

Kempf-Ness Theorem thru geometric Quantization

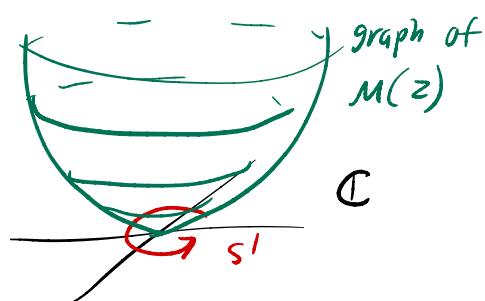
Prelude: Graps act twice

consider the perennial example of hamiltonian group actions, $S^1 \times \mathbb{C}^n$

$(\mathbb{C}, dz_1 d\bar{z}_1)$ is a symplectic manifold

$S^1 \times \mathbb{C}$ defined by $e^{i\theta} \cdot z = e^{i\theta} z$

generated by Hamiltonian vector field $X_M = (-y, x)$
w/ "moment map" $M(z) = \frac{1}{2} |z|^2$



likewise, $S^1 \times \mathbb{C}^2$ via $e^{i\theta} \cdot (z_1, z_2) = (e^{i\theta} z_1, e^{i\theta} z_2)$ has moment map $M(z_1, z_2) = \frac{1}{2} |z_1|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |z_2|^2$

We want to take the Quotient \mathbb{C}^2/S^1 . But this has no symplectic structure, not even infinitesimally.

$T(\mathbb{C}^2/S^1) = T\mathbb{C}^2/X_M$ cannot be a symplectic vector space

on symplectic spaces, directions are paired: $w = (dx_1, dy_1) \wedge (dx_2, dy_2)$,
w/ pairing induced by the almost complex structure $J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Motto:
In Symplectic Geometry,
Graps act twice

Instead, want $T\mathbb{C}^2/\langle X_M, JX_M \rangle$: This does have an induced symplectic structure

note $JX_M = \nabla M$, so $T\mathbb{C}^2/JX_M = \ker dM \Rightarrow T\mathbb{C}^2/\langle X_M, JX_M \rangle = \ker \frac{\partial}{\partial u}/X_M$

To globalize this construction, define $\boxed{\mathbb{C}^2/S^1 = M^{-1}(c)/S^1}$ 2 slashes ① ② symplectic reduction $T(\mathbb{C}^2/S^1)$

$\mathbb{C}^2/S^1 = S^3/S^1 = \mathbb{CP}^1$, w/ fubini-study form

Alternatively: $\mathbb{CP}^1 = \mathbb{C}^2 - \{0\}/\mathbb{C}^*$ where action of \mathbb{C}^* defined by $\langle X_M, JX_M \rangle$

We encode the paired directions of the action of G w/ the action of the complexification G_C

$GG(X, \omega)$ is hamiltonian if it has a moment map $M: X \rightarrow \text{Lie}(G)^* = \mathfrak{g}^*$: i.e,

- action of G on X generated by $V_3 \in T(TX)$ for $3 \in \mathfrak{g}$, & $\omega(V_3, \cdot) = d\langle M(\cdot), 3 \rangle$

- M is equivariant wrt coadjoint action $GG\mathfrak{g}^*$: $M \circ V_3 = \text{Ad}_3^*$, $\text{ad}_3^*(\cdot, \cdot) := \langle \cdot, [\cdot, 3] \rangle$

- then $X//G := M^{-1}(0)/G$ is a symplectic manifold assume $GGM^{-1}(0)$ freely

for X Kähler, with GGX Preserving the complex structure, we have

Kempf-Ness Theorem (1979) $X//G = X^{ss}/G_C := X//G_C$ where $X^{ss} \subset X$ open dense set of
"symplectic reduction" = "GIT Quotient" ①+② "GIT semi-stable pts", up to equivalence,
which I will define later

Kempf-Ness, like all the best theorems, is a motto: something you expect to hold in any setting where it can be stated. It suggests dual symplectic geometry & complex geometry perspectives, extending the compact group / complex group perspectives on Lie theory

Today I will tell you about a different motto:

Guillemin-Sternberg Conjecture (1982): $(X/G)_{\text{Quantum}} = (X_{\text{Quantum}})^G$ "Quantization commutes with reduction"
shortened in paper titles to " $[Q, R] = 0$ "

and convince you that these two mottos are the same. They were proven at the same time, in different settings, with analogous arguments.

Part 1: Geometric Quantization

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Classical phase space} & \xrightarrow{\text{Quantization}} & \text{Quantum state space} \\ \text{symplectic manifold } (X, \omega) & & \text{hilbert space } X_{\text{Quantum}} \end{array}$$

For any Quantization Procedure:

- the vectors in X_{Quantum} represent "wavefunctions" living over (X, ω)
- a G -action $G \times (X, \omega)$ preserving $\omega \Leftrightarrow$ a linear G -action $G \times X_{\text{Quantum}}$ "functoriality"

Guillemin-Sternberg conjecture:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Reduced Classical phase space} & \xrightarrow{\text{Quantization}} & \text{Reduced Quantum state space} \\ X//G = M^*(G)/G & & (X_{\text{Quantum}})^G = G\text{-fixed vectors in } X_{\text{Quantum}} \\ (X//G)_{\text{Quantum}} = (X_{\text{Quantum}})^G & & \end{array}$$

Proven in 1982 for Kahler Quantization: (X, ω, J) Kahler manifold

Let $L \rightarrow X$ be the Prequantum line bundle:

- L holo. line bundle, \langle , \rangle hermitian metric w/ curvature equal to Kahler form ω
- $X_{\text{Quantum}} = H^0(X, L)$ holo. sections of prequantum line bundle

Say $G \times X$ preserves ω & J : Then $X//G$ is also Kahler
define reduced prequantum bundle as $\xrightarrow{L//G}$ where $\Gamma(X//G, L//G) = \Gamma(M^*(G), L)^G$
 $\Rightarrow (X//G)_{\text{Quantum}} = H^0(X//G, L//G)$ $X_{\text{Quantum}} = X_{\text{Quantum}}^G$ sections are G -invariant sections on X
 $L//G$ carries induced holomorphic & hermitian structure

Action of G on $H^0(X, L)$:

We describe this infinitesimally via an action of \mathfrak{g} on $\Gamma(X, L)$
each $\mathfrak{z} \in \mathfrak{g}$, defines a differential operator $\partial_{\mathfrak{z}} : \Gamma(X, L) \rightarrow \Gamma(X, L)$, satisfying $[\partial_{\mathfrak{z}}, \partial_{\mathfrak{o}}] = \partial_{[\mathfrak{z}, \mathfrak{o}]}$

first guess: $\partial_{\mathfrak{z}} = \nabla_{V_{\mathfrak{z}}} : \Gamma(X, L) \rightarrow \Gamma(X, L)$ definition of curvature

fails commutation relation: $[\nabla_{V_{\mathfrak{z}}}, \nabla_{V_{\mathfrak{o}}}] = -\nabla_{[V_{\mathfrak{z}}, V_{\mathfrak{o}}]} - i\omega(V_{\mathfrak{z}}, V_{\mathfrak{o}}) \neq \nabla_{V_{[\mathfrak{z}, \mathfrak{o}]}}$

Correction: $\boxed{\partial_{\mathfrak{z}} s = (\nabla_{V_{\mathfrak{z}}} + i\langle M, \mathfrak{z} \rangle) s}$ for $s \in \Gamma(X, L)$

$$[\partial_{\mathfrak{z}}, \partial_{\mathfrak{o}}] = [\nabla_{V_{\mathfrak{z}}, \nabla_{V_{\mathfrak{o}}}] + i[\nabla_{V_{\mathfrak{z}}, \langle M, \mathfrak{o} \rangle}] - i[\nabla_{V_{\mathfrak{o}}, \langle M, \mathfrak{z} \rangle}]$$

definition of curvature: $= \nabla_{V_{[\mathfrak{z}, \mathfrak{o}]}} - i\omega(V_{\mathfrak{z}}, V_{\mathfrak{o}}) + i\langle d\langle M, \mathfrak{o} \rangle(V_{\mathfrak{z}}) - d\langle M, \mathfrak{z} \rangle(V_{\mathfrak{o}}) \rangle$

$$= \nabla_{V_{[\mathfrak{z}, \mathfrak{o}]}} + iV_{\mathfrak{z}} \langle M(\mathfrak{o}), \mathfrak{o} \rangle \quad \text{rearrange & recombine moment map terms}$$

$$= \partial_{V_{[\mathfrak{z}, \mathfrak{o}]}} + iM^*(M_{\mathfrak{o}} V_{\mathfrak{z}} \langle \mathfrak{o}, \mathfrak{o} \rangle) \quad \text{push forward to } \underline{g^*}$$

$$= \nabla_{V_{[\mathfrak{z}, \mathfrak{o}]}} + i\langle M(\mathfrak{o}), [\mathfrak{z}, \mathfrak{o}] \rangle \quad \text{equivariance of } M$$

$$= \partial_{[\mathfrak{z}, \mathfrak{o}]} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{depends on } M$$

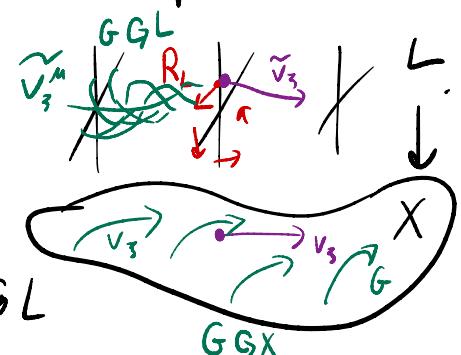
More conceptually: $\partial_{\mathfrak{z}}$ comes from a vector field $\tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{z}}^m$ on the total space of L

let $V_{\mathfrak{z}}^H$ be the horizontal lift of $V_{\mathfrak{z}}$ relative to ∇ .

let R_L be the generator of the S^1 action rotating the fibers of L

$$\text{Then } \tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{z}}^m = V_{\mathfrak{z}}^H + \langle M, \mathfrak{z} \rangle R_L$$

for G simply connected, $\tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{z}}^m$ integrates to an action GGL
& hence to an action on sections $GG\Gamma(X, L)$



Fact: if $\bar{\partial} s = 0$, then $\bar{\partial} \partial_{\mathfrak{z}} s = 0$.

So, $\partial_{\mathfrak{z}}$ defines a representation $\partial_{\mathfrak{z}} : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{End}(H^0(X, L))$

Since G simply connected, $\partial_{\mathfrak{z}}$ integrates to a representation $GGH^0(X, L)$
every G -invariant section $s \in H^0(X, L)$ restricts to a G invariant section over $N^*(G)$

so s descends to a holomorphic section $s/G \in H^0(X//G, L//G)$

this defines a map $H^0(X, L)^G \rightarrow H^0(X//G, L//G)$ Thm (Guillemin-Sternberg):

$$(X_{\text{quantum}})^G \rightarrow (X//G)_{\text{quantum}} \quad s \mapsto s/G$$

this is a bijection
 $H^0(X, L)^G \cong H^0(X//G, L//G)$

Example: $(X, \omega) = (\mathbb{C}, dz \wedge d\bar{z})$, prequantum line bundle $\overset{L \cong \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}}{\mathcal{E}}$ has hermitian metric $\langle s, s \rangle(z) = s, \bar{s}_2 e^{-|z|^2/2}$

S^1 action on $\Gamma(\mathcal{E}, L)$ defined by $e^{i\theta} \cdot z = e^{i\theta} z$, moment map $M(z) = \frac{1}{2}|z|^2$

S^1 action on $\Gamma(\mathcal{E}, L)$ generated by $\partial_z s = \nabla_{X_M} s + i M s$

choose trivialization $e(z) = 1$ of L . In these coords, $\nabla = d + \omega$

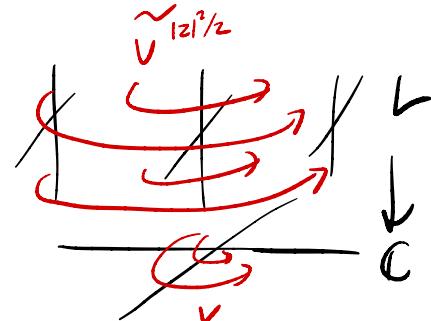
$\omega = \partial \log |e|^2 = \partial \log e^{-|z|^2/2} = -\partial M$ The Chern connection happens to involve the moment map in this case

so $\nabla_{X_M} s = ds(X_M) + \partial M(X_M) \cdot s$. To apply moment map condition to ∂M , write ∂ using $d = \partial + \bar{\partial}$ and $-iJd = \partial - \bar{\partial}$, w/ $Jd\mu(v) = du(Jv)$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial M(X_M) &= \frac{1}{2}(d\mu(X_M) - i d\mu(JX_M)) && \text{moment map condition} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\omega(X_M, X_M) - i \omega(X_M, JX_M)) && \text{use compatible metric} \\ &= \frac{-i}{2}|JX_M|^2 = \frac{-i}{2}|\nabla M|^2 \\ &= \frac{-i}{2}(|\nabla_{\frac{1}{2}}(x^2+y^2)|^2 = \frac{-i}{2}((x\partial_x + y\partial_y)^2) = \frac{-i}{2}(x^2+y^2) = -iM \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_z s = ds(X_M) + \partial M(X_M)s + iM s = X_M(s)$$

associated to vector field $\tilde{V}^{|z|^2/2} = (X_M, 0)$ on $L = \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$



S^1 action $e^{i\theta} \cdot s(z) = s(e^{i\theta} z)$

$H^0(\mathbb{C}, L)^{S^1}$ consists of rotation-invariant holomorphic functions: The only such function is $s(z) = a, a \in \mathbb{C}$ $\dim H^0(\mathbb{C}, L)^{S^1} = 0$ graph of $|s|^2 = e^{-|z|^2}$:

Suppose instead we used $M(z) = \frac{1}{2}|z|^2 + k$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \partial_z s &= \nabla_{X_M} s + i \frac{|z|^2}{2} s + ik s \\ &= X_M(s) + ik s \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } S^1 \text{ action is } e^{i\theta} \cdot s(z) = e^{ik\theta} s(e^{i\theta} z)$$

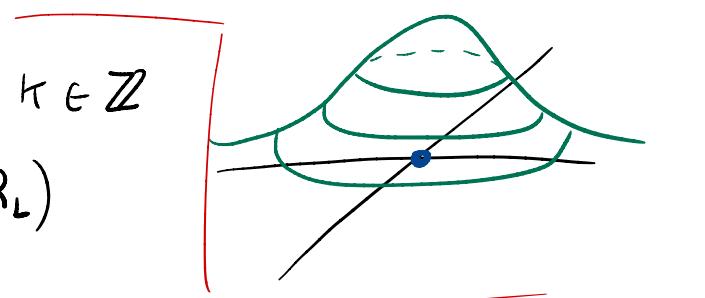
$k \geq 0 \Rightarrow$ invariant holomorphic sections are $s(z) = az^k$

$k < 0 \Rightarrow$ no invariant holomorphic sections

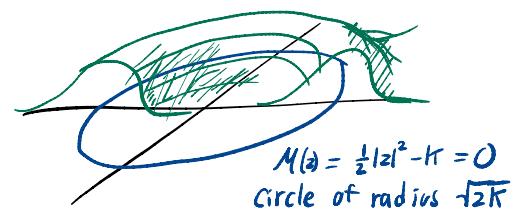
To see $s(z)$, we graph their norm $|s|^2$

- wrt hermitian metric $e^{-|z|^2}$, polynomials are localized!

- invariant holomorphic functions concentrate around zeros of moment map



Graph of $|z^k|^2 = |z|^{2k} e^{-|z|^2}$

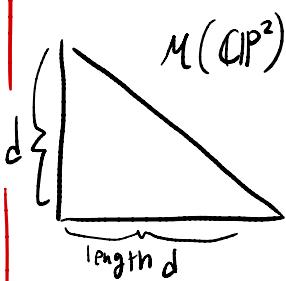


$M(z) = \frac{1}{2}|z|^2 - k = 0$
circle of radius $\sqrt{2k}$

Example: $(\mathbb{C}P^2, \omega_{FS})$ with $L = \mathcal{O}(d)$ $d \in \mathbb{N}$

$\mathbb{C}P^2$ admits $U(1)^2$ action $(e^{i\theta_1}, e^{i\theta_2}) \cdot [z_0 : z_1 : z_2] = [z_0 : e^{i\theta_1} z_1 : e^{i\theta_2} z_2]$

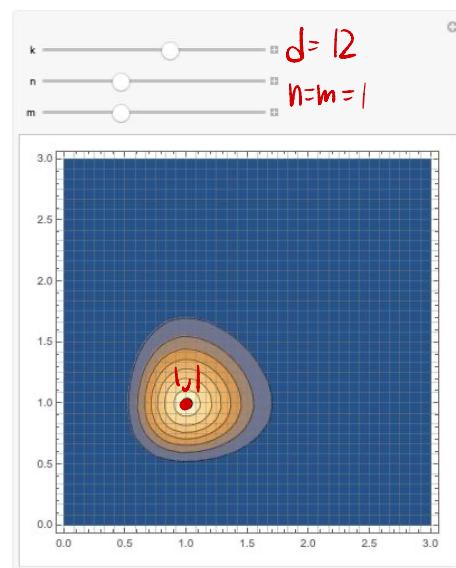
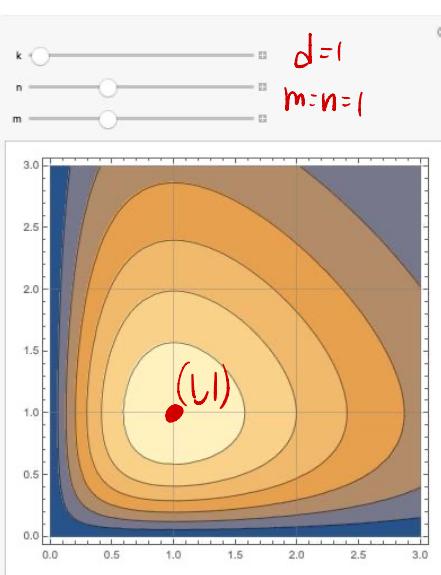
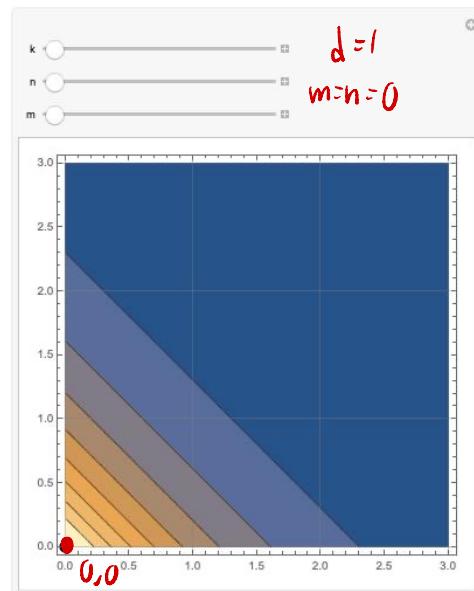
The moment map $M: \mathbb{C}P^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is defined up to translation in \mathbb{R}^2



$H^0(\mathbb{C}P^2, \mathcal{O}(d))$ = homogeneous, degree $d+1$ polynomials in x, y, z

consider a monomial $S_{m,n} = x^m y^n z^{(d+1)-(m+n)}$ $\in H^0(\mathbb{C}P^2, \mathcal{O}(d))$

the norm $|S_{m,n}|^2: \mathbb{C}P^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is invariant under $U(1)^2$, so it descends to $: \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. The graphs look like:



$|S_{m,n}|^2$ is localized in moment map near (n, m)

in fact, $\langle S_{m,n} \rangle = H^0(\mathbb{C}P^2, \mathcal{O}(d))^G$ for moment map $M - (n, m)$

Lessons from these examples:

- if $\text{SE } H^0(M, L)^G$, $|S|^2(x)$ seems to concentrate around $M^{-1}(0)$
- Different choices of M for same group action
 $\Leftrightarrow G$ -invariant sections have different "weights"

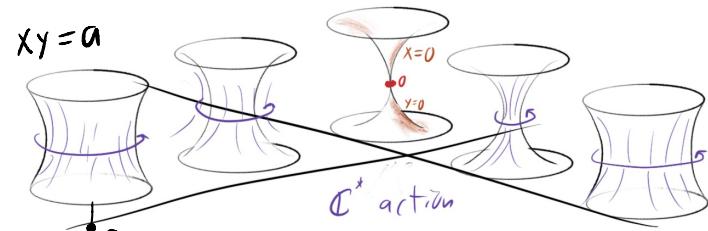
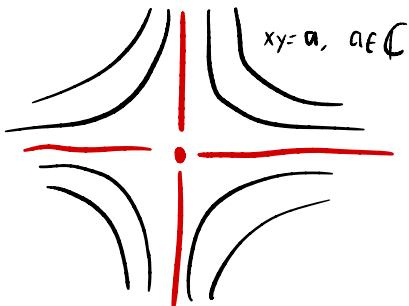
Part 2: Geometric Invariant Theory (GIT)

Now we move to the complex story: How do we form a Quotient X/G_C ? Since G_C not compact, we don't expect to get a good Quotient space

example: $G_C = \mathbb{C}^*$, $\mathbb{C}^*G_C\mathbb{C}^2$ via $+(x,y) = (+x, +y)$

complex picture:

orbits of \mathbb{C}^* (real locus)



Quotient is good outside of the locus $XY=0$: \mathbb{C}^* acts freely, so

$\mathbb{C}^2 - \{XY=0\}/\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$. This is open dense inside quotient $\mathbb{C}^2/\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C}$

Idea: define functions on Quotient should be invariant functions upstairs
"Invariant theory"

affine GIT: say an algebraic variety V has ring of functions R , $G_C G V$ algebraically

Define functions on $V//G_C$ as G_C -invariant functions on V

$V = \text{spec } R$ $V//G_C = \text{Spec } \underline{R^{G_C}}$ Ring of G_C -invariant functions

"build variety out of ring of functions"

The construction $V = \text{Spec } R$ encodes the structure of V irrespective of its embedding into \mathbb{C}^n . To reproduce the embedding, write $R = \frac{\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle}{\langle r_1, \dots, r_k \rangle}$ generators relations

then R is a quotient of a polynomial ring $\frac{\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]}{\langle r_1, \dots, r_k \rangle}$ $r_i \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

so $V = \text{Spec} \left(\frac{\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]}{\langle r_1, \dots, r_k \rangle} \right)$ $\subseteq \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid r_1(x) = \dots = r_k(x) = 0\}$ choice of generators of $R \Leftrightarrow$ write V as zeros of polynomial

Projective GIT: a projective variety is $V \subset \mathbb{CP}^n$. Lets describe its functions

functions on $\mathbb{CP}^n =$ polynomials $f: \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $f(\lambda \vec{x}) = \lambda^d f(\vec{x})$ d degree of f

$f \in H^0(\mathbb{CP}^n, \mathcal{O}(d)) = H^0(\mathbb{CP}^n, \mathcal{O}(d)^d)$ degree d homogenous polynomials

Ring of functions $\bigoplus H^0(\mathbb{CP}^n, \mathcal{O}(d))$ is graded by degree

\Rightarrow Ring of functions R^\bullet for projective variety $V \subset \mathbb{CP}^n$ is also graded

write $V = \text{Proj}(R^\bullet)$: V has the structure of a projective variety, w/o choosing embedding

To pick an embedding, write $R^\bullet = \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]/f_1, \dots, f_k$ x_i have degree 1
 f_i are homogenous $\Rightarrow \text{Proj}(R^\bullet) = \bigcap f_i^{-1}(0) \subset \mathbb{CP}^n$

Then $V//G_C = \text{Proj}(R^0 G_C)$

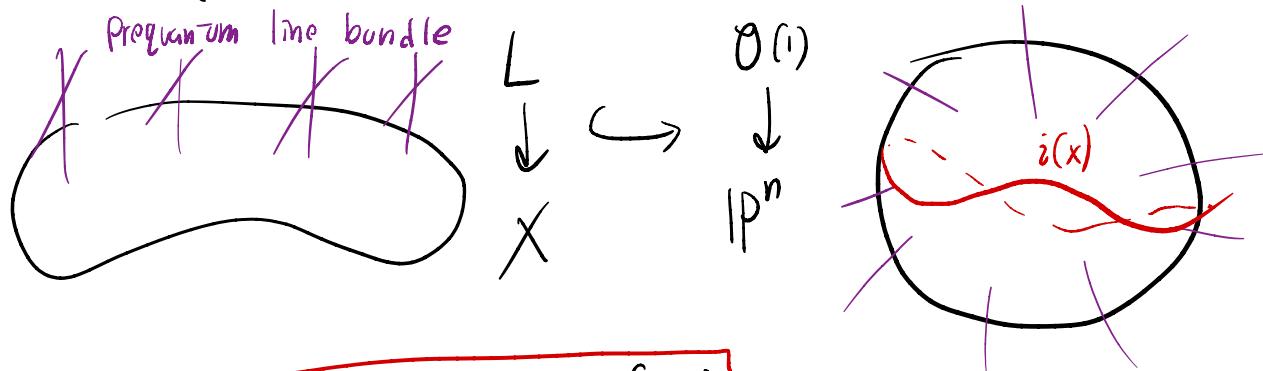
Recall Kodaira embedding: \downarrow holo. line bundle defines a map to projective space
 $i: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(H^0(X, L)^*)$ $\text{ev}_X(s) = s(x)$ in coords, choose basis $s_0, \dots, s_n \in H^0(X, L)$. Then, $x \mapsto [s_0(x): \dots : s_n(x)]$

Kodaira embedding thm: if L has positive curvature, then $\exists d$ s.t $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(H^0(X, L^d)^*)$ is an embedding

For example, if L is prequantum line bundle, $F_h = \omega > 0$, so L ample

\Rightarrow Quantizable Kahler manifolds are projective, and $L = i^* \Theta(i)$

The "ring of functions" on X is $R(X) = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} H^0(X, L^d)$, graded by power of prequantum line bundle
 $\Rightarrow X = \text{Proj}(R(X))$



GIT Quotient $X//G_C := \text{Proj}(R(X)^{G_C})$

explicitly, $X//G_C$ has "Kodaira embedding"

$X//G_C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(H^0(X, L)^{G_C})$ Si basis of
 $x \mapsto [s_0(x) : \dots : s_n(x)], H^0(X, L)^{G_C}$

Kempf-Ness (again):

$$\begin{matrix} \text{symplectic} & \text{GIT} \\ X//G & = X//G_C \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{Proj}\left(\bigoplus H^0(X//G, L//G)\right) = \text{Proj}\left(\bigoplus H^0(X, L^d)^{G_C}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow H^0(X//G, L//G) = H^0(X, L)^{G_C}$$

Guillemin Sternberg (again):

$$(X//G)_{\text{Quantum}} = (X_{\text{Quantum}})^G$$

$$H^0(X//G, L//G) = H^0(X, L)^G$$

not G_C (yet)

2.1 What's Geometric about GIT?

want to relate points in $X//G_C$ w/ orbits in X

$X//G_C$ can only hope to "see" points in X where $H^0(X, L)^{G_C}$ is nontrivial...

- $x \in X$ is semistable (ss) if $\exists s \in R(X)^{G_C}_{\neq 0}$ ^{nonconstant, G_C invariant} function on X s.t $s(x) \neq 0$

The semistable locus $X^{ss} = \{x \in X \mid x \text{ ss}\}$ is the part of X "visible" to $X//G_C$

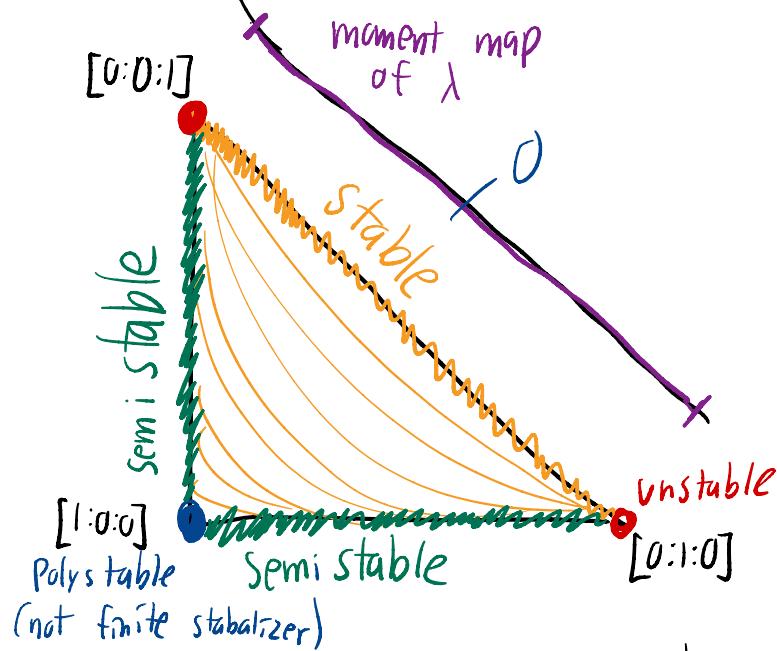
- x is unstable (u) if it is not ss, $X^u = X - X^{ss}$

- x is stable (s) if $G_{C,x}$ is closed in ss, & x has finite stabilizer

$$X^s \subset X^{ss} \subset X$$

Example: let $X = \mathbb{P}^2$, $G_0 = \mathbb{C}^\times$, $\lambda \cdot [z_0 : z_1 : z_2] = [z_0 : \lambda z_1 : \lambda' z_2]$

moment map picture for standard $U(1)^2$ action:

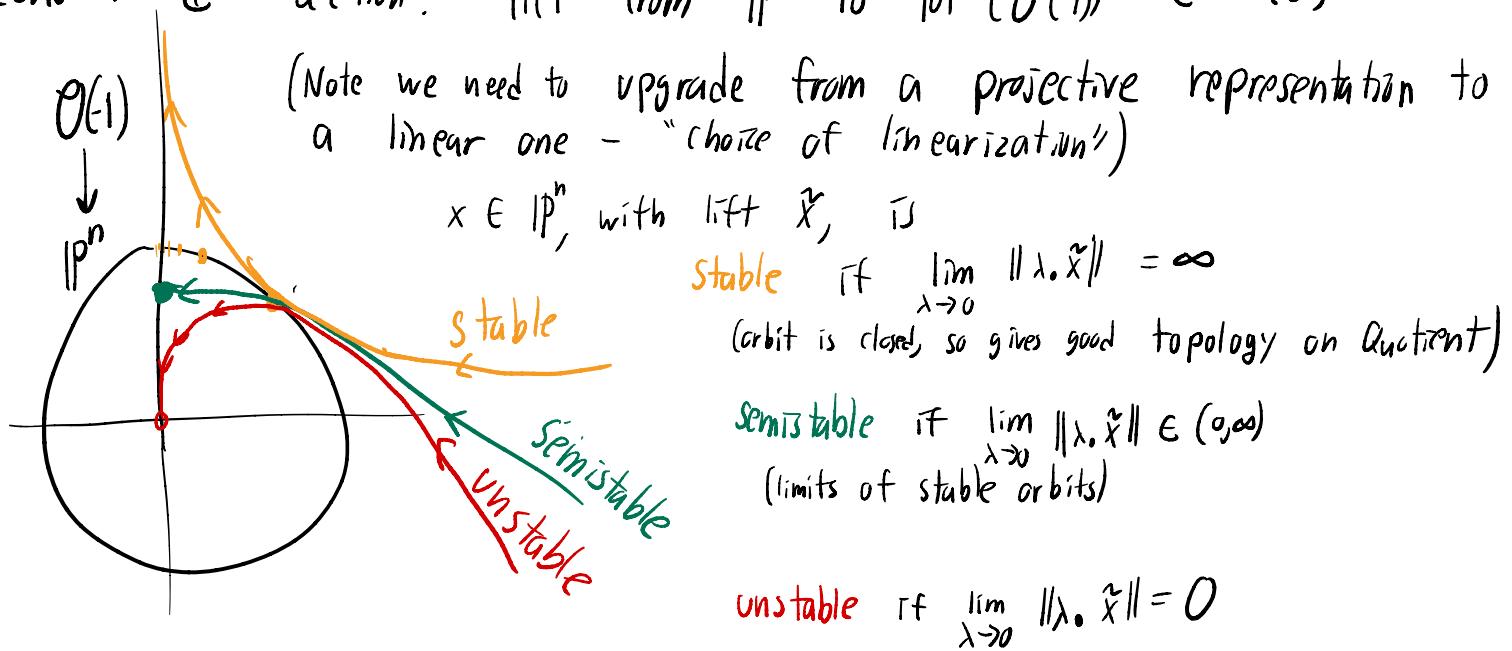


Thm (Mumford): $X//G_0 = (X^{ss}/G_0)/\sim$ where we impose "orbit equivalence"
 $G_0x \sim G_0y$ if $\overline{G_0x} \cap \overline{G_0y} \cap X^{ss} \neq \emptyset$
 2 slashes!

e.g. above, the two semistable orbits & $[1:0:0]$ are identified

Hilbert - Mumford Criterion: dynamic condition for stability

Consider \mathbb{C}^\times -action: lift from \mathbb{P}^n to $\text{Tot } (\mathcal{O}(-1)) = \mathbb{C}^{n+1} - \{0\}$



we can measure the behavior of the orbit from the weight of \mathbb{C}^* acting on the fiber at the limit point.

Theorem: $x \in X$ is semistable for G iff it is semistable for all 1-parameter subgroups $\mathbb{C}^* \subset G$

Part 3: Proving Quantization commutes w/ Reduction

Outline of proof

$$H^0(X, L)^G \xrightarrow{\text{①}} H^0(X, L)^{G_c} \xrightarrow{\sim} H^0(X^s, L)^{G_c} \xrightarrow{\sim} H^0(X//G, L//G)$$

① extend G -action on X to G_c -action ②

①a) show that the action of G_c is spanned by X_M & ∇_M

①b) lift G -action on L to G_c action s.t. $H^0(S, L)^G = H^0(S, L)^{G_c}$

② show that the G_c -orbit of $\mu(0)$ is the stable locus X^s

③ prove that restriction $H^0(X, L)^{G_c} \xrightarrow{\sim} H^0(X^s, L)^{G_c}$ is an isomorphism

④ prove that the Quotient map $H^0(X^s, L)^{G_c} \rightarrow H^0(X//G, L//G)$ is an isomorphism

① extending G to G_c : we work infinitesimally. $\text{Lie } G_c = g^C \cong g \oplus i\mathfrak{g}$

Define $G_c \times X$ via $V_{i\bar{z}} = J V_{\bar{z}}$ for $i\bar{z} \in \mathfrak{g}$.

①a) denote $M^{\bar{z}} = \langle M, \bar{z} \rangle$. $V_{\bar{z}} = X_{M^{\bar{z}}}$, so $V_{i\bar{z}} = J V_{\bar{z}} = \nabla M^{\bar{z}}$

The complex group action is generated by the gradient flow of the moment map

①b) lift $V_{i\bar{z}}$ to act on $\Gamma(L)$ in the natural way:

$\partial_{i\bar{z}} s = i \partial_{\bar{z}} s$ for s holomorphic. We want this written as an operator

Since s holomorphic, $\nabla_{\cdot} s \in \Omega^{1,0}(X)$. So, $i \nabla_{\cdot} s + \nabla_{J \cdot} s = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla_{J V_{\bar{z}}} s = -i \nabla_{V_{\bar{z}}} s$

$$\partial_{i\bar{z}} s = i(\nabla_{V_{\bar{z}}} s + i M^{\bar{z}} s) = -(\nabla_{J V_{\bar{z}}} s + M^{\bar{z}} s) = -(\nabla_{V_{i\bar{z}}} s + M^{\bar{z}} s)$$

in particular, if $s \in H^0(X, L)^G$, $\partial_{i\bar{z}} s = 0 \quad \forall \bar{z} \in \mathfrak{g}$

so $\partial_{i\bar{z}} s = 0 \quad \forall i\bar{z} \in \mathfrak{g} \Rightarrow s$ is G^C -invariant!

$$H^0(X, L)^G = H^0(X, L)^{G_c}$$

Now we collect facts about invariant sections. let $s \in H^0(X, L)^G$

• $V_{i\bar{z}} |s|^2 = -2 M^{\bar{z}} |s|^2$ Fundamental Computation

$$V_{i\bar{z}} |s|^2 = V_{i\bar{z}} \langle s, s \rangle = 2 \langle \nabla_{V_{i\bar{z}}} s, s \rangle \text{ as } \nabla \text{ is a metric connection}$$

s is G -invariant, hence G_c -invariant, so $\partial_{i\bar{z}} s = -(\nabla_{V_{i\bar{z}}} s + M^{\bar{z}} s)$

and $\nabla_{V_{i\bar{z}}} s = -M^{\bar{z}} s$. Plugging this in, $2 \langle \nabla_{V_{i\bar{z}}} s, s \rangle = -2 M^{\bar{z}} |s|^2$.

- The maximum of $|s|^2$ occurs along $M^1(0)$ (assuming $s \neq 0$)

Like we observed empirically!

say x_0 is a global maximum of $|s|^2$. Then $\nabla |s|^2(x_0) = 0$ for any v . In particular,

$$0 = V_{i\bar{z}} \langle s, s \rangle \Big|_{x_0} = -2M^3 |s|^2 \Big|_{x_0}$$

Since $s \neq 0$, $|s(x_0)|^2 = \max |s(x_0)|^2 > 0$. So, the above equality gives $M^3(x_0) = 0$.

- Along any G_C -orbit $G_C x$, consider the function $\Psi_s(g) = |s(gx)|^2$
if $k \in G$, then $|s(kx)|^2 = |s(x)|^2$. The compact part preserves norm. So, $\Psi(g)$ descends
to $\Psi_x: G \setminus G_C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ Recall $G \setminus G_C \cong \text{Exp}(i\mathfrak{g}) \cong \underline{g}$

Then Ψ_x is concave

This is another consequence of our fundamental computation

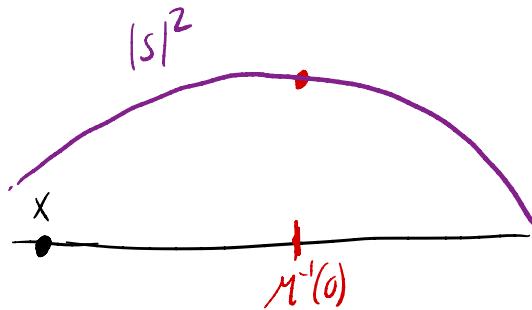
$T(G \setminus G_C) \cong i\mathfrak{g}$. Compute the second derivative in direction $i\bar{z}$:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{i\bar{z}}^2 |s|^2 &= V_{i\bar{z}} (-2M^3 |s|^2) = -2 \left(\nabla M^3(M^3) |s|^2 + M^3 \cdot M^3 |s|^2 \right) \\ &= -2 \left(|\nabla M^3|^2 |s|^2 + |M^3|^2 |s|^2 \right) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(2) relationship with (semi) stable locus

The concavity of Ψ_s implies, along $G_C x$, $|s|^2$ has at most 1 critical pt.
from the fundamental computation, these critical points are exactly $G_C x \cap M^1(0)$
 \Rightarrow each G_C orbit intersects $M^1(0)$ @ at most 1 G -orbit!

Options:



• 1 critical pt

• $G_C x$ intersects $M^1(0)$

• x is stable (assuming $G \setminus G \setminus M^1(0)$ free)



• no critical pts (horizontal asymptote)

• $\overline{G_C x}$ intersects $M^1(0)$

• x is semistable but not stable

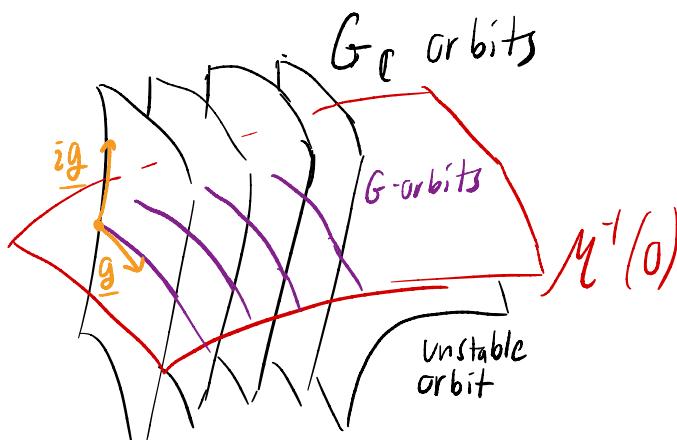
$|s|^2 = 0$ on orbit

if this is true for all $s \in H^0(X, L)^{G_{\mathbb{C}}}$,
 x is unstable

$G \backslash G_{\mathbb{C}}$

x

$$S_0 \subset X \text{ s.s} \iff \overline{G_{\mathbb{C}}x} \cap M^{-1}(0) \neq 0$$



$M^{-1}(0)$ is slice for action
of $\underline{\mathbb{Z}g}$

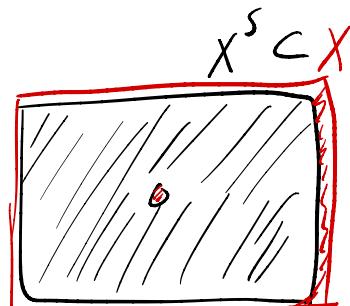
$$(4) H^0(X^s, L)^{G_{\mathbb{C}}} \xrightarrow{q} H^0(X/G, L/G) \quad \text{via the quotient map } q.$$

q is surjective: for $S_0 \in H^0(X/G, L/G) \cong H^0(M^{-1}(0), L)^G$, want to extend to $S \in H^0(G_{\mathbb{C}} M^{-1}(0) = X^s, L)^{G_{\mathbb{C}}}$. Define this using action \mathcal{O}_{ij} . The resulting section is unique, b.c. $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ acts freely on X^s .

q is injective: wts that for $s \in H^0(X^s, L)^{G_{\mathbb{C}}}$, $s \neq 0$, $r(s) \neq 0$. This is true b.c. $|s|^2$ achieves its maximum on $M^{-1}(0)$

$$(3) H^0(X, L)^{G_{\mathbb{C}}} \xrightarrow{r} H^0(X^s, L)^{G_{\mathbb{C}}}$$

r is injective because $X^s \subset X$ is dense open



r surjective: take $s \in H^0(X^s, L)^{G_{\mathbb{C}}}$. we wish to extend s to \tilde{s}

Lemma: X^u is complex codimension ≥ 1 . in particular, it is contained in a divisor D

assuming the lemma, we know by construction that $|\tilde{s}|^2$ is bounded. so it cannot have a pole at D . By the Riemann extension theorem, s extends smoothly to $\tilde{s} \in H^0(X, L)^{G_{\mathbb{C}}}$, s.t. $r(\tilde{s}) = s$.

Proof of lemma:

it suffices to find a single non-0 function $s \in H^0(X, L)^G$. Indeed, $D = s^{-1}(0)$ is a divisor which necessarily contains X^u .

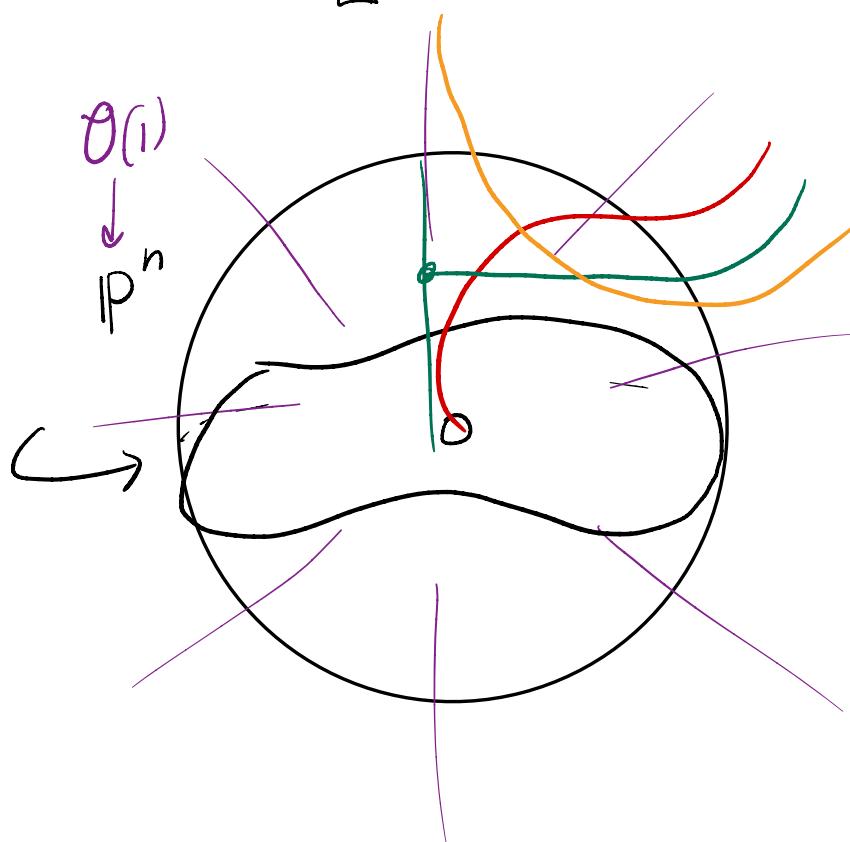
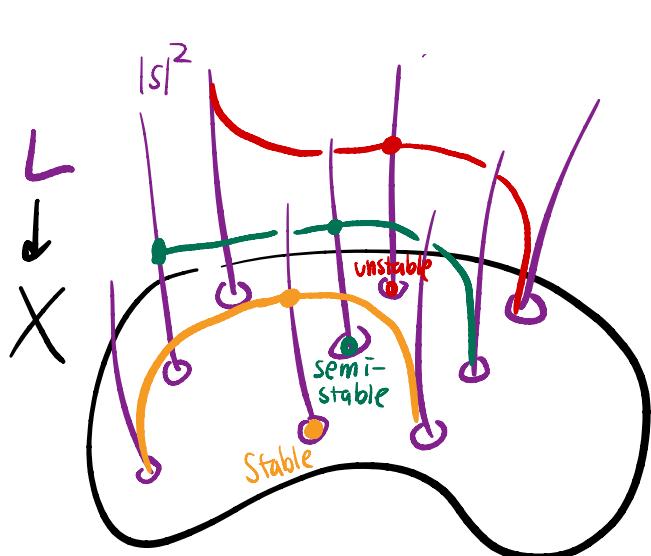
Guillemin-Stenberg argue for $\dim H^0(X, L)^G \neq 0$ using Fourier integral operators to estimate the rank of the Szegő kernel - gross.

We could alternatively use Kodaira embedding to make X a projective variety.

Then we are in the setting of classic GIT. we want to show $X//G_C \stackrel{\text{GIT}}{\sim}$

$= \text{Proj}(\oplus H^0(X, L)^G)$ is nonempty. By GIT, $X//G_C \neq \emptyset$ if X has a semistable point. by our computation above, we know X has a semistable pt b.c $M^{-1}(0)$ is nonempty. \square

Lemma 1



Graphs of norms of
G-invariant section
 $s \in H^0(X, L)^G$

$$|s|^2 \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{|v|^2} \text{ in lift}$$

$$L = \mathbb{P}^* \theta(1) \longleftrightarrow \theta(-1)$$

Kempf-Ness proved: $v \in \mathbb{P}(V)$ is stable under $G \curvearrowright V$ iff the orbit attains the infimum of $|v|^2$. \Leftrightarrow zero of moment map in $(\mathbb{P}^n, \omega_{FS})$

C.f "an orbit is stable if the G -invariant hol. section $|s|^2$ attains its supremum