

# Holomorphic isometries from the unit ball into symmetric domains

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# Bounded symmetric domain

## Definition

A bounded domain  $D$  in the complex space  $Z \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$  is symmetric: for every  $x \in D$ , there is an biholomorphism  $s$  such that  $s^2 = id_D$ , and  $x$  is an isolated fixed point of  $s$ .

Let

$$G := Aut(D) = \{\Phi : D \rightarrow D \text{ biholomorphic}\}$$

$$K := \{g \in G : g(0) = 0\},$$

Then  $D = G/K$ .

# Bounded Symmetric Domain

Classification:

Classical cases:

$$D_{m,n}^I = \{Z \in M_{m,n}(\mathbb{C}) : \|Z\| < 1\}$$

$$D_n^{II} = \{Z \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) : \|Z\| < 1, Z^t = -Z\}$$

$$D_n^{III} = \{Z \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) : \|Z\| < 1, Z^t = Z\}$$

$$D_n^{IV} = \{z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n : |z| < 1, 1 - |z|^2 + \left| \sum_i z_i^2 \right|^2 > 0\}$$

Exceptional Domains

$D^V$ , dim 16

$D^{VI}$ , dim 27

# Example

Type I tube domain:

$$D = \{z \in M_r(\mathbb{C}) : \|z\| < 1\} = SU_{r,r}(\mathbb{C})/S(U_r(\mathbb{C}) \otimes U_r(\mathbb{C}))$$

with the action  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} (z) := (az + b)(cz + d)^{-1}$

$K = S(U_r(\mathbb{C}) \otimes U_r(\mathbb{C}))$  with the action

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} (z) := azd^{-1}$$

$$\text{Rank}(D) = \max\{\text{rank}(z) : z \in D\}$$

$$\text{Rank}(D) = 1 : D = \mathbb{B}^n$$

# Bergman space

Bergman space:

$$L_a^2(D) = \{f \in \text{Hol}(D) : \|f\|^2 = \int_D |f(z)|^2 dm(z) < \infty\}.$$

Bergman kernel:

By Riesz representation theorem, for fixed  $z \in D$  there exists  $K_z \in L_a^2(D)$  such that

$$f(z) = \langle f, K_z \rangle, \forall f \in L_a^2(D).$$

Bergman metric:

$$ds_{D,z}(u, v) = \partial_u \bar{\partial}_v \log K(z, z)$$

# Holomorphic Isometry

Holomorphic mapping  $f : (D, \lambda ds_D) \rightarrow (\Omega, ds_\Omega)$  is  $(\lambda-)$ isometry if

$$f^* ds_\Omega = \lambda ds_D.$$

local isometry on  $z \in D$ :  $f^* ds_\Omega = \lambda ds_D$  near  $z$ .

## Question

Classify holomorphic isometry between bounded symmetric domain.

Motivation:

can be traced back to Bochner and Calabi

Shimura varieties

Clozel-Ullmo work on commutants of modular correspondences

Mok, Ann. of Math. 1987 ; Mok, Wong, preprint

Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$  be a bounded symmetric domain of rank  $\geq 2$ ,  $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Aut}(\Omega)$  be a torsion-free irreducible lattice and  $M = \Omega \backslash \Gamma$  is the finite volume quotient. Let  $N$  be a complex manifold and  $\tau : \tilde{N} \rightarrow N$  is its universal cover. Suppose  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a holomorphic map, and  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \tilde{N}$  is the lifting of  $f$ . Assume  $(M, N; f)$  satisfies the following non-degeneracy condition: for component  $\Omega_k$ , there exists a bounded holomorphic function  $h_k$  on  $\tilde{N}$  and an irreducible factor subdomain  $\Omega'_k \subseteq \Omega_k$  such that  $h_k$  is non constant on  $F(\Omega'_k)$ .

Then there exists a bounded holomorphic map  $R : \tilde{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $R \circ F = id_\Omega$ .

Mok, Ann. of Math. 1987; Clozel-Ullmo, Crelle's, 2003

Let  $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$  be a bounded symmetric domain of rank  $\geq 2$ , and  $F : (D, \lambda ds_D) \rightarrow (\Omega, ds_\Omega)$  be a holomorphic isometry to another bounded symmetric domain  $\Omega$ . Then  $F$  is a totally geodesic holomorphic embedding.

Example

$F : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow B_2$  defined by  $F(z) = (z, 0)$

## Theorem(Mok JEMS2012)

Let  $D, \Omega$  be bounded symmetric domains in their Harish-Chandra realizations. Let  $\lambda$  be any positive real number and

$$f : (D, \lambda ds_D; 0) \rightarrow (\Omega, ds_\Omega; 0)$$

be a germ of holomorphic isometry with  $f(0) = 0$ . Then, the germ  $\text{Graph}(f)$  extends to an affine-algebraic subvariety  $T \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^N$ , such that  $S := T \cap (D \times \Omega)$  is the graph of a proper holomorphic isometric embedding  $F : (D, \lambda ds_D) \rightarrow (\Omega, ds_\Omega)$ .

## p-root

## Theorem(Mok JEMS2012)

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the upper half-plane,  $p \geq 2$  be a positive integer and  $\gamma = e^{\frac{i\pi}{p}}$ . Then, the proper holomorphic mapping  $f : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^p$  defined by

$$f(z) = (z^{1/p}, \gamma z^{1/p}, \dots, \gamma^{p-1} z^{1/p})$$

is a holomorphic isometric embedding.

## p-root

Chan, PAMS 2016; Ng PAMS 2010;

For  $p = 2$  or for  $p$  odd, if  $f : D \rightarrow D^p$  is a holomorphic isometric embedding with sheeting number  $n = p$ , then  $f$  is the  $p$ -th root embedding up to reparametrization.

Complete Classification for holomorphic isometric  $f : D \rightarrow D^p$ :

Ng, PAMS 2010:  $p = 2, 3$

Chan, Michigan Math. J. 2017 :  $p = 4$  .

## Chan, Mok, accepted by JDG

Let  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$  be a  $(\lambda-)$ holomorphic isometric embedding, where  $\Omega$  is a bounded symmetric domain in its Harish-Chandra realization. Then,  $f$  is asymptotically totally geodesic at a general point  $b \in \partial\mathbb{D}$ .

## Application to Ax-Lindemann conjecture

Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded symmetric domain in its Harish-Chandra realization,  $\Gamma \in \text{Aut}(\Omega)$  be a not necessarily arithmetic torsion-free cocompact lattice. Write  $X := \Omega \setminus \Gamma$  and  $\pi : \Omega \rightarrow X$ . Let  $Y$  be an irreducible subvariety of  $X$ , and  $Z \subseteq \Omega$  be an irreducible component of  $\pi^{-1}(Y)$ . Suppose  $Z$  is an algebraic subset. Then,  $Z$  is a totally geodesic complex submanifold.

### Theorem(Mok JEMS2012)

$F : (D, \lambda ds_D) \rightarrow (\Omega, ds_\Omega)$  is a totally geodesic holomorphic embedding if

- whenever each irreducible component of  $D$  is of  $rank \geq 2$ ;
- whenever  $D = B^n$  with  $n \geq 2$ , and  $\Omega = B^n \times \cdots \times B^n$ .

### Theorem(Yuan and Zhang, JDG2012)

$F : (D, \lambda ds_D) \rightarrow (\Omega, ds_\Omega)$  is a totally geodesic holomorphic embedding if  $D = B^n$  with  $n \geq 2$ , and  $\Omega = B^{N_1} \times \cdots \times B^{N_k}$ .

## Mok, PAMS, 2016

Let  $\Omega$  be an irreducible bounded symmetric domain of rank  $\geq 2$  with genus  $p$ . Then, there exists a nonstandard proper holomorphic isometric embedding  $F : (B_{p+1}, ds_{B_{p+1}}) \rightarrow (\Omega, ds_{\Omega})$ .

With the help of Mok mapping, Xiao-Yuan, Chan-Mok, Upmeyer-Wang-Zhang classified the holomorphic isometric from  $B^p$  into  $D^{IV}$  of type IV

# Jordan triple

Call  $Z = \mathbb{C}^N$  a Jordan triple if  $Z$  has a Jordan triple product:

$$(u, v, w) \mapsto \{u, v, w\}$$

satisfying: linear on  $u, w$ , antilinear  $v$ ,

$$\{u, v, w\} = \{w, v, u\}$$

$$\{x, y, \{u, v, w\}\} = \{\{x, y, u\}, v, w\} - \{u, \{y, x, v\}, w\} + \{u, v, \{x, y, w\}\}.$$

Classification:

Jordan algebra: Jordan, von Neumann, Wigner...

Jordan triple: Koecher, Loos, Satake...

# Bounded symmetric domain

$z \square w : Z \rightarrow Z$  is defined by

$$z \square w(\xi) := \{z, w, \xi\}$$

Then  $D = \{z \in Z : \|z \square z\| < 1\}$  is bounded symmetric domain.  
Let  $Q_z(w) := \{z, w, z\}$ , then Bergman operator

$$B(z, w) = I - 2z \square w + Q_z Q_{\bar{w}}$$

is coinvariant property under  $Aut(D)$ -action.

Bergman kernel:

$$K^D(z, w) = \det B(z, w)^{-1} = \Delta(z, w)^{-p}.$$

$\Delta(z, w)$  quasis-determinant,  $p$  genus

# Tripotent

$c$  is a tripotent:  $\{c, c, c\} = c$ .

Peice decomposition with respect to  $c$ :  $Z = Z_2(c) \oplus Z_1(c) \oplus Z_0(c)$   
with

$$Z_\alpha(c) := \{z \in Z : \{c, c, z\} = \frac{\alpha}{2}z\}.$$

Frame: let  $e_1, \dots, e_r$  be a maximal set of orthogonal minimal tripotents, then

$$Z = \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq r} Z_{ij}$$

with  $Z_{ii} = \mathbb{C}e_i, 1 \leq i \leq r; Z_{ij} = Z_1(e_i) \cap Z_1(e_j), 1 \leq i < j \leq r$ .

Fact:  $a = \dim Z_{12}, b = \dim Z_{01}$ , then  $p = 2 + a(r - 1) + b$ .

## Example

For  $r \leq s$ , the matrix space  $Z = \mathbb{C}^{r \times s}$  is a hermitian Jordan triple with triple product

$$\{u, v, w\} = \frac{1}{2}(uv^*w + wv^*u).$$

The associated bounded symmetric domain is the matrix unit ball

$$D = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times s} : 1 - zz^* > 0\}$$

of genus  $p = r + s$ . The Bergman operators have the form

$$B(z, w)\zeta = (1 - zw^*)\zeta(1 - w^*z)$$

and the quasi-determinant is  $\Delta(z, w) = \det(1 - zw^*)$ .

# Example

Let  $Z = \mathbb{C}^n$ . The Jordan triple product

$$\{u, v, w\} = (uv^*)w + (wv^*)u - (uw^t)\bar{v}$$

makes  $Z$  into a hermitian Jordan triple of rank 2. The corresponding symmetric domain is  $D_n^{IV}$  of type IV. The quasi-determinant of the spin factor is given by

$$\Delta(z, w) = 1 - \langle z|w \rangle + \frac{1}{4} \langle z|\bar{z} \rangle \langle \bar{w}|w \rangle,$$

and the Bergman kernel  $K(z, w) = \Delta(z, w)^{-p}$  with genus  $p = n$ .

# Metric

Bergman metric  $ds_D$  at  $z \in D$  is defined by

$$ds_{D,z}(u, v) = \partial_u \bar{\partial}_v \log K(z, z)$$

Or,

$$ds_{D,z}(u, v) = \langle B(z, z)^{-1} u, v \rangle.$$

Curvature  $R_D(u, v)x = -\{u, v, x\}$

## Mok JEMS2012

Let  $D$  and  $\Omega$  be bounded complete circular domains. Let  $\lambda$  be any positive real number and  $f : (D, \lambda ds_D; 0) \rightarrow (\Omega, ds_\Omega; 0)$  be a germ of holomorphic isometry with  $f(0) = 0$ . Then, such that for  $z, w \in D$  sufficiently close to 0, we have

$$K_\Omega(f(z), f(z)) = K_D(z, z)^\lambda;$$

and hence

$$K_\Omega(f(z), f(w)) = K_D(z, w)^\lambda.$$

## Theorem

Let  $f : (B, \lambda ds_B^2; 0) \rightarrow f : (D, ds_D^2; 0)$  be a germ of holomorphic isometry with  $f(0) = 0$  between bounded symmetric domain  $B, D$ . Then there exists a proper holomorphic isometric embedding  $F : B \rightarrow D$  extending the germ of holomorphic map  $f$ .

**proof:** for  $\lambda = 1$ ,

Step1: a isometry map  $U : L_a^2(B) \rightarrow L_a^2(D)$  by

$$U(K_z^B) = K_{f(z)}^D$$

with  $z$  near 0. Note  $\overline{\text{span}}\{K_z^B : z \text{ near } 0\} = L_a^2(B)$ .

Step 2:  $U(K_z^B) = K_{F(z)}^D, z \in B$  for some map  $F : B \rightarrow D$ .

**Assumption(maximal case)**

Fix  $\lambda = 1$  and  $D = \mathbb{B}^d$ . Consider the case  $\rho_\Omega = \rho_{\mathbb{B}^d} = d + 1$ .  
Then  $f : \mathbb{B}^d \rightarrow \Omega$  is an isometry if

$$K_\Omega(f(z), f(w)) = K_{\mathbb{B}^d}(z, w)$$

or

$$\Delta_\Omega(f(z), f(w)) = \Delta_D(z, w).$$

**Observation**

Fix a minimal tripotent  $c$  and the Peice decomposition with respect to  $c$ :  $Z = Z_2 \oplus Z_1 \oplus Z_0$ . Then  $Z_2 \oplus Z_1$  is a complex subspace of dimension  $d$  and  $\Omega \cap Z_2 \oplus Z_1 = \mathbb{B}^d$ .

## Umpeier-Wang-Zhang, IMRN 2019

The map

$$(u, v) \mapsto G_c(u, v) := \left( \frac{uc + v}{u + 1} \right)^c = uc + v + \frac{1}{1 + u} Q_c(v, v)$$

defines a holomorphic isometry from the unit ball  $B \subset Z^2 \oplus Z^1$  into  $\Omega$ . More precisely, the quasi-determinant satisfies

$$\Delta_\Omega(G_c(u, v), G_c(u', v')) = 1 - u\bar{u}' - \langle v | v' \rangle.$$

Therefore

$$K_\Omega(G_c(u, v), G_c(u', v')) = K_{\mathbb{B}^d}(uc + v, u'c + v').$$

proof

Let  $z^w = B(z, w)^{-1}(z - \{z, w, z\})$  be the quasi-inverse. Then

$$B(z^c, z^c) = B^{-1}(z, c)B(c, v)B(a, c)B(v, c)B^{-1}(c, z),$$

where  $z = uc + v \in Z^2 \oplus Z^1$ ,  $a = u + \{c, u, c\} + \{v, v, c\}$ .

This implies that

$$\Delta((u + v)^c, (u + v)^c) = |\Delta(u, c)|^{-2} \Delta(a, c)$$

Example 1:  $Z = \mathbb{C}^{r \times s}$ : assume that  $c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then

$$Z^2 \oplus Z^1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} u & v \\ \tilde{v} & 0 \end{pmatrix} : u \in \mathbb{C}, v \in \mathbb{C}^{1 \times (s-1)}, \tilde{v} \in \mathbb{C}^{(r-1) \times 1} \right\} \approx \mathbb{C}^{p-1}.$$

The map  $F$  is given by

$$G_c \begin{pmatrix} u & v \\ \tilde{v} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u & v \\ \tilde{v} & \tilde{v}(u+1)^{-1}v \end{pmatrix}.$$

Example 2: Letting  $D^{d+1}$  be type *IV* of dimension  $d+1$ , then  $f : B^d \rightarrow D^{d+1}$  is given by

$$f(z_1, z') = z_1 c_1 + q(z) c_2 + z', \quad z = z_1 c_1 \oplus 0 c_2 \oplus z'$$

where  $\{c_1, c_2\}$  is a frame of minimal tripotents and  $q(z) = \frac{\langle z', z' \rangle}{1+z_1}$ .

## Definition

An isometric embedding  $F : B \rightarrow D \subset Z$  satisfying  $F(0) = 0$  will be called a Mok embedding if  $F$  is equivalent to the map constructed by Mok.

## Umpeier-Wang-Zhang, IMRN 2019

Let  $F : B \rightarrow D \subset Z$  be an isometric embedding with  $F(0) = 0$ . Then  $F$  is a Mok embedding if and only if  $\partial_e^0 F' = F''(0)(e, \cdot) = 0$  for some vector  $e \in \mathbb{C}^d$ .

Let  $F, G : B \rightarrow D$  be two Bergman isometries preserving the origin, which agree up to order  $n \geq 0$  at 0, i.e.  $F^{(j)}(0) = G^{(j)}(0)$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq n$ . Then

$$\langle \partial_{u_0, \dots, u_m}^0 F | \partial_{v_0, \dots, v_n}^0 F \rangle = \langle \partial_{u_0, \dots, u_m}^0 G | \partial_{v_0, \dots, v_n}^0 G \rangle$$

for  $m \leq n$  and vectors  $u_j, v_j \in \mathbf{C}^d$ , that is  $F^{(n+1)}(0)^* F^{(m+1)} = G^{(n+1)}(0)^* G^{(m)} : \odot^m \mathbf{C}^d \rightarrow Z$ . Therefore,

### Lemma

*Let  $F : B \rightarrow D$  be a Bergman isometry which agrees up to order 2 with a Mok embedding  $G$ , then  $F = G$ .*

$F''(0)(x, u)$  is the second fundamental form:

$$\langle \{u, v, x\}, y \rangle_B = \langle \{F'(0)u, F'(0)v, F'(0)x\}, F'(0)y \rangle_D + \langle F''(0)(x, u) | F''(0)(y, v) \rangle_D.$$

For any  $p \in P_{1,1}(Z)$ , the polar form  $\tilde{p}$  satisfies

$$\tilde{p}(v, \partial_{v,v}F)(0) = 0.$$

for all  $v \in Z^1$ .

This implies that

$$\partial_{v,v}F(0) = \gamma \{v, c, v\}$$

for some  $|\gamma| = 1$ .

## Umpeier-Wang-Zhang, IMRN 2019

Let  $F : B^d \rightarrow D^{d+1}$  be a Bergman isometric embedding into the Lie ball, with  $F(0) = 0$ . then  $F$  is a Mok's embedding , or

$$F_{\vartheta}(u, v) = u \frac{e_1 + e_2}{\sqrt{2}} + v + \frac{e_2 - e_1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 + u^2 + \langle \bar{e}_1 | e_2 \rangle \langle v | \bar{v} \rangle} \right).$$

with a frame of minimal tripotents  $e_1, e_2 \in Z$  and a unimodular constant  $\vartheta \in \mathbb{T}$ .

proof.

case 1:  $\text{Ran}F''(0)$  consists of elements of only rank 1 .  
Then  $F$  is a Mok map.

case 2:  $\text{Ran}F''(0)$  has elements of rank 2. Then  $F$  is irrational.

Yang, Ph.D. thesis 2017; Mok, Yang, in preparation

Let  $\Omega$  be an irreducible bounded symmetric domain of rank 2 not biholomorphic to any type-IV domain or a type-I domain  $D^I(3, q)$ ,  $q > 3$  or the 27-dimensional exceptional domain  $D^{VI}$ . Let  $F : B^{p+1} \rightarrow \Omega$  be a holomorphic isometric embedding with  $p := p(\Omega)$ . Then  $F$  is congruent to the Mok embedding.

# Thank you