

Asymptotic holomorphic geometry

a partia of symplectic flexibility

Theorem (Donaldson '96): Every closed symplectic manifold (M, ω) has a closed symplectic submanifold $i: V \hookrightarrow M$ (i.e. $i^*\omega$ is symplectic on V)

This result is best understood in contrast with $M = (\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \omega_{std})$

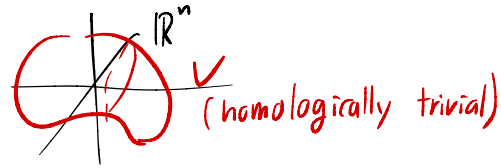
Prop: there are no closed symplectic submanifolds of $(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \omega_{std})$

Proof: Let $i: V \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ be a closed manifold of dimension $2m$. compute the symplectic

Volume: $\int_V i^*\omega^m = \langle [V], [\omega]^m \rangle = 0$ as $[V] \in H^{2m}(\mathbb{R}^{2n}) = 0$

homological pairing in $H^{2m}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$

So, $i^*\omega^m$ must equal 0 at some point of V .



Here, $i^*\omega$ is degenerate. Hence, $i^*\omega$ cannot be symplectic

This proof shows that symplectic submanifolds are topologically nontrivial objects.

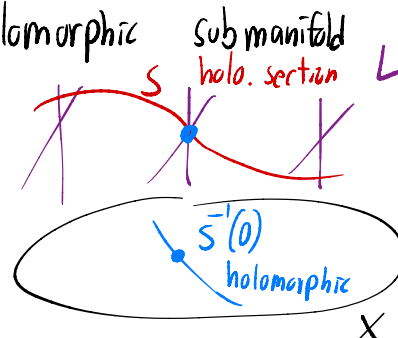
Donaldson's construction of symplectic submanifolds was groundbreaking because it introduced a new technique for constructing topological structures which behave nicely wrt. the symplectic structure. Moreover, it is "elementary": No use of J-curve theory or seiberg-witten theory.

Like all good symplectic things, Donaldson borrowed a construction from complex geometry.

Theorem: Every Kähler manifold (X, ω) w/ $[\omega] \in H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})$ has a holomorphic submanifold

Proof: consider a holomorphic line bundle L on X , & $s \in H^0(X, L)$. then the zero locus $s^{-1}(0)$ is holomorphic.

If I can choose s s.t. 0 is a regular value, then $s^{-1}(0)$ is a holo submanifold.



Thm (Bertini): a generic section $s \in H^0(X, L)$ has $s^{-1}(0)$ smooth, if $\dim H^0(X, L) \geq 2$ so, we seek a line bundle with ≥ 2 independent holo. sections. Here's a construction:

1. choose L w/ $c_1(L) = [\omega]$. "Prequantum line bundle" exists b.c. $[\omega] \in H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})$ (M, ω) is "integral"
- L carries a connection with curvature $\omega \Rightarrow L$ is "positive / ample"

2. Consider L^k for $k \gg 0$

Riemann-Roch thm:
$$\chi(L^k) = \sum (-1)^i H^i(X, L^k) = \frac{k^n}{n!} \int_M c_1(L)^n + \dots$$
$$= \frac{k^n}{n!} \text{vol}(X) + O(k^{n-1})$$

for large powers of the line bundle, euler characteristic is large.

Kodaira vanishing thm: for L positive, $k \gg 0$, $H^i(X, L^k) = 0$ for $i > 0$
"all cohomology concentrates in degree 0"

$$\Rightarrow H^0(X, L^k) = \frac{k^n}{n!} \text{vol}(X) + O(k^{n-1}) \text{ for } k \gg 0$$

"Large powers of prequantum line bundle have many sections"

All together, for some k , $\exists s \in H^0(X, L^k)$ such that $s^{-1}(0)$ is a smooth holomorphic submanifold.

$$\dim s^{-1}(0) = 2n-2, \quad [s^{-1}(0)] = Pd \ c_1(L^k) = Pd [k\omega]$$

Thm (Donaldson), more specifically: if (M, ω) is integral symplectic manifold,
 \exists codimension 2 symplectic submanifold $V^{2n-2} \subset M^{2n}$, s.t. $[V^{2n-2}] = Pd [k\omega]$
for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $k > k_0$. we call V a symplectic divisor / symplectic hyperplane section

Corollary: Every symplectic manifold has a symplectic submanifold

if $[\omega] \in H^2(M, \mathbb{Q})$, then $\exists q$ s.t. $[q\omega] \in H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})$. by above \exists symplectic submanifold V^{2n-2} s.t. $[V^{2n-2}] = [kq\omega]$.

Rational symplectic forms are dense among all symplectic forms, and the condition that $i^*\omega$ is symplectic is open in space of forms ω . To find a form in (M, ω) deform ω to $\omega' \in H^2(M, \mathbb{Q})$, & choose V symplectic wrt ω' . then V is also symplectic wrt ω .

Donaldson's construction

Recall the hierarchy of subspaces $i: W^{2m} \hookrightarrow (V^{2n}, \omega, J)$

$$\det g|_W \underset{\text{Riemannian volume}}{\geq} (i^*\omega)^m \underset{\text{Symplectic volume}}{\geq} 0$$

J-holomorphic \subset Symplectic \dots Lagrangian

$$\det g|_W = (i^*\omega)^m / m!$$

$$\frac{i^*\omega^m}{m!} > 0$$

$$(i^*\omega)^m = 0$$

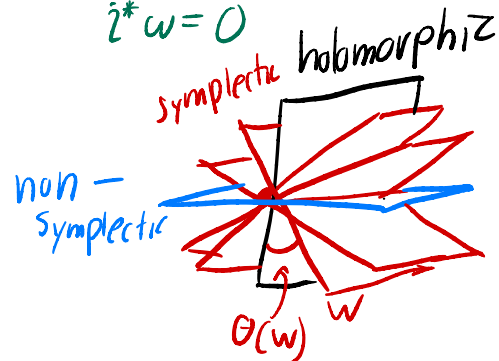
Lagrangian $i^*\omega = 0$

$$JW \subset W$$

\Rightarrow angle $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{m!} \frac{(i^*\omega)^m}{\det g|_W}\right) := \Theta(W)$ measures distance from holomorphy

$$W \text{ holomorphic} \Leftrightarrow \Theta(W) = 0$$

$$W \text{ symplectic} \Leftrightarrow \Theta(W) < \pi/2 \text{ open condition}$$



so a 'perturbation' of a holomorphic subspace is a symplectic subspace

theme of the day: Quantitative measures of topological properties

$\Theta(W)$ is a Quantitative measure of W being symplectic

Prop: if $|\bar{\partial}_J s| < |\partial_J s|$, then $s^{-1}(0)$ is a symplectic submanifold

analyze $s^{-1}(0)$ infinitesimally: $Ts^{-1}(0) = \ker ds \subset TM$

if $\bar{\partial}_J s = 0$, $\ker ds = \ker \partial_J s$ is holomorphic

calculation: $\Theta(\ker ds) \leq 2 \frac{|\bar{\partial}_J s|}{|\partial_J s|}$ $\bar{\partial}_J s$ small $\Rightarrow \ker ds$ nearly holomorphic

fact of linear algebra: if $a: \mathbb{R}^{2n} \cong \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is an \mathbb{R} -linear map, $a = a^{1,0} + a^{0,1}$, $|a^{0,1}| < |a^{1,0}| \Rightarrow \ker a \subset (\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \omega)$ symplectic

$ds = \partial_J s + \bar{\partial}_J s$
 \mathbb{C} -linear \mathbb{C} -anti-linear

Donaldson constructs symplectic submanifolds by finding "asymptotically holo. sections"

Theorem: for $k \gg 0$, there are sections s_k of L^k w/

$$|\bar{\partial}_J s_k| < \frac{C}{\sqrt{k}} |\partial_J s_k|$$

on zero set of s_k

Cor: $s_k^{-1}(0)$ is symplectic, w/ $[s_k^{-1}(0)] = PD[k\omega]$ (in fact, they are nearly J-holo.)

Steps:

1. construct local sections $\sigma_p \in \Gamma(L^k)$ supported near p s.t. $|\bar{\partial}\sigma_p| \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{k}}$
2. local transversality: for functions w w/ $|\bar{\partial}f| \leq \epsilon$ on a ball, there is a level set which has $|\bar{\partial}f| < |\partial f|$
3. local to global: patch together σ_{p_i} into $s_k = \sum w_i \sigma_{p_i}$ such that $|ds_k| \geq \epsilon$ on $s_k^{-1}(0)$ (ϵ uniform in k)

step 1: local model for sections of L^k

consider $(M, \omega) = (\mathbb{C}^n, \sum dz_i \wedge d\bar{z}_i = \omega_0)$

\mathbb{C}^n has prequantum line bundle $L = \frac{\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}^n}{\mathbb{C}^n}$, & hol. sections of L are hol. fns.

need to define hermitian metric $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ on L with curvature ω
 in the natural trivialization of L , hermitian metric $\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle = h s_1 \bar{s}_2$ $h: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

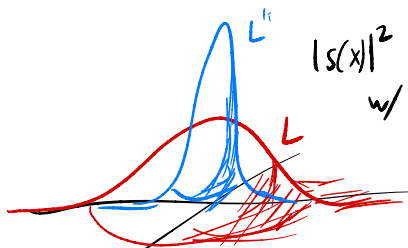
fact: curvature of chern connection associated to h is $-\partial\bar{\partial} \log h$

choose $h = e^{-|z|^2/2}$ $-\partial\bar{\partial} \log h = \frac{1}{4} \partial\bar{\partial} |z|^2 = \omega_0$

likewise, $h = e^{-k|z|^2/2}$ is prequantum metric on L^k

so the holomorphic section $s(x) = 1$ has $|s(x)|^2 = h = e^{-k|z|^2/2}$

gaussian section!!



$|s(x)|^2$ is gaussian bump
w/ standard deviation $1/\sqrt{k}$

Moral: passing from $L \rightarrow L^k$ scales up $h \rightarrow kh$
 local sections are scaled down by $x \rightarrow x/\sqrt{k}$

Now let (M, ω, J) be any symplectic manifold, L^k prequantum bundle
 choose Darboux chart at point p :

$\chi_p: B^{2n} \rightarrow U$ where $\chi_p^* \omega = \kappa \omega_0$ scales up symplectic form
 $0 \mapsto p$ $\chi_p^* J|_0 = J_0$ agrees w/ complex structure at origin

$|D^n \chi_p| < C/\sqrt{\kappa}$ uniform bound on all derivatives.
 B maps to small ball \Rightarrow derivatives are small

then $|\chi_p^* J - J_0| < C/\sqrt{\kappa}$
 $\Rightarrow S(x)=1$ satisfies $|\bar{\partial}_{\chi_p^* J} S| < \frac{C}{\sqrt{\kappa}}$

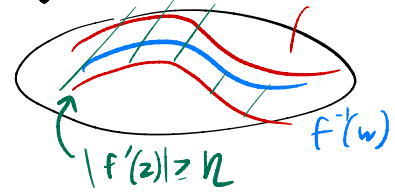
define σ_p as $S \circ \chi$ on $\chi(B)$, with smooth cutoff outside $\chi(B)$

Then $|\bar{\partial}_J \sigma_p| < \frac{C}{\sqrt{\kappa}}$

moral: transport a gaussian section on a darbox chart to (M, ω) . as $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$, the resulting section is more and more peaked, and closer & closer to being holomorphic

Step 2: Quantitative transversality

Def: $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is η -transverse to w on U if $|f(z) - w| < \eta$
 $|f(z) - w| \leq \eta \Rightarrow |df| > \eta$



Remark: ordinary transversality is 0-transversality

if $\eta_1 > \eta_2$, then η_1 -transverse $\Rightarrow \eta_2$ -transverse η measures "how transverse f is"

Thm: (Quantitative Sard's thm for almost holo fns): (thm 20 of Donaldson)

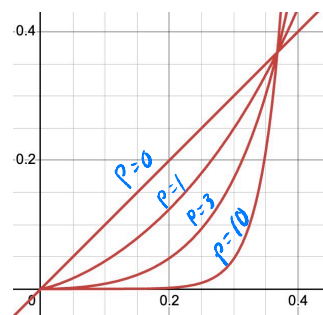
if $f: B^{2n} \subset \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $|f| \leq 1$, $|\bar{\partial} f|_{C^1} \leq \rho$ (fixed), for any $\eta \in (0, 1/2)$,

$\exists w$ in \mathbb{C} with $|w| \leq \eta$ s.t f is $\frac{\eta}{(-\ln(\eta))^p}$ transverse to w

integer depending on dimension

graph of $\frac{\eta}{(-\ln(\eta))^p}$

we can always find w near 0 which is transverse to f . But, the closer we want w to 0, the worse transversality we can get



goal: construct sections S_k w/ $|\bar{\partial} S_k| < \frac{C}{\sqrt{k}}$ with S_k ϵ -transverse to zero, with ϵ independent of k . then, $S_k^{-1}(0)$ is symplectic for $k \gg 0$

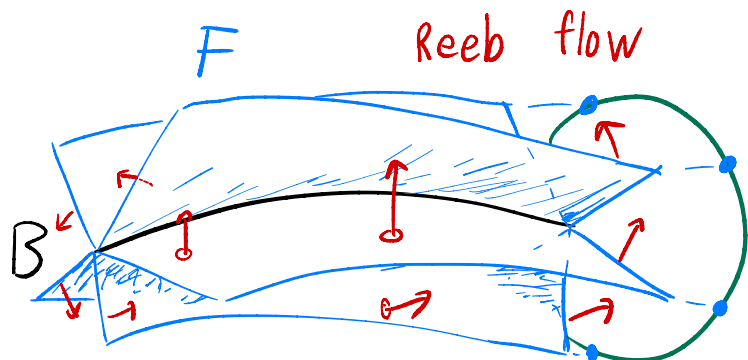
Step 3: local-to-global

To Do

Open Book Decompositions

Def: an open book decomposition on a manifold M^n is (B^{n-2}, θ) s.t

- a binding $B \subset M^n$ of codimension 2
- a fibration $\theta: M \setminus B \rightarrow S^1$, with fiber $F = \theta^{-1}(c)$, $\partial F = B$



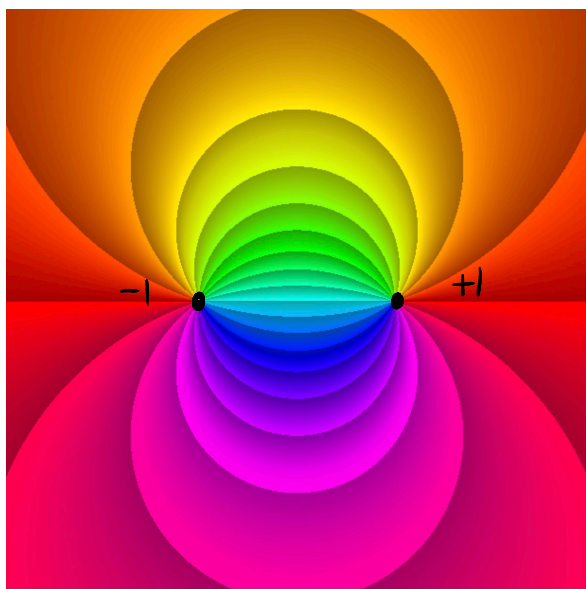
a contact form α is carried by (B, θ) if $M \xrightarrow{\theta} S^1$

- B is a contact submanifold (i.e. $B \pitchfork \ker \alpha$)
- $d\alpha$ is symplectic on $F \Rightarrow$ Reeb flow transverse to F
- the orientations on ∂F & B agree

Thm: (Giroux) Every contact structure is carried by an open book.

Like always, we turn to the Kahler case

Example $(M^2 = \mathbb{C})$



consider $f(z) = \frac{z-1}{z+1}$

$f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$

$B = \pm 1$ (Poles & zeros)

$\theta = \frac{f(z)}{|f(z)|} : \mathbb{C} - B \rightarrow S^1$

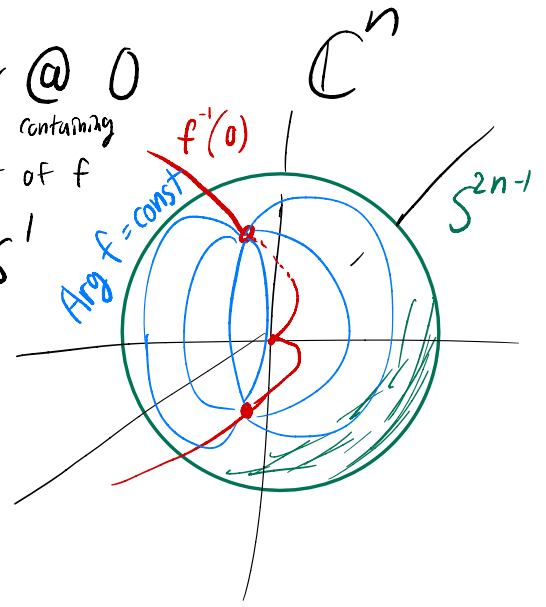
Example: Milnor fibration

$f: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic w/ isolated singularity @ 0

restrict f to $S^{2n-1}(\epsilon) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ ϵ small, only containing 1 critical point of f

set $B = f^{-1}(0) \subset S^{2n-1}$, $\theta = \frac{f(z)}{|f(z)|} : S^{2n-1} - B \rightarrow S^1$

(B, θ) is open book decomp. of S^{2n-1}



e.g. $f(z,w) = zw$ $f^{-1}(0) \cap S^3 = \bigcup_{z=0} w=0$

e.g. $f(z,w) = z^2 + w^3$ $f^{-1}(0) \cap S^3 = \text{figure-eight}$

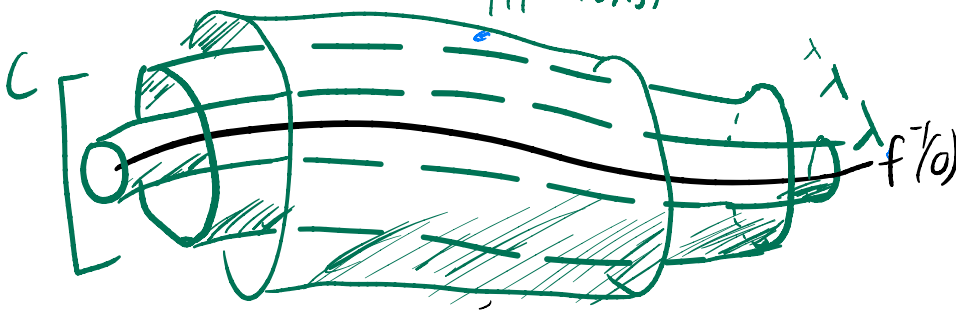
Thm: for $f: \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic w/ 0 isolated, the open book decomposition $(f^{-1}(0), \frac{f}{|f|})$ on S^3 carries the standard contact structure

let $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}(x_1 dy_1 - y_1 dx_1) + \frac{1}{2}(x_2 dy_2 - y_2 dx_2)$ be the Liouville form on $\mathbb{C}^2 = (z_1, z_2)$

$\lambda|_{S^3}$ defines a contact form. Define

$$\lambda_c = e^{-c|f|^2} \lambda$$

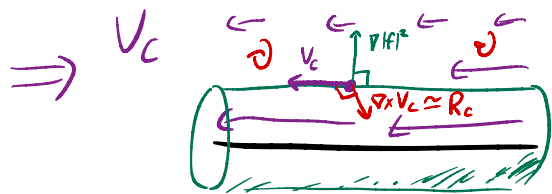
$|f| = \text{const}$



Gaussian decay of λ away from $f^{-1}(0)$, with width c

Claim: for $c \gg 0$, R_{λ_c} is everywhere transverse to the pages, so $d\lambda_c$ symplectic on pages

intuition: if $\lambda = \langle v, \cdot \rangle$, R_λ is parallel to $\nabla \times v \Rightarrow R_{\lambda_c}$ parallel to $\partial_x (e^{-c|f|^2} v)$



if v always points in same direction along $f^{-1}(0)$, $R_c = \nabla \times v_c$ rotates around $f^{-1}(0)$ for c large enough

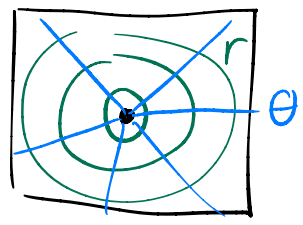
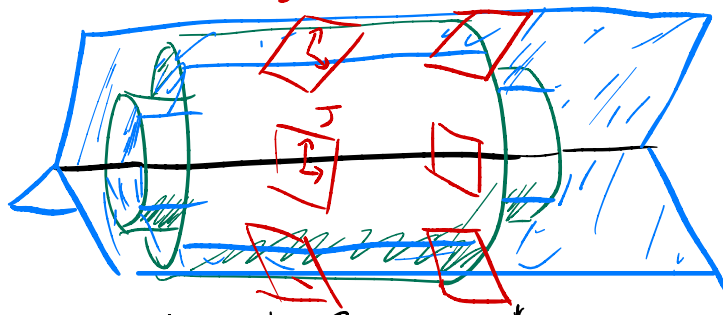
to check this: denote $d\theta = \theta^*(dx)$ from S^1 . The Reeb field R_{λ_c} is positively transverse iff $d\theta(R_{\lambda_c}) > 0 \Leftrightarrow d\theta \lrcorner d\lambda_c > 0$

$$d\theta \lrcorner (e^{-c|f|^2} \lambda) = e^{-c|f|^2} (d\theta \lrcorner \lambda - \underbrace{c d\theta \lrcorner |f|^2 \lambda}_{< 0})$$

$|d\theta \lrcorner \lambda| < M \gg 0 < 0$

if $d\theta \lrcorner |f|^2 \lrcorner \lambda < 0$, then for c large enough, $d\theta \lrcorner \lambda_c > 0$

$$\xi = \ker \lambda \quad f: M^3 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$



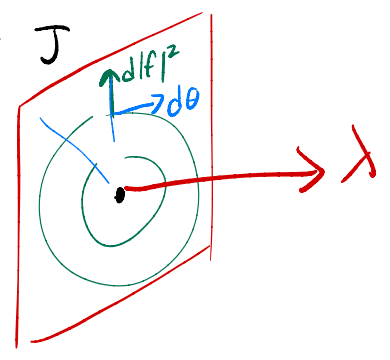
$$d\theta \wedge d|f|^2 = -2f^* \omega$$

$$\omega_{\mathbb{C}} = r dr \wedge d\theta = \frac{1}{2} d|f|^2 \wedge d\theta$$

but f is holomorphic: Along contact structure ξ , there is almost complex structure J , & $J \circ df|_{\xi} = df \circ j|_{\xi}$

so $f^* \omega_{\mathbb{C}}$ provides orientation on ξ agreeing w/ that of J
 λ provides a positive co-orientation of ξ agreeing w/ that of J
 $\Rightarrow \lambda \wedge f^* \omega_{\mathbb{C}}$ gives orientation of M !

$$\Rightarrow d\theta \wedge d|f|^2 \wedge \lambda < 0$$



Now we translate this example to an arbitrary contact manifold, following Donaldson's template.

for a contact manifold (M^{2n+1}, ξ) w/ contact form λ , choose an almost complex structure J on ξ . A function $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is "holomorphic" if it is holo. on ξ

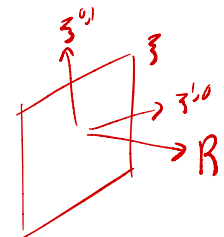
Thm: if $f: (M, \lambda) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic, then

- $f^{-1}(0) = B^{2n-1}$ is a contact manifold
- $\theta = f/|f| : M \setminus B \rightarrow S^1$ Defines an open book decomposition (B, θ) of M
- for $c \gg 0$, $\lambda_c = e^{-c|f|^2} \lambda$ satisfies $d\lambda_c$ symplectic on $\theta^{-1}(c)$. i.e. (B, θ) carries ξ

For a nonintegrable J , there are no holo. functions f . But, we can get asymptotically close. This w

Let $L = M \times \mathbb{C}$ be a trivial bundle w/ curvature $d\lambda$. this has a connection given by $\lambda: \nabla s = ds + i\lambda \cdot s$

∇s decomposes into 3 parts:



$$\nabla s = \nabla s|_{\mathbb{Z}}^{1,0} + \nabla s|_{\mathbb{Z}}^{0,1} + \nabla s(R) \lambda$$

$$\partial_{\mathbb{Z}, J} s + \bar{\partial}_{\mathbb{Z}, J} s + \nabla^\perp s$$

Thm: if s is a smooth section of L w/ $|\bar{\partial}_{\mathbb{Z}, J} s| < |\partial_{\mathbb{Z}, J} s|$ along $B = s^{-1}(0)$, then B is a contact submanifold. Furthermore, $\Theta: s/|s|: M-B \rightarrow S^1$ defines an open book decomposition.

(Giroux): (B, Θ) carries \mathbb{Z}

we will achieve this by constructing sections of $L^{\otimes k}$, $k \gg 0$ $\nabla^k s = ds + i k \alpha s$
the following is proved using techniques analogous to Donaldson:

Thm: (Ibort, Martinez-Torres, Presas) for $k \gg 0$, there exists sections $s_k \in \Gamma(L^{\otimes k})$ s.t

- $|\bar{\partial}_{\mathbb{Z}, J}^k s| < \frac{C}{\sqrt{k}}$ (asymptotic holomorphicity)
- $|\partial_{\mathbb{Z}, J} s| > \eta$ along $s^{-1}(0)$ (zero set cut out transversely)

Cor: Every contact manifold (M, \mathbb{Z}) is carried by the open book $(s_k^{-1}(0), \frac{s_k}{|s_k|})$ for $k \gg 0$

Other applications of asymptotic holomorphic Methods

Anything you can build with holomorphic sections in Kähler geometry, you can approx. build using asymptotically holomorphic sections on an integral symplectic manifold

fix (X, ω) Kähler, (M^{2n}, ω) symplectic, prequantum line bundles $\begin{matrix} L & L \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ X & M \end{matrix}$

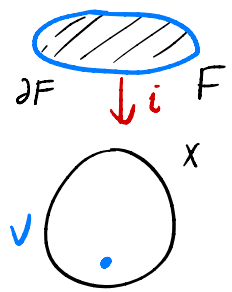
Weinstein complements

Thm (Kähler geometry): for generic $s \in H^0(M, L^k)$, $(X - \overset{s^{-1}(0)}{V}, \omega)$ is Weinstein

Thm (symplectic), Giroux '18: for $k \gg 0$, there exists a symplectic divisor $V \subset M$ w/
 $[V] = PD [c_1 \omega]$ & $(M - V, \omega)$ weinstein <https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.05929>

more precisely, there is a weinstein domain $(F, d\lambda)$ w/ ∂F the unit normal bundle of V , & map $i: F \rightarrow X$

- $i: \text{int } F \rightarrow X - V$ is a symplectomorphism
- $i: \partial F \rightarrow V$ collapses the fibres of the normal bundle



Proof sketch (Kähler case): need a vector field v on $X - V$

- $\mathcal{L}_v \omega = \omega$ (Liouville)
 - morse function ρ s.t $v(\rho) < 0$
- suffices to find $v = \nabla \rho$ Liouville

choose a hermitian metric $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ on L w/ curvature ω

fact: for any holo section s , let $\rho(x) = \log |s(x)|^2$, defined on $X - s^{-1}(0) = X - V$. then $\partial \bar{\partial} \rho = \omega$
 $\partial \bar{\partial} \rho = dd^c \rho$, where $d^c \rho(v) := d\rho(Jv)$

Prop: $\nabla \rho$ is a Liouville vector field.

Proof: $\mathcal{L}_{\nabla \rho} \omega = d \bar{i}_{\nabla \rho} \omega = d \omega(\nabla \rho, v) = d \omega(JX_\rho, v) = d \omega(X_\rho, Jv)$
 $= d(d\rho(Jv)) = dd^c \rho = \omega$

moral: norm of section gives a morse function whose gradient is a Liouville v.f.
 On a symplectic (M, ω, J) , we can fenagle an asymptotic holomorphic section with these same properties.

Lefschetz pencils

Morse theory sees topology through a function $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

When X is holomorphic, we can do "complex Morse theory" via $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^1$ holomorphic
 choose two holomorphic sections $S_0, S_\infty \in H^0(X, L)$, & take $f = S_0/S_\infty$

f exists outside of $S_0^{-1}(0) \cap S_\infty^{-1}(0)$

the fibers $f^{-1}(\lambda)$ are solutions to $S_0/S_\infty = \lambda \Rightarrow S_0 - \lambda S_\infty = 0$

OR: \mathbb{P}^1 family of holo sections $S_\lambda = S_0 - \lambda S_\infty$, w/ fibers $f^{-1}(\lambda) = S_\lambda^{-1}(0)$

The family of divisors $S_\lambda^{-1}(0)$ are called a Lefschetz Pencil

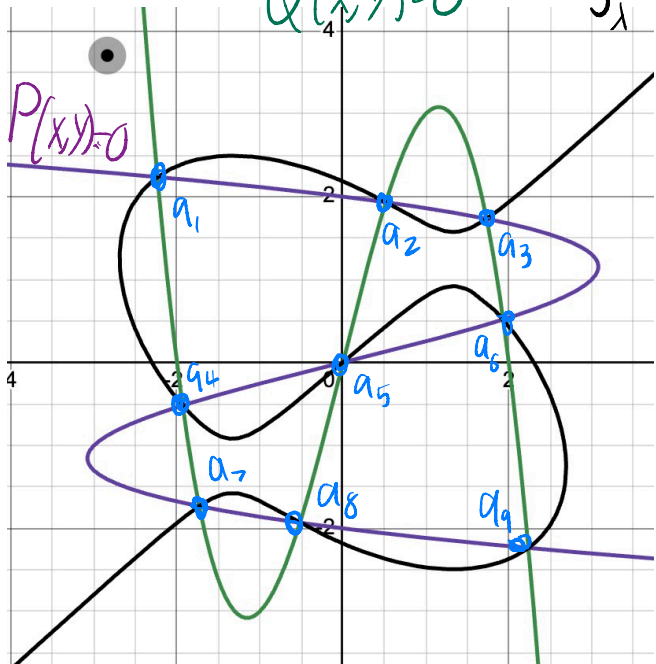
Example: $X = \mathbb{C}P^2$, $L = \mathcal{O}(3)$, $H^0(\mathbb{C}P^2, L) =$ homogenous cubics on \mathbb{C}^3

Choose cubics P, Q . Their zero sets $P^{-1}(0), Q^{-1}(0)$ intersect at 9 pts $\{a_1, \dots, a_9\}$
 every cubic curve $P - \lambda Q = 0$ passes through a_1, \dots, a_9

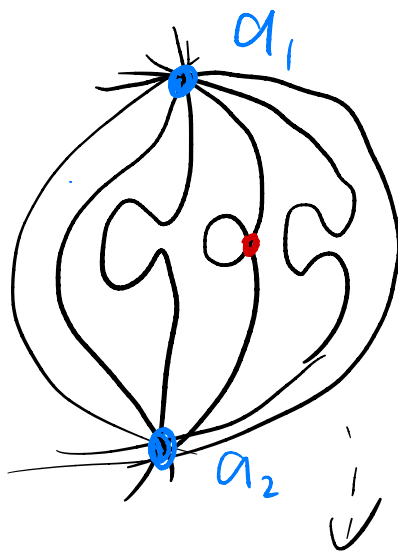
P/Q defines $f: \mathbb{P}^2 - \{a_1, \dots, a_9\} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$

every point in $\mathbb{P}^2 - \{a_1, \dots, a_9\}$ belongs to $S_\lambda^{-1}(0)$ for exactly 1 $\lambda \in \mathbb{P}^1$

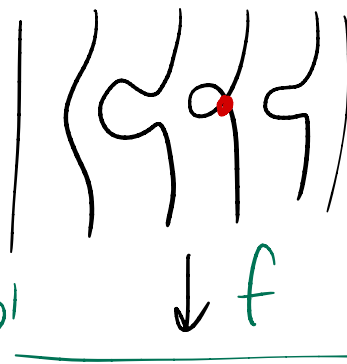
$Q(x,y) = 0$ $S_\lambda^{-1}(0)$



\mathbb{P}^2



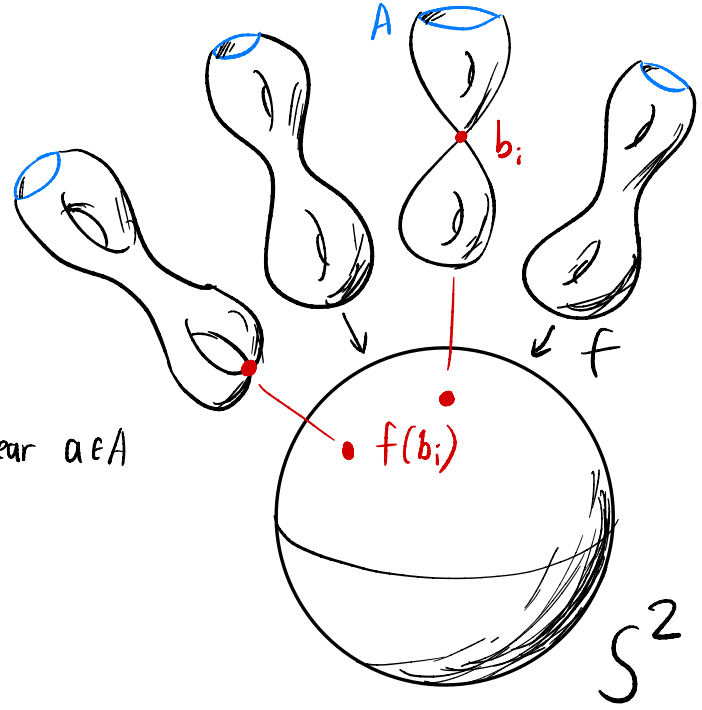
$\mathbb{P}^2 - a_i$



<https://www.desmos.com/calculator/j3pudxktcf>

Definition: A topological Lefschetz fibration on a symplectic manifold (M, ω) is:

- A codimension 4 set $A \subset M$
- A set of points $\{b_i\} \subset M \setminus A$ "critical points"
- A map $f: M \setminus A \rightarrow S^2$ which is
 - ↳ a submersion outside of $\{b_i\}$
 - ↳ $f(b_i) \neq f(b_j)$ for $i \neq j$
- Local complex coordinates (z_1, \dots, z_n) near $a \in A$
 - ↳ $A = \{z_1 = z_2 = 0\}$
 - ↳ $f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = z_1/z_2 \in \mathbb{C}P^1$
- local complex coordinates near b_i where
 - ↳ $f(z_1, \dots, z_n) = f(b_i) + z_1^2 + \dots + z_n^2$ *Morse-type critical point*



Thm (Lefschetz): Every Kähler (X, ω) has a topological Lefschetz fibration

pick $s_0, s_\infty \in H^0(X, L^k)$. $f(x) = [s_0(x), s_\infty(x)]$ note $[f^{-1}(x)] = PD C_1(L^k) = PD [k\omega]$
 Define $A = S_0^{-1}(0) \cap S_\infty^{-1}(0)$, $f: X \setminus A \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$
 for $k \gg 0$, can choose s_0, s_∞ generically enough to ensure f is nondegenerate.

Thm (Donaldson '96): Every integral symplectic mfd (M, ω) has a topological

Lefschetz fibration with symplectic fibers, & $[f^{-1}(x)] = PD [k\omega]$ $k \gg 0$

choose two asymptotically holomorphic sections s_0, s_∞ of L^k , & mimic the above construction. we need enough freedom that $S_\lambda^{-1}(0)$ is cut out sufficiently transversely to be a symplectic submanifold. this has to work for every λ - a very souped up Sard's thm.

What if we used 3 sections, instead of 2?

Thm (Auroux '00): every symplectic 4 manifold is topologically a branched cover of $\mathbb{C}P^2$, branched over a symplectic divisor.

the map $f: (M, \omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^2$ is furnished by choosing three sections s_0, s_1, s_2 , & defining $f(x) = [s_0(x) : s_1(x) : s_2(x)]$ <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s002220050019>

Projective embeddings

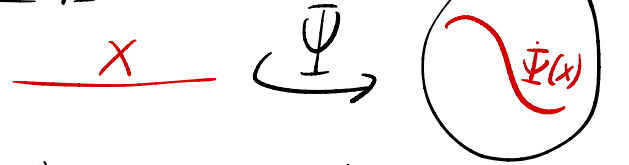
mimic the construction for lefschetz pencils with many sections of L^k .

Kähler setting:

choose basis s_1, \dots, s_d of $H^0(X, L^k)$, $d = \dim H^0(X, L^k)$

Define $\Psi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(H^0(X, L^k))$ Ψ is holomorphic

$$x \mapsto [s_1(x) : \dots : s_d(x)]$$



Thm (Kodaira embedding): for $k \gg 0$, $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(H^0(X, L^k))$ is an embedding

Thm (Borthwick, Uribe '98):

<https://arxiv.org/abs/math/9812041>

There is an embedding $i_k: M \hookrightarrow (\mathbb{P}^k, \omega_{FS})$ for $k \gg 0$ s.t. $i_k^* \omega_{FS}$ is symplectic. that is, every M is a symplectic submanifold of projective space.

Moreover, for $k \gg 0$, and a compatible triple (ω, g, J) on M , i_k can be made asymptotically Kähler:

symplectic

isometric

holomorphic

$$\|i_k^* \omega_{FS} - \omega\| = O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \quad \|i_k^* g_{FS} - g\| = O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \quad \|\partial i_k\| = O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right), \|\bar{\partial} i_k\| = O(1)$$

An elliptic approach to asymptotic holomorphicity

unlike the other results, Borthwick & Uribe do not use an extension of Donaldson's techniques. Instead, they construct asymptotically holomorphic sections as solutions of an elliptic PDE, the spin-c Dirac equation

Kähler case: consider the Dolbeault complex on X valued in L^k

$$\Omega^{0,0} \otimes L^k \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \dots \rightarrow \Omega^{0,n} \otimes L^k \xrightarrow{\text{roll up}} \underbrace{\bigoplus_i \Omega^{0,2i} \otimes L^k}_{\mathcal{E}^+} \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}^*} \underbrace{\bigoplus_i \Omega^{0,2i+1} \otimes L^k}_{\mathcal{E}^-}$$

solutions to $(\bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}^*)\alpha = 0$ are harmonic forms,

$$\text{so } \ker(\bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}^*)|_{\mathcal{E}^+} = \bigoplus_i H^{0,2i}(X, L^k) \quad \text{coker}(\bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}^*) = \ker(\bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}^*)|_{\mathcal{E}^-} = \bigoplus_n H^{0,2i+1}(X, L^k)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{index}(\bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}^*) = \sum_i (-1)^i \dim H^{0,i}(X, L^k) = \chi(L^k)$$

for $k \gg 0$, $\ker(\bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}^*)$ concentrates in degree 0.

Almost complex case (M, ω, J) J compatible almost complex structure

Define Spin^c Dirac operator \not{D} twisted by line bundle L^k :

$$\underbrace{\oplus \Lambda^{0,2n} T^*M \otimes L^k}_{\mathcal{E}^+} \xrightleftharpoons[\not{D}^-]{\not{D}^+} \underbrace{\oplus \Lambda^{0,2n+1} T^*M \otimes L^k}_{\mathcal{E}^-} \quad \mathcal{E}^\pm \text{ is canonical } \text{Spin}^c \text{ spinor bundle defined by } J$$

$\not{D} = \not{D}^+ + \not{D}^-$ is the associated Dirac operator.

\not{D} agrees w/ $\bar{\partial}_J + \bar{\partial}_J^*$ up to lower order terms, so $\text{index}(\not{D}) = \text{index}(\bar{\partial}_J + \bar{\partial}_J^*)$

Thm (Brothwick-Urbe): $\text{index } \not{D} = \dim \ker \not{D}^+$ for $k \gg 0$

<https://arxiv.org/abs/dg-ga/9608006>

Almost complex structures and geometric quantization

if J is integrable, then for large k , $H^0(M, L^k) \cong \ker \not{D}^+$.

as J deforms to an almost complex structure, though we lose any holomorphic sections of L^k , the # of solutions to $\not{D}\Psi = 0$ remains constant
↖ "harmonic spinors"

Conjecture: if $\not{D}\Psi = 0$, the degree 0 component Ψ_0 of $\Psi \in \Gamma(\oplus \Lambda^{0,2n} T^*M \otimes L^k)$ is asymptotically holomorphic

i.e. $|\bar{\partial}_J \Psi_0(x)| \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{k}} \|\Psi\|_{L^2}$

(remark: I think (?) I can extract this from the asymptotic isometry into projective space)

Conjecture: you can choose $\Psi \in \ker \not{D}^+$ s.t. Ψ_0 has quantitative transversity

$|\partial \Psi_0|_{\Psi_0^{-1}(c)} = O(1)$ while $|\bar{\partial} \Psi_0|_{\Psi_0^{-1}(c)} = O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}})$

This is part of an old dream: a proof of the Donaldson submanifold theorem through microlocal analysis. The pursuit of this led to elaboration of the theory of Spin^c Quantization:

- Development of Almost Kähler Quantization, Brothwick and Urbe

<https://arxiv.org/abs/dg-ga/9608006>

- Investigation into asymptotic expansions of the Bergman kernel for the Spin^c -Dirac operator: Brothwick-Urbe '98 <https://arxiv.org/abs/math/9812041>

Ma, Marinescu '07: Bergman kernels on symplectic manifolds

-Shiffman & Zelditch have a different operator whose kernel gives asymptotic holomorphic sections. They actually achieved a microlocal proof of Donaldson's submanifold theorem. But, their operator is noncanonical & hard to write down.

ASYMPTOTICS OF ALMOST HOLOMORPHIC SECTIONS OF AMPLE LINE BUNDLES ON SYMPLECTIC MANIFOLDS

<https://arxiv.org/abs/math/0212180>