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**Complex Manifolds**

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- (b) Show that complex manifolds are oriented. (3 marks)
- (c) Let  $f_1, \dots, f_m \in \mathcal{O}_n$ , and suppose that the matrix  $\{\partial f_i / \partial z_j\}_{i=1,j=1}^{m,n}$  has rank  $m$  when  $z = 0$ . Show that the analytic set  $Z = \{f_1 = \dots = f_m = 0\}$  is irreducible in a neighborhood of the origin. (4 marks)
- (d) Prove the Inverse Function Theorem for holomorphic functions assuming the Implicit Function Theorem proved in class. (5 marks)
- (e) Let  $V_{\mathbb{R}}$  be a real vector space of dimension  $2n$ , with a complex structure  $J \in \text{End}(V_{\mathbb{R}})$  and a compatible Riemannian metric  $g$ . Prove that the decomposition  $\wedge^k V_{\mathbb{C}} = \sum_{p+q=k} V^{p,q}$  is orthogonal with respect to the induced Hermitian inner product  $h$  on  $\wedge^k V_{\mathbb{C}}$ . (5 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

2. (a) Denote by  $U_k = \{[z_0 : \dots : z_n] : z_k \neq 0\}$  the canonical covering of  $\mathbb{CP}^n$ .
- (i) Prove that  $\mathbb{CP}^n$  is simply connected. (Hint: apply the following consequence of Van Kampen's theorem to the covering  $U_k$ : Let  $X$  be a topological space. If  $A, B \subset X$  are simply connected open sets such that  $X = A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B$  non-empty and path-connected, then  $X$  is simply connected.) (6 marks)
  - (ii) Show that every holomorphic map from  $\mathbb{CP}^n$  to a complex torus must be constant. (Hint: consider the lift to the universal covers). (5 marks)
- (b) Let  $\mathcal{O}(-1) = \{(L, v) \in \mathbb{CP}^n \times \mathbb{C}^{n+1} : v \in L\}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  the dual of  $\mathcal{O}(-1)$  as a bundle over  $\mathbb{CP}^n$ . Show that there are natural hermitian metrics  $h^* = h^{-1}$  on  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  and  $h$  on  $\mathcal{O}(-1)$ , inherited from the canonical hermitian metric of  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ , such that  $h$  in the chart  $U_0$  is given by:

$$h = \langle (1, z_1, \dots, z_n), (1, z_1, \dots, z_n) \rangle_{\mathbb{C}^{n+1}} = 1 + |z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2.$$

(4 marks)

- (c) Let  $D$  be the Chern connection of the natural hermitian metric on  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ , from the previous exercise, and let  $F_D$  be its curvature.
- (i) Show that  $F_D = \partial\bar{\partial}\log(1 + \sum |z_j|^2)$ . (3 marks)
  - (ii) Show that  $\omega_{FS} = \frac{i}{2\pi}F_D$  induces a hermitian metric on  $\mathbb{CP}^n$ . (2 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

3. (a) Let  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a polydisk. Show that  $H^{p,q}(D) = 0$ , for  $q \geq 1$ . State clearly any results you are using. (4 marks)
- (b) Assume the following  $\bar{\partial}$ -Poincaré lemma for  $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ : *given a smooth function  $g : \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , there exists a smooth function  $f : \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with  $\partial f / \partial \bar{z} = g$ .*
- (i) Conclude that the Dolbeault cohomology groups  $H^{0,1}(\mathbb{C}^*)$  and  $H^{1,1}(\mathbb{C}^*)$  are both zero. (2 marks)
- (ii) Compute  $H^{0,0}(\mathbb{C}^*)$  and  $H^{1,0}(\mathbb{C}^*)$ . (3 marks)
- (c) Use the  $\bar{\partial}$ -Poincaré Lemma to state and prove the  $\partial$ -Poincaré Lemma (Hint:  $\overline{\partial\alpha} = \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha}$ ). (5 marks)
- (d) (A  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -Poincaré Lemma) Let  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  be a polydisk, and suppose that  $\omega \in A^{p,q}(D)$  satisfies  $d\omega = 0$ , with  $p, q \geq 1$ . Prove that there is  $\psi \in A^{p-1,q-1}(D)$  such that  $\partial\bar{\partial}\psi = \omega$  (Hint: use the three Poincaré Lemmas, i.e. for  $d$ ,  $\partial$  and  $\bar{\partial}$ ). (6 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

4. (a) Let  $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be a Euclidean vector space with a compatible almost complex structure  $J$ . Show the following:
- (i)  $\dim V$  is even. (1 mark)
  - (ii) Defining multiplication by  $i$  as  $iv := J(v)$  makes  $V$  into a complex vector space. (1 mark)
  - (iii)  $\omega(\cdot, \cdot) := \langle J\cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an alternating 2-form. (2 marks)
  - (iv)  $(\cdot, \cdot) := \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle - i\omega$  is a hermitian form on  $(V, J)$ . (2 marks)
- (b) Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact oriented Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n$ . Prove that the volume form  $\text{vol}(g) \in A^n(M)$  is harmonic. (Hint: First show that  $(\text{vol}(g), d\psi) = \int_M d\psi$  for any  $\psi \in A^{n-1}(M)$ .) (4 marks)
- (c) Let  $f, g$  be holomorphic functions in some neighborhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Suppose that  $f$  is irreducible in  $\mathcal{O}_n$ , and that  $g$  vanishes on  $Z(f)$ , in the sense that  $g(z) = 0$  for every  $z \in Z(f)$ . Prove that  $f$  divides  $g$  in  $\mathcal{O}_n$ . (4 marks)
- (d) Let  $M$  be a Kahler manifold and  $\omega$  its Kahler form. Show that  $\omega^\ell$  defines a non-zero homology class in  $H_D^{\ell, \ell}(M)$ , for all  $1 \leq \ell \leq \dim M/2$ . In particular,  $\dim H_D^{\ell, \ell}(M) \neq 0$ . (2 marks)
- (e) Let  $(V, g)$  be a vector space with a compatible almost complex structure  $J$  and fundamental form  $\omega$ . Let  $W \subset V$  be an oriented subspace of dimension  $2m$  and  $\text{vol}_W$  its volume form. Show that

$$\omega^m|_W \leq m! \text{vol}_W,$$

with equality, if and only if,  $W$  is a complex subspace, i.e.  $J(W) \subset W$ . Conclude that a complex submanifold of a Kahler manifold minimises the volume in its homology class.

(4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

5. (a) Let  $I \subset \mathcal{O}_n$  be a nonzero ideal. Show that if  $\partial f / \partial z_j \in I$  for all  $f \in I$  and  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , then  $I = \mathcal{O}_n$ . (Hint: consider the smallest  $d \geq 0$  for which there exists  $f \in I$  regular of degree  $d$ ). (5 marks)
- (b) Let  $Z \subset D$  be an analytic subset of an open set  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ . Assume that  $0 \in Z$ , but  $Z$  does not contain any open neighborhood of 0.
- (i) Let  $k \geq 0$  be the largest integer such that there exist  $f_1, \dots, f_k \in I(Z)$  with the property that at least one  $k \times k$ -minor  $g$  of the matrix  $J(f_1, \dots, f_k)$  does not belong to  $I(Z)$ . Prove that  $k \geq 1$ . (3 marks)
  - (ii) After shrinking  $D$  we may assume that  $f_1, \dots, f_k \in \mathcal{O}(D)$ . Define  $D' = D \setminus Z(g)$  and  $Z' = Z(f_1) \cap \dots \cap Z(f_k) \cap D'$ .
    - (1) Show that  $Z'$  is a submanifold of  $D'$ . (3 marks)
    - (2) Show that  $Z \cap D'$  is a union of connected components of  $Z'$ . (6 marks)
    - (3) Conclude that the singular locus  $Z_{sing}$  is contained in an analytic set strictly smaller than  $Z$ . (3 marks)

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### Solution.

(1)(a) We can work on a basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{C}^n$  in which  $A$  is presented in its Jordan canonical form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & * \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $v_1, iv_1, \dots, v_n, iv_n$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  as a  $2n$ -dimensional real vector space. In this basis,  $A_{\mathbb{R}}$  has the same form as before but each  $\lambda_i$  corresponds to the  $2 \times 2$ -block matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_i & -b_i \\ b_i & a_i \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$  are given by  $\lambda_i = a_i + ib_i$ . It follows that

$$\det A_{\mathbb{R}} = (a_1^2 + b_1^2) \cdots (a_n^2 + b_n^2) = |\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n|^2 = |\det A|^2.$$

(1)(b) Working in charts, it is enough to consider a holomorphic map  $f: U \subset \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ . To talk about orientation, we must interpret  $f$  to be a map between open sets of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . By the previous exercise, it is enough to show that  $df$ , considered as a real map, is also  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear. Since the map  $df$  is already  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear, being  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear is equivalent to commutation with the canonical almost complex structure of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , which we denote by  $J$ . Writing the matrix of  $df$  in one canonical coordinate  $z_i = x_i + iy_i$  at a time, denoting

$v = (\dots, a, b, \dots)$ , we obtain the expressions

$$\begin{pmatrix} & \vdots & \vdots & \\ \dots & \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & \dots \\ \dots & \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} & \dots \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \end{pmatrix} v = \begin{pmatrix} & \vdots & \\ a \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + b \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & \\ a \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + b \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} & \\ & \vdots & \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $v = (\dots, 1, 0, \dots)$ . Then  $df \cdot J(v) = df(\dots, 0, 1, \dots) = (\dots, \partial u / \partial y, \partial v / \partial y, \dots)$  and  $J \cdot df(v) = J(\dots, \partial u / \partial x, \partial v / \partial x, \dots) = (\dots, -\partial v / \partial x, \partial u / \partial x, \dots)$ . It follows that  $J$  and  $df$  commute if and only if  $f$  satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann equations.

(1)(c) By the Implicit Function Theorem,  $Z$  is an  $m$  dimensional complex submanifold, i.e. there exists a biholomorphism which flattens its coordinates. Therefore, without loss of generality, we can assume that  $Z = \{z_1 = \dots = z_{n-m} = 0\}$ . Remember that  $Z$  is irreducible if and only if  $I(Z)$  is a prime ideal. Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{O}_n$  satisfying  $fg \in I(Z)$ . The restrictions of  $f$  and  $g$  to  $Z$  are functions in  $\mathcal{O}_m$  whose product is zero. The result follows since  $\mathcal{O}_m$  is a domain.

(1)(d) We show that given a holomorphic  $f : D \subset \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  with  $f(0) = 0$  and  $Jf(0)$  not singular, there is  $r'' \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$  and  $g : \Delta(0, r'') \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  holomorphic, such that  $f \circ g = id$  on  $\Delta(0, r'')$ . In fact, consider the function  $\Phi : \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ , given by  $\Phi(z, w) = f(z) - w$ . We use the notation  $r = (r', r'') \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $J\Phi = (J'\Phi, J''\Phi)$ . By assumption  $J'\Phi(0, 0) = Jf(0)$  is not singular. Then, the Implicit Function Theorem implies the existence of a small positive  $r = (r', r'')$  and a holomorphic map  $g : \Delta(0, r'') \rightarrow \Delta(0, r')$  such that for  $(z, w) \in \Delta(0, r')$ , we have  $\Phi(z, w) = f(z) - w = 0$  if and only if  $z = g(w)$ . In other words,  $f \circ g(w) = w$ .

(1)(e) Remember that  $g$  and  $J$  are compatible if  $g(Jv, Jw) = (v, w)$  for any  $v, w \in V$ . This implies that  $J$  is skew-symmetric, i.e.  $g(Jv, w) = g(J^2v, Jw) = g(v, -Jw)$ . By the spectral theorem there is an orthonormal basis  $\{x_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^n$  where  $J$  has diagonal block form, i.e  $J(x_i) = y_i$  and  $J(y_i) = -x_i$ . Denote by  $g_{\mathbb{C}}$  the hermitian extension of  $g$  on  $V_{\mathbb{C}}$ . The inner product on  $\wedge^k V_{\mathbb{C}}$  is defined as follows: let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  and  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k$  be elements of  $V_{\mathbb{C}}$ , then  $\langle \alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_k, \beta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \beta_k \rangle = \det\{g_{\mathbb{C}}(\alpha_i, \beta_j)\}$ . Let  $z_i = x_i - iy_i \in V_{\mathbb{C}}$ . The space  $V^{p,q} \subset \wedge^k V_{\mathbb{C}}$  is generated by the elements of the form  $z_I \wedge \bar{z}_J$ , where  $|I| = p$  and  $|J| = q$ . Therefore, to show that the spaces  $\wedge^{p,q} V$  are orthogonal, it is enough to show that  $z_i$  is orthogonal to  $z_j$ , for all  $j \neq i$  and to all  $\bar{z}_j$ . We check this now:

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\mathbb{C}}(z_i, z_j) &= g_{\mathbb{C}}(x_i - iy_i, x_j - iy_j) = g_{\mathbb{C}}(x_i, x_j) - g_{\mathbb{C}}(x_i, iy_j) - g_{\mathbb{C}}(iy_i, x_j) + g_{\mathbb{C}}(iy_i, iy_j) \\ &= g(x_i, x_j) + ig(x_i, y_j) - ig(y_i, x_j) + g(y_i, y_j) \\ &= g(x_i, x_j) + ig(x_i, y_j) - ig(Jy_i, Jx_j) + g(Jy_i, Jy_j) \\ &= g(x_i, x_j) + ig(x_i, y_j) + ig(x_i, y_j) + g(x_i, x_j) \\ &= \delta_{ij} + 0 + 0 + \delta_{ij} \\ &= 2\delta_{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}g_{\mathbb{C}}(z_i, \bar{z}_j) &= g_{\mathbb{C}}(x_i - iy_i, x_j + iy_j) = g_{\mathbb{C}}(x_i, x_j) + g_{\mathbb{C}}(x_i, iy_j) - g_{\mathbb{C}}(iy_i, x_j) - g_{\mathbb{C}}(iy_i, iy_j) \\&= g(x_i, x_j) - ig(x_i, y_j) - ig(y_i, x_j) - g(y_i, y_j) \\&= g(x_i, x_j) - ig(x_i, y_j) - ig(Jy_i, Jx_j) - g(Jy_i, Jy_j) \\&= g(x_i, x_j) - ig(x_i, y_j) + ig(x_i, y_j) - g(x_i, x_j) \\&= 0.\end{aligned}$$

2. (a) Denote by  $U_k = \{[z_0 : \dots : z_n] : z_k \neq 0\}$  the canonical covering of  $\mathbb{CP}^n$ .
- Prove that  $\mathbb{CP}^n$  is simply connected. (Hint: apply the following consequence of Van Kampen's theorem to the covering  $U_k$ : Let  $X$  be a topological space. If  $A, B \subset X$  are simply connected open sets such that  $X = A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B$  non-empty and path-connected, then  $X$  is simply connected.) (6 marks)
  - Show that every holomorphic map from  $\mathbb{CP}^n$  to a complex torus must be constant. (Hint: consider the lift to the universal covers). (5 marks)
- (b) Let  $\mathcal{O}(-1) = \{(L, v) \in \mathbb{CP}^n \times \mathbb{C}^{n+1} : v \in L\}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  the dual of  $\mathcal{O}(-1)$  as a bundle over  $\mathbb{CP}^n$ . Show that there are natural hermitian metrics  $h^* = h^{-1}$  on  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  and  $h$  on  $\mathcal{O}(-1)$ , inherited from the canonical hermitian metric of  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ , such that  $h$  in the chart  $U_0$  is given by:

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(4 marks)

- (c) Let  $D$  be the Chern connection of the natural hermitian metric on  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ , from the previous exercise, and let  $F_D$  be its curvature.
- Show that  $F_D = \partial\bar{\partial}\log(1 + \sum |z_j|^2)$ . (3 marks)
  - Show that  $\omega_{FS} = \frac{i}{2\pi}F_D$  induces a hermitian metric on  $\mathbb{CP}^n$ . (2 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

### Solution.

(a)(i) Coordinates for  $U_k$  are obtained by fixing  $z_k = 1$ . Therefore,  $U_k$  is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , which is simply connected. To proceed by induction we assume  $A_k = U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_{k-1}$  is simply connected and  $k \leq n$ . By the hint above, it is enough to show that  $A_k \cap U_k$  is non-empty and path-connected. In the coordinates for  $U_k$ , this intersection corresponds to the complement of the set  $(z_0, \dots, \hat{z}_k, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$  satisfying  $z_1 = z_2 = \dots = z_{k-1} = 0$ . In other words,  $A_k \cap U_k$  is homeomorphic to the complement of a vector space of (real) codimension at least 2 inside of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . Therefore, it is path connected.

(a)(ii) Since  $\mathbb{CP}^n$  is simply connected, any continuous map  $f$  from  $\mathbb{CP}^n$  to a complex torus lifts to the universal cover of the torus, which is  $\mathbb{C}^k$ . The result follows since  $\mathbb{CP}^n$  is compact and any holomorphic map to  $\mathbb{C}^k$  must be constant.

(b) As we saw above, the fibre of  $\mathcal{O}(-1)$  over  $[z] \in \mathbb{CP}^n$  is the set  $L([z]) \in \{([z], \lambda z) \in \mathbb{CP}^n \times \mathbb{C}^{n+1} : \lambda \in \mathbb{C}\}$ , which is a complex subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ . Then the restriction of the canonical hermitian inner product of  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  is an hermitian inner product on  $L([z])$ , for each  $[z]$ . Since the fibres vary smoothly with  $[z]$  these define a hermitian metric on  $\mathcal{O}(-1)$ . Finally, the hermitian inner products gives a canonical isomorphism between the fibers of  $\mathcal{O}(-1)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ , making it also a holomorphic hermitian vector

bundle. Notice  $h^{-1} = h^*$ . So it is enough to compute the formula for  $\mathcal{O}(-1)$ . In coordinates, a hermitian metric on a vector bundle of rank one is determined by a scalar function  $h$ . We compute

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\phi}_0^{-1}(\hat{z}_0, z_1, \dots, z_n, 1) &= \psi_0^{-1}(\phi_0^{-1} \times id)(\hat{z}_0, z_1, \dots, z_n, 1) \\ &= \psi_0^{-1}([1, z_1, \dots, z_n], 1) \\ &= ([1, z_1, \dots, z_n], 1 \cdot (1, z_1, \dots, z_n)).\end{aligned}$$

So  $h = \langle (1, z_1, \dots, z_n), (1, z_1, \dots, z_n) \rangle_{\mathbb{C}^{n+1}} = 1 + |z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2$ .

(c)(i) The metric on  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  is  $h^* = h^{-1} = (1 + |z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2)^{-1}$ . In class we saw that  $F_D = \bar{\partial} \partial \log h^*$ , then  $F_D = \bar{\partial} \partial \log(1 + |z|^2)^{-1} = -\bar{\partial} \partial \log(1 + |z|^2) = \partial \bar{\partial} \log(1 + |z|^2)$ , as claimed.

(c)(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}\partial \bar{\partial} \log(1 + |z|^2) &= \partial \left( \frac{1}{1 + |z|^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\partial}(z_i \bar{z}_i) \right) \\ &= \partial \left( \frac{1}{1 + |z|^2} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i d\bar{z}_i \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{(1 + |z|^2)^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{z}_i dz_i \right) \wedge \left( \sum_{i=1}^n z_i d\bar{z}_i \right) + \frac{1}{1 + |z|^2} \sum_{i=1}^n dz_i \wedge d\bar{z}_i \\ &= -\frac{1}{(1 + |z|^2)^2} \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n z_j \bar{z}_i dz_i \wedge d\bar{z}_j \right) + \frac{1}{1 + |z|^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \delta_{ij} dz_i \wedge d\bar{z}_j \\ &= \frac{1}{(1 + |z|^2)^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n (-z_j \bar{z}_i + (1 + |z|^2) \delta_{ij}) dz_i \wedge d\bar{z}_j\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\omega = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{ij} h_{ij} dz_i \wedge d\bar{z}_j$ , it is enough to show that

$$h = h_{ij}(z) := (-z_j \bar{z}_i + (1 + |z|^2) \delta_{ij})$$

is a positive definite hermitian matrix.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle h(z)w, w \rangle &= \sum_{ij} -z_j \bar{w}_j \bar{z}_i w_i + (1 + |z|^2) \delta_{ij} w_i \bar{w}_j \\ &= -\langle z, w \rangle \langle w, z \rangle + (1 + |z|^2) |w|^2 \\ &= -\langle z, w \rangle \overline{\langle z, w \rangle} + (1 + |z|^2) |w|^2 \\ &= -|\langle z, w \rangle|^2 + (1 + |z|^2) |w|^2.\end{aligned}$$

From Cauchy-Scharwz inequality it follows that  $|z|^2 |w|^2 \geq |\langle z, w \rangle|^2$ . Therefore,  $\langle h(z)w, w \rangle \geq |w|^2$ , so  $h$  is positive definite.

3. (a) Let  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a polydisk. Show that  $H^{p,q}(D) = 0$ , for  $q \geq 1$ . State clearly any results you are using. (4 marks)
- (b) Assume the following  $\bar{\partial}$ -Poincaré lemma for  $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ : *given a smooth function  $g : \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , there exists a smooth function  $f : \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with  $\partial f / \partial \bar{z} = g$ .*
- Conclude that the Dolbeault cohomology groups  $H^{0,1}(\mathbb{C}^*)$  and  $H^{1,1}(\mathbb{C}^*)$  are both zero. (2 marks)
  - Compute  $H^{0,0}(\mathbb{C}^*)$  and  $H^{1,0}(\mathbb{C}^*)$ . (3 marks)
- (c) Use the  $\bar{\partial}$ -Poincaré Lemma to state and prove the  $\partial$ -Poincaré Lemma (Hint:  $\overline{\partial\alpha} = \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha}$ ). (5 marks)
- (d) (A  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -Poincaré Lemma) Let  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  be a polydisk, and suppose that  $\omega \in A^{p,q}(D)$  satisfies  $d\omega = 0$ , with  $p, q \geq 1$ . Prove that there is  $\psi \in A^{p-1,q-1}(D)$  such that  $\partial\bar{\partial}\psi = \omega$  (Hint: use the three Poincaré Lemmas, i.e. for  $d$ ,  $\partial$  and  $\bar{\partial}$ ). (6 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

## Solutions.

(3)(a) Present the full statement of the  $\bar{\partial}$ -Poincaré lemma on a polydisk. It implies that  $\bar{\partial}$ -closed forms of type  $(p, q)$  on  $D$ , are exact for  $q \geq 1$ . It follows that the corresponding cohomology is zero.

(3)(b)(i) Given  $\alpha = gd\bar{z}$ , let  $f$  be such that  $\partial f / \partial \bar{z} = g$ , then  $\alpha = \bar{\partial}f$ . It follows that every  $(0, 1)$ -form is exact. Similarly, given  $\beta = gdz \wedge d\bar{z}$ , we have  $\beta = \bar{\partial}(-fdz)$ , so again every  $(1, 1)$ -form is exact.

(3)(b)(ii) Let  $\alpha = fdz$  be general form of type  $(1, 0)$ . Then,  $\bar{\partial}\alpha = 0$  iff  $\partial f / \partial \bar{z} = 0$  iff  $f$  is holomorphic. Since the only  $\bar{\partial}$ -exact form of type  $(1, 0)$  is zero, it follows that  $H^{1,0}(\mathbb{C}^*)$  is isomorphic to the vector space of holomorphic functions with domain  $\mathbb{C}^*$ . The same argument shows that  $H^{0,0}(\mathbb{C}^*)$  is also isomorphic to the same space.

(3)(c) Let  $\alpha \in A^{p+1,q}(D)$  be a  $\partial$ -closed form. Then, by the hint,  $\bar{\alpha}$  is a  $\bar{\partial}$ -closed form in  $A^{q,p+1}(D)$ . From the  $\bar{\partial}$ -Poincaré lemma there is  $\beta \in A^{q,p}(D)$  with  $\bar{\alpha} = \bar{\partial}\beta$ . Conjugating,  $\alpha = \partial\bar{\beta}$ , so  $\alpha$  is a  $\partial$ -exact form in  $A^{p,q}(D)$ . In other words, we showed: Theorem: every  $\partial$ -closed form in  $A^{p+1,q}(D)$  is  $\partial$ -exact.

(3)(d) By the standard Poincaré lemma, there is a form  $\alpha \in A^{p+q-1}(D)$  with  $d\alpha = \omega$ . Since  $\omega$  is a form of type  $(p, q)$  and  $d = \partial + \bar{\partial}$ , then  $\alpha = \alpha' + \alpha'' + \eta$ , with  $\alpha'$  of type  $(p-1, q)$ ,  $\alpha''$  of type  $(p, q-1)$  and  $\eta$  a  $d$ -closed form. Without loss of generality we can assume that  $\eta = 0$ , i.e.  $\alpha = \alpha' + \alpha''$ . Moreover,  $0 = d\alpha = (\partial + \bar{\partial})(\alpha' + \alpha'') = (\partial\alpha' + \bar{\partial}\alpha'') + \partial\alpha'' + \bar{\partial}\alpha'$ , where the three terms have different types. We have  $0 = \partial\alpha' + \bar{\partial}\alpha'' = \partial\alpha'' = \bar{\partial}\alpha'$ . By the  $\partial$ - and  $\bar{\partial}$ -Poincaré lemmas, there are forms  $\gamma'' \in A^{p-1,q-1}$  and  $\gamma' \in A^{p-1,q-1}$ , such that  $\partial\gamma'' = \alpha'$  and  $\bar{\partial}\gamma' = \alpha''$ . Finally,  $\partial\bar{\partial}(\gamma' - \gamma'') = \partial\alpha'' + \bar{\partial}\partial\gamma'' = \partial\alpha'' + \bar{\partial}\alpha' + (\partial\alpha' + \bar{\partial}\alpha'') = d(\alpha' + \alpha'') = \omega$ .



4. (a) Let  $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be a Euclidean vector space with a compatible almost complex structure  $J$ . Show the following:
- (i)  $\dim V$  is even. (1 mark)
  - (ii) Defining multiplication by  $i$  as  $iv := J(v)$  makes  $V$  into a complex vector space. (1 mark)
  - (iii)  $\omega(\cdot, \cdot) := \langle J\cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an alternating 2-form. (2 marks)
  - (iv)  $(\cdot, \cdot) := \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle - i\omega$  is a hermitian form on  $(V, J)$ . (2 marks)
- (b) Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact oriented Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n$ . Prove that the volume form  $\text{vol}(g) \in A^n(M)$  is harmonic. (Hint: First show that  $(\text{vol}(g), d\psi) = \int_M d\psi$  for any  $\psi \in A^{n-1}(M)$ .) (4 marks)
- (c) Let  $f, g$  be holomorphic functions in some neighborhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Suppose that  $f$  is irreducible in  $\mathcal{O}_n$ , and that  $g$  vanishes on  $Z(f)$ , in the sense that  $g(z) = 0$  for every  $z \in Z(f)$ . Prove that  $f$  divides  $g$  in  $\mathcal{O}_n$ . (4 marks)
- (d) Let  $M$  be a Kahler manifold and  $\omega$  its Kahler form. Show that  $\omega^\ell$  defines a non-zero homology class in  $H_D^{\ell, \ell}(M)$ , for all  $1 \leq \ell \leq \dim M/2$ . In particular,  $\dim H_D^{\ell, \ell}(M) \neq 0$ . (2 marks)
- (e) Let  $(V, g)$  be a vector space with a compatible almost complex structure  $J$  and fundamental form  $\omega$ . Let  $W \subset V$  be an oriented subspace of dimension  $2m$  and  $\text{vol}_W$  its volume form. Show that

$$\omega^m|_W \leq m! \text{vol}_W,$$

with equality, if and only if,  $W$  is a complex subspace, i.e.  $J(W) \subset W$ . Conclude that a complex submanifold of a Kahler manifold minimises the volume in its homology class.

(4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

Solutions.

(a)(i) That the dimension is even follows from  $0 \leq \det(J)^2 = \det(J^2) = \det(-id) = (-1)^{\dim V}$ .

(a)(ii) Since  $V$  is real vector space, to see that it is a complex vector space, we just need to check  $i(v + w) = J(v + w) = J(v) + J(w) = iv + iw$  and  $i^2v = i(J(v)) = J^2(v) = -v$ .

(a)(iii)  $\omega(v, w) = \langle J(v), w \rangle = \langle J^2(v), J(w) \rangle = \langle -v, J(w) \rangle = -\omega(w, v)$ .

(a)(iv) From the definition it follows that  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  is real linear. Moreover,  $J(v) \perp v$  and  $(v, w) = \overline{(w, v)}$ , since  $\omega$  is alternating. This implies that  $(v, v) = \langle v, v \rangle > 0$ , for  $v \neq 0$ . It is enough to show that the

form is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear on the first entry.

$$\begin{aligned}
(J(v), w) &= \langle J(v), w \rangle - i\omega(J(v), w) \\
&= \langle J^2(v), J(w) \rangle - i\langle J^2(v), w \rangle \\
&= -\langle v, J(w) \rangle + i\langle v, w \rangle \\
&= \langle J(v), w \rangle + i\langle v, w \rangle \\
&= i(\langle v, w \rangle - i\omega(v, w)) \\
&= i(v, w).
\end{aligned}$$

(b) The Hodge Decomposition  $\Omega^n(M) = \text{im } d_{n-1} \oplus \text{im } \delta_{n+1} \oplus \mathcal{H}^n(M)$  is an orthogonal decomposition. Since  $\Omega^{n+1}(M) = 0$ , we have  $\text{im } \delta_{n+1} = 0$ . So,  $\text{vol}(g)$  is harmonic if it is orthogonal to all exact forms. Notice  $(\text{vol}(g), d\psi) = \int_M d\psi \wedge * \text{vol}(g) = \int_M d\psi = 0$ .

(c) Without loss of generality we can assume that  $f$  is not identically zero, otherwise the result is trivial. After a linear change of coordinates, by the Weierstrass preparation theorem, we know there exists a monic polynomial  $h \in \mathcal{O}_{n-1}(z_n)$  of degree  $\geq 1$ , and a unit  $u \in \mathcal{O}_n$ , such that  $f = uh$ . In particular  $h \in \mathcal{O}_{n-1}(z_n) \cap I(Z)$ , where  $Z = Z(f)$ . Let  $p \in \mathcal{O}_{n-1}(z_n) \cap I(Z)$  be a monic polynomial with the smallest possible degree among all non-zero polynomials in  $\mathcal{O}_{n-1}(z_n) \cap I(Z)$ . Given  $g \in I(Z)$ , by Weierstrass' division,  $g = qp + r$ , where  $r \in \mathcal{O}_{n-1}(z_n)$  has degree strictly less than that of  $p$ . Since  $g, p \in I(Z)$  it follows that  $r \in I(Z)$ , and by the minimality of the degree of  $p$ , we must have  $r \equiv 0$ . In other words,  $I(Z) = (p)$ , so  $p$  divides every  $g \in I(Z(f))$ . In particular,  $f = up$ , for some  $u \in \mathcal{O}_n$ . Since  $f$  is irreducible,  $u$  must be a unit, which implies  $I(Z) = (f)$ .

(d) The fundamental form  $\omega$  is of type  $(1, 1)$  and is closed since  $M$  is Kahler. Therefore, for every  $\ell$ , the forms  $\omega^\ell$  are of type  $(\ell, \ell)$  and closed, so they define an element of  $H^{p,p}(M)$ . However  $\omega^n$  is a multiple of the volume form of  $M$  (e.g. next exercise), in particular  $\int_M \omega^n \neq 0$  and  $\omega^n$  is not exact, i.e.  $0 \neq [\omega^n] = [\omega]^n$ .

(e) The restrictions of  $g$  and  $\omega$  to  $W$  are also symmetric (non-degenerate) and skew-symmetric bilinear forms, respectively. By the spectral theorem, there is an orthonormal basis  $\{v_i, w_i\}_{i=0}^m$  of  $W$ , for which  $\omega|_W = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i dv_i \wedge dw_i$ . Let  $\pi : V \rightarrow W$  be the orthogonal projection. Since  $\omega|_W(\cdot, \cdot) = g(J \cdot, \cdot)|_W = g(\pi \circ J \cdot, \cdot)$ , it follows that the basis  $v_i, w_i$  is giving diagonal blocks for the linear map  $\pi \circ J : W \rightarrow W$ . In particular  $|\lambda_i| \leq 1$  with equality if and only if  $J(v_i) = w_i$  and  $J(w_i) = -v_i$ . Finally,  $\omega_W^m = m!(\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_m) \sum_{i=1}^m dv_i \wedge dw_i = m!(\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_m) \text{vol}_W$ , which proves the claim.

For the second part, let  $S$  and  $\Sigma$  be  $2m$ -dimensional submanifolds of a complex manifold. Assume that they are homologous i.e.  $S - \Sigma = \partial U$  as singular cycles. Then  $\int_S \omega^m = \int_\Sigma \omega^m + \int_U d\omega^m$ . If  $S$  is complex and  $M$  is Kahler (i.e.  $d\omega = 0$ ), then by the previous paragraph we have  $m! \text{vol}(S) = \int_S \omega^m = \int_\Sigma \omega^m + \int_U d\omega^m \leq m! \text{vol}(\Sigma)$ .

5. (a) Let  $I \subset \mathcal{O}_n$  be a nonzero ideal. Show that if  $\partial f / \partial z_j \in I$  for all  $f \in I$  and  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , then  $I = \mathcal{O}_n$ . (Hint: consider the smallest  $d \geq 0$  for which there exists  $f \in I$  regular of degree  $d$ ). (5 marks)
- (b) Let  $Z \subset D$  be an analytic subset of an open set  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ . Assume that  $0 \in Z$ , but  $Z$  does not contain any open neighborhood of 0.
- (i) Let  $k \geq 0$  be the largest integer such that there exist  $f_1, \dots, f_k \in I(Z)$  with the property that at least one  $k \times k$ -minor  $g$  of the matrix  $J(f_1, \dots, f_k)$  does not belong to  $I(Z)$ . Prove that  $k \geq 1$ . (3 marks)
  - (ii) After shrinking  $D$  we may assume that  $f_1, \dots, f_k \in \mathcal{O}(D)$ . Define  $D' = D \setminus Z(g)$  and  $Z' = Z(f_1) \cap \dots \cap Z(f_k) \cap D'$ .
    - (1) Show that  $Z'$  is a submanifold of  $D'$ . (3 marks)
    - (2) Show that  $Z \cap D'$  is a union of connected components of  $Z'$ . (6 marks)
    - (3) Conclude that the singular locus  $Z_{\text{sing}}$  is contained in an analytic set strictly smaller than  $Z$ . (3 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

### Solutions.

(a) Let  $d \geq 0$  be the smallest non-negative integer such that there exists  $f \in I$  regular of degree  $d$ . By the Weierstrass preparation theorem we can assume that  $f$  is a monic element of  $\mathcal{O}_{n-1}(z_n)$ . If  $d > 1$  then  $\partial f / \partial z_n \in I \cap \mathcal{O}_{n-1}(z_n)$  is a polynomial of degree  $d - 1 \geq 0$  and therefore a regular function of degree exactly  $d - 1$ . Since this contradicts the minimality of  $d$ , we conclude that  $d = 0$ , i.e  $f = 1$  and  $I = \mathcal{O}_n$ .

(b)(i) Since  $0 \in Z$ , we must have  $I(Z) \neq \mathcal{O}_n$ . Therefore, by the previous exercise, there must be  $f \in I$  and  $j = 1, \dots, n$  such that  $\partial f / \partial z_j \notin I(Z)$ .

(b)(ii)(1) That  $Z'$  is a submanifold of  $D'$  of dimension  $n - k$  follows directly from the Implicit Function Theorem applied to the function  $(f_1, \dots, f_k) : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^k$ .

(b)(ii)(2) Since  $f_1, \dots, f_k \in I(Z)$ , we immediately have  $Z \cap D' \subset Z'$ . Note that given  $f \in I(Z)$ , by the maximality of  $k$ , the gradient  $Jf$  is a linear combination of  $Jf_1, \dots, Jf_k$  along  $Z$ , which is a basis of the normal bundle of  $Z'$ . In other words, the gradient of  $f$  as a function on  $Z'$  is zero along  $Z \cap D'$ . After composing with the biholomorphism given by the Implicit Function Theorem, we can assume, without loss of generality, that  $Z' = \{z_1 = \dots = z_k = 0\}$ . Then, for each  $f \in I(Z)$ , we have  $\partial f / \partial z_{k+1}, \dots, \partial f / \partial z_n \in I(Z)$ . Repeating this process we see that all of the derivatives of  $f|_{Z'}$  are zero along  $Z$ . By the Identity Theorem,  $f$  must vanish on the connected components of  $Z'$  containing  $Z \cap D'$ . Since this is true for all  $f \in I(Z)$ , we conclude that  $Z \cap D'$  is a union of connected components of  $Z'$ .

(b)(ii)(3) By the previous exercises  $Z \cap D' = Z \cap (D \setminus Z(g))$  is non-empty and  $Z_{sing} \subset Z(g)$ . In other words,  $Z(g)$  is a possibly empty analytic set different from  $Z$  which contains  $Z_{sing}$ .

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