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Abstract: (M_{2n}, g^w, D) is a 4-dimensional Walker manifold and this triple is also a pseudo-Riemannian manifold (M_{2n}, g^w) of signature $(+ + - -)$ (or neutral), which is admitted a field of null 2-plane. In this paper, we consider bi-Hermitian structures (φ_1, φ_2) on 4-dimensional Walker manifolds. We discuss when these structures are integrable and when the bi-Kähler forms are symplectic.

Key words: Almost complex structures, symplectic structures, almost Hermitian and Kähler structures, pseudobi-Hermitian structures, Walker manifold.

1. Introduction

Let M_{2n} be a manifold with a neutral metric which is a pseudo-Riemannian metric g of signature (n, n) . Let $\mathfrak{S}_q^p(M_{2n})$ be the set of all tensor fields of type (p, q) on M_{2n} . Manifolds, tensor fields, and connections are assumed to be differentiable and of class C^∞ .

The pair (M_{2n}, φ) is called an almost complex manifold if the condition $\varphi^2 = -I$ is hold, where I is a field of identity endomorphisms and φ is an affiner field $\varphi \in \mathfrak{S}_1^1(M_{2n})$. The affiner field φ is integrable if and only if there exists a torsion-free affine connection ∇ with respect to which the structure tensor φ is covariantly constant, i.e., $\nabla\varphi = 0$. Moreover, if the Nijenhuis tensor of such an affiner field φ defined by

$$N_\varphi(X, Y) = [\varphi X, \varphi Y] - \varphi[\varphi X, Y] - \varphi[X, \varphi Y] + [X, Y]$$

is equivalent to the vanish, then the almost complex structure φ is called integrable. In this case, the almost complex manifold (M_{2n}, φ) is called a complex manifold.

Let M_{2n} be a 4-dimensional complex manifold and φ_i , for $i = 1, 2$, be two independent compatible integrable almost complex structures. Here $\varphi_1(x) \neq \varphi_2(x)$ for a point x in M_{2n} . Also, g metric is a Hermitian metric with respect to both complex structures φ_1 and φ_2 , i.e.,

$$g(\varphi_1 X, \varphi_1 Y) = g(X, Y) \text{ and } g(\varphi_2 X, \varphi_2 Y) = g(X, Y).$$

In this case, the quartet $(M_{2n}, g, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ is called bi-Hermitian manifold. If $\varphi_1(x) \neq \varphi_2(x)$ everywhere on M_{2n} , a bi-Hermitian structure $(g, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ is called strongly bi-Hermitian. The real function p is defined by

$$p = -\frac{1}{4} \text{trace}(\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2)$$

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or equivalently

$$\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2 + \varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1 = -2pI,$$

where p is the angle function of a bi-Hermitian structure and where I is the field of identity endomorphisms [1,13].

An almost Hermitian structure on a manifold M_{2n} consists of a nondegenerate 2-form w , an almost complex structure φ and a metric g satisfying the compatibility condition $w(X, Y) = g(\varphi X, Y)$. If the 2-form w is closed, i.e., $dw = 0$, a triple (g, φ, w) is called an almost Kähler structure. Also, the triple (g, φ, w) is called Kähler structure if the almost complex structure φ is integrable [4].

Let $(M_{2n}, g, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ be a bi-Hermitian manifold. For such a structure we define 2-forms w_i setting $w_i(X, Y) = g(\varphi_i X, Y)$, $i = 1, 2$. If the 2-forms w_i are closed ($dw_i = 0$), the bi-Hermitian structure is called bi-Kähler. Such bi-Hermitian structures have been studied by many authors (see, e.g. [1-3, 13]).

2. Walker metrics

Let M_{2n} be a 4-dimensional manifold and g^w be a neutral metric (or g^w is of signature $(++--)$). g^w is called Walker metric if there exists a 2-dimensional null distribution D on M_{2n} , which is parallel with respect to g^w . Such metrics are studied by Walker [15] and canonical form of the metric g^w is given by

$$g^w = (g^w_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & a & c \\ 0 & 1 & c & b \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.1)$$

where a, b , and c are some functions depending on the coordinates (x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4) . Note that the parallel null 2-plane D is spanned locally by $\{\partial_1, \partial_2\}$, where $\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$). Such Walker manifolds are intensively investigated (see, e.g. [4-12, 14, 15]).

3. Almost bi-Hermitian structures on a neutral 4-manifold

In this section, we consider 4-dimensional pseudo-Riemannian manifolds of neutral signature. For the next step, it is appropriate to state a neutral metric g and the almost complex structure φ in terms of an orthonormal frame $\{e_i\}$, ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) of vectors and its dual frame $\{e^j\}$, ($j = 1, 2, 3, 4$) of 1-forms. The metric g is given by

$$g = (g(e_i, e_j)) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.1)$$

Let $(M_{2n}, g, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ be a bi-Hermitian manifold. From identity $\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2 + \varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1 = -2pI$, two almost complex structures φ_1 and φ_2 can be written as:

$$\varphi_1 = (\varphi_1^i_j) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -2 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.2)$$

$$\varphi_2 = (\varphi_{2j}^i) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.3}$$

According to g , φ_1 , and φ_2 , we have two kinds of Kähler forms on 4-manifolds which are given by

$$w_1(X, Y) = g(\varphi_1 X, Y) , w_2(X, Y) = g(\varphi_2 X, Y). \tag{3.4}$$

Equation (3.4) is equivalent to in matrix notations in the following equation

$$w_1 = \varphi_1^T g, w_2 = \varphi_2^T g, \tag{3.5}$$

where matrix φ^T is the transpose matrix of matrix φ . From (3.1)–(3.3) and (3.5), we can write

$$w_1 = (w_{1ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 & 2 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{3.6}$$

$$w_2 = (w_{2ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 & -2 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.7}$$

These Kähler forms in terms of the local orthonormal basis $\{e^j\}$ ($j = 1, 2, 3, 4$) of 1-forms are written as:

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 = \sum_{i < j} w_{1ij} e^i \wedge e^j &= -3e^1 \wedge e^2 + 2e^1 \wedge e^3 - 2e^1 \wedge e^4 \\ &\quad - 2e^2 \wedge e^3 - 2e^2 \wedge e^4 + 3e^3 \wedge e^4, \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w_2 = \sum_{i < j} w_{2ij} e^i \wedge e^j &= -3e^1 \wedge e^2 - 2e^1 \wedge e^3 - 2e^1 \wedge e^4 \\ &\quad - 2e^2 \wedge e^3 + 2e^2 \wedge e^4 + 3e^3 \wedge e^4. \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

4. Almost bi-Hermitian structures and bi-Kähler forms on Walker 4-manifolds

Let (M_{2n}, g^w) be a Walker-4 manifold which is given in (2.1), where g^w is Walker metric and let $\{e_i\}$ and $\{\partial_i\}$, ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) be two orthonormal frames. Also, matrix $A = (A_j^i)$ of the change of coordinates satisfies:

$$g = A^T g^w A, \tag{4.1}$$

where A^T is the transpose matrix of A .

Substituting (2.1) and (3.1) in (4.1), one of the matrices which we apply in the present analysis, we obtain as:

$$A = (A_j^i) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\left(\frac{1-a}{2}\right) & 0 & \frac{1+a}{2} \\ \frac{1-b}{2} & c & -\left(\frac{1+b}{2}\right) & c \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{4.2}$$

Also, matrix $A = (A_j^i)$ of the change of coordinates satisfies:

$$\varphi = A^{-1}\varphi' A, \tag{4.3}$$

where A^{-1} is the inverse matrix of A and it is given by:

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & c & \left(\frac{1+b}{2}\right) \\ -1 & 0 & -\left(\frac{1+a}{2}\right) & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -c & \frac{1-b}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & -\left(\frac{1-a}{2}\right) & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{4.4}$$

Substituting (3.2), (4.2), and (4.4) in (4.3), the almost complex structure in (3.2) is obtained as the following:

$$\varphi_1' = (\varphi_1'^i) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 5 & 5c - 2a & \frac{1}{2}(5b - a) \\ -1 & 2 & \frac{1}{2}(5b - a) & 2b - c \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{4.5}$$

Similarly, substituting (3.3), (4.2), and (4.4) in (4.3), the almost complex structure in (3.3) is obtained as the following:

$$\varphi_2' = (\varphi_2'^i) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 & 5c + 2a & \frac{1}{2}(5b - a) \\ -1 & -2 & \frac{1}{2}(5b - a) & -2b - c \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{4.6}$$

A matrix $A = (A_j^i)$ of the change of coordinates for the tensor fields of type $(0, 2)$ satisfies:

$$w = A^T w' A, \tag{4.7}$$

where A^T is the transpose matrix of A .

Substituting (3.6) and (4.2) in (4.7), the bi-Kähler form in (3.6) is obtained as:

$$w_1' = (w_1'_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & -5 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(-a - 5b + 4c) \\ 1 & -2 & -\frac{1}{2}(-a - 5b + 4c) & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{4.8}$$

The bi-Kähler form in (4.8) is written in terms of the coordinate basis as follows:

$$w_1' = \sum_{i < j} w_1'_{ij} dx^i \wedge dx^j = -2dx^1 \wedge dx^3 - dx^1 \wedge dx^4 + 5dx^2 \wedge dx^3 +$$

$$2dx^2 \wedge dx^4 + \frac{1}{2}(-a - 5b + 4c)dx^3 \wedge dx^4. \tag{4.9}$$

Similarly, substituting (3.7) and (4.2) in (4.7), we obtain the bi-Kähler form in (3.7) as:

$$w_2' = (w_2'_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & -5 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2}(a + 5b + 4c) \\ 1 & 2 & \frac{1}{2}(a + 5b + 4c) & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{4.10}$$

Also, in terms of the coordinate basis, the bi-Kähler form in (4.10) is written as follows:

$$w_2' = \sum_{i < j} w_2'_{ij} dx^i \wedge dx^j = 2dx^1 \wedge dx^3 - dx^1 \wedge dx^4 + 5dx^2 \wedge dx^3 - 2dx^2 \wedge dx^4 - \frac{1}{2}(a + 5b + 4c)dx^3 \wedge dx^4. \tag{4.11}$$

5. Integrability of φ_1' and φ_2' (bi-Hermitian structures)

The almost complex structure φ' is integrable if and only if

$$(N_{\varphi'})^i_{jk} = \varphi'^m_j \partial_m \varphi'^i_k - \varphi'^m_k \partial_m \varphi'^i_j - \varphi'^i_m \partial_j \varphi'^m_k + \varphi'^i_m \partial_k \varphi'^m_j = 0. \tag{5.1}$$

From (4.5) and (5.1), the Nijenhuis tensor of φ_1' in (4.5) has nonzero components as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} N^x_{xz} &= -N^x_{zx} = 2a_y - 5c_y - \frac{25}{2}b_x + \frac{5}{2}a_x, \\ N^x_{xt} &= -N^x_{tx} = -\frac{5}{2}b_y + \frac{1}{2}a_y - 10b_x + 5c_x, \\ N^y_{xz} &= -N^y_{zx} = -10b_x + 5c_x - \frac{5}{2}b_y + \frac{1}{2}a_y, \\ N^y_{xt} &= -N^y_{tx} = -8b_x + 4c_x - 2b_y + c_y + \frac{5}{2}b_x - \frac{1}{2}a_x, \\ N^x_{yz} &= -N^x_{zy} = 25c_x - 10a_x + 20c_y - 8a_y - \frac{25}{2}b_y + \frac{5}{2}a_y, \\ N^y_{yz} &= -N^y_{zy} = \frac{25}{2}b_x - \frac{5}{2}a_x + 5c_y - 2a_y, \\ N^x_{yt} &= -N^x_{ty} = \frac{25}{2}b_x - \frac{5}{2}a_x + 5c_y - 2a_y, \end{aligned}$$

$$N_{yt}^y = -N_{ty}^y = \frac{5}{2}b_y - \frac{1}{2}a_y + 10b_x - 5c_x,$$

$$N_{zt}^x = -N_{tz}^x = \left(\frac{25c}{2} - 5a\right)b_x + \left(-\frac{5c}{2} + 5b\right)a_x + \left(-\frac{25b}{2} + \frac{5a}{2}\right)c_x + \left(\frac{21b - a}{4} - 2c\right)a_y \\ + \left(\frac{-25b + 5a}{4}\right)b_y + (-10b + 5c)c_y,$$

$$N_{zt}^y = -N_{tz}^y = \left(\frac{-11a - 25b}{4} + 10c\right)b_x + \left(\frac{5b - a}{4}\right)a_x + \left(\frac{5c}{2} - a\right)b_y + \left(b - \frac{c}{2}\right)a_y \\ + \left(\frac{-5b + a}{2}\right)c_y + (-5c + 2a)c_x.$$

From these equations, we have:

Theorem 5.1 *The almost complex structure φ_1' is integrable if and only if the following PDEs hold:*

$$2b_x - c_x = 0, 2b_y - c_y = 0,$$

$$5b_x - a_x = 0, 5b_y - a_y = 0. \tag{5.2}$$

From (4.6) and (5.1), the Nijenhuis tensor of φ_2' in (4.6) has nonzero components as follows:

$$N_{xz}^x = -N_{zx}^x = -2a_y - 5c_y - \frac{25}{2}b_x + \frac{5}{2}a_x,$$

$$N_{xt}^x = -N_{tx}^x = -\frac{5}{2}b_y + \frac{1}{2}a_y + 10b_x + 5c_x,$$

$$N_{xz}^y = -N_{zx}^y = 10b_x + 5c_x - \frac{5}{2}b_y + \frac{1}{2}a_y,$$

$$N_{xt}^y = -N_{tx}^y = -8b_x - 4c_x + 2b_y + c_y + \frac{5}{2}b_x - \frac{1}{2}a_x,$$

$$N_{yz}^x = -N_{zy}^x = 25c_x + 10a_x - 20c_y - 8a_y - \frac{25}{2}b_y + \frac{5}{2}a_y,$$

$$N_{yz}^y = -N_{zy}^y = \frac{25}{2}b_x - \frac{5}{2}a_x + 5c_y + 2a_y,$$

$$N_{yt}^x = -N_{ty}^x = \frac{25}{2}b_x - \frac{5}{2}a_x + 5c_y + 2a_y,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_{yt}^y &= -N_{ty}^y = \frac{5}{2}b_y - \frac{1}{2}a_y - 10b_x - 5c_x, \\
 N_{zt}^x &= -N_{tz}^x = \left(\frac{25c}{2} + 5a\right)b_x + \left(-\frac{5c}{2} - 5b\right)a_x + \left(-\frac{25b}{2} + \frac{5a}{2}\right)c_x + \\
 &\quad \left(\frac{11b+a}{4} + 2c\right)a_y + \left(\frac{25b-5a}{4}\right)b_y + (10b+5c)c_y, \\
 N_{zt}^y &= -N_{tz}^y = \left(\frac{-11a-25b}{4} - 10c\right)b_x + \left(\frac{5b-a}{4}\right)a_x + \left(\frac{5c}{2} + a\right)b_y + \\
 &\quad \left(-\frac{c}{2} - b\right)a_y + \left(\frac{-5b+a}{2}\right)c_y + (-5c-2a)c_x.
 \end{aligned}$$

From these equations, we have:

Theorem 5.2 *The almost complex structure φ_2' is integrable if and only if the following PDEs hold:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 20b_x + 10c_x - 5b_y + a_y &= 0, \\
 25b_x - 5a_x + 10c_y + 4a_y &= 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.3}$$

From (5.2) and (5.3), we can write the following integrability conditions for almost bi-Hermitian–Walker structures.

Theorem 5.3 *The triple $(g^w, \varphi_1', \varphi_2')$ is bi-Hermitian–Walker structure if and only if the following PDEs hold:*

$$a_x = a_y = b_x = b_y = c_x = c_y = 0. \tag{5.4}$$

6. Symplectic structures

In this section, we focus our attention on bi-Kähler forms (w_1', w_2') which are symplectics, i.e,

$$dw_i' = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2). \tag{6.1}$$

From (4.9), external differential of w_1' is written as:

$$dw_1' = -\frac{1}{2}(a_1 + 5b_1 - 4c_1) dx^1 \wedge dx^3 \wedge dx^4 - \frac{1}{2}(a_2 + 5b_2 - 4c_2) dx^2 \wedge dx^3 \wedge dx^4.$$

Therefore, we have:

Theorem 6.1 *The Kähler form in (4.9) is a symplectic form ($dw_1' = 0$) if the following PDEs hold:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 + 5b_1 - 4c_1 &= 0, \\
 a_2 + 5b_2 - 4c_2 &= 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{6.2}$$

From (4.11), external differential of w_2' is written as:

$$dw_2' = -\frac{1}{2}(a_1 + 5b_1 + 4c_1) dx^1 \wedge dx^3 \wedge dx^4 - \frac{1}{2}(a_2 + 5b_2 + 4c_2) dx^2 \wedge dx^3 \wedge dx^4.$$

Therefore, we have:

Theorem 6.2 *The Kähler form in (4.11) is a symplectic form ($dw_2' = 0$) if the following PDEs hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 + 5b_1 + 4c_1 &= 0, \\ a_2 + 5b_2 + 4c_2 &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{6.3}$$

From Theorem 6.1 and Theorem 6.2, we can write the following theorem:

Theorem 6.3 *The quinary $(g^w, \varphi_1', \varphi_2', w_1', w_2')$ is bi-Kähler-Walker if and only if the following PDEs hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 + 5b_1 &= 0, c_1 = 0, \\ a_2 + 5b_2 &= 0, c_2 = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{6.4}$$

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