**Theorem 2.9.** Any finite-dimensional complex Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  has a Cartan subalgebra.

Before coming to the proof, we introduce "regular" elements of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . In  $\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C})$  the regular elements will be the matrices with distinct eigenvalues. Let us consider matters more generally.

If  $\pi$  is a representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on a finite-dimensional vector space V, we can regard each  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$  as generating a 1-dimensional abelian subalgebra, and we can then form  $V_{0,X}$ , the generalized eigenspace for eigenvalue 0 under  $\pi(X)$ . Let

$$l_{\mathfrak{g}}(V) = \min_{X \in \mathfrak{g}} \dim V_{0,X}$$
$$R_{\mathfrak{g}}(V) = \{X \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \dim V_{0,X} = l_{\mathfrak{g}}(V)\}$$

To understand  $l_{\mathfrak{q}}(V)$  and  $R_{\mathfrak{q}}(V)$  better, form the characteristic polynomial

$$\det(\lambda 1 - \pi(X)) = \lambda^n + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} d_j(X)\lambda^j.$$

In any basis of g, the  $d_j(X)$  are polynomial functions on g, as we see by expanding det $(\lambda 1 - \sum \mu_i \pi(X_i))$ . For given X, if j is the smallest value for which  $d_j(X) \neq 0$ , then  $j = \dim V_{0,X}$ , since the degree of the last term in the characteristic polynomial is the multiplicity of 0 as a generalized eigenvalue of  $\pi(X)$ . Thus  $l_g(V)$  is the minimum j such that  $d_j(X) \neq 0$ , and

$$R_{\mathfrak{g}}(V) = \{ X \in \mathfrak{g} \mid d_{l_{\mathfrak{g}}(V)}(X) \neq 0 \}.$$

Let us apply these considerations to the adjoint representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$ . The elements of  $R_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{g})$ , relative to the adjoint representation, are the **regular elements** of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . For any *X* in  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_{0,X}$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  by the corollary of Proposition 2.5, with  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{C}X$ .

**Theorem 2.9'.** If *X* is a regular element of the finite-dimensional complex Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , then the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_{0,X}$  is a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

PROOF. First we show that  $\mathfrak{g}_{0,X}$  is nilpotent. Assuming the contrary, we construct two sets:

- (i) the set of  $Z \in \mathfrak{g}_{0,X}$  such that  $((\operatorname{ad} Z)|_{\mathfrak{g}_{0,X}})^{\dim \mathfrak{g}_{0,X}} \neq 0$ , which is nonempty by Engel's Theorem (Corollary 1.38) and is open
- (ii) the set of  $W \in \mathfrak{g}_{0,X}$  such that ad  $W|_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{g}_{0,X}}$  is nonsingular, which is nonempty since X is in it (regularity is not used here) and is the set where some polynomial is nonvanishing, hence is dense (because if a polynomial vanishes on a nonempty open set, it vanishes identically).

These two sets must have nonempty intersection, and so we can find  $Z \in \mathfrak{g}_{0,X}$  such that

$$((\operatorname{ad} Z)|_{\mathfrak{g}_{0,X}})^{\dim \mathfrak{g}_{0,X}} \neq 0$$
 and  $\operatorname{ad} Z|_{\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{g}_{0,X}}$  is nonsingular.

Then the generalized multiplicity of the eigenvalue 0 for ad *Z* is less than dim  $\mathfrak{g}_{0,X}$ , and hence dim  $\mathfrak{g}_{0,Z} < \dim \mathfrak{g}_{0,X}$ , in contradiction with the regularity of *X*. We conclude that  $\mathfrak{g}_{0,X}$  is nilpotent.

Since  $\mathfrak{g}_{0,X}$  is nilpotent, we can use  $\mathfrak{g}_{0,X}$  to decompose  $\mathfrak{g}$  as in Proposition 2.4. Let  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  be the 0 generalized weight space. Then we have

$$\mathfrak{g}_{0,X} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}_0 = \bigcap_{Y \in \mathfrak{g}_{0,X}} \mathfrak{g}_{0,Y} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}_{0,X}.$$

So  $\mathfrak{g}_{0,X} = \mathfrak{g}_0$ , and  $\mathfrak{g}_{0,X}$  is a Cartan subalgebra.

In this book we shall be interested in Cartan subalgebras  $\mathfrak{h}$  only when  $\mathfrak{g}$  is semisimple. In this case  $\mathfrak{h}$  has special properties, as follows.

**Proposition 2.10.** If  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a complex semisimple Lie algebra and  $\mathfrak{h}$  is a Cartan subalgebra, then  $\mathfrak{h}$  is abelian.

PROOF. Since  $\mathfrak{h}$  is nilpotent and therefore solvable, ad  $\mathfrak{h}$  is solvable as a Lie algebra of transformations of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . By Lie's Theorem (Corollary 1.29) it is simultaneously triangular in some basis. For any three triangular matrices *A*, *B*, *C*, we have Tr(ABC) = Tr(BAC). Therefore

(2.11) 
$$\operatorname{Tr}(\operatorname{ad}[H_1, H_2] \operatorname{ad} H) = 0$$
 for  $H_1, H_2, H \in \mathfrak{h}$ .

Next let  $\alpha$  be any nonzero generalized weight, let *X* be in  $\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}$ , and let *H* be in  $\mathfrak{h}$ . By Proposition 2.5c, ad *H* ad *X* carries  $\mathfrak{g}_{\beta}$  to  $\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha+\beta}$ . Thus Proposition 2.5a shows that

$$(2.12) Tr(ad H ad X) = 0.$$

Specializing (2.12) to  $H = [H_1, H_2]$  and using (2.11) and Proposition 2.5a, we see that the Killing form *B* of g satisfies

$$B([H_1, H_2], X) = 0$$
 for all  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ .

By Cartan's Criterion for Semisimplicity (Theorem 1.42), *B* is nondegenerate. Therefore  $[H_1, H_2] = 0$ , and  $\mathfrak{h}$  is abelian.

**Corollary 2.13.** In a complex semisimple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , a Lie subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  is a Cartan subalgebra if  $\mathfrak{h}$  is maximal abelian and  $ad_{\mathfrak{g}}\mathfrak{h}$  is simultaneously diagonable.

REMARKS.

1) It is immediate from this corollary that the subalgebras  $\mathfrak{h}$  in the examples of §1 are Cartan subalgebras.

2) In the direction converse to the corollary, Proposition 2.10 shows that a Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  is abelian, and it is maximal abelian since  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{g}_0$ . Corollary 2.23 will show for a Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  that  $ad_{\mathfrak{g}}\mathfrak{h}$  is simultaneously diagonable.

PROOF. Since  $\mathfrak{h}$  is abelian and hence nilpotent, Proposition 2.4 shows that  $\mathfrak{g}$  has a weight-space decomposition  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \bigoplus_{\beta \neq 0} \mathfrak{g}_\beta$ . Since  $\mathrm{ad}_{\mathfrak{g}}\mathfrak{h}$  is simultaneously diagonable,  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{r}$  with  $[\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{r}] = 0$ . In view of Proposition 2.7, we are to prove that  $\mathfrak{h} = N_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{h})$ . Here  $\mathfrak{h} \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{h}) \subseteq \mathfrak{g}_0$  by (2.8), and it is enough to show that  $\mathfrak{r} = 0$ . If  $X \neq 0$  is in  $\mathfrak{r}$ , then  $\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C}X$  is an abelian subalgebra properly containing  $\mathfrak{h}$ , in contradiction with  $\mathfrak{h}$  maximal abelian. The result follows.

## 3. Uniqueness of Cartan Subalgebras

We turn to the question of uniqueness of Cartan subalgebras. We begin with a lemma about polynomial mappings.

**Lemma 2.14.** Let  $P : \mathbb{C}^m \to \mathbb{C}^n$  be a holomorphic polynomial function not identically 0. Then the set of vectors z in  $\mathbb{C}^m$  for which P(z) is not the 0 vector is connected in  $\mathbb{C}^m$ .

PROOF. Suppose that  $z_0$  and  $w_0$  in  $\mathbb{C}^m$  have  $P(z_0) \neq 0$  and  $P(w_0) \neq 0$ . As a function of  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $P(z_0 + z(w_0 - z_0))$  is a vector-valued holomorphic polynomial nonvanishing at z = 0 and z = 1. The subset of  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  where it vanishes is finite, and the complement in  $\mathbb{C}$  is connected. Thus  $z_0$  and  $w_0$  lie in a connected set in  $\mathbb{C}^m$  where P is nonvanishing. Taking the union of these connected sets with  $z_0$  fixed and  $w_0$  varying, we see that the set where  $P(w_0) \neq 0$  is connected.

**Theorem 2.15.** If  $\mathfrak{h}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{h}_2$  are Cartan subalgebras of a finitedimensional complex Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , then there exists  $a \in \operatorname{Int} \mathfrak{g}$  with  $a(\mathfrak{h}_1) = \mathfrak{h}_2$ .

Remarks.

1) In particular any two Cartan subalgebras are conjugate by an automorphism of g. As was explained after the introduction of Int g in §I.11, **Proposition 2.78.** The abstract Dynkin diagram associated to the *l*-by-*l* abstract Cartan matrix *A* has the following properties:

- (a) there are at most *l* pairs of vertices i < j with at least one edge connecting them
- (b) there are no loops
- (c) at most three edges issue from any point of the diagram.

PROOF.

(a) With  $\alpha_i$  as in (2.75), put  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \frac{\alpha_i}{|\alpha_i|}$ . Then

$$0 < |\alpha|^{2} = \sum_{i,j} \left\langle \frac{\alpha_{i}}{|\alpha_{i}|}, \frac{\alpha_{j}}{|\alpha_{j}|} \right\rangle$$
$$= \sum_{i} \left\langle \frac{\alpha_{i}}{|\alpha_{i}|}, \frac{\alpha_{i}}{|\alpha_{i}|} \right\rangle + 2 \sum_{i < j} \left\langle \frac{\alpha_{i}}{|\alpha_{i}|}, \frac{\alpha_{j}}{|\alpha_{j}|} \right\rangle$$
$$= l + \sum_{i < j} \frac{2 \langle \alpha_{i}, \alpha_{j} \rangle}{|\alpha_{i}| |\alpha_{j}|}$$
$$= l - \sum_{i < j} \sqrt{A_{ij} A_{ji}}.$$

By Proposition 2.74,  $\sqrt{A_{ij}A_{ji}}$  is 0 or 1 or  $\sqrt{2}$  or  $\sqrt{3}$ . When nonzero, it is therefore  $\geq 1$ . Therefore the right side of (2.79) is

$$\leq l - \sum_{\substack{i < j, \\ \text{connected}}} 1.$$

Hence the number of connected pairs of vertices is < l.

(b) If there were a loop, we could use Operation #1 to remove all vertices except those in a loop. Then (a) would be violated for the loop.

(c) Fix  $\alpha = \alpha_i$  as in (2.75). Consider the vertices that are connected by edges to the *i*<sup>th</sup> vertex. Write  $\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_r$  for the  $\alpha_j$ 's associated to these vertices, and let there be  $l_1, \ldots, l_r$  edges to the *i*<sup>th</sup> vertex. Let *U* be the (r+1)-dimensional vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^l$  spanned by  $\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_r, \alpha$ . Then  $\langle \beta_i, \beta_j \rangle = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  by (b), and hence  $\{\beta_k/|\beta_k|\}_{k=1}^r$  is an orthonormal set. Adjoin  $\delta \in U$  to this set to make an orthonormal basis of *U*. Then  $\langle \alpha, \delta \rangle \neq 0$  since  $\{\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_r, \alpha\}$  is linearly independent. By Parseval's equality,

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have an isomorphism, and then compute what the map is in terms of a basis. Let  $T_n(\mathfrak{g}) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^n T^k(\mathfrak{g})$  be the *n*<sup>th</sup> member of the usual filtration of  $T(\mathfrak{g})$ . We have defined  $U_n(\mathfrak{g})$  to be the image in  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  of  $T_n(\mathfrak{g})$  under the passage  $T(\mathfrak{g}) \to T(\mathfrak{g})/J$ . Thus we can form the composition

$$T_n(\mathfrak{g}) \to (T_n(\mathfrak{g}) + J)/J = U_n(\mathfrak{g}) \to U_n(\mathfrak{g})/U_{n-1}(\mathfrak{g})$$

This composition is onto and carries  $T_{n-1}(\mathfrak{g})$  to 0. Since  $T^n(\mathfrak{g})$  is a vector-space complement to  $T_{n-1}(\mathfrak{g})$  in  $T_n(\mathfrak{g})$ , we obtain an onto linear map

$$T^{n}(\mathfrak{g}) \to U_{n}(\mathfrak{g})/U_{n-1}(\mathfrak{g}).$$

Taking the direct sum over n gives an onto linear map

$$\tilde{\psi}: T(\mathfrak{g}) \to \operatorname{gr} U(\mathfrak{g})$$

that respects the grading.

Appendix A uses the notation *I* for the two-sided ideal in  $T(\mathfrak{g})$  such that  $S(\mathfrak{g}) = T(\mathfrak{g})/I$ :

(3.15) 
$$I = \begin{pmatrix} \text{two-sided ideal generated by all} \\ X \otimes Y - Y \otimes X \text{ with } X \text{ and } Y \\ \text{in } T^{1}(\mathfrak{g}) \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Proposition 3.16.** The linear map  $\tilde{\psi} : T(\mathfrak{g}) \to \operatorname{gr} U(\mathfrak{g})$  respects multiplication and annihilates the defining ideal *I* for  $S(\mathfrak{g})$ . Therefore  $\psi$  descends to an algebra homomorphism

$$(3.17) \qquad \qquad \psi: S(\mathfrak{g}) \to \operatorname{gr} U(\mathfrak{g})$$

that respects the grading. This homomorphism is an isomorphism.

PROOF. Let x be in  $T^r(\mathfrak{g})$  and let y be in  $T^s(\mathfrak{g})$ . Then x + J is in  $U_r(\mathfrak{g})$ , and we may regard  $\tilde{\psi}(x)$  as the coset  $x + T_{r-1}(\mathfrak{g}) + J$  in  $U_r(\mathfrak{g})/U_{r-1}(\mathfrak{g})$ , with 0 in all other coordinates of gr  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  since x is homogeneous. Arguing in a similar fashion with y and xy, we obtain

$$\tilde{\psi}(x) = x + T_{r-1}(\mathfrak{g}) + J, \qquad \tilde{\psi}(y) = y + T_{s-1}(\mathfrak{g}) + J,$$
  
and  $\tilde{\psi}(xy) = xy + T_{r+s-1}(\mathfrak{g}) + J.$ 

Since *J* is an ideal,  $\tilde{\psi}(x)\tilde{\psi}(y) = \tilde{\psi}(xy)$ . General members *x* and *y* of *T*( $\mathfrak{g}$ ) are sums of homogeneous elements, and hence  $\tilde{\psi}$  respects multiplication.

The direct sum of the maps  $\sigma_n$  for  $n \ge 0$  (with  $\sigma_0(1) = 1$ ) is a linear map  $\sigma : S(\mathfrak{g}) \to U(\mathfrak{g})$  such that

$$\sigma(X_1\cdots X_n)=\frac{1}{n!}\sum_{\tau\in\mathfrak{S}_n}X_{\tau(1)}\cdots X_{\tau(n)}.$$

The map  $\sigma$  is called **symmetrization**.

**Lemma 3.22.** The symmetrization map  $\sigma : S(\mathfrak{g}) \to U(\mathfrak{g})$  has associated graded map  $\psi : S(\mathfrak{g}) \to \operatorname{gr} U(\mathfrak{g})$ , with  $\psi$  as in (3.17).

REMARK. See §A.4 for "associated graded map."

PROOF. Let  $\{X_i\}$  be a basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and let  $X_{i_1}^{j_1} \cdots X_{i_k}^{j_k}$ , with  $\sum_m j_m = n$ , be a basis vector of  $S^n(\mathfrak{g})$ . Under  $\sigma$ , this vector is sent to a symmetrized sum, but each term of the sum is congruent mod  $U_{n-1}(\mathfrak{g})$  to  $(n!)^{-1}X_{i_1}^{j_1} \cdots X_{i_k}^{j_k}$ , by Lemma 3.9. Hence the image of  $X_{i_1}^{j_1} \cdots X_{i_k}^{j_k}$  under the associated graded map is

$$= X_{i_1}^{j_1} \cdots X_{i_k}^{j_k} + U_{n-1}(\mathfrak{g}) = \psi(X_{i_1}^{j_1} \cdots X_{i_k}^{j_k}),$$

as asserted.

**Proposition 3.23.** Symmetrization  $\sigma$  is a vector-space isomorphism of  $S(\mathfrak{g})$  onto  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  satisfying

(3.24) 
$$U_n(\mathfrak{g}) = \sigma(S^n(\mathfrak{g})) \oplus U_{n-1}(\mathfrak{g}).$$

PROOF. Formula (3.24) is a restatement of (3.21), and the other conclusion follows by combining Lemma 3.22 and Proposition A.37.

The canonical decomposition of  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  from  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{b}$  when  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  are merely vector spaces is given in the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.25.** Suppose  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{b}$  and suppose  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  are subspaces of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then the mapping  $a \otimes b \mapsto \sigma(a)\sigma(b)$  of  $S(\mathfrak{a}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} S(\mathfrak{b})$  into  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  is a vector-space isomorphism onto.

PROOF. The vector space  $S(\mathfrak{a}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} S(\mathfrak{b})$  is graded consistently for the given mapping, the *n*<sup>th</sup> space of the grading being  $\bigoplus_{p=0}^{n} S^{p}(\mathfrak{a}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} S^{n-p}(\mathfrak{b})$ . The given mapping operates on an element of this space by

$$\sum_{p=0}^{n} a_p \otimes b_{n-p} \mapsto \sum_{p=0}^{n} \sigma(a_p) \sigma(b_{n-p}),$$

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for all  $x \in G$  whenever  $y_1^{-1}y_2$  is in U. Then

$$\begin{split} \|h(y_1^{-1}x) - h(y_2^{-1}x)\|_{2,x} &\leq \|h(y_1^{-1}x) - c(y_1^{-1}x)\|_{2,x} \\ &+ \|c(y_1^{-1}x) - c(y_2^{-1}x)\|_{2,x} \\ &+ \|c(y_2^{-1}x) - h(y_2^{-1}x)\|_{2,x} \\ &= 2\|h - c\|_2 + \|c(y_1^{-1}x) - c(y_2^{-1}x)\|_{2,x} \\ &\leq 2\|h - c\|_2 + \sup_{x \in G} |c(y_1^{-1}x) - c(y_2^{-1}x)| \\ &< 2\epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 = \epsilon. \end{split}$$

**Lemma 4.18.** Let *G* be a compact group, and let *h* be in  $L^2(G)$ . For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist finitely many  $y_i \in G$  and Borel sets  $E_i \subseteq G$  such that the  $E_i$  disjointly cover *G* and

$$||h(y^{-1}x) - h(y_i^{-1}x)||_{2,x} < \epsilon$$
 for all *i* and for all  $y \in E_i$ 

PROOF. By Lemma 4.17 choose an open neighborhood U of 1 so that  $||h(gx) - h(x)||_{2,x} < \epsilon$  whenever g is in U. For each  $z_0 \in G$ ,  $||h(gz_0x) - h(z_0x)||_{2,x} < \epsilon$  whenever g is in U. The set  $Uz_0$  is an open neighborhood of  $z_0$ , and such sets cover G as  $z_0$  varies. Find a finite subcover, say  $Uz_1, \ldots, Uz_n$ , and let  $U_i = Uz_i$ . Define  $F_j = U_j - \bigcup_{i=1}^{j-1} U_i$ . Then the lemma follows with  $y_i = z_i^{-1}$  and  $E_i = F_i^{-1}$ .

**Lemma 4.19.** Let *G* be a compact group, let *f* be in  $L^1(G)$ , and let *h* be in  $L^2(G)$ . Put  $F(x) = \int_G f(y)h(y^{-1}x) dy$ . Then *F* is the limit in  $L^2(G)$  of a sequence of functions, each of which is a finite linear combination of left translates of *h*.

PROOF. Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , choose  $y_i$  and  $E_i$  as in Lemma 4.18, and put  $c_i = \int_{E_i} f(y) dy$ . Then

$$\begin{split} \left\| \int_{G} f(y)h(y^{-1}x) \, dy - \sum_{i} c_{i}h(y_{i}^{-1}x) \right\|_{2,x} \\ &\leq \left\| \sum_{i} \int_{E_{i}} |f(y)| |h(y^{-1}x) - h(y_{i}^{-1}x)| \, dy \right\|_{2,x} \\ &\leq \sum_{i} \int_{E_{i}} |f(y)| \, \|h(y^{-1}x) - h(y_{i}^{-1}x)\|_{2,x} \, dy \\ &\leq \sum_{i} \int_{E_{i}} |f(y)| \epsilon \, dy = \epsilon \|f\|_{1}. \end{split}$$

**Theorem 4.20** (Peter-Weyl Theorem). If G is a compact group, then the linear span of all matrix coefficients for all finite-dimensional irreducible unitary representations of G is dense in  $L^2(G)$ .

- 11. Deduce from Problem 10 that  $\Delta$  carries  $V_N$  onto  $V_{N-2}$ .
- 12. Deduce from Problem 10 that each  $p \in V_N$  decomposes uniquely as

$$p = h_N + |x|^2 h_{N-2} + |x|^4 h_{N-4} + \cdots$$

with  $h_N$ ,  $h_{N-2}$ ,  $h_{N-4}$ , ... homogeneous harmonic of the indicated degrees.

13. Compute the dimension of  $H_N$ .

Problems 14–16 concern Example 2 for SU(n) in §1. Let  $V_N$  be the space of polynomials in  $z_1, \ldots, z_n, \overline{z}_1, \ldots, \overline{z}_n$  that are homogeneous of degree N.

- 14. Show for each pair (p, q) with p + q = N that the subspace  $V_{p,q}$  of polynomials with p z-type factors and q  $\bar{z}$ -type factors is an invariant subspace under SU(n).
- 15. The Laplacian in these coordinates is a multiple of  $\sum_{j} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_j \partial \bar{z}_j}$ . Using the result of Problem 11, prove that the Laplacian carries  $V_{p,q}$  onto  $V_{p-1,q-1}$ .
- 16. Compute the dimension of the subspace of harmonic polynomials in  $V_{p,q}$ .

Problems 17–20 deal with integral forms. In each case the maximal torus *T* is understood to be as in the corresponding example of §5, and the notation for members of  $t^*$  is to be as in the corresponding example of §II.1 (with  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{t}$ ).

- 17. For SU(n), a general member of  $\mathfrak{t}^*$  may be written uniquely as  $\sum_{j=1}^n c_j e_j$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i = 0$ .
  - (a) Prove that the  $\mathbb{Z}$  combinations of roots are those forms with all  $c_j$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
  - (b) Prove that the algebraically integral forms are those for which all  $c_j$  are in  $\mathbb{Z} + \frac{k}{n}$  for some *k*.
  - (c) Prove that every algebraically integral form is analytically integral.
  - (d) Prove that the quotient of the lattice of algebraically integral forms by the lattice of  $\mathbb{Z}$  combinations of roots is a cyclic group of order *n*.
- 18. For SO(2n + 1), a general member of t<sup>\*</sup> is  $\sum_{j=1}^{n} c_j e_j$ .
  - (a) Prove that the  $\mathbb{Z}$  combinations of roots are those forms with all  $c_j$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
  - (b) Prove that the algebraically integral forms are those forms with all  $c_j$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$  or all  $c_j$  in  $\mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{2}$ .
  - (c) Prove that every analytically integral form is a  $\mathbb{Z}$  combination of roots.
- 19. For  $Sp(n, \mathbb{C}) \cap U(2n)$ , a general member of  $\mathfrak{t}^*$  is  $\sum_{j=1}^n c_j e_j$ .
  - (a) Prove that the  $\mathbb{Z}$  combinations of roots are those forms with all  $c_j$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$  and with  $\sum_{j=1}^{n} c_j$  even.