

Differential Geometry II

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Notice: If ι is isotropic, then $\dim N \leq \frac{1}{2} \dim M$, coisotropic, then $\dim N \geq \frac{1}{2} \dim M$. Hence, if ι is Lagrangian, then $\dim N = \frac{1}{2} \dim M$.

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$$\omega = d\theta = \sum dp_i dq_i \quad \text{is associated coord. } (p_1, \dots, p_n, q_1, \dots, q_n)$$

$$\theta = \sum p_i dq_i \quad \theta|_{\text{zero section}} = 0$$

$$f_i|_{\text{fibre}} = \text{const.} \Rightarrow dq_i|_{\text{fibre}} = 0 \Rightarrow \theta|_{T_q^*Q} = 0$$

$$\alpha: Q \rightarrow T^*Q \quad \alpha^*\theta = \alpha \Rightarrow \alpha^*(d\theta) = d\alpha$$

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(4) Let $\varphi : (M_1, \omega_1) \rightarrow (M_2, \omega_2)$ be a symplectomorphism ($\dim M_1 = \dim M_2$). Then the graph

$$\Gamma_\varphi := \{(x, \varphi(x)) \mid x \in M_1\} \subset M_1 \times M_2$$

is a Lagrangian submanifold where the symplectic structure on $M_1 \times M_2$ is given by

$$\omega := \pi_1^* \omega_1 - \pi_2^* \omega_2. \quad \left(\text{ } \omega_1 \oplus (-\omega_2) \text{ } \right)$$

$$\text{At (4) } \underline{\Phi}: M_1 \rightarrow \bar{M}_1 \quad \underline{\Phi}(x) = (x, \varphi(x))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^* \omega &= (\text{id} \times \varphi)^* (\bar{\omega}_1 - \bar{\omega}_2) \\ &= \omega_1 - \varphi^* \omega_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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(2) The quantity

$$w(M, \omega) := \sup\{R > 0 \mid \exists \psi : B^{2n}(R) \hookrightarrow M, \psi^* \omega = \omega_{st}\}$$

is a symplectic invariant, called **Gromov width**. E.g.

$$w(B^2(R) \times \mathbb{R}^{2n-2}) = R.$$

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1st order ODE
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historically difficult proof: see Arnold's
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$$\omega_\tau|_{U'}$$

is non-degenerate for all $\tau \in [0, 1]$.

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$d\omega > 0$, U^n starshaped. Poincaré Lemma

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(2) From $g(\cdot, \cdot) := \omega(\cdot, J\cdot)$ follows that g is symmetric if and only if $g(JX, JY) = g(X, Y)$.

$\Rightarrow J$ is orthogonal, $h(X, Y) := g(X, Y) + i\omega(X, Y)$ defines a Hermitian structure with Kähler form ω .

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Proposition 102: Let M be a closed manifold, J an almost complex structure tamed by symplectic forms ω_k , $k = 0, 1$, such that $[\omega_0] = [\omega_1] \in H_{DR}^2(M)$. Then there is a symplectomorphism $\varphi : M \rightarrow M$, $\varphi^* \omega_1 = \omega_0$.

Proof: $\omega_1 - \omega_0 = d\beta$ $\beta \in \mathcal{L}^1(M)$

$$\omega_T = (1-T)\omega_0 + T\omega_1 = \omega_0 + Td\beta$$

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M closed $\Rightarrow \exists \Phi_T : I \rightarrow M$ diffeom.

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Moser's trick $\Rightarrow \Phi_1^* \omega_1 = \omega_0$ \square

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Theorem 103: (i) Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold. The space of compatible almost complex structures

$$\mathcal{J}(M, \omega) := \{J \mid J \text{ almost complex structure compatible with } \omega\}$$

is a non-empty contractible space.

(ii) Assume that on a open subset U there is an almost complex structure tamed by ω such that $M \setminus U$ is compact, then there is an almost complex structure on M which is tamed by ω .

Proof: $\mathcal{J}(T_p M, \omega_p) = \{J \mid J \text{ complex str. of } T_p M \text{ compatible with } \omega_p\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_p(T_p M, \omega_p) &= \text{Sp}(T_p M, \omega_p) / \text{U}(T_p M, \omega_p, J_0) \\ &= \{ \phi : T_p M \rightarrow T_p M \text{ lin. iso} \mid \phi^* \omega_p = \omega_p \} \\ &\simeq \mathbb{R}^{N(N-1)/2} \quad \text{Siegel's upper half space.} \end{aligned}$$

\leadsto form a bundle over M & $\mathcal{J}(M, \omega) = \text{space of sections } \square$

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Remark: The closedness $d\omega = 0$ plays no role in the proof of Theorem 103. The existence of an almost complex structure provides an obstruction to the existence of a symplectic structure.

For example: An oriented closed 4-manifold admits an almost complex structure (inducing this orientation) if and only if there is a integer class $c \in H_{DR}^2(M)$ such that

$$\int_M c^2 = 2\chi(M) + 3\sigma(M).$$

S^4 and $2k\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 2\ell\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$ do not admit almost complex structures for any orientation.

Definition 104: The **Chern classes** of a symplectic manifold (M, ω) are the Chern classes $c_k(TM, J)$ of an almost complex structure J which is compatible to ω .

Remark: Since the space of such structures is connected via the Chern-Weil construction we see that $c_k(M, \omega)$ is well-defined, i.e. does not depend on J .

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