Kähler Geometry

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where $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n}$ is the sheaf of holomorphic functions on \mathbb{C}^n .



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Examples: \mathbb{CP}^n (Projective space), \mathbb{C}^n/Γ (Complex torii), Quotients of the form X/G (properly discontinuous action)

Goal

- Doing geometry on complex manifolds
- Realize that Kähler manifolds are natural sites for seeking relationships between topological, complex and geometric structures on a space.
- 3 Actually see instances of 2

A General theme

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A meromorphic function on $U \subset_{open} X$ is a map

$$f:U\to\coprod_{x\in U}Q(\mathcal{O}_{X,x})$$

Sheaf of meromorphic functions: \mathcal{K}_X

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 $\mathcal{A}_{X}^{p,q}(E)$, the sheaf $U \mapsto \mathcal{A}_{X}^{p,q}(E)(U) := \Gamma(U, \bigwedge^{p,q} X \otimes E)$

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Suitably generalizing this from TX to arbitrary complex vector bundles:

Hermitian vector bundle (E, h): A complex vector bundle E on a smooth manifold M, E_x is endowed with a a hermitian inner product h_x , smooth in x.

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The **curvature** F_{∇} of a connection ∇ on a vector bundle E is defined as the composition:

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Let (E,h) be a holomorphic vector bundle. Then there exists a unique hermitian connection ∇ that is compatible with the holomorphic structure, i.e $\nabla^{1,0} = \bar{\partial}$. This connection is called the Chern connection on (E,h).

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A real (1,1)-form α is called (semi)-positive if for all non-zero holomorphic tangent vector $v \in T^{1,0}X$, one has $-i\alpha(v, \bar{v}) > 0$ (resp. ≥ 0).

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Conjecture Calabi

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- Generalizing to Kähler manifolds, a Kähler metric ω on X is said to be **Kähler-Einstein** is $Ric(\omega) = \lambda \omega$.

Theorem

(**Aubin**, **Yau**) If $c_1(X) = 0$ (resp. < 0) then for any $\alpha \in C_X$, there exists an $\omega \in \alpha$ such that $Ric(\omega) = 0$ (resp. < 0).

Some More Questions

- Using the homomorphism $Aut(X) \rightarrow Aut(Pic(X))$ to study action of elements of Aut(X) on geometric objects on X.
- Deformation of vector bundles and limiting geometries

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