

Hodge Theory

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1 Overview and basic definitions

The aim of Hodge theory is to try to understand non-linear objects (e.g. projective varieties or Kähler manifolds) using linear objects (vector spaces, subspaces, lattices, etc.).

We will move freely between Algebraic Geometry (polynomial functions on \mathbb{C}^n , $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$) and Complex Geometry (holomorphic functions on \mathbb{C}^n or open subsets $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$).

Definition 1.1. An *affine algebraic variety* is a vanishing locus

$$V(f_1, \dots, f_m) = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid f_i(x) = 0 \text{ for all } i\}.$$

of some polynomials $f_i \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

Example 1.2. $y^2 = x(x-1)(x-2)$ in \mathbb{C}^2 .

In general, an algebraic variety is covered by affine algebraic varieties, whose transition functions are polynomial maps.

Definition 1.3. $\mathbb{CP}^n = \{\text{lines through the origin in } \mathbb{C}^{n+1}\} = \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} / x \sim \lambda \cdot x$.

Consider $f_i \in \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ homogeneous. Then $f_i(\lambda x) = \lambda^{\deg f_i} f_i(x)$, so it makes sense to talk about zeroes of homogeneous polynomials in \mathbb{CP}^n .

Definition 1.4. A *projective variety* is $V(f_1, \dots, f_m) \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^n$, $f_i \in \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ homogeneous.

Example 1.5. $V(xy) \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$ is the union of the two coordinate axes.

Definition 1.6. A *complex manifold* is a topological space X with local homeomorphisms onto open sets in \mathbb{C}^n , such that transition functions are holomorphic. In the case of $n = 1$, X is called a *Riemann surface*.



Figure 1: Two charts φ_i, φ_j of a manifold M

Example 1.7. $\mathbb{CP}^1 = \{[1 : y] \mid y \in \mathbb{C}\} \cup \{[x : 1] \mid x \in \mathbb{C}\} =: U_1 \cup U_2$, where both factors are clearly isomorphic to \mathbb{C} . Now $[1 : y] = [x : 1]$ iff $xy = 1$. Under the isomorphisms to \mathbb{C} , $U_1 \cap U_2$ gets identified with \mathbb{C}^\times , and $t \mapsto t^{-1}$ is holomorphic on \mathbb{C}^\times . This also shows that \mathbb{CP}^1 is homeomorphic to S^2 .

2 Riemann surfaces of algebraic curves

2.1 The genus one case: Complex Tori

Example 2.1 (Complex Tori). Consider \mathbb{C}/Λ where Λ is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z} isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}^2 and discrete, e.g. take $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}[i]$. Focusing on the fundamental region $[0, 1] + [0, 1]i$, one sees that \mathbb{C}/Λ topologically is a torus. For charts, for a point $z \in \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ pick a representative in \mathbb{C} with a neighbourhood. The transition maps then work out to be simple translations.

From a different point of view, homogenize the equation $y^2 = x(x-1)(x-\lambda)$, $\lambda \neq 0, 1$ from example 1.2 to $y^2z = x(x-z)(x-\lambda z)$ to get a projective variety in \mathbb{CP}^2 , which adds a unique additional point $[0 : 1 : 0]$.

Consider the "multiform function" $f(x) = \sqrt{x(x-1)(x-\lambda)}$. This clearly has zeroes at 0, 1 and λ , but its other values are not uniquely specified¹. Picking one value, say $f(\frac{1}{2})$, also determines the value of f in a neighbourhood of that point, if we want f to be continuous. In fact, if one analytically continues f along the circle $x = \frac{1}{2}e^{i\theta}$, $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$, we get $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{i\theta/2}\sqrt{(x-1)(x-\lambda)}$, where the latter square root can be chosen to be well-defined on, say, $|z| < \frac{2}{3}$. Hence $f(e^{2\pi i}x) = -f(x)$, which is a problem. To fix this, Riemann's idea was to enlarge the region of definition to two linked complex planes so one can circle around the origin twice without running into problems. This introduces cuts in the planes where they are connected, but on this object f is a well-defined function. Topologically, a plane with two cuts (one from 0 to 1 and one from λ to ∞) is a open cylinder, and glueing two of these together yields, again, a torus.

In conclusion, we came up with different ways to construct a compact Riemann surface of genus 1: The quotient \mathbb{C}/Λ versus the projective variety $y^2z = x(x-z)(x-\lambda z)$ or the "domain" of the function $\sqrt{x(x-1)(x-\lambda)}$ in the above sense. When are $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} + \tau\mathbb{Z}$ and $zy^2 = x(x-z)(x-\lambda z)$ the same Riemann surface?

Definition 2.2. An isomorphism of Riemann surfaces $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a homeomorphism which is biholomorphic in local charts.

Question: Given a one-dimensional complex torus \mathbb{C}/Λ , can we find polynomial equations describing the same Riemann surface?

Weierstrass answered this question by building functions x and y on \mathbb{C}/Λ .

Proposition 2.3. There does not exist a holomorphic nonconstant function $f : \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Proof. Any such f gives $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with \tilde{f} bounded and entire, hence constant. \square

Building a meromorphic function on \mathbb{C}/Λ is equivalent to finding $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^1$ such that $f(x+\lambda) = f(x)$ for $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Define

$$\wp(z) := \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda \setminus \{0\}} \left(\frac{1}{(z-\lambda)^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right).$$

This function converges and is invariant under the action of the lattice. One computes its derivative as $\wp'(z) = -2 \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \frac{1}{(z-\lambda)^3}$. Note that \wp is even and \wp' is odd. For the series expansion around 0 one gets

$$\wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + c_1 z^2 + c_2 z^4 + \dots \quad \text{and} \quad \wp'(z) = -2\left(\frac{1}{z^3} - c_1 z - \dots\right)$$

and one can verify $\wp'(z)^2 = 4\wp(z)^3 + g_2\wp(z) + g_3$ for $g_2 = -20c_1$ and some constant $g_3 \in \mathbb{C}$ (verify using the series expansion that $\wp'^2 - 4\wp^3 - g_2\wp$ is bi-periodic and holomorphic).

¹Assume λ is in a general position

Proposition 2.4. *There exists a polynomial relation $\wp'(z)^2 = 4\wp(z)^3 + g_2\wp(z) + g_3$ for some constants $g_2, g_3 \in \mathbb{C}$.* \square

Consider the map $\varphi : \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^2$, $z \mapsto [\wp(z) : \wp'(z) : 1]$. (For $z = 0$, we get $0 \mapsto [0 : 1 : 0]$.) Now $\text{im } \varphi \subseteq V(x_1^2x_2 - 4x_0^3 - g_2x_0x_2^2 - g_3x_2^3) =: V(f)$. We claim that φ is injective and surjective on $V(f)$.

Proof. $\wp : \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^1$ is 2 to 1 because $\wp^{-1}(\infty) = 2[0]$ and the multiplicity is the number of inverse images of \wp near ∞ . So $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^1$ is the quotient map by the \mathbb{Z}^2 -action $z \mapsto -z$. Assume $\wp(z) = \wp(w)$ and $\wp'(z) = \wp'(w)$ for some $z \neq w$. By the above, $z = -w$ and $\wp'(z) = 0$. If $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}v_1 + \mathbb{Z}v_2$, since \wp' is odd we have $\wp'(\frac{1}{2}v_1) = \wp'(\frac{1}{2}v_2) = \wp'(\frac{1}{2}(v_1 + v_2)) = 0$. Since $\wp'^{-1}(\infty) = 3[0]$, by the same argument as before 0 has at most 3 preimages, hence $z \in \{\frac{1}{2}v_1, \frac{1}{2}v_2, \frac{1}{2}(v_1 + v_2)\}$, and hence $z = -z = w$. This proves that φ is injective.

For surjectivity, we use the open mapping theorem: If $f : C \rightarrow D$ is a holomorphic map of Riemann surfaces, then $\text{im } f$ is open. Hence $\text{im } \varphi$ is open. Since \mathbb{C}/Λ is compact, we also have that $\text{im } \varphi$ is closed. Thus φ is surjective. \square

This answers the question how to go from a lattice to a cubic. Now let us think about the reverse direction.

Definition 2.5. A holomorphic 1-form ω on a Riemann surface Σ is a compatible collection of expressions $\{f(z)dz\}$ f holomorphic, ranging over the charts of Σ .

Spelt out, this means whenever we have charts $\varphi_1 : U_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $\varphi_2 : U_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with expressions $f_1(z)dz$ and $f_2(z)dz$ on U_1 and U_2 , respectively, with transition map $w = \varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1$, we want $f_2(w(z))d(w(z)) = f_1(z)dz$, i.e. $f_1(z) = f_2(w(z))w'(z)$.

Now define a holomorphic 1-form on $V(y^2 - x(x-1)(x-\lambda))$ by $\omega = \frac{dx}{y}$. When $x \neq 0, 1, \lambda, \infty$, then x is a local coordinate. Then $y \neq 0$ and everything is fine. If $x = 0$, then $w = \sqrt{x}$ is a local holomorphic coordinate. Then $x = w^2$ and $y = w\sqrt{(w^2-1)(w^2-\lambda)}$ as well as $dx = 2wdw$. Together,

$$\frac{dx}{y} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{(w^2-1)(w^2-\lambda)}}dw,$$

where the fraction is a holomorphic function of w near 0. The same arguments work for $x = 1$ and $x = \lambda$. At ∞ , we had $w = x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ as a holomorphic function and similar calculations show that everything works out. ω is nowhere vanishing: In a local chart z , $\omega = f(z)dz$, then $f(z) \neq 0$.

Proposition 2.6. *Any holomorphic 1-form on a Riemann surface Σ is closed as a \mathbb{C} -valued differentiable 1-form.*

There is a map $d : \{\text{diff. } p\text{-forms}\} \rightarrow \{\text{diff. } (p+1)\text{-forms}\}$ given by

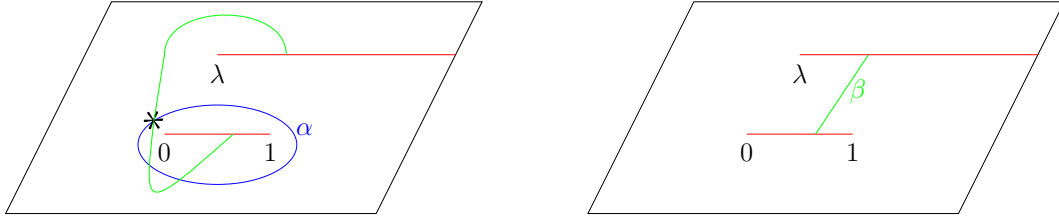
$$f dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_p \mapsto \sum_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} dx_j \wedge dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_p.$$

Write $\omega = f(z)dz = f(x+iy)(dx+idy)$. Then $d\omega$ computes as

$$d\omega = i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx \wedge dy + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy \wedge dx = \left(i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) dx \wedge dy = 0$$

Consider $A(p) = \int_*^p \omega$ as a "function" on $\Sigma = V(y^2 - x(x-1)(x-\lambda))$. $A(p)$ depends on the chosen path. If γ_1, γ_2 are two homotopic paths from $*$ to p , then $\int_{\gamma_1} \omega = \int_{\gamma_2} \omega$ by Stokes theorem. Hence A depends only on the homotopy class of the chosen path. If γ_1, γ_2 are two homotopy classes of paths from

* to p , then $\int_{\gamma_1} \omega - \int_{\gamma_2} \omega = \int_{\gamma_2^{-1} \circ \gamma_1} \omega$ and $\gamma_2^{-1} \circ \gamma_1 \in \pi_1(\Sigma, *) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$, since Σ is a torus. Set $v_1 = \int_{\alpha} \omega$, $v_2 = \int_{\beta} \omega$, where α, β are generators of $\pi_1(\Sigma, *)$, as indicated in the picture:



Then A is a single valued function with target $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z}v_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}v_2$. v_1 and v_2 are called the "Abelian" integrals. We can explicitly write $v_1 = 2 \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x(x-1)(x-\lambda)}}$ and $v_2 = 2 \int_0^\lambda \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x(x-1)(x-\lambda)}}$. Claim: $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ are linearly independent over \mathbb{R} .

Proof. Cut along α, β . You get a square F , denote its sides as in the figure.



Then $-i \int_{\Sigma} \omega \wedge \bar{\omega} > 0$, since locally, if $\omega = f(z)dz$, then

$$-i\omega \wedge \bar{\omega} = -if\bar{f}dz \wedge d\bar{z} = 2f\bar{f}dx \wedge dy.$$

On the other hand, $\int_{\Sigma} \omega \wedge \bar{\omega} = \int_F \omega \wedge \bar{\omega} = \int_F d(A) \wedge \bar{\omega} = \int_F d(A \cdot \bar{\omega}) = \int_{\partial F} A\bar{\omega}$ by Stokes. Note $\bar{\omega}|_B = \bar{\omega}|_{-D}$ and the same for C, E . Similarly $A|_B - A|_{-D}$ is equal to the constant function $\int_{\beta} \omega$ and $A|_C - A|_{-E} = \int_{-\alpha} \omega$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Sigma} \omega \wedge \bar{\omega} &= \int_B A\bar{\omega} - \int_{-D} A\bar{\omega} + \int_C A\bar{\omega} - \int_{-E} A\bar{\omega} = \int_B \left(\int_{\beta} \omega \right) \bar{\omega} + \int_C \left(\int_{-\alpha} \omega \right) \bar{\omega} \\ &= \int_{\alpha} \bar{\omega} \int_{\beta} \omega - \int_{\alpha} \omega \int_{\beta} \bar{\omega} = \bar{v}_1 v_2 - v_1 \bar{v}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Putting everything together, we have $-i(\bar{v}_1 v_2 - v_1 \bar{v}_2) > 0$, i.e. $\text{Im}(v_1 \bar{v}_2) > 0$. \square

So $\Lambda := \mathbb{Z}v_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}v_2$ is a lattice and $A : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ is a locally invertible map into a torus. Hence A is a covering map and Σ compact implies the fibres of A are finite, i.e. Σ is a finite covering of \mathbb{C}/Λ . With some covering theory, this implies $\Sigma = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$, where $\Lambda' \subseteq \Lambda$ is a finite index sublattice.

Next we ask: Given lattices $\Lambda, \Lambda' \subseteq \mathbb{C}$, when are \mathbb{C}/Λ and \mathbb{C}/Λ' isomorphic as Riemann surfaces?

Proposition 2.7. $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda \cong \mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$ if and only if there exists $c \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ s.t. $c\Lambda = \Lambda'$.

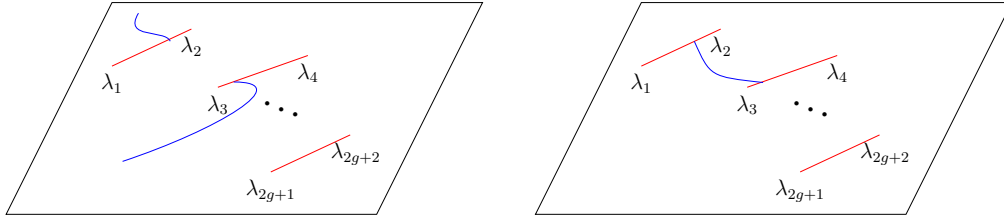
Proof. Let $i : \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$ be an iso. and assume $i(0) = 0$. Lift i to the universal cover $\tilde{i} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ isomorphism with $\tilde{i}(0) = 0$. This implies that \tilde{i} is linear, i.e. $\tilde{i}(z) = cz$. Since $i(\Lambda) = \Lambda'$, it follows that $c\Lambda = \Lambda'$. The converse follows similarly. \square

Given any lattice $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}v_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}v_2 \subseteq \mathbb{C}$, multiply it by $\frac{1}{v_2}$ to get $\Lambda' \cong \mathbb{Z}\tau \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ where $\tau = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$. Assume $\text{Im}(\tau) > 0$ (otherwise replace τ by $-\tau$). Let $\mathbb{H} = \{\tau \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Im} \tau > 0\}$ be the upper half-plane. Then $\tau, \tau' \in \mathbb{H}$ define the same complex torus if and only if $\tau' = \frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d}$ with $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$. Hence the space of 1-dimensional complex tori is in bijection to $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}$.

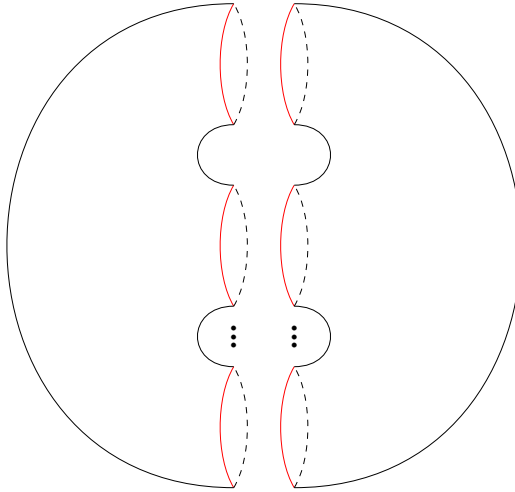
2.2 Curves of higher genus

Consider a Riemann surface Σ of genus g .

Example 2.8 (Hyperelliptic curves). $y^2 = (x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_{2g+2})$. This corresponds to the Riemann surface Σ of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{(x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_{2g+2})}$, which has a unique analytic continuation to \mathbb{C} without the $g + 1$ cuts between λ_{2i-1} and λ_{2i} , $i = 1, \dots, g + 1$.



The result is a genus g Riemann surface and the local chart near $x = \lambda_i$ is $\sqrt{x - \lambda_i}$.



Again consider $\omega = \frac{dx}{y}$. For the same reasons as before, ω is holomorphic at $y = 0$. Near ∞ , $w = \frac{1}{x}$ is a local coordinate, and

$$\omega = \frac{d(1/w)}{\sqrt{(1/w - \lambda_1) \cdots (1/w - \lambda_{2g+2})}} = \frac{-1/w^2 dw}{1/w^{g+1} \sqrt{h(w)}} = -w^{g-1} h(w)^{-1/2} dw$$

for some holomorphic function h . Hence for $0 \leq r \leq g - 1$, even $\omega_r = \frac{x^r dx}{y}$ is a holomorphic 1-form on Σ , so there is a g -dimensional vector space $\bigoplus_{r=0}^{g-1} \mathbb{C}\omega_r$ of holomorphic 1-forms.

Fact: Let $\Omega^1(\Sigma)$ be the \mathbb{C} -vector space of holomorphic 1-forms on a genus g compact Riemann surface Σ . Then $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \Omega^1(\Sigma) = g$. We will prove this later.

Exercise 2.9. What is the genus of $y^3 = x^6 - 1$?

2.3 De-Rham Cohomology

Let M be a real manifold of dimension d . Let $\bigwedge^p(M) := \{\text{smooth } p\text{-forms on } M\}$, that is smooth p -forms on an open cover that agree on intersections, where $\bigwedge^p(U) = \{\sum_{|I|=p} f_I dx_i \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_p\}$ with the f_I smooth. Now consider the de-Rham complex

$$0 \rightarrow \bigwedge^0(M) \xrightarrow{d_0} \bigwedge^1(M) \xrightarrow{d_1} \bigwedge^2(M) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \bigwedge^d(M) \rightarrow 0$$

where

$$d(f dx_I) = \sum_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} dx_j \wedge dx_I$$

Now define the de-Rham cohomology as the homology of this complex, i.e.

$$H_{dR}^p(M, \mathbb{C}) = \ker(d_p) / \text{im}(d_{p-1}).$$

Theorem 2.10 (De Rham). $H_{dR}^p(M, \mathbb{C}) \cong H_{sing}^p(M, \mathbb{C})$.

Here, the map is defined as follows: Let $[\omega] \in H_{dR}^p(M, \mathbb{C})$ be represented by $\omega \in \bigwedge^p(M)$ which is exact: $d_p \omega = 0$. Then define $[\omega] \mapsto (\sigma \mapsto \int_\sigma \omega)$.

Now consider M a complex manifold of \mathbb{C} -dimension d .

Definition 2.11. The *smooth* (p, q) -forms on $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$ are defined as

$$\bigwedge^{p,q}(U) = \left\{ \sum_{\substack{|I|=p \\ |J|=q}} f_{I\bar{J}} dx_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{i_p} \wedge d\bar{x}_{j_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge d\bar{x}_{j_q} \right\}$$

where the $f_{I\bar{J}}$ are smooth functions and the x_i are the coordinates of \mathbb{C}^n . The smooth (p, q) -forms of a manifold M are forms locally of the type $\bigwedge^{p,q}(U)$.

This is well-defined because the pullback of a (p, q) -form under a holomorphic map is a (p, q) -form.

Example 2.12. $z\bar{z}dz$ is a smooth $(1, 0)$ -form on \mathbb{C} . It corresponds to $(x^2 + y^2)(dx + idy) \in \bigwedge^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$. Similarly, $\bar{z}d\bar{z} \in \bigwedge^{0,1}(\mathbb{C})$. If (z, w) are the coordinates of \mathbb{C}^2 , then $dz \wedge d\bar{w} + d\bar{z} \wedge dw \in \bigwedge^{1,1}(\mathbb{C})$.

Lemma 2.13. $\bigwedge^k(M_{\mathbb{R}}) = \bigoplus_{p+q=k} \bigwedge^{p,q}(M)$, where $M_{\mathbb{R}}$ is M considered as a real manifold.

Proof. If z_1, \dots, z_n are local complex coordinates and $x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n$ the corresponding local real coordinates, then $z_i = x_i + iy_i$ and $\bar{z}_i = \frac{1}{2}(z_i + \bar{z}_i)$, $y_i = \frac{1}{2}(z_i - \bar{z}_i)$, so one can directly translate expressions from each set into an expression from the other set. \square

On a one-dimensional complex manifold Σ , the only spaces of (p, q) -forms to consider are $\bigwedge^{0,0}(\Sigma) = \{\text{loc. smooth functions}\}$, $\bigwedge^{1,0}(\Sigma)$, $\bigwedge^{0,1}(\Sigma)$ and $\bigwedge^{1,1}(\Sigma)$. Hence the de-Rham complex is

$$0 \rightarrow \bigwedge^{0,0}(\Sigma) \xrightarrow{d} \bigwedge^{0,1}(\Sigma) \oplus \bigwedge^{1,0}(\Sigma) \xrightarrow{d} \bigwedge^{1,1}(\Sigma)$$

and the first exterior derivative is $d = \partial_z \oplus \partial_{\bar{z}}$, i.e. given by $f \mapsto \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} dz + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} d\bar{z}$. A holomorphic 1-form on Σ is locally expressible as $\omega = f(z)dz$ with f holomorphic, $\omega \in \bigwedge^{1,0}(\Sigma)$. As before, we see that ω is closed:

$$d(f(z, \bar{z})dz) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \underbrace{dz \wedge dz}_{=0} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} \underbrace{d\bar{z} \wedge dz}_{=0} = 0.$$

For a smooth complex-valued function $f \in \Lambda^{0,0}(M)$ write

$$df = \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1} dz_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_d} dz_d}_{=: \partial f} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}_1} d\bar{z}_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}_d} d\bar{z}_d}_{=: \bar{\partial} f}$$

Then $d : \Lambda^k(M) \rightarrow \Lambda^{k+1}(M)$ decomposes into a sum $d = \partial + \bar{\partial}$ where

$$\partial(f_{I,\bar{J}} dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J) = \partial f_{I,\bar{J}} \wedge dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J$$

and similarly for $\bar{\partial}$. We get a double complex

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \Lambda^{0,2}(M) & & \\ & & \bar{\partial} \uparrow & & \\ & \Lambda^{0,1}(M) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \Lambda^{1,1}(M) & \\ & \bar{\partial} \uparrow & & \bar{\partial} \uparrow & \\ \Lambda^{0,0}(M) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \Lambda^{1,0}(M) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \Lambda^{2,0}(M) \end{array}$$

with the squares commuting up to sign. Also it is easy to check that $\bar{\partial} \circ \bar{\partial} = 0 = \partial \circ \partial$. The total complex of a double complex $(E^{p,q}, d_1, d_2)$ is $(\bigoplus_{p+q=k} E^{p,q}, d_1 + d_2)$. In this case, we get

$$\left(\bigoplus_{p+q=k} \Lambda^{p,q}(M), \partial + \bar{\partial} \right) = (\Lambda^k(M), d)$$

the original de Rham complex on M .

Example 2.14.

$$\bar{\partial}(z\bar{z}d\bar{w} + wd\bar{z}) = z d\bar{z} \wedge d\bar{w} + 0 \in \Lambda^{0,2}(\mathbb{C}^2).$$

Definition 2.15. The *Dolbeault cohomology*

$$H^{p,q}(M) := \frac{\ker(\bar{\partial} : \Lambda^{p,q}(M) \rightarrow \Lambda^{p,q+1}(M))}{\text{im}(\bar{\partial} : \Lambda^{p,q-1}(M) \rightarrow \Lambda^{p,q}(M))}$$

This is an analogue of de Rham cohomology when M is a complex manifold.

Theorem 2.16 (Poincaré $\bar{\partial}$ -lemma). *Let $0 \in U \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$ be an open set, $\omega \in \Lambda^{p,q}(U)$. Then, if $\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$, then there exists an open subset $0 \in V \subseteq U$ and an $\alpha \in \Lambda^{p,q-1}(V)$ such that $\bar{\partial}\alpha = \omega|_V$.*

Proof. (for $n = 1$). Let $\Delta \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be the unit disk. Let $gd\bar{z} \in \Lambda^{0,1}(\bar{\Delta})$. Then $\bar{\partial}gd\bar{z}$ is automatically 0. Then

$$f(z, \bar{z}) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Delta} \frac{g(w, \bar{w})}{w - z} dw \wedge d\bar{w}$$

satisfies $\bar{\partial}f = gd\bar{z}$: Write $g = g_1 + g_2$ such that $\text{supp } g_1 \subseteq B_{2\varepsilon}(z)$ and $\text{supp}(g_2) \subseteq B_{\varepsilon}(z)^c$. Now

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left(\int_{\Delta} \frac{g_1}{w - z} dw \wedge d\bar{w} + \underbrace{\int_{\Delta} \frac{g_2}{w - z} dw \wedge d\bar{w}}_{\bar{\partial}(-)=0} \right),$$

and

$$\int_{\Delta} \frac{g_1}{w - z} dw \wedge d\bar{w} = \int_{B_{2\varepsilon}(0)} \frac{g_1(z+u)}{u} du \wedge d\bar{u} = \frac{i}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\varepsilon} g_1(z+u) e^{-i\theta} dr d\theta$$

is clearly the integral of a smooth function, hence smooth. One calculates

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\pi i \bar{\partial} f &= \bar{\partial} \int_{\Delta} \frac{g_1}{w-z} dw \wedge d\bar{w} = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \bar{\partial} \int_{B_{2\varepsilon}(z) - B_{\mu}(z)} \frac{g_1}{w-z} dw \wedge d\bar{w} \\
 &= \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \left(\int_{B_{2\varepsilon}(z) - B_{\mu}(z)} \underbrace{\frac{\partial g_1}{\partial \bar{w}}(w) \frac{1}{w-z} dw \wedge d\bar{w}}_{d\eta \text{ where } \eta = -\frac{g(w)dw}{w-z}} \right) d\bar{z} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Stokes}}{=} \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \left(\int_{C_{2\varepsilon}(z)} \frac{-g_1(w)dw}{w-z} + \int_{C_{\mu}(z)} \frac{g_1(w)}{w-z} dw \right) d\bar{z} \\
 &= 2\pi i g_1(z) d\bar{z} = 2\pi i g(z) d\bar{z}
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Let Σ be a Riemann surface of genus g . Let $\alpha_i, \beta_i, i = 1, \dots, g$ be the loops as indicated in the picture.

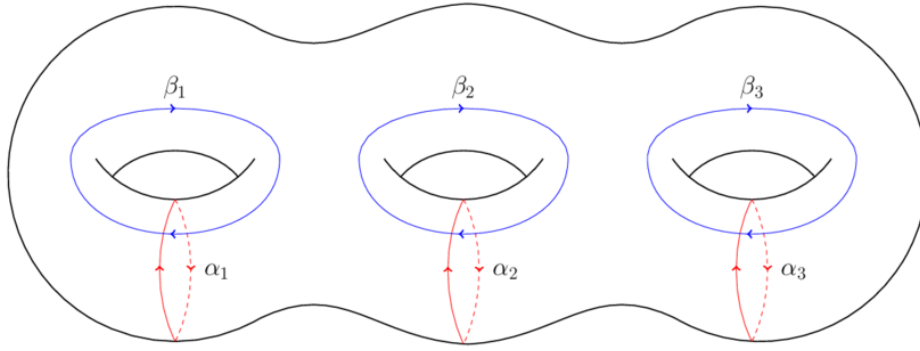


Figure 2: A genus 3 surface with a basis for its first homology

They form a basis of $H_1(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{2g}$. By Poincaré duality, $H_1(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z}) \stackrel{PD}{\cong} H^1(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z})$. From the cohomological product structure one gets a pairing on $H_1(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z})$ by $\alpha \cdot \beta = \int_{\Sigma} PD(\alpha) \smile PD(\beta)$, which is the intersection form: Represent α, β by transversely intersecting cycles. Then $\alpha \cdot \beta = \sum_{p \in \alpha \cap \beta} \underbrace{\text{or}_p(\alpha, \beta)}_{\in \pm 1}$.

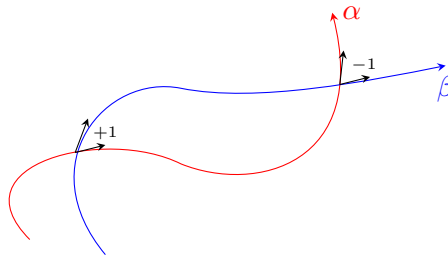


Figure 3: Two cycles α, β with intersection form $\alpha \cdot \beta = 1 - 1 = 0$.

The Intersection matrix of the chosen basis $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_g\}$ is given by $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z}^{2g \times 2g}$. Thus $H_1(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z})$ has the structure of a symplectic lattice, with an alternating map $(-, -) : \Lambda \otimes \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$.

Choose generators α_i, β_i of $\pi_1(\Sigma, *)$ that are homologous to the α_i, β_i from before. Then $\pi_1(\Sigma, *) = \langle \alpha_i, \beta_i \mid \prod_i [\alpha_i, \beta_i] \rangle$ Recall $\dim \Omega^1(\Sigma) = g$. Let $\omega, \omega' \in \Omega^1(\Sigma)$.

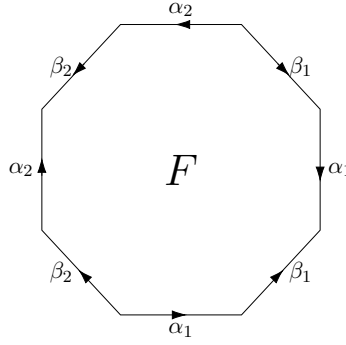


Figure 4: Cut up torus of genus 2

Theorem 2.17 (Riemann Bilinear Relations). *There exists a unique basis $\Omega^1(\Sigma) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^g \mathbb{C}\omega_i$ such that $\int_{\alpha_j} \omega_i = \delta_{ij}$ and $(\int_{\beta_j} \omega_i)_{i,j}$ is a symmetric $g \times g$ -matrix with positive definite imaginary part.*

Lemma 2.18.

$$\text{Symmetry:} \quad \sum_{i=1}^g \int_{\alpha_i} \omega \int_{\beta_i} \omega' - \int_{\alpha_i} \omega' \int_{\beta_i} \omega = 0.$$

$$\text{Positivity:} \quad i \sum_{i=1}^g \int_{\alpha_i} \omega \int_{\beta_i} \bar{\omega} - \int_{\beta_i} \omega \int_{\alpha_i} \bar{\omega} > 0.$$

Proof. Let $A(p) = \int_*^p \omega$ where $*$ is one of the vertices of F . $A(p)$ is holomorphic on F and welldefined since $d\omega = 0$. Further $dA = \omega$ on F .

$$0 = \int_{\Sigma} \omega \wedge \omega' = \int_F \omega \wedge \omega' = \int_F d(A\omega') = \int_{\partial F} A\omega'.$$

Now, as in the case of elliptic curves,

$$\int_{\alpha_1} A\omega' + \int_{\alpha_1^{-1}} A\omega' = \int_{\alpha_1} (A|_{\alpha_1} - A|_{\alpha_1^{-1}})\omega' = (A|_{\alpha_1} - A|_{\alpha_1^{-1}}) \int_{\alpha_1} \omega' = - \int_{\beta_1} \omega \int_{\alpha_1} \omega'.$$

Doing this for all i gives

$$\int_{\partial F} A\omega' = - \sum_{i=1}^g \int_{\beta_i} \omega \int_{\alpha_i} \omega' - \int_{\alpha_i} \omega \int_{\beta_i} \omega'.$$

This shows symmetry. For positivity, we have

$$0 < i \int_{\Sigma} \omega \wedge \bar{\omega} = i \int_F \omega \wedge \bar{\omega} = i \int_F d(A\bar{\omega}) = i \int_{\partial F} A\bar{\omega}$$

As before,

$$\int_{\alpha_i} A\bar{\omega} + \int_{\alpha_i^{-1}} A\bar{\omega} = - \int_{\beta_i} \omega \int_{\alpha_i} \bar{\omega}.$$

Doing this for all sides of F gives the result. □

Corollary 2.19. *There is no $\omega \in \Omega^1(\Sigma) \setminus 0$ such that $\int_{\alpha_i} \omega = 0$ for all i .* □

Corollary 2.20. $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \Omega^1(\Sigma) \leq g$.

Proof. $\Omega^1(\Sigma) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n, \omega \mapsto (\int_{\alpha_i} \omega)_i$ is an injective linear map. □

Corollary 2.21. *If Σ is the Riemann surface of $\sqrt{(x - \lambda_1) \cdots (x - \lambda_{2g+2})} = y$, then*

$$\Omega^1(\Sigma) = \bigoplus_{r=0}^g \mathbb{C} \frac{x^r dr}{y}.$$

□

Proof. (of 3.8) Assume again $\Omega^1(\Sigma) = g$, which we will prove later. The map in the proof of 3.10 is then an iso, hence we can choose a basis that satisfies $\int_{\alpha_j} \omega_i = \delta_{ij}$.

Consider the "period matrix of Σ " $P = (P_{ij}) = (\int_{\beta_j} \omega_i)$. P is symmetric: Let ω_k, ω_l be elements of the normalized basis. Then

$$0 = \sum_{j=1}^g \int_{\alpha_j} \omega_k \int_{\beta_j} \omega_l - \int_{\alpha_j} \omega_l \int_{\beta_j} \omega_k = \sum_{j=1}^g \delta_{jk} \int_{\beta_j} \omega_l - \delta_{jl} \int_{\beta_l} \omega_k = \int_{\beta_k} \omega_l - \int_{\beta_l} \omega_k = P_{lk} - P_{kl}.$$

Let $\omega = c_1 \omega_1 + \dots + c_g \omega_g$ with $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$ not all 0. Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< i \sum_{j=1}^g \int_{\alpha_j} \omega \int_{\beta_j} \bar{\omega} - \int_{\beta_j} \omega \int_{\alpha_j} \bar{\omega} = i \sum_{j,k=1}^g c_j \int_{\beta_j} \bar{c}_k \bar{\omega}_k - c_k \int_{\beta_j} \bar{\omega}_k \bar{c}_j \\ &= 2 \operatorname{Im} \left(c_j \bar{c}_k \int_{\beta_j} \omega_k \right) = 2(\vec{c})^\dagger \operatorname{Im} P \vec{c} \end{aligned}$$

So $\operatorname{Im} P$ is positive definite as a bilinear form. □

Lemma 2.22. *Assuming $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \Omega^1(\Sigma) = g$, then $H_{dR}^1(\Sigma, \mathbb{C}) \cong \Omega^1(\Sigma) \oplus \overline{\Omega^1(\Sigma)}$*

Proof. Every $\omega \in \Omega^1(\Sigma)$ is d -closed, hence so is every $\bar{\omega} \in \overline{\Omega^1(\Sigma)}$. So we have a map

$$\Omega^1(\Sigma) \oplus \overline{\Omega^1(\Sigma)} \xrightarrow{\varphi} H_{dR}^1(\Sigma, \mathbb{C}) \cong H_1(\Sigma, \mathbb{C})^* = \operatorname{Hom}(H_1(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z}), \mathbb{C})$$

given by $\omega \mapsto \gamma \mapsto \int_{\gamma} \omega$. It is represented by the $2g \times 2g$ -matrix (rows $\omega_i, \bar{\omega}_i$, columns α_j, β_j)

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & P \\ I & \bar{P} \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} I & P \\ 0 & \bar{P} - P \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\bar{P} - P = -2i \operatorname{Im} P$ is positive definite, hence has full rank. Thus φ is injective and since the dimensions agree, it is an isomorphism. □

Let $*$ $\in \Sigma$ be a base point. As in the genus 1 case, we can define a multivalued holomorphic map $p \mapsto (\int_*^p \omega_i)_i \in \mathbb{C}^g$. If γ, γ' are paths from $*$ to p , then $\int_{\gamma} \omega - \int_{\gamma'} \omega = \int_{\gamma - \gamma'} \omega$ with $\gamma - \gamma' \in H_1(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z})$. Thus the value of our function is unique up to the free abelian group generated by $(\int_{\alpha_i} \omega_j)_j$ and $(\int_{\beta_i} \omega_j)_j$, $i, j = 1, \dots, g$. This is exactly $\mathbb{Z}^g \oplus P\mathbb{Z}^g \subseteq \mathbb{C}^g$. Since $\operatorname{Im} P > 0$, this is a discrete subgroup of \mathbb{C}^g (Exercise).

Definition 2.23. The *Jacobian* of Σ is $\operatorname{Jac}(\Sigma) = \mathbb{C}^g / \mathbb{Z}^g \oplus P\mathbb{Z}^g$. This is a compact complex manifold of dimension g . Further, the *Abel-Jacobi map*

$$AJ : \Sigma \rightarrow \operatorname{Jac}(\Sigma), \quad p \mapsto \left(\int_*^p \omega_1, \dots, \int_*^p \omega_g \right)$$

is single-valued, well-defined and holomorphic.

Note that $\operatorname{Jac}(\Sigma)$ is diffeomorphic to $(S^1)^{2g}$.

3 Holomorphic Vector Bundles

Definition 3.1. Let M be a complex manifold. A holomorphic vector bundle $\pi : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow M$ is a complex manifold \mathcal{E} of rank r that has local trivializations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E}|_U & \xrightarrow{\pi} & U \\ & \searrow h_U \quad \nearrow \pi_1 & \\ & U \times \mathbb{C}^r & \end{array}$$

with biholomorphic maps h_U such that $h_V \circ h_U^{-1} : (U \cap V) \times \mathbb{C}^r \rightarrow (U \cap V) \times \mathbb{C}^r$ is linear on every fibre and the induced map $t_{UV} : U \cap V \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_r(\mathbb{C})$ is holomorphic.

Example 3.2. $\mathbb{C}^r \times M \rightarrow M$ is the trivial vector bundle.

Definition 3.3. A *section* of \mathcal{E} over $U \subseteq M$ is a holomorphic map $s : U \rightarrow \mathcal{E}|_U$ such that $\pi \circ s = \mathrm{id}$. Denote the space of sections over U by $\mathcal{E}(U)$.

There is a holomorphic vector bundle Ω^p on M such that $\Omega^p(U)$ consists of the holomorphic p -forms on U : On a coordinate chart $U \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$, $\Omega^p(U) = \{\sum_{|I|=p} f_I dz_I \mid f_I \text{ holomorphic}\} = \bigoplus_{|I|=p} \mathrm{Hol}(U) \cdot dz_I$ with the transition functions the usual coordinate change. This is a holomorphic vector bundle of rank $r = \binom{\dim_{\mathbb{C}} M}{p}$ with $\Omega^k|_U \cong \mathbb{C}^r \times U$ trivialized by $\{dz_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dz_{i_k}\}$ in a local coordinate chart (z_1, \dots, z_d) with $d = \dim M$. If $\varphi_U : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$, $\varphi_V : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$ are two charts with local coordinates z, w , respectively, let us compute the coordinate change t_{UV} for Ω^1 . This is the change of coordinates on 1-forms $\sum f_i dz_i \rightsquigarrow \sum g_i dw_i$. One obtains

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{dw_1}{dz_1} & \frac{dw_2}{dz_1} & \cdots & \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ & & \cdots & \frac{dw_d}{dz_d} \end{pmatrix} = \mathrm{Jac}(\varphi_V \circ \varphi_U^{-1}).$$

Note that the usual constructions on vector spaces, like Hom , \otimes , $(-)^{\vee}$, exist for vector bundles. With this in mind, we can write $\Omega^k = \bigwedge^k \Omega^1$.

Note: Similarly to holomorphic vector bundles, one can define e.g. smooth vector bundles by requiring that the manifolds, trivializations and transition maps involved are smooth.

Given a complex manifold M , then $\bigwedge^{p,q}(M) \rightarrow M$ is a smooth vector bundle with trivialization given by $\{dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J \mid |I| = p, |J| = q\}$. In particular, $\bigwedge^{p,0}(M)$ is not the same as ω^p , since the first is considered as a smooth manifold: Looking at sections,

$$\bigwedge^{p,0} = \{\sum f dz_I \mid f \text{ smooth}\} \quad \text{but} \quad \omega^p(U) = \{\sum f_I dz_I \mid f_I \text{ holomorphic}\}.$$

Definition 3.4. The holomorphic line bundle $\Omega^{\dim M}$ is called the canonical bundle K_M .

Crash Course on Sheaves

Let X be a topological space. A sheaf of abelian groups (or with values in a category \mathcal{C}) F on X is an assignment $\{\text{open sets of } X\} \rightarrow \mathrm{Ab}$, $U \mapsto F(U)$, together with restriction maps $\rho_{UV} : F(U) \rightarrow F(V)$ for all open $V \subseteq U$ such that $\rho_{UU} = \mathrm{id}_{F(U)}$, $\rho_{VW} \circ \rho_{UV} = \rho_{UW}$, $\rho(\emptyset) = 0$, and such that given $\{s_i \in F(U_i)\}$ with $\rho_{ij}(s_i) = \rho_{ji}(s_j)$ there exists a unique $s \in F(\bigcup U_i)$ with $s|_{U_i} = s_i$. Sheaves of abelian groups on X form an abelian category. A homomorphism $\varphi : F \rightarrow G$ is a collection of homomorphisms $\varphi(U) : F(U) \rightarrow G(U)$ such that $\rho_{UV}\varphi(U) = \varphi(V)\rho(UV)$.

Any complex holomorphic vector bundle gives a sheaf E via $E(U)$ the holomorphic sections over U . This is even a sheaf of \mathbb{C} -vector spaces. For $\Omega^0 = \mathbb{C} \times M$, the trivial bundle, the corresponding sheaf $\mathcal{O} = \Omega^0$ is the sheaf of holomorphic functions $U \mapsto \mathcal{O}(U)$. Let \mathcal{O}^* be the sheaf of nonvanishing holomorphic functions

$$\mathcal{O}^*(U) = \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^* \mid f \text{ holomorphic}\}.$$

This is a sheaf of abelian groups.

Example 3.5. Let X be any topological space, A an abelian group. Then the constant sheaf on X with value A is the sheaf

$$\underline{A} : U \mapsto A(U) = \{\text{loc. const. functions } U \rightarrow A\}$$

For instance, if $X = \mathbb{R}$; $A = \mathbb{Z}$, then $\underline{\mathbb{Z}}((0, 1) \cup (2, 3)) = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$. For M a complex manifold, define a morphism $\exp : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\times$ via $\mathcal{O}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^*(U)$, $f \mapsto e^f$. We want to compute the kernel K and cokernel Q of this map. For the cokernel, first set $Q^{\text{pre}}(U) = \mathcal{O}^*(U) / \exp(\mathcal{O}(U))$. For example, if $M = \mathbb{C}$ and $U = \mathbb{C}^*$, then $\mathcal{O}^*(\mathbb{C}^*) / \exp(\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}^*)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$, since given $f \in \mathcal{O}^*(\mathbb{C}^*)$ one can take the logarithm locally and analytically continue. Walking around the origin once, the difference is a logarithm of 1, i.e. an element of $2\pi i\mathbb{Z}$. This shows that there exists a unique $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that fz^n has a well-defined log on \mathbb{C}^* . On the other hand, for all $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}^*$ sufficiently small, $Q^{\text{pre}}(V) = 1$. Hence Q^{pre} is not a sheaf. Hence sheafify Q^{pre} to get

$$Q(U) = \{\text{compatible sections of } Q^{\text{pre}}(V_i) \text{ for a suff. small cover } U = \bigcup V_i\}.$$

Hence $Q = 1$. Similarly, $K = K^{\text{pre}} = 2\pi i\mathbb{Z}$, since the kernel presheaf is already a sheaf. This gives a short exact sequence of abelian groups

$$0 \rightarrow 2\pi i\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\times \rightarrow 0,$$

the exponential exact sequence.

Čech Cohomology

Let $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}$ be an open cover of X and F a sheaf on X . Set

$$C_{\mathcal{U}}^p(X, F) = \bigoplus_{i_0 < \dots < i_p} F(U_{i_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_p}).$$

For example, if $X = S^1$, $F = \mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathcal{U} = \{U_0, U_1\}$ with $U_0 = S^1 \setminus \{-1\}$, $U_1 = S^1 \setminus \{1\}$, then $C_{\mathcal{U}}^0(S^1, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}(U_0) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(U_1) = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$, and $C_{\mathcal{U}}^1(S^1, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}(U_0 \cap U_1) = \mathbb{Z}^2$. There is a coboundary $\partial^p : C_{\mathcal{U}}^p(X, F) \rightarrow C_{\mathcal{U}}^{p+1}(X, F)$ given by

$$(s_{i_0, \dots, i_p}) \mapsto \left(\sum_{j=0}^{p+1} (-1)^j s_{i_0, \dots, \hat{i}_j, \dots, i_{p+1}} \right) |_{U_{i_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_{p+1}}}$$

In the example, the map $C_{\mathcal{U}}^0(S^1, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow C_{\mathcal{U}}^1(S^1, \mathbb{Z})$ is given by $(a, b) \mapsto a|_{U_{01}} - b|_{U_{01}} = (a - b, a - b)$. Define the Čech cohomology with respect to \mathcal{U} as the cohomology of this complex, i.e. $H_{\mathcal{U}}^p(X, F) = H^p(C_{\mathcal{U}}^\bullet(X, F), \partial^\bullet)$. In our case, $H_{\mathcal{U}}^p(S^1, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$ if $p = 0, 1$ and 0 else. This cohomology is dependent on \mathcal{U} . For example, if $\mathcal{U} = \{S^1\}$, then $H_{\mathcal{U}}^p(S^1, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$ for $p = 0$ and 0 otherwise. If \mathcal{V} refines \mathcal{U} , then one gets a natural map $H_{\mathcal{U}}^p(X, F) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{V}}^p(X, F)$ by using the restriction maps.

Definition 3.6. The Čech cohomology is

$$H^p(X, F) = \text{colim}_{\mathcal{U}} H_{\mathcal{U}}^p(X, F)$$

If \mathcal{U} is a good cover of M , i.e. all intersections of the U_i are contractible, then $H^p(X, F) = H_{\mathcal{U}}^p(X, F)$. For any short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H \rightarrow 0$ of sheaves on X , we get a long exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^0(X, F) \rightarrow H^0(X, G) \rightarrow H^0(X, H) \rightarrow H^1(X, F) \rightarrow \dots$$

Let $E \rightarrow M$ be a holomorphic vector bundle. Consider the smooth vector bundles $E \otimes \bigwedge^{0,p}$ for $p \geq 0$. There is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E \rightarrow E \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \bigwedge^{0,0} \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \bar{\partial}} E \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \bigwedge^{0,1}$$

where the middle term is just the sheaf of smooth sections of E . Remember that the Poincaré $\bar{\partial}$ -lemma says that if $\alpha \in \bigwedge^{0,p}(U)$ s.t. $\bar{\partial}\alpha = 0$, then there exists $V \subseteq U$ open and $\beta \in \bigwedge^{0,p-1}(V)$ such that $\bar{\partial}\beta = \alpha|_V$. Hence on $U \subseteq M$ a trivializing chart for E , we have $E|_U = \mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus r}$, hence restricted to U , the Poincaré lemma says that the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus r} \rightarrow \bigwedge^{0,0}(U)^{\oplus r} \rightarrow \bigwedge^{0,1}(U)^{\oplus r} \rightarrow \dots$$

is exact. Hence this works globally and we obtain

Proposition 3.7. *There exists an exact sequence of sheaves*

$$0 \rightarrow E \rightarrow E \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \bigwedge^{0,0} \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \bar{\partial}} E \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \bigwedge^{0,1} \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \bar{\partial}} E \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \bigwedge^{0,2} \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \bar{\partial}} \dots$$

This complex is called the Dolbeault complex for E .

Before that, we should check

Proposition 3.8. *$\bar{\partial}$ is well-defined, independent of the coordinate chart.*

Proof. Let $s_U \otimes \omega_U \in E \otimes \bigwedge^{0,q}(U)$ and $s_V \otimes \omega_V \in E \otimes \bigwedge^{0,q}(V)$. Let $\varphi_U : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$ and $\varphi_V : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$ be the coordinate charts and $t_{UV} : U \cap V \rightarrow \text{GL}_r(\mathbb{C})$ the transition function of E , which is holomorphic. We have $s_V \otimes \omega_V = t_{UV} s_U \otimes (\varphi_U \circ \varphi_V^{-1})^* \omega_U$. Now $\bar{\partial}\omega_V = \bar{\partial}(\varphi_U \circ \varphi_V^{-1})^* \omega_U$ because $\bar{\partial}(\varphi_U \circ \varphi_V^{-1}) = 0$. \square

We want to prove the following

Theorem 3.9. *Let V be any C^∞ -vector bundle on a smooth manifold X . Then $H^i(X, V) = 0$ for $i > 0$.*

Definition 3.10. A sheaf F on X is *flasque* if for any $V \subseteq U$ opens, ρ_{UV} is surjective. F is *soft* if for any $Z \subseteq X$ closed, $F(X) \rightarrow F(Z)$ is surjective, where $F(Z) := \text{colim}_{U \supseteq Z} F(U)$.

For example, take $V = C^\infty$ the trivial bundle over \mathbb{R} , then $\frac{1}{x}$ does not lie in the image of $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C^\infty((0, 1))$. So C^∞ -vector bundles are usually not flasque. However, C^∞ is soft on \mathbb{R} (exercise). This also holds for any C^∞ -vector bundle on a manifold.

Lemma 3.11. *A flasque sheaf is soft.* \square

Lemma 3.12. *Let $0 \rightarrow F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence with F soft. Then $0 \rightarrow F(X) \rightarrow G(X) \rightarrow H(X) \rightarrow 0$ is exact.* \square

Corollary 3.13. *If F and G are soft, so is H .*

Proof. Let $Z \subseteq X$ be closed and $s \in H(Z)$. By lemma 3.12, there exists $t \in G(Z)$ that maps to s . By assumption, there is a $\tilde{t} \in G(X)$ restricting to t . Then the image of \tilde{t} in $H(X)$ restricts to s . \square

Proposition 3.14. *If $0 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow \dots$ is an exact sequence of soft sheaves then $0 \rightarrow F_0(X) \rightarrow F_1(X) \rightarrow \dots$ is also exact.* \square

Recall: An injective sheaf I is one such that for any $\varphi : A \rightarrow I$ and any inclusion $A \rightarrow B$, there is an extension $\tilde{\varphi} : B \rightarrow I$ such that $\tilde{\varphi}|_A = \varphi$.

Theorem 3.15. *Sheaves of abelian groups on a paracompact space admit injective resolutions, and sheaf cohomology can be computed as the homology of any such resolution.*

Proof. Omitted. □

Injective sheaves are flasque (exercise) and hence soft. Thus by proposition 3.14, $H^i(X, F) = 0$ if F is soft. This proves theorem 3.9. In particular, $H^i(X, E \otimes \bigwedge^{0,q}) = 0$ for all $i > 0$. So the Dolbeault resolution is an acyclic resolution of E .

Proposition 3.16. *An acyclic resolution of E computes $H^i(E)$: Given $0 \rightarrow E \rightarrow F_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} F_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} \dots$ acyclic, then*

$$H^i(E) = \frac{\ker(F_i(X) \rightarrow F_{i+1}(X))}{\operatorname{im}(F_{i-1}(X) \rightarrow F_i(X))}$$

Proof. Split up the resolution into short exact sequences $0 \rightarrow \ker d_i \rightarrow F_i \rightarrow \ker d_{i+1} \rightarrow 0$ and use the associated long exact sequences in cohomology. □

This implies *Dolbeault's theorem*

$$H^{p,q}(X) = \frac{\ker(\bar{\partial} : \bigwedge^{p,q}(X) \rightarrow \bigwedge^{p,q+1}(X))}{\operatorname{im}(\bar{\partial} : \bigwedge^{p,q-1}(X) \rightarrow \bigwedge^{p,q}(X))} \cong H^q(X, \Omega^p)$$

from the Dolbeault complex for $E = \Omega^p$.

Line Bundles on \mathbb{CP}^n

Definition 3.17. The *tautological line bundle* $\mathcal{O}(-1)$ of \mathbb{CP}^n is the total space of lines through 0 in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}

As complex manifolds, we have $\mathcal{O}(-1) \cong \operatorname{Bl}_0 \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{CP}^n$, where π is the blow-up map followed by the natural projection.

Consider the dual $\mathcal{O}(1) \cong \mathcal{O}(-1)^*$. Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^n$ be open. Then $\mathcal{O}(1)(U)$ consists of holomorphically varying families of linear functions on the tautological lines through U . That is,

$$\mathcal{O}(1)(U) = \{f : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ holomorphic} \mid f(\lambda x) = \lambda f(x)\}.$$

In particular, $\mathcal{O}(1)(\mathbb{CP}^n)$ is the set of linear forms on \mathbb{C}^{n+1} .

Next we can define $\mathcal{O}(k) = \mathcal{O}(1)^{\otimes k}$ and $\mathcal{O}(-k) = \mathcal{O}(-1)^{\otimes k}$ for $k > 0$. This yields a collection of line bundles such that

$$\mathcal{O}(m)(U) = \{f : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f(\lambda x) = \lambda^m f(x)\}.$$

For $U = \mathbb{CP}^n$ one has $\mathcal{O}(m)(\mathbb{CP}^n) \cong \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]^{(m)}$.

More generally, if $X \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^n$ is a projective variety, we can restrict $\mathcal{O}(m)$ to X , which we denote $\mathcal{O}_X(m)$.

3.1 Line Bundles associated to divisors

Definition 3.18. Let X be a smooth projective variety. A divisor on X is a \mathbb{Z} -linear combination of irreducible, codimension 1 subvarieties. More generally, if X is a complex manifold, take the \mathbb{Z} -linear combination of all closed subsets of X that are locally cut out by a single holomorphic function.

If X is a Riemann surface, then codimension 1 subvarieties are points, hence $\text{Div}(X) = \bigoplus_{p \in X} \mathbb{Z}[p]$.

Associate to any divisor D on X the holomorphic line bundle $\mathcal{O}_X(D)$ constructed as follows: For curves, declare $\mathcal{O}_X(D)|_U = \mathcal{O}_U$ where $U = X \setminus \text{supp } D$. Let V_i be an open neighbourhood of $P_i \in \text{supp } D$ that doesn't contain any other element of $\text{supp } D$. Now $\mathcal{O}_X(D)|_{V_i} \cong \mathcal{O}_{V_i}$. Take $t_{UV_i} : U \cap V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ to be $t_{UV_i} = z_i^{n_i}$, where $z_i : V_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is the local coordinate $P_i \rightarrow 0$ and n_i is the coefficient of $[P_i]$ in D .

In general, if f is a meromorphic function, define $\text{div}(f) = \sum_P \text{ord}_P(f)[P] \in \text{Div}(X)$. Then if V is a small open, write $D \cap V = \text{div}(f)$ for a suitable meromorphic function f and use this f to define the transition function. (Fact from Hartshorne: If X is smooth, every Weil divisor is Cartier.)

Definition 3.19. $D = \sum n_i[X_i] \in \text{Div}(X)$ is effective if $n_i \geq 0$ for all i .

If D is effective, there is a section $s_D \in \mathcal{O}_X(D)(X)$ given by $h_U(s_D|_U) = 1$ where h_U is the trivialization to $U \times \mathbb{C}$. On $U \cap V_i$, we need $h_V(s_D|_V) = t_{UV}(1) = z_i^{n_i}$, which by assumption extends holomorphically over $P_i \in V_i$. If D is not effective, s_D defines a meromorphic section.

Proposition 3.20. Let $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow X$ be a holomorphic line bundle over a Riemann surface X . Then if $s \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ (or if s is a meromorphic section), $\text{ord}_p(s)$ is well-defined, where $\text{ord}_p(s) := \text{ord}_p(h_U(s))$ for any trivializing chart $U \ni p$.

Proof. If V is any other such chart, then

$$\text{ord}_p(h_V(s)) = \text{ord}_p(t_{UV}(h_U(s))) = \text{ord}_p t_{UV} + \text{ord}_p h_U(s) = \text{ord}_p h_U(s)$$

since t_{UV} is invertible. □

Proposition 3.21. $\mathcal{O}_X(D)$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{O}_X(D')$ iff there is a meromorphic function f on X such that $\text{div}(f) = D - D'$.

Proof. Let $s, s' \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ for \mathcal{L} a holomorphic line bundle, $s, s' \neq 0$. Then s/s' is a well-defined meromorphic function, defined on an open chart U as $h_U(s)/h_U(s')$, since on a chart V ,

$$\frac{h_V(s)}{h_V(s')} = \frac{t_{UV}h_U(s)}{t_{UV}h_U(s')} = \frac{h_U(s)}{h_U(s')}.$$

If $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_X(D) \cong \mathcal{O}_X(D')$, then $\text{div}(s_D/s_{D'}) = D - D'$.

Conversely, suppose there is a meromorphic $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $\text{div}(f) = D - D'$. On $(\text{supp } D \cup \text{supp } D')^c$, multiplication by f induces an isomorphism. One checks that this extends to the whole line bundles. □

Definition 3.22. Let $\text{PDiv}(X) = \{\text{div } f \mid f \in \mathbb{C}(X)^*\} \subseteq \text{Div}(X)$ be the subgroup of *principal divisors*. The *divisor class group* is $\text{Cl}(X) = \text{Div}(X)/\text{PDiv}(X)$.

Aside: Let $X = \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_K$ for K/\mathbb{Q} a number field. As in number theory, $\text{Div}(X) = \bigoplus_{0 \neq \mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K} \mathbb{Z}[\mathfrak{p}]$ and $\text{PDiv}(X) = \{\sum n_{\mathfrak{p}}[\mathfrak{p}] \mid \prod \mathfrak{p}^{n_{\mathfrak{p}}} = (a) \text{ for some } a \in K\}$. Then $\text{Cl}(X)$ is the class group of the number field, e.g. $\text{Cl}(\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[i]) = 1$ or $\text{Cl}(\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]) = \{1, (1 + \sqrt{-5}, 2)\}$.

Is every holomorphic line bundle $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow X$ of the form $\mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{O}_X(D)$ for some divisor D ? Equivalently, does every $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow X$ admit a meromorphic section $s \in \text{Mero}(X, \mathcal{L})$? (If so, $\mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{O}(\text{div } s)$.)

Definition 3.23. Let $\text{Pic } X$ denote the set of isomorphism classes of holomorphic line bundles $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow X$, which is a group under the tensor product.

Indeed, if $\mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow X$ and $\mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow X$ are line bundles, their tensor product $\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow X$ naturally admits the structure of a line bundle: For U, V trivializing charts of both \mathcal{L}_i , given the transition functions $t_{UV}^i : U \cap V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ for \mathcal{L}^i , the transition function for $\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \mathcal{L}_2$ is $t_{UV} = t_{UV}^1 t_{UV}^2$.

Note that by proposition 3.21, the map $\text{Cl}(X) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(X), [D] \mapsto \mathcal{O}_X(D)$ is a well-defined group homomorphism.

Example 3.24. $\text{Cl}(\mathbb{CP}^n) = \mathbb{Z}$. Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^n$ be a divisor. It has the form $D = V(f_d)$ where $f_d \in \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]^{(d)} \setminus 0$. (see below) If $D' = V(g_d)$ is another divisor of the same degree, then $D - D' = \text{div}(f_d/g_d)$ with $f_d/g_d \in \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{CP}^n)^\times$, so $[D] = [D']$.

Chow's Lemma: If X is a projective variety over \mathbb{C} , every closed analytic subspace of X is algebraic.

Example 3.25. $y - e^x = 0$ in \mathbb{C}^2 is not algebraic, but \mathbb{C}^2 is not projective. What about its closure in $\mathbb{CP}^1 \times \mathbb{CP}^1$? Since e^x has a transcendental pole at ∞ , it obtains almost all values in any neighbourhood of ∞ . Therefore, the closure contains $\infty \times \mathbb{CP}^1$. So it is not an analytic subspace of $\mathbb{CP}^1 \times \mathbb{CP}^1$.

3.2 Hermitian Metrics

Let $E \rightarrow X$ be a holomorphic vector bundle.

Definition 3.26. A *hermitian metric* is a smoothly varying hermitian metric $h_x : \bar{E}_x \otimes E_x \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. In other words, $h \in C^\infty(X, \bar{E}^* \otimes E^*)$, where E^* is the dual line bundle, with transition functions t_{UV}^{-1} , if t_{UV} is the transition function on E , and $h(\bar{e}, e) > 0$ for $e \in E(U)$ nonvanishing.

Example 3.27. Let $D = \sum n_p [P] \in \text{Div}(C)$, C a Riemann surface. For $P_i \in \text{supp } D$, let $p \in W_i \subset V_i$ be opens and $U = (\bigcup W_i)^c$. Then $\mathcal{O}(D)|_U = \mathcal{O}_U$.

Let $s_D \in \text{Mero}(C, \mathcal{O}(D))$ such that $\text{div}(s_D) = D$. Define $h_x(\bar{s}_D, s_D) = 1$ on $x \in (\bigcup V_i)^c$ and $h_x(\bar{s}_D, s_D) = |x|^{2n_i}$ in the chart $W_i \ni P_i$ with local coordinate x . In the trivialization $\mathcal{O}(D)|_{V_i} \cong \mathcal{O}_{V_i}$, $h_x(1, 1) = 1$. Then smoothly interpolate $h(\bar{s}_D, s_D)$ on the annuli $V_i \setminus W_i$.

If h is a hermitian metric $E \rightarrow X$, then $h(\bar{s}, t) \in C^\infty(X)$, for $s, t \in C^\infty(X, E)$.

Proposition 3.28. Let $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow X$ be a holomorphic line bundle with a hermitian metric h . Let $s \in \mathcal{L}(U)$ be a local holomorphic nonvanishing section (s generates $\mathcal{L}|_U$). Then $\frac{i}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log h(s, \bar{s})$ is independent of s .

Proof. If $s' \in \mathcal{L}(U)$ is some other generator, then $s' = fs$ for some $f \in \mathcal{O}^\times(U)$. Then

$$\frac{i}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log h(\bar{f}s, fs) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} (\log h(\bar{s}, s) + \log \bar{f} + \log f) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log h(\bar{s}, s),$$

since $\log f$ is killed by $\bar{\partial}$ and $\log \bar{f}$ by ∂ . □

Set $c_1(\mathcal{L}) = [\frac{i}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log h(s, \bar{s})] \in H_{dR}^2(X, \mathbb{C})$, the *first Chern class* of \mathcal{L} . This is independent of h : If h' is another hermitian metric on \mathcal{L} , then $h' = ch$ for $c \in C^\infty(X)$, $c > 0$. Hence $\frac{i}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log h'(s, \bar{s}) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} (\log c + \log h(s, \bar{s}))$ and $\partial \bar{\partial} \log c = d\bar{\partial} \log c$ is exact.

Example 3.29. We want to compute $c_1(\mathcal{O}(D))$ for a divisor D with the hermitian form defined above. Note that $\partial \bar{\partial} \log h(\bar{s}, s)$ is supported in the annuli $V_i \setminus W_i$, say these opens are chosen such that in the trivializations, these annuli have the form $\frac{\varepsilon}{2} < |z| < \varepsilon$: In the local frame $s_D = z^{n_k}$, we have $h(1, 1) = 1$, so $h(z^{n_k}, \bar{z}^{n_k}) = |z|^{2n_k}$. Note $H^2(C, \mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}[p]$, $[p]$ the fundamental class of a point, and

the coefficient of $[p]$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_C \partial \bar{\partial} \log h &= \sum_k \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2} < |z_k| < \varepsilon} d\bar{\partial} \log h \\ &= \sum_k \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{|z_k|=\varepsilon} \bar{\partial} \log \underbrace{h(\bar{s}_D, s_D)}_{=1} - \int_{|z_k|=\varepsilon/2} \bar{\partial} \log \underbrace{h(\bar{s}_D, s_D)}_{=z^{n_k} \bar{z}^{n_k}} \\ &= \sum_i \frac{i}{2\pi} (-n_k) \int_{|z_k|=\varepsilon/2} \frac{d\bar{z}}{\bar{z}} = \sum_k \frac{i}{2\pi} (-n_k) 2\pi i = \sum_k n_k = \deg D. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $c_1(\mathcal{O}(D)) = (\deg D)[p]$.

Recall the exponential exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^* \rightarrow 1$. A holomorphic line bundle defines a class $[t] \in H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*)$: Let t_{UV} be the transition functions. These satisfy $t_{U_0 U_1} t_{U_0 U_2}^{-1} t_{U_1 U_2} = 1$, so $t = \{t_{U_i U_j}\} \in Z^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*)$. The long exact sequence in cohomology associated to the exponential exact sequence maps $[t]$ to $c_1(\mathcal{L})$, in particular, $c_1(\mathcal{L}) \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$.

On a higher dimensional complex manifold X , we have $c_1(\mathcal{O}(D)) \in H^2(X, \mathbb{C})$. Let $i : \Sigma \hookrightarrow X$ be a closed smooth topological oriented surface. Then

$$[\Sigma] \in H_2(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\text{P.D.}} H^{2d-2}(X, \mathbb{Z})$$

Represent $[\Sigma]$ by a surface transversely intersecting D . We may further assume that the arcs of Σ at intersection points are holomorphic. Define a hermitian form as before. Then

$$c_1(\mathcal{O}(D))([\Sigma]) = \int_{\Sigma} i^* c_1(\mathcal{O}(D)) = \sum_{\Sigma} n_k [\Sigma] \cdot [P_k],$$

so $c_1(\mathcal{O}(D)) = \sum n_k PD[P_k]$. Suppressing the Poincaré dual, we have proven

Proposition 3.30. *For a divisor $D = \sum n_k [P_k]$ on a complex manifold, we have*

$$c_1(\mathcal{O}(D)) = \sum_k n_k [P_k] \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}).$$

Recall the Dolbeault complex for a holomorphic line bundle $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow C$, C a Riemann surface:

$$0 \rightarrow C^\infty(C, \mathcal{L}) \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} C^\infty(C, \mathcal{L} \otimes \wedge^{0,1}) \rightarrow 0$$

with $\ker(\bar{\partial}) = H^0(C, \mathcal{L})$ and $\text{coker}(\bar{\partial}) = H^1(C, \mathcal{L})$. Choose a hermitian metric h on \mathcal{L} , and let $d\nu$ be a volume form on C .

Definition 3.31. Let $s, t \in C^\infty(C, \mathcal{L})$. We define a pairing $\langle s, t \rangle := \int_C h(\bar{s}, t) d\nu$

Observe $\langle s, s \rangle = \int_C h(\bar{s}, s) d\nu$, so if s is not identically 0, then $\langle s, s \rangle > 0$. Hence $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is a positive-definite hermitian form on $C^\infty(C, \mathcal{L})$. However, $(C^\infty(C, \mathcal{L}), \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is not a complete inner product space. Its completion is defined to be $L^2(C, \mathcal{L})$.

Definition 3.32. Similarly, let $s \otimes \alpha, t \otimes \beta \in C^\infty(C, \mathcal{L} \otimes \wedge^{0,1})$ and define

$$\langle s \otimes \alpha, t \otimes \beta \rangle = i \int_C h(\bar{s}, t) \bar{\alpha} \wedge \beta.$$

Again, $\langle s \otimes \alpha, s \otimes \alpha \rangle = \int_C h(\bar{s}, s) (i\bar{\alpha} \wedge \alpha)$ is positive when $s \otimes \alpha \neq 0$, so $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ defines a hermitian form.

Let $\varphi : V \rightarrow W$ be a map of inner product spaces. Its adjoint φ^\dagger is defined by the property $\langle w, \varphi(v) \rangle = \langle \varphi^\dagger(w), v \rangle$. We compute the adjoint of $\bar{\partial}$. Let $s \otimes \alpha \in C^\infty(C, \mathcal{L} \otimes \Lambda^{0,1})$ and $t \in C^\infty(C, \mathcal{L})$. Then

$$\int_C h \cdot \bar{s} \cdot \bar{\alpha} \cdot \bar{\partial} t = \langle s \otimes \alpha, \bar{\partial} t \rangle = \langle \bar{\partial}^\dagger(s \otimes \alpha), t \rangle = \int_C h(\bar{\partial}^\dagger(s \otimes \alpha), t) d\nu$$

Notice $h \cdot \bar{s} \cdot \bar{\alpha} \in C^\infty(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes \Lambda^{1,0}) \cong C^\infty(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes K_C)$, which has a natural $\bar{\partial}$ -operator. Integration by parts yields

$$\langle s \otimes \alpha, \bar{\partial} t \rangle = - \int_C \bar{\partial}(h \cdot \bar{s} \cdot \bar{\alpha}) \cdot t = - \int_C \frac{\bar{\partial}(h \cdot \bar{s} \cdot \bar{\alpha})}{d\nu} \cdot t d\nu = \left\langle -h^{-1} \frac{\bar{\partial}(h \cdot \bar{s} \cdot \bar{\alpha})}{d\nu}, t \right\rangle.$$

Therefore,

$$\bar{\partial}^\dagger(s \otimes \alpha) = \frac{-h^{-1} \bar{\partial}(h \cdot \bar{s} \cdot \bar{\alpha})}{d\nu}.$$

Theorem 3.33. *It is a fact from Analysis that $C^\infty(\mathcal{L} \otimes \Lambda^{0,1}) \cong (\text{im } \bar{\partial}) \oplus (\text{im } \bar{\partial})^\perp$.*

Assume $\langle s \otimes \alpha, \bar{\partial} t \rangle = 0$ for all t . This is equivalent to $\langle \bar{\partial}^\dagger(s \otimes \alpha), t \rangle = 0$, hence to $\bar{\partial}^\dagger(s \otimes \alpha) = 0$. Looking at the formula for $\bar{\partial}^\dagger$, this is true precisely if $\bar{\partial}(h \cdot \bar{s} \cdot \bar{\alpha}) = 0$, so $h \cdot \bar{s} \cdot \bar{\alpha} \in H^0(C, \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes K_C)$. So

$$H^1(C, \mathcal{L}) \cong \text{coker}(\bar{\partial}) \cong (\text{im } \bar{\partial})^\perp \cong H^0(C, \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes K_C).$$

This is Serre duality. Note the missing dual, which stems from having chosen inner products, thus identifying spaces with their duals. More canonically:

Given $s \otimes \alpha$ representing an element of $H^1(C, \mathcal{L})$ by $C^\infty(\mathcal{L} \otimes \Lambda^{0,1})$, there is a pairing with $C^\infty(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes \Lambda^{1,0}) \ni \varphi$ given by $\int_C s \cdot \alpha \cdot \varphi$ inducing a perfect pairing $H^0(C, \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes K_C) \times H^1(C, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, i.e.

Proposition 3.34 (Serre duality). *Let C be a Riemann surface and \mathcal{L} a holomorphic line bundle. Then*

$$H^1(C, \mathcal{L}) \cong H^0(C, \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes K_C)^\vee.$$

Proposition 3.35. *Let $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow C$ be a holomorphic line bundle on a compact Riemann surface C . Then $H^0(C, \mathcal{L})$ is finite-dimensional.*

Proof. If $h^0(C, \mathcal{L}) = \infty$, then choose local trivialization of $\mathcal{L}|_{U_i} \cong \mathcal{O}_U$. There exists some nonzero $s \in H^0(C, \mathcal{L})$ such that $\text{ord}_p(s) > d$ for any d : Indeed, choose linearly independent sections $s_1, s_2, \dots \in \mathcal{O}_U(U)$, which can be written as elements of $\mathbb{C}[[z]]$. Then $\varphi : \mathbb{C}[[z]] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[[z]]/(z^d)$, then $\ker \varphi \cap \langle s_i \rangle$ is nontrivial. But now,

$$\int_C \mathcal{L} = \deg \mathcal{L} = \sum_q n_q \text{ord}_q(s) > d,$$

which is impossible. □

Corollary 3.36. $H^1(C, \mathcal{L}) \cong H^0(C, \mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes K_C)^\vee$ is finite-dimensional. □

Note that $H^i(C, \mathcal{L}) = 0$ for $i > 1$.

Definition 3.37. Let $\chi(C, \mathcal{L}) = \chi(\mathcal{L}) = h^0(C, \mathcal{L}) - h^1(C, \mathcal{L}) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Let $p \in C$ be a point, then we have a short exact sequence of sheaves

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{\otimes s_p} \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{O}(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_p \rightarrow 0$$

since $\text{coker}(\otimes s_p)(U) = 0$ if $p \notin U$ and on a small neighbourhood V of p , the map is multiplication by the local coordinate z . Here, \mathbb{C}_p is the skyscraper sheaf with value \mathbb{C} at p . Hence we get a long exact exact sequence in cohomology

$$0 \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{L}) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{L}(p)) \rightarrow \underbrace{H^0(\mathbb{C}_p)}_{\cong \mathbb{C}} \rightarrow H^1(\mathcal{L}) \rightarrow H^1(\mathcal{L}(p)) \rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{C}_p) = 0.$$

Since $\dim(-)$ is additive on exact sequences, it follows that $\chi(\mathcal{L}(p)) = \chi(\mathcal{L}) + 1$.

Proposition 3.38. *Any holomorphic line bundle $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow C$ has a meromorphic section.*

Proof. By the above, there is $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\chi(\mathcal{L}(dp)) > 0$, so there exists a section $s \in H^0(\mathcal{L}(dp))$ and $s \otimes s_{d[p]}^{-1} \in \text{Mero}(C, \mathcal{L})$. \square

This finally proves that any holomorphic line bundle $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow C$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{O}(D)$ for some divisor D . (We showed previously that if there is a meromorphic section t , then $\mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{O}(\text{div } t)$.)

Corollary 3.39. $\text{Cl}(C) \cong \text{Pic}(C)$

Theorem 3.40 (Riemann-Roch). *Let $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow C$ be a holomorphic line bundle. Then $\chi(\mathcal{L}) = \deg \mathcal{L} + \chi(\mathcal{O})$.*

Proof. $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}(D)$ for some $D = \sum n_P [P]$. Proceed by induction on $\sum |n_P|$. If $n_{P_1} > 0$, then from

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(D - [P_1]) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(D) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_{P_1} \rightarrow 0$$

we get $\chi(\mathcal{O}(D)) = \chi(\mathcal{O}(D - [P_1]) + 1 = (\deg \mathcal{L} - 1) + \chi(\mathcal{O}) + 1$ and similarly for $n_{P_1} < 0$. \square

Furthermore, $\chi(\mathcal{O}) = h^0(\mathcal{O}) - h^1(\mathcal{O}) = 1 - h^0(K_C)$ by Serre duality, and

$$\chi(K_C) = h^0(K_C) - h^0(K_C^{-1} \otimes K_C) = h^0(K_C) - 1 = \deg K_C + \chi(\mathcal{O}) = \deg K_C + 1 - h^0(K_C),$$

so $h^0(K_C) - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \deg K_C$. Recall $K_C \cong \Omega_C^1 \cong T_C^*$, where T_C is the holomorphic tangent bundle. Thus $\deg K_C = -\deg T_C$.

We use the Poincare-Hopf formula: Let M be a manifold over \mathbb{R} and V a vector field which is non-degenerate at all critical points (p where $V = 0$). Then $\chi_{\text{top}}(M) = \sum_p \text{ind}_p(V)$ with the index $\text{ind}_p(V) \in \{\pm 1\}$, and $\deg T_C = \chi_{\text{top}}(C)$:

Let $s \in \text{Mero}(C, T_C)$. Locally near a pole of s , we have $s = z^{-k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$. On the unit circle, we have $z^{-k} = \bar{z}^k$, so define \tilde{s} as s away of poles of s and $\bar{z}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ in neighbourhoods of poles, and then smooth out. Finally, perturb \tilde{s} slightly (say $\bar{z}^k \rightsquigarrow (\bar{z}^k - \varepsilon)$ etc.) to $\tilde{\tilde{s}}$ to make sure it is non-degenerate and by construction $\text{ind}(\tilde{\tilde{s}}) = \deg(\text{div } s) = \deg T_C$.

Putting everything together, we have $\deg K_C = -\deg T_C = \chi_{\text{top}}(C) = 2g - 2$, so $h^0(K_C) = g$. This simplifies Riemann-Roch to $\chi(C, \mathcal{L}) = \deg \mathcal{L} + 1 - g$.

Definition 3.41. A hermitian manifold is a complex manifold together with a hermitian metric on the holomorphic tangent bundle TX .

If $p \in X$ and $\varphi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d, p \rightarrow 0$ is a chart, then $T_X(U) = \{\sum_{i=1}^d f_i(z_1, \dots, z_d) \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \mid f_i \text{ holomorphic on } U\}$.

Let $T_{\mathbb{R}, X}$ denote the tangent bundle of the real manifold underlying X : $T_{\mathbb{R}, X}(U) = \{f_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + g_i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} \mid f_i, g_i \text{ smooth}\}$.

Definition 3.42. An *almost complex structure* on a real manifold M is given by an endomorphism $J : T_{\mathbb{R},M} \rightarrow T_{\mathbb{R},M}$ such that $J^2 = -\text{id}$.

Example 3.43. If X is a complex manifold, $T_{\mathbb{R},X}$ has an almost complex structure: On a complex chart φ identifying $T_{\mathbb{R},X,P} = \mathbb{C}_0^n \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$. Take J to be multiplication by i . In particular, $J(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}$ and $J(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$.

Proposition 3.44. Let $J : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ be a linear map such that $J^2 = -\text{id}$. Then J has an n -dimensional eigenspace with eigenvalue i and an n -dimensional eigenspace with eigenvalue $-i$ on $\mathbb{R}^{2n} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$.

Then the holomorphic tangent bundle T_X is isomorphic to the $+i$ -eigenspace, and $T_{\mathbb{R},X} \otimes \mathbb{C} \cong T^{1,0} \oplus T^{0,1}$ with $T^{1,0}$ spanned by $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}$ and $T^{0,1}$ generated by $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}$. Furthermore, $J : T_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow T_{\mathbb{R}}$ induces a map $J : \bigwedge_{\mathbb{R}}^1 \rightarrow \bigwedge_{\mathbb{R}}^1$, which is spanned by dx_j, dy_j , such that $\bigwedge^{1,0}$ and $\bigwedge^{0,1}$ are the $\pm i$ -eigenspaces, respectively.

Observe that a Riemannian metric on $T_{\mathbb{R}}$ induces hermitian metric on $T^{1,0}$ and $T^{0,1}$. If (z_1, \dots, z_n) are local complex coordinates on X such that $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}$ are an orthonormal basis for the Riemannian metric, we obtain an induced orthonormal basis on $T^{1,0}$ and $T^{0,1}$, given respectively as $\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j}\}$ and $\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j}\}$. In turn, this induces a hermitian metric on $\bigwedge^{p,q} = \bigwedge^p(\bigwedge^{1,0}) \otimes \bigwedge^q(\bigwedge^{0,1})$. In total, we have an orthonormal basis of $\bigwedge^{p,q}$ by $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}^{p+q} dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J$ where $\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j}$ is an orthonormal basis for hermitian metric on TX .

4 Kähler Geometry

Consider $V \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ a vector space over \mathbb{R} of dimension $2n$.

Definition 4.1. An *almost complex structure* (short: AC-structure) is a $J \in \text{End}(V)$ such that $J^2 = -\text{id}$.

This gives a decomposition $V = \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \cong V^{1,0} \oplus V^{0,1}$ into the $(+i)$ -eigenspace and the $(-i)$ -eigenspace. Recall that a metric on V is a positive definite symmetric bilinear form $g \in \text{Sym}^2(V^*)$.

Definition 4.2. A metric g is *compatible* with an AC-structure J if $g(Jv, Jw) = g(v, w)$ for all $v, w \in V$.

For example, take $V = \langle x_j, y_j \rangle_{j=1, \dots, n}$, $Jx_j = y_j$ and $g(x_j, x_k) = \delta_{jk} = g(y_j, y_k)$, $g(x_j, y_k) = 0$ for all j, k .

Definition 4.3. A pair (J, g) on V such that g compatible with J is called an *almost hermitian structure*.

Observe that (J, g) induce a hermitian form on $V^{1,0}$ and $V^{0,1}$: $h(u, v) = g_{\mathbb{C}}(\bar{u}, v)$, where $g_{\mathbb{C}} \in \text{Sym}^2(V^* \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C})$. If g is compatible with J , then $V^{1,0} \perp_h V^{0,1}$.

More generally, let $M = M^{2n}$ be a $2n$ -dimensional manifold over \mathbb{R} . An almost complex structure is a morphism $J : T_{\mathbb{R}}M \rightarrow T_{\mathbb{R}}M$, $J \in C^\infty(\text{End}(T_{\mathbb{R}}M))$ satisfying $J^2 = -\text{id}$. An almost hermitian structure is a pair (J, g) with J an almost complex structure and g a metric on $T_{\mathbb{R}}M$ compatible with J . Finally, a hermitian structure is a structure of a complex manifold of \mathbb{C} -dimension n on M such that J equals multiplication by i on $T_{\mathbb{R}}M$. Equivalently, M is a complex manifold with a compatible Riemannian metric g .

Proposition 4.4. Let (J, g) be an almost hermitian structure on a vector space $V \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$. Then $\omega(v, w) = g(Jv, w)$ is an alternating non-degenerate form.

Proof. $\omega(v, w) = g(Jv, w) = g(w, Jv) = g(Jw, J^2v) = g(Jw, -v) = -g(Jw, v) = -\omega(w, v)$ and $\omega(v, Jv) = g(Jv, Jv) = 0$ if and only if $Jv = 0$ if and only if $v = 0$. \square

For $\mathbb{R}^{2n} \cong \langle x_j, y_j \rangle$ an orthonormal basis and $Jx_j = y_j$ as before, we have $\omega = x_1^* \wedge y_1^* + \dots + x_n^* \wedge y_n^*$.

Now consider M a $2n$ -dimensional \mathbb{R} -manifold with an almost-hermitian structure (J, g) . Let $v, w \in T_{\mathbb{R}}(U)$. Define $\omega \in \bigwedge^2 T_{\mathbb{R}}^*(U)$ as $\omega(v, w) := g(Jv, w)$. Then ω defines a C^∞ -section of $\bigwedge^2 T_{\mathbb{R}}^*$, i.e. a real 2-form.

Definition 4.5. A hermitian manifold (M, J, g) is called *Kähler* if the corresponding $\omega \in \bigwedge^2 T_{\mathbb{R}}^*(M)$ is closed (under d).

Recall that given J , we have a decomposition $T_{\mathbb{R}}M \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} = T^{1,0} \oplus T^{0,1}$ into eigenspaces. If $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}\}_j$ is an orthonormal basis of $T_{\mathbb{R}}M$ where $x_j + iy_j = z_j$, then the hermitian metric on $T^{1,0}$ has orthonormal basis $\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} - i\frac{\partial}{\partial y_j})\}_j = \{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j}\}_j$. Similarly, an orthonormal basis on $T^{0,1}$ is $\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j}\}_j$. Set $dz_j = dx_j + idy_j$, which is in the $(+i)$ -eigenspace of $J : T_{\mathbb{R}}^* \otimes \mathbb{C} \rightarrow T_{\mathbb{R}}^* \otimes \mathbb{C}$, then annoyingly $(dz_j)_{\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j}} = 2$. Hence $\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}dz_j\}_j$ is an orthonormal basis of $\bigwedge^{1,0}$ and $\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}d\bar{z}_j\}_j$ is an orthonormal basis of $\bigwedge^{0,1}$. Since $\bigwedge^{p,q} = \bigwedge^p \bigwedge^{1,0} \otimes \bigwedge^q \bigwedge^{0,1}$, we have that $\{\sqrt{2}^{-(p+q)} dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J\}_{|I|=p, |J|=q}$ is an orthonormal basis of $\bigwedge^{p,q}$. From g we also get a volume form on M :

$$\text{vol}(g) = dx_1 \wedge dy_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dy_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dy_n = 2^{-n} (idz_1 \wedge d\bar{z}_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (idz_n \wedge d\bar{z}_n).$$

Definition 4.6. The *hodge star operator* $*$: $\bigwedge^{p,q}(M) \rightarrow \bigwedge^{n-p, n-q}(M)$ is defined as the unique operator satisfying the following equivalent definitions.

(1) For all $\alpha, \beta \in \bigwedge^{p,q}(M)$, one has $\alpha \wedge * \beta = h(\beta, \alpha) \text{vol}(g)$,

(2) If $\beta = \sum_{I,J} \beta_{I,\bar{J}} dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J$, then

$$* \beta = 2^{p+q-n} \sum_{I,J} \varepsilon_{I,\bar{J}} \bar{\beta}_{I,\bar{J}} dz_{I^c} \wedge d\bar{z}_{J^c}$$

where $\varepsilon_{I,\bar{J}} \in \{\pm 1\}$ is defined via the equation

$$2^{-n} (dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J) \wedge (dz_{I^c} \wedge d\bar{z}_{J^c}) = \varepsilon_{I,\bar{J}} \text{vol}(g).$$

For example, if (V, J, g) is an almost hermitian vector space $V \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$, then

$$*(dz_1) = +dz_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dz_n \wedge d\bar{z}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge d\bar{z}_n$$

Proposition 4.7. $*$ is complex anti-linear and $**\beta = (-1)^{p+q}\beta$. □

Assume that M is compact. Define an inner product on $\bigwedge^{p,q}(M)$ (depending on g) by $\langle s, t \rangle := \int_M h(s, t) \text{vol}(g)$.

Proposition 4.8. $\langle s, s \rangle \geq 0$ with equality iff $s = 0$. □

Proposition 4.9. The adjoint of $\bar{\partial} : \bigwedge^{p,q-1}(M) \rightarrow \bigwedge^{p,q}(M)$ is given by

$$\bar{\partial}^\dagger = - * \bar{\partial} *.$$

Correction to Conventions To get rid of the annoying factors in the bases above, it is better to set

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right),$$

which we will do from now on. Then $dz = dx + idy$ pairs with $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}}$ to be 1 and $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(z) = 1$ instead of 2.

Proof. (of proposition 3.53).

$$\langle \eta, \bar{\partial} \psi \rangle = \int_M \bar{\partial} \psi \wedge * \eta = -(-1)^{p+q} \int_M \psi \wedge \bar{\partial}(*\eta) + \int_M \bar{\partial}(\psi \wedge * \eta).$$

Note that $\psi \wedge * \eta$ is a $(n, n-1)$ -form, hence $\bar{\partial}(\psi \wedge * \eta) = d(\psi \wedge * \eta)$. Thus the second integral vanishes and

$$\langle \bar{\partial} \psi, \eta \rangle = -(-1)^{2(p+q)} \int_M \psi \wedge * \bar{\partial}(*\eta) = \langle - * \bar{\partial} * \eta, \psi \rangle.$$

□

Definition 4.10. The $\bar{\partial}$ -Laplacian on (M, J, g) is the operator

$$\Delta_{\bar{\partial}} = \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^\dagger + \bar{\partial}^\dagger \bar{\partial} : \bigwedge^{p,q} \rightarrow \bigwedge^{p,q}$$

Proposition 4.11. $\psi \in \ker(\Delta_{\bar{\partial}})$ if and only if $\bar{\partial} \psi = 0$ and $\bar{\partial}^\dagger \psi = 0$.

Proof. The "if"-part is trivial. So suppose $\Delta_{\bar{\partial}} \psi = 0$. Then $\langle \Delta_{\bar{\partial}} \psi, \psi \rangle = 0$, i.e.

$$0 = \langle \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^\dagger \psi, \psi \rangle + \langle \bar{\partial}^\dagger \bar{\partial} \psi, \psi \rangle = \langle \bar{\partial}^\dagger \psi, \bar{\partial}^\dagger \psi \rangle + \langle \bar{\partial} \psi, \bar{\partial} \psi \rangle \geq 0$$

with equality iff $\bar{\partial} \psi = 0 = \bar{\partial}^\dagger \psi$. □

We assume that $\bigwedge^{p,q}(M) = \text{im } \Delta_{\bar{\partial}} \oplus (\text{im } \Delta_{\bar{\partial}})^\perp$, which is true, but its justification requires a lot of analysis. Note that $\text{im}(\Delta_{\bar{\partial}})^\perp = \ker(\Delta_{\bar{\partial}})$: If $s \in (\text{im } \Delta_{\bar{\partial}})^\perp$, then $\langle s, \Delta_{\bar{\partial}} s \rangle = 0$, so $s \in \ker(\bar{\partial}) \cap \ker(\bar{\partial}^\dagger) = \ker \Delta_{\bar{\partial}}$, and conversely, if $s \in \ker \Delta_{\bar{\partial}}$, then

$$\langle s, \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^\dagger t + \bar{\partial}^\dagger \bar{\partial} t \rangle = \langle \bar{\partial}^\dagger s, \bar{\partial}^\dagger t \rangle + \langle \bar{\partial} s, \bar{\partial} t \rangle = 0 + 0 = 0.$$

Definition 4.12. $\mathcal{H}^{p,q}(M) = \ker \Delta_{\bar{\partial}}$ are the *harmonic* (p, q) -forms.

From the definitions, we have $\bigwedge^{p,q}(M) = \text{im}(\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}) \oplus \mathcal{H}^{p,q}(M)$, and $\text{im}(\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}) = \text{im } \bar{\partial} \oplus \text{im } \bar{\partial}^\dagger$: If $\alpha = \bar{\partial} s + \bar{\partial}^\dagger t \in \text{im } \bar{\partial} \oplus \text{im } \bar{\partial}^\dagger$ and $\beta \in \ker \Delta_{\bar{\partial}}$, then

$$\langle \bar{\partial} s + \bar{\partial}^\dagger t, \beta \rangle = \langle s, \bar{\partial}^\dagger \beta \rangle + \langle t, \bar{\partial} \beta \rangle = 0 + 0 = 0$$

by the proposition, so $\alpha \in \ker(\Delta_{\bar{\partial}})^\perp = (\text{im } \Delta_{\bar{\partial}})^{\perp\perp} = \text{im } \Delta_{\bar{\partial}}$ and $\langle \bar{\partial} s, \bar{\partial}^\dagger t \rangle = \langle \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial} s, t \rangle = 0$. In total, we have

Theorem 4.13 (Hodge decomposition). $\bigwedge^{p,q}(M) = \ker(\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}) \oplus \text{im } \bar{\partial} \oplus \text{im } \bar{\partial}^\dagger$

We also have $\ker \bar{\partial} = \ker \Delta_{\bar{\partial}} \oplus \text{im } \bar{\partial}^\dagger$: Let $\alpha \in \bigwedge^{p,q}(M)$. Write $\alpha = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$ as in the theorem, so $\bar{\partial} \alpha = \bar{\partial} \alpha_2 = \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^\dagger \beta$ for some β . But $\bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^\dagger \beta = 0$ if and only if $\langle \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^\dagger \beta, \beta \rangle = 0$, i.e. iff $\bar{\partial}^\dagger \beta = \alpha_2 = 0$. Similarly, $\ker \bar{\partial}^\dagger = \ker \Delta_{\bar{\partial}} \oplus \text{im } \bar{\partial}$. (Note $\bar{\partial}^\dagger \bar{\partial}^\dagger = * \bar{\partial} * * \bar{\partial} * = \pm * \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial} * = 0$.)

Recall the complex $0 \rightarrow \Omega^p \rightarrow \bigwedge^{p,0} \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \bigwedge^{p,1} \rightarrow \dots$, which is a soft resolution, hence we saw that $H^q(M, \Omega^p) \cong H^{p,q}(M) = \frac{\ker \bar{\partial}}{\text{im } \bar{\partial}}$. Using the above decomposition $\ker \bar{\partial} = \mathcal{H}^{p,q}(M) + \text{im } \bar{\partial}$, we get $H^{p,q}(M) \cong \mathcal{H}^{p,q}(M)$.

Remark 4.14. Exactly the same arguments work in the real setting as well: Let M be a compact oriented real manifold of dimension n and g a Riemannian metric on M . g defines a metric on $T_{\mathbb{R}} M = TM$ and on $T^* M = \bigwedge^1$ and on $\bigwedge^k(M) = \bigwedge^k(\bigwedge^1(M))$. One defines the Hodge star $*$: $\bigwedge^k(M) \rightarrow \bigwedge^{n-k}(M)$ as $f dx_I \mapsto f dx_{I^c}$. The same proof as above shows that $d^\dagger = *d*$. Defining $\Delta_d = dd^\dagger + d^\dagger d$ as before, and again making the reasonable assumption that $\bigwedge^k(M) = \text{im}(d) + \text{im}(d)^\perp$, we get the relations $\mathcal{H}^k(M) := \ker(\Delta_d) = H_{dR}^k(M, \mathbb{R})$ and $\bigwedge^k(M) = \mathcal{H}^k(M) \oplus \text{im } d \oplus \text{im } d^\dagger$.

We now aim to justify the "reasonable assumptions" made above, or at least give an outline of a proof of them. Let M be a compact complex manifold, g a compatible metric, and $\alpha \in \bigwedge^{p,q}(M)$. Then

$$\|\alpha\|^2 = \langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle = \int_M \alpha \wedge * \alpha = \int_M h(\alpha, \alpha) \text{vol}(g).$$

Given any normed vector space, we can take the completion (defined so that any Cauchy sequence converges), and we denote the completion of $\bigwedge^{p,q}(M)$ with respect to $\|\cdot\|$ by $L_2^{p,q}(M) = W_{2,0}^{p,q}(M)$. We can make the analogous definitions for real manifolds.

Example 4.15. Let $\mathbb{T}^n = \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n$ be the torus with the standard metric. For $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^n)$,

$$\|f\|^2 = \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} f \bar{f} dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n.$$

Write $f(x) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^n} a_m e^{2\pi i x \cdot m}$ the Fourier expansion of f . Then

$$L_2(C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^n)) = \{(a_m)_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \mid \sum_m |a_m|^2 < \infty\}.$$

We define Sobolev norms on $C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^n)$ as

$$\|f\|_{2,k}^2 := \sum_{|I| \leq k} \left\| \frac{\partial^{|I|} f}{\partial x_I} \right\|^2$$

and define $W_{2,k}(C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^n))$ as the completion with respect to $\|\cdot\|_{2,k}$. As before, one can identify these with $\{(a_m)_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \mid \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^n} (1 + |m|^2 + \dots + |m|^{2k}) |a_m|^2 < \infty\}$.

We want to generalize this example. Let $E \rightarrow M$ be a vector bundle with a (hermitian or riemannian) metric. Trivialize E on open sets U such that $h_U : E|_U \xrightarrow{\cong} (C^\infty)^{\oplus r}$, $r = \text{rank}(E)$. Choose charts $\varphi_U : U \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^n$ and a partition of unity $\{f_U\}$ subordinate to this open cover. For $\alpha \in E(U)$ define $\|\alpha\|_{h_U, f_U, \varphi_U}^2 := \sum_U \|h_U(f_U \alpha)\|^2$, where the norm on the right side is the standard L^2 -norm on \mathbb{T}^n via φ_U .

Exercise 4.16. This norm is equivalent to $\|\alpha\|$, so it defines the same completion.

Further, for $\alpha \in E(M)$ define $\|\alpha\|_{2,k}^2 = \sum_U \|h_U(f_U \alpha)\|_{2,k}^2$. Again, the completion $W_{2,k}(E(M))$ is independent of the choice of extra data.

Now consider $\Delta_d : C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^n) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^n)$, sending $\sum a_m e^{2\pi i x \cdot m}$ to $\sum |m|^2 e^{2\pi i x \cdot m}$, so Δ_d naturally extends to a map $W_{2,k}(\mathbb{T}^n) \rightarrow W_{2,k-2}(\mathbb{T}^n)$. More generally, Δ_d defines a map $W_{2,k}(\bigwedge^p(M)) \rightarrow W_{2,k-2}(\bigwedge^p(M))$. We want to "invert" Δ_d . Let $P_{\mathbb{T}^n} : W_{2,k-2}(\mathbb{T}^n) \rightarrow W_{2,k}(\mathbb{T}^n)$ be defined as

$$(a_m)_m \mapsto \left(\frac{a_m}{|m|^2} \text{ if } m \neq 0, 0 \text{ if } m = 0 \right).$$

Then $\Delta_d \circ P_{\mathbb{T}^n} = \text{id} - a_0$ and $P_{\mathbb{T}^n} \circ \Delta_d = \text{id} - a_0$. This is called a "pseudo-inverse" in elliptic operators.

More generally, consider any Riemannian metric g on \mathbb{T}^n . Then

$$\Delta_d(f) = \det(g)^{-1/2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(g^{ij} \deg(g)^{1/2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right),$$

where $g^{ij} = g(dz_j, z_i)$. Appropriately modify P for this metric: The leading order term of the differential operator Δ_d is $\sum_{i,j} g^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f$. The symbol of Δ_d is thus $\sum_{i,j} g^{ij} y_i y_j$, which is nonvanishing since g is positive definite.² The key property of $P_{\mathbb{T}^n}$ for a general metric $g = (g_{ij})$ on \mathbb{T}^n is that $P_{\mathbb{T}^n} \circ \Delta_d - \text{id}$ and $\Delta_d \circ P_{\mathbb{T}^n} - \text{id}$ are regularity increasing operators, i.e. map $W_{2,k}(\mathbb{T}^n) \rightarrow W_{2,k+1}(\mathbb{T}^n)$.

On a general compact manifold M , we extend $\Delta_d : \bigwedge^p(M) \rightarrow \bigwedge^p(M)$ to $W_{2,k}^p(M) \rightarrow W_{2,k-2}^p(M)$ and take $P : W_{2,k-2}^p(M) \rightarrow W_{2,k}^p(M)$ as $P(\alpha) = \sum P_{\mathbb{T}^n}^g(f_U \alpha)$. Let $\alpha \in W_{2,k}^p(M)$ in $\ker(\Delta_d)$. Then $(P \circ \Delta_d - \text{id})(\alpha) = -\alpha$, so $\alpha \in W_{2,k+1}^p(M)$ since $P \circ \Delta_d - \text{id}$ is regularity increasing. Iterating, we get $\alpha \in \bigcap_k W_{2,k}^p(M) = \bigwedge^p(M)$. Some more calculations and facts on elliptic operators yield that $\text{im}(\Delta_d) \subseteq \bigwedge^p(M)$ is closed. This justifies the "plausible assumptions" we did earlier.

We now return to Kähler manifolds. Let M be a compact complex manifold, g a Kähler metric, and $\omega(v, w) = g(Jv, w)$ the associated closed 2-form. We first give some examples:

Example 4.17. 1. $M \cong \mathbb{C}^n$, J the standard complex structure and g the standard Riemannian metric on $\mathbb{C}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$. Then $\omega = dx_1 \wedge dy_1 + \dots + dx_n \wedge dy_n$. Let $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$ be a lattice of rank $2n$ over \mathbb{Z} . Then \mathbb{C}^{2n}/Λ is a manifold, and g, ω descend, giving a compact Kähler manifold. An example where this descent goes wrong is $(\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{0\})/(z, w) \sim (2z, 2w)$. We will see soon that this is in fact not a Kähler manifold.

2. Any Riemann surface C with any choice of compatible metric, since $\omega \in \bigwedge^2 T_{\mathbb{R}}^* C$ is automatically closed.

3. Given M, N Kähler, $M \times N$ is Kähler: If g_M, g_N are the metrics and ω_M, ω_N the 2-forms on M, N , then $g = g_M + g_N \in \text{Sym}^2 T_{\mathbb{R}}^*(M \times N)$, and $\omega = \pi_M^* \omega_M + \pi_N^* \omega_N$ where π_M, π_N are the projections to M and N . 4. Let (M, g, J) Kähler and $N \subseteq M$ a complex submanifold. Then $J|_{T_p N}$ gives the

²For a differential operator $D = \sum_{|I| \leq k} f_I \frac{\partial^I}{\partial x_I}$, its symbol is $\text{symbol}(D) = \sum_{|I|=k} f_I y^I$. We say the symbol is nonvanishing if $\text{symbol}(D) \neq 0$ on $\sum y_i^2 = 1$. In this case, we call D an *elliptic operator*.

AC-structure on N for $p \in N \subseteq M$, $g|_N$ is a metric, and $\omega_N = \iota^* \omega$ where ι is the inclusion. So N is Kähler.

5. $M = \mathbb{CP}^n$ is a complex manifold. The Fubini-Study-form on \mathbb{CP}^n is defined as

$$\omega_{FS} = \frac{i}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log(|z|^2)$$

where $z = [1 : z_1 : \dots : z_n]$. Recall that $\mathcal{O}(-1) \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^n$ is the tautological line bundle. This has a hermitian metric induced by the standard hermitian metric on each tautological line. It induces a hermitian metric on its dual $\mathcal{O}(1)$. From the definitions, $c_1(\mathcal{O}(1)) = [\omega_{FS}] = [D]$ where $\mathcal{O}(1) = \mathcal{O}(D)$. We have $x_0 \in H^0(\mathbb{CP}^n, \mathcal{O}(1))$, so $D = V(x_0) \in \mathbb{CP}^n$ is a hyperplane. Define g such that $g(Jv, w) = \omega_{FS}(v, w)$. Clearly $g \in \text{Sym}^2 T_{\mathbb{R}}^*$. One checks on affine charts that this is indeed a metric. So \mathbb{CP}^n is Kähler.

Example 4.18. Consider \mathbb{C}^n with the standard metric. Then one calculates

$$\Delta_{\bar{\partial}} f dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J = \sum_k \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z_k \partial \bar{z}_k} dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J$$

and $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z_k \partial \bar{z}_k} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 x_k} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 y_k} \right)$, so that $2\Delta_{\bar{\partial}} = \Delta_d$ on \mathbb{C}^n with the standard metric. We will prove soon that this holds in general for Kähler manifolds.

Warning: Given a point $p \in (M, J, g)$ on a hermitian (or even Kähler) manifold, it is in general not possible to choose complex coordinate charts $p \in U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$ such that $g|_U$ is the pullback of the standard metric on \mathbb{C}^d .

Definition 4.19. Define $L : \bigwedge^{p,q}(M) \rightarrow \bigwedge^{p+1,q+1}(M)$, $\eta \mapsto \eta \wedge \omega$ with adjoint L^\dagger

Theorem 4.20. The key identity $[L^\dagger, d] = i(\partial - \bar{\partial})^\dagger$ holds.

Proof. Omitted. □

Observe $[L, d] = 0$, since $(Ld - dL)\eta = d\eta \wedge \omega - d(\eta \wedge \omega) = 0$ as $d\omega = 0$. Hence also $[L^\dagger, d^\dagger] = 0$.

Proposition 4.21. The following identities hold for Kähler manifolds:

(a) $[L^\dagger, \Delta_d] = 0$ and $[L, \Delta_d] = 0$.

(b) $\partial \bar{\partial}^\dagger + \bar{\partial}^\dagger \partial = 0$.

(c) $\Delta_d = 2\Delta_{\bar{\partial}} = 2\Delta_{\partial}$.

Proof. (a) The second equality follows from the first, since Δ_d is self-adjoint. The first is a direct calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} L^\dagger(dd^\dagger + d^\dagger d) &= (dL^\dagger + i(\partial - \bar{\partial})^\dagger)d^\dagger + d^\dagger L^\dagger d \\ &= dd^\dagger L^\dagger + (i(\partial - \bar{\partial}))d^\dagger + d^\dagger dL^\dagger + d^\dagger(i(\partial - \bar{\partial})^\dagger) \\ &= (dd^\dagger + d^\dagger d)L^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

(b) From the key identity, $[L^\dagger, \partial] = i\bar{\partial}^\dagger$, so

$$-i(\partial \bar{\partial}^\dagger + \bar{\partial}^\dagger \partial) = \partial(L^\dagger \partial - \partial L^\dagger) + (L^\dagger \partial - \partial L^\dagger) \partial \stackrel{\partial^2=0}{=} 0.$$

(c) Again, a direct computation yields

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_d &= dd^\dagger + d^\dagger d = (\partial + \bar{\partial})(\partial^\dagger + \bar{\partial}^\dagger) + (\partial^\dagger + \bar{\partial}^\dagger)(\partial + \bar{\partial}) \\ &= \partial\partial^\dagger + \bar{\partial}\bar{\partial}^\dagger + \partial^\dagger\partial + \bar{\partial}^\dagger\bar{\partial} = \Delta_\partial + \Delta_{\bar{\partial}}\end{aligned}$$

since by the lemma, the cross-terms cancel to 0. It remains to show that $\Delta_\partial = \Delta_{\bar{\partial}}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_\partial &= \partial\partial^\dagger + \partial^\dagger\partial = -i(\partial[L^\dagger, \bar{\partial}] + [L^\dagger, \bar{\partial}]\partial) \\ &\stackrel{\text{check}}{=} -i(\bar{\partial}[L^\dagger, \partial] + [L^\dagger, \partial]\bar{\partial}) = \Delta_{\bar{\partial}}\end{aligned}$$

□

Summary of Important Results so far

Theorem (Hodge Theorem, ver. 1). *Let (M, g) be a compact hermitian manifold.*

$$(C1) \quad \bigwedge^{p,q}(M) = \mathcal{H}^{p,q}(M) \oplus \text{im } \bar{\partial} \oplus \text{im } \partial^\dagger \text{ where } \mathcal{H}^{p,q}(M) = \ker(\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}).$$

$$(C2) \quad \mathcal{H}^{p,q}(M) \cong H^{p,q}(M) = \ker \bar{\partial} / \text{im } \bar{\partial} \cong \check{H}^q(M, \Omega^p).$$

Theorem (version for \mathbb{R}). *Let (M, g) be a compact oriented Riemannian manifold.*

$$(R1) \quad \bigwedge^{p,q}(M) = \mathcal{H}^{p,q}(M) \oplus \text{im } \bar{d} \oplus \text{im } d^\dagger \text{ where } \mathcal{H}^{p,q}(M) = \ker(\Delta_d).$$

$$(R2) \quad \mathcal{H}^k(M) \cong H_{dR}^k(M).$$

Theorem (Kähler identities). *Let (M, g) be a compact complex Kähler manifold.*

$$(K1) \quad \Delta_d = 2\Delta_{\bar{\partial}} = 2\Delta_\partial.$$

$$(K2) \quad \text{If } L = \cdot \wedge \omega : \bigwedge^{p,q}(M) \rightarrow \bigwedge^{p+1,q+1}(M) \text{ and } L^\dagger \text{ its adjoint, then } [L, \Delta_d] = [L^\dagger, \Delta_d] = 0, \text{ as well as } [\Pi^{p,q}, \Delta_d] = 0, \text{ where } \Pi^{p,q} : \bigoplus_{p,q} \bigwedge^{p,q}(M) \rightarrow \bigwedge^{p,q}(M) \text{ is the projection.}$$

The last statement follows from Δ_d preserving the bidegree (p, q) , which follows from (K1). We can now combine our previous results to prove the important

Theorem 4.22 (Hodge Decomposition Theorem). *Let (M, g) be a compact complex Kähler manifold. Then*

$$(1) \quad H_{dR}^k(M, \mathbb{C}) \cong \bigoplus_{p+q=k} H^{p,q}(M) \quad ("Hodge decomposition")$$

$$(2) \quad H^{q,p}(M) \cong \overline{H^{p,q}(M)} \quad ("Hodge symmetry")$$

Proof. By (R2), $H_{dR}^k(M, \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathcal{H}^k(M, \mathbb{R})$, and tensoring with \mathbb{C} yields $H_{dR}^k(M, \mathbb{C}) \cong \mathcal{H}^k(M, \mathbb{C})$. Let $\alpha \in \mathcal{H}^k(M, \mathbb{C})$. Write $\alpha = \sum_{p+q=k} \alpha_{p,q}$ with $\alpha_{p,q} \in \bigwedge^{p,q}(M)$. Then $\Delta_d \alpha = 0$ iff $\Delta_d \alpha_{p,q} = 0$ for all p, q , since Δ_d preserves bidegree. Hence by (K1), $\Delta_{\bar{\partial}} \alpha_{p,q} = 0$ for all p, q , so $\alpha_{p,q} \in \mathcal{H}^{p,q}(M)$. This proves (1).

For (2), we have

$$\alpha \in H^{p,q}(M) \Leftrightarrow \Delta_d \alpha = 0 \Leftrightarrow \Delta_d \bar{\alpha} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \bar{\alpha} \in \mathcal{H}^{q,p}(M),$$

hence $\mathcal{H}^{q,p} = \overline{\mathcal{H}^{p,q}}$, and the result follows by (C2). □

Remark 4.23. The space $\mathcal{H}^{p,q}(M) \subseteq \bigwedge^k(M)$ depends on the metric g . On the other hand, we have a canonical isomorphism $\mathcal{H}^{p,q}(M) \cong H^{p,q}(M)$, which is independent of the metric. So the space of harmonic forms for different metrics are canonically isomorphic.

Corollary 4.24. Let $b_k(M) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^k(M, \mathbb{C})$ be the Betti-numbers. Then the odd Betti-numbers $b_{2k+1}(M)$ are even.

Proof. $H^{2k+1}(M, \mathbb{C}) = H^{2k+1,0}(M) \oplus \dots \oplus H^{k+1,k}(M) \oplus \overline{H^{k+1,k}(M)} \oplus \dots \oplus H^{0,2k+1}(M)$ with $\dim H^{i,j}(M) \oplus \overline{H^{i,j}(M)} = 2 \dim H^{i,j}(M)$ even. \square

Example 4.25. Let C be a compact Riemann surface and g any hermitian metric. Then $b_1(C)$ is even, which agrees with $b_1(C) = h^1(C, \mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}^{2g}$.

Example 4.26. Let $M = \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{0\} / (x, y) \mapsto (2x, 2y)$. Then M is diffeomorphic to $S^3 \times S^1 = \{|x|^2 + |y|^2 = 1\} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0} / 2\mathbb{Z}$. Hence by Künneth, $H^1(M, \mathbb{C}) \cong H^1(S^3, \mathbb{C}) \otimes H^0(S^1, \mathbb{C}) \oplus H^0(S^3, \mathbb{C}) \otimes H^1(S^1, \mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}$, so $b_1(M) = 1$. Hence there exists no Kähler metric on M .

One can visualize the Hodge decomposition with the *Hodge diamond*, the grid of numbers $h^{p,q}(M) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^{p,q}(M)$, in the following form:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & h^{d,d} & & \\
 & & & & & & \\
 & & & h^{d,d-1} & & h^{d-1,d} & \\
 & & h^{d,d-2} & & h^{d-1,d-1} & & h^{d-2,d} \\
 & & & & & & \\
 & \ddots & & & & & \ddots \\
 h^{d,0} & & h^{d-1,1} & & \dots & & h^{1,d-1} & & h^{0,d} \\
 & & & & & & & & \\
 & \ddots & & & & & \ddots & & \\
 & & h^{2,0} & & h^{1,1} & & h^{0,2} & & \\
 & & & & h^{1,0} & & h^{0,1} & & \\
 & & & & & & h^{0,0} & &
 \end{array}$$

Hodge symmetry says that this diamond is symmetric along its vertical axis. By Poincare duality, there is a perfect pairing $H^i(M, \mathbb{C}) \otimes H^{2n-i}(M, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, sending $[\alpha] \otimes [\beta]$ to $\int_M \alpha \wedge \beta$. Let $\alpha = \alpha_{pq} \in \mathcal{H}^{p,q}(M) \subseteq \bigwedge^i(M)$ and $\beta = \sum_{p'+q'=i} \beta_{n-p',n-q'} \in \mathcal{H}^{2n-i}(M) \subseteq \bigwedge^{2n-i}(M)$. Then $\alpha \wedge \beta = \alpha \wedge \beta_{n-p,n-q}$, i.e. the Poincare Duality respects the bidegree. Hence $H^{n-p,n-q}(M) \cong H^{p,q}(M)^*$, so that $h^{p,q} = h^{n-p,n-q}$. That means that the Hodge diamond is symmetric under rotation of 180° , and combining the two symmetries results in symmetry along the horizontal axis.

Example 4.27. 1. Let C be a compact genus g curve. Its Hodge diamond is completely determined by the symmetries as

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & 1 & \\
 g & & g \\
 & 1 &
 \end{array}$$

and we can read off the Betti numbers $b_0 = 1$, $b_1 = 2g$, $b_2 = 1$, as well as $h^{1,0}(C) = H^0(C, K_C) \cong \mathbb{C}^g$.

2. Consider $\mathbb{CP}^n = \mathbb{C}^n \sqcup \mathbb{C}^{n-1} \sqcup \dots \sqcup \mathbb{C}^0$, which is a cell decomposition. Using cellular homology and the fact that there are only cells in even dimensions, $H_k(\mathbb{CP}^n, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$ for k even, $0 < k < n$ and 0 otherwise. By Poincare duality, $b_{2k+1} = 0$ and $b_{2k} = 1$ for $0 < k < n$. Hence the Hodge diamond has 1s along its vertical axis and 0 everywhere else.

M is Calabi-Yau if $K_M = \Omega^n = \mathcal{O}$. Then $h^i(M, \mathcal{O}) \cong h^{n-i}(M, \mathcal{O}^* \otimes K_M) = h^{n-i}(M, \mathcal{O})$, so $h^{0,i} = h^{0,n-i}$, i.e. the edges of the diamond are each symmetric.

Definition 4.28. A Hodge structure of weight k consists of a finitely generated abelian group $V_{\mathbb{Z}}$ and a \mathbb{C} -vector space decomposition $V_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{C} \cong \bigoplus_{p+q=k} H^{p,q}$ such that $H^{q,p} = \overline{H^{p,q}}$.

The prime example of a Hodge structure is $V_{\mathbb{Z}} = H_{\text{sing}}^k(M, \mathbb{Z})$ for M a compact Kähler manifold. Then $V_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{C} \cong H_{\text{sing}}^k(M, \mathbb{C}) \cong H_{dR}^k(M, \mathbb{C})$, and we can set $H^{p,q} = H^{p,q}(M)$. This is a Hodge structure of weight k .

Example 4.29. (Weight 1 Hodge structure). Let $V_{\mathbb{Z}} \cong \mathbb{Z}^{2g}$, then $V_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{C}^{2g}$. Let $H^{1,0} \subseteq V_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{C}$ be a g -dimensional complex sub-vector space such that $H^{1,0} \cap (V_{\mathbb{Z}} \times \mathbb{R}) = \{0\}$. Then $V_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{C} = H^{1,0} \oplus H^{0,1}$ is a Hodge structure, where $H^{0,1} := \overline{H^{1,0}}$.

Theorem 4.30 (Lefschetz Hyperplane Theorem). *Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^d$ be an n -dimensional smooth projective variety over \mathbb{C} . Let $Y = X \cap H$ be a smooth intersection with a hyperplane. Then the map $H^i(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^i(Y, \mathbb{Z})$ induced by the inclusion is an isomorphism for $i \leq n-2$ and injective for $i = n-1$.*

Corollary 4.31. *The Lefschetz Hyperplane Theorem is also valid for hypersurfaces H of degree k in \mathbb{CP}^d .*

Proof. Consider the Veronese embedding $\mathbb{CP}^d \hookrightarrow \mathbb{CP}^D$, $[x_0 : \dots : x_d] \mapsto [x_0^k : x_0^{k-1}x_1 : \dots : x_d^k]$, with the entries ranging over all monomials of degree k . Take $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{CP}^d \hookrightarrow \mathbb{CP}^D$ and let $H \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^D$ be defined by $a_0z_0 + \dots + a_Dz_D = 0$ for $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$. Then $X \cap H \cong X \cap V(a_0x_0^k + \dots + a_dx_d^k)$. \square

T_xX and T_xH are transverse subspaces of $T_x\mathbb{CP}^d$ for all $x \in X \cap H$, so $X \cap H$ is a smooth complex submanifold of X of codimension 1.

Theorem 4.32 (Bertini). *A generic hyperplane section of $X \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^d$ is itself smooth.*

Example 4.33. Let $X = \mathbb{CP}^d$ and $Y = V(f)$ where $f \in \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_d]^{(k)}$ is homogeneous of degree d such that Y is smooth and $V(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_0}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_d}) = \emptyset$. Let $i \leq n-2 = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} Y - 1$. Note that $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} Y = 2 \dim_{\mathbb{C}} Y$, so $H^{\dim_{\mathbb{C}} Y}(Y, \mathbb{Z})$ is the "middle cohomology and $H^i(Y, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^i(X, \mathbb{Z})$ for $i < \dim_{\mathbb{C}} Y$. Recall that the Hodge numbers of projective space are $h^{i,i}(\mathbb{CP}^d) = 1$ and $h^{i,j}(\mathbb{CP}^d) = 0$ for $i \neq j$. By Lefschetz, we have $h^i(Y) = h^i(\mathbb{CP}^d)$ for $i \leq d-2$. Observe that if $\alpha \in \bigwedge^{p,q}(X)$, then $\alpha|_Y \in \bigwedge^{p,q}(Y)$. Also $\alpha \in \mathcal{H}^{p,q}(X)$ implies $\alpha|_Y \in \mathcal{H}^{p,q}(Y)$ (with the induced Kähler metric), and by symmetry we also know that $h^i(Y) = h^{2d-2-i}(Y)$ for $d-1 < i < 2d-2$. So the interesting cohomology is h^{d-1} .

Key to the proof of the Lefschetz Hyperplane Theorem is

Theorem 4.34 (Andreotti-Frankel). *Let $Y \subseteq \mathbb{C}^r$ be a closed complex submanifold of dimension n . Then Y has the homotopy type of a CW complex of real dimension n .*

Corollary 4.35. $H^i(Y, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ for $i > n$.

Proof. A Morse function on a manifold M is $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that all critical points are non-degenerate (i.e. if $(df)_m : T_m M \rightarrow T_{f(m)}\mathbb{R}$ is zero, then $Q_m = (\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j})$ is a non-degenerate matrix). If Q_m is non-degenerate, then it is diagonalizable with eigenvalues ± 1 . The index of a critical point m is the number of -1 's.

Using a Morse function, we can build a CW complex isomorphic to M , with cells of dimension $\leq n$. \square

Proposition 4.36. *Let $Y \subseteq \mathbb{C}^r$ be a closed complex submanifold. Then $f_c : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $y \mapsto |y - c|_{\mathbb{C}}^2$, is a*

Morse function for almost all $c \in \mathbb{C}^r$.

Lemma 4.37. *Any critical point of f_c has index $\leq n = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} Y$.*

Proof. Using the implicit function theorem, write Y locally near a critical point y of f_c as

$$Y = \{(z_1, \dots, z_n, f_1(z), \dots, f_{r-n}(z)) \mid z_i \in \mathbb{C}\}$$

with f_i holomorphic and $\text{ord}(f_i) \geq 2$ and $f_i \in \mathcal{O}(z^2)$ at $c = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$.

Let $g_c(z) = (1 - 2 \operatorname{Re}(f_1(z))) + \sum_{i \geq 2} |z_i|^2 + |f_i(z)|^2$, where the last summands are of order 4. Write $f_1(z) = \sum_{ij} Q_{ij} z_i z_j + \dots$. Then

$$\operatorname{Hess}(g_c) = \frac{\partial^2 g_c}{\partial a_i \partial a_j} \Big|_0 = 2\mathbb{1} - 2 \operatorname{Hess}(\operatorname{Re}(\sum Q_{ij} z_i z_j)) = 2\mathbb{1} - M,$$

where M diagonalizes to a matrix with diagonal entries $1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$, since if we diagonalize $\sum Q_{ij} z_i z_j$ by complex linear change of variables such that $\sum Q_{ij} z_i z_j = \sum z_i^2$, then $\operatorname{Re}(\sum z_i^2) = \sum (x_i^2 - y_i^2)$. So the index of any critical point of g_c is at most $n = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} Y$. \square

Corollary 4.38. *If Y is an affine variety over \mathbb{C} of $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} Y = n$, then $H^i(Y, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ and $H_i(Y, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ for $i > n$.*

Proof. (of the Lefschetz Hyperplane theorem). Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^d$ be a smooth projective variety and $Y = X \cap H$ a smooth hyperplane section. Consider the long exact sequence of the pair (X, Y) (with \mathbb{Z} -coefficients)

$$\dots \rightarrow H^i(X, Y) \rightarrow H^i(X) \rightarrow H^i(Y) \rightarrow H^{i+1}(X, Y) \rightarrow \dots$$

By Poincaré duality for manifolds with boundary (aka Poincaré-Lefschetz duality), we have $H^i(X, Y) = H_{2n+2-i}(X \setminus Y)$ and $H^{i+1}(X, Y) \cong H_{2n+2-(i+1)}(X \setminus Y)$. Now $X \setminus Y = X \setminus (X \cap H) \in \mathbb{CP}^d \setminus H \cong \mathbb{C}^d$ is a smooth closed submanifold. By the previous corollary, we get $H_j(X, Y) = 0$ in the necessary degrees. \square

Proposition 4.39. *Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^{n+1}$ be a smooth hypersurface of degree d . Then*

$$\chi_{\text{top}}(V) = (n+2) - \frac{1}{d}(1 + (-1)^{n+1}(d-1)^{n+2}).$$

This is useful since we know the Hodge numbers above and below middle dimension, so this gives the middle Betti number.

Proof. Observe that the answer only depends on d and n , since any two V 's with the same d and n are diffeomorphic. So let $V_{d,n} = V(x_0^d + \dots + x_{n+1}^d)$. Consider the map $\varphi : V_{d,n} \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^n$, $[x_0 : \dots : x_{n+1}] \mapsto [x_0 : \dots : x_n]$. If $x_0^d + \dots + x_n^d = 0$, then φ has one inverse image, and if $x_0^d + \dots + x_n^d \neq 0$, then φ has d inverse images. We have

$$\chi_{\text{top}} = \chi_{\text{top}}(V_{d,n} \setminus S) + \chi_{\text{top}}(S) = d\chi_{\text{top}}(\mathbb{CP}^n \setminus V_{d,n-1}) = d(n-1) + (1-d)\chi_{\text{top}}(V_{d,n-1}),$$

and the claim follows by induction. \square

Theorem 4.40 (Adjunction formula). *If $Y \subseteq X$ is a smooth divisor, then $K_Y \cong K_X \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(Y)|_Y$*

Proof. Locally, $Y = V(z_1)$ for z_1, \dots, z_n local coordinates on X . In this neighbourhood, $dz_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dz_n$ is a generator of the line bundle K_X . $\mathcal{O}_X(Y)$ is locally generated by z_1^{-1} , so $K_X \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(Y)$ is locally generated by $\frac{dz_1}{z_1} \wedge dz_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dz_n$. Consider the map

$$K_X \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(Y) \rightarrow K_Y, \quad f \frac{dz_1}{z_1} \wedge dz_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dz_n \xrightarrow{\text{Res}} 2\pi i f dz_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dz_n.$$

The kernel of this map is exactly I_Y , the sheaf of functions vanishing at Y . Hence

$$K_Y \cong K_X \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(Y) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X/I_Y \cong K_X \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(Y) \otimes \mathcal{O}_Y \cong K_X \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(Y)|_Y.$$

□

Example 4.41. 1. Let $C \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^2$ be a smooth curve of degree d . Then $(K_C \cong K_{\mathbb{CP}^2} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{CP}^2}(C))|_C$. By abuse of notation, we use $K_{\mathbb{CP}^2}$ to denote both the canonical bundle and the canonical divisor. Hence $K_C = (-3H + dH)|_C$ and $\deg K_C = d(d-3)$ by Bezout's theorem. On the other hand, $\deg K_C = 2g - 2$, so $g = \binom{d-1}{2}$, which completely determines the Hodge diamond in terms of d .

2. Next, consider the smooth hypersurface of degree 2 in \mathbb{CP}^3 , $X = V(ad - bc) \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^3_{[a:b:c:d]}$ with isomorphism

$$\mathbb{CP}^1 \times \mathbb{CP}^1 \rightarrow X, \quad ([x:y], [z:w]) \mapsto [xz:xw:yz:yw].$$

Note that the Künneth formula is compatible with the Hodge decomposition, i.e.

$$H^{p,q}(X \times Y) \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{p_1+p_2=p \\ q_1+q_2=q}} H^{p_1,q_1}(X) \otimes H^{p_2,q_2}(Y)$$

for Kähler manifolds X, Y . So the Hodge diamond of our hypersurface X is

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & 1 & & \\ & 0 & & 0 & \\ 0 & & 2 & & 0 \\ & 0 & & 0 & \\ & & 1 & & \end{array}$$

3. Degree 3 hypersurfaces in \mathbb{CP}^3 : $X \cong \text{Bl}_{p_1, \dots, p_6}(\mathbb{CP}^2)$. Then $K_X = \mathcal{O}_X(-4+3) \cong \mathcal{O}_X(-1)$. Thus $h^0(X, K_X) = 0$:

Lemma 4.42. *If X is a compact complex manifold, $L \rightarrow X$ a holomorphic line bundle with $H^0(X, L) \neq 0$. Then $L = \mathcal{O}_X$ or $H^0(X, L^{-1}) = 0$.*

Proof. Let $0 \neq s \in H^0(X, L)$. If $t \in H^0(X, L^{-1})$, $t \neq 0$. Then $st \in H^0(X; \mathcal{O}_X)$. If $V(st) \neq \emptyset$, then $st = 0$, which is a contradiction. If $V(st) = \emptyset$, then $V(s) = \emptyset$, so $L \cong \mathcal{O}_X$. □

So X has no holomorphic 2-forms, and in the Hodge diamond, $h^{2,0}(X) = 0$. By Lefschetz and symmetry, we can fill in everything but $h^{1,1}$ as

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & 1 & & \\ & 0 & & 0 & \\ 0 & & ? & & 0 \\ & 0 & & 0 & \\ & & 1 & & \end{array}$$

Finally, $\chi_{\text{top}}(X_{3,2}) = (2+2) - \frac{1}{3}(1+(-1)(3-1)^{2+2}) = 9$. Using $\chi_{\text{top}}(X) = h^0 - h^1 + h^2 - h^3 + h^4$, we get $h^{2,2}(X) = 7$. This agrees with the description as blow-up, since

Fact 4.43. *If S is a smooth surface, then $H^2(\mathrm{Bl}_p S, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^2(S, \mathbb{Z}) \oplus \mathbb{Z}[E]$, where E is the exceptional divisor.*

4. Let $X = V(x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4) \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^3$. Then $K_X = \mathcal{O}_X(-4 + 4) = \mathcal{O}_X$. This is called a K3-surface. Hence $h^0(X, K_X) = h^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 1$. Using the additional symmetry along the edges and $\chi_{\mathrm{top}}(X) = 24$ as before, we get the Hodge diamond

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & & 1 & \\ & 0 & & 0 \\ 1 & & 20 & \\ & 0 & & 0 \\ & & 1 & \end{array}$$

5. Let $X = V(f) \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^4$ be a cubic 3-fold, f cubic. Then $K_X = \mathcal{O}_X(-2)$, so $h^{3,0}(X) = 0$. Again by Lefschetz and symmetry, we can fill almost the entire Hodge diamond, and from $\chi_{\mathrm{top}}(X) = -6$ we get the final entries and obtain

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & & 1 & \\ & 0 & & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & \\ & & 1 & \end{array}$$

6. Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^4$ be a quintic 3-fold. Then $K_X = \mathcal{O}_X$. So X is Kalabi-Yau, and we again compute the Hodge diamond using this additional symmetry as

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & & 1 & \\ & 0 & & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 101 & 101 & 1 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & \\ & & 1 & \end{array}$$

7. Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^5$ be a cubic 4-fold. Then $K_X \cong \mathcal{O}_X(-3)$. Hence $h^0(K_X) = h^{4,0}(X) = 0$. This leaves three numbers missing in the Hodge diamond, $h^{3,1}(X) = h^{1,3}(X)$ and $h^{2,2}(X)$. Once we have one of these, the Euler characteristic allows us to finish the diamond. For this, consider the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow T_x \rightarrow T_{\mathbb{CP}^5}|_X \rightarrow N_X \rightarrow 0$, where N_X is the normal (line) bundle of X . We have $N_X = \mathcal{O}_X(X) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{CP}^5}(X)|_X$. In this case, $N_X = \mathcal{O}_X(3)$. Dualize this exact sequence to get

$$0 \rightarrow N_X^* = \mathcal{O}_X(-3) \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{CP}^5}^1|_X \rightarrow \Omega_X^1 \rightarrow 0.$$

The long exact sequence in sheaf cohomology yields

$$\cdots \rightarrow H^3(\Omega_{\mathbb{CP}^5}^1|_X) \rightarrow H^3(\Omega_X^1) \rightarrow H^4(N_X^*) \rightarrow H^4(\Omega_{\mathbb{CP}^5}^1|_X) \rightarrow \cdots$$

and we compute the terms as

$$H^4(X, N_X^*) \cong H^4(X, \mathcal{O}_X(-3)) \stackrel{\text{Serre}}{\cong} H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^*.$$

Next we show $h^3(\Omega_{\mathbb{CP}^5}^1|_X) = 0 = h^4(\Omega_{\mathbb{CP}^5}^1|_X)$, which will show $h^{3,1}(X) = 1$. For this, consider the short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{CP}^5}^1(-3) \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{CP}^5}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{CP}^5}^1|_X \rightarrow 0$ and the long exact sequence gives exact

sequences $H^i(\Omega_{\mathbb{CP}^5}^1) \rightarrow H^i(\Omega_{\mathbb{CP}^5|X}^1) \rightarrow H^{i+1}(\Omega_{\mathbb{CP}^5}^1(-3))$ for $i = 3, 4$, where the left term vanishes by our computation of the Hodge diamond for \mathbb{CP}^n . So it remains to show that $h^i(\Omega_{\mathbb{CP}^5}^1(-3)) = 0$ for $i = 4, 5$. The final exact sequence we need is the Euler sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{CP}^n} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{CP}^n}(1)^{\oplus(n+1)} \rightarrow T_{\mathbb{CP}^n} \rightarrow 0,$$

where the maps are $1 \mapsto (x_0, \dots, x_n)$ and $(l_0, \dots, l_n) \mapsto \sum l_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$. Dualizing and twisting gives us the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{CP}^5}^1(-3) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-4)^{\oplus 6} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-3) \rightarrow 0$ and the claim follows from the long exact sequence in cohomology, the fact that $h^i(\mathbb{CP}^n, \mathcal{O}(k)) = 0$ for $0 < i < n$ and Serre duality. Thus we finally get the Hodge diamond

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & 1 & & \\
 & & & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & & 0 & & 1 & & 0 \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 0 & & 1 & & 21 & & 1 & & 0 \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & & 0 & & 1 & & 0 \\
 & & & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & & & 1 & &
 \end{array}$$

5 Lie Algebras

Definition 5.1. A Lie algebra is a vector space g over a field k together with a bilinear map

$$[\cdot, \cdot] : g \times g \rightarrow g, \quad (x, y) \mapsto [x, y]$$

called *bracket* satisfying

(1) skew-symmetry, i.e. $[x, y] + [y, x] = 0$ for all $x, y \in g$,

(2) the Jacobi-identity for all $x, y, z \in g$,

$$[x, [y, z]] + [y, [z, x]] + [z, [x, y]] = 0.$$

Example 5.2. Let G be a Lie group over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} (smooth complex manifold with smooth holomorphic addition and negation). Let $e \in G$ be the identity element. Then $g = T_e G$ is a Lie algebra: There is an identification of $T_e G$ with left G -invariant vector fields, and the commutator of vector fields defines a bracket on $T_e G$.

Example 5.3. For V a vector space, $\mathfrak{gl}(V) = \text{End}(V)$ is a Lie algebra with commutator as bracket. If $\dim V = n < \infty$, then $\mathfrak{gl}(V) \cong M_{n \times n}(k)$.

Example 5.4. For $G = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}) \subseteq \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{C})$, the construction in example 5.2 yields

$$\mathfrak{sl}_2 := T_e G = \{A \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{C}) \mid \text{tr } A = 0\} \subseteq M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{C}).$$

It is generated as a \mathbb{C} -vector space by the standard generators

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and one calculates

$$[X, Y] = H, \quad [H, X] = 2X, \quad [H, Y] = -2Y.$$

Definition 5.5. A homomorphism of Lie algebras is a linear map $g \rightarrow h$ compatible with the bracket. A representation of a Lie algebra g on a vector space V is a homomorphism of Lie algebras $\rho : g \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$. A representation V of g is called irreducible if there are no proper non-trivial subspace $W \subseteq V$ preserved by g . An ideal of a Lie algebra g is a subspace $i \subseteq g$ such that $[g, i] \subseteq i$. A Lie algebra is simple if it is non-abelian (i.e. $[\cdot, \cdot] \neq 0$) and contains no non-zero proper ideals. A Lie algebra is called semi-simple if it is a direct sum of simple Lie algebras.

Example 5.6. \mathfrak{sl}_2 is simple. \mathfrak{gl}_n is not semi-simple.

Theorem 5.7. Every finite dimensional representation of a semi-simple Lie-algebra decomposes uniquely into a direct sum of irreducible representations.

Example 5.8. \mathfrak{gl}_n admits a representation on $V = \mathbb{C}^n$. This induces a representation on all tensor constructions of V , for example on $V \otimes V$, one gets $A(v \otimes w) = Av \otimes w + v \otimes Aw$.

\mathfrak{sl}_2 has a standard representation on \mathbb{C}^2 , hence an induced representation on $\text{Sym}^n \mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{C}^{k+1}$. Explicitly, choose a basis $e, f \in V$, so that

$$\text{Sym}^k \mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{C}e^k \oplus \mathbb{C}e^{k-1}f \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{C}f^k.$$

Define a map $\mathfrak{sl}_2 \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_{k+1}$ by

$$X \mapsto f \frac{\partial}{\partial e}, \quad Y \mapsto e \frac{\partial}{\partial f}, \quad H \mapsto f \frac{\partial}{\partial e} \circ e \frac{\partial}{\partial f} - e \frac{\partial}{\partial f} \circ f \frac{\partial}{\partial e}$$

Check that this is a representation. One computes

$$H(e^i f^j) = ((i+1)j - i(j+1))e^i f^j = (j-i)e^i f^j.$$

The $\langle e^i f^j \rangle$ are eigenspaces of H of eigenvalue $j-i$. For general \mathfrak{sl}_2 -representations, the eigenspaces of H are called *weight spaces*, the eigenvalues are called *weights*.

Exercise 5.9. Those are all the irreducible representations of \mathfrak{sl}_2 !

Remark 5.10. The lowest weight space is $\langle e^k \rangle$ with weight $-k$. All other weight spaces are obtained from this one by applying the "raising operator" X . Each application of X raises the weight by 2.

5.1 \mathfrak{sl}_2 -representations and Hodge theory

Let (M, ω) be a compact Kähler manifold of complex dimension n with $\omega \in \bigwedge^{1,1}(M)$ the (closed) Kähler form. Recall the Lefschetz operator

$$L : \bigwedge^{p,q}(M) \rightarrow \bigwedge^{p+1,q+1}(M), \quad \alpha \mapsto \alpha \wedge \omega$$

with adjoint L^\dagger .

Proposition 5.11. The action of $[L, L^\dagger]$ on $\bigwedge^{p,q}(M)$ is given by multiplication by $p+q-n$.

Proof. This can be checked fibre-wise, since L and L^\dagger come from maps of bundles. One can check: For every $m \in M$, $(L^\dagger)_m$ is adjoint to L_m with respect to $\langle \alpha_m, \beta_m \rangle = (\beta_m \wedge * \alpha_m) / (\omega^n)_m$. Now without loss of generality, $\bigwedge^{p,q}(M)_m$ are spanned by $dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J$, $|I|=p$, $|J|=q$, and $\omega_m = dz_1 \wedge d\bar{z}_1 + \dots + dz_n \wedge d\bar{z}_n$. In this setting, we can calculate everything:

$$L_m(dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J) = \sum_{k \notin I \cup J} dz_{I \cup \{k\}} \wedge d\bar{z}_{J \cup \{k\}},$$

$$L_m^\dagger(dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J) = \sum_{k \in I \cap J} dz_{I \setminus \{k\}} \wedge d\bar{z}_{J \setminus \{k\}}.$$

(Check that the formula for L_m^\dagger is correct.) Next

$$L_m^\dagger \circ L_m(dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J) = \sum_{k \in I \cup J} \sum_{l \in (I \cap J) \cup \{k\}} dz_{I \cup \{k\} \setminus \{l\}} \wedge d\bar{z}_{J \cup \{k\} \setminus \{l\}}, \quad (*)$$

$$L_m \circ L_m^\dagger(dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J) = \sum_{l \in I \cap J} \sum_{k \in (I \cup J) \setminus \{l\}} dz_{I \cup \{k\} \setminus \{l\}} \wedge d\bar{z}_{J \cup \{k\} \setminus \{l\}} \quad (**)$$

Observe that all summands where $k \neq l$ appear in both formulas, so vanish in the commutator:

$$(L_m \circ L_m^\dagger - L_m^\dagger \circ L_m)(dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J) = (\# \text{summands with } k=l \text{ in } * - \text{those in } **) dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J$$

and this coefficient is $|I \cap J| - (n - |I \cup J|) = p + q - n$. \square

Definition 5.12. Let $h : \bigwedge^*(M) \rightarrow \bigwedge^*(M)$ be the operator given by multiplication by $(k-n)$ in $\bigwedge^k(M)$. Define an \mathfrak{sl}_2 -representation $\mathfrak{sl}_2 \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(\bigwedge^*(M))$ by

$$X \mapsto L, \quad Y \mapsto L^\dagger, \quad H \mapsto h.$$

Note that by what we just proved, this is an (infinite-dimensional) representation. We did not use that ω is closed. Recall that, for Kähler manifolds, $[L, \Delta_d] = 0 = [L^\dagger, \Delta_d]$ and clearly $[h, \Delta_d] = 0$. So we get an induced representation on harmonic forms $\mathcal{H}^*(M)$.

Theorem 5.13 (Hard Lefschetz). *The map $L^k : H^{n-k}(M) \rightarrow H^{n+k}(M)$ is an isomorphism. If we define the k -th primitive cohomology of M to be $P^k(M) = \ker(L^{n-k+1} : H^k(M) \rightarrow H^{2n-k+2})$, then $H^*(M) = \bigoplus_{i,k \geq 0} L^i P^k(M)$*

Proof. $H^*(M)$ is a finite-dimensional \mathfrak{sl}_2 -representation by the above. So by theorem 5.7 and exercise 5.9, we can write it as a direct sum of irreducible representations, which have weight-spaces which differ by weight 2 and are centered around 0. By the above proposition, weight k corresponds to cohomological degree $n - k$. The result follows from that. \square