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Let $w \in M$ be a point. If (U, ϕ) is a chart of M with $w \in U$, then

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$$T_{w,\mathbb{R}}M = \{X_w : C_w^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid X_w(fg) = X_w(f)g(w) + f(w)X_w(g)\}$$

If we write the local coordinates around $w \in M$ as $z_j = x_j + iy_j$, then a canonical basis of $T_{w,\mathbb{R}}M$ is given by the tangent vectors

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An *almost complex structure* on a smooth manifold M is a vector bundle endomorphism J of (real) tangent bundle TM , such that $J^2 = -\mathbb{1}_{TM}$, i.e. for all $w \in M$, the linear map $J_w : T_w M \rightarrow T_w M$ is a linear complex structure for $T_w M$.

A complex manifold M induces an almost complex structure on its underlying smooth manifold, defined on the basis as

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We will regard this J as a vector bundle endomorphism of the real vector bundle $T_{\mathbb{R}}M$ over M .

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Note that, we have

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \right) \in (T_{\mathbb{R}}M)^{1,0} \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \right) \in (T_{\mathbb{R}}M)^{0,1}$$

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Next, observe that

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We define the following operators:

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Hence we can say that $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} \Big|_w, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_n} \Big|_w \right\}$ is a basis for the complex vector space $(T_{w, \mathbb{R}M})^{1,0}$ and $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_1} \Big|_w, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_n} \Big|_w \right\}$ is a basis for the complex vector space $(T_{w, \mathbb{R}M})^{0,1}$.

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We get the linear complex structure \mathcal{J}_w on $T_{w,\mathbb{R}}^*M$ from the linear complex structure J_w on $T_{w,\mathbb{R}}M$ as:

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Recall that if V is a real vector space, and $V_{\mathbb{C}} = V \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$ is its complexification. Then we have $(V^*)_{\mathbb{C}} \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(V, \mathbb{C}) \cong (V_{\mathbb{C}})^*$.

Using this, we can prove that $(T_{\mathbb{R}}^*M)^{1,0} \cong ((T_{\mathbb{R}}M)^{1,0})^*$ and $(T_{\mathbb{R}}^*M)^{0,1} \cong ((T_{\mathbb{R}}M)^{0,1})^*$.

Hence we can obtain basis for $T_{w,\mathbb{C}}^*M$ by defining the dual basis of $(T_{w,\mathbb{R}}M)^{1,0}$ and $(T_{w,\mathbb{R}}M)^{0,1}$.

Complex differential

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Since complex manifolds are paracompact, each short exact sequence of sheaves will induce a long exact sequences of Čech cohomology

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Also, for $p, \ell \geq 0$, $\Omega^{p,\ell}$ are smooth sections of vector bundles and hence are fine sheaves. Therefore, we have $\check{H}^q(M, \Omega^{p,\ell}) = 0$ for all $\ell \geq 1$. Hence for any $\ell \geq 0$ we get the exact sequence

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Since this sequence is exact, the map

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Next we consider the remaining parts of the long exact sequence, i.e. for $q \geq 1$ and $\ell \geq 0$ we have

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