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Negative Kodaira dimension on almost Hermitian manifolds with nonnegative curvature

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1. Kodaira dimension on almost complex manifolds

Complexified tangent vector bundle

Let (M, J) be a real $2n$ -dimensional almost complex manifold.

Let TM be the real tangent vector bundle and let $\Lambda^1 M$ be the dual of TM . We consider the complexified tangent vector bundle:

$$T^{\mathbb{C}}M = TM \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} = T^{1,0}M \oplus T^{0,1}M,$$

$$T^{1,0}M = \{X - \sqrt{-1}JX \mid X \in TM\}, \quad T^{0,1}M = \{X + \sqrt{-1}JX \mid X \in TM\}.$$

We have that

$$\Lambda^1 M \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} = \Lambda^{1,0}M \oplus \Lambda^{0,1}M,$$

$$\Lambda^{1,0}M = \{\eta + \sqrt{-1}J\eta \mid \eta \in \Lambda^1 M\}, \quad \Lambda^{0,1}M = \{\eta - \sqrt{-1}J\eta \mid \eta \in \Lambda^1 M\}.$$

Define

$$\Lambda^{p,q}M := \Lambda^p(\Lambda^{1,0}M) \otimes \Lambda^q(\Lambda^{0,1}M).$$

Then we have

$$\Lambda^r M \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} = \bigoplus_{p+q=r} \Lambda^{p,q}M.$$

Exterior differential operator

On an almost complex manifold (M, J) , we split the exterior differential operator

$$d : \Lambda^p M \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \Lambda^{p+1} M \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C},$$

into four components

$$d = \textcolor{red}{A} + \partial + \bar{\partial} + \bar{\textcolor{red}{A}}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \partial : \Lambda^{p,q} M &\rightarrow \Lambda^{p+1,q} M, & \bar{\partial} : \Lambda^{p,q} M &\rightarrow \Lambda^{p,q+1} M, \\ \textcolor{red}{A} : \Lambda^{p,q} M &\rightarrow \Lambda^{p+2,q-1} M, & \bar{\textcolor{red}{A}} : \Lambda^{p,q} M &\rightarrow \Lambda^{p-1,q+2} M. \end{aligned}$$

Kodaira dimension on almost complex manifolds

Define the canonical bundle

$$\mathcal{K}_M := \Lambda^n(\Lambda^{1,0}M).$$

We extend the operator

$$\bar{\partial} : \Gamma(M, \mathcal{K}_M) \rightarrow \Gamma(M, \Lambda^{n,1}M) \cong \Gamma(M, \Lambda^{0,1}M \otimes \mathcal{K}_M)$$

to

$$\bar{\partial}_m : \Gamma(M, \mathcal{K}_M^{\otimes m}) \rightarrow \Gamma(M, \Lambda^{0,1}M \otimes \mathcal{K}_M^{\otimes m})$$

by $\bar{\partial}_1 := \bar{\partial}$ and for $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 2}$ inductively by the product rule

$$\bar{\partial}_m(s_1 \otimes s_2) = \bar{\partial}s_1 \otimes s_2 + s_1 \otimes \bar{\partial}_{m-1}s_2$$

for $s_1 \in \Gamma(M, \mathcal{K}_M)$ and $s_2 \in \Gamma(M, \mathcal{K}_M^{\otimes(m-1)})$. the operator $\bar{\partial}_m$ satisfies the Leibniz rule $\bar{\partial}_m(fs) = \bar{\partial}f \otimes s + f \bar{\partial}_m s$ for any smooth function f and any section $s \in \Gamma(M, \mathcal{K}_M^{\otimes m})$. Hence, $\bar{\partial}_m$ is a pseudoholomorphic structure on the pluricanonical bundle $\mathcal{K}_M^{\otimes m}$.

Kodaira dimension on almost complex manifolds

Define the space of pseudoholomorphic sections of $\mathcal{K}_M^{\otimes m}$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ by

$$H^0(M, \mathcal{K}_M^{\otimes m}) := \{s \in \Gamma(M, \mathcal{K}_M^{\otimes m}) \mid \bar{\partial}_m s = 0\}.$$

We define the m -th plurigenus

$$P_m(M, J) := \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^0(M, \mathcal{K}_M^{\otimes m})$$

and the kodaira dimension of an almost complex manifold (M, J) :

$$\kappa(M, J) := \begin{cases} -\infty, & \text{if } P_m(M, J) = 0 \text{ for any } m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \\ \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log P_m(M, J)}{\log m}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Example 1. (The Kodaira-Thurston surface)

$$M := \mathbb{S}^1 \times (\Gamma \backslash \text{Nil}^3), \quad \text{Nil}^3 := \{A \in GL(3, \mathbb{R}) \mid A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & z \\ 0 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\},$$

Γ is the subgroup in Nil^3 consisting of element with integer entries, acting by left multiplication. Let t be the coordinate of \mathbb{S}^1 .

For $\forall a \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$, the almost complex structure J_a is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} J_a\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad J_a\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \\ J_a\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + x \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) &= \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad J_a\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) = -a\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + x \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right). \end{aligned}$$

$$P_m(M, J_a) = \begin{cases} 0, & a \notin \frac{4}{m}\pi\mathbb{Z} \\ 1, & a \in \frac{4}{m}\pi\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \end{cases} \quad \kappa(M, J_a) = \begin{cases} -\infty, & a \notin \pi\mathbb{Q} \\ 0, & a \in \pi\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\} \end{cases}$$

Example 2.

$$M := \mathbb{T}^2 \times \Sigma,$$

$\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$ with coordinate (x, y) , Σ is a compact Riemannian surface with genus $g \geq 2$. The almost complex structure J is defined by

$$J\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) = -h\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad J\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) = -(1+h^2)\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + h\frac{\partial}{\partial y},$$

h is a smooth real nonconstant function on Σ .

$$P_m(M, J) = (2m-1)(g-1) \text{ for } m > 1, \quad \kappa(M, J) = 1$$

Remark

Since we have $\kappa(M_1 \times M_2) = \kappa(M_1) + \kappa(M_2)$ for any two compact almost complex manifolds (M_1, J_1) , (M_2, J_2) .

2. Chern connection, torsion and curvature on almost Hermitian manifolds

Chern connection

Let (M^{2n}, J, ω) be a real $2n$ -dimensional almost Hermitian manifold with the associated almost Hermitian metric g w.r.t. ω .

There exists a unique affine connection preserving g and J whose torsion has vanishing $(1, 1)$ -part, which is called the Chern connection denoted by ∇ .

Choose a local $(1, 0)$ -frame $\{e_r\}$ w.r.t. the metric g .

Since ∇ preserves J , we can define the Christoffel symbols:

$$\nabla_{e_i} e_j = \Gamma_{ij}^k e_k, \quad \nabla_{e_i} e_{\bar{j}} = \Gamma_{i\bar{j}}^{\bar{k}} e_{\bar{k}}.$$

The structure coefficients of Lie bracket are defined by

$$[e_i, e_j] =: B_{ij}^r e_r + B_{ij}^{\bar{r}} e_{\bar{r}}, \quad [e_i, e_{\bar{j}}] =: B_{i\bar{j}}^r e_r + B_{i\bar{j}}^{\bar{r}} e_{\bar{r}}.$$

Torsion of the Chern connection

Since the torsion T of the Chern connection ∇ has no $(1, 1)$ -part, the only non-vanishing components are as follows:

$$(T' =) T_{ij}^s = \Gamma_{ij}^s - \Gamma_{ji}^s - B_{ij}^s,$$

$$(T'' =) T_{ij}^{\bar{s}} = -B_{ij}^{\bar{s}},$$

which tells us that T splits in $T = T' + T''$, where $T' \in \Gamma(\Lambda^{2,0}(M) \otimes T^{1,0}M)$ and $T'' \in \Gamma(\Lambda^{0,2}(M) \otimes T^{1,0}M)$. Note that T'' depends only on J and it can be regarded as the Nijenhuis tensor of J , that is,

J is integrable $\Leftrightarrow T''$ vanishes.

Curvature of the Chern connection

Let Ω^g denote the curvature of the Chern connection ∇ w.r.t. g . The Chern curvature $\Omega^g \in \Gamma(\Lambda^2(M) \otimes \text{End}(T^{1,0}M))$ splits in

$$\Omega^g = H^g + R^g + \bar{H}^g,$$

where $R^g \in \Gamma(\Lambda^{1,1}(M) \otimes \text{End}(T^{1,0}M))$, $H^g \in \Gamma(\Lambda^{2,0}(M) \otimes \text{End}(T^{1,0}M))$, $\bar{H}^g \in \Gamma(\Lambda^{0,2}(M) \otimes \text{End}(T^{1,0}M))$. We define the Chern scalar curvature s_ω and the Riemannian type scalar curvature \hat{s}_ω of the almost Hermitian metric g w.r.t. ∇ :

$$s_\omega := g^{i\bar{j}} g^{k\bar{l}} R^g_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}, \quad \hat{s}_\omega := g^{i\bar{l}} g^{k\bar{j}} R^g_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}.$$

The holomorphic sectional curvature

For a point $p \in M$ and a non-zero $(1, 0)$ -vector $\xi \in T_p^{1,0}M$, the holomorphic sectional curvature \mathcal{H}^g of ω at the point p and the direction ξ is define by

$$\mathcal{H}_p^g(\xi) := R^g(\xi, \bar{\xi}, \xi, \bar{\xi})|_p = R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}^g|_p \xi^i \bar{\xi}^j \xi^k \bar{\xi}^l.$$

We write $\text{HSC}(\omega) > 0$ when we have that $\mathcal{H}_p^g(\xi) > 0$ for any point $p \in M$ and any non-zero $(1, 0)$ -vector $\xi \in T_p^{1,0}M$.

3. Conditions for the negative Kodaira dimension

In 1992, S.-T. Yau proposed "100 open problems in geometry" and the following question is Problem 67.

Question (S.-T. Yau 1992)

If (M, J, ω) is a compact **Kähler** manifold with $\text{HSC}(\omega) > 0$, does M have negative Kodaira dimension, i.e., $\kappa(M) = -\infty$?

X. Yang has given an answer for Yau's question in a general setting.

Theorem (X. Yang 2016)

Let (M, J, ω) be a compact **Hermitian** manifold with $\text{HSC}(\omega) > 0$. Then, $\kappa(M) = -\infty$.

At this point, we ask the following more general question.

Question

What about the almost Hermitian case?

The almost Kählerity

Definition

An almost Hermitian metric ω is called almost Kähler if

$$d\omega = 0.$$

Remark

The almost Kählerity is equivalent to

$$T_{ij}^k = 0 \text{ and } T_{ij}^{\bar{k}} + T_{ki}^{\bar{j}} + T_{jk}^{\bar{i}} = 0 \text{ for } \forall i, j, k = 1, \dots, n.$$

The almost Hermitian case

Theorem (K.)

Let (M^{2n}, J, ω) be a compact **almost Kähler** manifold with $n \geq 3$, $\text{HSC}(\omega) > 0$. Then, $\kappa(M, J) = -\infty$.

Theorem (K.)

Let (M^4, J, ω) be a real **4-dimensional** compact **almost Hermitian** manifold with $\text{HSC}(\omega) > 0$. Then, $\kappa(M^4, J) = -\infty$.

A condition for the negative Kodaira dimension

Definition

An almost Hermitian metric ω is called Gauduchon if

$$\partial\bar{\partial}\omega^{n-1} = 0.$$

Theorem (P. Gauduchon 1977)

Let (M^{2n}, J, ω) be a compact almost Hermitian manifold with $n \geq 2$. Then $\exists u \in C^\infty(M)$, unique up to addition of a constant, s.t. the conformal almost Hermitian metric $e^u \omega$ is Gauduchon.

Theorem (H. Chen, W. Zhang 2023)

Let (M^{2n}, J) be a compact almost complex manifold with $n \geq 2$. If M admits a **Gauduchon metric** ω_0 with $\int_M s_{\omega_0} \omega_0^n > 0$, then $\kappa(M, J) = -\infty$.

It suffices to show that a conformal metric ω_0 has $\int_M s_{\omega_0} \omega_0^n > 0$.

The key formula

Lemma (K.)

Let (M^{2n}, J, ω) be compact almost Hermitian manifold with $n \geq 2$. One has that

$$s_\omega - \hat{s}_\omega = \langle \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^* \omega, \omega \rangle + T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^i, \quad (1)$$

where $\partial^* = - * \bar{\partial}^*$ is the adjoint operator,

$\langle \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^* \omega, \omega \rangle = g^{i\bar{j}} g^{p\bar{q}} (\bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^* \omega)_{i\bar{q}} \overline{\omega_{j\bar{p}}} = -g^{i\bar{j}} \nabla_{\bar{j}} w_i$, $w_i := g^{k\bar{l}} T_{ik\bar{l}}$. Note that $T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^i := g^{j\bar{k}} g^{i\bar{s}} g^{p\bar{q}} T_{ijp} T_{\bar{q}\bar{k}\bar{s}}$, where $T_{ijp} = T_{ij}^{\bar{l}} g_{p\bar{l}}$, $T_{\bar{q}\bar{k}\bar{s}} = T_{\bar{q}\bar{k}}^r g_{r\bar{s}}$.

Lemma (P. Li 2021)

$$\text{HSC}(\omega) > 0 \implies s_\omega + \hat{s}_\omega > 0.$$

The key lemmas

Let (M^{2n}, J, ω) be a real $2n$ -dimensional compact almost Hermitian manifold with $n \geq 2$. Define the set of the conformal class of ω :

$$\{\omega\} := \{e^u \omega \mid u \in C^\infty(M; \mathbb{R})\}.$$

We may take a Gauduchon metric ω_0 in the conformal class of ω such that $\omega_0 = f_0^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \omega \in \{\omega\}$, f_0 is a positive smooth function.

Lemma (A. Balas 1985)

$$\int_M (s_{\omega_0} + \hat{s}_{\omega_0}) \omega_0^n = \int_M f_0 (s_\omega + \hat{s}_\omega) \omega^n.$$

$$\text{HSC}(\omega) > 0 \implies \int_M f_0 (s_\omega + \hat{s}_\omega) \omega^n > 0.$$

The proof for the almost Hermitian case

Choose a Gauduchon metric ω_0 in the conformal class of ω such that $\omega_0 = f_0^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \omega \in \{\omega\}$, where f_0 is a positive smooth function. Then, by integrating the formula (1) for ω_0 :

$s_{\omega_0} - \hat{s}_{\omega_0} = \langle \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^* \omega_0, \omega_0 \rangle + T_{si}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}i}^s$, and assuming $T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}j}^i \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_M (s_{\omega_0} - \hat{s}_{\omega_0}) \omega_0^n &= \int_M \langle \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^* \omega_0, \omega_0 \rangle \omega_0^n + \int_M T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}j}^i \omega_0^n \\ &= \int_M |\bar{\partial}^* \omega_0|^2 \omega_0^n + \int_M T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}j}^i \omega_0^n \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Under the assumption $\text{HSC}(\omega) > 0$,

since $\text{HSC}(\omega) > 0$ implies that $s_\omega + \hat{s}_\omega > 0$, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_M s_{\omega_0} \omega_0^n &= \frac{1}{2} \int_M (s_{\omega_0} + \hat{s}_{\omega_0}) \omega_0^n + \frac{1}{2} \int_M (s_{\omega_0} - \hat{s}_{\omega_0}) \omega_0^n \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \int_M (s_{\omega_0} + \hat{s}_{\omega_0}) \omega_0^n = \frac{1}{2} \int_M f_0 (s_\omega + \hat{s}_\omega) \omega^n > 0. \end{aligned}$$

The almost Hermitian case

Proposition (K.)

Let (M^{2n}, J, ω) be a compact almost Hermitian manifold with $n \geq 2$. Assume that $T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^i \geq 0$ and $\text{HSC}(\omega) > 0$. Then, $\kappa(M, J) = -\infty$.

Some conditions for $T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^i \geq 0$

Lemma (K.)

Let (M^{2n}, J, ω) be an **almost Kähler** manifold. Then we have that

$$T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^i \geq 0.$$

The equality $T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^i = 0$ holds if and only if the almost Kähler manifold is Kähler.

By applying $T_{ij}^{\bar{k}} + T_{ki}^{\bar{j}} + T_{jk}^{\bar{i}} = 0$, we compute that

$$\begin{aligned} T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^i &= -T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{i\bar{r}}^j - T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{j\bar{i}}^r \\ &= -T_{ji}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{i}}^j + T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{ij}^r \\ &= -T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^i + |T''|_g^2 \Leftrightarrow T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^i = \frac{1}{2} |T''|_g^2 (\geq 0), \end{aligned}$$

where $|T''|_g^2 := g^{j\bar{k}} g^{i\bar{s}} g_{r\bar{l}} T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{s}\bar{k}}^r$.

In the case of $n = 2$

On a real 4-dimensional almost Hermitian manifold (M^4, J, ω) ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^i &= g^{j\bar{k}} \delta_{qr} \delta_{il} T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{q}\bar{k}}^l \\
 &= g^{j\bar{k}} (T_{1j}^{\bar{1}} T_{\bar{1}\bar{k}}^1 + T_{1j}^{\bar{2}} T_{\bar{2}\bar{k}}^1 + T_{2j}^{\bar{1}} T_{\bar{1}\bar{k}}^2 + T_{2j}^{\bar{2}} T_{\bar{2}\bar{k}}^2) \\
 &= T_{12}^{\bar{1}} T_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}^1 + T_{12}^{\bar{2}} T_{\bar{2}\bar{1}}^1 + T_{21}^{\bar{1}} T_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}^2 + T_{21}^{\bar{2}} T_{\bar{2}\bar{1}}^2 \\
 &= T_{12}^{\bar{1}} T_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}^1 - T_{12}^{\bar{2}} T_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}^1 - T_{12}^{\bar{1}} T_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}^2 + T_{12}^{\bar{2}} T_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}^2 \\
 &= (T_{12}^{\bar{1}} - T_{12}^{\bar{2}})(T_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}^1 - T_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}^2) \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

The equality $T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^i = 0$ holds if and only if $T_{12}^{\bar{1}} = T_{12}^{\bar{2}}$.

Remark

Since on a nearly Kähler manifold $((D_X J)X = 0$ for any tangent vector field X , $DJ \neq 0$, D is the Levi-Civita connection), we have

$T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^i = -|T''|_g^2 \leq 0$, we obtain $T_{ij}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^i = 0$ (then $T'' \equiv 0$) on a real 4-dimensional nearly Kähler manifold and it must be Kähler.

Another condition for the negative Kodaira dimension

Theorem (H. Chen, W. Zhang 2023)

Let (M^{2n}, J) be a compact almost complex manifold with $n \geq 2$. If M admits an almost Hermitian metric ω with $s_\omega > 0$, then $\kappa(M, J) = -\infty$.

Question

What about the other scalar curvature?

Definition

An almost Hermitian metric ω is called quasi-Kähler if

$$\bar{\partial}\omega = 0,$$

which is equivalent to $T_{ij}^k = 0$ for $\forall i, j, k = 1, \dots, n$.

$$\stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} s_{\omega} = \hat{s}_{\omega} + T_{ri}^{\bar{k}} T_{\bar{k}\bar{i}}^r$$

Real 4-dimensional quasi-Kähler case

Since we have $T_{ri}^{\bar{k}} T_{\bar{k}i}^r \geq 0$ on a real 4-dimensional almost Hermitian manifold, we have the following.

Corollary (K.)

If $\hat{s}_\omega > 0$ on a real 4-dimensional compact quasi-Kähler manifold (M^4, J, ω) , then $\kappa(M, J) = -\infty$.

Since on a real 4-dimensional quasi-Kähler manifold, (J. Fu, X. Zhou 2022)

$$\hat{s}_\omega = \frac{1}{2}s + \frac{1}{32}|N|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}s, \quad s_\omega = \frac{1}{2}s + \frac{1}{16}|N|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}s$$

where s is the Riemannian scalar curvature w.r.t. D , and N is the Nijenhuis tensor of J , we have the following.

Corollary (K.)

If $s > 0$ on a real 4-dimensional compact quasi-Kähler manifold (M^4, J, ω) , then $\kappa(M, J) = -\infty$.

Almost Kähler case

Since we have $T_{ri}^{\bar{k}} T_{\bar{k}i}^r \geq 0$ on an almost Kähler manifold, we have the following.

Corollary (K.)

If $\hat{s}_\omega > 0$ on a compact **almost Kähler** manifold (M^{2n}, J, ω) with $n \geq 2$, then $\kappa(M, J) = -\infty$.

Since on an almost Kähler manifold, (J. Fu, X. Zhai 2022)

$$\hat{s}_\omega = \frac{1}{2}s + \frac{1}{32}|N^0|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}s, \quad s_\omega = \frac{1}{2}s + \frac{1}{16}|N^0|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}s$$

where $N^0 := N - \flat N$, $\flat N$ is the skew-symmetric part of N , we have the following.

Corollary (K.)

If $s > 0$ on a compact almost Kähler manifold (M^{2n}, J, ω) with $n \geq 2$, then $\kappa(M, J) = -\infty$.

4. The t -Gauduchon connection

The t -Gauduchon connection

Let (M, J, g) be an almost Hermitian manifold.

Let ∇ be the Chern (second canonical) connection, and let D be the Levi-Civita connection and let ${}^L D$ denote the restriction to $T^{1,0}M$, which is called the Lichnerowicz (first canonical) connection:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(M, T^{\mathbb{C}}M) &\xrightarrow{D} \Gamma(M, (T^{\mathbb{C}}M)^* \otimes T^{\mathbb{C}}M) \\ \cup \\ \Gamma(M, T^{1,0}M) &\xrightarrow{{}^L D = D|_{T^{1,0}M}} \Gamma(M, (T^{\mathbb{C}}M)^* \otimes T^{1,0}M), \\ {}^L D_X Y &= D_X Y - \frac{1}{2}J(D_X J)Y \text{ for } X, Y \in \Gamma(TM). \end{aligned}$$

We define the t -Gauduchon connection for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ on (M, J, g) by

$${}^t \nabla := t \nabla + (1 - t) {}^L D.$$

${}^t \nabla$ is reduced to ${}^L D$ when the manifold is quasi-Kähler.

Scalar curvature

$${}^t s_\omega := g^{\bar{i}j} g^{k\bar{l}} {}^t R_{ij\bar{k}\bar{l}}^g, \quad {}^t \hat{s}_\omega := g^{\bar{i}i} g^{k\bar{j}} {}^t R_{ij\bar{k}\bar{l}}^g.$$

Note that ${}^1 s_\omega = s_\omega$, ${}^1 \hat{s}_\omega = \hat{s}_\omega$.

$${}^t s_\omega = t s_\omega + (1-t)(\hat{s}_\omega + T_{ki}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{i}}^k),$$

$${}^t \hat{s}_\omega = t \hat{s}_\omega + (1-t)(s_\omega - T_{ki}^{\bar{r}} T_{\bar{r}\bar{i}}^k) - \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^2 (|T'|^2 + |w|^2),$$

where $w_i = g^{r\bar{s}} T_{ir\bar{s}}$.

Theorem (K.)

Let (M^{2n}, J, ω) be a compact almost Hermitian manifold with $n \geq 2$. Suppose that **one of the following conditions** holds:

- ① ${}^t s_\omega + (t - 1)(\hat{s}_\omega + T_{ri}^{\bar{k}} T_{\bar{k}\bar{i}}^r) > 0$ for some $t > 0$,
- ② ${}^t s_\omega + (t - 1)(\hat{s}_\omega + T_{ri}^{\bar{k}} T_{\bar{k}\bar{i}}^r) < 0$ for some $t < 0$,
- ③ ${}^t s_\omega + (1 - t)\langle \bar{\partial}\bar{\partial}^* \omega, \omega \rangle > 0$ for some $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then, $\kappa(M, J) = -\infty$.

Semi-Kähler case

Definition

An almost Hermitian metric ω is called semi-Kähler if

$$d\omega^{n-1} = 0.$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} s_\omega = \hat{s}_\omega + T_{ri}^{\bar{k}} T_{k\bar{i}}^r$$

Theorem (K.)

Let (M^{2n}, J, ω) be a compact **semi-Kähler** manifold with $n \geq 2$. Then, we have that for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$,

$${}^t s_\omega = s_\omega.$$

Corollary (K.)

If ${}^t s_\omega > 0$ for some $t \in \mathbb{R}$ on a compact **semi-Kähler** manifold (M^{2n}, J, ω) with $n \geq 2$, then $\kappa(M, J) = -\infty$.

5. Positive Hermitian curvature flow (Positive HCF)

The positive HCF with non-negative Griffiths curvature

We consider the following type of the HCF, called the positive HCF or Ustinovskiy's flow, on a compact **Hermitian** manifold (M, J, g_0) :

$$\text{HCF}_+ \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} g(t) = -S^{g(t)} - Q^{g(t)}, \\ g(0) = g_0, \end{cases}$$

where $S_{i\bar{j}}^g = g^{k\bar{l}} R_{k\bar{l}i\bar{j}}^g$ is the second Chern-Ricci curvature with the specific torsion quadratic term:

$$Q_{i\bar{j}}^g := \frac{1}{2} g^{p\bar{s}} g^{m\bar{n}} T_{\bar{s}\bar{n}i} T_{pm\bar{j}}.$$

Preservation of Griffiths positivity along the HCF_+

Theorem (Y. Ustinovskiy 2019)

On a compact Hermitian manifold (M, J, g_0) , let $g(t)$, $t \in [0, \tau)$ be the solution of the HCF_+ with $g(0) = g_0$ for any $\tau < \tau_{\max} < \infty$, where τ_{\max} is the finite explosion time of the HCF_+ . Assume that the Chern curvature R^{g_0} is Griffiths nonnegative (resp. Griffiths positive) on M , i.e., for any $x \in M$ and any non-zero $\xi, \eta \in T_x^{1,0}M$:

$$R_x^{g_0}(\xi, \bar{\xi}, \eta, \bar{\eta}) \geq 0 \quad (\text{resp. } > 0).$$

Then for $t \in [0, \tau)$, the Chern curvature $R^{g(t)}$ remains Griffiths nonnegative (resp. Griffiths positive) on M . If, moreover, the Chern scalar curvature R^{g_0} is Griffiths positive at least at one point, then for any $t \in (0, \tau)$ the Chern curvature is Griffiths positive everywhere on M .

Uniformization theorem

Theorem (Y. Ustinovskiy 2019)

Let (M, J, g_0) be a compact complex n -dimensional Hermitian manifold such that

- ① its Chern curvature R^{g_0} is Griffiths nonnegative on M ;
- ② R^{g_0} is Griffiths positive at least at one point.

Then M is biholomorphic to the complex projective space \mathbb{CP}^n .

6. Parabolic flows on almost Hermitian manifolds

Almost Hermitian flow

On a compact almost Hermitian manifold (M, J, ω_0) , we define a parabolic flow starting at the almost Hermitian metric ω_0 .

$$\text{AHF} \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \omega(t) = \partial \partial_{g(t)}^* \omega(t) + \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}_{g(t)}^* \omega(t) - P^g(t), \\ \omega(0) = \omega_0, \end{cases}$$

where $\partial_{g(t)}^*$, $\bar{\partial}_{g(t)}^*$ are the L^2 -adjoint operators w.r.t. $g(t)$, and $P_{i\bar{j}}^g = g^{k\bar{l}} R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}}^g$ denote the first Chern-Ricci curvature.

Short time existence and uniqueness of the AHF

Proposition (K. 2019)

For an almost Hermitian metric ω , the right-hand side of the AHF $\partial\bar{\partial}^*\omega + \bar{\partial}\bar{\partial}^*\omega - P^g$ is **strictly elliptic**.

Let $\{e_r\}$ be a local $(1,0)$ -frame w.r.t. g around an arbitrary chosen point.

- ① $(\partial\bar{\partial}^*\omega)_{i\bar{j}} + (\bar{\partial}\bar{\partial}^*\omega)_{i\bar{j}}$ involves the second derivatives of g ;
 $g^{k\bar{l}}e_k e_{\bar{l}}(g_{i\bar{j}}) - g^{k\bar{l}}e_{\bar{j}}e_i(g_{k\bar{l}}),$
- ② $P^g_{i\bar{j}}$ involves the second derivatives of g ; $-g^{k\bar{l}}e_{\bar{j}}e_i(g_{k\bar{l}}).$
- ③ the right-hand side of the AHF involves the second derivative of g ; $g^{k\bar{l}}e_k e_{\bar{l}}(g_{i\bar{j}}) = g^{k\bar{l}}\partial_k\partial_{\bar{l}}g_{i\bar{j}} + g^{k\bar{l}}B_{k\bar{l}}^{\bar{s}}e_{\bar{s}}(g_{i\bar{j}}).$

Therefore, the right-hand side of the AHF is strictly elliptic since g is positive definite, which implies that the AHF is strictly parabolic. From the standard parabolic theory, we obtain the short-time unique existence result since the manifold is supposed to be compact.

Short time existence and uniqueness of the AHF

Theorem (K. 2019)

$\exists ! \omega(t)$ the short-time solution of the AHF starting at ω_0 on $M \times [0, \varepsilon)$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$.

Almost Hermitian curvature flow

We define another parabolic flow on a compact almost Hermitian manifold (M, J, g_0) :

$$\text{AHCF} \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} g(t) = -S^{g(t)} - Q^7 - Q^8 + B * T' + \bar{e}(T'), \\ g(0) = g_0, \end{cases}$$

where $S_{i\bar{j}}^g = g^{k\bar{l}} R_{k\bar{l}i\bar{j}}^g$ is the second Chern-Ricci curvature,

$$Q_{i\bar{j}}^7 := g^{r\bar{s}} g^{k\bar{l}} T_{irk} T_{\bar{s}l\bar{j}}, \quad Q_{i\bar{j}}^8 := g^{r\bar{s}} g^{k\bar{l}} T_{irk} T_{j\bar{l}\bar{s}},$$

and $w_i = g^{r\bar{s}} T_{ir\bar{s}}$,

$$(B * T')_{i\bar{j}} := g^{r\bar{s}} g^{p\bar{q}} B_{\bar{s}p}^j T_{ir\bar{q}} + g^{p\bar{q}} B_{\bar{q}i}^r T_{pr\bar{j}} + g^{s\bar{r}} B_{\bar{r}s}^p T_{pi\bar{j}} + B_{\bar{j}i}^r w_r,$$

and

$$\bar{e}(T')_{i\bar{j}} := -g^{r\bar{l}} e_{\bar{l}}(T_{ri}^s) g_{s\bar{j}} + g^{r\bar{l}} e_{\bar{j}}(T_{ri}^s) g_{s\bar{l}}.$$

Relation between the AHCF and the HCF_{Q^1}

Definition

A Hermitian metric ω is called pluriclosed or SKT if

$$\partial\bar{\partial}\omega = 0.$$

Let g_0 be a pluriclosed metric on a compact Hermitian manifold.

$$\text{HCF}_{Q^1} \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} g(t) = -S^{g(t)} + Q^1, \\ g(0) = g_0, \end{cases}$$

$$Q_{i\bar{j}}^1 := g^{k\bar{l}} g^{r\bar{s}} T_{ik\bar{s}} T_{j\bar{l}r}.$$

Notice that HCF_{Q^1} preserves the pluriclosedness.

Proposition (K. 2019)

If J is **integrable**, the AHCF coincides with the HCF_{Q^1} .

PROOF.

Under our assumption that J is integrable, we have

$Q^7 = Q^8 = B * T' = 0$ and we may choose a local $(1, 0)$ -frame $e_r = \frac{\partial}{\partial z_r} =: \partial_r$ for holomorphic local coordinates $\{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$.

Since we have $\partial_{\bar{r}} T_{ri\bar{j}} = \partial_{\bar{j}} T_{ri\bar{r}}$ for a pluriclosed metric on a Hermitian manifold,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{e}(T')_{i\bar{j}} &= -g^{r\bar{l}} \partial_{\bar{l}}(T_{ri}^s) g_{s\bar{j}} + g^{r\bar{l}} \partial_{\bar{j}}(T_{ri}^s) g_{s\bar{l}} \\
 &= -g^{r\bar{l}} \partial_{\bar{l}} T_{ri\bar{j}} + g^{r\bar{l}} T_{ri}^s \partial_{\bar{r}} g_{s\bar{j}} + g^{r\bar{l}} \partial_{\bar{j}} T_{ri\bar{l}} - g^{r\bar{l}} T_{ri}^s \partial_{\bar{j}} g_{s\bar{l}} \\
 &= -g^{r\bar{l}} \partial_{\bar{j}} T_{ri\bar{l}} + g^{r\bar{l}} \partial_{\bar{j}} T_{ri\bar{l}} + g^{r\bar{l}} T_{ri}^s \Gamma_{\bar{r}\bar{j}}^{\bar{k}} g_{s\bar{k}} - g^{r\bar{l}} T_{ri}^s \Gamma_{\bar{j}\bar{l}}^{\bar{k}} g_{s\bar{k}} \\
 &= g^{r\bar{l}} g^{k\bar{s}} T_{ir\bar{s}} T_{j\bar{l}k} \\
 &= Q_{i\bar{j}}^1.
 \end{aligned}$$



Difference between P^g and S^g

Lemma (L. Vezzoni 2011)

$$P^g - S^g = \operatorname{div}^\nabla T' - \nabla \bar{w} + Q^7 + Q^8$$

holds for any almost Hermitian metric g , where

$$\operatorname{div}^\nabla T'_{i\bar{j}} := g^{k\bar{l}} \nabla_{\bar{l}} T_{ki\bar{j}}, \quad (\nabla \bar{w})_{i\bar{j}} := g^{k\bar{l}} \nabla_i T_{j\bar{l}k}.$$

Generalized version of PF and HCF_{Q^1} equivalence

Since the AHF takes the expression

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \omega = -\nabla \bar{w} - \bar{\nabla} w - P^g$$

and we have that

$$\begin{aligned} P^g &= \underline{\text{div}^{\nabla} T'} + S^g - \nabla \bar{w} + Q^7 + Q^8 \\ &= \underline{-\bar{\nabla} w - B * T' - \bar{e}(T')} + S^g - \nabla \bar{w} + Q^7 + Q^8 \\ \Leftrightarrow -\nabla \bar{w} - \bar{\nabla} w - P^g &= -S^g - Q^7 - Q^8 + B * T' + \bar{e}(T'). \end{aligned}$$

Generalized version of PF and HCF_{Q^1} equivalence (K. 2019)

The AHF starting at ω_0 is equivalent to the AHCF starting at ω_0 .

Regularity result

Theorem (K. 2020)

Let $(M^{2n}, J, g(t))$ be a solution to the AHCF starting at an almost Hermitian metric g_0 for a maximal time interval $[0, \tau_{\max})$ on a compact almost Hermitian manifold. Choose arbitrary $0 < \tau < \tau_{\max}$. Assume that, for a positive constants α with $\alpha/\tau > 1$, the following inequalities hold:

$$\sup_{M \times [0, \tau)} |R|_{g(t)} \leq \frac{\alpha}{\tau}, \quad \sup_{M \times [0, \tau)} |T'|_{g(t)}^2 \leq \frac{\alpha}{\tau}, \quad \sup_{M \times [0, \tau)} |\nabla T'|_{g(t)} \leq \frac{\alpha}{\tau}.$$

Then, for any $m \in \mathbb{N}$, the following inequalities hold:

$$|\nabla^m R|_{g(t)} \leq \frac{C_{m,n,\alpha}}{\tau \cdot t^{\frac{m}{2}}}, \quad |\nabla^{m+1} T'|_{g(t)} \leq \frac{C_{m,n,\alpha}}{\tau \cdot t^{\frac{m}{2}}}$$

for any $t \in (0, \tau]$ on M , where $C_{m,n,\alpha}$ is some positive constant depending only on m , n and α .

Blow-up at the maximal time

Theorem (K. 2020)

If $\tau_{\max} < \infty$, then

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \tau_{\max}} \max \left\{ |R|_{C^0(g(t))}, |T'|_{C^0(g(t))}^2, |\nabla T'|_{C^0(g(t))} \right\} = \infty.$$

7. Preserved properties along the positive HCF on an almost Hermitian manifold

The HCF_+ on an almost Hermitian manifold

We consider the HCF_+ on a compact **almost Hermitian** manifold (M, J, g_0) :

$$\text{HCF}_+ \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} g(t) = -S^{g(t)} - Q^{g(t)}, \\ g(0) = g_0. \end{cases}$$

where S^g is the second Chern-Ricci curvature, Q^g is given by

$$Q_{i\bar{j}}^g = \frac{1}{2} g^{p\bar{s}} g^{m\bar{n}} T_{\bar{s}\bar{n}i} T_{pmj\bar{j}}.$$

Since $-S_{i\bar{j}}^g$ involves the second derivatives of g ; $g^{k\bar{l}} e_k e_{\bar{l}}(g_{i\bar{j}})$, and the metric g is positive definite, the right-hand side of the HCF_+ is strictly elliptic, which implies that the HCF_+ is strictly parabolic. From the standard parabolic theory, we obtain the short-time unique existence result since the manifold is supposed to be compact.

Preserved properties along the HCF_+

Theorem (K.)

Let $g(t)$, $t \in [0, \tau)$ be the solution of the HCF_+ on a compact almost Hermitian manifold (M, J, g_0) with $g(0) = g_0$ for any $\tau < \tau_{\max} < \infty$, where τ_{\max} is the finite explosion time of the HCF_+ . Assume that the Chern curvature R^{g_0} is Griffiths nonnegative (resp. positive), i.e., for any $\xi, \eta \in T^{1,0}M$:

$$R^{g_0}(\xi, \bar{\xi}, \eta, \bar{\eta}) \geq 0 \quad (\text{resp. } > 0).$$

Then for $t \in [0, \tau)$, the Chern curvature $R^{g(t)}$ remains Griffiths nonnegative (resp. positive). If, moreover, the Chern curvature R^{g_0} is Griffiths positive at least at one point, then for any $t \in (0, \tau)$, the Chern curvature $R^{g(t)}$ is Griffiths positive everywhere on M .

Definition

We write $\tilde{g} \in \mathcal{G}(M, J)$ if \tilde{g} is an almost Hermitian metric on a compact almost complex manifold M whose Chern curvature $R^{\tilde{g}}$ is **Griffiths nonnegative**, and **Griffiths positive at least at one point**.

Corollary (K.)

Let (M, J) be a compact almost complex manifold.
If $\exists g \in \mathcal{G}(M, J)$, then $\kappa(M, J) = -\infty$.

In the case of the 6-sphere S^6

Remark

Let e_i ($i = 1, \dots, 7$) be the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^7 and let e^i ($i = 1, \dots, 7$) be the dual basis. Denote $e^{ijk} := e^i \wedge e^j \wedge e^k$. Define

$$\Phi := e^{123} + e^{145} + e^{167} + e^{246} - e^{257} - e^{347} - e^{356}.$$

Φ induces the cross product $\times : \mathbb{R}^7 \times \mathbb{R}^7 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^7$ by $(u \times v) \cdot w = \Phi(u, v, w)$, where \cdot is the Euclidean metric on \mathbb{R}^7 . We define the cross product operator of $u \in S^6 = \{u \in \mathbb{R}^7 : u \cdot u = 1\}$ by $J_u := u \times \cdot$, which gives the standard almost complex structure $J_{\text{std}} = \{J_u : u \in S^6\}$. Then,

$$P_m(S^6, J_{\text{std}}) = 1 \text{ for } \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}, \text{ and } \kappa(S^6, J_{\text{std}}) = 0$$








(H. Chen, W. Zhang 2023), which implies that






$$\mathcal{A}g \in \mathcal{G}(S^6, J_{\text{std}}).$$

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