

# A harmonikus terek néhány geometriai jellemzése

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# Harmonic manifolds

## Definition

A Riemannian manifold  $M$  is a (locally) harmonic manifold if the following equivalent definitions are fulfilled.

► Each point  $p \in M$  has a neighborhood on which the equation  $\Delta u = 0$  has a non-constant solution of the form  $u(q) = f(d(p, q))$ , where  $f: (0, a) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is real analytic on  $(0, a)$ . [Ruse 1930].

► At each point  $p \in M$ , the volume density function  $\theta_p = \sqrt{\det(g_{ij})}$  written in normal coordinates centered at  $p$  is radial, i.e.,  $\theta_p(\mathbf{v}) = \bar{\theta}(\|\mathbf{v}\|)$  for some function  $\bar{\theta}$ .

► Every sufficiently small geodesic sphere has constant mean curvature.

► Every sufficiently small geodesic sphere has constant scalar curvature.  
(if  $\dim M > 2$ )

► If  $f$  is harmonic on a neighborhood of a sufficiently small geodesic ball  $B(p, r)$ , then

$$f(p) = \frac{1}{\text{Vol}(S(p, r))} \int_{S(p, r)} f d\sigma.$$

# Examples of harmonic manifolds

## Definition

A metric space  $(X, d)$  is called **2 point homogeneous** if

$\forall p, q, p', q' \in X$  such that  $d(p, q) = d(p', q') \Rightarrow$

there is an isometry  $\Phi: X \rightarrow X$  such that  $\Phi(p) = p'$  and  $\Phi(q) = q'$ .

## Proposition

*A connected Riemannian manifold is*

*2 point homogeneous  $\iff$*

- $\blacktriangleright$  *complete*
- $\blacktriangleright$  *its isometry group acts transitively on the bundle of unit tangent vectors*

*In particular, manifolds locally isometric to a 2 point homogeneous space are harmonic.*

## Theorem (J. Tits, H.C. Wang, Z.I. Szabó)

*Connected 2 point homogeneous Riemannian manifolds are*

- $\blacktriangleright$  *the Euclidean spaces  $\mathbf{E}^n$ ,*
- $\blacktriangleright$  *the simply connected rank 1 symmetric spaces*  
 $\mathbf{S}^n, \mathbf{CP}^n, \mathbf{HP}^n, \mathbf{OP}^2, \quad \mathbf{H}^n, \mathbf{CH}^n, \mathbf{HH}^n, \mathbf{OH}^2,$
- $\blacktriangleright$  *the real projective spaces  $\mathbf{RP}^n$ .*

# Examples of harmonic manifolds

## Lichnerowicz Conjecture

*Every harmonic manifold is locally isometric to a 2 point homogeneous space.*

## Theorem (Z.I. Szabó)

*If a simply connected and connected harmonic manifold is compact, then it is a rank 1 symmetric space.*

► In the non-compact case, the Lichnerowicz conjecture is false.

## Theorem (E. Damek, F. Ricci)

*There are many non-symmetric harmonic manifolds among solvable extensions of Heisenberg type 2-step nilpotent Lie groups equipped with left invariant Riemannian metrics.*

## Theorem (J. Heber)

*Every homogeneous harmonic manifold is locally isometric to a 2 point homogeneous space or a Damek–Ricci space.*

# Tubes about a curve

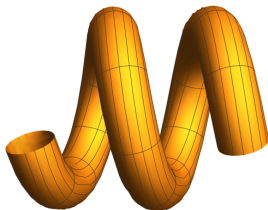
- ▶  $M$  – connected Riemannian manifold;
- ▶  $\exp: \mathring{T}M \rightarrow M$  – its exponential map;
- ▶  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow M$  – an injective regular curve;
- ▶ For  $r > 0$ , set

$$T(\gamma, r) = \bigcup_{t \in [a, b]} \{\mathbf{v} \in T_{\gamma(t)}M, \mathbf{v} \perp \gamma'(t), \text{ and } \|\mathbf{v}\| \leq r\}.$$

## Definition

Assume that  $r$  is small enough to guarantee that the exponential map is defined and injective on  $T(\gamma, r)$ . Then we define the **tube of radius  $r$  about  $\gamma$**  by

$$\mathcal{T}(\gamma, r) = \exp(T(\gamma, r)).$$



# The Tube Property

## Theorem (Hotelling)

*In the Euclidean and spherical spaces, the volume of  $\mathcal{T}(\gamma, r)$  depends only on the length of  $\gamma$  and the radius  $r$ .*

## Theorem (H. Weyl)

*The volume of a tube of radius  $r$  about a submanifold of  $\mathbf{E}^n$  or  $\mathbf{S}^n$  depends only on intrinsic invariants of the submanifold and on  $r$ .*

## Definition

- We say that a Riemannian manifold has the **tube property** if there is a function  $V: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\text{Vol}(\mathcal{T}(\gamma, r)) = V(r)l_\gamma \quad (1)$$

for any smooth injective regular curve  $\gamma$  of length  $l_\gamma$  and any sufficiently small  $r$ .

- the manifold has the **tube property for geodesics** if (1) holds for any injective geodesic arc and any small radius  $r$ .

## Theorem (A. Gray, L. Vanhecke, 1982)

*Every rank 1 symmetric space has the tube property. (In these spaces, the volume of tubes were computed explicitly.)*

## Main Theorem

*For a connected Riemannian manifold, the following properties are equivalent*

- ▶ *the manifold is **harmonic**;*
- ▶ *the manifold has the **tube property**;*
- ▶ *the manifold has the **tube property for geodesic curves**.*

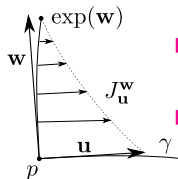
*In a harmonic manifold, the volume of a tube of radius  $r$  about a curve of length  $l_\gamma$  is*

$$\omega_{n-1} r^{n-1} \bar{\theta}(r) l_\gamma = \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{n \omega_n} \text{Vol}_{n-1}(S_r) l_\gamma,$$

*where*

- ▶  *$S_r$  is a geodesic sphere of radius  $r$*
- ▶  *$\omega_{n-1}$  denotes the  $(n-1)$ -dimensional volume of the unit sphere in the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{E}^n$ .*

# Some tools of the proof



► For  $\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{u} \in T_p M$  set

$$B_r^{n-1}(\mathbf{u}) = \{\mathbf{w} \in T_p M : \mathbf{w} \perp \mathbf{u}, \|\mathbf{w}\| \leq r\}.$$

► For  $\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{u} \in T_p M$  and  $\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{w} \in B_r^{n-1}(\mathbf{u})$ , let  $J_{\mathbf{u}}^{\mathbf{w}}$  be the Jacobi field along the geodesic  $t \mapsto \exp(t\mathbf{w})$  defined by

$$J_{\mathbf{u}}^{\mathbf{w}}(0) = \mathbf{u} \quad \text{and} \quad J_{\mathbf{u}}^{\mathbf{w}}(1) = \mathbf{0}.$$

## Theorem

*The volume of the tube of radius  $r$  about the unit speed curve  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow M$  equals*

$$- \int_a^b \int_{B_r^{n-1}(\gamma'(t))} (\langle J_{\gamma'(t)}^{\mathbf{w}}(0), \gamma'(t) \rangle + \langle \gamma''(t), \mathbf{w} \rangle) \theta(\mathbf{w}) d\mathbf{w} dt.$$



# Some tools of the proof

## Definition

The **Funk transform**  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbf{S}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbf{S}^n)$  is the integral transform defined by

$$(\mathcal{F}(f))(\mathbf{u}) = \int_{\mathbf{S}^n \cap \mathbf{u}^\perp} f(\mathbf{w}) \, d\mathbf{w}.$$

## Definition

The **cosine transform** is the integral transform  $\mathcal{F}_C: \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbf{S}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbf{S}^n)$  defined by

$$(\mathcal{F}_C(f))(\mathbf{u}) = \int_{\mathbf{S}^n} |\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle| f(\mathbf{v}) \, d\mathbf{v}.$$

## Theorem

$$\mathcal{F}(f) = 0 \iff f \text{ is odd.}$$

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# Some tools of the proof

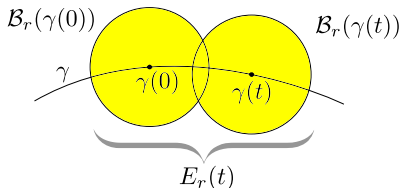
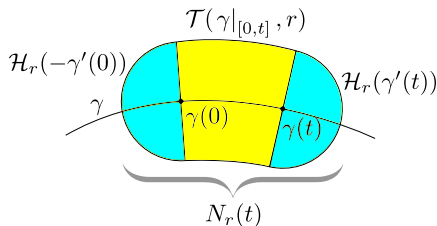
## Observation

*Harmonic spaces are D'Atri spaces, thus, to check the tube property for a harmonic space, it is enough to check the tube property for geodesics.*

## Theorem (Z.I. Szabó)

*The volume of the intersection of two geodesic balls in a harmonic manifold depends only on the distance between the centers and the radii.*

- ⇒ The volume of small geodesic balls depends only on the radius.
- ⇒ The volume of small geodesic half-balls depends only on the radius.
- ⇒ The volume of the union of two geodesic balls depends only on the distance between the centers and the radii.



# A Steiner-type formula

Theorem (E. Abbena, A. Gray, and L. Vanhecke)

$$\begin{aligned} V_\gamma(r + \Delta) = & V_\gamma(r) + A_\gamma(r)\Delta - \left( \int_{\mathcal{P}(\gamma,r)} \mu^P(p) \, dp \right) \frac{\Delta^2}{2} \\ & + \left( \int_{\mathcal{P}(\gamma,r)} (\rho(N(p)) + \tau^P(p) - \tau(p)) \, dp \right) \frac{\Delta^3}{6} + O(\Delta^4), \end{aligned}$$

where

- ▶  $V_\gamma(r)$  is the volume of the tube of radius  $r$  about  $\gamma$ ;
- ▶  $\mathcal{P}(\gamma, r)$  is the tubular hypersurface of radius  $r$  about  $\gamma$ ;
- ▶  $A_\gamma(r)$  is the  $(n-1)$ -dimensional volume of the hypersurface  $\mathcal{P}(\gamma, r)$ ;
- ▶  $\mu^P$  is the sum of the principal curvatures of  $\mathcal{P}(\gamma, r)$  with respect to the outer unit normal  $N$ ;
- ▶  $\rho(N(p)) = \text{Ric}(N(p), N(p))$  is the Ricci curvature of  $M$  in the direction  $N(p)$ ;
- ▶  $\tau$  and  $\tau^P$  are the scalar curvatures of  $M$  and  $\mathcal{P}(\gamma, r)$ , respectively.

## Corollary

*For a connected Riemannian manifold  $M$ , the following properties are equivalent:*

- ▶  $M$  is *harmonic*.
- ▶ For any (geodesic) curve  $\gamma$ , the *volume of the tubular hypersurface*  $\mathcal{P}(\gamma, r)$  depends only on  $r$  and the length  $l_\gamma$  of  $\gamma$ .
- ▶ For any (geodesic) curve  $\gamma$ , the *total mean curvature* of  $\mathcal{P}(\gamma, r)$  depends only on  $r$  and  $l_\gamma$ .
- ▶ For any (geodesic) curve  $\gamma$ , the *total scalar curvature* of  $\mathcal{P}(\gamma, r)$  depends only on  $r$  and  $l_\gamma$  (if  $\dim M \geq 4$ ).

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