

Bergman kernel, balanced metrics and black holes

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Motivation

- In string theory space-time dimension is equal to 10. Six extra dimensions are compactified ("hidden" in a compact manifold). According to equations of motion the compactification manifold should allow for Ricci-flat metric. Supersymmetry implies that the manifold should also be Kähler. It's important to find Ricci-flat Kähler metrics. "Donaldson program": approximate everything by Bergman metrics.
- Related to the problem of lowest Landau level for inhomogeneous magnetic field on Kähler manifold in 2 and higher dimensions.

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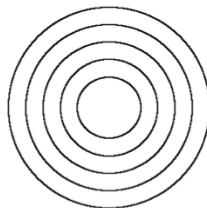
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Structure:



Lowest level $n = 0$

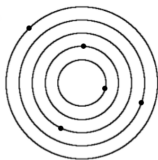
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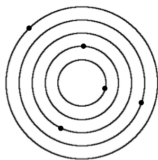
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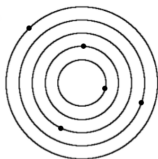
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Density matrix

Another definition of maximally entropic state is that probability to find particle at a particular point is independent of a point. In other words density matrix is constant on diagonal

$$\rho(z, z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (2B)^k z^k \bar{z}^k e^{-2B|z|^2} = \text{const}$$

True in this case but not in general. We can use this equation as a second (in general much stronger) definition of "maximally entropic" state. So far it was just a standard flat two-plane and constant magnetic field. Same principle, applied to curved space and inhomogeneous magnetic fields, leads to new interesting features.

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Then Hamiltonian (magnetic Schrödinger operator) factorizes:

$$H = g^{a\bar{a}} D_a \bar{D}_{\bar{a}} + g^{a\bar{a}} F_{a\bar{a}}$$

provided $g^{a\bar{a}} F_{a\bar{a}} = \text{constant}$, which is equivalent to Maxwell equation ($\nabla F = 0$). Solution $F_{a\bar{a}} = kg_{a\bar{a}} + U_{a\bar{a}}$

Then it's enough to solve $\bar{D}_{\bar{a}} \psi = 0 \implies \psi = s(z) e^K$

Bergman metrics

Consider a Kähler manifold M of complex dimension n , e.g. embedded in some projective space $\mathbb{C}P^N$, $N > n$. Turn on holomorphic line bundle L , or its k -th power L^k (= magnetic field) and consider its holomorphic sections $s_0(z), \dots, s_{N_k}(z)$. Denote the metric on L as h , so that inner product is $(s, s') = \int_M h s \bar{s}'$. Then the metric on L^k is h^k .

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We see that it's in the same Kähler class as curvature of the line bundle L

$$F_{a\bar{a}} = kg_{a\bar{a}} = -\partial_a \bar{\partial}_{\bar{a}} \log h^k,$$

Density function (**Bergman kernel**) has a local expansion for large k

$$\rho_k(z) = h^k \sum_{\alpha=0}^{N_k} s_\alpha(z) \bar{s}_\alpha(\bar{z}) = k^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{2k} R(z) + \dots \right)$$

known as Tian-Yau-Zelditch expansion ([Tian' 90](#), [Zelditch' 98](#)).

It's a large-time limit of heat kernel of magnetic Schrödinger operator

$$\rho_k(z) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \langle z | e^{-TH} | z \rangle$$

There are several different representations of the Bergman kernel.

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Path integral representation

$$\langle z | e^{-TH} | z \rangle = \int_{z(0)=z}^{z(T)=z} \prod_{0 < t < T} \det g_{a\bar{a}}(z(t)) \mathcal{D}z(t) \mathcal{D}\bar{z}(t) \exp \left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^T dt (g_{a\bar{a}} \dot{z}^a \dot{\bar{z}}^{\bar{a}} + A_a \dot{z}^a) \right)$$

Some details of calculation

- Quantum hamiltonian should be rewritten in a coordinate covariant fashion and then symmetrized (**Weyl-ordering**).
Counterterm $H(\hat{p}, \hat{q}) = H_W - \frac{\hbar^2}{4} R$
DeWitt' 57, Bastianelli, Van Nieuwenhuizen' 06
- Green's** function $\left[-\frac{1}{T} \frac{d^2}{d\tau^2} + k \frac{d}{d\tau} \right] \Delta(\tau, \sigma) = \delta(\tau - \sigma)$
- "Mid-point" rule (as for Stratonovich integral).
- Ghosts:

$$\prod_{0 < t < T} \det g_{a\bar{a}}(z(t)) = \int \mathcal{D}b(t) \mathcal{D}c(t) e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar} \int dt g_{a\bar{a}} b^a c^{\bar{a}}}$$

(Berezin integral)

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Math result, using peak sections method, by [Lu' 99](#)

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Generalizations

- More general magnetic field $F_{a\bar{a}} = kg_{a\bar{a}} + U_{a\bar{a}}$

$$\rho = \det F \operatorname{Tr} \left[1 + \hbar R F^{-1} + \right. \\ \left. + \hbar F_4 \cdot (F^{-1} \otimes F^{-1} - (F \otimes F + F^2 \otimes g)^{-1}) + \dots \right]$$

for large k coincides with [Wang' 05](#) formula for $L^k \otimes \mathcal{E}$.

- Supersymmetric quantum mechanics

$$S_f = \int \bar{\psi}_i^{\bar{a}} D\psi_{i\bar{a}} + F_{a\bar{a}} \bar{\psi}_i^{\bar{a}} \psi_i^a, \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$\rho = k^n \left(1 + \frac{|N-1|}{2k} R + \dots \right)$$

Principle of maximal entropy

In quantum mechanics, the Bergman kernel corresponds to density matrix of a particle in strong magnetic field on Kähler manifold, projected to the lowest Landau level.

When does the mixed state on LLL has maximal entropy? If each pure state enters the density matrix with the same weight. If the density matrix is constant everywhere on M .

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_k(z) &= h^k \sum_{\alpha=0}^{N_k} s_\alpha(z) \bar{s}_\alpha(\bar{z}) = k^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{2k} R(z) + \dots \right) = \\ &= \text{constant} \approx k^n + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Solve for h^k

$$h^k = \left(\sum_{\alpha=0}^{N_k} s_\alpha(z) \bar{s}_\alpha(\bar{z}) \right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{N_k}{\text{Vol}M}$$

Balanced metric

Bergman metric, satisfying the strong maximal entropy principle $\rho = \text{constant}$, is the **balanced metric**.

$$g = \frac{1}{k} \partial \bar{\partial} \log \left(\sum_{\alpha=0}^{N_k} s_\alpha \bar{s}_\alpha \right)$$

for orthonormal basis of sections with respect to inner-product

$$(s_\alpha, s_\beta) = \int_M h^k s_\alpha \bar{s}_\beta = \frac{N_k}{\text{Vol}M} \int_M \frac{s_\alpha \bar{s}_\beta}{\sum_{\gamma=0}^{N_k} s_\gamma \bar{s}_\gamma} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

This can be more explicitly reformulated in terms of Donaldson's T-map.

Important property: balanced metric converges to constant scalar curvature metric (proved by Donaldson, using from TYZ expansion)

Donaldson's T-map

Donaldson' 05

Sections $s_\alpha(z)$ define an embedding M into $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^{N_k}$.

Start with a positive definite Hermitean matrix $G_{\alpha\beta}$ (hermitean metric on vector space of sections) and form it's inverse $G^{\alpha\beta}$

Then T-map is the integral

$$T(G)_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{N_k}{\text{Vol}M} \int_M \frac{s_\alpha \bar{s}_\beta}{\sum_{\gamma,\delta} G^{\gamma\delta} s_\gamma \bar{s}_\delta} d\mu_G$$

Iterations of T-map $T^{\circ n}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ converge to a "balanced embedding" $G_\infty^{\alpha\beta}$. Then the **balanced metric** on the manifold M is given by

$$g = \frac{1}{k} \partial \bar{\partial} \log G_\infty^{\alpha\beta} s_\alpha \bar{s}_\beta$$

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Suppose we have a quantum observer in a mixed state LLL . Then from the physical requirement, that observer is in a state with maximal entropy (in the sense explained before) we derive the corresponding metric (" **effective metric**").

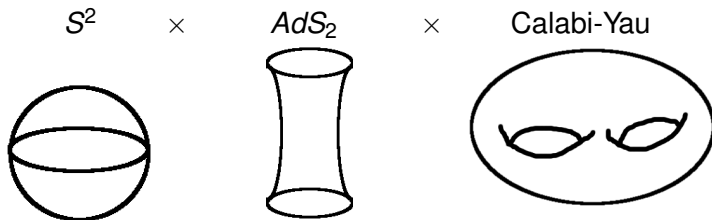
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Consider $\mathcal{N} = 2$ black hole solutions in type II string theory, compactified on Calabi-Yau manifold. They have interesting feature called "attractor mechanism": in the near horizon limit the moduli of Calabi-Yau manifold are fixed by equations of motion. The near-horizon geometry is:



Conjecture: the metric is also fixed if black hole has maximal entropy.

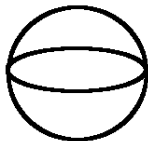
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Calabi-Yau



Black hole solution is characterized by its electric and magnetic charges (q_0, q_A, p^A) , which correspond to the charges of D0, D2 and D4-branes wrapped on Calabi-Yau. The problem of entropy counting maps into the problem of counting BPS states of D-branes.

Consider configuration with no electric charge. One can show from equations of motion, that D4 induces magnetic field on Calabi-Yau, which is proportional to its Kähler form (i.e. metric)

$$F_{a\bar{b}} = kg_{a\bar{b}}$$

It's natural to assume that black hole must have maximal entropy, therefore we conclude that that the metric in such a background is the "balanced metric", for finite magnetic field flux.

The probe brane, that "sees" this metric has to be the D2-brane, wrapped around S^2 .

One of the consequences of this conjecture is that Einstein equations should receive corrections in accordance with Bergman kernel expansion.

$$R + \alpha' R^2 + \dots + \alpha' R^4 \dots = 0$$

Conclusion

We rederived Tian-Yau-Zelditch expansion of Bergman kernel from path integral. We also considered its generalizations for arbitrary holomorphic line bundle and supersymmetric analogs. Physically Bergman kernel corresponds to density matrix on LLL on Kähler manifold. Balanced metrics correspond to mixed states with constant density. We also formulated the conjecture, that for $\mathcal{N} = 2$ black hole solution moduli space metric is the balanced metric for finite magnetic flux.