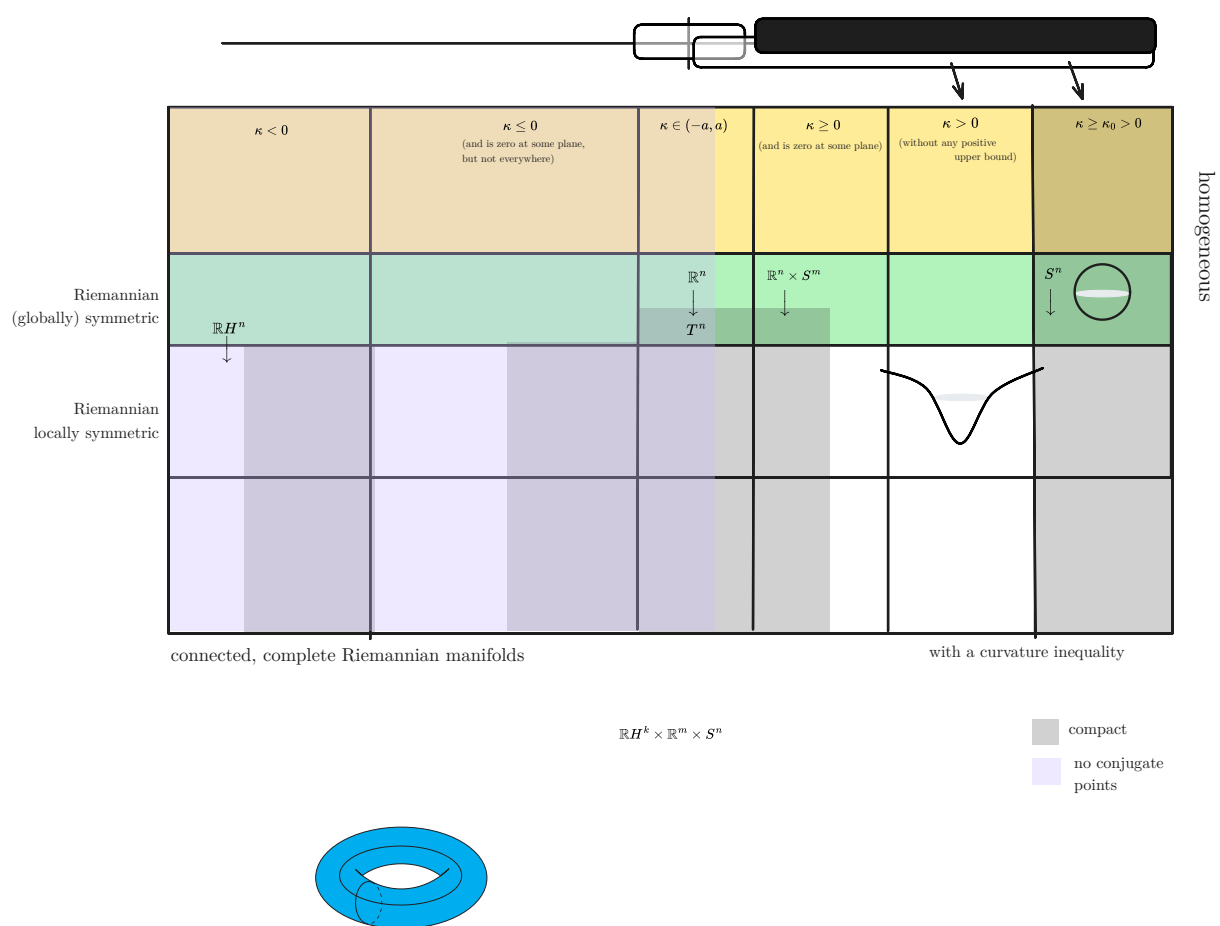


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Complete Riemannian manifolds



completeness

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 Caution

If

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is a local isometry, then it **not** guaranteed that π is a covering.

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be a Riemannian covering map between connected Riemannian manifolds. Then (M, g) is complete $\iff (X, h)$ is complete.

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- Conversely, if M is complete, lifts of geodesics on M are geodesics on X .

☰ Let (M, g) be a connected Riemannian manifold and $p \in M$. If

$$\exp_p : T_p M \rightarrow M$$

is (well-defined and) a local diffeomorphism everywhere, then $\exp_p$ is a smooth covering map.

constant curvature

(Killing-Hopf) Let (M, g) be a complete, simply connected Riemannian $n \geq 2$ -manifold with constant sectional curvature. Then M is isometric to one of

$$\mathbb{R}^n, (S^n, Rg), (\mathbb{R}H^n, Rg)$$

Corollary 12.5 (Characterization of Constant-Curvature Manifolds). *The complete, connected, n -dimensional Riemannian manifolds of constant sectional curvature are, up to isometry, exactly the Riemannian quotients of the form $\widetilde{M}/\Gamma$, where $\widetilde{M}$ is one of the constant-curvature model spaces $\mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbb{S}^n(R)$, or $\mathbb{H}^n(R)$, and Γ is a discrete subgroup of $\text{Iso}(\widetilde{M})$ that acts freely on $\widetilde{M}$.*

positive

