

[Announcement: PS5 due today, last PS6 posted.]

Plan for remaining lectures: harmonic forms, integral techniques, Bôchner formula.

Background: (Ref: Chern § 3.3, 3.4)

- Integration on manifolds

(i) Measure theory:  $\mu$  measure on  $X \rightsquigarrow \int f d\mu$ ,  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

\* (ii) "Oriented" Integration: e.g.  $\iint_{\Omega} f(x,y) dx dy$  on  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ .

$\rightsquigarrow$  Stokes' Thm (Green's, Divergence, Stokes' Thm)

$$\int_{\Omega} dw = \int_{\partial\Omega} \omega$$

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differential form

orientation important

orientation:  $dx \wedge dy = -dy \wedge dx$ .

Def<sup>n</sup>: A smooth manifold  $M^m$  is orientable

if  $\exists$  atlas of coordinate charts s.t. all  $\varphi_{uv}$  are orientation-preserving diffeomorphisms between open sets of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  (with std. orientation).

FACT:  $M^m$  orientable  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  nowhere vanishing  $\Theta \in \Omega^m(M)$ .

locally,  $\Theta = dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^m \neq 0$  where  $x^1, \dots, x^m$  coord. fn.

When  $(M^m, g)$  is Riemannian manifold, we define

"Volume form"

$$dV_g := \frac{\Theta}{\|\Theta\|_g} \stackrel{\text{loc.}}{=} \frac{dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^m}{\|dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^m\|_g} = \sqrt{g} dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^m$$

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det(g<sub>ij</sub>)

Note: choice of orientation = choice of volume form

Recall:  $(V, g)$   $e_1, \dots, e_m$  O.N.B.  $\rightsquigarrow (V \wedge V, g)$   $\{e_i \wedge e_j\}$  O.N.B.

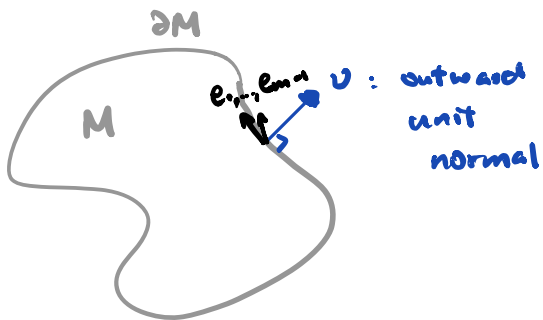
Def<sup>n</sup>:  $\forall f \in C^0(M)$   
 $M$  cpt  $\int_M f := \int_M f dV_g$   $\leftarrow$  integration of  $m$ -forms  
 (define using local coord.)  
 $\int_U f(x^1, \dots, x^m) \sqrt{g} dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^m$

Stokes' Thm: Let  $M^m$  cpt, oriented manifold possibly with boundary  $\partial M$ .

$\forall \eta \in \Omega^{m-1}(M)$ ,  $\int_M d\eta = \int_{\partial M} \iota^* \eta$   $\quad \iota: \partial M \rightarrow M$  inclusion

$\int_M$   $d\eta$   $=$   $\int_{\partial M}$   $\iota^* \eta$   
 $m$ -form  $\quad (m-1)$ -form

Note:  $\partial M$  induces a "positive" orientation from  $M$



$\{e_1, \dots, e_{m-1}\}$  pos. oriented basis for  $T_p \partial M$

$\Updownarrow$

$\{\nu, e_1, \dots, e_{m-1}\}$  pos. oriented basis for  $T_p M$

(1) Remark: Stokes' Thm holds w/o any metric  $g$ .

If  $(M, g)$  is Riemannian,  $\iota^*(dV_g)$  is the volume form on  $\partial M$ .

(2) Divergence Thm is a special case of Stokes' Thm.

$X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$

Recall:  $\text{div } X := \sum_{i=1}^m \langle D_{e_i} X, e_i \rangle$   $\{e_i\}$  O.N.B.

$g \uparrow$  dual  $\omega(Y) := \langle X, Y \rangle$

$\omega \in \Omega^1(M)$

FACT:  $d(*\omega) = (\text{div } X) dV_g$  (Ex:)  
 $m$ -form (ie "div" = " $*d*$ ")

With this FACT.

$$\int_M (\operatorname{div} X) dV_g \stackrel{\text{FACT}}{=} \int_M d(*\omega) \stackrel{\text{Stokes'}}{=} \int_{\partial M} \iota^*(*\omega) \stackrel{(*)}{=} \int_{\partial M} \langle X, \nu \rangle$$

Why (\*)? At  $p \in \partial M$ , fix O.N.B. (pos. oriented)

$$\underbrace{\{v, e_1, \dots, e_{m-1}\}}_{T_p(\partial M)} \text{ on } T_p M \xleftrightarrow{\text{dual}} \{v^*, e_1^*, \dots, e_{m-1}^*\} \text{ on } T_p^* M.$$

Write  $X_p = c v + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} a_i e_i$

$$\omega_p = c v^* + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} a_i e_i^*$$

$$\Rightarrow * \omega_p = c e_1^* \wedge \dots \wedge e_{m-1}^* + v^* \wedge \text{[scribble]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \iota^*(*\omega)_p = c e_1^* \wedge \dots \wedge e_{m-1}^* = c (\text{Vol. form on } \partial M)$$

and  $c = \langle X, \nu \rangle$ . \_\_\_\_\_ ◻

In particular, when  $M$  is "closed" (ie. cpt without boundary),

then  $\int_M \operatorname{div}(X) = 0 \quad \forall X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

Note: This is extremely useful, e.g. Bôchner methods.

Thm: Let  $(M^m, g)$  be a closed oriented manifold w/  $\text{Ric} < 0$ .

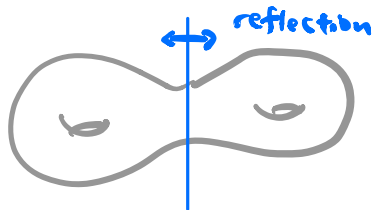
ie  $\text{Ric}(X, X) < 0 \quad \forall 0 \neq X \in T_p M$ .

Then, the isometry group  $\text{Isom}(M) := \{\varphi : M \rightarrow M \text{ diffeo} \mid \varphi^* g = g\}$   
is a finite group.

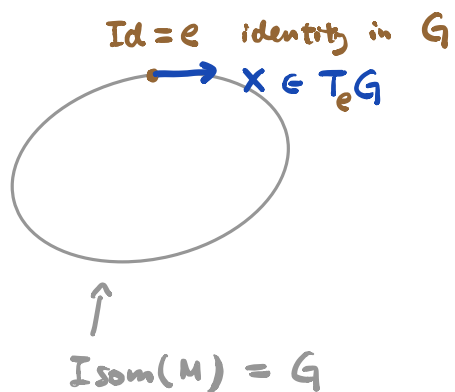
Remark: NOT true for positively curved spaces, e.g.  $(S^m, g_{\text{round}})$  Isom =  $SO(m+1)$   
not finite.

Remark:  $(\Sigma^2, g)$  hyperbolic surface (ie  $K \equiv -1$ )

Can still have lots of isometries, just NOT a ctr family of isometries.



Proof: Useful Fact:  $\text{Isom}(M, g)$  is a compact Lie group.



$$T_e G = \{ X \in \mathfrak{X}(M) \mid \mathcal{L}_X g = 0 \} \quad (\#)$$

$\nearrow$   
X: Killing vector fields

GOAL:  $T_e G = \{0\}$

So,  $G$  would be a discrete group  
cpt  $\Rightarrow G$  finite.

Claim: Any Killing vector field on such manifold is trivial.

Fact about (#):  $\mathcal{L}_X g = 0 \iff DX$  is skew-symm (1,1)-tensor

(Notation:  $g(\cdot, \cdot) = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ ) i.e.  $(Y, Z) \mapsto \langle D_Y X, Z \rangle$  is skew-symm.

Why?

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}_X g)(Y, Z) &= X(\langle Y, Z \rangle) - \langle \mathcal{L}_X Y, Z \rangle - \langle Y, \mathcal{L}_X Z \rangle \\ &\stackrel{\downarrow D \text{ metric-compatible}}{=} \langle D_X Y, Z \rangle + \langle Y, D_X Z \rangle - \langle [X, Y], Z \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle Y, [X, Z] \rangle \stackrel{D: \text{torsion free}}{=} \langle D_X Y - D_Y X, Z \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle Y, D_X Z - D_Z X \rangle \\ &= \langle D_Y X, Z \rangle + \langle Y, D_Z X \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Symm. (0,2)-tensor

So,  $\mathcal{L}_X g = 0 \iff \langle D_Y X, Z \rangle = -\langle D_Z X, Y \rangle \quad \forall Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$

One direct consequence is

$$\operatorname{div} X = 0 \quad \forall \text{ Killing } X \in \mathfrak{K}(M)$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{div} X \stackrel{!}{=} \operatorname{trace}(DX) = 0$$

Lemma: (Böchner formula for Killing vector fields)

Assume  $X$  is Killing vector field on  $(M^m, g)$ .

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta \|X\|^2 = \|DX\|^2 - \operatorname{Ric}(X, X) \quad \text{--- (**)}$$

Proof of (\*\*): Recall: In local O.N.B,  $e_1, \dots, e_m$

$$\Delta f := \operatorname{tr}(\operatorname{Hess} f) = \sum_{i=1}^m (e_i(e_i f) - (D_{e_i} e_i) f)$$

First,  $\frac{1}{2} e_i \|X\|^2 = \langle D_{e_i} X, X \rangle \stackrel{X \text{ Killing}}{=} - \langle D_X X, e_i \rangle$ .

Next, 
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \Delta \|X\|^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^m \left( -e_i \langle D_X X, e_i \rangle + \langle D_X X, D_{e_i} e_i \rangle \right) \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^m \langle D_{e_i} D_X X, e_i \rangle \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \langle R(e_i, X) X, e_i \rangle + \langle D_X D_{e_i} X, e_i \rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \langle D_{[e_i, X]} X, e_i \rangle \right) \end{aligned}$$

Notice:  $\langle D_X D_{e_i} X, e_i \rangle = X(\underbrace{\langle D_{e_i} X, e_i \rangle}_{\operatorname{div} X = 0}) - \langle D_{e_i} X, D_X e_i \rangle$

$$= - \langle D_{e_i} X, D_{e_i} X \rangle + \langle D_{e_i} X, [e_i, X] \rangle$$

AND:  $\langle D_{[e_i, X]} X, e_i \rangle \stackrel{X \text{ Killing}}{=} - \langle D_{e_i} X, [e_i, X] \rangle$

Putting it back, and sum over  $i$ .

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta \|X\|^2 = -\operatorname{Ric}(X, X) + \|DX\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{0}_{\substack{\text{because } \\ \text{div}(\nabla(\cdot)) \\ \text{is}}} = \int_M \frac{1}{2} \Delta \|X\|^2 = \int_M \underbrace{\|DX\|^2}_{\geq 0} - \underbrace{\text{Ric}(X, X)}_{\geq 0} \Rightarrow X \equiv 0.$$

(by Ric < 0)

Remarks: If we only assume Ric  $\leq 0$ , then any Killing field  $X$  is parallel.

### Hodge theory for differential forms on $(M^m, g)$

Setup:  $(M^m, g)$  closed orientable, w/ volume form  $dV_g$ .

Recall: Hodge star operator:  $* : \Omega^p(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{m-p}(M)$

s.t.  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \Omega^p(M)$ .

$$\underbrace{\alpha}_p \wedge \underbrace{* \beta}_{m-p} = \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle dV_g$$

Property:  $*^2 = (-1)^{p(m-p)} \text{id}$  on  $\Omega^p(M)$ .

Recall: exterior derivative  $d : \Omega^p(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{p+1}(M)$  linear on the inner product spaces where

$$(\Omega^p(M), \|\cdot\|_{L^2}) \quad \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle_{L^2} := \int_M \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle dV_g = \int_M \alpha \wedge * \beta$$

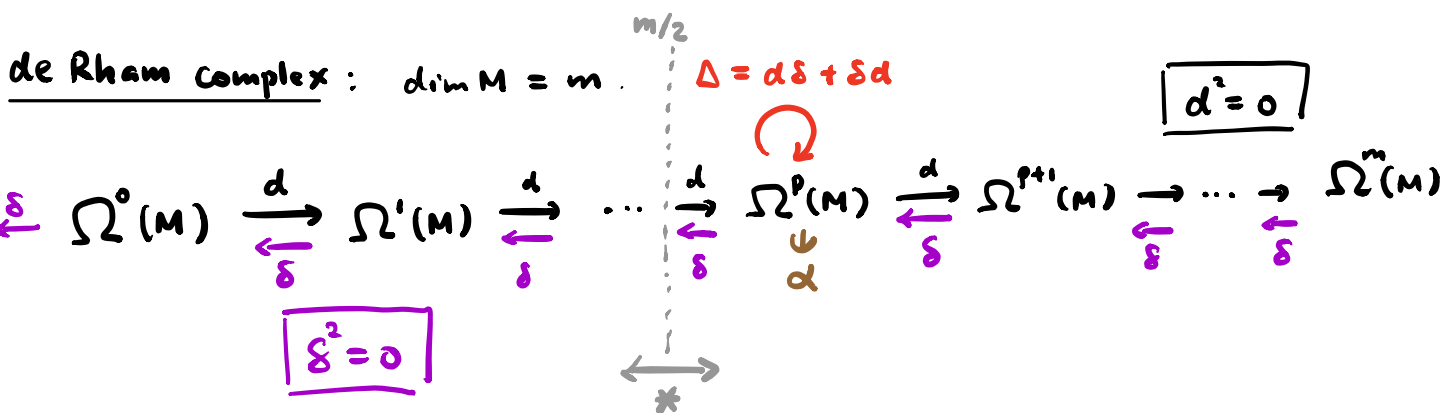
We can define the "formal adjoint" of  $d$  w.r.t  $L^2$ -inner product above:

$$\delta : \Omega^{p+1}(M) \rightarrow \Omega^p(M)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \langle \underbrace{\alpha}_{(p+1)\text{-forms}}, \underbrace{d\eta}_{p\text{-forms}} \rangle_{L^2} = \langle \underbrace{\delta\alpha}_{p\text{-forms}}, \underbrace{\eta}_{p\text{-forms}} \rangle_{L^2} \quad \forall \alpha \in \Omega^{p+1}(M) \quad \forall \eta \in \Omega^p(M)$$

Def<sup>n</sup>: The Hodge Laplacian  $\Delta : \Omega^p(M) \rightarrow \Omega^p(M)$  is

$$\Delta \alpha := d(\delta \alpha) + \delta(d\alpha) \quad \forall \alpha \in \Omega^p(M)$$



Remark: This generalizes the Laplace-Beltrami operator on  $C^\infty(M) = \Omega^0(M)$ .  
(Ex: check this)

$$\therefore \Delta^{\text{Hodge}} f = d\delta(f) + \delta d(f) = \delta(df) \stackrel{!}{=} \text{div}(\nabla f)$$

### Properties of Hodge-Laplacian

- (i)  $\Delta$  is "self-adjoint" (w.r.t.  $L^2$ ), i.e.  $\langle \Delta \alpha, \beta \rangle_{L^2} = \langle \alpha, \Delta \beta \rangle_{L^2}$
- (ii)  $\Delta$  is "non-negative definite"; i.e.  $\langle \Delta \alpha, \alpha \rangle_{L^2} \geq 0 \quad \forall \alpha \in \Omega^p(M)$
- (iii)  $\Delta$  commutes with  $d, \delta, *$ .

To prove these properties, we first prove:

Lemma:  $\delta = (-1)^{np+m+1} * d *$  on  $\Omega^p(M)$

Cor:  $\delta^2 = 0$ . Pf:  $\delta^2 = \pm (* d *) (* d *) = \pm (* d^2 *) = 0$ .

Pf of Lemma: Let  $\alpha \in \Omega^p(M), \eta \in \Omega^{p-1}(M)$ .

Pointwise:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \alpha, d\eta \rangle dV_g &= \alpha \wedge * d\eta = d\eta \wedge * \alpha \\ &= d(\eta \wedge * \alpha) - (-1)^{p-1} \eta \wedge d(* \alpha) \\ &= d(\eta \wedge * \alpha) + (-1)^{mp+m+1} \eta \wedge * (* d * \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

Integrate over  $M$ :  $\langle \delta \alpha, \eta \rangle_{L^2} = \langle \alpha, d\eta \rangle_{L^2} = \overset{M \text{ closed, Stokes'}}{0} + (-1)^{mp+me} \langle \eta, *d*\alpha \rangle_{L^2}$

Proof of Properties of  $\Delta$ :

(i)  $\langle \Delta \alpha, \beta \rangle_{L^2} = \langle d\delta \alpha + \delta d \alpha, \beta \rangle_{L^2}$   
 $= \langle d\delta \alpha, \beta \rangle_{L^2} + \langle \delta d \alpha, \beta \rangle_{L^2}$   
 $= \langle \delta \alpha, \delta \beta \rangle_{L^2} + \langle d\alpha, d\beta \rangle_{L^2}$  (\*\*)  
 $= \langle \alpha, \delta \delta \beta \rangle_{L^2} + \langle \alpha, \delta d \beta \rangle_{L^2} = \langle \alpha, \Delta \beta \rangle_{L^2}$

(ii) Take  $\alpha = \beta$  in (i).

$\langle \Delta \alpha, \alpha \rangle_{L^2} \overset{(**)}{=} \langle \delta \alpha, \delta \alpha \rangle_{L^2} + \langle d\alpha, d\alpha \rangle_{L^2}$   
 $= \|\delta \alpha\|_{L^2}^2 + \|d\alpha\|_{L^2}^2 \geq 0.$

(iii) **Exercise.**

Picture:

$$\Omega^{p-1}(M) \xrightarrow{d} \Omega^p(M) \xleftarrow{\delta} \Omega^{p+1}(M)$$

$\Delta$

Hodge Decomposition Thm:  $\exists L^2$ -orthogonal decomposition

$$\Omega^p(M) = \mathcal{H}_p \oplus d(\Omega^{p-1}(M)) \oplus \delta(\Omega^{p+1}(M))$$

$\infty$ -dim      finite dim       $\infty$ -dim       $\infty$ -dim

where  $\mathcal{H}_p := \ker \Delta = \{ \alpha \in \Omega^p(M) \mid \Delta \alpha = 0 \}$

↑ space of "harmonic forms"

"FACT":  $\mathcal{H}_p$  is finite dim'l and any  $L^2$  harmonic form is smooth.



By (ii),  $\Delta \alpha = 0 \iff d\alpha = 0$  &  $\delta \alpha = 0$ .

"Sketch of Proof": Consider  $\Delta: \Omega^p(M) \rightarrow \Omega^p(M)$

elliptic regularity & functional analysis  $\Rightarrow \Omega^p(M) = \ker(\Delta) \oplus \ker(\Delta)^\perp$   
 $= \mathcal{H}_p \oplus \text{Im}(\Delta^*)$   
 $= \mathcal{H}_p \oplus \text{Im}(\Delta)$

So,  $\forall \alpha \in \Omega^p(M)$ , write  $\alpha = \alpha_H + \Delta \beta = \alpha_H + d(\delta \beta) + \delta(d\beta)$   
 $\in \mathcal{H}_p + d(\Omega^{p-1}) + \delta(\Omega^{p+1})$ .

It remains to check  $\mathcal{H}_p$ ,  $d(\Omega^{p-1})$  &  $\delta(\Omega^p)$  are  $L^2$ -orthogonal.

Check:  $d\Omega^{p-1} \perp_{L^2} \delta\Omega^{p+1}$ ?

$\langle d\eta, \delta\theta \rangle_{L^2} = \langle d^2\eta, \theta \rangle_{L^2} = 0$ . Similarity for others. □

Hodge Thm:  $\exists!$  harmonic representation  $\alpha_H \in \mathcal{H}_p$  in every de Rham cohomology class  $[\alpha] \in H_{dR}^p(M) := \frac{\ker d}{\text{im } d}$

Thus,  $\mathcal{H}_p \cong H_{dR}^p(M)$

Proof: Let  $\alpha_0 \in \Omega^p(M)$  closed, i.e.  $d\alpha_0 = 0$ .

$H_{dR}^p(M) \ni [\alpha_0] := \{ \alpha \in \Omega^p(M) \mid \alpha - \alpha_0 = d\eta \text{ for some } \eta \in \Omega^{p-1}(M) \}$

Goal: Find  $\alpha_H \in \mathcal{H}_p$ .

By Hodge decomposition,  $\alpha_0 = \alpha_H + d\eta + \delta\theta$

$0 = d\alpha_0 = \underbrace{d\alpha_H}_0 + \underbrace{d^2\eta}_0 + d\delta\theta \Rightarrow d\delta\theta = 0$ .

BUT:  $0 = \langle d\delta\theta, \theta \rangle_{L^2} = \langle \delta\theta, \delta\theta \rangle_{L^2} = \|\delta\theta\|_{L^2}^2 \Rightarrow \delta\theta = 0$ .

So,  $[\alpha_0] = [\alpha_H] \in H_{dR}^p(M)$ . This proves existence.

For uniqueness, suppose  $[\alpha_0] = [\alpha_H] = [\alpha_H'] \in H_{dR}^p(M)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_H = \alpha_H' + d\eta \quad \text{for some } \eta \in \Omega^{p-1}(M).$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\delta \alpha_H}_0 = \underbrace{\delta \alpha_H'}_0 + \delta d\eta$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta d\eta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d\eta = 0 \quad \text{So, } \alpha_H = \alpha_H'. \quad \text{This proves uniqueness.}$$

Remark:  $d\alpha_0 = 0$ , want to solve for  $\eta$  s.t.

$$\delta(\alpha_0 + d\eta) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \delta d\eta = -\delta \alpha_0$$