MAT 552

Introduction to

Lie Groups and Lie Algebras

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Riemannian case: Ric(v, v) for unit vectors v.

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$$\Leftarrow$$
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Corollary. If G is any compact Lie group for which $\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{g}) = 0$, then the fundamental group $\pi_1(G)$ is finite.