

Differential Geometry II

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Theorem 90: Assume that (M, g) is a complete connected Riemannian manifold for which the sectional curvature satisfies

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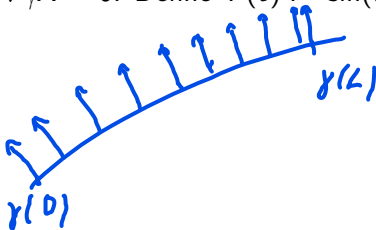
Then the diameter of M is bounded by

$$\text{diam}(M, g) \leq \pi R.$$

In particular, M is compact and its fundamental group is finite.

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Hence γ has conjugate points and is not minimal. \square

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$(*) \Rightarrow \exists v_2 \notin \text{span}(v_1) : \omega(v_1, v_2) = 1$

$\dim \ker \omega(v_1, \cdot) = \dim \ker \omega(v_2, \cdot) = \dim M - 1$

$\ker \omega(v_1, \cdot) \neq \ker \omega(v_2, \cdot) \Rightarrow \dim(\ker \omega(v_1, \cdot) \cap \ker \omega(v_2, \cdot)) = \dim M - 2$

$\omega_1 := \omega|_{V_1 \times V_1}$ is non-deg. $v \in V_1 : \omega(v, v) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \exists v' \in V_1 : \omega(v, v') \neq 0$
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$$b_2(M) := \dim H_{DR}^2(M) \geq 1.$$

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With standard coordinates (x_1, \dots, x_n) on \mathbb{R}^n and adapted coordinates $(p_1, \dots, p_n, q_1, \dots, q_n)$ where

$$(p_1, \dots, q_n) \mapsto \theta_{(p_1, \dots, q_n)} := (q_1, \dots, q_n, \sum_{k=1}^n p^k dq^k)$$

parametrizes $T^*\mathbb{R}^n$ so that with the projection $\pi : T^*\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

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and for the coordinate vector fields

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Notice

$$\omega_{st} = \Re(\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$$

for the standard Hermitian product on $\mathbb{C}^n \cong T_z\mathbb{C}^n$, i.e. the **Kähler form**.

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(2) Let $A \in \Omega^1(S^{2n+1}; i\mathbb{R})$ be the connection one form on the total space of the Hopf bundle $S^{2n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$ where the connection is given by the horizontal spaces $T_z^h S^{2n+1}$ which are the orthogonal complements to the orbits of the S^1 -action

$$(z_1, \dots, z_{n+1}) \cdot g = (z_1 g, \dots, z_{n+1} g).$$

The curvature $F_A \in \Omega^2(\mathbb{C}P^n; i\mathbb{R})$ defines the symplectic form

$$\omega_{FS} := -iF_A,$$

called **Fubini Study form**.

(3) Let F be an oriented surface. Any **area form** on F defines a symplectic structure on F .

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and with $q(t) = x(t)$, $p(t) = m\dot{x}(t)$ we obtain Newton's equation again.

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$\Phi : U \times (t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon) \rightarrow M$ be a smooth map for an open subset $U \subset M$ satisfying $\Phi(t_0, x) = x$ for all $x \in U$ and

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t}(x, t) = X_H(\Phi(x, t), t)$$

also called the **flow of** X_H . We abbreviate $\Phi_t(X) := \Phi(x, t)$. Then $\Phi_t : U \rightarrow M$ is an embedding and

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