

## Sasaki-Einstein Metrics on $S^2 \times S^3$

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**Abstract.** In [9], Boyer and Galicki introduced a contact reduction method in the context of Sasakian manifolds, which produces 5-dimensional Sasaki-Einstein manifolds from a 7-sphere. In this paper, we compute very explicitly the metric obtained from the above mentioned reduction via a projection,  $S^3 \times S^3 \rightarrow S^2 \times S^3$ , and show that this metric is the homogeneous Kobayashi-Tanno metric.

### 1. Introduction

Reduction techniques in symplectic geometry, such as Marsden and Ratiu [1], have natural analogues in the context of contact geometry. Depending on the geometric situation, various specializations have been considered in the literature, such as the Sasakian case by Geiges [2], Grantcharov and Ornea [3]. Later on the Sasaki-Einstein case, by Boyer and Galicki in [9]. In the latter approach (on which this paper is based) the authors constructed a 5-dimensional Sasaki-Einstein manifold by means of a  $S^1$  reduction of the zero set of a moment map defined on  $S^7$ .

In this paper, we explicitized the above construction, and compute explicitly the reduced metric on the reduced space by means of a projection from the zero set to the reduced space, which is diffeomorphic to  $S^2 \times S^3$ . More precisely, we consider the following moment map on  $\mathbf{C}^4$ ,

$$\mu(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) := |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 - |z_3|^2 - |z_4|^2,$$

with the associated  $U(1)$  action,

$$(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \mapsto (e^{i\theta} z_1, e^{i\theta} z_2, e^{-i\theta} z_3, e^{-i\theta} z_4) \quad (\theta \in \mathbf{R}),$$

and we show that  $\mu^{-1}(0)|_{S^7}$  is diffeomorphic to  $S^3 \times S^3$ . Using this identification, we define a smooth projection  $\pi$  from  $S^3 \times S^3$  to  $(\mu^{-1}(0)|_{S^7})/S^1$  (see §4):

$$\pi(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) := (2z_1\bar{z}_2, |z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2, z_1z_3 + \bar{z}_2\bar{z}_4, z_2z_3 - \bar{z}_1\bar{z}_4).$$

Later in §4, we show that this image is diffeomorphic to  $S^2 \times S^3$ . We notice that a  $SU(2) \times SU(2)$  acts on  $S^3 \times S^3$  naturally from the left, which gives  $\pi$  is an equivariant map, that is,  $S^2 \times S^3$  becomes a homogeneous space by this action. We then define an inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_o$  on  $T_o(S^2 \times S^3)$  ( $o = (0, 0, -1, 1, 0, 0, 0)$ ) and extend it to any point  $x$  as follows

$$\langle u, v \rangle_x := \langle dk^{-1}(u), dk^{-1}(v) \rangle_o \quad (u, v \in T_x(S^2 \times S^3))$$

where  $k$  is a  $(SU(2) \times SU(2))/U(1)$  free action such that  $x = k \cdot o$ . This is a representation of the metric named the homogeneous Kobayashi-Tanno metric [10], [11]. Our main result (Theorem 4.1) is an explicit calculation of the metric.

### 2. Sasaki-Einstein manifolds

In this section, we recall the definition of a Sasaki-Einstein manifold [9].

DEFINITION 2.1. A Sasakian manifold is a  $(2n - 1)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  whose metric cone  $(C(M), r^2g + dr^2, J)$  is a Kähler manifold, where  $C(M) := M \times \mathbf{R}_+ = \{(x, r) \mid x \in M, r \in \mathbf{R}_+\}$ .

Now we check if there exists a complex structure on  $C(M)$ . There is a contact metric structure  $(\Phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on Sasakian  $M$  where  $\Phi$  is a field of endomorphisms of  $TM$ ,  $\xi$  is a Killing vector field and  $\eta$  is a 1-form satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(\xi) &= 1, \\ \Phi^2 &= -I + \eta \otimes \xi. \end{aligned}$$

We denote a vector field on  $C(M)$  by  $(X, f \frac{\partial}{\partial r})$  where  $X$  is tangent to  $M$  and  $f$  is a  $C^\infty$  function on  $C(M)$ . Then we define a field of endomorphisms of  $TC(M)$  by

$$J \left( X, f \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) := \left( \Phi X - f\xi, \eta(X) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right).$$

It is easy to check that  $J^2 = -I$ . Since  $J$  is integrable [8], it follows that  $J$  is a complex structure on  $C(M)$ .

DEFINITION 2.2. A Sasaki-Einstein manifold is a  $(2n - 1)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  whose metric cone  $(C(M), r^2g + dr^2, J)$  is a Ricci-flat (i.e. Ricci curvature = 0) Kähler manifold.

We recall the definition of Ricci curvature;

$$Ric(X, Y) := Tr(Z \rightarrow R(Z, X)Y)$$

where  $R$  is the curvature tensor of the metric  $r^2g + dr^2$ ,

$$R(Z, X)Y := \nabla_Z \nabla_X Y - \nabla_X \nabla_Z Y - \nabla_{[Z, X]} Y.$$

Note that  $R$  is a tri-linear map, and  $\text{Tr}'$  is the trace of the linear map  $Z \rightarrow R(Z, X)Y$  for any given  $X$  and  $Y$ .

EXAMPLE 2.3. An odd-dimensional sphere  $S^{2n-1}$  with induced metric  $g_0$  from  $\mathbf{C}^n$  is Sasaki-Einstein, as its cone  $(C(S^{2n-1}), r^2g_0 + dr^2)$  is isometric to  $(\mathbf{C}^n, g_{std.})$ , where  $g_{std.}$  is the standard Ricci-flat Kähler metric on  $\mathbf{C}^n$ .

### 3. Sasakian reduction by Boyer and Galicki

In this section, we recall the special Sasakian reduction constructed by Boyer and Galicki in [9]. In particular, they focus on  $n = 4$  case.

DEFINITION 3.1. Let  $p, q \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$  be coprime and  $p > q$ , or  $p = 1, q = 0$ . We define a moment map  $\mu_{p,q} : \mathbf{C}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  as follows

$$\mu_{p,q}(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) := p|z_1|^2 + p|z_2|^2 - (p - q)|z_3|^2 - (p + q)|z_4|^2,$$

and  $S^1_{p,q}$  is the associated  $S^1$  action on  $(\mathbf{C}^*)^4$ ,

$$(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \mapsto (z_1 e^{ip\theta}, z_2 e^{ip\theta}, z_3 e^{-i(p-q)\theta}, z_4 e^{-i(p+q)\theta}).$$

THEOREM 3.2. We set an inclusion  $\iota$  and a projection  $\pi$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \iota : \mu_{p,q}^{-1}(0)|_{S^7} &\hookrightarrow S^7 \\ \pi : \mu_{p,q}^{-1}(0)|_{S^7} &\rightarrow (\mu_{p,q}^{-1}(0)|_{S^7})/S^1_{p,q}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have the following:

1.  $\mu_{p,q}^{-1}(0)|_{S^7}$  is diffeomorphic to  $S^3 \times S^3$ .
2.  $(\mu_{p,q}^{-1}(0)|_{S^7})/S^1_{p,q}$  is diffeomorphic to  $S^2 \times S^3$ .
3. There is a Sasaki-Einstein metric  $g_{p,q}$  on  $(\mu_{p,q}^{-1}(0)|_{S^7})/S^1_{p,q}$  satisfying  $\iota^*g_0 = \pi^*g_{p,q}$  where  $g_0$  is the induced metric on  $S^7$  from  $\mathbf{C}^4$  (Example 2.3).

### 4. Computing the case of $p = 1, q = 0$

Let us restrict our attention for the case of  $p = 1$  and  $q = 0$ , and consider the zero level set

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{1,0}^{-1}(0)|_{S^7} &= \left\{ (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \in S^7; |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 = |z_3|^2 + |z_4|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \right\} \\ &= S^3\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^3\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

For any point in  $\mu_{1,0}^{-1}(0) \subset S^3 \times S^3$ , we identify  $S^3$  and  $SU(2)$  as follows:

$$(z_1, z_2) \in S^3 \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & -\bar{z}_2 \\ \bar{z}_2 & \bar{z}_1 \end{pmatrix} \in SU(2).$$

The reduced space  $S^3 \times S^3/S^1$  is diffeomorphic to  $S^2 \times S^3$  with a projection  $\pi$  defined by,

$$\pi(h_1, h_2) := ([h_1], h_1 {}^t h_2)$$

where  $h_1, h_2 \in SU(2)$  and  $[\cdot]$  is the equivalence class  $\sim$  given by

$$h_1 \sim h_2 \Leftrightarrow h_2 = h_1 \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\theta} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\theta} \end{pmatrix}.$$

This equivalence relation is the same as in the definition of the projective space  $CP^1$ . In complex coordinates,  $\pi$  is given explicitly by

$$\pi(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) := (2z_1\bar{z}_2, |z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2, z_1z_3 + \bar{z}_2\bar{z}_4, z_2z_3 - \bar{z}_1\bar{z}_4).$$

Then we have a left  $SU(2) \times SU(2)$  action  $\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2)$  on  $S^3 \times S^3$ ,

$$\phi(h_1, h_2) := (\phi_1 h_1, \phi_2 h_2) \quad (\phi_1, \phi_2 \in SU(2)).$$

Let us define a  $(SU(2) \times SU(2))/U(1)$  action  $\tilde{\phi} = ([\tilde{\phi}_1], \tilde{\phi}_2)$  on  $S^2 \times S^3$  as follows

$$\tilde{\phi}([h_1], h_1 {}^t h_2) := ([\tilde{\phi}_1 h_1], \tilde{\phi}_1 h_1 {}^t h_2 {}^t \tilde{\phi}_2) \quad (\tilde{\phi}_1, \tilde{\phi}_2 \in SU(2)),$$

such that  $\phi$  induces  $\tilde{\phi}$ , and  $\pi$  is  $(\phi, \tilde{\phi})$ -equivariant:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^3 \times S^3 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & S^3 \times S^3 \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ S^2 \times S^3 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\phi}} & S^2 \times S^3. \end{array}$$

Since  $S^2 \times S^3$  is a homogeneous space for  $(SU(2) \times SU(2))/U(1)$ , we can define an inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_o$  on  $T_o(S^2 \times S^3)$ , where  $o$  is written with an unit matrix  $I_2$ ,

$$o := (0, 0, -1, 1, 0, 0, 0) = ([I_2], I_2) = \pi(I_2, I_2) = \pi(1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0),$$

for the Sasaki-Einstein metric  $g_{1,0}$ . By Theorem 3.2, the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_o$  satisfies a condition:

$$\begin{aligned} & d\pi(\{\text{an orthonormal basis of } T_{([I_2], I_2)}(S^3 \times S^3)\}) \\ &= \{\text{an orthonormal basis of } T_o(S^2 \times S^3)\}. \end{aligned}$$

By this, if we choose  $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial s_2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial s_3}, \frac{\partial}{\partial s_4}, \frac{\partial}{\partial s_6}, \frac{\partial}{\partial s_7}, \frac{\partial}{\partial s_8} \right\}$  an orthonormal basis of  $T_{(l_2, l_2)}(S^2 \times S^3)$ , thus

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} d\pi \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_2} \right) &= d\pi \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_6} \right) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} \right)_o, & d\pi \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_3} \right) &= 2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right)_o + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} \right)_o, \\ d\pi \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_4} \right) &= 2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right)_o + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} \right)_o, & d\pi \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_7} \right) &= - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} \right)_o, & d\pi \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_8} \right) &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} \right)_o \end{aligned} \right\}$$

is an orthonormal basis of  $T_o(S^2 \times S^3)$ . Then the metric  $g_o(\cdot, \cdot) = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_o$  defined by

$$\left( \left\langle \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_o, \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right)_o \right\rangle_o \right)_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (i, j = 1, 2, 5, 6, 7).$$

Choosing the local chart  $(U_0, \psi_0)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} U_0 &= \{(x_1, \dots, x_7) \in S^2 \times S^3; x_3 < 0, x_4 > 0\}, \\ \psi_0 &: (x_1, \dots, x_7) \mapsto (x_1, x_2, x_5, x_6, x_7), \end{aligned}$$

we extend this metric to any point  $x := ([k_1], k_2)$  by another  $(SU(2) \times SU(2))/U(1)$  action on  $S^2 \times S^3$ : for  $k = (k_1, k_2)$ ,

$$k([h_1], h_2) := ([k_1 h_1], k_1 h_2 k_1^{-1} k_2),$$

noting that  $x = k \cdot o$ . We define the metric  $g$  at  $x$  by

$$g_x(u, v) := g_o(dk^{-1}(u), dk^{-1}(v)) \quad (u, v \in T_x(S^2 \times S^3)).$$

For  $y = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5, y_6, y_7) \in U_o$ , we can write  $k^{-1}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} k^{-1}(y) &= (k_1^{-1}(y), k_2^{-1}(y), k_3^{-1}(y), k_4^{-1}(y), k_5^{-1}(y), k_6^{-1}(y), k_7^{-1}(y)) \\ &= \left( \frac{(1-x_3-x_1^2)y_1 - x_1 x_2 y_1 + x_1(1-x_3)y_3}{1-x_3}, \frac{-x_1 x_2 y_1 + (1-x_3-x_1^2)y_2 + x_2(1-x_3)y_3}{1-x_3}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. -x_1 y_1 - x_2 y_2 - x_3 y_3, \frac{X_1 Y_1 + X_2 Y_2 + X_3 Y_3 + X_4 Y_4}{2(1-x_3)}, \frac{-X_2 Y_1 - X_1 Y_2 + X_4 Y_3 - X_3 Y_4}{2(1-x_3)}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{-X_3 Y_1 - X_4 Y_2 - X_1 Y_3 + X_2 Y_4}{2(1-x_3)}, \frac{-X_4 Y_1 + X_3 Y_2 - X_2 Y_3 - X_1 Y_4}{2(1-x_3)} \right), \text{ where} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= (1-x_3)x_4 + x_1 x_6 + x_2 x_7, & X_2 &= x_2 x_6 - x_1 x_7 - (1-x_3)x_5, \\ X_3 &= x_1 x_4 - x_2 x_5 - (1-x_3)x_6, & X_4 &= x_1 x_5 + x_2 x_4 - (1-x_3)x_7, \\ Y_1 &= (1-x_3)y_4 + x_1 y_6 + x_2 y_7, & Y_2 &= x_2 y_6 - x_1 y_7 - (1-x_3)y_5, \\ Y_3 &= x_1 y_4 - x_2 y_5 - (1-x_3)y_6, & Y_4 &= x_1 y_5 + x_2 y_4 - (1-x_3)y_7. \end{aligned}$$

Next we calculate  $g_x \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} \right)$ . Let us first consider the derivation  $dk^{-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} dk^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right) &= \frac{\partial k_1^{-1}}{\partial y_1}(x) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right)_o + \frac{\partial k_2^{-1}}{\partial y_1}(x) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right)_o + \frac{\partial k_5^{-1}}{\partial y_1}(x) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} \right)_o + \frac{\partial k_6^{-1}}{\partial y_1}(x) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} \right)_o + \frac{\partial k_7^{-1}}{\partial y_1}(x) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} \right)_o \\ &= \frac{x_2^2 + x_3 - 1}{x_3(1-x_3)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right)_o + \frac{-x_1 x_2}{x_3(1-x_3)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right)_o \quad \text{and} \\ dk^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} \right) &= \frac{\partial k_1^{-1}}{\partial y_5}(x) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right)_o + \frac{\partial k_2^{-1}}{\partial y_5}(x) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right)_o + \frac{\partial k_5^{-1}}{\partial y_5}(x) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} \right)_o + \frac{\partial k_6^{-1}}{\partial y_5}(x) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} \right)_o + \frac{\partial k_7^{-1}}{\partial y_5}(x) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} \right)_o \\ &= \frac{-x_3(x_4^2 + x_5^2) + x_1(x_4 x_6 + x_5 x_7) + x_2(x_4 x_7 - x_5 x_6)}{x_4} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} \right)_o \\ &\quad + \frac{(1-x_3-x_2^2)(x_5 x_6 - x_4 x_7) + (1-x_3)x_2(x_4^2 + x_5^2) + x_1 x_2(x_4 x_6 + x_5 x_7)}{(1-x_3)x_4} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} \right)_o \\ &\quad + \frac{(1-x_3-x_1^2)(x_4 x_6 + x_5 x_7) - (1-x_3)x_1(x_4^2 + x_5^2) + x_1 x_2(x_5 x_6 - x_4 x_7)}{(1-x_3)x_4} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} \right)_o. \end{aligned}$$

Then the coefficient of  $dx_1 dx_5$  and  $dx_5 dx_1$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} g_x \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} \right) &= g_0 \left( dk^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right), dk^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{-(x_1^2 + x_3^2)(x_4 x_7 - x_5 x_6) - x_2 x_3(x_4^2 + x_5^2) + x_1 x_2(x_4 x_6 + x_5 x_7)}{2x_3 x_4}. \end{aligned}$$

Also we can find the coefficient of  $dx_i dx_j$  and  $dx_j dx_i$  by calculating  $g_x \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right)$ . As the result, with the local coordinates  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_5, x_6, x_7)$  on  $U_0$ , we have the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} g_x &= \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{x_i^2 + x_3^2}{2x_3^2} dx_i^2 + \frac{x_1 x_2}{x_3^2} dx_1 dx_2 + \sum_{i=5}^7 \frac{x_4^2 + x_i^2}{x_4^2} dx_i^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{2x_5 x_6}{x_4^2} dx_5 dx_6 + \frac{2x_5 x_7}{x_4^2} dx_5 dx_7 + \frac{2x_6 x_7}{x_4^2} dx_6 dx_7 \\ &\quad + \frac{-(x_1^2 + x_3^2)(x_4 x_7 - x_5 x_6) - x_2 x_3(x_4^2 + x_5^2) + x_1 x_2(x_4 x_6 + x_5 x_7)}{x_3 x_4} dx_1 dx_5 \\ &\quad + \frac{(x_1^2 + x_3^2)(x_4^2 + x_6^2) - x_1 x_2(x_4 x_5 - x_6 x_7) - x_2 x_3(x_4 x_7 + x_5 x_6)}{x_3 x_4} dx_1 dx_6 \\ &\quad + \frac{x_1 x_2(x_4^2 + x_7^2) + (x_1^2 + x_3^2)(x_4 x_5 + x_6 x_7) + x_2 x_3(x_4 x_6 - x_5 x_7)}{x_3 x_4} dx_1 dx_7 \quad (1) \\ &\quad + \frac{x_1 x_3(x_4^2 + x_5^2) - x_1 x_2(x_4 x_7 - x_5 x_6) + (x_2^2 + x_3^2)(x_4 x_6 + x_5 x_7)}{x_3 x_4} dx_2 dx_5 \\ &\quad + \frac{x_1 x_2(x_4^2 + x_6^2) + x_1 x_3(x_4 x_7 + x_5 x_6) - (x_2^2 + x_3^2)(x_4 x_5 - x_6 x_7)}{x_3 x_4} dx_2 dx_6 \\ &\quad + \frac{(x_2^2 + x_3^2)(x_4^2 + x_7^2) + x_1 x_2(x_4 x_5 + x_6 x_7) - x_1 x_3(x_4 x_6 - x_5 x_7)}{x_3 x_4} dx_2 dx_7. \end{aligned}$$

On other open sets  $U_{i\pm j\pm}$  of  $S^2 \times S^3$  defined by for  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $j \in \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$ , i.e.

$$U_{i+j+} = \{x_i > 0, x_j > 0\}, U_{i-j+} = \{x_i < 0, x_j > 0\},$$

$$U_{i+j-} = \{x_i > 0, x_j < 0\} \text{ and } U_{i-j-} = \{x_i < 0, x_j < 0\},$$

we can calculate the metric the same way as the previous case. This is an explicit representation at  $x$  of the Sasaki-Einstein metric  $g_{1,0}$  called the homogeneous Kobayashi-Tanno metric by Boyer and Galicki in [9].

**THEOREM 4.1.** *The Sasaki-Einstein metric  $g_{1,0}$  on  $S^2 \times S^3$  at any point  $x$  is given by the formula (1).*

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