RIEMANNIAN Spin(7) HOLONOMY MANIFOLD CARRIES OCTONIONIC-KÄHLER STRUCTURE

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I will talk about a new concept called octonionic-Kähler structure. Let (M, g) be a smooth Riemannian manifold. Suppose V is a 7-dimensional subbundle of the vector bundle $\operatorname{End}(TM)$ such that a fiber of V through the point is spanned by almost complex structures J_{λ} at that point.

I impose two constraints on V. First, there exists a non-associative product of almost complex structures. It corresponds to the octonionic product. Secondly, the following formula holds:

$$\nabla_q J_{\lambda} \omega^{\mu}_{\lambda} J_{\mu}$$
,

where $\omega \in \mathfrak{g}_2 \otimes \Omega^1(M)$. The \mathfrak{g}_2 algebra arises naturally, since $G_2 = \operatorname{Aut}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{O})$.

The defined bundle V over M is called an octonionic-Kähler structure on manifold M or I say that M is an octonionic-Kähler manifold. Then I will introduce the following theorem.

Theorem. Let M be a Riemannian 8-manifold with holonomy group contained in Spin(7); then M is the octonionic-Kähler manifold.

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