

Def Call (X, g) Kähler if X is a complex manifold, g a compatible Hermitian metric, and $dw=0$.

Ex $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 1 \Rightarrow$ any Hermitian metric on X is Kähler.

This is a stronger condition than it first appears!

Lemma M almost \mathbb{C} , g Hermitian: I integrable $\Leftrightarrow \nabla_{IX} I = I(\nabla_X I) \forall X$

Pf $N(X, Y) = [X, Y] + I[IX, Y] + I[X, IY] - [IX, IY]$
 (if $\nabla X = \nabla Y = 0$ at p) $= -I(\nabla_Y I)X + I(\nabla_X I)Y - (\nabla_{IX} I)Y + (\nabla_{IY} I)X$ (*)
 This shows (\Leftarrow) . For (\Rightarrow) , let $A(X, Y, Z) = g[(\nabla_{IX} I - I(\nabla_X I))Y, Z]$. (*) $\Rightarrow A(X, Y, Z) = A(Y, X, Z)$.
 But $A(X, Y, Z) = -A(X, Z, Y)$ since $I, \nabla_Z I$ commuting skew-adjoint. Together these say $A = 0$. \blacksquare

Prop g Kähler $\Leftrightarrow I$ is parallel wrt the Levi-Civita connection ∇ .

Pf (\Leftarrow) $\omega(v, w) = g(Iv, w)$ and $\nabla g = \nabla I = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla \omega = 0$
 (\Rightarrow) Set $B(X, Y, Z) = g((\nabla_X I)Y, Z)$. Then $B(X, Y, IZ) = B(X, IY, Z)$
 and Lemma says $B(X, Y, IZ) + B(IX, Y, Z) = 0$ (*)
 thus also $B(X, IY, Z) + B(IX, Y, Z) = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } 0 = d\omega(X, Y, Z) &= (\nabla_X \omega)(Y, Z) + (\nabla_Y \omega)(Z, X) + (\nabla_Z \omega)(X, Y) \quad [\nabla \text{ torsion-free}] \\ &= B(X, Y, Z) + B(Y, Z, X) + B(Z, X, Y) \quad [\nabla g = 0] \\ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} B(X, Y, IZ) + B(Y, IZ, X) + B(IZ, X, Y) = 0 \\ B(X, IY, Z) + B(IY, Z, X) + B(Z, X, IY) = 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

add these, use (*) $\Rightarrow 2B(X, Y, IZ) = 0$, i.e. $B = 0$, as desired \blacksquare

Rk A Kähler metric involves (I, ω) which each obey an integrability condition, which are compatible ($\omega \in \Omega^{1,1}$, i.e. $\omega(Iv, Iw) = \omega(v, w)$) and obey a positivity condition:

(equiv, $\omega = \frac{i}{2} h_{j\bar{k}} dz_j \wedge d\bar{z}_k$ with h + def.)

Prop X complex \Rightarrow
 $\{\text{Kähler metrics on } X\} \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \omega \in \Omega^{1,1}(X, \mathbb{R}) \mid \begin{array}{l} g(X, Y) = \omega(X, IY) + \omega(IX, Y) \text{ pos def.} \\ \text{and } d\omega = 0 \end{array} \right\}$

Thus there is a cone of allowed Kähler forms on a given complex manifold X .

One way to produce a closed $(1,1)$ -form: write $\omega = i\partial\bar{\partial}K$ for $K \in \mathbb{R}$, real.

(In fact every ω is locally of this form — will prove later.)

Ex \mathbb{C}^n is Kähler w/ usual flat metric, Kähler potential $K = \sum_{i=1}^n |z_i|^2$.

But usually, K doesn't exist globally. Rather, have different K in different patches, related by $K' = K + \text{Re}(f(z))$ for f holomorphic.

(then $\partial\bar{\partial}K' = \partial\bar{\partial}K$, so ω still globally defined!)

Ex Say $X = \mathbb{C}P^n$. Morally, say $K = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \|w\|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \left(\sum_{j=0}^n |w_j|^2 \right)$

This isn't really a well defined function. But, it's OK:

changing $w_i \rightarrow f w_i$ shifts $K \rightarrow K + \frac{1}{2\pi} \log |f|^2 = K + \text{Re} \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \log f \right)$.

More precisely: take $K_i = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \left(1 + \sum_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq n \\ i \neq j}} |z_j|^2 \right)$ on patch U_i

Then define $\omega = i\partial\bar{\partial}K$; this is well defined and closed.

Just need to check positivity: in the patch U_0 say, use coords z_1, \dots, z_n ,

$$\omega = \frac{1}{(1 + \sum |z_i|^2)^2} \sum h_{ij} dz_i \wedge d\bar{z}_j$$

$$\text{with } h_{ij} = (1 + \sum |z_i|^2) \delta_{ij} - \bar{z}_i z_j \quad h_{j,u}$$

$$\text{so } h(u,u) = h_{ij} u^i \bar{u}^j = (1 + \|z\|^2) \|u\|^2 - |(z,u)|^2 > \|z\|^2 \|u\|^2 - |(z,u)|^2 > 0 \quad [\text{by Cauchy-Schwarz}]$$

Thus we get a Kähler metric on $\mathbb{C}P^n$. [Fubini-Study]

Rk This Kähler structure is not canonical on $\mathbb{P}(V)$ — depends on a choice of Hermitian metric in V !

Rk Our normalization was chosen so that $\int_{\mathbb{C}P^1} \omega = 1$.

$$\left(\int_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{i}{2\pi} \frac{1}{1+|z|^2} dz d\bar{z} = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{r dr}{(1+r^2)^2} = 1. \right)$$

Ex Torus \mathbb{C}^n / Λ is Kähler (Λ any lattice)

Prop If X is Kähler, any cplx submfld $Y \subset X$ is also Kähler.

Pf Just take the restriction of all the structures:

$$I_Y = I_X|_{TY}, \quad g_Y = g_X|_{TY}, \quad \omega_Y = \iota^* \omega_X \quad (\iota: Y \hookrightarrow X)$$

Compatible on $X \Rightarrow$ compatible on Y \blacksquare

Cor Any smooth projective algebraic variety is Kähler.

"Geometric" interpretation of K :

Def A Hermitian metric h on a C^∞ v.b. $E \rightarrow X$ is a Hermitian bilinear form h_x on each fiber E_x , varying smoothly.

Suppose given a hol l.b. $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow X$ w/ a Hermitian metric.

Choose local section $s_\alpha \in \Gamma(\mathcal{L}|_{U_\alpha})$ over patch U_α , define K_α by

$$h(s_\alpha, s_\alpha) = e^{K_\alpha}. \quad \text{On overlaps, } s_\beta = \psi_{\alpha\beta} s_\alpha \text{ gives } K_\beta = K_\alpha + \log |\psi_{\alpha\beta}|^2$$

Thus, $\omega = i\partial\bar{\partial}K_\alpha$ makes global sense, α -indep. K_α come from the globally defined h on \mathcal{L} .

[In pte, the K we used on $\mathbb{C}P^n$ arose this way, with $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}(-1)$, and Hermitian metric induced from the standard one on \mathbb{C}^{n+1} .]