

# **Algebraic cones as complex varieties**

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## Algebraic structures on complex varieties

**DEFINITION: (Formal definition)** An algebraic structure on a complex analytic variety  $Z$  is a subsheaf of the sheaf of holomorphic functions which can be realized as a sheaf of regular functions for some biholomorphism between  $Z$  and a quasi-projective variety.

**Less formal definition:** Let  $M$  be a complex variety which can be embedded to  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . **Algebraic structure** on  $M$  is a finitely generated ring of holomorphic functions on  $M$  such that its generators  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  induce an embedding  $M \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ , and its image is an algebraic variety. In other words, **we fix a dense, finitely-generated subring in the ring  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_M)$  of holomorphic functions.**

**REMARK:** The algebraic structure on a manifold is not unique.

**EXAMPLE: (C. Simpson)**

The manifold  $\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$  **admits an algebraic structure without non-constant global regular functions.**

**THEOREM: (Zbigniew Jelonek)**

**There exists an uncountable set of pairwise non-isomorphic algebraic structures on  $\mathbb{C} \times S$ ,** where  $S$  is an affine complex curve of genus  $\geq 1$ .

## A contraction

**DEFINITION:** A Stein variety is a complex subvariety in  $\mathbb{C}^n$

**REMARK:** We shall always tacitly assume that our Stein varieties have isolated singularities.

**DEFINITION:** Let  $M$  be a topological space,  $x \in M$  a marked point. A contraction of  $(M, x)$  is a continuous map  $\varphi : M \rightarrow M$  such that for any compact  $K \subset M$  and any open  $U \ni x$ , a sufficiently high iteration of  $\varphi$  satisfies  $\varphi^N(K) \subset U$ .

**EXAMPLE:** A linear operator  $A : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  is a contraction if and only if all its eigenvalues  $\alpha_i$  satisfy  $|\alpha_i| < 1$ .

**EXAMPLE:** Let  $X \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  be a complex subvariety, preserved by a linear contraction  $A$ . Then  $A$  acts on  $X$  as a contraction.

## The main results of this talk:

**THEOREM:** Let  $X$  be a Stein variety with an most one singular point equipped with an invertible contraction  $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$ . **Then  $X$  admits an algebraic structure such that  $\varphi$  is algebraic.** Moreover, **this algebraic structure is unique.**

**THEOREM:** In these assumptions, **there exists a projective orbifold  $P$  an an ample bundle  $L$  such that  $X$  is isomorphic to the spectrum of the ring  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} H^0(X, L^i)$ .** Moreover,  $P$  can be chosen in such a way that **the action of  $\varphi$  on  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} H^0(X, L^i)$  is obtained from an automorphism of  $X$  which acts on  $L$  equivariantly.**

**REMARK:** Let  $x \in X$  be the fixed point of the contraction  $\varphi$ , and  $X_0 := X \setminus x$ . **The isomorphism  $X = \text{Spec}(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} H^0(X, L^i))$  is equivalent to  $X_0$  being isomorphic to the space of all non-zero vectors in the total space  $\text{Tot}(L)$ .**

**REMARK:** However, **the pair  $(P, L)$  is not determined by  $X$  and its algebraic structure uniquely:** the same  $X$  might be obtained from different projective orbifolds. Example:  $X = \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\varphi(x) := \frac{1}{2}x$ , and and  $P = \frac{\mathbb{C}^n \setminus 0}{\mathbb{C}^*}$  any of the weighted projective spaces.

## Stein completion

### THEOREM: (a version of Hartogs theorem)

Let  $X$  be a normal Stein variety,  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X > 1$ , and  $K \subset X$  a compact subset.

**Then every holomorphic function on  $X \setminus K$  can be extended to  $X$ .**

**DEFINITION:** Let  $A$  be a commutative Fréchet algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The **continuous spectrum**  $\text{Spec}(A)$  of  $A$  is defined as the set of all continuous  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear homomorphisms  $A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

### THEOREM: (O. Forster, 1966, 1967)

Let  $X$  be a Stein variety, and  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_X)$  is the algebra of holomorphic functions equipped with the topology of uniform convergence on compacts. **Then  $\text{Spec}(H^0(\mathcal{O}_X)) = X$ .**

**DEFINITION:** Let  $X$  be a normal Stein variety, and  $K \subset X$  a compact subset. By Hartogs, the ring of functions on  $X$  is identified with  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_{X \setminus K})$ ; by Forster, this ring with its  $C^0$  topology uniquely defines  $X$ . Following Andreotti-Siu, we call  $X$  **the Stein completion** of  $X \setminus K$ . If  $X \setminus K$  is smooth, its Stein completion **is a normal Stein variety with isolated singularities.**

## Algebraic cones

**DEFINITION:** Let  $P$  be a projective orbifold, and  $L$  an ample line bundle on  $P$ . Assume that the total space  $\text{Tot}^\circ(L)$  of all non-zero vectors in  $L$  is smooth. **An open algebraic cone** is  $\text{Tot}^\circ(L)$ .

**DEFINITION:** The corresponding **closed algebraic cone** is its Stein completion  $Z$ ;

**EXAMPLE:** Let  $P \subset \mathbb{C}P^n$ , and  $L = \mathcal{O}(1)|_P$ . Then **the open algebraic cone  $\text{Tot}^\circ(L)$  can be identified with the set  $\pi^{-1}(P)$**  of all  $v \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus 0$  projected to  $P$  under the standard map  $\pi : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$ . **The closed algebraic cone is the normalization of its closure in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ .**

**REMARK:** The closed algebraic cone **is obtained by adding one point, called “the apex”, or “the origin”, to  $\text{Tot}^\circ(L)$ .**

**REMARK:** The structure of a complex variety on this one-point completion **is unique only in the assumption of normality**. Without normality, **it is not unique**. Normality of the closed cone  $C(P)$  **is equivalent to the “projective normality” of  $P$ .**

## Algebraic cones and subvarieties in Hopf manifolds

**DEFINITION:** A **linear Hopf manifold** is a complex manifold  $H := \frac{\mathbb{C}^n \setminus 0}{\langle A \rangle}$ , where  $A \in GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  is an invertible linear contraction.

**THEOREM:** Let  $M \subset H$  be a submanifold in a Hopf manifold, and  $\tilde{M} \subset \mathbb{C}^n \setminus 0$  its  $\mathbb{Z}$ -covering. **Then  $\tilde{M}$  is an open algebraic cone**, with the contraction induced by the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -action on  $\mathbb{C}^n \setminus 0$ . Moreover, **any open algebraic cone can be obtained this way.**

**DEFINITION:** A complex manifold  $(M, I)$  is called **locally conformally Kähler** (LCK) if it admits a covering  $(\tilde{M}, I)$  equipped with a Kähler metric  $\tilde{\omega}$  such that the deck group of the cover acts on  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{\omega})$  by holomorphic homotheties. An **LCK metric** on an LCK manifold is an Hermitian metric on  $(M, I)$  such that its pullback to  $\tilde{M}$  is conformal with  $\tilde{\omega}$ .

**EXAMPLE:** (Ornea-Gauduchon, Ornea-V.) Hopf manifolds are LCK.

## LCK manifolds with potential

**DEFINITION: Kähler potential** for a Kähler form  $\omega$  is a function  $\psi$  such that  $dd^c\psi = \omega$ . Here  $d^c = IdI^{-1}$ . **On a Stein manifold, every Kähler form admits a Kähler potential.**

**DEFINITION:** An LCK manifold has **a proper LCK potential** if it admits a Kähler  $\mathbb{Z}$ -covering on which the Kähler metric has a global potential  $\psi$  such that the deck group multiplies  $\psi$  by a constant (such a function is called **automorphic**). In this case,  $M$  is called **an LCK manifold with potential**.

**EXAMPLE:** All Hopf manifolds are LCK with potential (Gauduchon-Ornea, Ornea-V., 1999-2022). For a classical Hopf manifold  $H := (\mathbb{C}^n \setminus 0)/\langle A \rangle$ ,  $A = \lambda \text{Id}$ ,  $|\lambda| > 1$ , the flat Kähler metric  $\tilde{g}_0 = \sum dz_i \otimes d\bar{z}_i$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is multiplied by  $\lambda^2$  by the deck group  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Also,  $\tilde{g}_0$  has the global automorphic potential  $\psi := \sum |z_i|^2$ .

**EXAMPLE: A complex submanifold in an LCK manifold with potential is LCK with potential.**



## LCK manifolds with potential are submanifolds in Hopf manifolds

**THEOREM:** (Ornea-V., 2005)

Let  $M$  be an LCK manifold with potential,  $\tilde{M}$  its  $\mathbb{Z}$ -cover, and  $\psi$  its LCK potential. **Then  $\psi$  is an exhausting strictly plurisubharmonic function on  $M$ .** By Andreotti-Rossi, when  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} M \geq 3$ , **the manifold  $\tilde{M}$  admits a Stein completion  $\tilde{M}_c$ , which is equipped with a holomorphic contraction.** Moreover,  **$\tilde{M}_c$  is obtained from  $\tilde{M}$  by adding precisely one point.**

**THEOREM:** (Ornea-V.)

Let  $(M, I, \omega)$  be a compact LCK manifold with potential,  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} M \geq 3$ . **Then  $(M, I)$  admits a holomorphic embedding to a linear Hopf manifold.** Conversely, **any submanifold in a linear Hopf manifold is LCK with potential.**

$\gamma^*$ -finite functions

**DEFINITION:** Let  $F \in \text{End}(V)$  be an endomorphism of a vector space. A vector  $v \in V$  is called  **$F$ -finite** if the space generated by  $v, F(v), F(F(v)), \dots$  is finite-dimensional.

**THEOREM:** Let  $\gamma : X \rightarrow X$  be a holomorphic contraction on a Stein variety. Then  $\gamma_* : H^0(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{O}_X)$  is a compact operator in topology of uniform convergence on compacts, Moreover, the set of  $\gamma^*$ -finite vectors is dense in  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_X)$ .

**LEMMA:** Let  $\gamma$  be an invertible linear contraction of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . A holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is  $\gamma$ -finite if and only if it is polynomial.

**Proof:** Clearly, a polynomial function is  $\gamma$ -finite. The operator  $\gamma^*$  acts on homogeneous polynomials of degree  $d$  with eigenvalues  $\alpha_{i_1}\alpha_{i_2}\dots\alpha_{i_d}$ , where  $\alpha_{i_j}$  are the eigenvalues of  $\gamma$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Since  $\gamma$  is a contraction, all  $\alpha_{i_j}$  satisfy  $|\alpha_{i_j}| < 1$ . Therefore, any sequence  $\{\alpha_{i_1}\alpha_{i_2}\dots\alpha_{i_d}\}$  converges to 0 as  $d$  goes to infinity. We obtain that every given number can be realized as an eigenvalue of  $\gamma^*$  on homogeneous polynomials of degree  $d$  for finitely many choices of  $d$  only. Therefore, any root vector of  $\gamma^*$  is a finite sum of homogeneous polynomials. ■

$\gamma^*$ -finite functions (2)

**COROLLARY:** Let  $M \hookrightarrow H$  be a complex subvariety of a linear Hopf manifold, and  $\tilde{M}_c \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^N$  the corresponding map of weak Stein completions, with  $\tilde{M}_c$  obtained as the closure of  $\tilde{M} \subset \mathbb{C}^N$  by adding the zero. **Then  $\tilde{M}_c$  is an algebraic subvariety, that is, a set of common zeroes of a system of polynomial equations.**

**Proof:** The  $\gamma^*$ -finite functions are dense in the ideal of  $M_c$ ; therefore, this ideal is generated by polynomials. ■

## Weighted projective spaces

Recall that any representation  $V$  of  $\mathbb{C}^*$  is a direct sum of 1-dimensional representations isomorphic to  $\rho_w$ , with  $\mathbb{C}^*$  acting by  $\rho_w(t)(z) = t^w z$ . Such a representation is called **representation of weight  $w$** .

**CLAIM:** Let  $\rho$  be  $\mathbb{C}^*$  acting on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Assume that  $\rho$  contains a contraction. **Then all weights of  $\rho$  are positive or negative.** ■

**CLAIM:** Let  $\rho$  be  $\mathbb{C}^*$  acting on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with weights  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in \mathbb{Z}^{>0}$ . **Then its orbit space  $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}(w_1, \dots, w_n)$  is equipped with a structure of a projective orbifold, and  $\mathbb{C}^n \setminus 0$  can be identified with the total space of an ample  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -bundle over  $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ .** ■

**DEFINITION:** The orbifold  $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}(w_1, \dots, w_n)$  is called **the weighted projective space**.

**CLAIM:** Let  $\rho$  be  $\mathbb{C}^*$  acting on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with weights  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in \mathbb{Z}^{>0}$ , and  $Z \subset \mathbb{C}^n \setminus 0$  be a  $\rho$ -invariant submanifold. **Then the orbit space  $Z/\mathbb{C}^*$  is a projective orbifold in the corresponding weighted projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ .** ■

**COROLLARY:** Let  $\rho$  be  $\mathbb{C}^*$  acting on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with weights  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in \mathbb{Z}^{>0}$ , and  $Z \subset \mathbb{C}^n \setminus 0$  a  $\rho$ -invariant submanifold. **Then  $Z$  is an open algebraic cone.** ■

## Stein varieties equipped with a contraction are algebraic cones

**COROLLARY:** Let  $\tilde{M}_c$  be a normal Stein variety equipped with a holomorphic contraction  $\gamma$ , with the only singularity at the origin, denoted  $c$ . **Then  $\tilde{M}_c$  admits a structure of an algebraic cone.**

**Proof. Step 1:** Let  $\tilde{M} := \tilde{M}_c \setminus c$ . Then  $\frac{\tilde{M}}{\langle \gamma \rangle}$  admits a holomorphic embedding to a linear Hopf manifold  $\frac{\mathbb{C}^n \setminus 0}{\langle A \rangle}$ . **This implies that the ideal of  $\tilde{M}_c$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n}$  is generated by  $A^*$ -finite functions, that is, polynomials,** hence  $\tilde{M}_c \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is an affine subvariety.

**Step 2:** Let  $\mathcal{G}_A$  be a connected component of the algebraic closure of  $\langle A \rangle$ . A connected abelian algebraic group  $\mathcal{G}_A \subset GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^k \times \mathbb{C}^l$ , where each  $\mathbb{C}^*$  acts diagonally, and  $\mathbb{C}$  are unipotent subgroups. Therefore,  $\tilde{M}_c \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -invariant, for some  $\mathbb{C}^*$  acting by contractions. **This produces a  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -fibration  $\tilde{M} \rightarrow \frac{\tilde{M}}{\mathbb{C}^*}$  with the quotient  $\frac{\mathbb{C}^n \setminus 0}{\mathbb{C}^*}$  identified with the weighted projective space. ■**