mathfrak{n}$  is  $H$ -stable under the Adjoint action.



# Cartan Geometry

Given a Cartan geometry of type  $(G, H, w)$ ,  $P_H \xrightarrow{\pi} M$ .  
Note that  $\mathfrak{h} \cong \ker d\pi_p \Rightarrow \dim \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} = \dim T_x M$ . In fact,

Proposition ( $TM$  is the associated bundle of  $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$ )

There is an isomorphism for  $TM$  by the Cartan connection  $w$ .

$$P_H \times_{\text{Ad}} (\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}) \simeq TM.$$



# Cartan Geometry

[Andreas Čap and Jan Slovák 2009]

## Definition (Curvature and torsion $(G, H, w), P_H \rightarrow M$ )

- *Cartan curvature:*  $K \in \Omega^2_H(P_H, \mathfrak{g})$ ,

$$K(\xi, \eta) = dw(\xi, \eta) + [w(\xi), w(\eta)].$$

- *Curvature function:*  $\kappa \in \Gamma_H(P_H, \Lambda^2(\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h})^* \otimes \mathfrak{g})$ ,

$$\kappa(X, Y) = K(w^{-1}(X), w^{-1}(Y)), \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}.$$

- *Torsion:*

$$\tau = \pi_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}} \circ \kappa \in \Gamma_H(P_H, \Lambda^2(\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h})^* \otimes (\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h})),$$

where  $\pi_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}}: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$  is the canonical projection.

The torsion function  $\tau$  defines  $T \in \Omega^2(M, TM)$ .

If  $\tau$  vanishes, it's called *torsion free*.



# Cartan Geometry

## Example (Homogeneous model for Riemannian manifold)

- *Euclidean space*

$$\mathbb{R}^n \rtimes O(n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \rtimes O(n)/O(n) \simeq \mathbb{R}^n$$

is the Cartan geometry of the type  $(\mathbb{R}^n \rtimes O(n), O(n), w_M)$  where  $w_M$  is the Maurer-Cartan form of the Euclidean group

$$\mathbb{R}^n \rtimes O(n) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \vec{v} & A \end{pmatrix} \middle| \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } A \in O(n) \right\}.$$



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- *Objects:*  $(P, \pi, M, w)$ , which is a principal  $H$ -bundle with a Cartan connection  $w$ .
- *Morphisms:*  $(P, \pi, M, w) \xrightarrow{\phi} (P', \pi', M', w')$  where  $\phi$  is a principal bundle morphism with the property

$$\phi^*w' = w.$$



# Riemannian Manifold in Cartan Geometry

Given a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Motivated by the homogeneous example

$$(\mathbb{R}^n \rtimes O(n), w_M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n,$$

there is actually the theorem

Theorem (Andreas Čap and Jan Slovák 2009 Thm. 1.6.1)

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- **Construction of Cartan Geometry**  $(\mathbb{R}^n \rtimes O(n), O(n), w)$

Proposition (Andreas Čap and Jan Slovák 2009)

The followings are equivalent

- ①  $(M^n, g).$
- ②  $P_{O(n)} \xrightarrow{i} \text{Fr}(M).$
- ③  $P_{O(n)}$  has a form  $\theta \in \Omega^1_{O(n)}(P_{O(n)}, \mathbb{R}^n)$  which is strictly horizontal, called *soldering form*.



# Riemannian Manifold- Curvature

Let  $P_{O(n)}$  be a Cartan geometry in type  $(\mathbb{R}^n \rtimes O(n), O(n), w)$ .

- $\mathbb{R}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n \oplus \mathfrak{o}(n)$  is  $O(n)$ -stable  $\Rightarrow w = (w)_{\mathbb{R}^n} + (w)_{\mathfrak{o}(n)} = \theta + \gamma$ .
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# Conformal Manifold in Cartan Geometry

For conformal manifolds

- $(M, [g]) \Leftrightarrow (P_{G_0} \hookrightarrow \text{Fr}M) \Leftrightarrow (P_{G_0}, \theta)$ .
- Lots of torsion-free Cartan connections in  $(\mathbb{R}^n \rtimes G_0, G_0)$ , called Weyl connections.
- Need a "normal condition" to get the unique Cartan geometry for a conformal manifold.

$(\mathbb{R}^n \rtimes O(n), O(n))$



The homogeneous model

$$(O_+(n+1, 1), w_M) \rightarrow O_+(n+1, 1)/P_{ray} \simeq S^n$$

tells for  $(M^n, [g])$ ,  $n \geq 3$

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# Conformal Manifold- Lie group and Lie algebra

- $G_0 = CO(n) \subset GL(n, \mathbb{R})$

$$G_0 = \{A \in GL(n) \mid \exists \lambda > 0 \text{ s.t. } \langle Av, Aw \rangle = \lambda \langle v, w \rangle \forall v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n\}.$$

- Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{o}(n+1, 1) = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$

Choose a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1, 1}$  such that its inner product is of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} & & 1 \\ & \mathbb{I}_n & \\ 1 & & \end{pmatrix}.$$

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$$\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \simeq \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \mathfrak{g}_0 \simeq \mathfrak{co}(n) = \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathfrak{o}(n), \quad \mathfrak{g}_1 \simeq \mathbb{R}^{n^*}.$$

- $P_{ray} = G_0 \ltimes e^{\mathfrak{g}_1} = \{g_0 e^Z \mid g_0 \in G_0, Z \in \mathfrak{g}_1\}.$  *P =  $\underbrace{\mathfrak{g}_0}_{\mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$*



# Conformal Manifold- Normal connection

Given a Cartan geometry of the type  $(O_+(n+1, 1), P_{ray}, w)$ ,  $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow M^n$  with  $n \geq 3$ .

## Definition

The Cartan connection is called *normal* on  $\mathcal{G}$  if and only if

- it is torsion free;
- the  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -valued curvature function  $\kappa_0: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \Lambda^2(\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{p})^* \otimes \mathfrak{g}_0$  satisfies  $(\kappa_0)_{ki}{}^j = 0$ , where  $\kappa_0(\hat{e}_i, \hat{e}_j) \cdot \hat{e}_k = (\kappa_0)_{ij}{}^l \hat{e}_l$  and the action  $\cdot$  is the commutator between  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_1$ .  
*Weyl curv.*

## Construction of the normal geometry $(O_+(n+1, 1), P_{ray}, w)$

- $\mathcal{G} = \text{Fr}_{G_0} M \times_{G_0} P_{ray}$ .
- Given a Weyl connection  $\sigma$  on  $\text{Fr}_{G_0} M$ , then  $\exists!$   $w^\sigma$  on  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\exists! P^\sigma \in \Gamma_{P_{ray}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathfrak{g}_1)$  s.t.

$$w_{nor} = w^\sigma - P^\sigma.$$



# Conformal Manifold- Weyl connections

- The space of Weyl connections forms an affine space over  $\Gamma_{G_0}(\text{Fr}_{G_0}, \mathfrak{g}_1)$  (or  $\Omega^1(M)$ ).
- $\{\text{Weyl connection}\} \cong \Gamma_{G_0}(\text{Fr}_{G_0}(M), \mathcal{G})$   $\text{Fr}_{G_0} M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$
- All Levi-Civita connections w.r.t.  $g \in [g]$  are Weyl connections.
- For any Weyl connection  $\sigma$  on  $\text{Fr}_{G_0}(M)$ , recall the relation on  $\mathcal{G}$

$$w_{nor} = w^\sigma - P^\sigma.$$

The  $P^\sigma \in \Gamma_{P_{ray}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathfrak{g}_1)$  represents Schouten tensor w.r.t.  $\sigma$ .



# Conformal Manifold- Curvature

Given a Levi-Civita connection  $\sigma$  on  $\text{Fr}_{G_0} M$

Recall  $\mathfrak{o}(n+1, 1) = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$ .

- $w = w^\sigma - P$  on  $\mathcal{G}$ .
- $\kappa = 0 + \kappa_0 + \kappa_1$ , where  $\kappa_0 = \kappa_0^\sigma - \partial P$ .

By  $\Omega_{P_{ray}}^2(\mathcal{G}, \mathfrak{p}/\mathfrak{g}_1) \simeq \Omega^2(M, \text{End}_0(TM))$ ,

- $\kappa_0$  represents Weyl tensor,
- $\kappa_0^\sigma$  represents Riemann curvature tensor.

Note that  $\kappa_1$  is not  $P_{ray}$ -equivariant, but it's  $G_0$ -equivariant. It represents Cotton-York tensor  $C_{ijk} = 2\nabla_{[i}P_{j]k}$  by pulling back to  $\text{Fr}_{G_0}(M)$  along  $j_\sigma \in \Gamma_{G_0}(\text{Fr}_{G_0}(M), \mathcal{G})$  due to the relation  $\{\text{Weyl connection}\} \cong \Gamma_{G_0}(\text{Fr}_{G_0}, \mathcal{G})$ .



# Conformal Manifold in Cartan Geometry

## Remark

- With respect to the decomposition  
 $\mathfrak{o}(n+1, 1) = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1 = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{p}$ ,  
the  $\mathfrak{p}$ -valued for Cartan connection  $w$  on  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $(w)_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , is not a principal  $P_{ray}$ -connection since  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  isn't  $P_{ray}$ -invariant.
- The local coordinate of  $\mathcal{G}$  can be thought as

$$U \xrightarrow{(e_i)} \text{Fr}_{G_0}(M) \xrightarrow{\nabla} \mathcal{G}. \quad \text{S Weyl} \} \approx \{\text{Fr}_{G_0} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}\}$$

The local frame  $(e_i)$  is an orthonormal frame w.r.t.  $g \in [g]$  and  $\nabla$  is a Weyl connection.



# Conformal Manifold- Tractor Bundle

$(M^{n \geq 3}, [g])$  with the normal Cartan geometry  $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow M$  of the type  $(O_+(n+1, 1), P_{ray}, w)$ .

$\overset{\sim}{P_{ray}}\text{-principal bundle}$

## Definition

Given a finite dimensional representation

$$O_+(n+1, 1) \xrightarrow{\rho} GL(V).$$

The *tractor bundle* associated to  $V$  is the associated bundle

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{G} \times_{P_{ray}} V.$$

*Remark:* There is a general definition replacing the above representation, called  $(\mathfrak{g}, P)$ -module. [A. Čap and A. Rod Gover Apr. 2002]



# Conformal Manifold- Tractor Bundle

## Representation & Lie algebra

- $\mathfrak{o}(n+1, 1) = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$
- Want the representation  $O_+(n+1, 1) \xrightarrow{\rho} GL(V)$  to keep the structure by  $d\rho$  action.

### Proposition

- $\exists! E \in \mathfrak{g}_0$  such that  $[E, A_j] = jA_j \quad \forall A_j \in \mathfrak{g}_j$ .  
[Čap and J. Slovák 2009 Prop. 3.1.2]
- Assume  $V$  has the eigen space decomposition for  $E$ ,  
 $V = \bigoplus_i V_i$ . Then,

$$\mathfrak{g}_j \cdot V_i \subset V_{i+j}.$$

The above relation will be applied to the curvature of the linear connection on  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{G} \times_{P_{ray}} V$  which is induced by  $w_{nor}$ .



# Conformal Manifold- Tractor Bundle

## Example

- $V = \mathfrak{o}(n+1, 1)$ ,  $V_i = \mathfrak{g}_i$ .
- $V = \mathbb{R}^{n+1, 1}$ . Let  $(e_+, e_i, e_-)$  be a basis which makes the inner product of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} & & 1 \\ & \mathbb{I} & \\ 1 & & \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then,  $V_1 = \text{span } e_+$ ,  $V_0 = \text{span}_i(e_i)$ ,  $V_{-1} = \text{span } e_-$ .

- There is an inner product on  $\mathcal{G} \times_{P_{ray}} \mathbb{R}^{n+1, 1}$  induced from the Minkowski inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1, 1}$ .

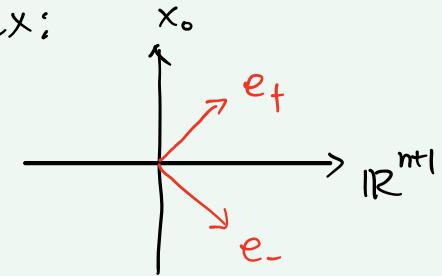
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# Conformal Manifold- Tractor Connection

## Tractor connection and coordinate description

- $\hat{\mathcal{G}} = \mathcal{G} \times_{P_{ray}} O_+(n+1, 1)$ ,  $\mathcal{G} \xrightarrow{j} \hat{\mathcal{G}}, u \mapsto [u, id]$
- $V = \mathbb{R}^{n+1, 1}$  and  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{G} \times_{P_{ray}} V \cong \hat{\mathcal{G}} \times_{O_+(n+1, 1)} V$ .

Proposition (Type  $(O_+(n+1, 1), P_{ray}, w)$ )

- A (Normal) Cartan connection  $w$  on  $\mathcal{G}$  induces a unique principal connection  $\gamma^w$  on  $\hat{\mathcal{G}}$  s.t.  $j^*\gamma^w = w$ .
- $\gamma^w$  induces  $\nabla^{\mathcal{V}}$  on  $\mathcal{V}$ , called *tractor connection*.

[Andreas Čap and Jan Slovák 2009 Thm. 1.5.6]

Recall

- {Weyl connection}  $\cong \Gamma_{G_0}(\text{Fr}_{G_0} M, \mathcal{G})$   $\text{Fr}_{G_0} M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$
- $\mathbb{R}^{n+1, 1} \cong V_1 \oplus V_0 \oplus V_{-1}$ .
- $\mathcal{G} \times_{P_{ray}} V \xrightarrow{\sigma} \text{Fr}_{G_0} M \times_{G_0} V \cong \mathcal{E}[-1] \oplus TM[-1] \oplus \mathcal{E}[1]$ .



# Conformal Manifold- Tractor Connection

For a given Levi-Civita connection  $\sigma$  w.r.t. a metric  $g \in [g]$ . The covariant derivative on  $t = [t_1, t_0, t_{-1}] \in \Gamma(M, \mathcal{G} \times_{P_{ray}} \mathbb{R}^{n+1,1})$  is

$$\nabla_i^{\mathcal{V}} t(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_i^\sigma t_1 - P_{ij}^\sigma t_0^j \\ \nabla_i^\sigma t_0 + (t_1 \delta_i^k + t_{-1} P^\sigma{}_i{}^k) e_k \\ \nabla_i^\sigma t_{-1} - t_0^i \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $(e_i)$  is an orthonormal frame of  $g$  and  $\nabla_i^\sigma t_{\pm 1} = e_i(t_{\pm 1})$ .



# Conformal Manifold- Tractor Curvature

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{G} \times_{P_{ray}} \mathbb{R}^{n+1,1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K &= (K)_{-1} + (K)_0 + \underbrace{(K)}_1 \\ &= 0 + \overset{\circ}{\text{Weyl curv}} + \text{Cotton York} \end{aligned}$$

For a Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ , the curvature of the tractor connection is

$$\left( \nabla_i^{\mathcal{V}} \nabla_j^{\mathcal{V}} - \nabla_j^{\mathcal{V}} \nabla_i^{\mathcal{V}} - \nabla_{[i,j]}^{\mathcal{V}} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \mu^k \\ \rho \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -C_{ijl} & 0 \\ 0 & W_{ij}{}^k{}_l & C_{ij}{}^k \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \mu^l \\ \rho \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $C_{ijk} = 2\nabla_{[a}P_{b]c}$  is the Cotton-York tensor.



# Conformal Manifold- Tractor Bundle

## Example (Sphere $S^n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1,1}$ )

Use the coordinate transformation  $(\alpha, \Omega, \rho)$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1,1}$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}(|\vec{x}| + x_0), \quad \alpha\rho = (|\vec{x}| - x_0), \quad \Omega \in S^n.$$

- The  $\nabla^{\mathbb{R}^{n+1,1}}$  on  $T\mathbb{R}^{n+1,1}|_{S^n}$  w.r.t. the above coordinate is same as tractor connection. The coordinate is called normal coordinate in [Fefferman and Graham Dec. 2011].
- The coordinate order  $(\alpha, \Omega, \rho)$  represents  $(V_1, V_0, V_{-1})$ .

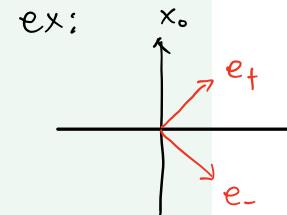
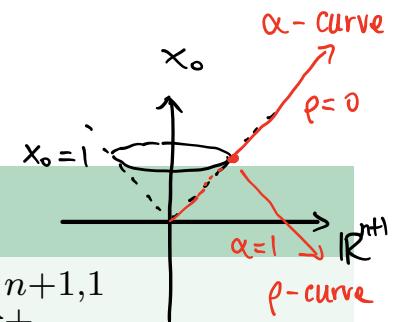


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# Conformal Manifold- Tractor Bundle

[A. Čap and A. Gover 2003]

Conversely, to recover a conformal structure from a rank  $n + 2$  vector bundle  $\mathcal{V}$  in bijective relation, one needs  $(\mathcal{V}, m, \mathcal{V}^1, \nabla)$ , where

- $m$  is a Minkowski metric on  $\mathcal{V}$ .
- $\mathcal{V}^1$  is a simple null line bundle in  $\mathcal{V}$ .
- $\nabla$  is a metric connection on  $\mathcal{V}$  w.r.t.  $m$  and satisfies
  - ① (*Nondegenerate*)  $\forall x \in M, \forall \xi \in TM, \exists \sigma \in \Gamma(\mathcal{V}^1)$  s.t.  
 $\nabla_\xi \sigma \notin \mathcal{V}^1$ .
  - ② (*Torsion-free*)  $R(\xi, \eta)\mathcal{V}^1 \subset \mathcal{V}^1$ .
  - ③ (*Ricci-trace-free*) The Ricci-type contraction of  
 $W \in \Gamma(\Lambda^2 T^* M \otimes L(TM, TM))$  vanishes, where  $W$  is induced from  $R$ .

# III. GEODESIC



# Riemannian Geodesic

Given a  $(M^n, g)$  with the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ .

## Definition

A curve  $\gamma$  in  $M$  is called a *Riemannian geodesic* if  $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma} = 0$ . The geodesic equation w.r.t. a local frame  $(e_i)$  is

$$\ddot{\gamma}^k + \dot{\gamma}^i \dot{\gamma}^j \Gamma_{ij}^k = 0 \quad , \quad \nabla_{e_i} e_j = \Gamma_{ij}^k e_k.$$



# Riemannian Geodesic

$\left(\text{Fr}_{O(n)}(M^n) \xrightarrow{\pi} M\right)$  the torsion-free Cartan geometry of type  $(\mathbb{R}^n \rtimes O(n), O(n), w)$ , recall  $w_p: T_p \text{Fr}_{O(n)}(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \oplus \mathfrak{o}(n)$ .

## Proposition

Consider a vector field  $w^{-1}(\mathcal{X})$  on  $\text{Fr}_{O(n)}(M)$ , where  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}^i \hat{e}_i$  is constant in  $\mathbb{R}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n \oplus \mathfrak{o}(n)$ , and any its integral curve  $\tilde{\gamma} \subset \text{Fr}_{O(n)}(M)$ . Then, the projection  $\gamma = \pi(\tilde{\gamma})$  is a Riemannian geodesic in  $M$ .

Conversely, any Riemannian geodesic  $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$  is locally the projections of integral curves  $\tilde{\gamma} \subset \text{Fr}_{O(n)}(M)$  for some constant vector fields  $w^{-1}(\mathcal{X})$ .



# Riemannian Geodesic

**Integral curve equation for  $w^{-1}(\mathcal{X})$  on  $\text{Fr}_{O(n)}(M)$**

A curve  $\tilde{\gamma} \subset \text{Fr}_{O(n)}(M)$  locally is  $(x(t), C(t))$ , where  $x(t) \in M$  and  $C(t) \in O(n)$ , then the integral curve equation is

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}^i &= \mathcal{X}^j C^i_j \\ \dot{C}^i_j &= -\mathcal{X}^k C^l_k C^a_j \Gamma^i_{la} \end{cases}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}^i &= \mathcal{X}^j C^i_j \\ \mathcal{X}^j \dot{C}^i_j &= \ddot{x}^i = -\mathcal{X}^k C^l_k \mathcal{X}^j C^a_j \Gamma^i_{la} = -\dot{x}^l \dot{x}^a \Gamma^i_{la}. \end{cases}$$



# Conformal Geodesic / Conformal Circle

Given  $(M^{n \geq 3}, [g])$ ,  $\mathcal{G} = \text{Fr}_{G_0}(M) \times_{G_0} P_{ray} \xrightarrow{\pi} M$

- $\mathcal{G}$  is of the normal type  $(O_+(n+1, 1), P_{ray}, w)$ .
- $w_p: T_p \mathcal{G} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \underbrace{\mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1}_{\text{vertical}}$ ,  
where  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \simeq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_0 \simeq \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathfrak{o}(n)$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_1 \simeq (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ .
- $P_{ray} = G_0 \rtimes e^{\mathfrak{g}_1}$

Consider integral curves  $\tilde{\gamma}$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  for vector fields  $w^{-1}(\mathcal{X})$ ,  
 $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}^i \hat{e}_i \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ .

- Local section  $U \xrightarrow{(e_i)} \text{Fr}_{G_0}(M) \xrightarrow{\nabla} \mathcal{G}$ ,  
where  $(e_i)$  is an orthonormal frame of  $g \in [g]$  and  $\nabla$  is  $g$ 's  
Levi-Civita connection.
- A curve  $\tilde{\gamma} \subset \mathcal{G}$  locally is  $(x(t), C(t), b(t))$  where  $C(t) \in G_0$   
and  $b(t)$  is considered as a one-form along  $x(t)$ .



# Conformal Geodesic / Conformal Circle

## Integral curve equation for $w^{-1}(\mathcal{X})$ on $\mathcal{G}$

[Friedrich and Schmidt Nov. 9, 1987]

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}^i &= C^i_j \mathcal{X}^j; \\ \dot{C}^i_j &= -(\Gamma^i_{kl} + b^i_{kl}) C^k_n \mathcal{X}^n C^l_j, \quad b^j_{ki} = \delta^j_k b_i + \delta^j_i b_k - g_{ki} g^{jl} b_l; \\ \dot{b}_k &= (b_j \Gamma^j_{ik} + \frac{1}{2} b_j b^j_{ik} + P_{ik}) C^i_n \mathcal{X}^n, \end{cases}$$

The above equations can be expressed

$$\begin{cases} (\nabla_{\dot{x}} \dot{x})^i &= -b^i_{jk} \dot{x}^j \dot{x}^k; \\ (\nabla_{\dot{x}} c_j)^i &= -b^i_{lk} \dot{x}^l C^k_j, \quad c_j = e_k C^k_j; \\ (\nabla_{\dot{x}} b)_i &= (\frac{1}{2} b_j b^j_{ki} + P_{ki}) \dot{x}^k, \end{cases}$$

Since the 1st and the 3rd equations can determine the 2nd one,  
then define



# Conformal Geodesic / Conformal Circle

## Definition

Given  $g \in [g]$  with its Levi-Civita connection. A *conformal geodesic* (or called *conformal circle*) is a curve  $x(\tau)$  in  $M$  with a 1-form  $b(\tau)$  along it such that

$$\begin{cases} (\nabla_{\dot{x}} \dot{x})^i = -b_{jk}^i \dot{x}^j \dot{x}^k; \\ (\nabla_{\dot{x}} b)_i = (\frac{1}{2} b_j b_{ki}^j + P_{ki}) \dot{x}^k. \end{cases}$$



# Conformal Geodesic / Conformal Circle

## Equivalent definitions for conformal geodesics

[Bailey, Eastwood, and A. R. Gover 1994, Bailey and Eastwood Jan. 1990]

- $(\nabla_{\dot{x}} \dot{x})^i = -b_{jk}^i \dot{x}^j \dot{x}^k$ ,  $(\nabla_{\dot{x}} b)_i = (\frac{1}{2} b_j b_{ki}^j + P_{ki}) \dot{x}^k$  for  $g \in [g]$ .
- $(x, b)$  is locally the projections of integral curves  $\tilde{\gamma} \in \mathcal{G}$  for some constant vector fields  $w^{-1}(\mathcal{X})$ .
- There is a particular null tractor field  $X^I$  along a curve  $x$  s.t. its acceleration  $A^I$  is null and parallel along  $x$ .
- Let  $V^i = \dot{x}^i$ ,  $A^i = V^j \nabla_j V^i$  and  $b_i = \frac{A_i}{V^2} - 2 \frac{V \cdot A}{V^4} V_i$  w.r.t. the metric  $g$ . Then,

$$V^i \nabla_i A^j = \frac{3V \cdot A}{V^2} A^j - \frac{3A^2}{2V^2} V^j + V^2 V^i P_i^j - 2P_{ik} V^i V^k V^j.$$

The above equation is conformally invariant.



# Conformal Geodesic / Conformal Circle

## Example (Conformal geodesics in $\mathbb{R}^n$ , Tod 2012)

In the unit length parametrization of a conformal geodesic  $\vec{x} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , its acceleration  $\vec{a}$  is of constant length. So, conformal geodesics in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are classified to

- (*straight line*,  $||\vec{a}|| = 0$ ):  $\vec{x}(s) = \vec{u}_0 s + \vec{x}_0$ .
- (*planar circle*,  $||\vec{a}|| \neq 0$ ):

$$\vec{x}(s) - \vec{x}_0 - \frac{\vec{a}_0}{||\vec{a}||^2} = \frac{\vec{u}_0}{||\vec{a}||} \sin(||\vec{a}|| s) - \frac{\vec{a}_0}{||\vec{a}||^2} \cos(||\vec{a}|| s).$$

It's the circle with radius  $\frac{1}{||\vec{a}||}$  sitting on the plane spanned by  $\vec{u}_0$  and  $\vec{a}_0$ .



# Some Remarks on CR Manifold

- **Homogeneous model** [Andreas Čap and Jan Slovák 2009 1.1.6]

The homogeneous model of strictly pseudoconvex partially integrable almost CR-manifolds is the CR-sphere

$S^{2n+1} \cong PSU(n+1, 1)/P$  where  $P \subset PSU(n+1, 1)$  is the stabilizer of a null line. Similar to the real case, the corresponding Lie algebra is

$$\mathfrak{su}(n+1, 1) = \mathfrak{g}_{-2} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2,$$

where  $\mathfrak{g}_{-2} \cong \mathfrak{g}_2 \cong \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \cong \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_1 \cong (\mathbb{C}^n)^*$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_0 \cong \mathfrak{su}(n) \oplus \mathbb{C}$ .

(The relation between CR manifold and Cartan geometry can be seen in [Andreas Čap and Jan Slovák 2009 4.2.4].)

- **Chern-Moser Chain**

By [A. Čap, J. Slovák, and Žádník 2004], those curves on a base manifold  $M$  corresponding to local projections of constant- $\mathfrak{g}_{-2}$  vector fields are called *Chern-Moser chains*.

# IV. DIFFEOMORPHISM PRESERVING GEODESiCS



# Preserving Geodesics

**Given a diffeomorphism  $f: M \rightarrow M$**

**Q:** If  $f$  preserves geodesics\*, is  $f$  an automorphism?

\* In Riemannian case  $(M, g)$ , it means  $\forall$  geodesics  $\gamma \subset M$ ,  $f$  is defined to satisfy  $\nabla_{df(\dot{\gamma})} df(\dot{\gamma}) = 0$  &  $\nabla_{df^{-1}(\dot{\gamma})} df^{-1}(\dot{\gamma}) = 0$ .

Fact:

- $f$  preserves Riemannian geodesics  $\Leftrightarrow f$  preserves Levi-Civita connection:  $df(\nabla_X Y) = \nabla_{df(X)} df(Y)$ .  
[Corollary from the result in Spivak 1999 Chap. 6 Addendum 1]
- In nondegenerate CR case, if  $f$  preserves Chern-Moser chains, then  $f$  is either a CR isomorphism or a conjugate CR isomorphism. [Cheng 1988]
- $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\vec{v} \mapsto A\vec{v} + \vec{d}$ ,  $A \in \text{GL}(n)$ ,  $\vec{d} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , is geodesic-preserving but not an isometry in general.



# Preserving Geodesics

## Riemannian Geodesics

### Theorem (Kobayashi Oct. 1955)

*Given a connected complete Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  with a connection-preserving diffeomorphism  $(M, \nabla^g) \xrightarrow{f} (M, \nabla^g)$ . Assume the holonomy group of  $\nabla^g$  is irreducible, then  $f$  is an isometry except when  $M = \mathbb{R}$ .*



# Review Holonomy group

[Kobayashi and Nomizu Feb. 22, 1996]

Given a principal  $G$ -bundle with a principal connection  $(P, \gamma) \rightarrow M$ .

Define  $p \sim q$  if  $p, q \in P$  are joined by a piecewise smooth horizontal curve.

## Definition

The holonomy group  $Hol_p(\gamma)$  at  $p \in P$  is

$$Hol_p(\gamma) = \{g \in G \mid p \sim p \cdot g\}.$$

- If  $M$  is simply connected, then  $Hol_p(\gamma)$  is connected.
- If  $M$  and  $P$  are connected, then for all two points  $p, q \in P$ ,  
 $\exists! g \in G$  s.t.  $q \sim p \cdot g$  and so  $Hol_q(\gamma) = g^{-1}Hol_p(\gamma)g$ .



# Review Holonomy group

[Kobayashi and Nomizu Feb. 22, 1996]

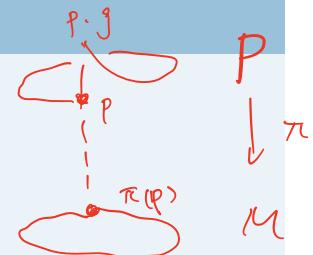
Given a principal  $G$ -bundle with a principal connection  $(P, \gamma) \rightarrow M$ .

Define  $p \sim q$  if  $p, q \in P$  are joined by a piecewise smooth horizontal curve.

## Definition

The holonomy group  $Hol_p(\gamma)$  at  $p \in P$  is

$$Hol_p(\gamma) = \{g \in G \mid p \sim p \cdot g\}.$$



- If  $M$  is simply connected, then  $Hol_p(\gamma)$  is connected.
- If  $M$  and  $P$  are connected, then for all two points  $p, q \in P$ ,  $\exists! g \in G$  s.t.  $q \sim p \cdot g$  and so  $Hol_q(\gamma) = g^{-1} H o l_p(\gamma) g$ .



# Ambrose-Singer Theorem

Assume  $(P, \gamma) \rightarrow M$  with  $M$  connected.

## Theorem

Let  $p \in P$ . The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{hol}_p(\gamma)$  of  $Hol_p(\gamma)$  is

$$\mathfrak{hol}_p(\gamma) = \text{span}\{\Omega_q(\tilde{X}^{hor}, \tilde{Y}^{hor}) \mid q \sim p\}.$$

[Kobayashi and Nomizu Feb. 22, 1996 Chap.II Thm 8.1]



# Review Holonomy Group

**Vector Bundle with a Linear Connection**  $(E, \nabla) \rightarrow M$

## Definition

$Hol_x(\nabla) = \{g \in \text{GL}(E_x) \mid V(1) = g \cdot V(0) \text{ where } V \subset E \text{ along}$   
 $\text{a closed curve } c \subset M \text{ centered at } x \text{ with } \nabla_{\dot{c}}V = 0$   
 $\text{and } V(0), V(1) \in E\}$

**Associated Vector Bundle**  $(P_G, \gamma) \xrightarrow{\pi} M$  and  $G \xrightarrow{\rho} \text{GL}(V)$

If  $E = P_G \times_G V$  and  $\nabla$  is induced from  $\gamma$ , then

$$Hol_p(\gamma) \stackrel{\rho}{=} Hol_{\pi(p)}(\nabla).$$



# de Rham Decomposition

[Kobayashi and Nomizu Feb. 22, 1996, Chap IV theorem 5.4]

Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold, then  $T_x M$  has the orthogonal decomposition

$$T_x M = \bigoplus_{i=0}^k T_x^{(i)} M, \quad \text{where}$$

$T_x^{(0)} M$  is the subspace s.t.  $\text{Hol}(x, \nabla)$  is a trivial representation on it and  $T_x^{(i)} M$  are irreducible representations of  $\text{Hol}(x, \nabla)$  for  $i = 1 \sim k$ . By parallel translation, these subspaces introduce involutive distributions and orthogonal to each other. Then, For any point  $y \in M$ ,  $\exists$  its open neighborhood  $V \subset M$  s.t.

$$V = \sum_{i=0}^k V_i, \quad V_i \underset{\text{open}}{\subset} M_i \text{ integral manifolds of } T^{(i)} M \text{ through } y$$

$$\text{and } g|_V = \bigoplus_{i=0}^k g|_{V_i}, \quad g|_{V_0} \text{ is isometric to Euclidean metric.}$$



# Conformal Manifold- Tractor Bundle

Given a  $(M^{n \geq 3}, [g])$  with the standard tractor bundle  $(\mathcal{V}, m^{[g]}, \mathcal{V}^1, \nabla^{\mathcal{V}})$  and a vector bundle isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{V} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{V} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{f} & M \end{array}.$$

Q:

- ①  $f$  preserves conformal geodesics  $\Leftrightarrow F$  preserves  $\nabla^{\mathcal{V}}$
- ② If  $F$  preserves  $\nabla^{\mathcal{V}}$ , is  $[f^*g] = [g]$ ?
- ③ If 1 and 2 are true, then  $f$  preserves conformal geodesics  
 $\Rightarrow [f^*g] = [g]$ .



# Discussion

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- From Riemannian manifold perspective, I may need to know irreducible representation of  $Hol_x(\nabla^{\mathcal{V}}) \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathcal{V}_x)$ .
- The de Rham decomposition leads to sum of irred. reps. of  $Hol_x(\nabla^g)$ , maybe I need to know the de Rham decomposition in conformal version.

## Facts

- For the standard tractor bundle  $(\mathcal{V}, m^{[g]}, \mathcal{V}^1, \nabla^{\mathcal{V}})$  of a conformal manifold  $(M^{n \geq 3}, [g])$ ,  $Hol_x(\nabla^{\mathcal{V}}) \subset O(n+1, 1)$ .
- For  $(S^{n \geq 3}, [g_{S^n}])$ ,  $Hol_x(\nabla^{\mathcal{V}}) = id$ .



# Conformal Tractor Holonomy Group

**Irreducible representation**  $Hol_x(\nabla^{\mathcal{V}}) \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathcal{V}_x)$

Theorem (Scala and Olmos 2001)

Let  $G$  be a connected Lie subgroup of  $SO(N, 1)$  and assume  $G \hookrightarrow \text{GL}(\mathbb{R}^{N+1})$  is irreducible, then  $G = SO_+(N, 1)$ .

By the above result, if  $(M^{n \geq 3}, [g])$  is simply connected and  $Hol_x(\nabla^{\mathcal{V}}) \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathcal{V}_x)$  is irred., then  $Hol_x(\nabla^{\mathcal{V}}) \cong SO_+(n + 1, 1)$ .

**Conformal de Rham local decomposition**

Theorem (Armstrong 2005)

Assume  $\mathcal{V}$  has a holonomy-preserved subbundle of rank  $2 \leq k \leq n$ , then locally  $\exists g \in [g]$  s.t.  $U^n = U_1^{k-1} \times U_2^{n-(k-1)}$  where  $g|_{U_1}$  and  $g|_{U_2}$  are Einstein.



# Conformal de Rham Decomposition

## Indecomposable

$(M^{n \geq 3}, [g])$  is called *indecomposable* if  $M$  is conformal Einstein and  $M$  cannot be decomposed as above.

### Theorem (Armstrong 2005)

If  $(M^{n \geq 3}, [g])$  is conformal Einstein, then there is a parallel section  $s$  of  $\mathcal{V}$ . In particular, the line bundle produced by  $s \in \Gamma(\mathcal{V})$  is holonomy preserved.

By the above result, any indecomposable representation  $Hol_x(\nabla^{\mathcal{V}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_x$  is reducible.



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