

Teoria Ergódica Diferenciável

lecture 9: Conformal automorphisms of a disc

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Riemannian manifolds (reminder)

DEFINITION: Let $h \in \text{Sym}^2 T^*M$ be a symmetric 2-form on a manifold which satisfies $h(x, x) > 0$ for any non-zero tangent vector x . Then h is called **Riemannian metric**, of **Riemannian structure**, and (M, h) **Riemannian manifold**.

DEFINITION: For any $x, y \in M$, and any piecewise smooth path $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow M$ connecting x and y , consider **the length** of γ defined as $L(\gamma) = \int_{\gamma} \left| \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \right| dt$, where $\left| \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \right| = h\left(\frac{d\gamma}{dt}, \frac{d\gamma}{dt}\right)^{1/2}$. Define **the geodesic distance** as $d(x, y) = \inf_{\gamma} L(\gamma)$, where infimum is taken for all paths connecting x and y .

EXERCISE: Prove that the **geodesic distance satisfies triangle inequality and defines a metric on M** .

EXERCISE: Prove that **this metric induces the standard topology on M** .

EXAMPLE: Let $M = \mathbb{R}^n$, $h = \sum_i dx_i^2$. **Prove that the geodesic distance coincides with $d(x, y) = |x - y|$** .

EXERCISE: Using partition of unity, **prove that any manifold admits a Riemannian structure**.

Conformal structures (reminder)

DEFINITION: Let h, h' be Riemannian structures on M . These Riemannian structures are called **conformally equivalent** if $h' = fh$, where f is a positive smooth function.

DEFINITION: **Conformal structure** on M is a class of conformal equivalence of Riemannian metrics.

DEFINITION: **A Riemann surface** is a 2-dimensional oriented manifold equipped with a conformal structure.

DEFINITION: Let $I : TM \rightarrow TM$ be an endomorphism of a tangent bundle satisfying $I^2 = -\text{Id}$. Then I is called **almost complex structure operator**, and the pair (M, I) **an almost complex manifold**.

CLAIM: Let M be a 2-dimensional oriented conformal manifold. **Then M admits a unique orthogonal almost complex structure** in such a way that the pair $x, I(x)$ is positively oriented. Conversely, **an almost complex structure uniquely determines the conformal structure and orientation.**

Homogeneous spaces (reminder)

DEFINITION: A Lie group is a smooth manifold equipped with a group structure such that the group operations are smooth. Lie group G **acts on a manifold** M if the group action is given by the smooth map $G \times M \rightarrow M$.

DEFINITION: Let G be a Lie group acting on a manifold M transitively. Then M is called **a homogeneous space**. For any $x \in M$ the subgroup $\text{St}_x(G) = \{g \in G \mid g(x) = x\}$ is called **stabilizer of a point** x , or **isotropy subgroup**.

CLAIM: For any homogeneous manifold M with transitive action of G , **one has** $M = G/H$, where $H = \text{St}_x(G)$ is an isotropy subgroup.

Proof: The natural surjective map $G \rightarrow M$ putting g to $g(x)$ identifies M with the space of conjugacy classes G/H . ■

REMARK: Let $g(x) = y$. Then $\text{St}_x(G)^g = \text{St}_y(G)$: **all the isotropy groups are conjugate**.

Isotropy representation (reminder)

DEFINITION: Let $M = G/H$ be a homogeneous space, $x \in M$ and $\text{St}_x(G)$ the corresponding stabilizer group. The **isotropy representation** is the natural action of $\text{St}_x(G)$ on T_xM .

DEFINITION: A Riemannian form Φ on a homogeneous manifold $M = G/H$ is called **invariant** if it is mapped to itself by all diffeomorphisms which come from $g \in G$.

REMARK: Let Φ_x be an isotropy invariant scalar product on T_xM . For any $y \in M$ obtained as $y = g(x)$, consider the form Φ_y on T_yM obtained as $\Phi_y := g(\Phi)$. The choice of g is not unique, however, for another $g' \in G$ which satisfies $g'(x) = y$, we have $g = g'h$ where $h \in \text{St}_x(G)$. Since Φ_x is h -invariant, **the metric Φ_y is independent from the choice of g .**

We proved

THEOREM: Homogeneous Riemannian forms on $M = G/H$ are in bijective correspondence with isotropy invariant spalar products on T_xM , for any $x \in M$. ■

Space forms (reminder)

DEFINITION: **Simply connected space form** is a homogeneous manifold of one of the following types:

positive curvature: S^n (an n -dimensional sphere), equipped with an action of the group $SO(n+1)$ of rotations

zero curvature: \mathbb{R}^n (an n -dimensional Euclidean space), equipped with an action of isometries

negative curvature: $SO(1, n)/O(n)$, equipped with the natural $SO(1, n)$ -action. This space is also called **hyperbolic space**, and in dimension 2 **hyperbolic plane** or **Poincaré plane** or **Bolyai-Lobachevsky plane**

Riemannian metric on space forms

LEMMA: Let $G = SO(n)$ act on \mathbb{R}^n in a natural way. **Then there exists a unique G -invariant symmetric 2-form:** the standard Euclidean metric.

Proof: Let g, g' be two G -invariant symmetric 2-forms. Since S^{n-1} is an orbit of G , we have $g(x, x) = g(y, y)$ for any $x, y \in S^{n-1}$. Multiplying g' by a constant, we may assume that $g(x, x) = g'(x, x)$ for any $x \in S^{n-1}$. **Then $g(\lambda x, \lambda x) = g'(\lambda x, \lambda x)$ for any $x \in S^{n-1}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$;** however, all vectors can be written as λx . ■

COROLLARY: Let $M = G/H$ be a simply connected space form. **Then M admits a unique, up to a constant multiplier, G -invariant Riemannian form.**

Proof: The isotropy group is $SO(n-1)$ in all three cases, and the previous lemma can be applied. ■

REMARK: From now on, all space forms are assumed to be homogeneous Riemannian manifolds.

Poincaré-Koebe uniformization theorem

DEFINITION: A **Riemannian manifold of constant curvature** is a Riemannian manifold which is locally isometric to a space form.

THEOREM: (Poincaré-Koebe uniformization theorem) Let M be a Riemann surface. **Then M admits a unique complete metric of constant curvature in the same conformal class.**

COROLLARY: **Any Riemann surface is a quotient of a space form X by a discrete group of isometries $\Gamma \subset \text{Iso}(X)$.**

COROLLARY: **Any simply connected Riemann surface is conformally equivalent to a space form.**

Lie groups and their properties

DEFINITION: Lie algebra of a Lie group G is the Lie algebra $\text{Lie}(G)$ of left-invariant vector fields. **Adjoint representation** of G is the standard action of G on $\text{Lie}(G)$. For a Lie group $G = GL(n)$, $SL(n)$, etc., $PGL(n)$, $PSL(n)$, etc. denote the image of G in $GL(\text{Lie}(G))$ with respect to the adjoint action.

REMARK: This is the same as a quotient G/Z by the centre of G .

EXERCISE: Prove that **the center of $PSL(n, \mathbb{R})$, $PSO(n, \mathbb{R})$, etc. is trivial.**

EXERCISE: Prove that a **discrete normal subgroup of $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is central** (commutes with everything).

EXERCISE: Let $\Psi : G \rightarrow G_1$ be a homomorphism of connected Lie groups of the same dimension with $d\Psi$ surjective. Prove that **Ψ is a covering** (quotient by a discrete subgroup).

Hint: Use the inverse function theorem.

Some low-dimensional Lie group isomorphisms

DEFINITION: Let $SO^+(1,2)$ be the connected component of the group of orthogonal matrices on a 3-dimensional space equipped with a scalar product of signature $(1,2)$, and $U(1,1)$ the group of complex linear maps $\mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ preserving a pseudo-Hermitian form of signature $(1,1)$.

THEOREM: The groups $PU(1,1)$, $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ and $SO^+(1,2)$ are isomorphic.

Proof: Isomorphism $PU(1,1) = SO^+(1,2)$ will be established later. To see $PSL(2, \mathbb{R}) \cong SO^+(1,2)$, consider **the Killing form** κ on the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R})$, $a, b \rightarrow \text{Tr}(ab)$. **Check that it has signature $(1,2)$. Then the image of $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ in automorphisms of its Lie algebra is $SO(\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R}), \kappa) = SO^+(1,2)$.** Both groups are 3-dimensional, and differential of the map

$$\Psi : PSL(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow SO^+(1,2)$$

is an isomorphism. Then **Ψ is surjective and has discrete kernel.** However, the kernel subgroup has to be central, and **$PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ has no center** by construction. ■

Holomorphic functions

DEFINITION: Let $I : TM \longrightarrow TM$ be an endomorphism of a tangent bundle satisfying $I^2 = -\text{Id}$. Then I is called **almost complex structure operator**, and the pair (M, I) **an almost complex manifold**.

EXAMPLE: $M = \mathbb{C}^n$, with complex coordinates $z_i = x_i + \sqrt{-1} y_i$, and $I(d/dx_i) = d/dy_i$, $I(d/dy_i) = -d/dx_i$.

DEFINITION: A function $f : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ on an almost complex manifold is called **holomorphic** if df is \mathbb{C} -linear.

Holomorphic functions on \mathbb{C}^n

THEOREM: Let $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a differentiable function on an open subset $M \subset \mathbb{C}$, with the natural almost complex structure. **Then the following are equivalent.**

- (1) f is holomorphic.
- (2) f is conformal in all points where df is non-zero, and preserves the orientation.
- (3) f is expressed as a sum of Taylor series around any point $z \in M$:

$$f(z + t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(i)}(z)t^i}{i!}$$

(here we assume that the complex number t satisfies $|t| < \varepsilon$, where ε depends on f and z).

Proof: Taylor series decomposition on a line is implied by the Cauchy formula:

$$\int_{\partial\Delta} \frac{f(z)dz}{z-a} = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} f(a),$$

where $\Delta \subset \mathbb{C}$ is a disk, $a \in \Delta$ any point, and z coordinate on \mathbb{C} . Indeed, in this case, $2\pi\sqrt{-1} f(a) = \sum_{i \geq 0} a^i \int_{\partial\Delta} f(z)(z^{-1})^{i+1}$, because $\frac{1}{z-a} = z^{-1} \sum_{i \geq 0} (az^{-1})^i$.

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Cauchy formula

Let's prove Cauchy formula, using Stokes' theorem. Since the space \mathbb{C} -linear 1-forms on \mathbb{C} is 1-dimensional, $df \wedge dz = 0$ for any holomorphic function on \mathbb{C} . This gives

CLAIM: A function on a disk $\Delta \subset \mathbb{C}$ **is holomorphic if and only if the form $\eta := f dz$ is closed** (that is, satisfies $d\eta = 0$). ■

Now, let S_ε be a radius ε circle around a point $a \in \Delta$, Δ_ε its interior, and $\Delta_0 := \Delta \setminus \Delta_\varepsilon$. Stokes' theorem gives

$$0 = \int_{\Delta_0} d\left(\frac{f(z)dz}{z-a}\right) = - \int_{S_\varepsilon} \frac{f(z)dz}{z-a} + \int_{\partial\Delta} \frac{f(z)dz}{z-a},$$

hence Cauchy formula would follow if we show that $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{S_\varepsilon} \frac{f(z)dz}{z-a} = 2\pi\sqrt{-1}f(a)$.

Assuming for simplicity $a = 0$ and parametrizing the circle S_ε by $\varepsilon e^{\sqrt{-1}t}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{S_\varepsilon} \frac{f(z)dz}{z} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(\varepsilon e^{\sqrt{-1}t})}{\varepsilon e^{\sqrt{-1}t}} d(\varepsilon e^{\sqrt{-1}t}) = \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(\varepsilon e^{\sqrt{-1}t})}{\varepsilon e^{\sqrt{-1}t}} \sqrt{-1} \varepsilon e^{\sqrt{-1}t} dt = \int_0^{2\pi} f(\varepsilon e^{\sqrt{-1}t}) \sqrt{-1} dt \end{aligned}$$

as ε tends to 0, $f(\varepsilon e^{\sqrt{-1}t})$ tends to $f(0)$, and this integral goes to $2\pi\sqrt{-1}f(0)$.

Schwartz lemma

CLAIM: (maximum principle) Let f be a holomorphic function defined on an open set U . **Then f cannot have strict maxima in U . If f has non-strict maxima, it is constant.**

EXERCISE: Prove the maximum principle.

LEMMA: (Schwartz lemma) Let $f : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$ be a map from disk to itself fixing 0. **Then $|f'(0)| \leq 1$, and equality can be realized only if $f(z) = \alpha z$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, $|\alpha| = 1$.**

Proof: Consider the function $\varphi := \frac{f(z)}{z}$. Since $f(0) = 0$, it is holomorphic, and since $f(\Delta) \subset \Delta$, on the boundary $\partial\Delta$ we have $|\varphi|_{\partial\Delta} \leq 1$. Now, **the maximum principle implies that $|f'(0)| = |\varphi(0)| \leq 1$** , and equality is realized only if $\varphi = \text{const}$. ■