

Hyper-Kähler Geometry

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"Hyperkähler manifolds"

§0 Introduction

§0.1 Quaternions: the complex numbers of the complex numbers

$$\mathbb{H} = \{a + bi + cj + dk \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ij = ji = -1 \quad (\Rightarrow ij = -ji = k \text{ and same for cycl. perm})$$

(real #'s comm.)

$$\mathbb{H} = \{z + wj \mid z, w \in \mathbb{C}\} \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow z = a + bi \\ \nwarrow w = c + di \end{matrix}$$

$$j^2 = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad ij = -ji$$

(real #'s comm.)

We can conjugate $a + bi + cj + dk$

$$\downarrow$$
$$a - bi - cj - dk$$

$$z + wj \mapsto \bar{z} - wj \quad \mathbb{H} \subset V$$

A v.s. V is (left/right) quaternion.
if it has a $\xrightarrow{\quad}$ repr of \mathbb{H}
If $\int \dim \rightsquigarrow \dim_{\mathbb{R}} V = 4m$ and it will
be isom. \mathbb{H}^m . $g \cdot (g_1, \dots, g_n) = (gg_1, \dots, gg_n)$

We can have Hermitian inner products

Note: A complex vector space will be quaternary if it has an $J \in \text{End}(V)$ which is conjugate-linear and $J^2 = -1$

$$ij = -ji$$

$$j^2 = -1$$

$$i^2 = -1$$

$$h := ij$$

$$h^2 = -1 \dots$$

A quaternary v.s. is, in part, complex.
E.g. mult by $i \in \mathbb{H}$ will be like mult by $i \in \mathbb{C}$

Also $\text{---} \text{---} \text{---} j \in \mathbb{H} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---}$

$$k \in \mathbb{H}$$

$$a + bj + ck \in \mathbb{H}$$

$$\text{if } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1.$$

We have an S^2 of complex structures.

§ 0.2 Hyper-Kähler (h-k) manifolds:

the Kähler mfd's of Kähler mfd's?

Def: $(M, g, \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, I_1, I_2, I_3)$ is
h-k if:

- (M, g) is Riemannian
- (M, ω_i) is sympl. $\forall i$
- (M, I_i) is cx. $\forall i$

and

$$g(X, Y) = \omega_i(X, I_i Y) \quad \forall i$$

$$I_i^2 = I_1 I_2 I_3 = -1 \quad \forall i$$

Note: (M, g, ω_i, I_i) is Kähler

in fact, $(M, g, \sum \alpha_i \omega_i, \sum \alpha_i I_i)$ is Kähler
if $\sum \alpha_i^2 = 1$

§1 Complex/Kähler viewpoint

We fix one of the Kähler str's.

$(M^{4m}, g, \omega_1, I_1)$. Then, we can write $\Omega^0 = \bigoplus_{0 \leq p, q \leq 2m} \Omega^{p,q}$ ($\dim_{\mathbb{C}} M = 2m$)

We know:

- $\omega_1 \in \Omega^{1,1}$

- $d\omega_1 = 0$

- $\omega_1^{2m} \in \Omega^{2m,2m} = \Omega^{4m}$ is non-vanishing (a volume form)

Now, consider $\omega_c = \omega_2 + i\omega_3$. It turns out:

- $\omega_c \in \Omega^{1,0}$

- $d\omega_c = 0 \Rightarrow \partial\omega_c = 0$

- $\omega_c^m \in \Omega^{2m,0}$ is non-vanishing (hol. vol. form) \Rightarrow CY

So ω_c is a hol. sympl. form on (M^{2m}, I_1)

In fact, if M is closed, \exists hol. sympl. form

\Leftrightarrow Kähler.

§2 Riemannian viewpoint

Def: (M^{4m}, g) is Riem., it's h-k if
 $\text{Hol}(g) \subseteq \text{Sp}(m) (\subseteq \text{O}(4m))$

Recall: Holonomy gives a str on TM which is cov. const wrt the LC conn. of g

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sp}(m) &= \text{U}(m, \mathbb{H}) \quad (\text{preserve a Hermitian i.p. on } \mathbb{H}^m) \\ &= \text{GL}(m, \mathbb{H}) \cap \text{O}(4m, \mathbb{R}) \\ &= \text{Sp}(2m, \mathbb{C}) \cap \text{U}(2m, \mathbb{C}) \quad (\text{cf. w/ hol sympl})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{of } \text{U}(n) &= \text{U}(n, \mathbb{C}) \\ &= \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{C}) \cap \text{O}(4n, \mathbb{R}) \\ &= \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R}) \cap \text{O}(2n, \mathbb{R})\end{aligned}$$

We have I_1, I_2, I_3 s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}I_i^2 &= I_1 I_2 I_3 = -1 \\ \nabla^{\text{LC}} I_i &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Also, we note that

$$Sp(m) \subseteq SU(2m)$$

$$\text{so } h-k \Rightarrow \text{CY } \omega_c^m = \Theta$$

$$\text{If } m=1 \quad Sp(1) = SU(2) (=S^3)$$

$$\text{so } h-k \Leftrightarrow \text{CY } \text{for } \frac{4-m}{2} \text{ fold} \\ \Theta = \omega_c$$

§ 3 Symplectic viewpoint

If $G \curvearrowright (M, \omega)$ we might have

$$\mu: M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^* \quad G\text{-equiv.}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \forall x \in \mathfrak{g} \quad \langle dx, x \rangle = \underbrace{2_x \omega}$$

This is a Hamiltonian action
we then have $G \curvearrowright \mu^{-1}(0)$. Under some
conditions, $\mu^{-1}(0)/G$ is a manifold,
and it inherits a sympl str

$$M//G := \mu^{-1}(0)/G \quad (\dim M//G = \dim M - 2 \dim G)$$

Furthermore, if $(M, g, \omega, \mathbb{I})$, and G is hol.

then $M//G$ is also Kähler

Consider $G \curvearrowright (M, g, \omega, I)$ $(S^1)^{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C}^*$

Then, $M // G = M^s / G^{\mathbb{C}}$ (M^s pts of M whose $G^{\mathbb{C}}$ -orbit inters. $\mu^{-1}(0)$)

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Suppose  $G \curvearrowright (M, g, \omega_1, I_1)$ , we might get  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$

We can write them  $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^* \otimes \mathbb{R}^3$

Then, we can try to do:

$$M // G = \mu^{-1}(0) / G. \text{ This is } h\text{-}h!$$

$$\text{Note: } \dim M // G = \dim M - 4 \dim G$$

Fix one of the Kähler str's  $(M, g, \omega_1, I_1)$ .

Then, consider:  $\mu_1 : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  ( $\omega_1$ )

$$\mu_{\mathbb{C}} = \mu_2 + i\mu_3 : M \rightarrow (\mathfrak{g}^{\mathbb{C}})^*$$

( $\omega_{\mathbb{C}}$   
"  $\omega_2 + i\omega_3$ )

$$\begin{aligned} M // G &= \mu^{-1}(0) / G = \mu_{\mathbb{C}}^{-1}(0) \cap \mu_1^{-1}(0) / G \\ &= \mu_{\mathbb{C}}^{-1}(0) // G = \mu_{\mathbb{C}}^{-1}(0) / G^{\mathbb{C}} \quad \text{wrt } I_1 \\ &\cong M //_{G^{\mathbb{C}}} \text{ (wrt } I_1, \omega_{\mathbb{C}} \text{)} \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $(\mu_c^{-1}(0), g, \omega_1, I_1)$

$$G^e \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ G^e \\ \uparrow \\ G^e \end{matrix}$$

$$[M, \mathcal{S}, \omega_1, I_1, \omega_c] \xrightarrow{\mu_c}$$

## §4 Examples

①  $S^1 \subset M = \mathbb{C}^n \oplus (\mathbb{C}^n)^*$

$$M //_{S^1} = T^* \mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$$

(for  $n=2$ , this is Eguchi-Hanson)

② Suppose  $M^4$  is  $h-k$  and  $P \downarrow M$

Consider  $\mathcal{A} = \{\text{conn. on } P\}$

this is affine over  $\mathcal{N}^+(\text{ad } P)$

$\uparrow$   
this is a quat. v. s.

So  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $h-k$

Consider  $G \curvearrowright \mathcal{A}$ . It preserves the  $h-k$ .

$$\mu: \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow (\Gamma(\text{ad } P))^* \times \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \mathcal{N}^+ = \langle \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3 \rangle$$

$$= \mathcal{N}^+(\text{ad } P)$$

$$A \longmapsto F_A^+ \quad (\text{we need additional coords})$$

So  $A // G$  = moduli of ASD conn mod gauge trans

which might be  $n-k$

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$n-k \Rightarrow$  Ricci-flat

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dim = 4 :  $T^4$ , K3-surf

higher dim: Hilbert schemes of points on  $T^4$ ,  $K^3$

H.s. of  $k$  pts on  $M$  is  $\sim M \times M \times \dots \times M / \Sigma_k$