

Integrable Surface Classes and Primitive Harmonic Maps from Riemann Surfaces to k -Symmetric Spaces via Loop Groups

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We will discuss the following topics:

- Surfaces, Gauss maps, Associated Families
- the Loop Group Method for Harmonic Maps
- Some Applications to Surface Theory

The 6 types of surfaces mentioned in this talk will be

- CMC surfaces in \mathbb{R}^3
- spacelike CMC surfaces in Minkowski space $\mathbb{R}^{2,1}$
- CMC surfaces in \mathbb{H}^3 , case $0 < H < 1$
- minimal Lagrangian surfaces in $\mathbb{C}P^2$
- minimal surfaces in Nil_3
- Willmore surfaces in S^{m+2}

I will talk **exclusively** about surfaces which can be described best in conformal coordinates.

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Surface classes and harmonic Gauss maps: 2

Consider the following situation for spacelike surfaces in $\mathbb{R}^{2,1}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^{1,2} & & \\ \uparrow f & & \\ \mathbb{D} & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{G}_f} & \mathbb{H}^2 = Sl(2, \mathbb{R})/SO(2) \end{array}$$

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Theorem (T.K.Milnor)

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Theorem (T.Ishihara)

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Theorem (H.Ma-Y.Ma)

f is a minimal Lagrangian surface in $\mathbb{C}P^2 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{G}_f$ is harmonic

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Theorem (B.Daniel)

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Consider the following situation for surfaces in S^{n+2} :

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Theorem (Blaschke, Bryant, Eijiri, Rigoli)

f is a Willmore immersion into $S^{n+2} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{G}_f$ is harmonic

Harmonic maps from Riemann surfaces to k -symmetric spaces: harmonic maps

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(M, g) Riemannian manifold w.l.g. orientable

(\hat{M}, \hat{g}) pseudo-Riemannian manifold

$N : M \rightarrow \hat{M}$ differentiable map

Then the map N is called harmonic iff for all domains $\mathcal{D} \subset M$ with compact closure and all variations N_t of N with compact support in \mathcal{D} we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} E(N_t, \mathcal{D})|_{t=0} = 0,$$

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Theorem

If $\dim M = 2$, then w.l.g. \mathcal{D} an open subset of \mathbb{C} with euclidean metric.

k -symmetric spaces

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infinitesimally

- 1 $\mathfrak{g} = Lie(G)$
- 2 $\mathfrak{k} = Lie(K)$
- 3 $\mathfrak{g}^{\mathbb{C}} = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \mathfrak{g}_j^{\mathbb{C}}$, $\mathfrak{g}_j^{\mathbb{C}}$ an eigenspace of $d\tau \equiv \tau$,
- 4 $\mathfrak{g}_0^{\mathbb{C}} = \mathfrak{k}^{\mathbb{C}}$, $\mathfrak{m}^{\mathbb{C}} = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \mathfrak{g}_j^{\mathbb{C}}$,
- 5 $\mathfrak{g}_0 = \mathfrak{k}$, $\mathfrak{m} = (\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \mathfrak{g}_j^{\mathbb{C}}) \cap \mathfrak{g}$, $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{m}$

Harmonic $N : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow G/K$: general case

Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & G \\ & \nearrow F & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{D} & \xrightarrow{N} & G/K \end{array}$$

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and decompose into $(1, 0)$ -part and $(0, 1)$ -part

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- $d\alpha'_{\mathfrak{m}} + [\alpha_{\mathfrak{k}} \wedge \alpha'_{\mathfrak{m}}] = d\alpha''_{\mathfrak{m}} + [\alpha_{\mathfrak{k}} \wedge \alpha''_{\mathfrak{m}}] = -\frac{1}{2}[\alpha'_{\mathfrak{m}} \wedge \alpha''_{\mathfrak{m}}]|_{\mathfrak{m}}$
- $d\alpha_{\mathfrak{k}} + \frac{1}{2}[\alpha_{\mathfrak{k}} \wedge \alpha_{\mathfrak{k}}] + [\alpha'_{\mathfrak{m}} \wedge \alpha''_{\mathfrak{m}}]|_{\mathfrak{k}} = 0$

Primitive Harmonic Maps

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- 2 $d\alpha_{\mathfrak{k}} + \frac{1}{2}[\alpha_{\mathfrak{k}} \wedge \alpha_{\mathfrak{k}}] + [\alpha'_m \wedge \alpha''_m]|_{\mathfrak{k}} = 0$

Theorem

Assume G/K is symmetric or, more generally, we have $\alpha'_m \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$.

Then $\alpha''_m \in \mathfrak{g}_{+1}$ and putting $\alpha_{\lambda} = \lambda^{-1}\alpha'_m + \alpha_{\mathfrak{k}} + \lambda\alpha''_m$ we obtain:

N is harmonic if and only if $d\alpha_{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}[\alpha_{\lambda} \wedge \alpha_{\lambda}] = 0$ for all $\lambda \in S^1$.

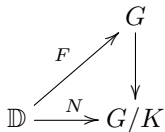
Definition

A harmonic map is called primitive harmonic, iff $\alpha'_m \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$.

Primitive harmonic maps and extended frames

Assume $N : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow G/K$ is primitive harmonic.

Recall



Recall $\alpha = F^{-1}dF$ and $\alpha_\lambda = \lambda^{-1}\alpha'_m + \alpha_\mathfrak{k} + \lambda\alpha''_m$

Assuming primitive harmonic, i.e. $\alpha'_m \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$.

We have (equivalently) the integrability condition

$$d\alpha_\lambda + \frac{1}{2}[\alpha_\lambda \wedge \alpha_\lambda] = 0$$

Theorem

If $N : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow G/K$ is primitive harmonic, then there exists an

S^1 -family of harmonic maps N_λ

with frames F_λ satisfying $F_\lambda^{-1}dF_\lambda = \alpha_\lambda$ and $N_\lambda \equiv F_\lambda \pmod{K}$.

The "associated family"

F_λ is called **extended frame**.

Construction of harmonic maps from extended frames

Theorem

Conversely, consider some family of *integrable* differential one-forms $\alpha_\lambda = \lambda^{-1}\alpha'_{-1} + \alpha_\natural + \lambda\alpha''_1$ on \mathbb{D} and the corresponding frames F_λ satisfying $\alpha_\lambda = F_\lambda^{-1}dF_\lambda$.

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UPSHOT:

primitive harmonic maps $\mathbb{D} \rightarrow G/K$

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integrable differential one forms $\alpha_\lambda = \lambda^{-1}\alpha'_{-1} + \alpha_\mathfrak{k} + \lambda\alpha''_1$ on \mathbb{D}

with values in $\Lambda\mathfrak{g}_\sigma$. "twisted loops in \mathfrak{g} "

Let f be an immersion of one of the six integrable surface classes discussed above.

For each of the surface types under consideration one has a so-called "**Hopf differential**". This is a differential r -form:

- 1 CMC surface in \mathbb{R}^3 : quadratic holomorphic differential
- 2 spacelike CMC surface in $R^{1,2}$: quadratic holomorphic differential
- 3 CMC surface in \mathbb{H}^3 : quadratic holomorphic differential
- 4 minimal Lagrangian surface in $\mathbb{C}P^2$: cubic holomorphic differential
- 5 minimal surfaces in Nil_3 : quadratic holomorphic differential
- 6 Willmore surfaces in S^{n+2} : real analytic quadratic differential

For each of the surface types $\rightsquigarrow S^1$ -family of surfaces of the same type **the associated family**. If κ denotes the Hopf differential of f , then the associated family f_λ is essentially determined by the **Hopf differential**
 $\kappa_\lambda = \lambda^{-2}\kappa$

The associated family will be denoted by \mathbf{f}_λ or $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z}, \lambda)$ etc. One has, moreover, $f = f_{\lambda=1}$

Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & Y & \\
 & \uparrow & \\
 \mathbb{D} & \xrightarrow{F_\lambda} & \Lambda G_\sigma \\
 & \searrow \mathcal{G}_f^\lambda & \downarrow \\
 & G/K &
 \end{array}$$

where

- \mathcal{G}_f^λ is the "Gauss type map" of f_λ
- ΛG_σ is the **group of loops** in G , i.e. all maps $S^1 \rightarrow G$ with some topology and some **twisting**.
- $\Lambda G_\sigma \rightarrow G/K$ is, for fixed λ , the natural projection $g \rightarrow g(\lambda) \text{ mod } K$
- F_λ is the **natural lift** of \mathcal{G}_f^λ and is called the **extended frame** of f .

Recall: the homogeneous spaces G/K are k -symmetric spaces in general.

Extended Frames: Integrable Surface Point of View: 3 : Sym formulas

We want to complete the surface diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & & \Lambda G_\sigma \\ f_\lambda \uparrow & \nearrow F_\lambda & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{D} & \xrightarrow{g_f^\lambda} & G/K \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xleftarrow{\mathcal{S}(F_\lambda^\mathcal{G})} & \Lambda G_\sigma \\ f_\mathcal{G} \uparrow & \nearrow F_\lambda^\mathcal{G} & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{D} & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{G}} & G/H \end{array}$$

where we look for some **Sym formula** $\mathcal{S}(F_\lambda^\mathcal{G})$

This means:

- start from some (λ -dependent) primitive harmonic map $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_\lambda$ into G/H
- lift to the extended frame $F_\lambda^\mathcal{G} : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Lambda G_\sigma$
- apply the Sym formula
- obtain a surface of the desired type

Sym formulas: a survey

Sym formulas are known in all the six surface types discussed so far.

① CMC in \mathbb{R}^3

Bobenko

$$f_{\mathcal{G}} = \mathcal{S}(F_{\lambda}) = i\lambda\partial_{\lambda}F_{\lambda} \cdot F_{\lambda}^{-1} + F_{\lambda} \frac{i}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} F_{\lambda}^{-1}$$

② spacelike CMC in $\mathbb{R}^{1,2}$

Taniguchi

$$f_{\mathcal{G}} = \mathcal{S}(F_{\lambda}) = i\lambda\partial_{\lambda}F_{\lambda} \cdot F_{\lambda}^{-1} - F_{\lambda} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} F_{\lambda}^{-1}$$

③ CMC in \mathbb{H}^3

Bobenko

$$f_{\mathcal{G}} = \mathcal{S}(F_{\lambda}^{\mathcal{G}}) = F_{\lambda} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{q}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\frac{q}{2}} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \bar{F}_{\lambda}^t$$

④ minimal Lagrangian in $\mathbb{C}P^2$

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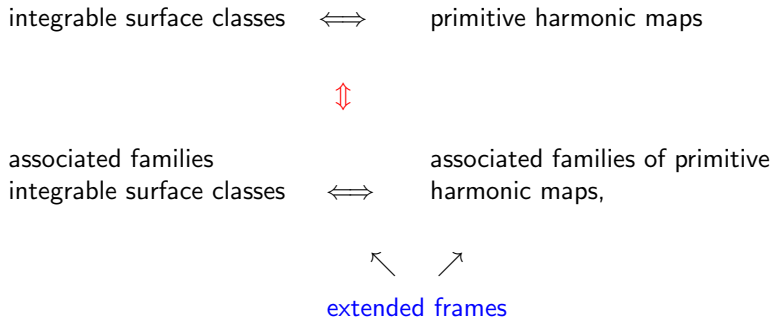
⑤ **minimal in Nil_3

Cartier

⑥ **Willmore surfaces in S^{n+2}

Dorfmeister-Peng Wang

Summing up so far



How to construct all extended frames:

The loop group method: primitive harmonic \rightsquigarrow potential

η will be called a "holomorphic potential"

$$\eta = C^{-1}dC = \lambda^{-1}\eta_{-1} + \lambda^0\eta_0 + \lambda^1\eta_1 + \dots \in \Lambda \mathfrak{g}_\sigma^{\mathbb{C}},$$

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$C(z, \lambda)$ holomorphic extended frame

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decompose $F_\lambda = CV_+$, with C holomorphic in $z \in \mathbb{D}$ and V_+ holomorphic in λ for $|\lambda| < 1$

(The matrix V_+ is a global solution to some $\bar{\partial}$ -problem on \mathbb{D} .)

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$$F_\lambda : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Lambda G_\sigma$$

Consider the extended frame F_λ of f .

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$f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow Y$ Let's start from some surface

$N : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow G/K$ Let's start from some primitive harmonic map.

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The loop group method: potential \rightsquigarrow primitive harmonic

Let's start from some "holomorphic potential" ξ

$$\xi = \lambda^{-1}\xi_{-1} + \lambda^0\xi_0 + \lambda^1\xi_1 + \dots \in \Lambda \mathfrak{g}_\sigma^{\mathbb{C}}$$

\Downarrow

$C(z, \lambda)$ "holomorphic extended frame", solution to the ODE $dC = C\xi$.

\Downarrow

Decompose $C = F_\lambda \cdot (V_+)^{-1}$. This is a **at least locally** an "Iwasawa splitting" = infinite dimensional "Gram-Schmidt" procedure

\Downarrow

$$F_\lambda : \mathbb{D}^* \rightarrow \Lambda G_\sigma$$

Extended frame of the primitive harmonic map

$$N_\lambda : \mathbb{D}^* \rightarrow G/K \text{ given by } N_\lambda \equiv F_\lambda \pmod{K}.$$

Combining both directions

Primitive Harmonic \Rightarrow Potential

$$\eta = C^{-1}dC = \lambda^{-1}\eta_{-1} + \lambda^0\eta_0 + \lambda^1\eta_1 + \dots$$

"holomorphic potential"

\Uparrow

$C(z, \lambda)$ hol. extended frame

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$$F_\lambda = CV_+,$$

C holomorphic in z

V_+ holomorphic for $|\lambda| < 1$.

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$F_\lambda : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Lambda G_\sigma$ extended frame

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Consider $N : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow G/K$ primitive harmonic

Potential \Rightarrow Primitive Harmonic

$$\xi = \lambda^{-1}\xi_{-1} + \lambda^0\xi_0 + \lambda^1\xi_1 + \dots$$

"holomorphic potential"

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Solve the ODE $dC = C\xi$.

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$$C = F_\lambda \cdot (V_+)^{-1}.$$

Iwasawa splitting \leftrightarrow Gram-Schmidt

\Downarrow

$F_\lambda : \mathbb{D}^* \rightarrow \Lambda G_\sigma$ extended frame

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$N_\lambda \equiv F_\lambda \pmod{K}$
primitive harmonic

Remarks about general $N : M \rightarrow G/K$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{D} & & \\ \downarrow \tilde{\pi} & \searrow \tilde{N} & \\ M & \xrightarrow{N} & G/K \end{array}$$

Theorem

Let M be a non-compact Riemann surface with universal cover \mathbb{D} and G/K a k -symmetric space.

Let $N : M \rightarrow G/K$ be a primitive harmonic map and $\tilde{N} : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow G/K$ its lift.

Then \tilde{N} can be derived from some *invariant holomorphic potential* η on \mathbb{D}

$$\gamma^* \eta = \eta \text{ for all } \gamma \in \pi_1(M)$$

About the construction of primitive harmonic maps: 1

Step 1: Choose some **invariant holomorphic potential** η on \mathbb{D} ,
i.e. we know $\gamma^*\eta = \eta$ for all $\gamma \in \pi_1(M)$.

Step 2: Solve the ODE $dC = C\eta$

Lemma

- (1) $\gamma^*C(z, \lambda) = \rho(\gamma, \lambda)C(z, \lambda)$ for all $\gamma \in \pi_1(M)$.
- (2) $\rho(-, \lambda) : \pi_1(M) \rightarrow \Lambda G_\sigma^{\mathbb{C}}$ is a homomorphism of groups

Step 3: Decompose $C = FV_+$.

Lemma

For all $\gamma \in \pi_1(M)$
 $\gamma^*F(z, \bar{z}, \lambda) = \rho(\gamma, \lambda)F(z, \bar{z}, \lambda) \iff \rho(\gamma, \lambda) \in \Lambda G_\sigma$

Theorem

Assume M non-compact and

- 1 η holomorphic potential defined on \mathbb{D}
- 2 $\gamma^*\eta = \eta$ for all $\gamma \in \pi_1(M)$.
- 3 $\gamma^*C(z, \lambda) = \rho(\gamma, \lambda)C(z, \lambda)$ and $\rho(\gamma, \lambda) \in \Lambda G_\sigma$ for all $\gamma \in \pi_1(M)$.

Decomposing $C = FV_+$ and putting $\tilde{N} \equiv F \pmod{K}$ we obtain the primitive harmonic map $\tilde{N} : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow G/K$ defined by η .

It satisfies

$$\gamma^*\tilde{N}(z, \bar{z}, \lambda) = \rho(\gamma, \lambda)\tilde{N}(z, \bar{z}, \lambda) \text{ for all } \gamma \in \pi_1(M) .$$

Moreover,

\tilde{N} descends (say for $\lambda = 1$) to a primitive harmonic map $N : M \rightarrow G/K$

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$\rho(\gamma, \lambda = 1)$ is in the center of G .

Some Applications to minimal Lagrangian surfaces in $\mathbb{C}P^2$

- alternative and simplified proof for a result of Costa and Urbano on translationally equivariant minimal Lagrangian immersions ,
 $f(z + t) = g_t f(z)$. (Explicit formulas involving elliptic functions.)
- new examples of generalized equivariant surfaces
(metric is a solution to Painleve $PIII(D_7)$)
- construction of all minimal Lagrangian surfaces possessing finite order symmetries around a fixed point
- construction of all minimal immersions with translational symmetry:
 $f(z + 1) = g \cdot f(z)$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$
- Any minimal Lagrangian immersion $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^2$ which is rotationally equivariant, $f(e^{ict} z) = g_t f(z)$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$, is totally geodesic in $\mathbb{C}P^2$.
- construction of a minimal Lagrangian trinoid with equivariant cylindrical ends

Some Applications to Willmore surfaces in S^{n+2}

- singling out those conformally harmonic maps which occur as Gauss type maps of Willmore immersions
- characterizing those potentials which produce Willmore two-spheres
- constructing explicit, new, Willmore two-spheres

As an example, here is a new, unbranched, non-S-Willmore Willmore two-sphere in S^6 .

This is a counterexample to a conjecture of Eijiri, 1988, LMS Proceedings

Explicit example of a Willmore two-sphere in S^6

After projectivization, the family x_λ , $\lambda \in S^1$,

$$x_\lambda = \frac{1}{\left(1 + r^2 + \frac{5r^4}{4} + \frac{4r^6}{9} + \frac{r^8}{36}\right)} \begin{pmatrix} \left(1 - r^2 - \frac{3r^4}{4} + \frac{4r^6}{9} - \frac{r^8}{36}\right) \\ -i \left(z - \bar{z}\right) \left(1 + \frac{r^6}{9}\right) \\ \left(z + \bar{z}\right) \left(1 + \frac{r^6}{9}\right) \\ -i \left(\lambda^{-1} z^2 - \lambda \bar{z}^2\right) \left(1 - \frac{r^4}{12}\right) \\ \left(\lambda^{-1} z^2 + \lambda \bar{z}^2\right) \left(1 - \frac{r^4}{12}\right) \\ -i \frac{r^2}{2} \left(\lambda^{-1} z - \lambda \bar{z}\right) \left(1 + \frac{4r^2}{3}\right) \\ \frac{r^2}{2} \left(\lambda^{-1} z + \lambda \bar{z}\right) \left(1 + \frac{4r^2}{3}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

with $r = |z|$, $x_1 = x_\lambda|_{\lambda=1}$, yields an

associated family of Willmore two-spheres in S^6 which is full, non S-Willmore, and totally isotropic.

In particular,

x_λ does not have any branch points.