

# Examples of explicit Fefferman-Graham metrics

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# Conformal structure

A *conformal structure*  $(M^n, [g])$  on an  $n = n_+ + n_-$  dimensional manifold  $M^n$  is an equivalence  $[g]$  class of  $(n_+, n_-)$ -signature metrics on  $M^n$ , such that two metrics  $g$  and  $\hat{g}$  are in the same class  $[g]$  if and only if there exists a function  $\phi$  on  $M^n$ , such that

$$\hat{g} = e^{2\phi} g.$$

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