

# Ricci curvature and Bochner formula

## Ricci curvature

- ① General Relativity: Einstein field equation
- ② Hamilton's Ricci flow  
Perelman (Fields medalist ~~2006~~)
- ③ Cédric Villani (Fields medalist 2010)  
optimal ~~transp~~ transportation.

Thm: Let  $(M, g)$  Rie mfd.  $\forall f \in C^\infty(M)$ , we have:

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2} \Delta |\text{grad} f|^2} = |\text{Hess} f|^2 + \langle \text{grad}(\Delta f), \text{grad} f \rangle + \underline{\text{Ric}(\text{grad} f, \text{grad} f)}$$

Remark:  $|\cdot|^2$ ,  $(u, x)$   $\text{grad} f = g^{ij} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$

$$|\text{grad} f|^2 = \langle \text{grad} f, \text{grad} f \rangle_g = g^{kl} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^k} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^l}$$

$$|\text{Hess} f|^2_{(p)} = g^{ik} g^{jl} \text{Hess} f \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right) \text{Hess} f \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{(p)} g^{ik} g^{jl} f_{;ij} f_{;kl}(p) \quad \text{Hilbert - Schmidt norm}$$

Proof: Let  $p \in M$  Pick a normal coordinate  $(u, x)$  of  $p$ .

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta |\text{grad} f|^2 (p) = \frac{1}{2} g^{kl} \left( g^{ij} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} \right)_{;kl} (p)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( g^{ij} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} \right)_{;kk} (p)$$

$$\stackrel{\nabla g \equiv 0}{=} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{g^{ij}}_{\delta^{ij}} (p) \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} \right)_{;kk} (p)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k,i} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \right)^2 \right]_{;kk} (p) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k,i} \left( 2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \right)_{;k} \right)_{;k} (p)$$

$$= \sum_{k,i} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \right)_{;k} (p) \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \right)_{;k} (p) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \right)_{;kk} (p) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{k,i} \left\{ \underline{f_{;ik}(p)} \right\}^2 + \sum_{k,i} f_{;ii}(p) \underline{f_{;ikk}(p)}$$

$$\sum (f_{;ik}(p))^2 = |\text{Hess} f|^2(p)$$

$$\left( \sum_{k,i} (f_{;ik}(p))^2 = |\text{Hess } f|^2(p) \right)$$

$\nabla \equiv 0 \Rightarrow f_{;ik} = f_{;ki} \quad \text{Hess } f \text{ symmetric } (0,2)\text{-tensor}$

$$= |\text{Hess } f|^2(p) + \sum_{k,i} f_{;i}(p) f_{;kik}(p)$$

(Ricci Identity:  $f_{;kik} = f_{;kki} + f_{;ih} R^h{}_{kik}$ )

$$= |\text{Hess } f|^2(p) + \sum_{k,i} f_{;i}(p) f_{;kki}(p) + \sum_{k,i} f_{;i}(p) f_{;ih}(p) R^h{}_{kik}(p)$$

$$\sum_i f_{;i}(p) \left( \sum_k f_{;kk} \right)_{;i}(p)$$

$$\langle \text{grad}(\Delta f), \text{grad } f \rangle(p)$$

$$g^{ij} f_{;i} (\Delta f)_{;j}$$

$$= |\text{Hess } f|^2(p) + \langle \text{grad}(\Delta f), \text{grad } f \rangle(p) + \sum_{k,i,h} f_{;i}(p) f_{;ih}(p) R^h{}_{kik}(p)$$

$$\sum_{i,h} f_{;i} f_{;ih} \left( \sum_k R^h{}_{kik} \right)(p) \quad \sum_{k,l} g^{kl} R^h{}_{kikl}(p)$$

$$\text{Ric}(\text{grad } f, \text{grad } f)$$

$$= \text{Ric}(g^{ij} f_{;i} \partial_j, g^{kl} f_{;k} \partial_l) = g^{ij} g^{kl} f_{;i} f_{;k} \text{Ric}_{jl}$$

$$= |\text{Hess } f|^2(p) + \langle \text{grad}(\Delta f), \text{grad } f \rangle(p) + \text{Ric}(\text{grad } f, \text{grad } f)(p)$$

Thm (Lichnerowicz 1958)  $(M^n, g)$   $n$ -dim closed Ric.  $\square$

with  $\text{Ric}_{ii} \geq \underline{(n-1)k} > 0$  infl.

Then  $\lambda_1 \geq \underline{(n)k}$   
 $\lambda_1 - \lambda_0 \geq nk$

Rmk:  $\boxed{\text{Ric} \geq (n-1)k} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\text{Ric}(X,X) \geq (n-1)k g(X,X), \forall X \in T(TM)}$

Scaling behavior:  $g \mapsto Ag, A > 0$

$$\text{Ric}_{Ag}(X,X) = \text{Ric}_g(X,X) \quad \text{Ric}_{Ag}(X,X) = \text{Ric}_g(X,X)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ric}_{Ag}(X, X) &= \text{Ric}_g(X, X) & \text{Ric}_{Ag}(X, X) &= \text{Ric}_g(X, X) \\ & \parallel & & \geq \frac{(n-1)k}{A} Ag(X, X) \\ g^{ij} R_{kij} X^k X^l &= g^{ij} g_{km} R^m{}_{ij} X^k X^l. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta_g f = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left( \sqrt{g} g^{ij} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} \right)$$

$$\Delta_{Ag} = \frac{1}{A} \Delta_g \Rightarrow \lambda_1(Ag) = \frac{1}{A} \lambda_1(g). \quad \square$$

Proof: Integrating the Bochner formula over  $M$ ,  $\Delta f + \lambda f = 0$

$$0 = \int_M \frac{1}{2} \Delta |\text{grad} f|^2 d\mu = \int_M |\text{Hess} f|^2 d\mu + \int_M \langle \text{grad} \Delta f, \text{grad} f \rangle d\mu + \int_M \text{Ric}(\text{grad} f, \text{grad} f) d\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_M |\text{Hess} f|^2 d\mu \geq -\lambda_1 \int_M |\text{grad} f|^2 d\mu + (n-1)k \int_M |\text{grad} f|^2 d\mu$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq ((n-1)k - \lambda_1) \int_M |\text{grad} f|^2 d\mu + \frac{1}{n} \int_M (\Delta f)^2 d\mu \\ &= ((n-1)k - \lambda_1 + \frac{\lambda_1}{n}) \int_M |\text{grad} f|^2 d\mu + \frac{1}{n} \int_M (\Delta f)^2 d\mu \neq 0 \\ &f \equiv \text{const} \Rightarrow \langle \text{grad} f, X \rangle = \underline{X}f = 0 \Rightarrow \text{grad} f = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 \geq (n-1)k$$

Claim  $|\text{Hess} f|^2(p) \geq \frac{1}{n} (\Delta f)^2(p), \quad \forall p \in M.$

normal coord. around  $p$ .

$$|\text{Hess} f|^2(p) = \sum_{i,k} (f_{;ik})^2(p) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n (f_{;ii}(p))^2$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f_{;ii}(p) \right)^2 = \frac{1}{n} (\Delta f(p))^2 \quad \square$$

(Cauchy-Schwarz)

$$(\Delta f)^2 = (\lambda_1 f)^2 = \lambda_1 f \cdot (\lambda_1 f) = \lambda_1 f \cdot (-\Delta f)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \int_M (\Delta f)^2 d\mu = -\frac{\lambda_1}{n} \int_M f \Delta f d\mu = \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{n} \right) \int_M |\text{grad} f|^2 d\mu$$

$$0 \geq \left( (n-1)k - \lambda_1 + \frac{\lambda_1}{n} \right) = (n-1)k - \frac{n-1}{n} \lambda_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 \geq nk.$$

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$$\text{Ric} \geq (n-1)k \xrightarrow{\text{Bochner}}$$

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$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta (|\text{grad} f|^2) - \langle \text{grad} \Delta f, \text{grad} f \rangle \geq \frac{1}{n} (\Delta f)^2 + (n-1)k |\text{grad} f|^2$$

$\forall f \in C^\infty(M)$

Thm.  $(M^n, g)$  Let  $p \in M$ .

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta |\text{grad} f|_p^2 - \langle \text{grad} \Delta f, \text{grad} f \rangle (p) \geq \frac{1}{n} (\Delta f)^2 (p) + K(p) |\text{grad} f|_p^2, \forall f \in C^\infty(M)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Ric}(p) \geq K(p) g(p), \forall p \in M, \text{Ric}(Z, Z)_p \geq K(p) g(Z, Z)_p, \forall Z \in T_p(M)$$

Proof. " $\Leftarrow$ " Bochner.

" $\Rightarrow$ " Bochner formula,  $\forall f \in C^\infty(M)$

$$|\text{Hess} f|^2(p) + \text{Ric}(\text{grad} f, \text{grad} f)(p) \geq \frac{1}{n} (\Delta f)^2(p) + K(p) |\text{grad} f|^2(p)$$

$(U, x)$  normal coord. around  $p$ .

$$(1) \left( \sum_{i,j} f_{;ij}(p)^2 \right) + \sum_{i,j} \text{Ric}_{ij}(p) f_{;i}(p) f_{;j}(p) \geq \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_i f_{;ii}(p) \right)^2 + K(p) \sum_i f_{;i}(p)^2, \forall f \in C^\infty(M)$$

Observe.  $\forall Z \in T_p(M), Z_p = Z^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \in T_p M$

$\forall n \times n$  symmetric matrix  $Y = (Y_{ij})$

We can always construct a function  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ , s.t.

$$\begin{cases} f_{;i}(p) = Z^i, i=1, \dots, n \\ f_{;ij}(p) = Y_{ij}, ij=1, \dots, n \end{cases} \quad Y_{ij} \equiv 0$$

(1)  $\Rightarrow \forall Z_p \in T_p M, \forall Y = (Y_{ij}) n \times n$  sym. matrix

$$\|Y\|^2 + \sum_{i,j} \text{Ric}_{ij} Z^i Z^j \geq \frac{1}{n} (\text{tr} Y)^2 + K(p) \sum_i (Z^i)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \|Y\|^2 \geq \dots$$

$$\|Y\|^2 + \sum_{i,j} (Ric_{ij} - K(p) \delta_{ij}) z^i z^j \geq \frac{1}{n} (\text{tr} Y)^2$$

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow \|Y\|^2 + \sum_{i,j} (Ric_{ij} - K(p) \delta_{ij}) z^i z^j \geq \frac{1}{n} (\text{tr} Y)^2$

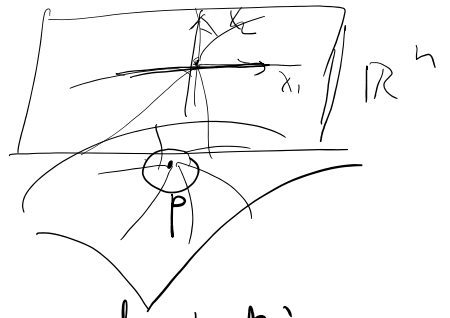
where  $\|Y\|^2 = \sum_{i,j} Y_{ij}^2$

normal coord.

$\exists$  a normal coord.  $(U, x')$  s.t.  $(Y'_{ij})$

is a diagonal matrix.

Denote  $\Lambda = (\Lambda_i) = (Y'_{ii})$



(2)  $\Rightarrow$   $\| \Lambda \|^2 + \sum_{i,j} (Ric'_{ij} - g'_{ij}(p) K(p)) z'^i z'^j \geq \frac{1}{n} (\sum_i \Lambda_i)^2$   
 (3)  $\forall \Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall z_p \in T_p M$

$\| \Lambda \|^2 \geq \frac{1}{n} (\sum_i \Lambda_i)^2$ , " $=$ "  $\Leftrightarrow \Lambda_i = \Lambda_j, \forall i, j$

Positing  $\sum_i \Lambda_i = t$   $\| \Lambda \|^2 \geq \frac{1}{n} t^2$

(3)  $\xrightarrow{\text{Set } \Lambda_i = \frac{1}{n} t}$   $\sum_{i,j} (Ric'_{ij} - g'_{ij}(p) K(p)) z'^i z'^j \geq 0$

$\Leftrightarrow Ric(z, z)(p) \geq K(p) g(z, z)(p)$   $\square$

Rank Exercise

$\frac{1}{2} \Delta |grad f|^2 + \langle grad f, grad \Delta f \rangle \geq K |grad f|^2$  at p.  
 $\forall f \in C^\infty(M)$

$\Leftrightarrow Ric \varphi \geq K(p)$

Bakry - Emery:  $\Gamma$ -calculus.

$\Gamma, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_0(f, g) = fg$

$\forall f, g \in C^\infty(M), \Gamma_0(f, g) := \frac{1}{2} (\Delta(fg) - f \Delta g - g \Delta f)$

i.e.  $\Gamma(f, f) = \frac{\langle \text{grad } f, \text{grad } f \rangle}{|\text{grad } f|^2}$

$$\Gamma_2(f, g) = \frac{1}{2} (\Delta \Gamma(f, g) - \Gamma(f, \Delta g) - \Gamma(\Delta f, g))$$

iteratively.

$$\Gamma_2(f, f) = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Gamma(f, f) - \Gamma(f, \Delta f)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \Delta |\text{grad } f|^2 - \langle \text{grad } f, \text{grad } \Delta f \rangle$$

$(M^n, g, \Delta)$

$$\Gamma_2(f, f) \geq \frac{1}{n} (\Delta f)^2 + K \Gamma(f, f), \forall f \in C^\infty(M)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Ric} \geq K$$

Thm.  $(M^n, g)$  closed with  $\text{Ric} \geq (n-1)k > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 \geq nk \quad \text{if } \lambda_1 = nk$$

then we have  $\text{diam}(M^n, g) \geq \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}}$ .

~~Proof~~

Proof:  $g \mapsto Ag \quad \text{Ric}_{Ag} \geq \frac{(n-1)k}{A} \cdot Ag$

$$\lambda_1(Ag) = \frac{1}{A} \lambda_1(g)$$

$$\text{diam}(M^n, Ag) = \sqrt{A} \text{diam}(M^n, g)$$

Set  $A = k$ .

$$\text{Ric}_{(Ag)} \geq (n-1), \quad \lambda_1(Ag) = n,$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{diam}(M^n, Ag) \geq \pi$$

$$\Delta f + \frac{1}{n} f = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta |\text{grad } f|^2 \geq \frac{1}{n} (\Delta f)^2 + \langle \text{grad } \Delta f, \text{grad } f \rangle + (n-1) |\text{grad } f|^2$$

$$= n f^2 - n |\text{grad } f|^2 + (n-1) |\text{grad } f|^2$$

$$= n f^2 - |\text{grad } f|^2 = -f \Delta f - |\text{grad } f|^2$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \int \Delta (|\text{grad} f|^2 + f^2) = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta (f^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \Delta (|\text{grad} f|^2 + f^2) &\geq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \int \Delta (|\text{grad} f|^2 + f^2) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \Delta (|\text{grad} f|^2 + f^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{|\text{grad} f|^2 + f^2 \equiv \text{const.}}$$

normalise  $f$  s.t.  $\max_{p \in M} (f(p))^2 = 1$ .

① Observation - at the maximal / minimum pt of  $f$ ,  
we have  $\text{grad} f = 0$   
(  $\langle \text{grad} f, x \rangle = x \cdot f = 0$  )

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{|\text{grad} f|^2 + f^2 \equiv 1} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \max_{p \in M} f(p) &= 1 \\ \min_{p \in M} f(p) &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\exists p, q \text{ s.t. } f(p) = 1, f(q) = -1$$

Let  $\gamma$  be a normal minimizing geodesic from  $p$  to  $q$ .

$$\left| \frac{d}{dt} f \circ \gamma(t) \right| = \left| \langle \text{grad} f, \dot{\gamma}(t) \rangle \right| \leq |\text{grad} f(\gamma(t))|$$

$$\int_0^{d(p,q)} \frac{\left| \frac{d}{dt} f \circ \gamma(t) \right|}{\sqrt{1 - f(\gamma(t))^2}} dt \leq \int_0^{d(p,q)} 1 dt = d(p,q)$$

$$\int_0^{d(p,q)} \frac{\left| \frac{d}{dt} f \circ \gamma(t) \right|}{\sqrt{1 - f(\gamma(t))^2}} dt \geq \left| \frac{d}{dx} f \right| dx$$



$$= \left| \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right| = \pi \quad \square$$

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