

# On Classification of Moduli Space and its Implications

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**Abstract:** *The properties of moduli space and Teichmuller space has been studied mathematically and physically to show their importance and applications in metric structure. Riemann considered the space  $M$  of all complex structures on an orientable surface modulo the action of orientation preserving diffeomorphisms and derived the dimension of this space which expressed as  $\dim M = 6g - 6$  where  $g \geq 2$  is the genus of the topological surface. Moduli spaces of Riemann surfaces have also been studied in algebraic geometry by F.O. Gardina. The geometric invariant theory developed by Mumford is major achievement. Deligne and Mumford studied the projective property of the Moduli space and they showed that the moduli space is quasi-projective and can be compactified naturally by adding in the stable nodal surfaces. The classical metrics on the Teichmuller space and the moduli spaces have also been studied independently. Each metric has played important role in the study of the geometry and topology of the moduli and Teichmuller spaces. We consider some of them such as (India) finlser metrics: (ii) the Teichmuller metric (iii) They are all complete metrics on the Teichmuller space and are invariant under the moduli group action.*

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## 1. Introduction

We derive interesting applications in algebraic geometry. K.Liu suitably applied it algebraic geometry. Teichmuller considered a cover of  $M$  by taking the quotient of all complex structures by those orientation preserving diffeomorphisms which are isotopic to the identity map. The Teichmuller space  $T_g$  is a contractible set in  $C^{3g-3}$ . Also, it is a pseudoconvex domain. Teichmuller also introduced the Teichmuller metric by first taking the  $L^1$  norm on the cotangent space of  $T_g$  and then taking the dual norm on the tangent space, which is a Finsler metric. Another Finsler metrics are the Carathéodory metric and Kobayashi metric. These Finsler metrics have been powerful tools to study the hyperbolic property of the moduli and the Teichmuller spaces and the mapping class groups. Royden proved that the Teichmuller metric and the Kobayashi metric are the same. He has shown the holomorphic automorphism group of the Teichmuller space is exactly the mapping class group. Well-Petersson introduced the first Hermitian metric on the Teichmuller space. Ahlfors showed that the Well-Petersson metric is Kähler and its holomorphic sectional curvature is negative. Ahlfors and Beys derived on the solutions of Beltrami equation which put a solid foundation of the theory of Fuchsian space. Under the moduli group action. The existence of the Kähler-Einstein metric is used here to derive algebraic and geometric applications including its properties like the curvature and the behaviours near the compactification divisor. S.T. Yau developed the concept that the Kähler-Einstein metric is equivalent to the Teichmuller metric and the Bergman metric. McMullen introduced a metric known as the McMullen metric by perturbing the Well-Petersson metric to get a complete Kähler metric which is complete and Kähler hyperbolic. Thus the lowest eigen value of the Laplace operator is positive and the  $L^2$ -Cohomology is trivial except for the middle dimension. The moduli space has been widely used in geometry, topology, algebraic geometry to number theory. Faltings' proof of the Mordell conjecture depends heavily on the moduli space which can be defined over the integer ring. Moduli space

also play significant role in many areas of theoretical physics. Such as in string theory in where many computations of path integrals are reduced to integrals of Chern classes on the moduli space. In physical theories. Physicists have made several interesting conjectures about generating series of Hodge integrals for all genera and all marked points on the moduli spaces. We discuss the basic concepts of Teichmuller theory introduced by A.J. Trombe and its impact on moduli space. Let  $\Sigma$  be an orientable surface with genus  $g \geq 2$ . A complex structure on  $\Sigma$  is a covering of  $\Sigma$  by charts such that the transition functions are holomorphic. By the uniformization theorem. If we put a complex structure on  $\Sigma$  then it can be viewed as a quotient of the hyperbolic plane  $H^2$  by a Fuchsian group. Thus there is a unique Kähler-Einstein metric or the hyperbolic metric on  $\Sigma$ . Let  $\text{Country}$  be the set of all complex structures on  $\Sigma$ . Let  $\text{Diff}^+(\Sigma)$  be the group of orientation preserving diffeomorphisms and let  $\text{Diff}_0^+(\Sigma)$  be the subgroup of  $\text{Diff}^+(\Sigma)$  consisting of those elements which are isotopic to identity. The groups  $\text{Diff}^+(\Sigma)$  and  $\text{Diff}_0^+(\Sigma)$  act on the space  $\text{Country}$  by pull-back. The Teichmuller space is a quotient of the space  $\text{Country}$

$$T_g = \text{Country} / \text{Diff}_0^+(\Sigma) \quad \dots(1)$$

By an appropriate application of Bers embedding theorem, it is known that  $T_g$  can be embedded into  $C^{3g-3}$  as a pseudoconvex domain and is contractible. Let us put

$$\text{Mod}_g = \text{Country} / \text{Diff}^+(\Sigma)$$

be the group of isotopic classes of diffeomorphisms. This group is called the (Teichmuller) moduli group or the mapping class group. Its representations are helpful in topology and in quantum field theory. The moduli space  $M_g$  is the space of distinct complex structures on  $\Sigma$  defined as follows.

$$M_g = \text{Country} / \text{Diff}^+(\Sigma) = T_g / \text{Mod}_g$$

The moduli space is a complex orbifold. For any point  $\in M_g$ , let  $X = X_s$  be a representative of the corresponding class of

Riemann surfaces. Combining properties of the Kodair-Spencer deformation theory and the Hodge theory, we get.

$$T_x M_g \cong H^1(X, T_x) = HB(X) \dots (3)$$

where  $HB(X)$  is the space of harmonic Beltrami differentials on  $X$ .

$$T_x M_g \cong Q(X)$$

where  $Q(X)$  is the space of holomorphic quadratic differentials on  $X$ . Let us  $\mu \in HB(X)$  and  $\emptyset \mu \in Q(X)$ . If we fix a holomorphic local coordinate  $z$  on  $X$ . we can write  $\mu = \mu$

$(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \otimes \bar{d}z$  and  $\mu = (z) dx^2$  Thus, the quality between  $T_x M_g$  and  $T_x^* M_g$  is

$$[\mu : \varphi] \int_x \mu(z) \varphi(z) dz \bar{d}z$$

By suitable application the Riemann-Roch theorem, we obtain

$$\dim_C HB(X) = Q(X) = 3g - 3$$

which implies

$$\dim_C T_g = \dim_C M_g = 3g - 3$$

## 2. Classification of Teichmuller Space and the Moduli Space

We describe norm structure of seven types of Kahler metrics (i) the Weil-Petersson metric  $\omega_{wp}$  which is incomplete, (ii) the Cheng-Yau's Kähler-Einstein metric  $\omega_{KE}$ , (iii) the McMullen metric  $\omega_c$ , (iv) the Bergman metric  $\omega_b$ , (v) the asymptotic Poincaré metric on the moduli space  $\omega_p$ , (vi) the Ricci metric, and (vii) the perturbed Ricci metric  $\omega_T$ . Six metrics (viii) are complete. Ricci metric and perturbed Ricci metric have been studied by S.I. yau. The Teichmuller metric was first introduced by Teichmuller to be  $L^1$  norm in the cotangent space. For each  $\varphi = \varphi(z) dz_2 \in Q(X) \cong T_x^* M_g$ , the Teichmuller norm of  $\varphi$  is expressed as

$$\|\varphi\|_T = \int_x |\mu(z)| dz d\bar{z}.$$

By using the duality. For each  $\mu \in HB(X) \cong T_x M_g$ .

$$\|\mu\| = \sup \{ \text{Re}[\mu; \varphi] \mid \|\varphi\|_T = 1 \}$$

F.P.Gardner derived that Teichmuller metric has constant holomorphic sectional curvature 1.

The Kobayashi and the Carathéodory metrics defined it for any complex space as follows. Let  $Y$  be a complex manifold and of dimension  $n$ . let  $\Delta_R$  be the disk in  $\mathbb{C}$  with radius  $R$ . Let  $\Delta = \Delta_1$  and let  $\rho$  be the Poincaré metric on  $\Delta$ . Let  $P \in Y$  be a point and let  $v \in T_P Y$  be a holomorphic tangent vector. Let  $\text{Hol}(Y, \Delta_R)$  and  $\text{Hol}(\Delta_R, Y)$  be the spaces of holomorphic maps from  $Y$  to  $\Delta_R$  and from  $\Delta_R$  to  $Y$  respectively. The Carathéodory norm of the vector  $v$  is defined as follows.

$$\|\vartheta\|_C = \sup \{ |f^* \vartheta|_{\Delta_1} \rho \mid f \in \text{Hol}(Y, \Delta) \} \dots (5)$$

and the Kobayashi norm of  $v$  is expressed as

$$\|\vartheta\|_K = \frac{\inf_{f \in \text{Hol}(\Delta_R, Y), f(0)=P, f(1)=\vartheta} |f'(0)|}{R}$$

The Bergman (pseudo) metric has been defined for any complex space  $Y$  provided the Bergman Kernel is positive.

Let  $K_Y$  be the canonical bundle of  $Y$  and let  $W$  be the space of  $L^2$  holomorphic sections of  $K_Y$  in the sense that if  $\sigma \in W$ , then

$$\|\sigma\|_L^2 = (\sqrt{-1})^{n^2} \int_Y \sigma \Delta \bar{\sigma} < \infty$$

The inner product on  $W$  is defined to be

$$(\sigma, \rho) = (\sqrt{-1})^{n^2} \int_Y \sigma \Delta \bar{\rho}$$

for all  $\sigma, \rho \in W$ . Let  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots$  be an orthonormal basis of  $W$ . The Bergman Kernel form is the non-negative  $(n, n)$ - form

$$\beta_Y = \sum_{0 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_n} (\sqrt{-1})^{n^2} a_{j_1 \dots j_n} \Delta$$

With a suitable choice of local coordinates  $z_1, \dots, z_n$ . we get  $\beta_Y = BE_Y(\dots) (\sqrt{-1})^{n^2} dz_1 \Delta \dots \Delta dz_n \Delta d\bar{z}_1 \Delta \dots \Delta d\bar{z}_n$  where  $BE_Y(z, \bar{z})$  is called the Bergman kernel function. If the Bergman kernel  $B_Y$  is positive, Bergman metric is defined as follows.

$$B_{\bar{j}} = \frac{\partial^2 \log BE_Y(z, \bar{z})}{\partial z_i \partial \bar{z}_j}$$

The Bergman metric is well-defined and is non degenerate if the elements in  $W$  separate points and the first jet of  $Y$ . Hence, the Bergman metric is a Kähler metric. We thus conclude that both the Teichmuller space and the moduli space are equipped with the Bergman metrics. However, the Bergman metric on the moduli space is different from the metric induced from the Bergman metric of the Teichmuller space. The Bergman metric defined on the moduli space is incomplete due to the fact that the moduli space is quasi-projective and any  $L^2$  holomorphic section the canonical bundle can be extended over. We state here the basic properties of the Kobayashi, the Carathéodory and the Bergman metrics which have been studied by S. Kobayashi. We reformulate some of the theorem in its complex metric structure.

## 3. Theorem

Let  $X$  be a complex space. Then following relations holds

- (i)  $\|\cdot\|_C, \|\cdot\|_K, \|\cdot\|_B, \|\cdot\|_X$ ;
- (ii) Let  $Y$  be another complex space and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a holomorphic map. Let  $p \in X$  and  $v \in T_p X$ . Then  $\|f_*(\vartheta)\|_C, \|f^*(\vartheta)\|_C, \|f_*(\vartheta)\|_K, \|f^*(\vartheta)\|_K, \|f_*(\vartheta)\|_B, \|f^*(\vartheta)\|_B \leq \|\vartheta\|_C, \|\vartheta\|_K, \|\vartheta\|_B, \|\vartheta\|_X$ ;
- (iii) If  $X \subset Y$  is a connected open subset and  $z \in X$  is a point. Then with any local coordinates we have  $BE_Y(z) \leq BE_X(z)$ ;
- (iv) If the Bergman kernel is positive, then at each point  $z \in X$  a peak section  $\sigma$  at  $z$  exists. Such a peak section is unique up to a constant factor  $c$  with norm 1. furthermore, with any choice of local coordinates, we have  $BE_X(z) = |\sigma(z)|^2$ ;
- (v) If the Bergman kernel of  $X$  is positive, the  $\|\cdot\|_C, \|\cdot\|_K, \|\cdot\|_B, \|\cdot\|_X \leq 2 \|\cdot\|_B, \|\cdot\|_X$ ;
- (vi) If  $X$  is a bounded convex domain  $C^n$ , then  $\|\cdot\|_C, \|\cdot\|_K, \|\cdot\|_B, \|\cdot\|_X = \|\cdot\|_B, \|\cdot\|_X$ ;
- (vii) Let  $|\cdot|$  be the Euclidean norm and let  $B_r$  be the open ball with centre  $0$  and radius  $r$  in  $C^n$ . Then for any holomorphic tangent vector  $v$  at  $0$ ,  $\|\vartheta\|_C, \|\vartheta\|_K, \|\vartheta\|_B, \|\vartheta\|_X = \frac{2}{r} |\vartheta|$

where  $|\vartheta|$  is the Euclidean norm of  $v$ .

**Proof**

The three Finsler metrics (i) - (iii) play a significant role in understanding the hyperbolic geometry of the moduli spaces, and the mapping class group. It has been derived that the Bergman metric on the Teichmuller space is complete. The Weil-Petersson metric is the first Kähler metric defined on the Teichmuller and the moduli space. It has been defined by using the  $L^2$  inner product on the tangent space in the following way: let  $\mu, \vartheta \in T_x M_g$ . Two tangent vectors and let  $\lambda$  be the unique Kähler-Einstein metric on  $X$ . Then the Weil-Petersson metric is given by

$$h(\mu, \vartheta) = \int_X \mu \bar{\nu} d\vartheta$$

where  $dv = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} \lambda dz \Delta$  is the volume form. The curvatures of the Weil-Petersson metric have been investigated by Ahlfors, Royden and Wolpert, its Ricci and holomorphic sectional curvature are all negative with negative upper bound, but with a lower bound. Its boundary behavior is incomplete metric from which we find that it is an incomplete metric. The existence of the Kähler-Einstein metric was studied by Cheng-Yau. Its Ricci curvature is  $-1$ . The expression for Ricci-curvature is given by

$$\partial \bar{\partial} \log \omega_{KE}^n = \omega_{KE}$$

where  $n = 3g - 3$ . It has been found that a bounded domain in  $C^n$  admits a complete Kähler-Einstein metric if and only if it is pseudoconvex. The McMullen  $1/1$  metric defined has been Weil-Petersson metric by adding a Kähler form whose potential involves the short geodesic length functions on the Riemann surfaces. For each simple closed curve  $y$  let,  $l_y(X)$  be the length of the unique geodesic in the homotopy class of  $y$  with respect to the unique Kähler-Einstein metric. Then the McMullen metric is defined as follows.

$$\omega_\vartheta = \omega_{WP} - i\delta \sum \partial \bar{\partial} \log \frac{\epsilon}{\varphi}$$

where  $\epsilon$  and  $\delta$  are small positive constants and  $\log(x)$  is a smooth function defined as follows.

$$\text{Log}(r) = \begin{cases} \log r & r \geq 2 \\ 0 & r \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

This metric is Kähler hyperbolic implies that it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $(M_g, \omega_{1/1})$  has finite volume;
- (ii) The sectional Curvature of  $(M_g, \omega_{1/1})$  is bounded above and below;
- (iii) The injectivity radius of  $(T_g, \omega_{1/1})$  is bounded below;
- (iv) On  $T_g$ , the Kähler form  $\omega_{1/1}$  can be written as  $\omega_{1/1}$  where  $\alpha$  is a bounded 1-form.

We find that the Kähler hyperbolicity is that the  $L^2$ -cohomology is trivial except for the middle dimension. The asymptotic Poincaré metric is defined as a complete Kähler metric on a complex manifold  $M$  which is obtained by removing a divisor  $Y$  with only normal crossings from a compact Kähler manifold  $(\bar{M}, \omega)$ . The Kähler hyperbolicity satisfies the above conditions (i) – (iii).

**4. Theorem**

The curvature of the Weil-Petersson metric is given by

$$R_{j,k\bar{l}} = \int_X (J_{j\bar{k}} + \pi f_{kj}) dv$$

**Proof**

We show that the Ricci and the holomorphic sectional curvature have explicit negative upper bound. We establish

the curvature formula of the Ricci metric and introduce more operators. Firstly, the Commutator of the operator  $V_K$  and  $(+ 1)$  play an important role. We view the vector field  $V_K$  as an operator acting on functions. Let us define.

$$\xi_k = [\bar{\partial} \bar{1} \xi_k] \dots (9)$$

By simple computation reduces to

$$\epsilon_K = A_K P.$$

Let us define the commutator of  $\bar{\partial} \bar{1}$  and  $\epsilon_K$ . Let us put

$$Q_{k\bar{j}} = (\bar{\partial} \bar{j} \cdot \epsilon_K)$$

We obtain the relation

$$Q_{k\bar{l}}(f) = \bar{P}(e_{\bar{k}})P(f) - 2f \bar{K} \bar{i} f + \lambda^{-1} \partial_z f \bar{k} \bar{i} \partial_{\bar{z}} f \bar{k} \bar{i} \partial \bar{z} f$$

for any smooth function  $f$ . Let us introduce the symmetrization operator of the indices. Let  $U$  be any quantity which depends on indices  $i, k, \alpha, \bar{j}, \bar{l}, \bar{\beta}$ . The symmetrization operator  $\sigma_1$  is defined by taking summation of all orders of the triple  $(i, k, )$ . In other words,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1(U(i, k, \alpha, \bar{j}, \bar{l}, \bar{\beta})) &= U(i, k, \alpha, \bar{j}, \bar{l}, \bar{\beta}) + U(i, k, \alpha, \bar{j}, \bar{l}, \bar{\beta}) \\ &+ U(i, k, \alpha, \bar{j}, \bar{l}, \bar{\beta}) + U(i, k, \alpha, \bar{j}, \bar{l}, \bar{\beta}) \\ &+ U(i, k, \alpha, \bar{j}, \bar{l}, \bar{\beta}) + U(i, k, \alpha, \bar{j}, \bar{l}, \bar{\beta}) \dots (10) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $\sigma_2$  is the symmetrization operator of  $\bar{j}$  and  $\bar{\beta}$  and  $\bar{\sigma}$  is the symmetrization operator of  $\bar{j}, \bar{l}$  and  $\bar{\beta}$ . K. Liu and S.T. Yau derived the curvature formulas stated here as a theorem.

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