

TOPOLOGY AND EINSTEIN KAEHLER METRICS

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Introduction

The main result of this paper is Theorem 4.1 which gives some interesting topological restrictions for the construction of Einstein Kaehler metrics on complex 2-manifolds. Theorem 4.1 follows quite easily from the classical index theorems and recent invariance theory calculations.

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1. Invariance theory

Let P be a map from Riemannian manifolds M to complex valued functions on M . We say that P is an invariant polynomial of order k in the derivatives of the metric g if for any $m \in M$ and smooth coordinate system normalized at origin m , $g_{ij}(m) = \delta_{ij}$, P may be expressed as a polynomial in the derivatives of g_{ij} with respect to the $\partial/\partial x_s$ such that any monomial of P contains precisely k derivatives.

These invariants have been studied extensively. However for this paper we will need only the following elementary proposition:

Proposition 1.1. *Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold of dimension greater than or equal to four. Denote R its curvature tensor, ρ its Ricci tensor, τ its scalar curvature, and Δ its Laplace operator. Then $\|R\|^2, \|\rho\|^2, \tau^2, \Delta\tau$ form a basis for the invariants of order four in the derivatives of g .*

Proof. See for example [2, p. 77].

At a point m and normalized coordinate system centered at m we have $g_{ij}(m) = \delta_{ij}$ and therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\|R\|^2 &= \sum_{i,j,k,l} (R_{ijkl})^2, & \|\rho\|^2 &= \sum_{j,k} \left(\sum_i R_{ijik} \right)^2, \\ \tau^2 &= \left(\sum_{i,j} R_{ijij} \right)^2, & \Delta\tau &= \sum_{i,j,k} R_{ijij, kk}.\end{aligned}$$

Now let Q be a map from hermitian manifolds N to complex valued func-