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Doctorado en Matemáticas

**Variedades Complejas**

**TAREA 4**

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Indicaciones Generales:

- La TAREA 4 puede ser subida a la plataforma Paideia o enviada al correo electrónico [jcuadros@pucp.edu.pe](mailto:jcuadros@pucp.edu.pe).

1. Show that an almost complex structure on a real 2-dimensional manifold is always integrable.
2. Which spheres admit almost-complex structures? It is not difficult to show that if  $S^n$  admits an almost-complex structure, then the tangent bundle  $TS^{n+1}$  is a trivial bundle.

i Think of an argument to show this last assertion.

(Results from algebraic topology imply that  $n = 2$  or  $n = 6$  (Bott, Milnor, Kervaire). (For the interesting reader, see also <https://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~rohanjoshi/2019/10/24/parallelizability-of-spheres/>.)

Conversely, the spheres  $S^2$  and  $S^6$  actually admit almost-complex structures. For  $S^2$ , rotate each tangent plane through an angle  $\pi/2$ , in a fashion consistent with a choice of orientation: consider the usual embedding  $S^2 \subset \mathbf{R}^3$ ; a point  $x \in S^2$  may be regarded as a unit vector in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ , and via the cross product induces a linear transformation  $J_x(y) = x \times y$  on  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . If  $y \perp x$  (i.e. if  $y \in T_x S^2$ ), then  $(x \times y) \perp x$  as well, so this linear transformation is an endomorphism  $J_x$  of the tangent space  $T_x S^2$ .

- ii Verify that  $J_x^2 = -I$ , so that this endomorphism is an almost-complex structure on  $S^2$ .
- iii Extend this idea to hypersurfaces  $\Sigma \subset \mathbf{R}^3$ : show that  $\Sigma$  carries an almost complex structure inherited from the cross product

$$\mathbf{R}^3 \times \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3 : (u, v) \mapsto u \times v.$$

(Hint: use the Gauss map  $\nu : \Sigma \rightarrow S^2$  which maps every point  $x \in \Sigma$  the outward unit normal vector  $\nu(x) \perp T_x \Sigma$ .)

(In Introduction to Symplectic Topology by Salamon and McDuff (third edition), page 155 you find an extension of this construction to exhibit an almost complex structure on  $S^6$  using the Cayley numbers: this almost complex structure has non-zero *torsion tensor*, that is it is not integrable. It is not known at present whether or not  $S^6$  admits a holomorphic atlas, though the answer is believed to be negative.)

3. Show that the Nijenhuis tensor is a tensor indeed. That is, show that for all  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$  and for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma^\infty(M)$  the following is satisfied

$$N_J(fX, gY) = f.gN_J(X, Y).$$

4. Show that  $N_J(X, JX) = 0$ .
5. A vector field on a complex manifold is a vector field  $Z$  of type  $(1,0)$  such that  $Z(f)$  is holomorphic for every local holomorphic function  $f$ . Show that In local coordinates,  $Z$  can be written as follows

$$Z = \sum_{j=1}^n \xi^j \frac{\partial}{\partial z^j}$$

with  $\xi^j$  local holomorphic functions.

6. A form  $\alpha \in \Omega^{(p,0)}(M)$  is holomorphic if  $\bar{\partial}\alpha = 0$ . Show that in local coordinates,  $\alpha$  can be written as follows

$$\alpha = \sum_{|I|=p} \alpha_I dz^I$$

where the  $\alpha_I$  are holomorphic functions. Here, we are using the multi-index notation, so  $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_p\}$  for instance.

7. Recall that a real vector field  $X$  on a complex manifold is called *real holomorphic* or *automorphic* if its  $(1,0)$  component  $X - iJX$  is a holomorphic vector field. In class we showed that  $X$  is real analytic if and only if  $[X, JY] = J[X, Y]$  for all  $Y$ . Show that if  $X$  is real holomorphic, then  $JX$  is also real holomorphic.
8. Consider the complex projective space  $\mathbf{P}^n$  and let  $M$  be the underlying real  $2n$  dimensional smooth manifold.
- Prove that complex conjugation on  $\mathbf{C}^{n+1}$  induces a diffeomorphism  $F : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $J \circ F_* = -J$ , where  $F_*$  denotes the Jacobian of  $F$ .
  - Determine the fixed points of  $F$ .
  - Would you say that if  $\overline{\mathbf{P}}^n$  denotes the complex manifold whose charts are complex conjugates of the standard charts, then  $\mathbf{P}^n$  and  $\overline{\mathbf{P}}^n$  are biholomorphic?

The diffeomorphism  $F$  preserves orientation if  $n = 2$ ; in fact, it is known that there is no holomorphic atlas on the smooth manifold underlying  $\mathbf{P}^2$  which induces the orientation opposite to the standard orientation, that is “ $-\mathbf{P}^2$  is not a complex manifold.”