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## THE DECOMPOSITION OF TENSOR SPACES WITH ALMOST COMPLEX STRUCTURE

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ABSTRACT. Decomposition of tensor spaces with almost complex structures is a standard task in representation theory and thus in differential geometry. Our aim is to deduce explicit formulae by an elementary and straightforward approach. This decomposition is computed for tensors of the type (1,3) with symmetries of certain curvature tensors, providing an illustration of the general method on this well known example.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $E$  be a real  $n$ -dimensional vector space and  $E_q^p$  the tensor space of tensors of the type  $(p, q)$ . A fixed basis of  $E$  determines a unique basis of  $E_q^p$ . The components of any tensor  $A$  with respect to this basis will be denoted  $A_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_q}^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p}$ . Now let  $F_j^i$  be an arbitrary tensor of the type (1,1) such that  $F_\alpha^\alpha = 0$ . A tensor  $A \in E_q^p$  is called  $F$ -traceless if the following conditions hold

$$\forall k = 1, \dots, p; \quad \forall r = 1, \dots, q: \quad F_\beta^\alpha A_{\dots j_{k-1} \alpha j_{k+1} \dots}^{\dots i_{k-1} \beta i_{k+1} \dots} = 0, \quad A_{\dots j_{r-1} \alpha j_{r+1} \dots}^{\dots i_{r-1} \alpha i_{r+1} \dots} = 0.$$

The following theorem was proved in [5] and it shows  $F$ -decomposition for  $e$ -structures.  $e$ -structures are structures where the condition  $F_\alpha^i F_j^\alpha = e \delta_j^i$ ,  $e = \pm 1$  is fulfilled.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $A$  be a tensor of the type  $(p, q)$ . If  $n > 2(p + q)$  then there exists a unique decomposition of  $A$  in the form*

$$(1) \quad A_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_q}^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p} = B_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_q}^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p} + \sum_{t=1}^{\min\{p,q\}} \sum_{\oplus} Q_{j_{\sigma_1} j_{\sigma_2} \dots j_{\sigma_t}}^{* i_{\rho_1} i_{\rho_2} \dots i_{\rho_t}} \circ B$$

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where

$$Q_{j_{\sigma_1} j_{\sigma_2} \dots j_{\sigma_t}}^{* i_{\rho_1} i_{\rho_2} \dots i_{\rho_t}} \equiv F_{j_{\sigma_1}}^{\{\tau_1\} i_{\rho_1}} F_{j_{\sigma_2}}^{\{\tau_2\} i_{\rho_2}} \dots F_{j_{\sigma_t}}^{\{\tau_t\} i_{\rho_t}}; \quad F_j^{\{0\} i} = \delta_j^i; \quad F_j^{\{1\} i} = F_j^i$$

$$\oplus = \begin{cases} \rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_t \in \{1, 2, \dots, p\} \quad (\rho_1 < \rho_2 < \dots < \rho_t), \\ \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_t \in \{1, 2, \dots, q\} \quad (\sigma_i \text{ are mutually different}), \\ \tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_t \in \{0, 1\} \end{cases}$$

$$* = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_t\}, \quad \diamond = \begin{cases} \rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_t \\ \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_t \\ \tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_t \end{cases}.$$

2. DECOMPOSITION OF TENSORS OF THE TYPE (1, 3).

In this section we will compute  $F$ -decomposition of tensors of the type (1, 3) for  $e$ -structures with  $e = -1$ . This structure is called almost complex structure. It was proved in [4] that we get 48 algebraic equations in 48 unknowns in generally and this system is not easy solvable. Therefore in [4] the contents of the theorem 1 was extended.

We compute the decomposition of tensors of the type (1, 3) which have following properties.

(2) (a)  $A_{ijk}^h + A_{ikj}^h = 0$ ; (b)  $A_{ijk}^h + A_{jki}^h + A_{kij}^h = 0$ ;  
 (c)  $A_{\alpha jk}^\alpha = 0$ ; (d)  $A_{ijk}^h = A_{ij\bar{k}}^h$ .

We will use next notation.

(3)  $A_{\dots \bar{i} \dots}^{\dots} \equiv F_i^\alpha A_{\dots \alpha \dots}^{\dots}, \quad A_{\dots \bar{i} \dots}^{\dots} \equiv F_\alpha^i A_{\dots i \dots}^{\dots}$

It follows from this notation  $A_{\dots \bar{i} \dots}^{\dots} = -A_{\dots i \dots}^{\dots}$ . If we denote

(4)  $A_{ij} \equiv A_{ij\alpha}^\alpha$

we can also deduce following properties

(5)  $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$ .

For example the Riemannian tensors of Kählerian space, K-space, CR-space have these properties ([6], [7]). We have the next theorem.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $A$  be a tensor of the type (1, 3) with properties (2), (5). Let  $F$  be almost complex structure. If  $n > 4$  then there exists unique  $F$ -decomposition of the tensor  $A$  in the form*

(6)  $A_{ijk}^h = B_{ijk}^h + \delta_i^h C_{jk} + \delta_j^h D_{ik} + \delta_k^h E_{ij} + F_i^h G_{jk} + F_j^h H_{ik} + F_k^h I_{ij}$ ,

where tensors  $B_{ijk}^h, C_{jk}, D_{jk}, E_{jk}, G_{jk}, H_{jk}, I_{jk}$  have following form

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{jk} &= 0; \\
 D_{jk} &= -\frac{1}{n+2}A_{jk}; \\
 E_{jk} &= \frac{1}{n+2}A_{jk}; \\
 (7) \quad G_{jk} &= -\frac{2}{n+2}A_{j\bar{k}}; \\
 H_{jk} &= -\frac{1}{n+2}A_{j\bar{k}}; \\
 I_{jk} &= \frac{1}{n+2}A_{j\bar{k}}; \\
 B_{ijk}^h &= A_{ijk}^h + \frac{1}{n+2}(\delta_j^h A_{ik} - \delta_k^h A_{ij} + 2F_i^h A_{j\bar{k}} + F_j^h A_{i\bar{k}} - F_k^h A_{i\bar{j}})
 \end{aligned}$$

and the tensor  $B$  is  $F$ -traceless.

The aim of the following text is to prove the main Theorem 2. We will suppose, that the tensor  $A$  can be expressed in a form (6) where  $B_{ijk}^h$  is  $F$ -traceless tensor and  $C_{jk}, D_{ij}, E_{ij}, G_{jk}, H_{ik}, I_{ij}$  are certain tensors. We will suppose that the tensor  $B_{ijk}^h$  has algebraic properties analogous to algebraic properties of the tensor  $A_{ijk}^h$ , i.e.

$$(8) \quad B_{ijk}^h + B_{ikj}^h = 0; \quad B_{ijk}^h + B_{jki}^h + B_{kij}^h = 0; \quad B_{i\bar{j}\bar{k}}^h = B_{ijk}^h.$$

Let us alternate the expression (6) in  $j, k$ . Using

$$A_{ijk}^h + A_{ikj}^h = 0; \quad B_{ijk}^h + B_{ikj}^h = 0$$

we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9) \quad &\delta_i^h (C_{jk} + C_{kj}) + F_i^h (G_{jk} + G_{kj}) + \delta_j^h (D_{ik} + E_{ik}) + \delta_k^h (D_{ij} + E_{ij}) \\
 &+ F_j^h (H_{ik} + I_{ik}) + F_k^h (H_{ij} + I_{ij}) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $C_{jk} + C_{kj} \neq 0$ . Then there exists a tensor  $\epsilon^j$  such that

$$\epsilon^j \epsilon^k (C_{jk} + C_{kj}) = \pm 1.$$

Contracting (9) by  $\epsilon^j \epsilon^k$ , we obtain

$$(10) \quad \pm \delta_i^h + a \delta_i^h + \epsilon^h \overset{1}{Q}_i + \epsilon^{\bar{h}} \overset{2}{Q}_i = 0,$$

where  $\overset{1}{Q}_i = 2\epsilon^\alpha (D_{i\alpha} + E_{i\alpha})$  and  $\overset{2}{Q}_i = 2\epsilon^\alpha (H_{i\alpha} + I_{i\alpha})$ . After contraction (10) by  $\bar{i}$  we have

$$(11) \quad \pm \delta_{\bar{i}}^h - a \delta_{\bar{i}}^h + \epsilon^h \overset{1}{Q}_{\bar{i}} + \epsilon^{\bar{h}} \overset{2}{Q}_{\bar{i}} = 0.$$

Let's substitute  $\delta_{\bar{i}}^h$  from (11) in (10) then we get the following condition

$$(12) \quad \pm \delta_j^h (1 + a^2) + \epsilon^h \left( \mp a \overset{1}{Q}_{\bar{j}} + \overset{1}{Q}_j \right) + \epsilon^{\bar{h}} \left( \mp a \overset{2}{Q}_{\bar{j}} + \overset{2}{Q}_j \right) = 0$$

Since  $\text{Rank} \|\delta_j^h\| \leq 2$  it contradicts the assumption  $n > 2$ . We have following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** *The condition*

$$(13) \quad C_{jk} + C_{kj} = 0$$

*holds for coefficients  $C_{jk}$ .*

We can use the previous arguments for the coefficients  $G_{jk}$  and we get

**Lemma 2.** *The condition*

$$(14) \quad G_{jk} + G_{kj} = 0$$

*holds for coefficients  $C_{jk}$ .*

The equation (9) now has a form

$$(15) \quad \delta_j^h (D_{ik} + E_{ik}) + \delta_k^h (D_{ij} + E_{ij}) + F_j^h (H_{ik} + I_{ik}) + F_k^h (H_{ij} + I_{ij}) = 0.$$

Suppose that  $D_{ik} + E_{ik} \neq 0$ . Similarly to the previous cases we get the existence of a bivector  $\epsilon^i \eta^k$  such that

$$\epsilon^i \eta^k (D_{ik} + E_{ik}) = 1.$$

When we contract (15) by  $\epsilon^i \eta^k$  we obtain the equation

$$(16) \quad \delta_j^h + a \delta_j^h + \eta^h \overset{1}{Q}_j + \eta^{\bar{h}} \overset{2}{Q}_j = 0,$$

where  $\overset{1}{Q}_i = \epsilon^\alpha (D_{\alpha j} + E_{\alpha j})$  and  $\overset{2}{Q}_i = \epsilon^\alpha (H_{\alpha j} + I_{\alpha j})$ . Contracting (16) we express  $\delta_j^h$ , then we replace it in equation (16):

$$(17) \quad \delta_j^h (1 + a^2) + \eta^h \left( \overset{1}{Q}_j - a \overset{1}{Q}_{\bar{j}} \right) + \eta^{\bar{h}} \left( \overset{2}{Q}_j - a \overset{2}{Q}_{\bar{j}} \right) = 0.$$

The equation (17) has no solution for  $n > 2$ .

**Lemma 3.** *The condition*

$$(18) \quad D_{jk} + E_{kj} = 0.$$

*holds for coefficients  $D_{jk}$ ,  $E_{jk}$ .*

In a similar way we obtain

**Lemma 4.** *The condition*

$$(19) \quad H_{jk} + I_{kj} = 0.$$

*holds for coefficients  $H_{jk}$ ,  $I_{jk}$ .*

When we apply lemmas to the Theorem 2 we have

**Lemma 5.** *When the condition (2(a)) is fulfilled then for  $n > 2$  the tensor  $A$  may be expressed in a form*

$$(20) \quad A_{ijk}^h = B_{ijk}^h + \delta_i^h C_{jk} + \delta_j^h D_{ik} - \delta_k^h D_{ij} + F_i^h G_{jk} + F_j^h H_{ik} - F_k^h H_{ij},$$

where

$$C_{jk} + C_{kj} = 0, \quad G_{jk} + G_{kj} = 0.$$

Using properties  $A_{ijk}^h + A_{jki}^h + A_{kij}^h = 0$ ;  $B_{ijk}^h + B_{kji}^h + B_{kij}^h = 0$  we get the equation

$$(21) \quad \delta_i^h \Omega_{jk} + \delta_j^h \Omega_{ki} + \delta_k^h \Omega_{ij} + F_i^h \bar{\Omega}_{jk} + F_j^h \bar{\Omega}_{ki} + F_k^h \bar{\Omega}_{ij} = 0,$$

where

$$\Omega_{jk} = C_{jk} - D_{jk} + D_{kj}; \quad \bar{\Omega}_{jk} = G_{jk} - H_{jk} + H_{kj}.$$

But  $\Omega_{jk} = 0$ ;  $\bar{\Omega}_{jk} = 0$  for  $n > 4$ , i.e.

$$(22) \quad C_{jk} = D_{jk} - D_{kj}; \quad G_{jk} = H_{jk} - H_{kj}.$$

Let us replace  $C_{jk}$  and  $G_{jk}$  in (20) by (22). Then we get

**Lemma 6.** *If conditions (2 (a), (b)) are fulfilled then for  $n > 4$  the tensor  $A$  may be expressed in a form*

$$(23) \quad \begin{aligned} A_{ijk}^h &= B_{ijk}^h + \delta_i^h (D_{jk} - D_{kj}) + \delta_j^h D_{ik} - \delta_k^h D_{ij} \\ &+ F_i^h (H_{jk} - H_{kj}) + F_j^h H_{ik} - F_k^h H_{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

The condition  $A_{ijk}^h = A_{ij\bar{k}}^h$  gives

$$(24) \quad \begin{aligned} &\delta_i^h (D_{jk} - D_{kj} - D_{j\bar{k}} + D_{\bar{k}\bar{j}}) \\ &+ \delta_j^h (D_{ik} + H_{i\bar{k}}) - \delta_k^h (D_{ij} + H_{i\bar{j}}) \\ &+ F_i^h (H_{jk} - H_{kj} - H_{j\bar{k}} + H_{\bar{k}\bar{j}}) \\ &+ F_j^h (H_{ik} - D_{i\bar{k}}) - F_k^h (H_{ij} - D_{i\bar{j}}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Equation (24) implies

$$(25) \quad H_{ik} = D_{i\bar{k}}; \quad D_{jk} - D_{kj} = D_{j\bar{k}} - D_{\bar{k}\bar{j}}.$$

Using conditions  $A_{\alpha jk}^\alpha = B_{\alpha jk}^\alpha = 0$  and conditions (25) in the equation (23) we have after contraction by  $\delta$

$$(26) \quad (n + 1) (D_{jk} - D_{kj}) + D_{j\bar{k}} - D_{\bar{k}\bar{j}} = 0.$$

It follows from (26)

$$(27) \quad D_{jk} = D_{kj}.$$

Substitute (27) to (22). We obtain

$$(28) \quad C_{jk} = 0; \quad G_{jk} = 2D_{j\bar{k}}.$$

We can rewrite the equation (23) in a form

$$(29) \quad A_{ijk}^h = B_{ijk}^h + \delta_j^h D_{ik} - \delta_k^h D_{ij} + 2F_i^h D_{j\bar{k}} + F_j^h D_{i\bar{k}} - F_k^h D_{i\bar{j}}.$$

Contract (29) by  $\delta_h^k$  then

$$(30) \quad A_{ij} = -(n + 2) D_{ij}$$

and therefore

$$(31) \quad D_{ij} = -\frac{1}{n + 2} A_{ij}.$$

Substituting (18) to (19), (25), (28), (31) we get coefficients  $C_{jk}$ ,  $D_{jk}$ ,  $E_{jk}$ ,  $H_{jk}$ ,  $I_{jk}$  in the form mentioned in the Theorem 2. Now the tensor  $B_{ijk}^h$  has a form

$$(32) \quad B_{ijk}^h = A_{ijk}^h + \frac{1}{n+2} (\delta_j^h A_{ik} - \delta_k^h A_{ij} + 2F_i^h A_{j\bar{k}} + F_j^h A_{i\bar{k}} - F_k^h A_{i\bar{j}}) .$$

All computed tensors are  $F$ -traceless and the proof is complete.

When  $A_{ijk}^h$  is the Riemannian tensor then  $B_{ijk}^h$  (32) is well known tensor of the holomorphically-projective curvature.

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