

Q: Show how a manifold with a metric  $g_{ab}$  that respects the complex structure  $J_b^a$  is a symplectic manifold with symplectic form  $S_{ab}$  and  $dS_{ab} = 0$ .

A: I think what he means by the metric preserving the complex structure is, first, that if you "multiply two vectors  $v^a$  and  $w^b$  by  $i$ ", i.e. by the  $J$  matrix, the dot product  $v \cdot w$  is not affected, i.e.  $v^a g_{ab} w^b = v^a J_a^c g_{cd} J_b^d w^b$ .

Since this is true for general  $v$  and  $w$ ,  $g_{ab} = J_a^c g_{cd} J_b^d$ . Multiplying each side by  $J_f^a$ ,  $J_f^a g_{ab} = (J_f^a J_a^c) g_{cd} J_b^d = -\delta_f^c g_{cd} J_b^d = -g_{fd} J_b^d$ .

So if you define  $S_{fb} = J_f^a g_{ab}$ , then  $S_{fb} = -S_{bf}$ , and  $S$  is the symplectic form that was asked for.

"Preserving the complex structure" also means that the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  derived from  $g_{ab}$  is "complex-linear", that is  $\nabla_a (J_b^c v^b) = J_b^c \nabla_a v^b$ .

Since  $\nabla_a (J_b^c v^b) = \nabla_a (J_b^c) v^b + J_b^c \nabla_a v^b$  by the Leibnitz rule, that means that  $\nabla_a (J_b^c) v^b = 0$ . Since this is true for all  $v$ ,  $\nabla_a J_b^c = 0$ .

Since  $\nabla_a g_{bc} = 0$ , also  $\nabla_a S_{bc} = \nabla_a (J_b^d g_{dc}) = 0$ .

As he says in Sec. 14.6, exercise 14.23, the exterior derivative  $\mathbf{d}$  is independent of the choice of connection. So that shows right away that  $\mathbf{d}S_{ab} = 0$ .

$\nabla_a J_b^c = 0$  also means that parallel transport preserves the complex structure. If  $t^a \nabla_a v^b = 0$ , which means that  $v^b$  is parallel transported along the curve  $t^a$ , then also  $t^a \nabla_a (J_b^c v^c) = 0$ , so that " $i v^b$ " is also parallel transported.