

# About the Kohn-Dirac operator on CR manifolds

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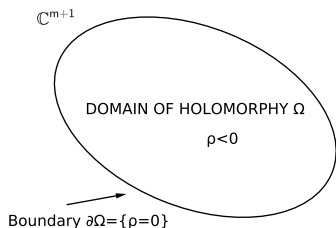
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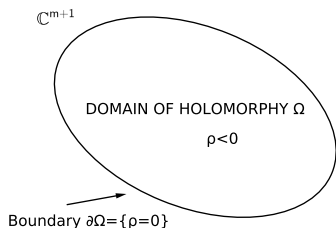


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If  $\mathcal{L}(w, w) > 0$  for  $w \neq 0$  then

- ▶  $H = T(\partial\Omega) \cap J(T(\partial\Omega))$  is contact on  $\partial\Omega$
- ▶  $(H, J)$  is **CR structure** on  $M := \partial\Omega$
- ▶ with contact 1-form  $\theta = d\rho \circ J$

We call directions in  $\mathbb{C} \otimes H = H^{1,0} \oplus H^{0,1}$  **transverse**

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**Note:** Eigenspinors  $D_\theta \Phi = \lambda \cdot \Phi$  with  $\lambda \neq 0$  decompose to

$$\Phi = \Phi_{\mu_r} + \Phi_{\mu_{r+1}} \in \Gamma(\Sigma_{\mu_r} \oplus \Sigma_{\mu_{r+1}}) \quad \text{of type } (r, r+1)$$

# Analytic properties of $D_\theta$

Let  $(M^{2m+1}, H, J, \theta)$  be **closed** spin CR manifold ( $m \geq 2$ )

- ▶  $D_\theta$  is formally self-adjoint
- ▶  $D_\theta$  is **not** elliptic
- ▶ the square

$$D_\theta^2 : \Gamma(\Sigma_{\mu_r}) \rightarrow \Gamma(\Sigma_{\mu_r})$$

is hypoelliptic for the non-extremal bundles  $r \neq 0, m$

- ▶  $\text{spec}(D_\theta^2)$  is pure point spectrum  $\nu_i$   
with  $\nu_i \geq 0$  and  $\nu_i \rightarrow \infty$  (Stadtmüller '17)
- ▶ eigenspaces  $E_{\nu_i}$  are finite-dimensional for  $\nu_i > 0$
- ▶ in general, the space of harmonic spinors has  $\dim \mathcal{H} = \infty$

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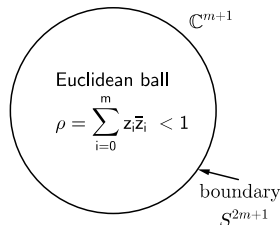
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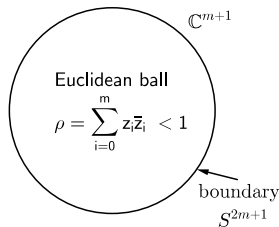
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By **Frobenius reciprocity** we have

$$L^2(\Sigma) \cong \overline{\bigoplus_{\gamma} V_{\gamma} \otimes \text{Hom}_{\tilde{U}(m)}(V_{\gamma}, \Sigma)}$$

where

$$V_{\gamma} = (V_{\gamma(a,b)}, \pi) \quad (a, b \geq 0)$$

are the (relevant) irreducible representations of  $\tilde{U}(m+1)$

## Parthasarathy-type formula

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This gives the **eigenvalues**

$$\{ \lambda = \pm \sqrt{4(m-r+a)(r+1+b)} \mid a, b \geq 0 \wedge 0 \leq r < m \}$$

with **lower bound** for the non-zero eigenvalues of type  $(r, r+1)$ :

$$\lambda^2 \geq 4(m-r)(r+1) \cdot \frac{\text{scal}_{\theta_o}}{4m(m+1)}$$

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Lichnerowicz-type formula (Petit '05):

$$D_\theta^2 = \Delta^\Sigma + \frac{\text{scal}_\theta}{4} - d\theta \cdot \nabla_T^\Sigma$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow D_\theta^2 &= \left(1 - \frac{id\theta}{2m}\right) \Delta_{10} + \left(1 + \frac{id\theta}{2m}\right) \Delta_{01} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \left( \text{scal}_\theta + \frac{1}{m} d\theta \cdot \rho_\theta^{\text{ric}} \right)\end{aligned}$$



## Lower bounds for eigenvalues

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On  $\Psi$ -Einstein spaces  $(M^{2m+1}, \theta)$  the lower bound is given by

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$\Leftrightarrow \Phi = \text{strong (transversal) } \Psi\text{-Killing spinors}$

**Example:** Such  $\Phi$  exist on 3-**Sasakian spaces**  
(with related  $\Psi$ -Hermitian form  $\theta$ )

## Parallel spinors

We call  $\Phi \in \Gamma(\Sigma)$  **transversally parallel** iff

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Computing the curvature  $\hat{R}$  shows:

$$\theta \text{ is } \Psi\text{-Einstein} \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{tr}_{\mathbb{C}} \hat{R}(X, Y) = 0 \quad \forall X, Y \in TM$$

i.e. the **holonomy algebra** is reduced:  $\text{hol}(\hat{\nabla}) \subseteq \mathfrak{su}(m)$

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**Existence:**

(1) For  $M = \partial\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{m+1}$  strictly  $\Psi$ -convex boundary

- ▶  $vol_{\mathbb{C}} = dz_0 \wedge \cdots \wedge dz_m$  induces  $\Psi$ -Einstein structure on  $\partial\Omega$
- ▶  $H(M)$  is spin with transversally parallel spinor

(2)  $S^1$ -bundles  $L$  with  $c_1(L) = [\omega] \in H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})$

over compact hyperKähler manifolds have  $Hol(\theta) = Sp(\frac{m}{2})$



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In particular,

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- ▶ **obstruction:** If Kohn-Rossi group  $H^{\frac{m}{2}}(M, \sqrt{\mathcal{K}}) \neq \{0\}$ , then **no**  $\theta$  with positive  $\text{scal}_\theta > 0$  exists on  $M$

**Examples for obstruction:**

- (1) compact quotients of Heisenberg groups
- (2)  $S^1$ -bundle with basic holonomy  $\text{Hol}(\theta) = \text{Sp}(\frac{m}{2})$

# $Spin^{\mathbb{C}}$ -structures

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- ▶ The  $\mu_r$ -component of  $D_{\ell}$  with  $\mu_r = -\ell$  is CR-covariant
- ▶ obtain more vanishing theorems for Kohn-Rossi groups
- ▶ further obstructions for

$$\rho_{\theta}^{ric} > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad scal_{\theta} > 0$$

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**Theorem.** Let  $M^{2m+1}$  be closed with  $m \geq 2$ .

If  $|\ell| \leq m+2$  and  $\rho_\theta > 0$ , then any harmonic spinor is in the extremal bundles  $\Sigma_m \oplus \Sigma_{-m}$

In particular, the  $q$ th Kohn-Rossi group  $H^{0,q}(M)$  vanishes for  $q = 1, \dots, m-1$ .