

$(SL_n(\mathbb{R}), SO_n(\mathbb{R}))$  and  $(GL_n(\mathbb{R})^+, SO_n(\mathbb{R})\mathbb{R}^+)$  induce same symm.-space.

Example:  $G = Sp_{2g}(\mathbb{R}) =$  automorphisms of  $\mathbb{R}^{2g}$  w/ symplectic form  $\psi(x, y) = {}^t x \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_g \\ -I_g & 0 \end{bmatrix} y$ .

Acts on  $\mathcal{H}_g^+ = \{Z = X + iY \in \text{Sym}_g(\mathbb{R}) : Y \text{ pos. def.}\}$  by  $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} Z = (AZ + B)(CZ + D)^{-1}$ . Let

$K = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ -B & A \end{bmatrix} \in G \right\}$  be stabilizer of  $iI_g \in \mathcal{H}_g^+$ . Let  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(G)$  be  $\sigma(g) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & I \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix} g \begin{bmatrix} 1 & I \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$ .

Then,  $K = G^\sigma \Rightarrow (G, K)$  Riemannian symm. pair and  $G/K \cong \mathcal{H}_g^+$  symm.-space.

$\text{Aut}(\mathbb{R}^{p+q}, b)$

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Example:  $p, q > 0$ . Equip  $\mathbb{R}^{p+q}$  w/ bilinear form  $b(x, y) = {}^t x \begin{bmatrix} I_p & \\ & -I_q \end{bmatrix} y$ . Let  $G = SO(p, q) \subseteq O(p, q)$ .

$K = SO(p) \times SO(q) \subseteq \underbrace{\{ \text{elts. of } SO(p, q) \text{ that preserve the decomposition } \mathbb{R}^{p+q} \cong \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^p}_{\substack{\text{pos.} \\ \text{def.}}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^q}_{\substack{\text{neg.} \\ \text{def.}}} \}}_{\text{(index 2)}}$  (we've basically singled out this decomposition...)

Thing on the right is  $G^\sigma$  for  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(G)$  conjugating by elt.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^p \times \{0\} \in \mathbb{R}^{p+q} \\ -1 & \text{on } \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}^q \in \mathbb{R}^{p+q} \end{pmatrix} \in O(p, q)$ .

Can recover  $\mathbb{R}^q$  as orthogonal complement of  $\mathbb{R}^p$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{p+q}$ . So,  $G/K = \{ \text{oriented pos. def. subspaces of } \mathbb{R}^{p+q} \text{ of dim } p \}$ .

Problem: This has 2 conn. components! We know this because of the spinor norm  $SO(p, q) \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ , which is surj.

Looking at spin double cover (which is only double cover in the sense of alg. geps.!)  $\Rightarrow G/K$  union of two symm.-spaces.

Example: Let  $G = U(p, q)$ ,  $K = U(p) \times U(q)$ . Then,  $\{G/K\}$  is disjoint union of symm.-spaces (unless  $p = q$ , where we can swap

things). This parametrizes orthog. decompositions  $\mathbb{C}^{p+q} = \underbrace{H^+}_{\substack{\text{pos.} \\ \text{def.}}} \oplus \underbrace{H^-}_{\substack{\text{neg.} \\ \text{def.}}}$ .

Example:  $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n/\mathbb{Z}^n, S^n, \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C})$ . [These are not the kind of examples we want!]

Thm: Every simply conn. symm.-space  $M$  decomposes as  $M = \underbrace{M^0}_{\text{Euclidean type}} \times \underbrace{M^-}_{\text{non-compact type}} \times \underbrace{M^+}_{\text{compact-type}}$ .

Symm.-space  $M$  is Euclidean if all sectional curvatures vanish at every pt. of  $M$ . (e.g.,  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n/\mathbb{Z}^n$ ).

" non-compact type if " sectional curvatures are  $\leq 0$  but not all 0 (all interesting examples above).

" compact type "  $\geq 0$  but not all 0 (e.g.,  $S^n, \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C})$ ).

We are interested in symm. spaces of non-compact type arising from reductive gps.

## Hermitian Symm. Spaces

(not holomorphically varying)

Def: Hermitian metric on complex mfd  $X$  is smoothly varying collection  $\{h_x\}_{x \in X}$  of pos. def. Hermitian forms  $h_x: T_x X \times T_x X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

$g = \operatorname{Re} h$  gives Riemannian metric on  $X$  and  $g(iv, iw) = g(v, w)$ . Can go the other way.

(HSD)

Def: Hermitian symm. domain is Hermitian symm. space of non-compact type.

Example: Siegel half-space!

Example:  $U(p, q) / U(p) \times U(q)$ . Complex structure comes from viewing this as open subset of  $\{p\text{-dim subspaces of } \mathbb{C}^{p+q}\}$ .

Non-Example:  $SL_n(\mathbb{R}) / SO_n(\mathbb{R})$  (no nat. complex structure unless  $n=2$ )

$\cdot \mathbb{C}^n, \mathbb{C}^n / \mathbb{Z}^{2n}$  (Euclidean type ~~type~~)

$\cdot \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C})$  (compact type)

Example:  $SO(p, q) / SO(p) \times SO(q) \cong \{\text{oriented } p\text{-dim pos. def. subspaces of } \mathbb{R}^{p+q} \text{ w/ bilinear form } \begin{bmatrix} I_p & \\ & -I_q \end{bmatrix}\}$  is always Hermitian symm. space.   
  $\leftarrow$  [Actually get disj. union of two HSD's.]

~~Hermitian symm. space~~ symm. space, but only if  $p$  or  $q$  is 2 (in which case it is HSD). Consider  $SO(2, q) / SO(2) \times SO(q) \cong \{\text{oriented pos. def. planes in } \mathbb{R}^{2+q}\}$ . We get  $\mathbb{C}$ -structure by extending  $\mathbb{C}$ -bilinearly to  $\mathbb{C}^{2+q}$ .

Let  $H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2+q}$  be oriented pos. def. plane. Let  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  be oriented ON basis.  $L := \mathbb{C}(e_1 + ie_2) \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{2+q}$ .

Exercise:  $H \mapsto L \mapsto$  isom. of smooth mfd's  $\{\text{oriented pos. def. planes in } \mathbb{R}^{2+q}\} \cong \{\text{isotropic lines } L = \mathbb{C}v \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{2+q} \text{ s.t. } \langle v, \bar{v} \rangle > 0\}$ .

RHS has complex structure!

Remark: When  $p=2=q$  we get product of two upper-half-planes. Either choice defines the same complex structure.

Prop:  $X \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$  conn. bdd. open set.  $\operatorname{Hol}(X) :=$  holomorphic auto. grp. of  $X$ . Assume  $\operatorname{Hol}(X) \curvearrowright X$  transitively and

$\exists$  symm.  $s_x \in \operatorname{Hol}(X) \forall x \in X$ . Then,  $\exists$  Hermitian metric making it into HSD. [In fact our construction is canonical!]

Remark: This is called Bergman metric and arises from Bergman kernel.

Pf:  $H(X) := \{L^2 \text{ holomorphic functions on } X\}$ . This is a Hilbert space!  $x \in X \mapsto \omega_x: H(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  cont. lin. functional.

This is represented by some  $g_x \in H(X)$  - i.e.,  $\omega_x(f) = \int_X f \overline{g_x}$ .

Bergman kernel  $k(x, y) := \overline{g_x(y)}$ . Let  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i \in I}$  be Hilbert space basis for  $H(X)$ .

$$k(x, y) = \sum_{i \in I} \varphi_i(x) \overline{\varphi_i(y)}.$$

Properties: (1) holomorphic in  $x \in X$ . (3) invariant under  $\text{Hol}(X)$ .  
 (2)  $k(x, y) = \overline{k(y, x)}$ . (4)  $\forall f \in H(X): f(x) = \int_X k(x, z) f(z) dy$ .  
 [“reproducing kernel”]

Let  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  be usual coords. on  $X \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$ .  $k_{i,j}(x) := \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_i \partial \bar{z}_j} \log k(x, x)$ . We get Hermitian metric

$$h_x: T_x X \times T_x X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, (v, w) \mapsto \sum_{i,j} k_{i,j}(x) dz_i(v) d\bar{z}_j(w). \text{ Making the identification } T_x X = \mathbb{C}^n,$$

$$h_x(v, w) = {}^t \bar{w} (k_{i,j}(x)) v.$$

Converse is also true. [This is far from obvious.]

Prop: Every HSD is biholomorphic to open subset of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

Remark: This requires knowing that isometries are basically the same thing as holomorphic automorphisms.

Example:  $H_g \cong \{X \in \text{Sym}^g(\mathbb{C}) : I - {}^t \bar{X} X \text{ is pos. def.}\} \xrightarrow[\text{bdd image}]{\text{open w/}} \mathbb{C}^{g(g+1)/2} \text{ via } x \mapsto (x_{ij})_{j \leq i}.$

Example:  $U(n, 1) / U(n) \times U(1) \cong \text{open unit ball in } \mathbb{C}^n$ . [ison. is not entirely obvious...]

Prop:  $(X, h)$  HSD.

(1)  $X$  is simply conn.

(2) Every elt. of  $\text{Hol}(X)$  preserves  $h$ .

(3)  $\text{Hol}(X) = \text{Iso}(X, g)$  for  $g := \text{Re } h$ .

So, we can just view HSD's as open bdd. conn. subsets of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  s.t. every pt. admits holomorphic symm.