

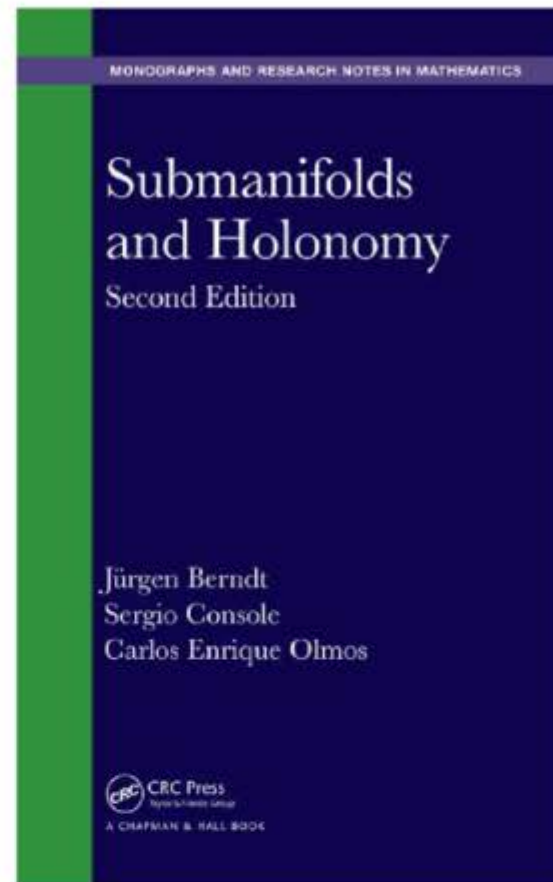
# The normal holonomy group of complex submanifolds

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**Abstract:** This talk is going to be a survey talk of results, ideas and questions about the normal holonomy group of complex submanifolds of complex space forms.



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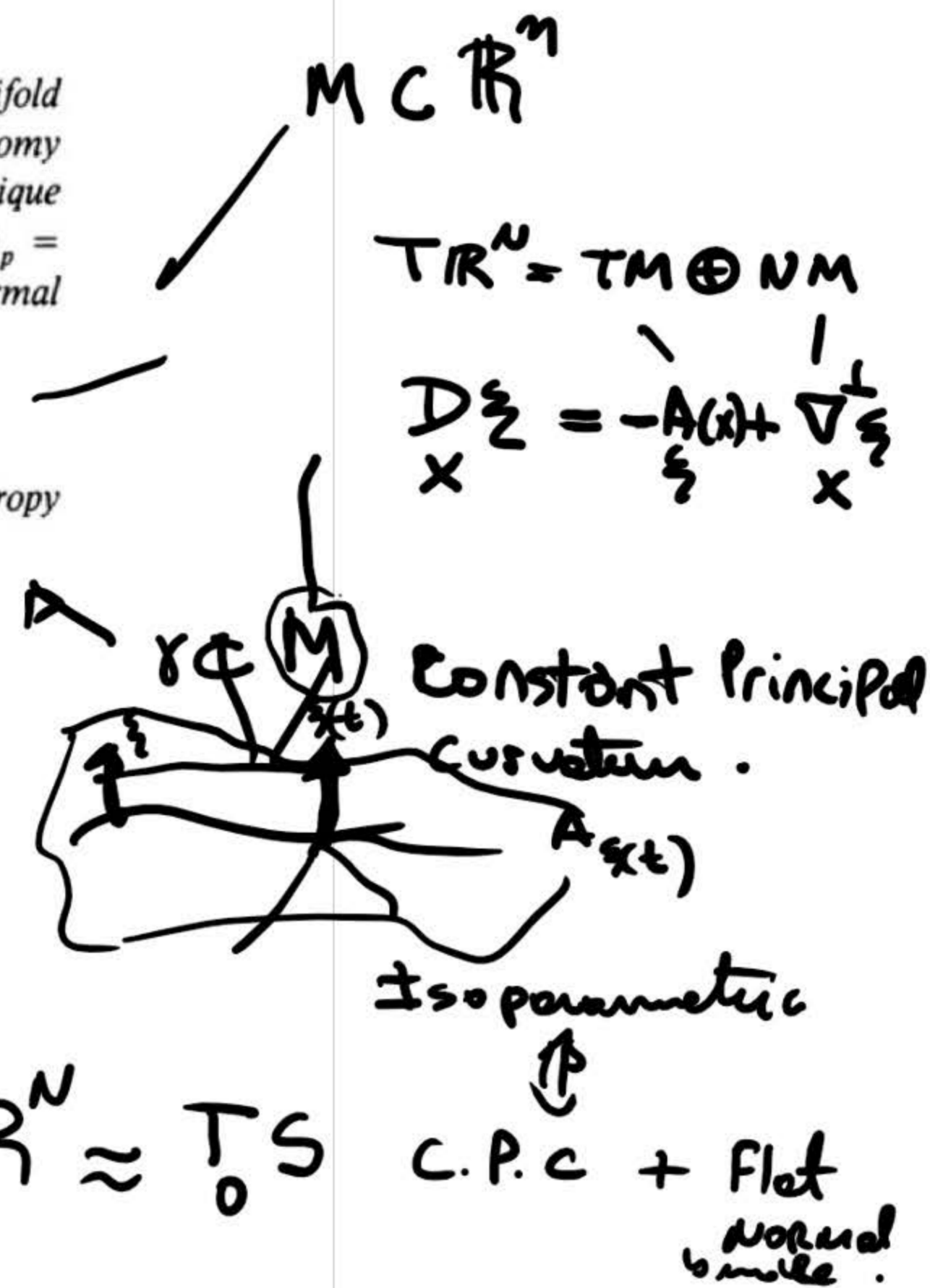
1 Olmos' Normal Holonomy Theorem (NHT).  
 [O90].

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $M^n$  be an immersed submanifold of a Riemannian manifold  $Q^N$  of constant curvature. Let  $p \in M$  and let  $\Phi^*$  be the restricted holonomy group of the normal connection at  $p$ . Then  $\Phi^*$  is compact, there exists a unique (up to order) orthogonal decomposition of the normal space at  $p$ ,  $N(M)_p = \mathbb{V}_0 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{V}_k$ , into  $\Phi^*$ -invariant subspaces, and there exist  $\Phi_0, \dots, \Phi_k$  normal Lie subgroups of  $\Phi^*$  such that:

- (i)  $\Phi^* = \Phi_0 \times \dots \times \Phi_k$  (direct product).
- (ii)  $\Phi_i$  acts trivially on  $\mathbb{V}_j$  if  $i \neq j$ .
- (iii)  $\Phi_0 = \{1\}$  and, if  $i \geq 1$ ,  $\Phi_i$  acts irreducibly on  $\mathbb{V}_i$  as the isotropy representation of a simple Riemannian symmetric space.

The above theorem plays a central role in the theory of isoparametric submanifolds or more in general in the theory of submanifolds with constant principal curvatures [BCO16].

An important Theorem of Thorbergsson shows that a full an irreducible isoparametric submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of codimension greater than 2 is an orbit of an s-representation.





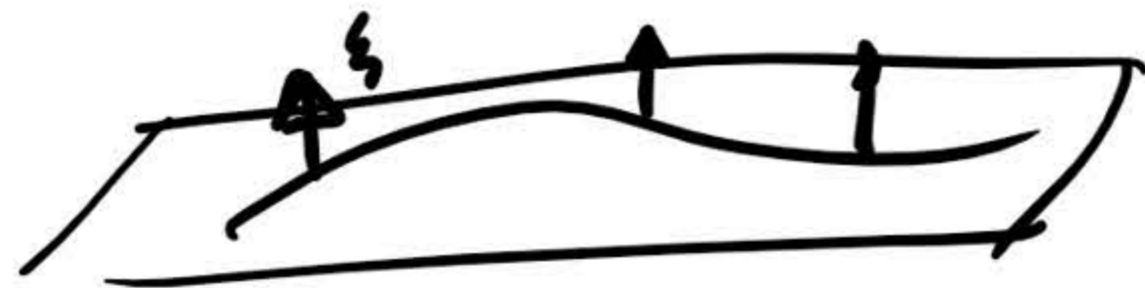
$$\rightarrow M \subset \mathbb{C}^N = \mathbb{R}^{2N}$$

$$J(T_p M) = T_p M$$

2 NHT  $\mathbb{C}^n$ : The extrinsic De Rham splitting;  
[D00]

**Theorem 1.1** A complex isometric full immersion of a simply connected complete Kähler manifold  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^N$  is irreducible, up a totally geodesic factor, if and only if the normal holonomy group acts irreducibly.

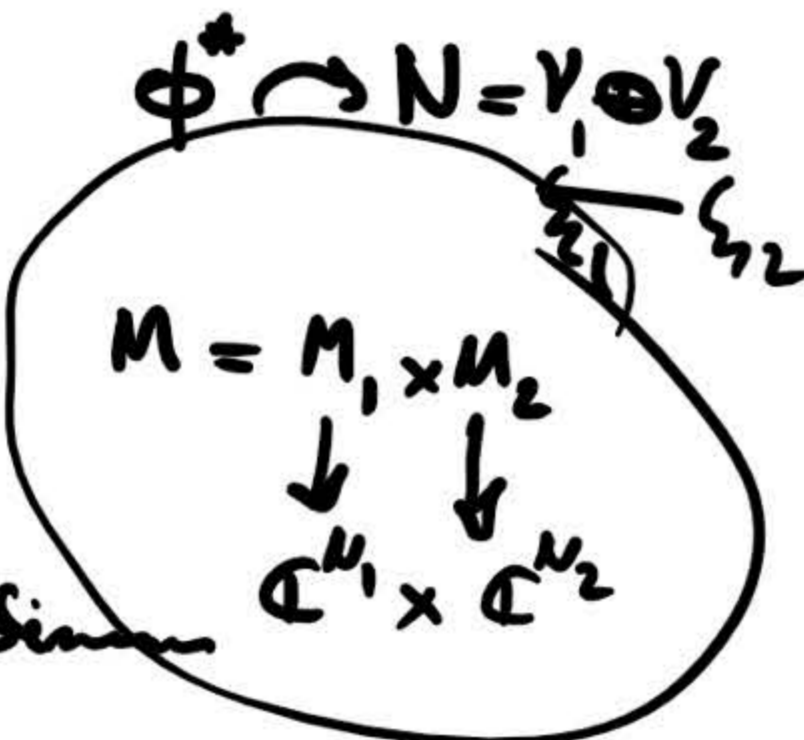
$$\xi \in \mathcal{V}_0 \leftarrow \Phi^*$$



$$\nabla^\perp \xi \equiv 0$$

Reduce codimension

$$A_\xi \equiv 0$$



$\xi$  counts on Eucl

$$\langle R_{xy}^\perp \xi, \eta \rangle = \langle [A_\xi, A_\eta] x, y \rangle$$

$$0 = \langle [A_\xi, A_{J\xi}] x, y \rangle$$

$$A_\xi \cdot A_{J\xi} - A_{J\xi} \cdot A_\xi = 0$$

$$A_\xi \cdot J A_\xi - J A_\xi^2 = 0$$

$$-2J A_\xi^2 = 0$$

$$A_\xi^2 \equiv 0$$

OSS:  $f$  holonomy  
 $\Delta \subset \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^N$   
 $\rightarrow f(\Delta) \subset S_p(r)$   
 $\Rightarrow f$  is const.

$$A_{\xi_1} \cdot A_{\xi_2} \equiv 0$$

$$\bigcap_{\xi \in \mathcal{V}_1} \text{Ker } A_\xi = \mathcal{D}_1$$

$$\bigcap_{\xi \in \mathcal{V}_2} \text{Ker } A_\xi = \mathcal{D}_2$$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{D}_1 \cap \mathcal{D}_2 = \{0\}$$

$$0 = \alpha(\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2)_{\text{total}}$$



3 NHT  $\mathbb{C}P^n$ : work with D.V. Alekseevsky;  
 [AD04]

Motivations ?

It turns out that Olmos NHT is not true if the submanifold is not full.

THEOREM 1. Let  $S_c^n = \mathbb{C}P^n, \mathbb{C}^n, \mathbb{C}H^n$  be the complex space form of holomorphic constant sectional curvature  $c$  and  $M \subset S_c^n$  be a Kähler submanifold. If the normal holonomy group  $\text{Hol}_p(\nabla^\perp) \subset \text{SO}(N_p(M))$  of  $M$  at a point  $p \in M$  acts irreducibly on the normal space  $N_p(M)$  then  $\text{Hol}_p(\nabla^\perp)$  is linearly isomorphic to the isotropy group of an irreducible Hermitian symmetric space, that is, one of the groups in Table 1. In particular, this is true if  $M \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is a locally irreducible Kähler submanifold of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

TABLE 1. Isotropy representations  $K \hookrightarrow \text{SO}(V)$  of compact irreducible Hermitian symmetric spaces  $G/K$ .

$G/K$	$K$	$V$
$\text{Gr}_p(\mathbb{C}^{p+q}) := \text{SU}(p+q)/\text{S}(\text{U}(p) \times \text{U}(q))$	$\text{S}(\text{U}(p) \times \text{U}(q))$	$\mathbb{C}^p \otimes \mathbb{C}^q$
$\text{SO}(2n)/\text{U}(n)$	$\text{U}(n)$	$\Lambda^2(\mathbb{C}^n)$
$\text{Gr}_2(\mathbb{R}^{n+2}) := \text{SO}(n+2)/\text{SO}(2) \times \text{SO}(n)$	$\text{SO}(2) \times \text{SO}(n)$	$\mathbb{R}^2 \otimes \mathbb{R}^n$
$\text{Sp}(n)/\text{U}(n)$	$\text{U}(n)$	$S^2\mathbb{C}^n$
$E_6/T^1 \cdot \text{Spin}_{10}$	$T^1 \cdot \text{Spin}_{10}$	$\mathbb{C}^{16}$
$E_7/T^1 \cdot E_6$	$T^1 \cdot E_6$	$\mathbb{C}^{27}$

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 subm of  
 $\mathbb{C}P^n$

$$\mathbb{C}P^n \subset \mathbb{C}P^{n+2}$$

$$\gamma_p \mathbb{C}P^n \cong \mathbb{C}^2$$

$$\phi^* e^{i\sigma}$$

Sd(2)

Dominique  
Mullin ←

THEOREM 12. Let  $(M^m, g) \subset \mathbb{C}P^n$  be a non-full and non-totally geodesic Kähler-Einstein submanifold with Ricci tensor  $\text{Ric}_M = k \cdot g$ . Let  $\mathbb{C}P^{\bar{m}} \subset \mathbb{C}P^n$  be the totally geodesic Kähler submanifold of  $\mathbb{C}P^n$  such that  $M$  is full in  $\mathbb{C}P^{\bar{m}}$ . Then,

$$\mu = \frac{\bar{m} - m}{\bar{m} + 1 - k/2}$$

where  $\mu$  is the invariant of Definition 1.

$\phi^*$  compact  $\Leftrightarrow \mu \in \mathbb{Q}$  ←

#### 4 NHT $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^n$ : works with S. Console and C. Olmos; [CD09, CDO11]

**Table 1** Symmetric complex submanifolds  $M \subset \mathbb{P}(T_{[K]}G/K)$

Hermitian symmetric space $G/K$	$M$ as complex $K$ -orbit	Normal holonomy	Remarks
$\frac{E_7}{T^1 \cdot E_6}$	$\frac{E_6}{T^1 \cdot Spin_{10}}$	$\frac{SO(12)}{T^1 \cdot SO(10)}$	
$\frac{E_6}{T^1 \cdot Spin_{10}}$	$\frac{SO(10)}{U(5)}$	$\frac{U(6)}{U(5)}$	
$\frac{Sp(n+1)}{U(n+1)}$	$\mathbb{C}P^n$	$\frac{Sp(n)}{U(n)}$	Veronese
$Gr_2^+(\mathbb{R}^{n+2}) := \frac{SO(n+2)}{T^1 \cdot SO(n)}$	$Gr_2^+(\mathbb{R}^n)$	$\frac{U(2)}{U(1)}$	Quadrics
$\frac{SO(2n)}{U(n)}$	$Gr_2(\mathbb{C}^n)$	$\frac{SO(2(n-2))}{U(n-2)}$	Plücker
$Gr_a(\mathbb{C}^{a+b}) := \frac{SU(a+b)}{S(U(a) \times U(b))}$	$\mathbb{C}P^{a-1} \times \mathbb{C}P^{b-1}$	$\frac{SU(a+b-2)}{S(U(a-1) \times U(b-1))}$	Segre

The space in the third column is the Hermitian symmetric space whose isotropy representation gives the normal holonomy action

**Note:** the two exceptional spaces and the quadrics  $Q_n$ ,  $n \notin \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10\}$  are not in the third column



#### 4.1 An extrinsic Berger type theorem; [CDO11]

**Theorem 2** *The normal holonomy group of a complete irreducible and full immersed complex submanifold of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  acts transitively on the unit sphere of the normal space. Indeed,  $\Phi^\perp = U(k)$ , where  $k$  is the codimension of the submanifold.*

**Theorem 1** *Let  $M$  be a full and complete complex projective submanifold of  $\mathbb{C}P^n$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1) *The normal holonomy is not transitive on the unit sphere of the normal space (i.e., different from  $U(k)$ ,  $k = \text{codim}(M)$ , since it is an  $s$ -representation).*
- (2)  *$M$  is the complex orbit, in the complex projective space, of the isotropy representation of an irreducible Hermitian symmetric space of rank greater or equal to 3.*

$$\underbrace{CS_1} \subset \underbrace{CS_2} \subset \dots \subset CS_r \subset G/K$$

## 5 NHT $\mathbb{C}P^n$ : work with F. Vittono. [DV17]

**Theorem 1.** Let  $M \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  be a full and irreducible complex submanifold (non necessarily complete w.r.t. the induced metric of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ). Let  $Hol^*(M, \nabla^\perp)$  be the restricted normal holonomy group of  $M$ . If the action of  $Hol^*(M, \nabla^\perp)$  is non-transitive on the unit sphere of the normal space then there exists an irreducible bounded symmetric domain  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  (realized as a circled domain) such that  $M$  is an open subset of the smooth part of the Mok's characteristic cone  $CS^j(D)$  for  $1 \leq j < \text{rank}(D) - 1$ .

Conversely, for any irreducible bounded symmetric domain  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ , the restricted normal holonomy group of an open subset of the smooth part of the cone  $CS^j(D)$  for  $1 \leq j < \text{rank}(D) - 1$  acts irreducibly but non-transitively on the unit sphere of each normal space.

### DEFINITION 1

Let  $1 \leq k \leq r(\Omega)$  and let  $\mathcal{S}_{k,x}$  denote  $\{[\xi] : \xi \in T_x(\Omega) \text{ and } 1 \leq r(\xi) \leq k\}$ . We call  $\mathcal{S}_{k,x}(\Omega) \subset \mathbb{P}T_x(X)$  the  $k$ -th characteristic projective subvariety at  $x \in \Omega$ . The union  $\mathcal{S}_k(\Omega) := \bigcup_{x \in \Omega} \mathcal{S}_{k,x} \subset \mathbb{P}T(\Omega)$  is called the  $k$ -th characteristic bundle over  $\Omega$ . The quotient  $\mathcal{S}_k(\Omega)/\Gamma$  (noting that  $\mathcal{S}_k(\Omega)$  is invariant under the standard action of  $\Gamma$ ), written  $\mathcal{S}_k(X)$ , is called the  $k$ -th characteristic bundle over  $X$ .

[Mok89, page 252]

Bounded  
domain  
in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  whi  
Symm.  
Circle  $r_{2n}$



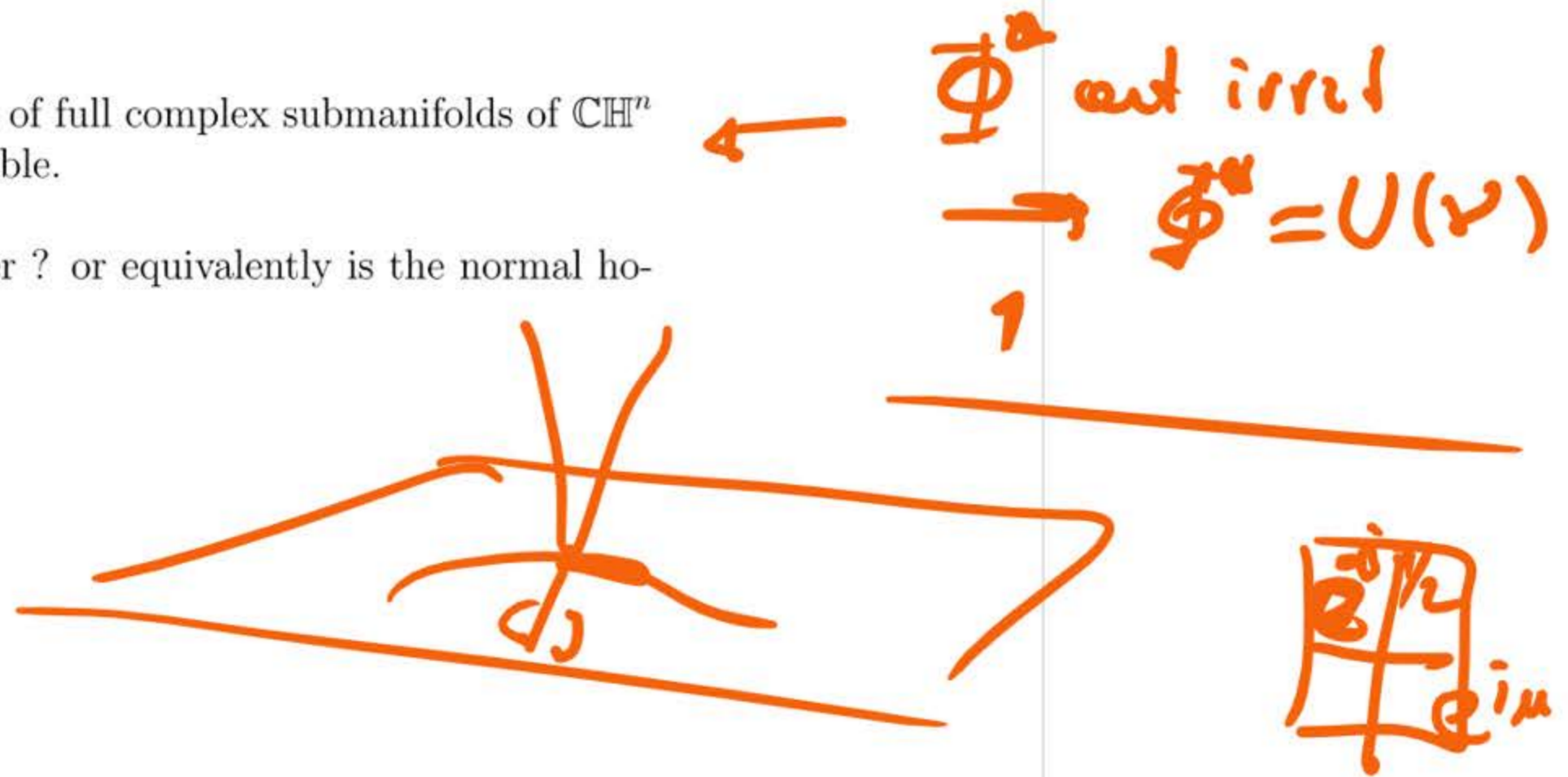


## 6 Two open problems.

For complex submanifolds of  $\mathbb{C}H^n$  the conjecture is that if the normal holonomy is irreducible but non transitive then must be the full unitary group of the normal space.

→ We remark that there are examples of full complex submanifolds of  $\mathbb{C}H^n$  whose normal holonomy is not irreducible.

→ Is the invariant  $\mu$  a rational number? or equivalently is the normal holonomy a compact Lie group?





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