

# The diastatic exponential of a symmetric space

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**Abstract:** Let  $(M, g)$  be a real analytic Kähler manifold. We say that a smooth map  $\text{Exp}_p : W \rightarrow M$  from a neighborhood  $W$  of the origin of  $T_p M$  into  $M$  is a *diastatic exponential* at  $p$  if it satisfies

$$(d\text{Exp}_p)_0 = \text{id}_{T_p M},$$

$$D_p(\text{Exp}_p(v)) = g_p(v, v), \forall v \in W,$$

where  $D_p$  is Calabi's diastasis function at  $p$  (the usual exponential  $\exp_p$  obviously satisfied these equations when  $D_p$  is replaced by the square of the geodesics distance  $d_p^2$  from  $p$ ). In this seminar we describe the diastatic exponential in the case of an Hermitian symmetric space of noncompact type.