

# SOME REMARKS ON NIJENHUIS BRACKET, FORMALITY, AND KÄHLER MANIFOLDS

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

A differentiable manifold  $M$  is said to be *formal* if the algebra  $\wedge^*(M)$  of the differential forms on  $M$  is quasi isomorphic to its DeRham cohomology. (We recall that a morphism between Differential Graded Algebras is said to be a *quasi isomorphism* if it induces an isomorphism in cohomology and that two DGA's are said to be *quasi isomorphic* if they are equivalent with respect to the equivalence relation generated by quasi isomorphisms (cf. also [2]).)

It is well known that (cf. [6])

$$\boxed{(\wedge^*(M), d) \text{ is formal}} \implies \boxed{\begin{array}{l} \text{from } H^*(M, \mathbb{R}) \text{ we can reconstruct} \\ \text{(via its minimal model, Postnikov towers etc...)} \\ \text{the whole rational} \\ \text{(i.e. all the cofinite) homotopy theory of } M. \end{array}}$$

One (actually, almost the only effective) way to get formality is to be able to produce a suitable derivation  $\delta$  on  $\wedge^*(M)$ ,  $\delta : \wedge^k \rightarrow \wedge^{k+1}$  (for  $k = 0, \dots, n$ ), satisfying  $\delta^2 = 0$  and such that *dδ-lemma* holds, i.e.  $(Ker d \cap Ker \delta) \cap (Im d + Im \delta) = Im d\delta$ .

More precisely, the following general statements holds:

**Theorem 1.1** (cf. [6]). *Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold with a derivation  $\delta : \wedge^k \rightarrow \wedge^{k+1}$  (for  $k = 0, \dots, n$ ), satisfying  $\delta^2 = 0$  such that *dδ-lemma* holds. Then*

$$H(\wedge^*(M), d) = (Ker d \cap Ker \delta) / Im d\delta$$

$$H(\wedge^*(M), \delta) = (Ker d \cap Ker \delta) / Im d\delta$$

and so  $(\wedge^*(M), d)$  and  $(\wedge^*(M), \delta)$  are formal.

An example of such a situation is provided by Kähler manifolds: in this case,  $\delta = d^c := J^{-1}dJ$ , where  $J$  is the complex structure (cf. again [6]).

We first show (Lemma 2.1, Remark 2.2) that the derivation  $\delta$  satisfying properties above must be of the form  $\delta = d_R := RdR^{-1}$ , with  $R \in End(TM)$  (i.e.,  $R$  is a field of non degenerate linear transformations of the tangent spaces).

Then, we prove (Lemma 2.4) that the supercommutation of  $d$  and  $\delta = d_R$  (which is a natural, essentially necessary condition to get a *dδ-lemma*) amounts to  $N_R \equiv 0$ ,  $N_R$  being the Nijenhuis tensor of  $R$ . Then, we are looking for sufficient conditions that ensure the *dd<sub>R</sub>-lemma* holds. For  $R$  self adjoint with respect to a Riemannian metric, it is done in Section 3. For  $R$  compatible with an almost symplectic structure this is done in Section 4. Finally, we show that, if  ${}^tR = -R$  and  $det R \equiv 1$ , then

$$N_R \equiv 0 \implies N_J \equiv 0$$

where  $J$  is the orthogonal component of  $R$ , in its polar decomposition and this also provides a new characterization of Kähler structures.

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## 2. PRELIMINARY REMARKS: ON THE SPACE OF DERIVATIONS

We begin with the following

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be a smooth compact manifold of dimension  $n$  and let  $\delta \in \text{End}(\wedge^*(M))$  such that:*

- a.  $\delta(\alpha \wedge \beta) = \delta\alpha \wedge \beta + (-1)^{|\alpha|} \alpha \wedge \delta\beta$  and  $|\delta| = 1$ , i.e.  $\delta : \wedge^p(M) \rightarrow \wedge^{p+1}(M)$
- b.  $\text{Ker } \delta \cap \wedge^0(M) = \mathbb{R}$
- c.  $\delta^2 = 0$ ;

then  $R : X \mapsto \delta_X$  belongs to  $\text{End}(TM)$  and  $\delta = d_R := RdR^{-1}$  (where, clearly,  $\delta_X : f \mapsto \delta f(X)$ )

*Proof.* The linearity of  $R$  is evident. By (b),  $R$  is nondegenerate. In order to prove  $\delta = d_R$ , let us note that for any  $f \in \wedge^0(M)$ ,  $X \in TM$ , we have:

$$d_R f(X) = df(RX) = RXf = \delta_X f = (\delta f)(X)$$

i.e.  $\delta$  coincides with  $d_R$  on  $\wedge^0(M)$ ; this, together with (a), (c), is sufficient to insure  $\delta \equiv d_R$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.** *Assume  $\delta$  satisfies (a), (c) of lemma 2.1. Suppose*

- the  $d\delta$ -lemma holds, i.e.:

$$(\text{Ker } d \cap \text{Ker } \delta) \cap (\text{Im } d + \text{Im } \delta) = \text{Im } d\delta$$

- $d\delta + \delta d = 0$ .

Then also (b) of lemma (2.1) is fulfilled.

*Proof.* Indeed, if  $f \in \text{Ker } \delta \cap \wedge^0(M)$ ,  $f \neq \text{const}$ , then

$$0 \neq df \in (\text{Ker } d \cap \text{Ker } \delta) \cap (\text{Im } d + \text{Im } \delta),$$

contradicting  $df \notin \text{Im } d\delta$ .  $\square$

For any  $S \in \text{End}(TM)$ , we define the *Nijenhuis tensor* of  $S$  as the element

$$N_S \in \wedge^2(M) \otimes TM$$

given by

$$N_S(X, Y) := [SX, SY] + S^2[X, Y] - S[SX, Y] - S[X, SY];$$

It is known (and follows direct from definitions), that

- $N_{\mathbf{I}+S} = N_S$  (where  $\mathbf{I} : TM \rightarrow TM$  is the identity)
- for any  $\lambda \in C^\infty(M, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $N_{\lambda\mathbf{I}} \equiv 0$
- if  $R \in \text{End}(TM)$  then

$$N_{R^{-1}}(X, Y) = R^{-2}N_R(R^{-1}X, R^{-1}Y).$$

Let  $V$  be a vector space. For any  $L \in \text{End}(V)$  we consider

$$\tau(L) \in \text{End}(\wedge V^*)$$

defined as follows:

$$(1) \quad (\tau(L)(\alpha))(v_1, \dots, v_p) := \sum_{h=1}^p \alpha(v_1, \dots, L(v_h), \dots, v_p).$$

We recall that a *Differential Graded Lie Algebra* (DGLA) is a graded vector space

$$\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_j$$

together with a bilinear map  $[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  and a degree one graded derivation  $d$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  in such a way that:

- $[\mathfrak{g}_j, \mathfrak{g}_k] \subset \mathfrak{g}_{j+k}$

- for homogeneous elements  $a, b, c$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} [a, b] &= -(-1)^{|a||b|}[b, a] \\ [a, [b, c]] &= [[a, b], c] + (-1)^{|a||b|}[b, [a, c]] \\ d[a, b] &= [da, b] + (-1)^{|a|}[a, db]. \end{aligned} \quad \text{Jacobi identity}$$

- $d^2 = 0$

For example, there is a natural structure of *DGLA* on  $End(\wedge^*(M))$ : the gradation is obvious:  $|P| = |P\alpha| - |\alpha|$ , and the bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  and the derivation (we use the letter  $\nabla$  for it) are given by

- $[P, Q] := P \circ Q - (-1)^{|P||Q|}Q \circ P$ ,
- $\nabla P := [d, P]$ .

Let us recall the lemma (cf. e.g. [4]),

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $R \in Aut(TM)$ . Then,*

$$d_R = d + [\tau(S), d] - r(R),$$

where  $\tau$  is defined by (1),  $S := R - \mathbf{I}$ , and  $r(R)$  is a zero order differential operator quadratic in  $S$  defined as follows:

- $r(R) \equiv 0$  on  $\wedge^0(M)$
- for  $\alpha \in \wedge^1(M)$   $r(R)(\alpha)(X, Y) := \alpha(R^{-1}N_R(X, Y))$ ,
- extend to general  $\alpha$  as skew-symmetric derivation.

*Proof.* It is enough to prove the lemma for  $f \in \wedge^0(M)$  and for  $\alpha \in \wedge^1(M)$ . If  $f \in \wedge^0(M)$ , we have:

$$d_R f(X) = df((\mathbf{I} + S)X) = df(X) + ([\tau(S), d]f)(X);$$

if  $\alpha \in \wedge^1(M)$  we have first:

$$\begin{aligned} ([\tau(S), d]\alpha)(X, Y) &= \\ &SX\alpha(Y) - SX\alpha(X) + \\ &\alpha(S[X, Y] - [SX, Y] - [X, SY]); \end{aligned}$$

then:

$$\begin{aligned} (d_R \alpha)(X, Y) &= (dR^{-1}\alpha)((\mathbf{I} + S)X, (\mathbf{I} + S)Y) = \\ &(I + S)X\alpha(Y) - (\mathbf{I} + S)Y\alpha(X) - \alpha((\mathbf{I} + S)^{-1}[(\mathbf{I} + S)X, (\mathbf{I} + S)Y]) \\ &X\alpha(Y) + SX\alpha(Y) - Y\alpha(X) - SY\alpha(X) - \alpha((\mathbf{I} + S)^{-1}[(\mathbf{I} + S)X, (\mathbf{I} + S)Y]) \\ &d\alpha(X, Y) + \alpha([X, Y]) + ([\tau(S), d]\alpha)(X, Y) + \\ &- \alpha(S[X, Y] - [SX, Y] - [X, SY]) - \alpha((\mathbf{I} + S)^{-1}[(\mathbf{I} + S)X, (\mathbf{I} + S)Y]) = \\ &d\alpha(X, Y) + ([\tau(S), d]\alpha)(X, Y) + \\ &\alpha((\mathbf{I} + S)^{-1}((\mathbf{I} + S)[X, Y] - (\mathbf{I} + S)S[X, Y] + (\mathbf{I} + S)[SX, Y] + (\mathbf{I} + S)[X, SY]) \\ &- \alpha((\mathbf{I} + S)^{-1}[(\mathbf{I} + S)X, (\mathbf{I} + S)Y]) = \\ &d\alpha(X, Y) + ([\tau(S), d]\alpha)(X, Y) - \alpha((\mathbf{I} + S)^{-1}N_S(X, Y)) \end{aligned}$$

□

We will need the following

**Lemma 2.4.**

$$[d_R, d] = 0 \iff N_R = 0 \iff d_R = d + [\tau(S), d].$$

*Proof.* Let us first show that  $d$  commutes with  $d + [\tau(S), d]$ . Since  $d^2 = 0$ ,  $d$  commutes with itself. In order to show that  $d$  commutes with  $[\tau(S), d] = 0$ , we use the Jacobi identity:

$$[d, [\tau(S), d]] = [[d, \tau(S)], d] = -[d, [\tau(S), d]] \implies [d, [\tau(S), d]] = 0.$$

(In particular, the above observation shows the “ $\Leftarrow$ ” direction of the lemma)

In order to show that  $d$  commutes with  $r(R)$  if and only if  $N_R = 0$ , we use that, for every  $f \in \wedge^0(M)$ ,  $X, Y \in TM$ , we have,

$$[d, d_R]f(X, Y) = (r(R)df)(X, Y) = df(R^{-1}N_R(X, Y)).$$

Clearly, the right hand side vanishes for all  $X, Y$  if and only if  $N_R \equiv 0$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.5.** *The previous lemma says that, in  $(\text{End}(\wedge^*(M)), [, ], \nabla)$ ,*

$$\nabla d_R = 0 \iff N_R = 0 \iff d - d_R = \nabla \tau(S) \text{ i.e. } \langle d \rangle = \langle d_R \rangle.$$

Note also that:

$$[d, d_R] = 0$$

$$\updownarrow$$

$$d_R \text{ satisfies the Maurer - Cartan equation } \nabla d_R + \frac{1}{2}[d_R, d_R] = 0.$$

### 3. $dd_R$ -LEMMA IN THE PRESENCE OF A RIEMANNIAN METRIC

Let  $g$  be a Riemannian metric on  $M$ . We denote by  $*$  the Hodge-star operation. The next two lemmas says that when certain (natural) conditions on  $R$  are fulfilled, then the  $dd_R$ -lemma holds.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $R \in \text{Aut}(TM)$  such that:*

- (1)  $N_R = 0$  ( $\xLeftrightarrow{\text{Lem. 2.4}} d_R = d + [\tau(S), d] \xLeftrightarrow{\text{Lem. 2.4}} [d, d_R] = 0$ )
- (2) *there exists a Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $M$  such that*
  - a.  $[d_R, dd^*] = 0$
  - b.  $[d_R, d^*d] = 0$ .

Then,

$$\text{Ker } d \cap \text{Im } d_R = \text{Im } dd_R$$

*Proof.* Set

$$\Delta_R := [d_R, d_R^*].$$

Clearly,

$$[\Delta_R, d] = 0 = [\Delta, d_R].$$

Note that  $\Delta_R = R\tilde{\Delta}R^{-1}$ , where  $\tilde{\Delta}$  is the Laplacian operator with respect to  $\tilde{g} = g(R \cdot, R \cdot)$ . consider the Hodge decomposition with respect to  $\Delta$  and  $\Delta_R$ :

$$I = H + \Delta G$$

$$I = H_R + \Delta_R G_R.$$

Given  $\alpha \in \text{Ker } d \cap \text{Im } d_R$  we have:

$$\alpha = H(\alpha) + dd^*G(\alpha)$$

$$\alpha = d_R d_R^* G_R(\alpha).$$

Set  $\gamma = d_R^* G_R(\alpha)$ . Then,

$$\gamma = H(\gamma) + dd^*G(\gamma) + d^*dG(\gamma)$$

and so

$$d_R \gamma = d_R H(\gamma) + dd^*G(d_R \gamma),$$

i.e.,  $H(d_R \gamma) =$

$$d_R H(\gamma) = (d + [\tau(S), d])H(\gamma) = -d\tau(r)H(\gamma) = 0$$

and so:

$$\alpha = dd^*G(\alpha) = d_R d_R^* G_R(\alpha).$$

and finally

$$\alpha = dd^*G(\alpha) = d_R d_R^* G_R(dd^*G(\alpha)) = dd_R G_R(d_R^* d^* G(\alpha)),$$

$\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $R \in \text{End}(TM)$  such that:*

- (1)  $N_R = 0$  (and so  $d_R = d + [\tau(S), d]$  and  $[d, d_R] = 0$ )
- (2) *there exists a Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $M$  such that*

- a.  $[d_R, dd^*] = 0$
- b.  $[d_R, d^*d] = 0$
- c.  $[d, d_R d_R^*] = 0$
- d.  $[d, d_R^* d_R] = 0$ ;

then the  $dd_R$ -lemma holds, i.e.

$$(Ker d \cap Ker d_R) \cap (Im d + Im d_R) = Im dd_R$$

#### 4. $dd_R$ -LEMMA IN THE ALMOST SYMPLECTIC SETTING

Let  $(M, \kappa)$  be an almost symplectic,  $2n$ -dimensional compact manifold. We consider

$$\mathcal{M}_\kappa(M) := \left\{ g \in \mathcal{Riem}(M) \mid d\mu(g) = \frac{\kappa^n}{n!} \right\}.$$

Recall (cf. [2]) that we can define the symplectic analog of the Hodge-star

$$\star : \wedge^r(M) \longrightarrow \wedge^{2n-r}(M)$$

by means of the relation

$$\alpha \wedge \star \beta = \kappa(\alpha, \beta) \frac{\kappa^n}{n!}$$

for  $\alpha, \beta \in \wedge^r(M)$ .

Analog to the Riemannian case, we consider on  $\wedge^r(M)$ :

$$d^\star := (-1)^r \star d \star.$$

For any

$$g \in \mathcal{M}_\kappa(M)$$

there exists  $R \in End(TM)$  such that

$$g(X, Y) = \kappa(R^{-1}X, Y).$$

Clearly,  $R$  and  $R^{-1}$  are  $g$ -antisymmetric and  $det R \equiv 1$ ;  
on  $\wedge^r(M)$  we have (cf. [3]):

$$\star R^{-1} = (-1)^r * \quad \text{i.e. } * R = (-1)^r \star \quad \text{and } R^{-1} * = \star;$$

consequently:

$$d_R^* = -R^{-1} * d * R = -d^\star.$$

We have the following

**Lemma 4.1.** *Assume*

- $N_R \equiv 0$
- $d_R[d, d^\star] = 0 = [d, d^\star]d_R$
- $d_{R^{-1}}[d, d^\star] = 0 = [d, d^\star]d_{R^{-1}}$

then, the  $dd_R$ -lemma holds.

*Proof.* We have:

$$[d, d_R d_R^*] = dd_R d_R^* - d_R d_R^* d = -d_R [d, d_R^*] = d_R [d, d^\star]$$

and, similarly:

$$[d, d_R^* d_R] = -[d, d^\star]d_R;$$

finally, we have:

$$[d_R, dd^*] = -d[d^*, d_R]$$

and

$$R^{-1}d[d^*, d_R]R = \pm d_{R^{-1}}[d^\star, d].$$

Repeating this procedure with the other relation and applying Lemma 3.2 we obtain that  $dd_R$ -lemma holds.  $\square$

**Remark 4.2.** *If  $\kappa$  defines a symplectic structure, i.e.  $d\kappa = 0$ , then  $[d, d^\star] = 0$  (cf. e.g. [3]), and so we only need  $N_R \equiv 0$ :*

5. RELAXING THE CONDITION  $J^2 = -\mathbf{I}$  IN THE DEFINITION OF KÄHLER MANIFOLD.

One of the equivalent definitions of the Kähler manifold is the following one: A Kähler manifold is a symplectic manifold  $(M, \kappa)$  equipped with  $J \in \text{End}(TM)$  such that the bilinear form  $g$  defined by the equality  $g(X, Y) := \kappa(X, JY)$  is a Riemannian metric and such that

$$\begin{aligned} I & \quad J^2 = -\mathbf{I} \\ II & \quad N_J = 0. \end{aligned}$$

A lot of papers study the consequences of relaxing the second condition  $N_J = 0$ . In this case, the structure  $J$  is called an *almost complex structure*, and many papers are dedicated to almost complex structures satisfying additional conditions, see for example [8].

What about relaxing the first condition?

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $(M, \kappa)$  be an almost symplectic,  $2n$ -dimensional connected manifold; let again*

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{M}_\kappa(M) := \left\{ g \in \text{Riem}(M) \mid d\mu(g) = \frac{\kappa^n}{n!} \right\}.$$

*Assume there exists  $g \in \mathcal{M}_\kappa(M)$  such that, representing  $g$  via  $\kappa$  by  $R \in \text{End}(TM)$ , i.e. for  $R$  satisfying*

$$g(X, Y) = \kappa(RX, Y),$$

*we have*

$$N_R \equiv 0.$$

*Then, the orthogonal component  $J$  of  $R$  in its  $g$ -polar decomposition is  $g$ -skew-symmetric and satisfies*

$$N_J \equiv 0.$$

*Moreover, if  $d\kappa = 0$ , then  $(M, g, J)$  is a Kähler manifold.*

*Proof.* The proof is organized as follows: we will first show that the orthogonal component  $J$  of  $R$  in its  $g$ -polar decomposition is actually a polynomial of  $R$  (we will also see that the polynomial is real and odd). The property  $N_J = 0$  will then follow from  $N_R = 0$  by [5]. The closedness of the form  $g(J \cdot, \cdot)$  will require certain additional work.

We consider  $-R^2 := -R \circ R$ . It is clearly self adjoint and positively definite with respect to  $g$ ; by (2) we have  $\det(R^2) = \text{const}$ . Then, it is semi-simple, and all its eigenvalues are positive by linear algebra.

We denote by  $m(x)$  the number of different eigenvalues of  $-R^2$  at  $x \in M$  and by  $\lambda_1(x)^2 > \dots > \lambda_{m(x)}(x)^2$  ( $\lambda_j > 0$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m(x)$ ) the eigenvalues of  $-R^2$  at  $x \in M$ .

We say that a point  $x \in M$  is *stable* if  $m(x)$  is constant in a neighborhood of  $x$ . By [9, Lemma 4], the set of stable points is open and everywhere dense on  $M$ . Later, we will even show that all points are stable. We shall first work near a stable point  $x$ .

By [5, Lemma 6], the Nijenhuis tensor  $N_{-R^2} = 0$ . By [7], in the neighborhood of  $x$  there exists a coordinate system  $\bar{x} = (\bar{x}_1 = (x_1^1, \dots, x_1^{2k_1}), \dots, \bar{x}_m = (x_m^1, \dots, x_m^{2k_m}))$  such that in this coordinate system the matrix of  $-R^2$  is block diagonal, the dimensions of the blocks are  $2k_1, \dots, 2k_m$ , and such that the  $j$ th block is  $\lambda_j^2$  times the identity  $2k_j \times 2k_j$ -matrix:

$$(3) \quad -R^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^2 \cdot \mathbf{I}_{2k_1} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_m^2 \cdot \mathbf{I}_{2k_m} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Moreover, the function  $\lambda_j$  does not depend on the variables  $x_i^\ell$  for  $j \neq i$ .

This in particular implies that all eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  are actually constant: indeed, from (3) we know that the determinant of  $-R^2$  is the product  $(\lambda_1)^{2k_1} \cdot \dots \cdot (\lambda_m)^{2k_m}$ . By assumption, the determinant is constant. Since the functions  $\lambda_i$  depend on its own variables, all functions  $\lambda_i$  must be constant. Then, all points must be stable as we claimed before.

**Remark 5.2.** For further use let us note that, since the eigenspaces of  $R$  corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal, in these coordinates the matrix of  $g$  is also block-diagonal with the same as in (3) dimensions of the blocks; by construction, the components of  $R$  are also orthogonal with the same dimensions of the blocks

$$(4) \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & g_m \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} R_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & R_m \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let us now cook with the help of  $R$  the field of endomorphisms  $J$  such that it is the orthogonal component  $R$  in its  $g$ -polar decomposition. We take the polynomial  $P(X) = a_{2m-1}X^{2m-1} + \dots + a_0$  of degree at most  $2m - 1$  such that its value at the points  $X = i\lambda_1, \dots, i\lambda_m$  is equal to  $i$  and such that its value at the points  $X = -i\lambda_1, \dots, -i\lambda_m$  is equal to  $-i$ . From general theory it follows that such polynomial is unique (since the values in  $2m$  points determine a unique polynomial of degree  $2m - 1$ , see [1, §2 Ch. 1]). Since  $P(\bar{X}) = \overline{P(X)}$  for  $2m$  points  $X = \pm i\lambda_1, \dots, \pm i\lambda_m$ , the coefficients of the polynomial are real. Since  $P(-X) = -P(X)$  for  $2m$  points  $X = \pm i\lambda_1, \dots, \pm i\lambda_m$ , the polynomial is odd (i.e., all terms of even degree are zero).

We would like to point out that, since  $\lambda_i$  are constant, the coefficients of the polynomial are constant.

We now consider  $J := P(R) = a_{2m-1}R^{2m-1} + \dots + a_1 \cdot R$  (we understand  $R^r$  as  $\underbrace{R \circ R \circ \dots \circ R}_r$ ).

Let us show that  $J$  is indeed the orthogonal component of  $R$  in its  $g$ -polar decomposition.

Evidently, the eigenvalues of  $J$  are  $P(\pm i\lambda_i) = \pm i$ , and the algebraic multiplicity of each eigenvalue coincides with its geometric multiplicity. Then,  $J^2 = -\mathbf{I}$ .

Now, since the polynomial  $P$  is even, the bilinear form  $g(J\cdot, \cdot)$  is scew-symmetric. Indeed, all terms of the polynomial of even degree are zero, and for every term of odd degree we have

$$g(a_{2\ell-1}R^{2\ell-1}(U), V) = -g(a_{2\ell-1}R^{2\ell-2}(U), R(V)) = g(a_{2\ell-1}R^{2\ell-3}(U), R^2(V)) = \dots = -g(U, a_{2\ell-1}R^{2\ell-1}(V))$$

(each time we transport one  $R$  to the right hand side we change the sign; all together we make odd number the sign change). Then, each term  $g(a_{2\ell-1}R^{2\ell-1}\cdot, \cdot)$  is skew-symmetric implying  $g(J\cdot, \cdot)$  is scew-symmetric as well.

Then,  $J$  is a  $g$ -orthogonal operator. Indeed,

$$g(\underbrace{JV}_{U'}, \underbrace{JU}_{U'}) = -g(\underbrace{J \underbrace{JU}_{U'}}_{U'}, V) = g(U, V) = g(V, U).$$

Now, the operator  $R \cdot J = R \cdot P(R)$  is  $g$ -symmetric (implying  $R = SJ$  for a certain  $g$ -symmetric operator  $S$ ). Indeed, arguing as above, we have

$$g(a_{2\ell-1}R^{2\ell}(U), V) = -g(a_{2\ell-1}R^{2\ell-1}(U), R(V)) = g(a_{2\ell-1}R^{2\ell-3}(U), R^2(V)) = \dots = g(U, a_{2\ell-1}R^{2\ell}(V))$$

(this time we transport  $2\ell$   $R$ 's from left to right, so we change the sign even number of times).

Finally,  $J = P(R)$  satisfies the following properties:

- It is  $g$ -orthogonal,
- $R = SJ$  for a certain  $g$ -symmetric operator.

Thus,  $J$  is the orthogonal component of  $R$  in its  $g$ -polar decomposition.

Our goal is to show that  $(g, J)$  is a Kähler structure on  $M$  provided  $\kappa$  is closed. We already have seen that  $J$  is  $g$ -skew-symmetric. The property  $N_J \equiv 0$  follows from [5, Lemma 6].

Let us now prove that the form  $g(J\cdot, \cdot)$  is also closed. We will work locally, in a coordinate system  $\bar{x}$  constructed above. Combining these with the form (3) of  $-R^2$ , we obtain that the matrix of  $J$  is given by

$$(5) \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda_1} R_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{\lambda_m} R_m \end{pmatrix}$$

Combining (3) and (4) we see that the matrix of  $\kappa(\cdot, \cdot) := g(R\cdot, \cdot)$  (in the coordinate system  $\bar{x}$  above) is given by the matrix

$$(6) \quad \kappa = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\kappa} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{m}{\kappa} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -R_1 g_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & -R_m g_m \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, by (5), the matrix of  $g(J \cdot, \cdot)$  is

$$(7) \quad \begin{pmatrix} -J g_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & -J g_m \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\lambda_1} R_1 g_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & -\frac{1}{\lambda_m} R_m g_m \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \frac{1}{\kappa} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{\lambda_m} \frac{m}{\kappa} \end{pmatrix}.$$

In what follows we will use the convention

$$\bar{x} = (\bar{x}_1 = (x_1^1, \dots, x_1^{2k_1}), \dots, \bar{x}_m = (x_m^1, \dots, x_m^{2k_m})) = (y^1, \dots, y^{2n}),$$

i.e.,  $y^1 := x_1^1, \dots, y^{2k_1} := x_1^{2k_1}, y^{2k_1+1} := x_2^1, \dots, y^{2n} := x_m^{2k_m}$ .

Now we use that the differential of the form is given by

$$d \left( \sum_{p,q=1}^{2n} \kappa_{pq} dy^p \wedge dy^q \right) = \sum_{p,q,s=1}^{2n} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y^s} \kappa_{pq} \right) dy^s \wedge dy^p \wedge dy^q.$$

If the matrix of the form  $\kappa$  is as in (6), i.e., if

$$\kappa = \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^{2k_1} \frac{1}{\kappa} dx_1^\alpha \wedge dx_1^\beta}_{\frac{1}{\kappa}} + \dots + \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^{2k_m} \frac{m}{\kappa} dx_m^\alpha \wedge dx_m^\beta}_{\frac{m}{\kappa}},$$

then, the differential of  $\kappa$  is

$$d\kappa = d \frac{1}{\kappa} + \dots + d \frac{m}{\kappa} = \sum_{i=1}^m \underbrace{\left( \sum_{p=1}^{2n} \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^{2k_i} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y^p} \frac{i}{\kappa} dx_i^\alpha \wedge dx_i^\beta \right) dy^p \right)}_{d \frac{i}{\kappa}}.$$

We see that the components of the differentials of  $d \frac{i}{\kappa}$  and  $d \frac{j}{\kappa}$  do not combine for  $i \neq j$ . Indeed, every component of  $d \frac{i}{\kappa}$  is proportional to a certain  $dy^p \wedge dx_i^\alpha \wedge dx_i^\beta$ , and every component of  $d \frac{j}{\kappa}$  is proportional to a certain  $dy^p \wedge dx_j^\alpha \wedge dx_j^\beta$ . Then,  $d\kappa = 0$  implies  $d \frac{i}{\kappa} = 0$  for all  $i$ .

Now, by (7), the form  $g(J \cdot, \cdot)$  is given by

$$(8) \quad \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \frac{1}{\kappa} + \dots + \frac{1}{\lambda_m} \frac{m}{\kappa}.$$

Since  $\lambda_i$  are constants as we explained above, and  $d \frac{i}{\kappa} = 0$ , then the differential of (8) vanishes. Thus,  $g(J \cdot, \cdot)$  is closed as we claim. Theorem 5.1 is proved.  $\square$

**Definition 5.3.** Let  $(M, \kappa)$  be a  $2n$ -dimensional (compact) symplectic manifold;  $R \in \text{End}(TM)$  is said to be  $\kappa$ -calibrated if

$$g := \kappa(R \cdot, \cdot)$$

is a Riemannian metric such that  $d\mu(g) = \frac{\kappa^n}{n!}$ .

From Theorem 5.1 we immediately obtain

**Corollary 5.4.** Let  $(M, \kappa)$  be a  $2n$ -dimensional connected symplectic manifold. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- $(M, \kappa)$  admits a Kähler structure  $g, J$  such that  $\kappa(\cdot, \cdot) = g(J \cdot, \cdot)$ .

- *there exists  $R \in \text{End}(TM)$  such that it is  $\kappa$ -calibrated and such that  $N_R \equiv 0$ .*

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