

# Differential Geometry II

## Euclidean, Complex and Hermitian Structures

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$\nabla$  connection on  $E \rightsquigarrow \nabla$  induces connection on  $\text{End}(E)$ :

if  $\sigma \in \Gamma(E)$  section,  $\phi \in \Gamma(\text{End}(E))$

$$(\nabla_X \phi)(\sigma) := \nabla_X(\phi(\sigma)) - \phi(\nabla_X \sigma)$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  exterior covariant derivatives  $\mathcal{D}: \Omega^k(M, \text{End}(E)) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M, \text{End}(E))$

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(3) Let  $p \in M$ ,  $e \in E_p$ ,  $X, Y$  be two vector fields on  $M$  in a neighbourhood of  $p$ . Let  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}$  be their horizontal lifts to  $E$ ,  $\tilde{X}_e = (d_e\pi|_{T^h_e E})^{-1}(X_{\pi(e)})$ . Then

$$d_e\pi|_{T^h_e E} : T^h_e E \xrightarrow{\cong} T_p M$$

$$F^\nabla(X, Y)e = [\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]_e - \overbrace{[X, Y]}^{\text{red}} e. \quad \text{!}$$

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Note:  $A \wedge A \neq 0$  in general! As opposed to  $\alpha \wedge \alpha = 0$  for  $\alpha \in \Omega^1(M)$

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$$\leadsto \underline{E} \circ \mathcal{D} \circ \underline{E}^{-1} = d + A \wedge = d + A$$

$$\underline{E} \circ \mathcal{F} \circ \underline{E}^{-1} \sigma = \underline{E} \circ \mathcal{D}^2 \circ \underline{E}^{-1} \sigma = (d + A) \circ (d + A) \sigma$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma \in \Omega^0(U, \mathbb{R}^k) &= \underbrace{d^2}_{=0} + \underbrace{(A \wedge) \circ d \sigma + d(A \sigma)}_{=0} + A \wedge A \sigma \\ &= 0 + A \wedge d \sigma + d A \sigma - A \wedge d \sigma + A \wedge A \sigma \\ &= (dA + A \wedge A) \sigma \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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## 2nd Bianchi Identity

**Proposition 58:** With the notation from above we have

$$DF^\nabla = 0.$$

$\mathcal{D}$  acts on  $\Omega^2(M, \text{End}(E))$   
exterior cov. deriv. induced by  $\nabla$

Proof:

$$DF^\nabla \in \Omega^3(M, \text{End}(E)), \quad \sigma \in \Gamma(E) \text{ "test section"}$$

$$DF^\nabla(\sigma) \in \Omega^3(M, E)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{D(F^\nabla(\sigma))}_{\in \Omega^3(M, E)} - F^\nabla_1(\mathcal{D}\sigma) &= \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{D}^2\sigma) - \mathcal{D}^2(\mathcal{D}\sigma) \\ &= \mathcal{D}^3\sigma - \mathcal{D}^3\sigma = 0 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$



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Start with trivialization  $\tilde{\Phi} : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{R}^k$   
 $v_i := \tilde{\Phi}^{-1}(\cdot, e_i) \in \Gamma(U, E|_U)$   
 $\rightarrow \{\tilde{v}_1, \dots, \tilde{v}_k\}$  forms basis of  $E_p \forall p \in U$ .  
apply Gram-Schmidt:  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\} \subset \Gamma(U, E|_U)$  smooth  
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Vice versa: A family of transition functions

$$g_{ij} : \underline{U_i \cap U_j} \rightarrow O(k) \text{ or } SO(k)$$

for an open covering  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  satisfying the cocycle condition defines an (oriented) euclidean vector bundle over  $M$  up to (orientation) and metric preserving isomorphisms (short: isometries).

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$$\underline{o}(k) = \{ A \in M(k, \mathbb{R}) \mid A^T = -A \} (= \tau_{\mathbb{R}} \underline{O}(k))$$

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$$A \wedge A = \sum_{i,j} A_i A_j dx^i \wedge dx^j = \sum_{i < j} [A_i A_j - A_j A_i] dx^i \wedge dx^j$$

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with  $[X, Y] = XY - YX$ . Then  $A \wedge A = \frac{1}{2}[A, A]$  and  $F = dA + \frac{1}{2}[A, A]$ . *very usual notation*



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$$\rightarrow \{\tilde{v}_1, \tilde{v}_2, \dots, \tilde{v}_{2k}\} \in \Gamma(U, E|_U)$$

$p \in U : \exists i_1, \dots, i_k$  s.t.  $\{\tilde{v}_{i_1}(p), \dots, \tilde{v}_{i_k}(p)\}$   $\mathbb{C}$ -basis of  $E_p$

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Such a connection is called a **complex connection**.

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Proof of Lemma 61: (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)

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$$\nabla = \underline{\Phi}^{-1} \circ (d+A) \circ \underline{\Phi}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla(f\sigma) &= \underline{\Phi}^{-1}((d+A)(f \cdot \underline{\Phi}(\sigma))) & \underline{\Phi}(f\sigma) &= f \cdot \underline{\Phi}(\sigma) \\ &= \underline{\Phi}^{-1}((df)\underline{\Phi}(\sigma) + f d(\underline{\Phi}(\sigma)) + \underline{f} A(\underline{\Phi}(\sigma)))\end{aligned}$$

$$= (df)\sigma + f(\underline{\Phi}^{-1}(d+A)(\underline{\Phi}(\sigma))) \quad A \in \Omega^1(U, \text{Mat}(k, \mathbb{C}))$$

$$= (df)\sigma + f \nabla \sigma$$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): choose  $f = i$   $df = 0$

$$\nabla(j\sigma) = \nabla(i\sigma) = i \nabla \sigma = j(\nabla \sigma) \quad \forall \sigma \in \Gamma(U, E|_U)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla j \equiv 0 \quad (\text{definition of } \nabla j)$$

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*Remark:* (a) As seen above,  $(g, J)$  determine via  $h := g + i\omega$  a Hermitian structure on  $TM$ .

(b)  $\omega$  is non-degenerate: at any  $p \in M$ : the linear map  $X \in T_pM \mapsto \omega(X, \cdot) \in T^*M$  is an isomorphism.

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