

Huybrechts 1.2

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1.2.1 Let $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be a 4-dimensional Euclidean space and fix a vector $v \in V$ of unit length and an orientation of V . Say that I is a compatible almost-complex structure. Then we must have

$$\langle v, Iv \rangle = \langle Iv, I^2 v \rangle = -\langle Iv, v \rangle = -\langle v, Iv \rangle,$$

so Iv is orthogonal to v . Also, since I is orthogonal with respect to $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, we must have that $\|Iv\| = 1$.

Now the orthogonal complement to v is a three-dimensional Euclidean space, so the set of unit-length vectors in this complement is identified with S^2 : $Iv \in S^2$. It is easily checked that I stabilizes $(v \oplus Iv)^\perp$, so I restricts to an almost-complex structure on this two-dimensional Euclidean space, and the restriction of I is compatible with the restriction of $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. By the discussion in Huybrechts (Example 1.2.12), the only remaining choice is of an orientation for this vector space. One choice gives a positive orientation and one a negative orientation to the basis $[v, Iv, w, Iw]$ for any $w \in (v \oplus Iv)^\perp$. (The choice of w does not matter, since if we had chosen $w' = aw + bIw$, then the transition map from $w, Iw \rightarrow w', Iw'$ is seen to have determinant $a^2 + b^2$.) Therefore we can characterize I by (1.) the choice of $Iv \in S^2$ for the fixed vector v and (2.) the sign of the orientation $+/-$. This gives a map from the set of almost complex structures to two copies of S^2 .

On the other hand, any choice of $v' \in S^2 \subset v^\perp$ and orientation gives a compatible almost complex structure by defining $Iv = v'$, $Iv' = -v$, and then giving the orthogonal complement the almost complex structure with the chosen orientation. For it is easily checked that $I^2 z = -z$ for $z \in \{v, v', w, Iw\}$, which implies that $I^2 = -\text{Id}$. It is easy to see also that the restriction of I is orthogonal on the two subspaces $v \oplus v'$ and its complement, and these subspaces are I -invariant, so I is orthogonal on V . Therefore I defined this way is a compatible almost-complex structure.

1.2.2 Take $\alpha = L^i \tilde{\alpha}$ for $\alpha \in P^{k-2i}$ and $\beta = L^j \tilde{\beta}$ for $\beta \in P^{k-2j}$. Say $i > j$. Now

$$(\alpha, \beta) = L^i \tilde{\alpha} \wedge L^j \tilde{\beta} \wedge \omega^{n-k} = \tilde{\alpha} \wedge \tilde{\beta} \wedge \omega^{n-k+i+j}.$$

Since $i > j$, $i + j \geq 2j + 1$. Therefore $n - k + i + j \geq n - (k - 2j) + 1$. But by Proposition 1.2.30, $\tilde{\beta} \in \text{Ker } L^{n-(k-2j)+1}$. Therefore

$$(\alpha, \beta) = \tilde{\alpha} \wedge L^{n-k+i+j}(\tilde{\beta}) = 0.$$

This proves that the decomposition $\Lambda^k V^* = \oplus L^i P^{k-2i}$ is orthogonal with respect to the Hodge-Riemann pairing.

On the other hand, say $i \neq j$ and $p + q = k - 2i$ and $p' + q' = k - 2j$. Take $\gamma = L^i \tilde{\gamma}$ for $\tilde{\gamma} \in P^{p,q}$ and $\delta = L^j \tilde{\delta}$ for $\tilde{\delta} \in P^{p',q'}$. If $i \neq j$, then we cannot have $(p, q) = (q', p')$, for this would imply $p + q = p' + q'$. But

$$(\gamma, \delta) = L^i \tilde{\gamma} \wedge L^j \tilde{\delta} \wedge \omega^{n-k} = \tilde{\gamma} \wedge \tilde{\delta} \wedge \omega^{n-k+i+j}.$$

This last term is zero by bidegree.

1.2.3 Let $z_1, \bar{z}_1, \dots, z_n, \bar{z}_n$ be the ordered basis for $V_{\mathbb{C}}$ constructed in the discussion after Lemma 1.2.17. Let i_1, \dots, i_p and j_1, \dots, j_q be ordered collections of indices for $p, q < n$, let $s_1, \dots, s_{n-p}, t_1, \dots, t_{n-q}$ be the complementary sets of indices, and let σ be the sign of the permutation

$$z_1, \bar{z}_1, \dots, z_n, \bar{z}_n \rightarrow \bar{z}_{i_1}, \dots, \bar{z}_{i_p}, z_{j_1}, \dots, z_{j_q}, \bar{z}_{s_1}, \dots, \bar{z}_{s_{n-p}}, z_{t_1}, \dots, z_{t_{n-q}}.$$

Now $*$ is characterized by the relation

$$\alpha \wedge * \bar{\beta} = \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} \cdot \text{Vol}.$$

Since powers of the z_i, \bar{z}_i form an orthonormal basis with respect to $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{C}}$, this relation implies that if $\beta = z_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge z_{i_p} \wedge z_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge z_{j_q}$, then $* \bar{z}_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \bar{z}_{i_p} \wedge z_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge z_{j_q} = \sigma \bar{z}_{s_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \bar{z}_{s_p} \wedge \dots \wedge z_{t_1} \wedge \dots \wedge z_{t_q}$. By the complex linearity of $*$, this implies that $*(\Lambda^{p,q} V^*) \subseteq \Lambda^{n-q, n-p} V^*$. This fact, along with linearity, gives the identity $* \Pi^{p,q} = \Pi^{n-q, n-p} *$.

It is easy to check the identity $[L, I] = 0$ on basis elements of this form, using the fact that ω has bidegree $(1, 1)$. Finally, if $v = z_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge z_{i_p} \wedge \bar{z}_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \bar{z}_{j_q}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} [\Lambda, I]v &= (*^{-1} \circ L \circ * \circ I - I \circ *^{-1} \circ L \circ *)v \\ &= i^{p-q} *^{-1} \circ L(*v) - I \circ *^{-1} \circ L(*v) \\ &= i^{p-q} *^{-1} \omega \wedge (*v) - I *^{-1} \omega \wedge (*v) \\ &= i^{p-q} *^{-1} \omega \wedge (*v) - i^{(n-(n-p+1))-(n-(n-q+1))} *^{-1} \omega \wedge (*v) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by linearity, $[\Lambda, I] = 0$.

1.2.4 The product of two primitive forms is not necessarily primitive. For choose a basis $z_1, \bar{z}_1, \dots, z_n, \bar{z}_n$ for V as above. Then z_1 and \bar{z}_1 are both primitive. For $*z_1$ has degree $n-1$, so $L(*z_1)$ has degree $n+1$ and is therefore zero, which implies that $\Lambda(z_1) = *^{-1} \circ L \circ *(z_1) = 0$. A similar argument shows that $\Lambda(\bar{z}_1) = 0$.

On the other hand, $*(z_1 \wedge \bar{z}_1) = z_2 \wedge \bar{z}_2 \wedge \dots \wedge z_n \wedge \bar{z}_n$, so

$$*(z_1 \wedge \bar{z}_1) = \frac{i}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n z_1 \wedge \bar{z}_1 \right) \wedge z_2 \wedge \bar{z}_2 \wedge \dots \wedge z_n \wedge \bar{z}_n = \frac{i}{2} z_1 \wedge \bar{z}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge z_n \wedge \bar{z}_n.$$

Therefore $*^{-1} \circ L \circ *(z_1 \wedge \bar{z}_1) \neq 0$, so $z_1 \wedge \bar{z}_1$ is not primitive.

1.2.5 We show that $\Omega = \omega_J + i\omega_K$ is a $(2, 0)$ form by showing that if $\bar{z} \in V^{0,1}$, then $\Omega(\bar{z}, w)$ vanishes for all $w \in V_{\mathbb{C}}$. For

$$\omega_J(\bar{z}, w) + i\omega_K(\bar{z}, w) = \langle J\bar{z}, w \rangle + i\langle K\bar{z}, w \rangle = \langle J\bar{z}, w \rangle - i\langle JI\bar{z}, w \rangle = \langle J\bar{z}, w \rangle - i(-i)\langle J\bar{z}, w \rangle = 0.$$