

# UNIFORM DOUBLING ON $SU(2)$ AND BEYOND

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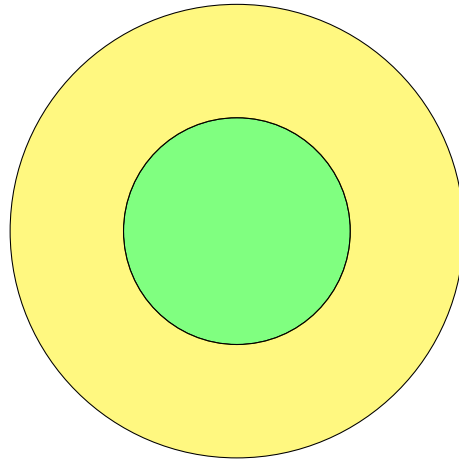
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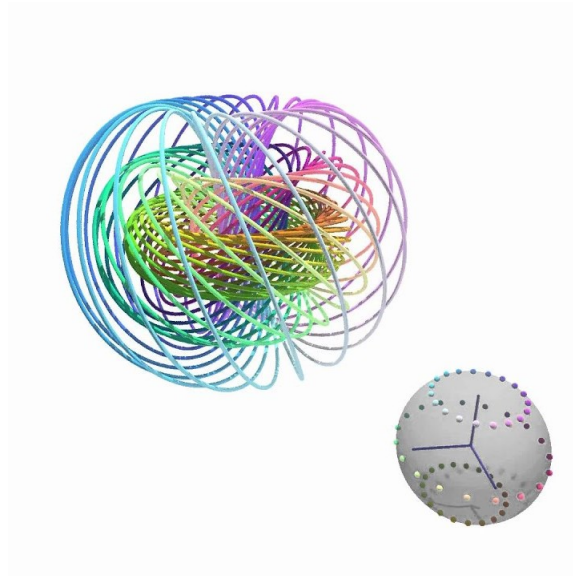
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## WHAT IS UNIFORM VOLUME DOUBLING?



- **Doubling:** the volume of a ball of radius  $2r$  can be estimated above by a constant times the volume of the concentric ball of radius  $r$ . On  $\mathbb{R}^n$  the doubling constant is  $2^n$ .

- **Uniform** might be in position scale *etc*
- We mean **uniform** over a family of metrics on a Riemannian manifold
- **Local or global**
- Does **not** hold in hyperbolic space or any fast growing volume space
- Applications to **geometric analysis**



**Hopf fibration:** <https://nilesjohnson.net/hopf.html>

# GEOMETRIC ANALYSIS

$(M, g)$  compact Riemannian manifold

$\Delta = \Delta_g$  (positive) Laplace-Beltrami operator

$\mu = \mu_g$  the Riemannian volume measure

$$\int_M u \Delta v \, d\mu_g = \int_M \langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle_g \, d\mu_g$$

spectrum  $\lambda_0 = 0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots$

$d = d_g$  diameter

$\text{Vol}_g(x, r)$   $\text{Vol}(x, r)$  volume function,  $x \in M, r > 0$

heat kernel  $h(t, x, y), t > 0, x, y \in M$

$$\partial_t u + \Delta u = 0,$$

$$u(0, y) = \delta_x$$

doubling

$$V(x, 2r) \leq D_g V(x, r)$$

spectral gap

$$\frac{a}{d^2} \leq \lambda_1 \leq \frac{A}{d^2}$$

Weyl's eigenvalue counting

$$0 < c \int_M \frac{d\mu(x)}{V(x, 1/\sqrt{t})} \leq \#\{i : \lambda_i < t\} \leq C \int_M \frac{d\mu(x)}{V(x, 1/\sqrt{t})}$$

heat kernel bounds

$$\frac{c_1}{V(x, \sqrt{t})} e^{-\frac{c_2 d^2(x,y)}{t}} \leq h(t, x, y) \leq \frac{c_3}{V(x, \sqrt{t})} e^{-\frac{c_4 d^2(x,y)}{t}}$$

- Parabolic Harnack inequality
- bounds on Riesz transforms
- $L^1$ -ergodicity lower bounds
- absolute continuity of heat kernels on infinite products of compact groups

The question is how these properties/constants depend on the metric  $g$ , since otherwise the first two questions (doubling and spectral gap) are not very interesting

**Example.** Bounded convex domains in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$D_{x,r,\Omega} := \frac{\text{Vol}(B_{\Omega}(x, 2r))}{\text{Vol}(B_{\Omega}(x, r))} \leq 2^n$$

**Example.** Flat tori of dimension  $n$

**Example.** (P. Li, S.-T. Yau)  $M^n$  compact Riemannian manifold with non-negative Ricci curvature

**Example.** Bishop–Gromov comparison theorem gives a bound for  $D_g$  in terms of dimension, diameter, and Ricci curvature lower bound



$(M_\alpha, g_\alpha)$  complete simply connected Riemannian manifolds

$$N \quad \sup_\alpha \dim M_\alpha < \infty$$

$$\text{diam}_\infty \quad \sup_\alpha \text{diam } M_\alpha < \infty$$

$$\kappa \quad \text{Ric}_{g_\alpha} \geq -\kappa g_\alpha$$

Then the doubling constant

$$D(N, \text{diam}_\infty, \kappa) := \sup_\alpha D_\alpha < \infty$$

For any  $x \in M$ ,  $x_\kappa \in M_\kappa^n$

$$\varphi(r) = \frac{\text{Vol } B(x, r)}{\text{Vol } B(x_\kappa, r)} \quad \searrow \quad \varphi(r) \xrightarrow[r \rightarrow 0]{} 1$$

$$\text{Vol } B(x, r) \leq \text{Vol } B(x_\kappa, r)$$

# COMPACT LIE GROUPS

$K$  finite-dimensional) compact connected Lie group

$\mathcal{L}(K)$  all left-invariant Riemannian metrics on  $K$

$V_g(r)$   $\text{Vol}_g(B_g(r))$

**Conjecture.** For a compact connected Lie group  $K$  there is a constant  $D(K)$  such that for any  $g \in \mathcal{L}(K)$  and all  $r > 0$  we have

$$\frac{V_g(2r)}{V_g(r)} \leq D_K$$

Consequences: uniform spectral gap, Weyl's eigenvalue counting, heat kernel bounds, Poincaré inequality, parabolic Harnack inequality etc

# THE SPECIAL UNITARY GROUP $SU(2)$

$SU(2)$  group of  $2 \times 2$  unitary matrices with determinant  $+1$

**Theorem.** The family  $\{(SU(2), g) : g \in \mathcal{L}(SU(2))\}$  is uniformly volume doubling.

**Curvature** Ricci curvatures of  $g \in \mathcal{L}(\mathrm{SU}(2))$  can be arbitrarily negative, even for a fixed diameter. Uniform doubling does not follow from Bishop–Gromov

**Geometry** sub-Riemannian, collapsing

**ball-box**

**BCDH** Baker-Campbell-Dynkin-Hausdorff formula or Rodrigues formulae

## MILNOR'S BASES

$g \in \mathcal{L}(K) \iff$  an inner product on the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{k}$

**Lemma** (Milnor 1976) For any inner product on the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$  there is an orthogonal basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  such that

$$[e_1, e_2] = e_3, [e_2, e_3] = e_1, [e_3, e_1] = e_2$$

$$g = g(a_1, a_2, a_3) \text{ with } a_i := g(e_i, e_i)$$

$$0 < a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3$$

cheap, moderate, expensive

Denote  $V_g(r) := \text{Vol}_g(B_g(r))$

**Theorem (Uniform volume estimates)** Uniformly over  $g \in \mathcal{L}(\text{SU}(2))$  we have

$$V_g(r) \asymp \begin{cases} r^3, & 0 < r \leq \frac{a_1 a_2}{a_3} & \text{Euclidean} \\ \frac{a_3}{a_1 a_2} r^4, & \frac{a_1 a_2}{a_3} < r \leq a_1 & \text{Heisenberg} \\ \frac{a_1 a_3}{a_2} r^2, & a_1 < r \leq a_2 & \text{collapse} \\ a_1 a_2 a_3, & a_2 < r < \infty & \text{up to diameter} \end{cases}$$

$\implies$  Uniform volume doubling

# GEOMETRIC INTERPRETATION OF METRICS' PARAMETRIZATION

$a_1 \sim$  length of the shortest closed geodesic

$a_2 \sim \text{diam}_g (\text{SU} (2))$

$a_1 a_2 a_3 \sim V_g (\text{SU} (2))$

$$\text{Ric}_g \gtrsim - \left( \frac{a_3}{a_1 a_2} \right)^2 g$$

$a_3 \longrightarrow \infty$  approaches a sub-Riemannian geometry

$a_1 \longrightarrow 0$  collapses to  $S^2$

# SUB-RIEMANNIAN GEOMETRY ON $SU(2)$

$\mathcal{L}_{sub}(SU(2))$  left-invariant sub-Riemannian metrics

$a_3 = \infty$  not allowed to move in  $e_3$  direction

Hörmander's bracket generating condition

metric Carnot–Carathéodory distance

measure normalized Haar measure

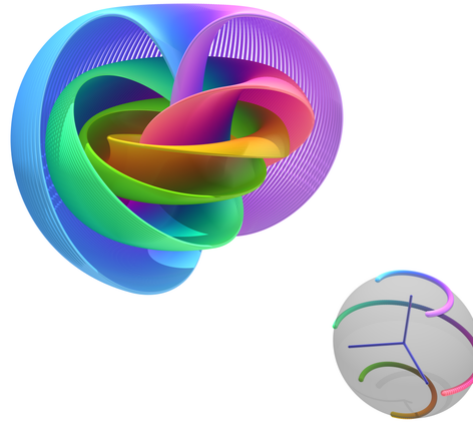
metric measure space



# WEYL'S EIGENVALUE COUNTING FUNCTION ON SU (2)

$$W(t) = \#\{i : \lambda_i < t\} \asymp \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < t \leq \frac{1}{a_2^2} \\ a_2^2 t, & \frac{1}{a_2^2} \leq t \leq \frac{1}{a_1^2} \\ a_1^2 a_2^2 t^2, & \frac{1}{a_1^2} \leq t \leq \frac{a_3^2}{a_1^2 a_2^2} \\ a_1 a_2 a_3 t^{3/2}, & \frac{a_3^2}{a_1^2 a_2^2} \leq t < \infty \end{cases}$$

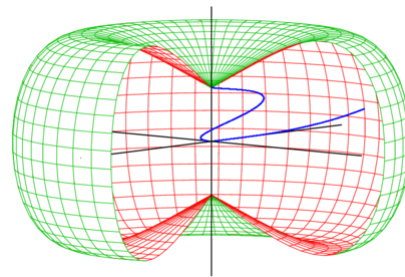
# FUTURE



Other compact connected Lie groups  $U(2)$ ,  $SU(2) \times \mathbb{T}^n$

Measure contraction property

Sub-Riemannian and metric geometry



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