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Summary: The manifold of tripotents in an arbitrary JB^* -triple Z is considered, a natural affine connection is defined on it in terms of the Peirce projections of Z , and a precise description of its geodesics is given. Regarding this manifold as a fiber space by Neher's equivalence, the base space is a symmetric Kähler manifold when Z is a classical Cartan factor, and necessary and sufficient conditions are established for connected components of the manifold to admit a Riemann structure.

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