

# Complex structure on $\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C})$ and coadjoint orbits of $SU(n)$

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First of all, notice that

$$\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C}) = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) \mid \text{tr}(A) = 0\}$$

is naturally a complex vector space, and that we have the decomposition

$$\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C}) = \mathfrak{su}(n) \oplus i\mathfrak{su}(n)$$

With respect to this decomposition, the complex structure  $J$  on  $\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C})$  is given by the matrix

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I_n \\ I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Next, let  $M = SU(n) \times \mathfrak{su}(n)$ . The tangent space of  $M$  at  $p = (g, X)$  is

$$T_p M = T_g SU(n) \times T_X \mathfrak{su}(n) = g\mathfrak{su}(n) \times \mathfrak{su}(n)$$

Therefore, we have a natural isomorphism  $T_p M \cong \mathfrak{su}(n) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(n)$ , given by

$$(u, v) \mapsto (g^{-1}u, v)$$

This then gives us a natural complex structure on  $T_p M$ , by

$$J(u, v) = (-gv, g^{-1}u) \in T_g SU(n) \times \mathfrak{su}(n)$$

But we also have the symplectic form, coming from the isomorphism  $T^*SU(n) \cong SU(n) \times \mathfrak{su}(n)^*$  as vector bundles, given at  $q = (g, \xi)$  by

$$\omega_q((v, \phi), (w, \psi)) = -\phi(g^{-1}w) + \psi(g^{-1}v) + \xi([g^{-1}v, g^{-1}w])$$

where  $v, w \in T_g SU(n) = g\mathfrak{su}(n)$ ,  $\phi, \psi \in \mathfrak{su}(n)^*$ . Next, as  $SU(n)$  is compact, fix a bi-invariant metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $SU(n)$ . This gives us an isomorphism  $R : \mathfrak{su}(n) \rightarrow \mathfrak{su}(n)^*$  by

$$R(X)(Y) = \langle X, Y \rangle$$

For concreteness, we can take  $\langle A, B \rangle = -\text{tr}(AB)$ . Say  $\xi = R(X)$ ,  $\phi = R(y)$ ,  $\psi = R(z)$ . Then we have that

$$\omega_p((v, y), (w, z)) = -\langle y, g^{-1}w \rangle + \langle z, g^{-1}v \rangle + \langle X, [g^{-1}v, g^{-1}w] \rangle$$

and this gives the Riemannian metric

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (v, y), (w, z) \rangle &= \omega_p((v, y), J(w, z)) \\ &= \omega_p((v, y), (-gz, g^{-1}w)) \\ &= \langle y, z \rangle + \langle g^{-1}w, g^{-1}v \rangle - \langle X, [g^{-1}v, z] \rangle \\ &= \langle y, z \rangle + \langle w, v \rangle - \langle X, [g^{-1}v, z] \rangle \end{aligned}$$