

PREFACE

These notes contain a written version of a series of lectures on critical metrics on symplectic and contact manifolds delivered at the University of Lecce, 6-16 July 1990. The content of these lectures is a study of Riemannian metrics which are critical points of various functionals defined on various spaces of metrics, especially those associated to a symplectic or contact structure and is based for the most part on some of the author's work and joint work in this area over the last few years.

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