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On the stability of space forms

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Abstract. In this talk, we discuss stability properties of geometric structures arising in almost contact metric geometry, with a particular emphasis on space forms. We begin by examining almost contact metric manifolds that are locally conformal to almost cosymplectic manifolds, where we derive stability results for the identity map under the assumption of pointwise constant ϕ -holomorphic sectional curvature. Motivated by these findings, we then study the stability of generalized S -space forms. We establish a general stability criterion and identify conditions that lead to instability. Several consequences of these results are discussed, including applications to $f.pk$ -space forms, S -space forms, C -space forms, and Sasakian space forms. The presentation is primarily based on joint works with Cătălin Gherghe [1], J.-I. Inoguchi and C.-D. Neacșu [2].

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