

VECTOR BUNDLES ASSOCIATED TO AN AUTOMORPHIC FACTOR

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1. Introduction

Let X be a symmetric bounded domain in \mathbf{C}^N and let Γ be a discrete group of holomorphic automorphisms of X with the following properties:

- (a) The quotient space $Y = \Gamma \backslash X$ is compact.
- (b) Γ acts freely on X .

By Kodaira's theorem (cf. [14]), $Y = \Gamma \backslash X$ is an algebraic manifold. Let X^* be the compact hermitian symmetric manifold which is dual to X in the sense of E. Cartan. We denote by G^c the simply connected covering group of the connected biholomorphic transformations group of X^* and we let U the connected Lie subgroup of G^c fixing a point $x_0^* \in X^*$. Let G^* be the compact real form of G^c . Then $X^* = G^c / U = G^* / K$, where $K = G^* \cap U$. Given a holomorphic representation ρ of the complexification K^c of K into $GL(r; \mathbf{C})$, the composition $J_\rho = \rho \circ J$ of ρ and the canonical automorphic factor J on X (see § 2. B, Definition 1) is an automorphic factor of type ρ . This automorphic factor gives rise to a holomorphic vector bundle $E(J_\rho)$ of rank r over $Y = \Gamma \backslash X$. Using a representation ρ of K^c , we get the so-called homogeneous vector bundle $E^*(\rho)$ over X^* in the sense of Bott. In this paper, we prove a vanishing theorem for the cohomology groups $H^q(Y, E(J_\rho))$ under a certain condition on ρ and prove the stability of these vector bundles $E^*(\rho)$ and $E(J_\rho)$.

In section 2, we review the hermitian symmetric manifolds and define the concept of the canonical automorphic factor on a bounded symmetric domain. And we introduce the holomorphic vector bundle $E(J_\rho)$ over $Y = \Gamma \backslash X$ and the homogeneous vector bundle $E^*(\rho)$ over X^* in the sense

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of Bott. In section 3 and section 4, we describe the materials which are needed in order to understand section 5. In section 5, we will prove vanishing theorem on $H^q(Y, E(J_\rho))$ under the condition $q_\rho < q$ which is weaker than that of Ise (see Theorem 5.3). In section 6, we prove that the vector bundles $E^*(\rho)$ and $E(J_\rho)$ are stable.

NOTATIONS. i) Lie groups are denoted by the great roman letters G, U, K etc and their Lie algebras by the corresponding small German letters $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{u}, \mathfrak{k}$ etc.

ii) The complexifications of Lie groups (resp. Lie algebras) are denoted by G^c, U^c, K^c etc (resp. $\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{u}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c$ etc).

2. Preliminaries and hermitian symmetric spaces

A. Let X be a symmetric bounded domain in \mathbb{C}^N and X^* the compact symmetric hermitian manifold which is dual to X in the sense of E. Cartan (cf. [4]). The group-theoretical descriptions of X and X^* are as follows: We denote by G^c the simply connected covering group of the connected biholomorphic transformations group of X^* . Then G^c is a connected semisimple complex Lie group and $X^* = G^c/U$, where U is the connected closed Lie subgroup of G^c consisting of all elements of G^c which fix a point x_0^* . A compact form G^* of G^c is also simply connected and acts on X^* transitively as transformations. Therefore X^* can be expressed as $X^* = G^*/K, K = G^* \cap U$. If we set

$$\mathfrak{m} = \{y \in \mathfrak{g}^* : \langle x, y \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathfrak{k}\},$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{g}^* &= \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{m} \text{ (direct sum),} \\ [\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{m}] &\subset \mathfrak{m}, \quad [\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}] \subset \mathfrak{k}. \end{aligned}$$

If we put

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + i\mathfrak{m} \quad (i^2 = -1),$$

then \mathfrak{g} is a noncompact real form of \mathfrak{g}^c , the Lie algebra of G^c and \mathfrak{g} generates the real semisimple Lie group G whose center is finite and simple components are all noncompact. G/K is identified with X and $G \cap G^* = K, G \cap U = G^* \cap U = K$. Therefore if we define the mapping j of X into X^* by

$$j : gK \longrightarrow gU \quad (g \in U),$$

then j becomes an injection of X into X^* which is compatible with the

actions of G on X and X^* . Thus X will be endowed with the G -invariant complex structure from that of the open submanifold $j(X)$ of X^* .

Let x_0 be the point of X corresponding to K . We may identify im with the tangent vector space T_{x_0} of X at the point x_0 . The complex structure I on X defines a linear transformation I_x in each tangent vector space T_x ($x \in X$) such that $I_x^2 = -1$. Let T_x^c be the complexification of T_x . Each $u \in T_x^c$ is written uniquely in the form $u = v + iw$ where $v, w \in T_x$. Put $\bar{u} = v - iw$. We have $T_x^c = T_x^+ + T_x^-$, $T_x^+ = T_x^-$, $T_x^+ \cap T_x^- = (0)$, where T_x^+ (resp. T_x^-) denotes the i (resp. $(-i)$)-eigenspace of I_x . And we have $\mathfrak{g}^c = \mathfrak{k}^c + \mathfrak{m}^c$, $\mathfrak{k}^c \cap \mathfrak{m}^c = (0)$ and identified with $T_{x_0}^c$. Hence \mathfrak{m}^c decomposes into direct sum

$$\mathfrak{m}^c = \mathfrak{n}^+ + \mathfrak{n}^-, \quad \mathfrak{n}^- = \overline{\mathfrak{n}^+}.$$

We see that each complex vector field $Y \in \mathfrak{n}^+$ (resp. $Y \in \mathfrak{n}^-$) is characterized by the property that $\pi_0 Y_s \in T_{\pi_0(s)}^+$ (resp. $\pi_0 Y_s \in T_{\pi_0(s)}^-$) for every $s \in G$, where π_0 is the projection of G onto $X = G/K$. In fact, I defines a linear isomorphism I_0 of im which commutes with the adjoint action of K on im and $I_0^2 = -1$. \mathfrak{n}^+ (resp. \mathfrak{n}^-) is the i -eigenspace (resp. $(-i)$ -eigenspace) of I_0 . It is known that

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} [\mathfrak{n}^+, \mathfrak{n}^+] &= (0), & [\mathfrak{n}^-, \mathfrak{n}^-] &= (0), \\ [\mathfrak{k}^c, \mathfrak{n}^+] &\subset \mathfrak{n}^+, & [\mathfrak{k}^c, \mathfrak{n}^-] &\subset \mathfrak{n}^-. \end{aligned}$$

Now we know that \mathfrak{k} contains a Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{h} of \mathfrak{g} . Let \mathcal{A} be the root system of \mathfrak{g}^c with respect to \mathfrak{h}^c , and \mathfrak{g}_α the root space of \mathfrak{g}^c corresponding to the root $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$. Let $u \longrightarrow \bar{u}$ be the conjugation of \mathfrak{g}^c with respect to the real form \mathfrak{g} . Then we have $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha = \mathfrak{g}_{-\alpha}$ and $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha = 1$ for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$. By (1.1), we can easily see that

$$\mathfrak{n}^+ = \sum_{\alpha \in \phi} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha, \quad \mathfrak{n}^- = \sum_{\alpha \in \phi} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha,$$

where ϕ is a subset of \mathcal{A} . A root α is called a complementary root if $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha \subset \mathfrak{n}^+ + \mathfrak{n}^-$. We may choose an ordering for the roots so that the roots belonging to ϕ are all positive. We fix such an ordering for the roots once and for all. A root belonging to ϕ is called a positive complementary root. Let $(,)$ be the Cartan-Killing form of \mathfrak{g}^c . For each $\alpha \in \phi \cup (-\phi)$, choose an element $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ such that $(X_\alpha, X_{-\alpha}) = 1$. We have then $\bar{X}_\alpha = X_{-\alpha}$. Moreover it is clear that either $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha \subset \mathfrak{k}^c$ or $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha \subset \mathfrak{m}^c$. In the first case the root is called compact, and in the second case noncompact. And we have the decompositions

$$\mathfrak{k}^c = \mathfrak{h}^c + \sum_{\alpha} \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha} \quad (\alpha : \text{compact}), \quad \mathfrak{m}^c = \sum_{\beta} \mathfrak{g}_{\beta} \quad (\beta : \text{noncompact}).$$

Let \mathfrak{u} be the Lie algebra of U . Let N^+ (resp. N^-) be the connected Lie subgroup of G^c corresponding to \mathfrak{n}^+ (resp. \mathfrak{n}^-) and K^c the complexification of K . We know $\mathfrak{n}^- \subset \mathfrak{u}$ and $U = K^c N^-$ (the semidirect product).

B. We shall define the notion of the canonical automorphic factor. We first review the results of Harish-Chandra (cf. [5] or [6]). G^c contains $N^+ K^c N^-$ as an open subset, and the mapping of the complex manifold $N^+ \times K^c \times N^-$ into G^c defined by $(n^+, k, n^-) \rightarrow n^+ k n^-$ ($n^+ \in N^+$, $k \in K$, $n^- \in N^-$) is a biholomorphic mapping of $N^+ \times K^c \times N^-$ onto the open submanifold $N^+ K^c N^-$ of G^c and G is contained in $N^+ K^c N^-$. Hence we see that GU is an open subset of $N^+ U$ and $N^+ U$ is that of G^c . Using $G \cap U = K$ and $N^+ \cap U = \{1\}$, we then have

$$X = G/K \subset N^+ \subset G^c/U = X^*.$$

We shall denote by j_1 (resp. j_2) the first (resp. the second) inclusion mapping; they are holomorphic. Since G is contained in $N^+ K^c N^-$, each $g \in G$ is written uniquely in the form $g = n^+ k n^-$ with $n^+ \in N^+$, $k \in K^c$, $n^- \in N^-$. Put $n^+ = n^+(g)$. Then $n^+(gk) = n^+(g)$ for all $k \in K$ and the mapping N of G/K into N^+ defined by

$$N(x) = n^+(g), \quad x = gK = gx_0 \in X,$$

is a holomorphic and bijective mapping of X onto an open bounded subset of the complex manifold N^+ with a suitable metric. We see easily that $g^{-1}N(gx_0) \in U$ for all $g \in G$.

LEMMA 1. $N(gx)^{-1}(gN(x)) \in U$ for all $g \in G$ and $x \in X$.

Proof. Let $x = g'x_0$, $g' \in G$. Then $(gg')^{-1}N(gg'x_0) = (gg')^{-1}N(gx) \in U$. $g^{-1}N(x) = g^{-1}N(gx_0) \in U$. Therefore $N(gx)^{-1}(gN(x)) = ((gg')^{-1}N(gx))^{-1}g^{-1}N(x) \in U$. This proves the lemma.

By Lemma 1, $gN(x)$ is written uniquely in the form

$$gN(x) = N(gx) J(g, x) n',$$

where $J(g, x) \in K^c$ and $n' \in N^-$. Then J is a C^∞ -mapping of $G \times X$ into K^c and $J(g, \cdot)$ is holomorphic in the variable $x \in X$. The mapping $J : G \times X \rightarrow K^c$ satisfies the following properties:

- (i) $J(gg', x) = J(g, g'x)J(g', x)$ for all $g, g' \in G$ and $x \in X$.
- (ii) $J(g, x_0)$ is the K^c -component of $g \in N^+ K^c N^-$ and $J(k, x) = k$ for every $k \in K^c$ and $x \in X$.

(iii) $J(1, x) = 1$ for all $x \in X$, and $J(g, x)^{-1} = J(g^{-1}, gx)$ for every $g \in G$ and $x \in X$.

DEFINITION 1. The mapping $J : G \times X \longrightarrow K^c$ introduced above is called the *canonical automorphic factor* on the symmetric bounded domain $X = G/K$.

DEFINITION 2. A C^∞ mapping R of $G \times X$ into the complex general linear group $GL(r : \mathbf{C})$ ($r \geq 1$) is called an *automorphic factor* if

(i) $R(g, x)$ is holomorphic in the variable $x \in X$.

(ii) $R(gg', x) = R(g, g'x) R(g', x)$ for all $g, g' \in G$ and $x \in X$.

A \mathbf{C}^r -valued holomorphic function $f(x)$ on X is called an *automorphic form* with respect to the automorphic factor R if $f(gx) = R(g, x) f(x)$ for all $g \in G$ and $x \in X$.

Given a representation ρ of K^c in the complex vector space \mathbf{C}^r , we now define the mapping $J_\rho = \rho \circ J : G \times X \longrightarrow GL(r ; \mathbf{C})$ by

$$J_\rho(g, x) = \rho(J(g, x)), \quad g \in G, \quad x \in X.$$

Then J_ρ is an automorphic factor in the sense of the above definition and is called the *automorphic factor of type ρ* .

Let Γ be a discrete subgroup of G which satisfies the following two conditions:

(a) The quotient space $\Gamma \backslash X$ is compact.

(b) Every element $\gamma \in \Gamma$ different from the identity 1 has no fixed point in X .

By Kodaira's theorem (cf. [14]), $Y = \Gamma \backslash G/K$ is an algebraic manifold. A holomorphic mapping f of X into \mathbf{C}^r is called an automorphic form of type ρ with respect to Γ if $f(\gamma x) = J_\rho(\gamma, x) f(x)$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and $x \in X$. Now we introduce the holomorphic vector bundle $E(J_\rho)$ over $Y = \Gamma \backslash X$ as follows: We define the action of G on the trivial vector bundle $X \times \mathbf{C}^r$ over X by

$$g \circ (x, u) = (gx, J_\rho(g, x)u)$$

for $g \in G$, $x \in X$ and $u \in \mathbf{C}^r$, and then the quotient manifold $(X \times \mathbf{C}^r) / \Gamma$ is a holomorphic vector bundle over $Y = \Gamma \backslash X$. This holomorphic vector bundle will be denoted by $E(J_\rho)$ and is called the vector bundle over Y defined by the automorphic factor J_ρ . We can see easily that an automorphic form of type ρ can be identified with a holomorphic cross

section of $E(J_\rho)$ and conversely.

C. We recall the concept of homogeneous vector bundle over X^u (cf. [3]). Every holomorphic representation ρ of K^c in \mathbf{C}^r can be extended naturally to the holomorphic representation of $U=K^cN^-$ on \mathbf{C}^r , which we also will denote by ρ . Conversely for every completely reducible holomorphic representation $\rho : U \longrightarrow GL(r ; \mathbf{C})$, we can show that $\rho(N^-)=1$. So we may consider it as a representation of K^c . From now on we denote by $\text{Hom}(K^c, GL(r ; \mathbf{C}))$ (resp. $\text{Hom}(U, GL(r ; \mathbf{C}))$) the set of all holomorphic representations of K^c (resp. U) on \mathbf{C}^r . For any $\rho \in \text{Hom}(K^c, GL(r ; \mathbf{C}))$, we define $E^u(\rho)$ as the quotient manifold $(G^c \times \mathbf{C}^m)/U$ of $G^c \times \mathbf{C}^m$ by U under the actions such that

$$s \circ (g, u) = (gs^{-1}, \rho(s)u)$$

for all $g \in G^c$, $u \in \mathbf{C}^r$ and $s \in U$. Then $E^u(\rho)$ has a holomorphic vector bundle structure over X^u with the fibre \mathbf{C}^r . We recall $E^u(\rho)$ the *homogeneous vector bundle* over X^u with respect to ρ .

LEMMA 2. *The vector bundle $E(J_\rho)$ is holomorphically equivalent to $\Gamma \setminus j^* E^u(\rho)$, where $j : X \longrightarrow X^u$ is the mapping defined by $j(gK) = gU$ for every $g \in G$.*

EXAMPLE. Let Θ_Y (resp. K_Y) be the tangent bundle (resp. the canonical line bundle) over Y . We denote by θ^u and K^u the tangent bundle and the canonical line bundle over X^u . Then $\Gamma \setminus j^* \theta^u = \Theta_Y$ and $\Gamma \setminus j^* K^u = K_Y$. R. Bott teaches us that $\theta^u = E^u(Ad_K)$ and $K^u = E^u(\delta_K^{-1})$, where $Ad_K : K \longrightarrow GL(\mathfrak{n}^+)$ is the adjoint representation of K on \mathfrak{n}^+ and $\delta_K \in \text{Hom}(K^c, \mathbf{C}^*)$ is the character whose differential is the sum of all positive complementary roots. By Lemma 2, $\Theta_Y = E(Ad_K \circ J)$ and $K_Y = E(\delta_K^{-1} \circ J)$.

D. Let $(,)$ be the Cartan-Killing form of \mathfrak{g}^c . Since the restriction of $(,)$ to $\mathfrak{h}^c \times \mathfrak{h}^c$ is nondegenerate, there is a natural isomorphism of $(\mathfrak{h}^c)^* = \text{Hom}(\mathfrak{h}^c, \mathbf{C})$ onto \mathfrak{h}^c . For any $\lambda \in (\mathfrak{h}^c)^*$ its image will be denoted by H_λ . Thus

$$\lambda(H) = (H, H_\lambda), \quad \lambda \in (\mathfrak{h}^c)^*, \quad H \in \mathfrak{h}^c$$

can define a symmetric nondegenerate bilinear form \langle , \rangle on $(\mathfrak{h}^c)^* \times (\mathfrak{h}^c)^*$ by $\langle \lambda, \tau \rangle = (H_\lambda, H_\tau)$, $\lambda, \tau \in (\mathfrak{h}^c)^*$. We note that $H_\alpha \neq 0$ for any root $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ and $[X_\alpha, X_{-\alpha}] = [X_\alpha, X_{\bar{\alpha}}] = H_\alpha$ for $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$. We set, for any root

$\alpha \in \Delta$,

$$\bar{H}_\alpha = \frac{2H_\alpha}{(\alpha, \alpha)}.$$

Then $[X_\alpha, X_\alpha] = (\alpha, \alpha)/2 \cdot \bar{H}_\alpha$ for any root $\alpha \in \Delta$. For a simple root $\alpha_i (1 \leq i \leq l)$, we set $\bar{H}_{\alpha_i} = \bar{H}_i (1 = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{h}^c)$. A weight λ on \mathfrak{h}^c is a linear form on \mathfrak{h}^c such that $\lambda(\bar{H}_i) (1 \leq i \leq l)$ are all integers. The weight $\Lambda_i (1 \leq i \leq l)$ such that $\Lambda_i(\bar{H}_j) = \delta_{ij}$ are called the *fundamental dominant weights*. We put $\delta = \sum_{\alpha > 0} \alpha$. Then $\delta = 2 \sum_{i=1}^l \Lambda_i$. We denote by δ_K the sum of all complementary positive roots. Let \mathcal{E} be the set of all simple roots $\alpha \in \Delta$ such that $X_\alpha \in [\mathfrak{h}^c, \mathfrak{h}^c]$. We put $\delta_M = 2 \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{E}} \Lambda_i$.

3. The complexes $A(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ and $A(\Gamma, X, J_\tau)$

Let X be a symmetric bounded domain in \mathbb{C}^N . As in the previous section, we may write $X = G/K$ where G is a connected semisimple Lie group and K a maximal compact subgroup of G . Let Γ be a discrete subgroup of G acting on X freely such that the quotient space $Y = \Gamma \backslash X$ is compact. Let ρ be a representation of G in a complex vector space F . We denote by $A^p(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ the vector space of all F -valued smooth p -forms η on X such that

$$\eta \circ L_\gamma = \rho(\gamma)\eta$$

for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$, where L_γ is the translation of X by γ . The graded module $A(\Gamma, X, \rho) = \sum_p A^p(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ is a complex with the coboundary operator defined by the exterior differentiation d . We denote by $H^p(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ the cohomology groups of the complex $A(\Gamma, X, \rho)$. Let $m : G \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash G$ be a projection. Then m defines an injection of \mathfrak{g} into the Lie algebra of all vector fields on $\Gamma \backslash G$ because Γ is a discrete subgroup of G . From now on we shall identify the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} with its image by this injection so that $A \in \mathfrak{g}$ will be identified with the vector field $w(A)$ on $\Gamma \backslash G$.

Let η be a form in $A^p(\Gamma, X, \rho)$. If $\pi : G \rightarrow X$ is a projection of G onto X , we define a form η° on G by putting $\eta_s^\circ = \rho(s^{-1})(\eta \circ \pi)_s$ for each $s \in G$. The form η° is invariant under Γ and therefore η° may be considered as a form on $\Gamma \backslash G$. The image $A_0^p(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ of $A^p(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ by the mapping $\eta \rightarrow \eta^\circ$ consists of all F -valued p -forms on $\Gamma \backslash G$ satisfying the following conditions

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{cases} \theta(Z)\eta^\circ + \rho(Z)\eta^\circ = 0, \\ i(Z)\eta^\circ = 0 \end{cases}$$

for all $Z \in \mathfrak{k}$, where $\theta(Z)$ and $i(Z)$ denote the operators of Lie derivation and interior product by the vector field Z respectively. The graded module $A(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ is bigraded; $A(\Gamma, X, \rho) = \sum_r A^r(\Gamma, X, \rho) = \sum_{p,q} A^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, \rho)$. Here $A^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ consists of the (p, q) -forms on X . We know that $H^r(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ decomposes into the direct sum $\sum_{p+q=r} H^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, \rho)$, where $H^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ is the subgroup of $H^r(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ consisting of the elements represented by closed (p, q) -forms ([16]). Let $A_0^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ be the submodule of $A^{p+q}(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ corresponding to $A^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ by the isomorphism $\eta \rightarrow \eta^\circ$. A form $\eta^\circ \in A_0^{p+q}(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ belongs to $A_0^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ if and only if the following condition is satisfied; if $\eta^\circ(X_1, \dots, X_{p+q}) \neq 0$ with $X_i \in \mathfrak{n}^\pm$, then the number of X_i belonging to \mathfrak{n}^+ (resp. \mathfrak{n}^-) equals p (resp. q) (see[16], p.400).

For a holomorphic representation τ of K^c in a complex vector space S , i. e., $\tau \in \text{Hom}(K^c, GL(S))$, we define the canonical automorphic factor of type τ by

$$J_\tau(g, x) = \tau(J(g, x)), \quad g \in G, \quad x \in X,$$

where J_τ is the canonical automorphic factor on $X=G/K$ (see § 2. B). Let $A^r(\Gamma, X, J_\tau)$ (resp. $A^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, J_\tau)$) be the vector space of all S -valued r -forms (resp. (p, q) -forms) on X such that

$$(\eta \circ L_\gamma)_x = J_\tau(\gamma, x) \eta_x$$

for all $x \in X$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$. We have $A^r(\Gamma, X, J_\tau) = \sum_{p+q=r} A^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, J_\tau)$. We set $A(\Gamma, X, J_\tau) = \sum_{p,q} A^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, J_\tau)$. Then the operator d'' defines a coboundary operator of type $(0, 1)$ in $A(\Gamma, X, J_\tau)$. We now denote by $H_0^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, J_\tau)$ the cohomology groups of this complex $(A(\Gamma, X, J_\tau), d'')$.

For a form $\eta \in A^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, J_\tau)$, we define a $(p+q)$ -form η° on G by setting $\eta^\circ = J_\tau(s, x_0)^{-1}(\eta \circ \pi)_s$, where $s \in G$, $x_0 = \pi(e)$, e the identity of G . Then η° is induced by the projection $\nu : G \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash G$ from an S -valued $(p+q)$ -form on $\Gamma \backslash G$, which we also denote by η° . The mapping $\eta \rightarrow \eta^\circ$ maps the module $A^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, J_\tau)$ bijectively onto the module $A_0^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, J_\tau)$ consisting of all S -valued (p, q) -forms on $\Gamma \backslash G$ such that

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{cases} \theta(Z)\eta^\circ + \tau(Z)\eta^\circ = 0, \\ i(Z)\eta^\circ = 0 \end{cases}$$

for all $Z \in \mathfrak{k}^c$, and that if $\eta^\circ(X_1, \dots, X_{p+q}) \neq 0$ with $X_i \in \mathfrak{n}^\pm$, then the number of X_i belonging to \mathfrak{n}^+ (resp. \mathfrak{n}^-) equals p (resp. q).

PROPOSITION 3.1 ([16], p. 408). *Every cohomology class of $H_0^{p,q}(\Gamma, X,$*

J_τ) is represented by a unique harmonic (p, q) -form on X .

4. The complex of a Lie algebra

Let \mathfrak{g}^c be a complex Lie algebra and \mathfrak{k}^c a subalgebra of \mathfrak{g}^c . If F is a \mathfrak{g}^c -module, the action of \mathfrak{g}^c on F is denoted by $X \cdot f (X \in \mathfrak{g}^c, f \in F)$. Let $C(\mathfrak{g}^c; F) = \sum C^n(\mathfrak{g}^c; F)$, $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$, be the standard complex of (\mathfrak{g}^c, F) . That is, $C^0(\mathfrak{g}^c; F) = F$ and $C^p(\mathfrak{g}^c; F)$ is the vector space of all p -linear alternating forms on \mathfrak{g}^c with values in F . On $C(\mathfrak{g}^c; F)$, we can define the operators $\theta(X)$ and $i(X)$ of Lie derivation and interior product by $X \in \mathfrak{g}^c$ as follows:

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \theta(Z)f &= Z \cdot f, \\ (\theta(Z)\eta)(X_1, \dots, X_p) &= Z \cdot \eta(X_1, \dots, X_p) \\ &\quad - \sum_{u=1}^p \eta(X_1, \dots, [Z, X_u], \dots, X_p), \end{aligned}$$

where $Z \in \mathfrak{g}^c$, $f \in C^0(\mathfrak{g}^c; F)$, $\eta \in C^p(\mathfrak{g}^c; F)$ ($p \geq 1$), while

$$\begin{aligned} i(Z)\eta &= 0 \text{ for } \eta \in C^0(\mathfrak{g}^c; F) = F, \\ (i(Z)\eta)(X_1, \dots, X_{p-1}) &= \eta(Z, X_1, \dots, X_{p-1}) \end{aligned}$$

for $Z \in \mathfrak{g}^c$, $\eta \in C^p(\mathfrak{g}^c; F)$ ($p \geq 1$). Then there exists a unique operator d of degree 1 such that $i(Z)d + di(Z) = \theta(Z)$ for all $Z \in \mathfrak{g}^c$ and d is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (d\eta)(X_1, \dots, X_{p+1}) &= \sum_{u=1}^{p+1} (-1)^{u+1} X_u \eta(X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_u, \dots, X_{p+1}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{u < v} (-1)^{u+v} \eta([X_u, X_v], X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_u, \dots, \hat{X}_v, \dots, X_{p+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Since $d^2=0$, the module $C(\mathfrak{g}^c; F)$ is a complex with coboundary operator d . We call this complex the cochain complex of \mathfrak{g}^c with coefficients in the \mathfrak{g}^c -module F . We denote by $H^p(\mathfrak{g}^c; F)$ the cohomology groups of this complex. Let $C^p(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; F)$ be the subspace of $C^p(\mathfrak{g}^c; F)$ consisting of all elements $\eta \in C^p(\mathfrak{g}^c; F)$ such that $\theta(X)\eta = i(X)\eta = 0$ for all $X \in \mathfrak{k}^c$. The submodule $C(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; F) = \sum_p C^p(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; F)$ is stable under d and thus a subcomplex of $C(\mathfrak{g}^c; F)$. We shall this complex $C(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; F)$ the *cochain complex of \mathfrak{g}^c relative to \mathfrak{k}^c with coefficients in F* and the cohomology groups of this complex will be denoted by $H^p(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; F)$

From now on we assume that $X=G/K$ is a symmetric bounded domain in \mathbb{C}^N . We will resume the notation in §2. Let \mathcal{D} be the vector space of all complex valued C^∞ -functions on $\Gamma \backslash G$ and let $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{D} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} F$, where F is a finite dimensional complex vector space. Then the \mathfrak{g}^c -module structure is given on \mathcal{F} by defining

$$m(Z)(f \otimes u) = Zf \otimes u + f \otimes \rho(Z)u$$

for all $Z \in \mathfrak{g}^c$, $f \in \mathcal{D}$ and $u \in F$. Here ρ is a representation of G^c in a complex vector space F . Let $C(\mathfrak{g}^c; F) = \sum_p C^p(\mathfrak{g}^c; \mathcal{F})$, and $\theta(Z)$ (resp. $i(Z)$) be the derivation (resp. the interior product) by Z in $C(\mathfrak{g}^c; \mathcal{F})$. Let $C(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; \mathcal{F})$ be the cochain complex of \mathfrak{g}^c relative to \mathfrak{k}^c with coefficients in \mathcal{F} . We can easily see that the complex $A_0(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ may be identified with the complex $C(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; \mathcal{F})$. Therefore the complex $A(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ will be identified with the complex $C(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; \mathcal{F})$ and so the cohomology groups $H^p(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ with the relative cohomology groups $H^p(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; \mathcal{F})$. Since $\mathfrak{m}^c = \mathfrak{n}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{n}^-$ (cf. §2. B), the complex $C(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; \mathcal{F})$ is then bigraded; $C^{p,q}(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; \mathcal{F})$ consists of all $C^r(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; \mathcal{F})$ ($r = p + q$) such that if $(Y_1, \dots, Y_r) \neq 0$ and $Y_i \in \mathfrak{n}^\pm$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$, then the number of Y_i belonging to \mathfrak{n}^+ (resp. \mathfrak{n}^-) equals p (resp. q). We easily see that $C^{p,q}(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; \mathcal{F})$ may be identified with $A^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, \rho)$. Hence $H^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ can be identified with $H^{p,q}(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; \mathcal{F})$.

We now identify the module $C^{p,q}(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; \mathcal{F})$ with a subspace of $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathfrak{n}^+ \otimes \mathfrak{n}^-$ in the following way. Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N\}$ be the set of the positive complementary roots and let $\{X_\alpha; \alpha \in \mathcal{P}\}$ and $\{X_{\bar{\alpha}}; \alpha \in \mathcal{P}\}$ be the eigenvectors of roots as introduced in §2. We put $X_i = X_{\alpha_i}$ and $X_{\bar{i}} = X_{\bar{\alpha}_i}$ for $\alpha_i \in \mathcal{P}$. Since $\{X_i\}$ and $\{X_{\bar{i}}\}$ are bases of \mathfrak{n}^+ and \mathfrak{n}^- respectively and $(X_i, X_j) = \delta_{ij}$, \mathfrak{n}^+ (resp. \mathfrak{n}^-) may be identified with the dual of \mathfrak{n}^+ (resp. \mathfrak{n}^-). We define $l : C^{p,q}(\mathfrak{g}^c, \mathfrak{k}^c; \mathcal{F}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathfrak{n}^+ \otimes \mathfrak{n}^-$ by setting

$$l(\eta) = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_p} \sum_{\bar{j}_1 < \dots < \bar{j}_q} \eta(X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_p}, X_{\bar{j}_1}, \dots, X_{\bar{j}_q}) \otimes \wedge_{i=1}^p X_{i_i} \otimes \wedge_{j=1}^q X_{\bar{j}_j}.$$

We simply write $\eta(X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_p}, X_{\bar{j}_1}, \dots, X_{\bar{j}_q}) = \eta_{i_1 \dots i_p \bar{j}_1 \dots \bar{j}_q}$.

If we restrict the representation ρ of \mathfrak{g}^c onto the abelian subalgebra \mathfrak{n}^- , we may regard F as an \mathfrak{n}^- -module. Let $C(\mathfrak{n}^-, F) = \sum_q C^q(\mathfrak{n}^-, F)$ be the cochain complex of \mathfrak{n}^- with coefficients in F , and denote by d^- its coboundary operator. We identify $C(\mathfrak{n}^-, F) = \sum_q C^q(\mathfrak{n}^-, F)$ with $F \otimes \wedge \mathfrak{n}^+ = \sum_q F \otimes \wedge^q \mathfrak{n}^+$. Then we have

$$d^- = \sum_{k=1}^N \rho(X_k) \otimes \varepsilon(X_k),$$

where $\varepsilon(X)$ denotes the exterior multiplication by X . We define a positive definite hermitian inner product in $C(\mathfrak{n}^-, F)$ by

$$(c, c') = \sum_q \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_q} (c_{\bar{i}_1 \dots \bar{i}_q}, c'_{\bar{i}_1 \dots \bar{i}_q})_F,$$

where $c = \sum_q \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_q} c_{\bar{i}_1 \dots \bar{i}_q} \otimes (X_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge X_{i_q})$ and $c' = \sum_q \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_q}$

$c'_{i_1 \dots i_q} \otimes (X_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge X_{i_q})$ and $(\cdot, \cdot)_F$ is an admissible inner product on F (cf. [16], p.375). Let δ^- be the adjoint operator of d^- with respect to this inner product and we define a Laplacian Δ^- by

$$\Delta^- = d^- \delta^- + \delta^- d^-.$$

We call a cocycle c of $C(n^-, F)$ harmonic if $\Delta^- c = 0$. Every cohomology class in $H^q(n^-, F)$ is represented by a unique harmonic cocycle (cf. [17]).

5. Vanishing theorems for the cohomology groups $H^q(Y, E(J_r))$

First we recall Bott's results concerning the induced representations with respect to homogeneous vector bundles (cf. [3]). Suppose that $\rho \in \text{Hom}(K^c, GL(r; \mathbb{C}))$ is an irreducible representation. The action of $g \in G^c$ on $E^u(\rho)$ as bundle isomorphism induces the linear automorphism on the \mathbb{C} -module $H^q(X^u, E^u(\rho))$, which we will write $\rho^{(q)}(g)$. The representation $(\rho^{(q)}, H^q(X^u, E^u(\rho)))$ of G^c thus obtained is by definition the q -th induced representation of ρ . Let Λ be the highest weight of ρ . Let Λ' be the highest weight of ρ . Then the induced representations $\rho^{(q)} (0 \leq q \leq N)$ are determined only by Λ' :

THEOREM 5.1 (Bott, [3]). *If there exists a root $\alpha \in \Delta$ such that $(\Lambda + \frac{1}{2}\delta, \alpha) = 0$, then all $\rho^{(q)} (0 \leq q \leq N)$ are the 0-representations. Otherwise, there is one and only one induced representation $\rho^{(q)}$ which is irreducible and its highest weight Λ' is given by*

$$\Lambda' + \frac{1}{2}\delta = \varepsilon(\Lambda + \frac{1}{2}\delta),$$

where ε is the element of the Weyl group which is the product of q reflections with respect to the simple root planes $\alpha_i = 0$ and it is uniquely determined by the condition $(\Lambda' + \frac{1}{2}\delta, \alpha_i) > 0 (1 \leq i \leq l)$.

We define λ and μ in $\text{Hom}(\mathfrak{h}^c, \mathbb{C})$ as follows (cf. §2. D).

$$\Lambda = \lambda + \mu, \quad \lambda = \sum_{\alpha_i \in B} m_i \Lambda_i, \quad \mu = \sum_{\alpha_j \in B} m_j \Lambda_j.$$

Ise (cf. [10]) obtained the following results using Bott's results ([3]).

THEOREM 5.2. i) *Suppose that*

$$(\Lambda - \mu - \delta_M, \alpha) > 0$$

for all complementary positive roots α . Then

$$H^q(Y, E(J_\rho)) = 0 \text{ for all } q < N.$$

ii) Suppose that

$$(A + \delta, \alpha) < 0$$

for all complementary positive roots α . Then

$$H^q(Y, E(J_\rho)) = 0 \text{ for all } q > 0.$$

THEOREM 5.3. *If there exists at least one complementary positive root α such that $(A, \alpha) > 0$, then*

$$H^0(Y, E(J_\rho)) = 0.$$

Matsushima and Murakami (cf. [17]) showed the following:

THEOREM 5.4. *Let q_ρ be the number of roots $\alpha \in \Psi$ such that $(A, \alpha) > 0$. Then*

$$H_a^{0,q}(\Gamma, X, J_\rho) = (0) \text{ for } q_\rho < q.$$

If $(A, \alpha_i) > 0$, for $i = 1, \dots, s$, where $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s$ are the simple roots belonging to Ψ , then

$$H_a^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, J_\rho) = (0) \text{ for } q < N.$$

Here Ψ denotes the set of all positive complimentary roots.

THEOREM 5.5. *Suppose that $(A, \alpha) > 0$ for all positive roots α of \mathfrak{g}^c . Then for all $p + q = N$,*

$$H^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, \rho) = (0).$$

THEOREM 5.6. *Let $\tilde{\Lambda}$ be the lowest weight of ρ . Let p_ρ be the number of roots α in Ψ such that $(\tilde{\Lambda}, \alpha) < 0$. Then the cohomology group $H^{p,0}(\Gamma, X, \rho)$ vanishes for $p < p_\rho$.*

REMARK 1. By a theorem of Hirzebruch [8], we have

$$\chi(Y) = p_a(Y) \chi(X^*),$$

where $p_a(Y)$ denotes the arithmetic genus of Y and $\chi(Y)$ (resp. $\chi(X^*)$) is the Euler characteristic of the complex manifold Y (resp. the compact form X^* of X). Moreover, Hirzebruch [7] gave the following formula

$$\chi(Y) = (-\pi)^{-N} d_N v(Y),$$

where X is irreducible, $v(Y)$ denotes the total volume of Y with respect to the Bergman metric on X and

$$d_N = \frac{\prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{P}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\delta, \alpha\right)}{(2(\delta_K, \gamma))^N} \chi(X^*).$$

Here γ denotes the unique simple root belonging to \mathcal{P} . It is known that $2(\delta_K, \gamma) = 1$. Thus we get

$$d_N = \prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{P}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\delta, \alpha\right) \chi(X^*).$$

Hence we obtain

$$p_a(Y) = (-\pi)^{-N} \prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{P}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\delta, \alpha\right) v(Y).$$

By Weyl's formula,

$$r = \prod_{\alpha > 0} \frac{\left(\Lambda + \frac{1}{2}\delta, \alpha\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\delta, \alpha\right)}.$$

By the way, we have (cf. [19])

$$\sum_{p=0}^{2N} (-1)^p \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^p(\Gamma, X, \rho) = r \chi(Y).$$

Theorem 5.5 yields the following

$$H^p(\Gamma, X, \rho) = (0) \text{ if } p \neq N.$$

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^N(\Gamma, X, \rho) = (-\pi)^{-N} \frac{\prod_{\alpha > 0} \left(\Lambda + \frac{1}{2}\delta, \alpha\right)}{\prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{P}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\delta, \alpha\right)} \chi(X^*) v(Y).$$

REMARK 2. If ρ is irreducible, we let $\rho = \rho_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \rho_k$ denote the decomposition of ρ into irreducible components. We have $E(J_\rho) = E(J_{\rho_1}) \oplus \dots \oplus E(J_{\rho_k})$ (\oplus denotes the Whitney sum). Hence we have

$$H^q(Y, E(J_\rho)) = \sum_{i=1}^k H^q(Y, E(J_{\rho_i})), \quad 0 \leq q \leq N.$$

REMARK 3. It is known (cf. [10]) that

$$\chi(Y, E(J_\rho)) = \chi(Y) \chi(X^*, E^u(\rho)).$$

If X is irreducible, $\chi(Y) = (-\pi)^{-N} d_N v(Y)$ (cf. Remark 1). $\chi(X^*, E^u(\rho))$ can be computed by Theorem 5.1. Finally we can compute $\chi(Y, E(J_\rho))$

THEOREM A. *Let q_ρ the number of roots $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $(\Lambda, \alpha) > 0$. Then*

$$H^q(Y, E(J_\rho)) = (0) \text{ for } q_\rho < q.$$

Moreover, if $(\Lambda, \alpha) > 0$ for every simple root α belonging to Ψ , then

$$H^{p,q}(Y, E(J_\rho)) = (0) \text{ for } q > N.$$

Here $N = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X$ and Ψ is the set of all positive complementary roots.

Proof. Let $\pi : X \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash X = Y$ be the projection of X onto Y and let $\varphi : X \times \mathbb{C}^r \rightarrow (X \times \mathbb{C}^r) / \Gamma = E(J_\rho)$ be the canonical projection of $X \times \mathbb{C}^r$ onto $E(J_\rho)$. For each $x \in X$, let φ_x be the linear isomorphism of the typical fibre \mathbb{C}^r onto the fibre $E(J_\rho)_z$ of $E(J_\rho)$ over the point $z = \pi(x) \in Y$ defined by

$$\varphi_x(x) = \varphi(x, \xi), \quad \xi \in \mathbb{C}^r.$$

For each $\alpha \in A^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, J_\rho)$, we define the (p, q) -form θ on Y with coefficients in $E(J_\rho)$ as follows:

$$\theta_x(\pi Z_1, \dots, \pi Z_p, \pi W_1, \dots, \pi W_q) = \varphi_x \alpha_x(Z_1, \dots, Z_p, W_1, \dots, W_q),$$

where $x \in X$, $z = \pi(x)$, $Z_1, \dots, Z_p \in T_x^+(X)$ and $W_1, \dots, W_q \in T_x^-(X)$. The mapping $\alpha \rightarrow \theta$ yields an isomorphism of the bigraded module $A(\Gamma, X, J_\rho)$ onto the bigraded module $A(Y, (J_\rho)) = A(E(J_\rho)) = \sum_{p,q} A^{p,q}(E(J_\rho))$. Thus the cohomology $H^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, J_\rho)$ is isomorphic to the cohomology $H^{p,q}(Y, E(J_\rho))$. But the following exact sequence

$$0^0 \longrightarrow \Omega^p(E(J_\rho)) \longrightarrow A^{p,0}(E(J_\rho)) \xrightarrow{d''} A^{p,1}(E(J_\rho)) \longrightarrow \dots$$

is a fine resolution of the sheaf $\Omega^p(E(J_\rho))$ of the germs of holomorphic p -forms with coefficients in $E(J_\rho)$. Thus we have (cf. [9], p36)

$$H^q(Y, \Omega^p(E(J_\rho))) \cong H^{p,q}(Y, E(J_\rho)) \text{ (Dolbeault).}$$

Hence by Theorem 5.4, we have for $p=0$

$$H^q(Y, E(J_\rho)) = H^{0,q}(Y, E(J_\rho)) = H^{0,q}(\Gamma, X, J_\rho) = (0)$$

for $q_p < q$. The second assertion follows immediately from Theorem 5.4 and the above argument. Q. E. D.

REMARK 4. Let \mathfrak{g}^c be a simple Lie algebra over \mathbb{C} and let γ be the unique simple root of \mathfrak{g}^c belonging to Ψ . Let ad be the adjoint representation of \mathfrak{g}^c and $\rho = ad_+$ the representation of K^c in \mathfrak{n}^- . Then $H^{p,q}(\Gamma, X, J_\rho)$ is isomorphic to $H^q(Y, \Theta)$, where Θ is the tangent bundle of Y . It is known that $q_\rho < \frac{1}{(\gamma, \gamma)} - 1$. Hence the cohomology group H^q

(Y, Θ) vanishes for $q < \frac{1}{(\gamma, \gamma)} - 1$ (cf. [4]).

6. Stability and Einstein condition of $E(J_\rho)$ and $E^*(\rho)$

Before we study the stability of the vector bundle $E(J_\rho)$ and $E^*(\rho)$, we first review the concept of stability and Hermitian-Einstein structure on vector bundles.

Let E be a holomorphic vector bundle of rank r over a compact Kähler manifold X . For a Hermitian metric h along the fibre of E , the Hermitian connection, $D : A^0(E) \rightarrow A^1(E)$ is characterized by the properties

- (a) $d(h(s, t)) = h(Ds, t) + h(s, Dt)$, $s, t \in A^0(E)$,
- (b) $D''s = d''s$, where D'' denotes the $(0, 1)$ -component of D .

With respect to a local frame $\{e_\alpha\}$, the connection matrix $A = (A_\alpha^\beta)$ ($1 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq n$) is given by

$$A_\alpha^\beta = (d' h_{\alpha\bar{\gamma}}) h^{\gamma\bar{\beta}},$$

where $h_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} = h(e_\alpha, e_\beta)$ and $(h^{\alpha\bar{\beta}}) = (h_{\alpha\bar{\beta}})^{-1}$.

The curvature $F = dA - A \wedge A$ of the Hermitian connection for a holomorphic vector bundle reduces to the $(1, 1)$ -form with coefficients in $\text{End}(E)$

$$F = d'' A - h^{-1} d'' d' h + h^{-1} d' h \wedge h^{-1} d'' h.$$

Conversely, the integrability theorem of Newlander-Nirenberg implies that a complex vector bundle admits a holomorphic structure if there exists a $U(r)$ connection whose curvature is of type $(1, 1)$.

Given a Kähler metric g on X , we define an operation $tr_g : A^{1,1}(\text{End}(E)) \rightarrow A^0(\text{End}(E))$ as follows. For a section $F = (F_\alpha^\beta) \in A^{1,1}(\text{End}(E))$,

$$tr_g F = (\sum g^{j\bar{k}} F_{\alpha j \bar{k}}^\beta)_{1 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq n} = \sum_{j, k} g^{j\bar{k}} F_{j \bar{k}},$$

where $F_\alpha^\beta = F_{\alpha j \bar{k}}^\beta dz^j \wedge d\bar{z}^k$ and $F_{j \bar{k}} = (F_{\alpha j \bar{k}}^\alpha)_{1 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq r}$.

DEFINITION 1. A holomorphic vector bundle of rank r over a compact Kähler manifold (X, g) is said to be *Hermitian-Einstein* if there exists a Hermitian metric h for which the Hermitian curvature F satisfies:

$$tr_g F = \mu I,$$

where I is the identity endomorphism of E and μ is a constant.

Let \mathcal{F} be a torsion-free coherent sheaf over a compact Kähler manifold (X, g) of dimension n . Let ω be the Kähler form; it is a real positive closed $(1, 1)$ -form on X . Let $c_1(\mathcal{F})$ be the first Chern class of \mathcal{F} , that is, the first Chern class of the determinant bundle $\det(\mathcal{F})$ over X . It is represented by a real closed $(1, 1)$ -form on X . The degree of \mathcal{F} is defined to be

$$\deg(\mathcal{F}) = \int_M c_1(\mathcal{F}) \wedge \omega^{n-1}.$$

The degree/rank ratio or slope $\mu(\mathcal{F})$ is defined to be

$$\mu(\mathcal{F}) = \deg(\mathcal{F}) / \text{rank}(\mathcal{F}).$$

DEFINITION 2. A coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} over a compact Kähler manifold (X, g) is said to be *stable* (resp. *semi-stable*) if for every coherent sheaf \mathcal{F}' of lower rank, $\mu(\mathcal{F}') < \mu(\mathcal{F})$ (resp. \leq).

REMARKS. (i) \mathcal{F} is reflexive if and only if $\mathcal{F}^{**} = (\mathcal{F}^*)^* = \mathcal{F}$. A reflexive sheaf of rank one is a holomorphic line bundle.

(ii) A reflexive sheaf is locally free outside a subvariety of codimension greater than or equal to 2.

(iii) The dual \mathcal{F}^* of any coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} is reflexive.

(iv) \mathcal{F} is (semi-) stable if and only if its dual \mathcal{F}^* is (semi-) stable.

Kobayashi (cf. [12]) obtained the following differential geometrical criterion for stability.

THEOREM (Kobayashi). *Let E be a holomorphic vector bundle over a compact Kähler manifold (X, g) with a Kähler form ω . If E admits an irreducible Hermitian-Einstein connection, then E is stable.*

The converse of the above theorem was known as Kobayashi's conjecture. Donaldson proved Kobayashi's conjecture in the case X is an algebraic surface. Quite recently Uhlenbeck and Yau (cf. [24]) proved Kobayashi's conjecture in the case X is of higher dimension.

THEOREM (Uhlenbeck and Yau). *A stable holomorphic vector bundle over a compact Kähler manifold admits a unique Hermitian-Einstein connection.*

We are now in a position to prove the stability of the vector bundles

$E^*(\rho)$ and $E(J_\rho)$. Ramanan ([22]), Umemura ([23]), and Kobayashi ([13]) independently showed the following:

THEOREM (Ramanan, Umemura and Kobayashi). *Let G^c be a simply connected, semisimple complex Lie group and U a parabolic subgroup without simple factor. Let ρ be a finite dimensional irreducible holomorphic representation of U . Then the homogeneous vector bundle over $M=G^c/U$ defined by a representation ρ is H -stable for any ample line bundle H .*

In § 2. C, we mentioned the homogeneous vector bundle $E^*(\rho)$ over X^u , the compact hermitian symmetric manifold which is dual to a bounded symmetric domain $X=G/K$ in the sense of E. Cartan. X^u can be expressed as $X^u=G^c/U$ (see § 2. A). It is well-known that X^u is an algebraic manifold. Thus U is a parabolic subgroup of the simply connected semisimple complex Lie group G^c . Hence by the above theorem, $E^*(\rho)$ is stable. By Uhlenbeck and Yau, $E^*(\rho)$ admits a unique Hermitian-Einstein connection.

Let $(,)$ be the standard inner product in \mathbf{C}^r . Since K^c is the complexification of a compact Lie group K , there exists a hermitian inner product \langle , \rangle in \mathbf{C}^r which is invariant under $\rho(K^c)$. This defines canonically a hermitian metric in the fibres of $E(J_\rho)$ as follows. On the fibre $E(J_\rho)_z$ over $z \in Y$, we define

$$\langle [x, \xi], [x, \eta] \rangle_z = \langle \xi, \eta \rangle, \quad x \in X, \quad z = \pi(x), \quad \xi, \eta \in \mathbf{C}^r,$$

where $\pi : X \rightarrow Y = \Gamma \backslash X$ is a projection and $[x, \xi]$ is the equivalence class of (x, ξ) in $X \times \mathbf{C}^r$, i. e., $[x, \xi] \in E(J_\rho)_z$. It is well defined. Indeed, for each $\gamma \in \Gamma$, $x \in X$, $\xi, \eta \in \mathbf{C}^r$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle [\gamma x, J_\rho(\gamma, x)\xi], [\gamma x, J_\rho(\gamma, x)\eta] \rangle_z \\ &= \langle J_\rho(\gamma, x)\xi, J_\rho(\gamma, x)\eta \rangle \\ &= \langle \rho(J(\gamma, x))\xi, \rho(J(\gamma, x))\eta \rangle \\ &= \langle \xi, \eta \rangle \quad (\text{since } J(\gamma, x) \in K^c) \\ &= \langle [x, \xi], [x, \eta] \rangle_z. \end{aligned}$$

Thus this hermitian metric gives rise to a flat structure on $E(J_\rho)$. Hence it admits an irreducible Hermitian-Einstein connection and so $E(J_\rho)$ is stable.

Summarizing what we have proved, we state

THEOREM B. *Let ρ be an irreducible holomorphic representation of K^c into $GL(r; \mathbf{C})$. Then $E^*(\rho)$ is H -stable for any ample line bundle H*

over X^n and $E(J_\rho)$ admits an irreducible flat Hermitian-Einstein connection.

REMARK. Let X be a bounded symmetric domain in \mathbf{C}^N and let Γ be a neat arithmetic group on X . Then $Y = \Gamma \backslash X$ is a smooth quasi-projective algebraic variety. Consider the case $Y = \Gamma \backslash X$ is not compact. Given a representation ρ of K , we have then a holomorphic vector bundle $E(J_\rho)$ over Y . We obtain a smooth projective compactification \bar{Y} by the toroidal compactification and thus get the corresponding vector bundle $\bar{E}(J_\rho)$ over \bar{Y} . We refer to D. Mumford [20] for details. The following problem is still open.

PROBLEM. Is $\bar{E}(J_\rho)$ stable? In other words, does $\bar{E}(J_\rho)$ admit a Hermitian-Einstein connection?

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