

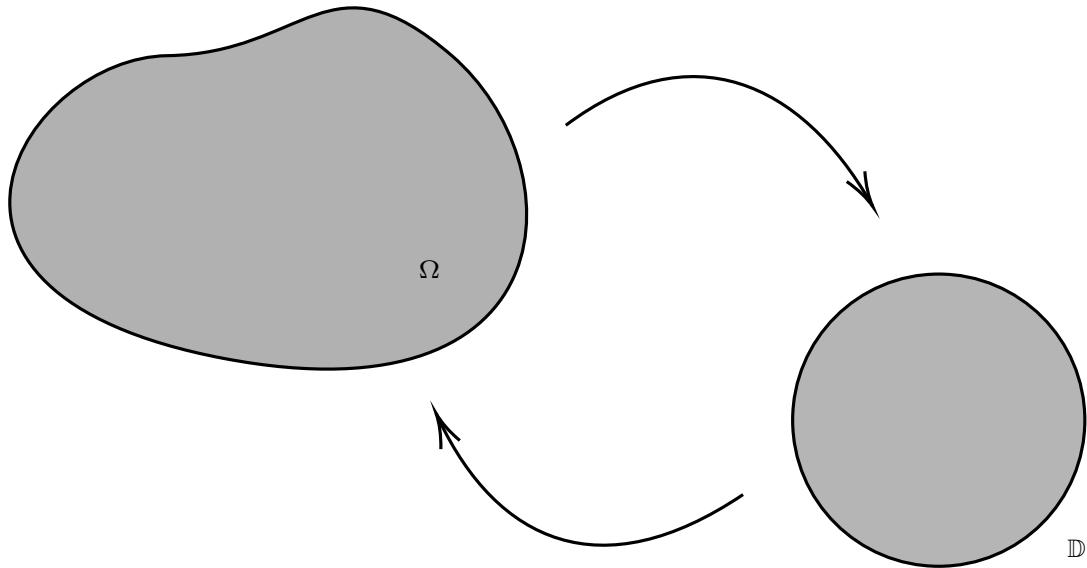
# Curvature and Moduli – Some Intimations and Propaganda

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# Riemann Mapping Theorem

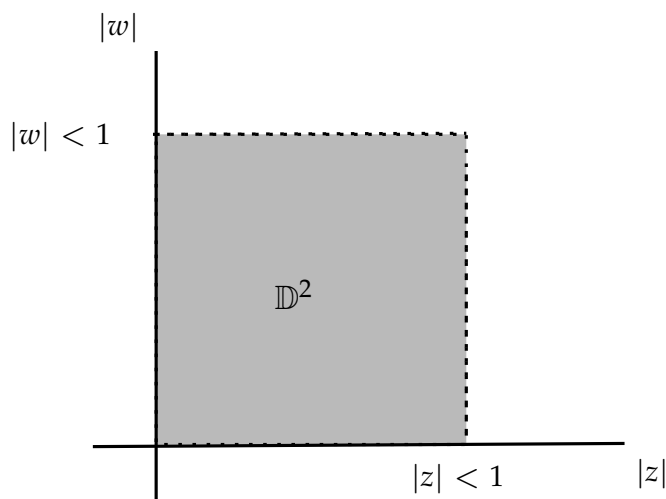
**Theorem.** A simply connected domain  $\Omega \subsetneq \mathbb{C}$  is biholomorphic to the unit disk  $\mathbb{D} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ .



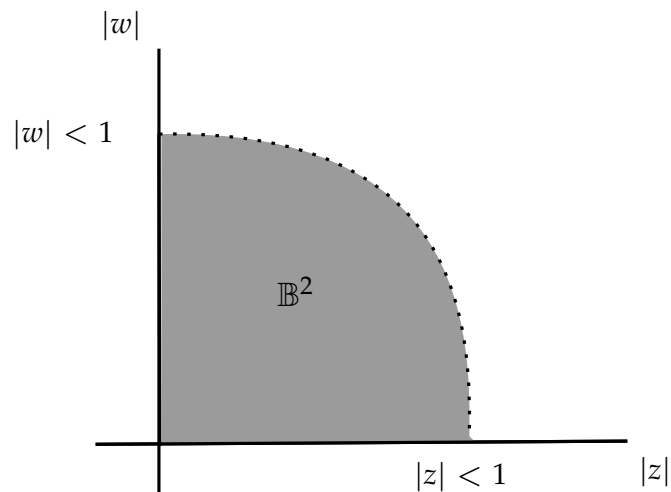
A domain is always understood to mean a connected open set in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## The Birth of Several Complex Variables

**Theorem.** (Poincaré). The ball  $\mathbb{B}^2 := \{|z|^2 + |w|^2 < 1\}$  is **not biholomorphic** to the bidisk  $\mathbb{D}^2 := \{|z| < 1, |w| < 1\}$ .



Bidisk

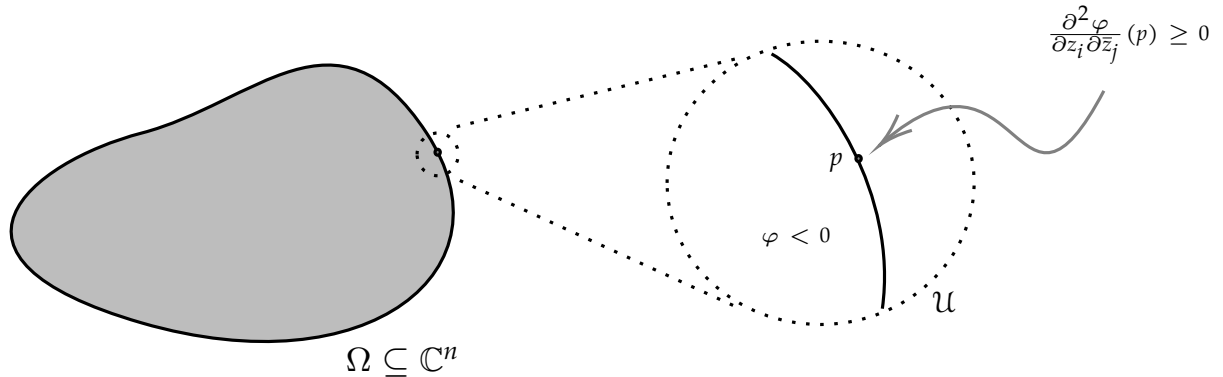


The Ball

Declare a bounded domain  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$  is **pseudoconvex** if for all  $p \in \partial\Omega$ , there is a smooth function  $\varphi$  defined in a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  of  $p$  such that the **complex Hessian**<sup>1</sup>

$$\sqrt{-1}\partial\bar{\partial}\varphi = \left( \frac{\partial^2\varphi}{\partial z_i \partial \bar{z}_j} \right)$$

is **positive semi-definite**.



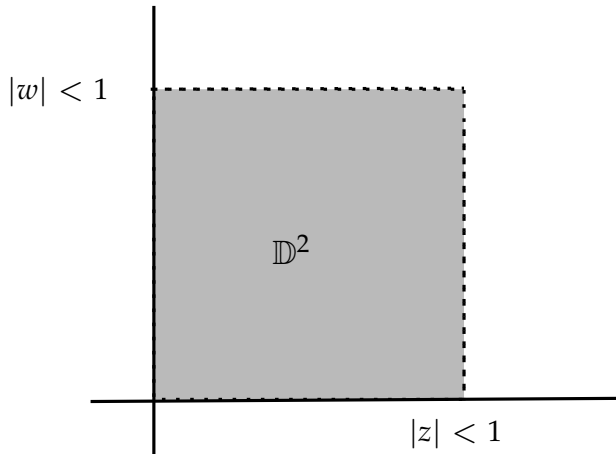
If  $\sqrt{-1}\partial\bar{\partial}\varphi$  is **positive definite**, we say that  $\Omega$  is **strongly pseudoconvex**.

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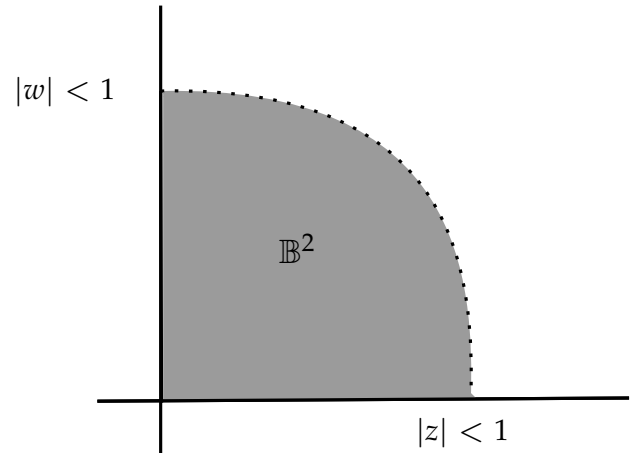
<sup>1</sup>The complex Hessian is the smallest refinement on the familiar Hessian such that it remains invariant under a holomorphic change of coordinates.

Pseudoconvexity and Strong Pseudoconvexity is **preserved** under **biholomorphism** (if the boundaries are  $C^\infty$ -smooth).

The bidisk  $\mathbb{D}^2$  is **pseudoconvex** while the ball  $\mathbb{B}^2$  is **strongly pseudoconvex**.



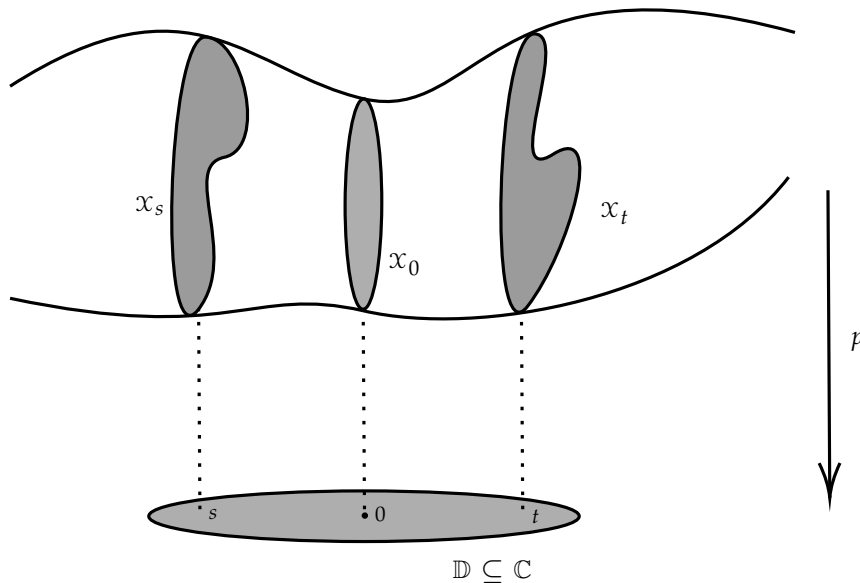
Pseudoconvex



Strongly Pseudoconvex

This discrepancy has an important consequence in terms of the behavior of disk fibrations:

A **surjective holomorphic submersion**  $p : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  is said to be a **disk fibration** if every **fiber**  $\mathcal{X}_t := p^{-1}(t)$ , for  $t \in \mathbb{D}$ , is biholomorphic to a disk.



The projection onto one of the factors defines a **disk fibration structure** on both  $\mathbb{D}^2$  and  $\mathbb{B}^2$ .

For the bidisk  $\mathbb{D}^2$ , the disk fibration  $p : \mathbb{D}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  is holomorphically trivial.

We say that a disk fibration  $p : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  is locally (holomorphically) trivial if for each point  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ , there is an open neighborhood  $\mathcal{U} \ni s$  such that

$$p^{-1}(\mathcal{U}) \simeq \mathcal{U} \times \mathbb{D}.$$

Of course, if  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{D}^2$ , for any point  $s \in \mathbb{D}$ , we can take  $\mathcal{U} = \mathbb{D}$ .

On the other hand, the disk fibration  $p : \mathbb{B}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  cannot be holomorphically trivial:

An old theorem of Royden tells us that a disk fibration is locally holomorphically trivial if and only if it is holomorphically trivial.

Hence, if  $p : \mathbb{B}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  is locally trivial, then  $\mathbb{B}^2$  would be biholomorphic to  $\mathbb{D}^2$ .

The bidisk  $\mathbb{D}^2$  and the ball  $\mathbb{B}^2$ , therefore, occupy two opposing ends from the perspective of moduli and deformation theory.



Understanding the behavior of complex manifolds in families can be difficult, and we would like to have a **robust mechanism** for measuring the **existence** or **non-existence** of **holomorphic variation** in the fibers.

**Question.** Can the behavior of the **disk fibrations**  $p : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  be detected by looking at the **curvature** of metrics which reside on  $\mathcal{X}$ ?

## Riemannian manifolds of negative curvature.

**Key Lemma:** Let  $(M, g)$  be a complete Riemannian manifold with non-positive sectional curvature.

( $\star$ ) For any  $p, q \in M$ , there is a unique geodesic connecting  $p$  and  $q$  that minimizes the length in its homotopy class.

**Corollary.** Let  $(M, g)$  be a complete Riemannian manifold supporting ( $\star$ ). Then the universal cover is diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Proof.** The universal cover  $\tilde{M}$  is simply connected, so there is only one homotopy class. Hence, for any  $p, q \in \tilde{M}$ , there is a unique geodesic connecting  $p$  and  $q$ . This implies that the exponential map  $\exp_p : T_p\tilde{M} \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  is bijective. If the exponential map has maximal rank for all  $p \in \tilde{M}$ , it is a diffeomorphism.

## Riemannian manifolds of negative curvature.

**Corollary.** Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact Riemannian manifold with  $\text{Sec}_g < 0$ . Then every abelian subgroup of  $\pi_1(M)$  is infinite cyclic.

**Proof.** Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \pi_1(M, p)$  be two commuting closed loops based at  $p \in M$ . The homotopy between  $\alpha\beta$  and  $\beta\alpha$  gives a continuous map  $f : \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow M$ , where  $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ .

Since  $\text{Sec}_g < 0$ , the Eells–Sampson theorem gives a homotopy between  $f$  and a harmonic map  $f^H : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow M$ .

Integrating the Laplacian of the energy density  $\Delta e(f^H)$  shows that  $f^H(\mathbb{T}^2)$  is contained in a closed geodesic  $\gamma$  with basepoint  $q = f^H(0, 0)$ .

The two loops in  $\pi_1(M, q)$  given by  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  through the homotopy from  $f$  to  $f^H$  are both multiples of  $\gamma$ , and are thus contained in a cyclic subgroup of  $\pi_1(M, q)$ .

The cyclic group has to be infinite, otherwise  $\gamma^k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  would be homotopic to a constant loop, violating the unique geodesic property  $(\star)$ .

Hence, the subgroup of  $\pi_1(M, p)$  generated by  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is isomorphic to an infinite cyclic group. Since this is true for any commuting elements of  $\pi_1(M, p)$ , the conclusion follows.

**Corollary.** Compact Riemannian manifolds  $(M, g)$  with  $\text{Sec}_g < 0$  cannot be homeomorphic to products.

**Proof.** Suppose  $M \simeq X \times Y$ . Cartan–Hadamard implies that  $M$  is aspherical (only  $\pi_1(M)$  is possibly non-trivial). Hence,  $X$  and  $Y$  are aspherical. Since  $M$  is compact,  $X$  and  $Y$  are compact, and therefore,  $X$  and  $Y$  cannot be simply connected (otherwise they would be contractible, which is not possible).

Hence, both  $\pi_1(X)$  and  $\pi_1(Y)$  are non-trivial. Let  $\gamma_X, \gamma_Y$  be curves representing non-trivial homotopy classes. These generate infinite cyclic groups isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and since they commute,  $\{\gamma_X, \gamma_Y\} \simeq \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ . This violates Priesman’s theorem.

## Riemannian manifolds with negative sectional curvature:

**Theorem.** (Preissman). Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact Riemannian manifold with  $\text{Sec}_g < 0$ . Then any abelian subgroup of the fundamental group  $\pi_1(M)$  is cyclic.

In particular, compact product manifolds cannot admit metrics with  $\text{Sec}_g < 0$ , since the fundamental group would then contain  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  as a subgroup.

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By integrating  $\Delta e(f^H)$ , where  $e$  is the energy density of  $f^H$ , if  $\text{Sec}_g < 0$ , either  $f^H$  is constant or  $f^H$  maps  $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1$  onto a closed geodesic.

## Riemannian manifolds with negative sectional curvature:

**Theorem.** (Cartan–Hadamard). A **complete** Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  with  $\text{Sec}_g \leq 0$  has **universal cover** diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

In particular, the **homotopy-type** of  $M \in (\text{Sec} \leq 0)$  is localized in the **fundamental group**  $\pi_1(M)$ .

Reminder: A Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is said to be complete if the distance function  $\text{dist}_g : M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (given by infimum of lengths of curves) is Cauchy complete.

Without compactness, negative sectional curvature is not obstructed on products:

**Theorem.** (Anderson). Let  $f : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be a smooth vector bundle over a compact Riemannian manifold  $(\mathcal{B}, g_{\mathcal{B}})$  with  $\text{Sec}_{g_{\mathcal{B}}} < 0$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}$  admits a complete Riemannian metric  $g_{\mathcal{E}}$  with

$$-a \leq \text{Sec}_{g_{\mathcal{E}}} \leq -1.$$

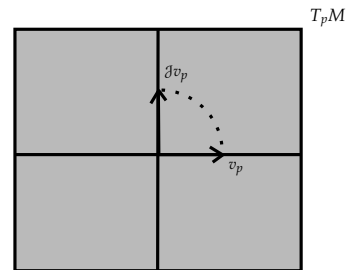
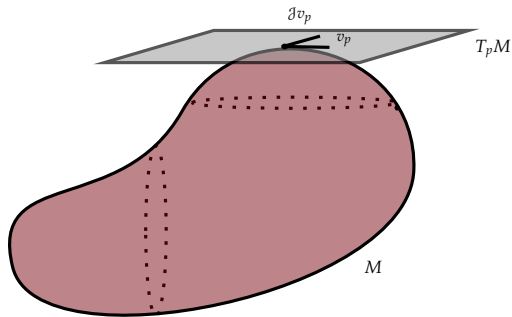
The constant  $a \geq 1$  depends only on the geometry of  $\mathcal{B}$  and the topology of  $f : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ .



## Complex Structures

An **almost complex structure**  $\mathcal{J}$  on a smooth manifold  $M$  is an endomorphism

$$\mathcal{J} : TX \rightarrow TX, \quad \mathcal{J}^2 = -\text{id}.$$

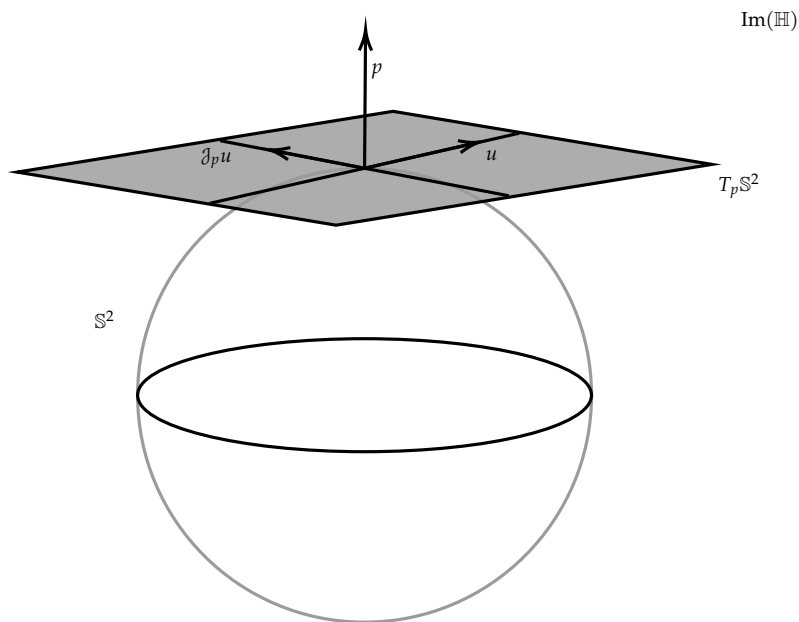


## An Almost Complex Structure on $\mathbb{S}^2$ .

Identify  $\mathbb{S}^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  with the space of **unit imaginary quaternions**  $\text{Im}(\mathbb{H}^3) \simeq \mathbb{R}^3$ .

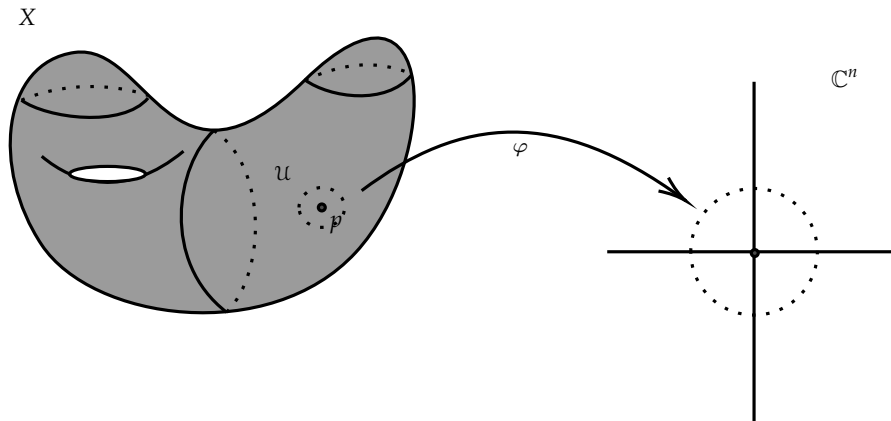
For each point  $p \in \mathbb{S}^2$ , we get a map  $\mathcal{J}_p : T_p\mathbb{S}^2 \rightarrow T_p\mathbb{S}^2$  satisfying  $\mathcal{J}_p^2 = -\text{id}_{T_p\mathbb{S}^2}$ , given by

$$\mathcal{J}_p(v) := p \times v.$$



In general, an **almost complex structure**  $\mathcal{J} \in \text{End}(TX)$  is **not sufficient** to yield **local holomorphic coordinates**.

There is an obvious **obstruction**: Suppose  $X$  is a complex manifold with holomorphic coordinates  $(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  centered at a point  $p \in X$ .



The **tangent space to  $X$**  at the point  $p$  is the complex vector space:

$$T_p X = \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_n} \right\}.$$

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold with almost complex structure  $\mathcal{J}$ .

The condition  $\mathcal{J}^2 = -\text{id}$  gives an eigenspace splitting

$$T_p^{\mathbb{C}}M \simeq T_p^{1,0}M \oplus T_p^{0,1}M,$$

corresponding to the eigenvalues  $\sqrt{-1}$  and  $-\sqrt{-1}$ , respectively.

If  $(x_1, \dots, x_{2n})$  are smooth coordinates on  $M$ , then  $T_p^{1,0}M$  is spanned by

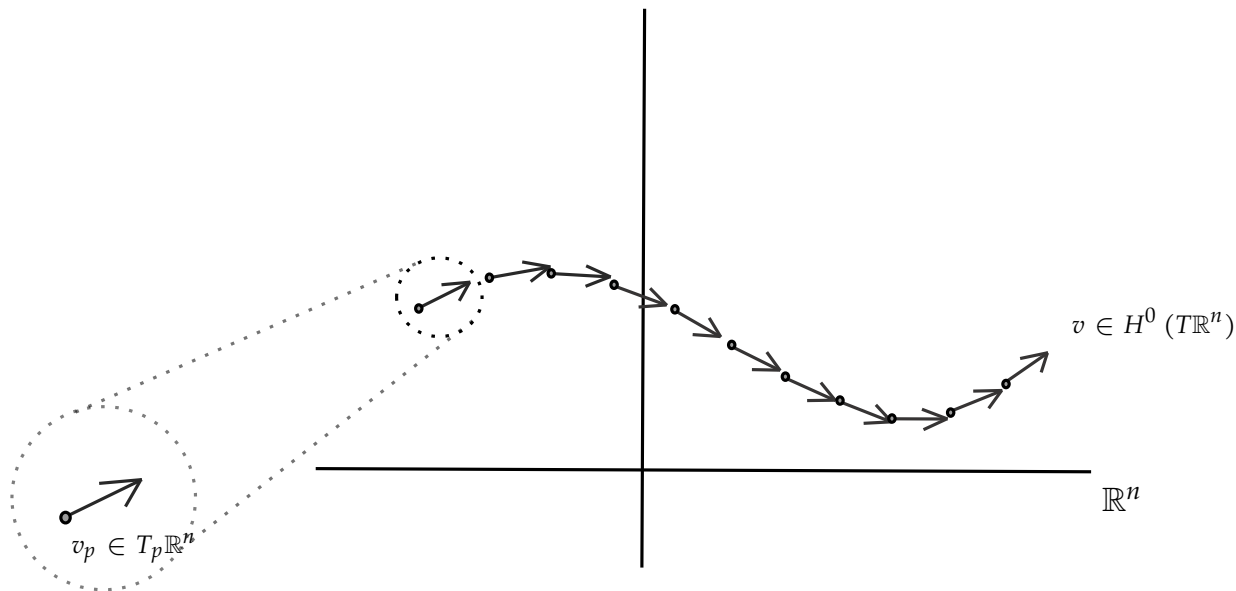
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} := \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - \sqrt{-1}\mathcal{J}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i},$$

and  $T_p^{0,1}M$  is spanned by

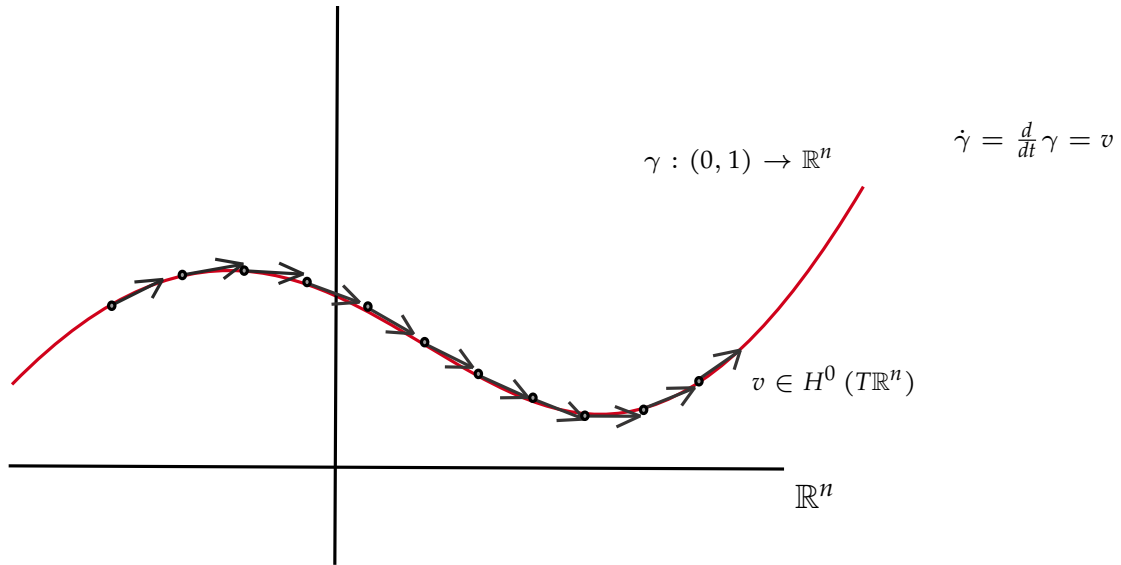
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_i} := \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \sqrt{-1}\mathcal{J}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}.$$

Hence, if an almost complex structure  $\mathcal{J}$  gives rise to a system of local holomorphic coordinates, we need to be able to find a complex manifold  $X$  such that the tangent bundle of  $X$  is precisely  $T^{1,0}M$ .

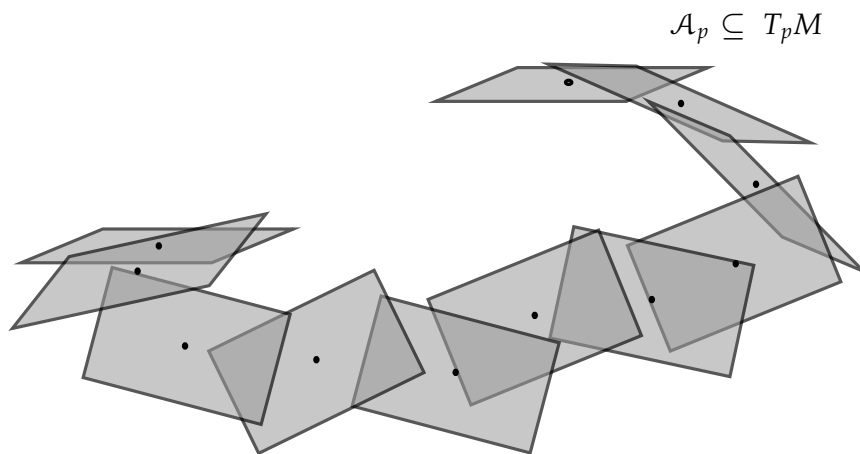
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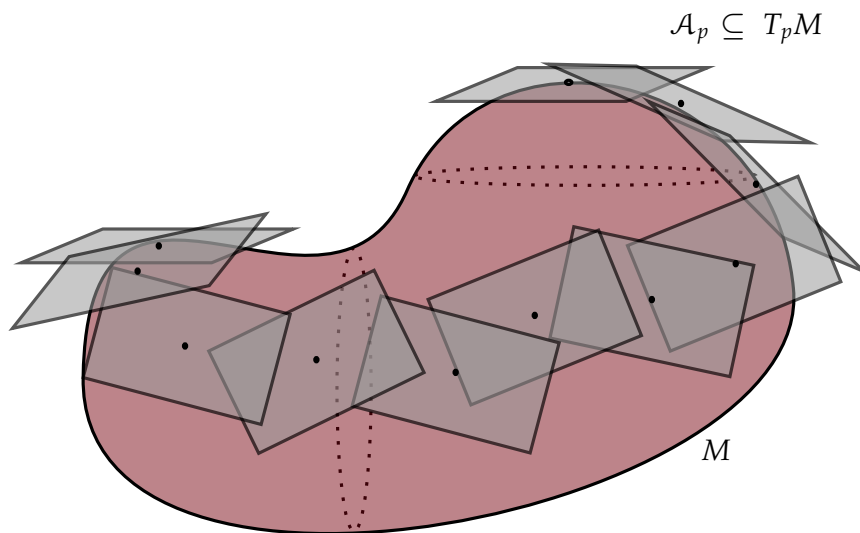
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The **Frobenius theorem** tells us that  $T^{1,0}M$  is an **integrable subbundle** if and only if it is **closed under Lie bracket**:

$$[u, v] \subseteq T^{1,0}M, \quad \forall u, v \in T^{1,0}M.$$

This manifests as the vanishing of the **Nijenhuis tensor**:

$$\mathcal{N}^{\mathcal{J}}(u_0, v_0) := [u_0, v_0] + \mathcal{J}([Ju_0, v_0] + [u_0, Jv_0]) - [Ju_0, Jv_0].$$

**Theorem.** (Newlander–Nirenberg). An **almost complex structure**  $\mathcal{J}$  is **integrable** if and only if  $\mathcal{N}^{\mathcal{J}} \equiv 0$ .

We can repeat the **almost complex structure** construction on  $\mathbb{S}^2$  with  $\mathbb{S}^6$  – identify  $\mathbb{S}^6$  with the space of **unit imaginary octonions**  $\text{Im}(\mathbb{O})$ . This endows  $\mathbb{S}^6$  with an **almost complex structure**.

If one computes the **Nijenhuis tensor** of this almost complex structure, however, it **does not vanish** precisely because the **octonions** are **not associative**.

## Hermitian and Kähler Metrics

A Riemannian metric  $g$  on a complex manifold  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  is said to be **Hermitian** if

$$g(\mathcal{J}u, \mathcal{J}v) = g(u, v), \quad u, v \in TX.$$

Every complex manifold supports a Hermitian metric: Take any Riemannian metric  $g$  and set

$$h(u, v) := g(u, v) + g(\mathcal{J}u, \mathcal{J}v).$$

We say that a Hermitian metric  $g$  is **Kähler** if the 2-form

$$\omega_g(u, v) := g(\mathcal{J}u, v)$$

is **closed**.

## Some examples of Kähler manifolds

- † Complex projective space  $\mathbb{P}^n$  endowed with the Fubini–Study metric.
  - ↪ Projective manifolds.
- † Euclidean space  $\mathbb{C}^n$  endowed with the Euclidean metric.
  - ↪ Stein manifolds (in particular, pseudoconvex domains).
- † A compact complex surface is Kähler if and only if the first Betti number is even.
  - ↪ Hopf surface  $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^3$  is not Kähler.
- † The Weil–Peterson metric on the Riemann moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_g$ .

The sectional curvature is a Riemannian invariant, not a complex-analytic invariant. If  $(M, g)$  is a Riemannian manifold with complex structure  $J : TM \rightarrow TM$ , the complexified tangent bundle  $T^{\mathbb{C}}M := TM \otimes \mathbb{C}$  splits into a sum of eigenbundles

$$T^{\mathbb{C}}M \simeq T^{1,0}M \oplus T^{0,1}M,$$

where  $T^{1,0}M := \{v_0 - \sqrt{-1}Jv_0 : v_0 \in TM\}$  and  $T^{0,1}M := \{v_0 + \sqrt{-1}Jv_0 : v_0 \in TM\}$ . Complexifying the Riemannian curvature tensor  $R$  gives a quadrilinear map  $R$  on  $T^{\mathbb{C}}M \oplus \overline{T^{\mathbb{C}}M}$ . Since  $R$  is skew-symmetric in the first two and last two entries, the only non-trivial components of  $R$  are

$$R(u, \bar{v}, w, \bar{z}),$$

where  $u, v, w, z \in T^{\mathbb{C}}M$ .

Hence, the natural Hermitian replacement for the sectional curvature is given by

$$R(u, \bar{u}, v, \bar{v}).$$

Set  $u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (u_0 - \sqrt{-1}Ju_0)$  and  $v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v_0 - \sqrt{-1}Jv_0)$ . Then the Bianchi identity gives

$$\begin{aligned} R(u, \bar{u}, v, \bar{v}) &= -R(u_0, Ju_0, v_0, Jv_0) \\ &= R(v_0, u_0, Ju_0, Jv_0) + R(Ju_0, v_0, u_0, Jv_0) \\ &= R(v_0, u_0, u_0, v_0) + R(Ju_0, v_0, v_0, Ju_0). \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $R(u, \bar{u}, v, \bar{v})$  is a sum of two sectional curvatures, and we therefore call it the *holomorphic bisectional curvature*.

The bisectional curvature is obviously weaker than the sectional curvature, but it is still a very restrictive curvature constraint:

- (i) Compact Kähler manifolds with  $HBC > 0$  are biholomorphic to  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .
- (ii) Mohsen has constructed compact simply connected complete intersections in  $\mathbb{P}^n$  with  $HBC < 0$ . Such manifolds cannot admit metrics with  $Sec < 0$  by Cartan–Hadamard.

The most famous result concerning the holomorphic bisectional curvature is the **Mori** and **Siu–Yau** solution of the **Frankel conjecture**:

**Theorem.** (Mori, Siu–Yau). Let  $(X, \omega)$  be a **compact Kähler manifold** with  **$\text{HBC}_\omega > 0$** . Then  $X$  is **biholomorphic** to  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

In contrast to the **sectional curvature**, there are **compact simply connected** Kähler manifolds with  **$\text{HBC}_\omega < 0$** . There were recently constructed by **Mohsen**.

**Reminder: Structure theorems for Riemannian manifolds with  $\text{Sec} < 0$ .**

**Cartan–Hadamard:**

$$M \in (\text{Sec} \leq 0) \implies \tilde{M} \simeq_{\text{diffeo}} \mathbb{R}^n.$$

**Preissman:**

$$M \in (\text{Sec} < 0) \cap (\text{Cmpct}) \implies M \not\cong M_1 \times M_2.$$

**Anderson:**

$$\mathcal{B} \in (\text{Sec} < 0) \cap (\text{Cmpct}) \implies \text{Vect}_{\mathcal{C}^\infty}(\mathcal{B}) \subseteq (-a \leq \text{Sec} \leq -1).$$



## The Complex-Analytic Category:

Replace:

- smooth vector bundles by holomorphic vector bundles  $f : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$
- sectional curvature by the holomorphic bisectional curvature.

**Question.** Let  $f : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be a holomorphic vector bundle, where  $\mathcal{B}$  is compact and admits a Hermitian metric  $\omega$  with  ${}^c\text{HBC}_\omega < 0$ . Does  $\mathcal{E}$  admit a complete Hermitian metric with  $-a \leq {}^c\text{HBC} \leq -1$ , for some constant  $a > 1$ ?

The answer turns out to be **false**, by a result of F. Zheng:

**Theorem.** (Zheng). Let  $\mathcal{X} := X \times Y$  be a **product complex manifold** with  $X$  **compact**. Then  $\mathcal{X}$  **does not** admit a Hermitian metric  $\omega$  with

$${}^c\text{HBC}_\omega \leq -1.$$

In fact, Zheng's theorem asserts that  $\mathcal{X}$  does not even admit a (possibly non-complete) Hermitian metric with  ${}^c\text{HBC}_\omega \leq -1$ .

## A Theorem of Paul Yang

**Theorem.** (Yang). Let  $\mathcal{F} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be a holomorphic fiber bundle with  $\mathcal{F}$  compact. Then  $\mathcal{X}$  does not admit a complete Kähler metric with  $\text{HBC}_\omega \leq -\kappa_0 < 0$ .

The following theorem of Fischer and Grauert shows that holomorphic fiber bundles with compact fiber are trivial in the following sense:

**Theorem.** (Fischer–Grauert). Let  $p : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  be a holomorphic family of compact complex manifolds. The fibers of  $p$  are all biholomorphic if and only if  $p$  is a holomorphic fiber bundle.

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**Corollary.** Let  $p : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be a **holomorphic family** of compact complex manifolds. If  $\mathcal{X}$  admits a **complete Kähler metric** with  $\text{HBC}_\omega \leq -\kappa_0 < 0$ , there **must be non-trivial holomorphic variation** in the fibers.

The bisectional curvature must be **bounded away from zero**:

**Theorem.** (Klembeck). There is a **complete Kähler** metric on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with  
$$\text{HBC}_\omega > 0.$$

Seshadri gave a small modification of Klembeck's construction, showing:

**Theorem.** (Seshadri = Klembeck +  $\varepsilon$ ). There is a **complete Kähler** metric on  $\mathbb{C}^n$   
with  
$$\text{HBC}_\omega < 0.$$

## The narrative thus far:

- The bidisk  $\mathbb{D}^2 := \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$  is a holomorphically trivial disk fibration.
- The ball  $\mathbb{B}^2$  is a disk fibration which cannot be locally trivial.
- In the Riemannian category, Preissman's theorem ensures that compact manifolds with negative sectional curvature cannot be trivial bundles.
- Zheng: Product manifolds with one of the factors being compact do not admit Hermitian metrics with  $\text{HBC} \leq -1$ .
- Yang: Holomorphic fiber bundles (holomorphic families with all fibers biholomorphic) with compact fiber do not admit metrics with  $\text{HBC} \leq -1$ .
- Klembeck, Seshadri – The curvature must be bounded away from zero.

Curvature of the **product metric** on the **bidisk**  $\mathbb{D}^2$ :

$$(\dagger) \operatorname{Sec}(\mathbb{D}^2) \leq 0.$$

$$(\dagger) \operatorname{HBC}(\mathbb{D}^2) \leq 0.$$

Curvature of the **Poincaré metric** on the **ball**  $\mathbb{B}^2$ :

$$(\dagger) -4 \leq \operatorname{Sec}(\mathbb{B}^2) \leq -1.$$

$$(\dagger) -2 \leq \operatorname{HBC}(\mathbb{B}^2) \leq -1.$$

Recall that  $p : \mathbb{D}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  is a trivial disk fibration, while  $p : \mathbb{B}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  is a necessarily non-trivial disk fibration.

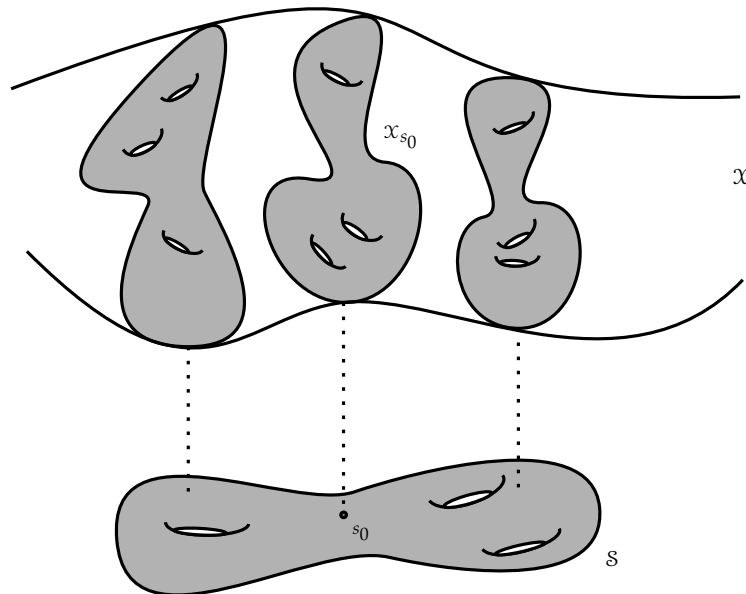
## The Conjectural Picture:

**Conjecture.** Let  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  be a holomorphic family of complex manifolds. Suppose  $\mathcal{X}$  admits a **complete** Hermitian metric with  $\text{HBC} \leq -\kappa_0 < 0$ . Then  $f$  is **not** (holomorphically) **locally trivial**.



## Kodaira Fibration Surfaces

Let  $p : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  be a surjective holomorphic submersion onto a compact Riemann surface of genus  $b \geq 2$  with fibers being compact Riemann surfaces of genus  $g \geq 2$ . If there fibers are **not all biholomorphic**, then we say that  $p : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  is a **Kodaira Fibration Surface**.



## Curvature of the Total Space of Kodaira Fibrations

**Theorem.** (To–Yeung) Let  $p : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  be a Kodaira fibration surface. Then  $\mathcal{X}$  admits a Kähler metric with  $\text{HBC}_\omega < 0$ .

The structure of the argument is just as important as the result:

- The fibers of a KFS are Riemann surfaces of genus  $g \geq 2$ . So we get a moduli map  $\mu : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_g$  into the moduli space of genus  $g \geq 2$  Riemann surfaces.
- Define a map  $\tau : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{g,1}$  by sending  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  to the biholomorphism class of the marked Riemann surface  $\mathcal{X}_{p(x)} - \{x\}$ , where  $\mathcal{X}_{p(x)} := p^{-1}(p(x))$  is the fiber over  $p(x)$ .
- The Weil–Petersson metric  $\omega_{\text{WP}}$  on  $\mathcal{M}_{g,1}$  has strictly negative bisectional curvature. Thus, we obtain a metric on  $\mathcal{X}$  by pulling back the Weil–Petersson metric from  $\mathcal{M}_{g,1}$  to  $\mathcal{X}$ .

KFS = Kodaira fibration surface = the total space of non-trivial family of genus  $\geq 2$  Riemann surfaces over a genus  $\geq 2$  Riemann surface.

**Question.** (Mok). Does the bidisk  $\mathbb{D}^2 := \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}$  admit a complete Kähler metric with  $\text{HBC}_\omega \leq -\kappa_0 < 0$ ?

**Thanks for listening!**