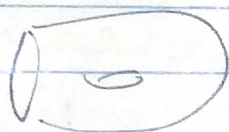


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Boundary expansion and singular Yamabe compactification in Lovelock gravity.

I. Conformal geometry.



X^{n+1} manifold with boundary

g interior metric

$x \geq 0$ bdf. $x=0 \Leftrightarrow$ on ∂X
 $dx \neq 0$ " M .

g is conformally compact if

$\bar{g} = x^2 g$ extends smoothly to $\bar{X}$.
 metric on.

Choice of x is not unique. differ by e^f .

a special choice is such that $|\det g| = 1$

represents sectional curvature as $x \rightarrow 0$

Near the boundary $M \times [0, \varepsilon)$

$$g = \frac{dx^2 + h_x}{x^2}$$

where h_x is a 1-parameter family of metric on M .

but it gives a well-defined conformal class $[h] = [g|_{\partial M}]$.

Prototype example: hyperbolic ball. B^{n+1}

$$g = \frac{4}{(1-r^2)^2} dy^2. \quad y \in B^{n+1}$$

$$\text{bdf. } x = \frac{1-r^2}{2} \quad [h] = [g|_{\partial B}].$$

II. Lovelock tensors

Einstein's theory + higher order curvature corrections.
sensitive to the dimension
away from ghosting

Einstein tensor $E = Ric + ng$.

symmetric, divergence free,
polynomial in $g, \partial g, \partial^2 g$.
linear in $\partial^2 g$

} solution space
spanned by
 Ric, g .

allow nonlinearity

larger solution space
spanned by $Ric^{(2q)}, g$

Def. $Ric^{(2q)}_i = \boxed{\delta_{i j_1 \dots j_{2q}}} Ric^{j_1 j_2} \dots Ric^{j_{2q-1} j_{2q}}$

generalized Kronecker delta
forces us to contract distinct pairs.

$$Ric^{(2q)} = \underbrace{C_g^{2q-1}}_{(2q-1) \text{ pairs chosen}} (Rm^2)$$

$$scal^{(2q)} = tr(Rm^{(2q)}) \\ = C_g^{(2q)} (Rm^2).$$

Examples $q=1$ Einstein
 $q=2$ Gauss-Bonnet term.

Rank. $2q > n+1$ not enough distinct pairs.
 $Ric^{(2q)}$ collapse to zero.

$2g = n+1$ critical in the sense that $\int \text{scal}^{(2g)}$ is topological (proportional to $\chi(X)$)

This explains why in $\dim = 4$, Lovelock theory is nothing more than Einstein theory.

Gauss-Bonnet theorem:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int \text{scal}^2 - 4 |R_{sc}|^2 + |R_{em}|^2 = \chi(X).$$

Def. Lovelock tensor

$$F_g(\alpha) = \sum \alpha_g (\text{Ric}^{(2g)} - \lambda^{(2g)} g) - \frac{\alpha_g}{2g} (\text{scal}^{2g} - (n+1) \lambda^{(2g)}) g$$

α_g coupling constants.

$\lambda^{(2g)}$ normalization.

g is a Lovelock metric if $F_g(\alpha) = 0$

Variational property: Lovelock eqn. is the Euler-Lagrange eqn of the total $\text{scal}^{(2g)}$ curvature.

III. Boundary asymptotics.

Two types of questions.

1. tensorial

Recall $g = \frac{dx^2 + h_x}{x^2}$

$$h_x = \begin{cases} h_0 + h_1 x^2 + (\text{even}) + \dots + h_{n-1} x^{n-1} + h_n x^n & \text{odd} \\ h_0 + h_1 x^2 + (\text{even}) + \dots + (h_{n,1} x^n \log x + h_n x^n) & \text{even} \end{cases}$$

Fetferman-Graham expansion.

2. scalar. A choice of hdef u s.t. $\text{scal}_{u^2 g}^{(2,2)} = \text{const.}$

$$u = u_0 + u_1 x^2 + \dots + (u_{n+2,1} x^n \log x + u_{n+2} x^{n+2} + \dots)$$

In the first case, only even terms shows up until order n .

In the second case, no such property.

In both case, $\log x$ pops up: a direct computation we use $E = \text{Ric} + ng$ as an example.

Near M . E decompose into tangential, mixed and normal components.

To get expansion of h_x use tangential component

$E_{ij} \leadsto$ gives an ODE

$$x h''_{ij} + (1-n) h'_{ij} - \text{tr}(h') h'_{ij} - x h^{kl} h'_{ik} h'_{jl} + \frac{x}{2} \text{tr}(h') h_{ij} - x \text{Ric}(h_{ij}) = 0$$

Parity $\Rightarrow h'|_M = 0$.

differentiating this $(s-1)$ -times $\Rightarrow$

$$(s-n) \partial_x^s h_{ij} - h^{kl} (\partial_x^s h_{kl}) h_{ij} = \text{l.o. derivatives}$$

similar argument for $\text{scal}^{(2)} = \text{const.}$
 when we replace E_{00} with conf change of $\text{scal}^{(2)}$

induction stops at $s=n$. where we introduce $\log x$ term to continue.

Def. Ambient obstruction to a smooth expansion of h_x is given by $h_{n,1}$ (log term coeff).

Related question we may ask

1. Is the formal FG expansion attained by conf. compact Lovelock metrics?
2. What do we know about the obstruction tensor?

These were studied for Einstein condition, we use similar approach. Useful tool here is the PeTarck's gauge fixing method. (remove terms that obstructing ellipticity) (due to diffeomorphism invariance).

Define modified Lovelock tensor

$$Q_\alpha(g, t) = F_\alpha(g) - \underline{\tilde{F}_\alpha(g, t)}$$

$$(C_0 \delta g^* + \underline{C_2 \delta g})(g t^{-1} B_g(t))$$

new term, due to $\text{scal}^{(2)}$

$$(D_\alpha Q_\alpha)(g, t) \sim \frac{A_1(\alpha)}{4} \left(-(n-1)(\Delta g + 2n)(C_g(r) g_0) \right. \\ \left. + 2(\Delta g_0 - 2) r_0 \right) + O(x^{n+1})$$

at asymptotically hyperbolic g_0 .

Elliptic regularity and isomorphism away from indicial roots of the Laplace type operator near M allows us to conclude

- existence of Lovelock metric on B^{n+1} , where the conformal infinity h is $C^{2,0}$ closed to g_{sc} .
- Lovelock metric + conformally compactness $\Rightarrow$ polyhomogeneity $\Rightarrow$ FG expansion attained.

Application of boundary asymptotics.

1. well-defined renormalized integral.

$$\text{vol}(X > \varepsilon) = \begin{cases} C_0 \varepsilon^{-n} + C_2 \varepsilon^{-n+2} + \dots + C_{n-1} \varepsilon^{-1} + V + o(1) & n \text{ odd} \\ C_0 \varepsilon^{-n} + C_2 \varepsilon^{-n+2} + \dots + C_{n-2} \varepsilon^{-2} + \boxed{L \log(\frac{1}{\varepsilon})} + V + o(1) & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$\downarrow$
 $\propto \int_M Q$ Q -curvature

2. Scattering problem $s > n/2$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_g - s(n-s) u = 0 \\ u = F x^{n-s} + G x^s \end{cases} \quad F, G \in C^\infty(X).$$

Leading order term of obstruction tensor.

a direct computation. extracting leg coeff.

take $F_\alpha(g)$. obstruction tensor is given by

$$\mathcal{O} = x^{2-n} \text{tf}(F_\alpha(g)) \Big|_{x=0}$$

We compute

$$\partial_x^s \Big|_{x=0} x (\text{Ric}^{(2s)} - \lambda^{(2s)} g_{ij})$$

$$= \frac{A_1(\alpha)}{2} \left[(n-1) \partial_x^{s+1} \Big|_{x=0} h + 2s \partial_x^{s-1} \Big|_{x=0} \text{Ric}_h \right]$$

+ trace terms + l.o. derivatives

Same recurrence relation up to a coeff $\frac{A_1(\alpha)}{2}$.

$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{A_1(\alpha)}{2n} \Delta^{n/2-2} (P_{ij,k}^k - P_{k,i,j})$$

In the Einstein case, it is known that if h is conformal to an Einstein metric, then $\mathcal{O} = 0$.
in fact

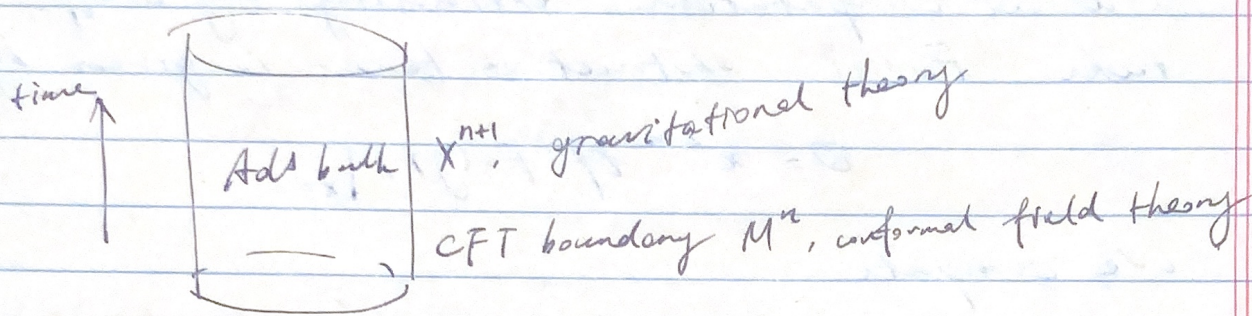
$$\text{if } \text{Ric}_h = 4\lambda(n-1)h.$$

$$\text{then } g = \frac{dx^2 + (1-\lambda x^2)^2 h}{x^2}$$

In Lovelock, with $q \leq 2$, same conformal factor

$f = (1-\lambda x^2)^2$ holds only for a particular choice of coupling constants, which corresponds to the case $A_1(\alpha) = 0$

AdS / CFT correspondence.



Riemannian geometry on X "easy"

conformal geometry on M "hard".

Fefferman - Graham expansion is a realization of this duality.