

MAT 562: Symplectic Geometry

Partial Solution to Problem Set 1

Problem A

The $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action on $\mathbb{C}^n$ by the coordinate multiplication restricts to a $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action on $\mathbb{C}^n - \{0\}$ and S^1 -actions on $\mathbb{C}^n$ and the unit sphere $S^{2n-1} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$. Show that

- (a) the quotient topologies on $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ given by $(\mathbb{C}^n - \{0\})/\mathbb{C}^*$ and S^{2n-1}/S^1 are the same (i.e. the map $S^{2n-1}/S^1 \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^n - \{0\})/\mathbb{C}^*$ induced by inclusions is a homeomorphism);
- (b) $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ is a compact topological $2(n-1)$ -manifold that admits a complex structure so that the quotient projections

$$q: \mathbb{C}^n - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{n-1} = (\mathbb{C}^n - \{0\})/\mathbb{C}^* \quad \text{and} \quad p: S^{2n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{n-1} = S^{2n-1}/S^1$$

are a holomorphic submersion and a smooth submersion, respectively;

- (c) the S^1 -action on $\mathbb{C}^n$ preserves the standard symplectic form $\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}$ on $\mathbb{C}^n$;
- (d) the orbits of the restriction of this action to S^{2n-1} are compact connected one-dimensional submanifolds of S^{2n-1} ;
- (e) for each $z \in S^{2n-1}$ the $\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}$ -symplectic complement of $T_z S^{2n-1}$,

$$(T_z S^{2n-1})^{\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}} \equiv \{v \in T_z \mathbb{C}^n : \omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}(v, w) = 0 \ \forall w \in T_z S^{2n-1}\},$$

is the tangent space to the S^1 -orbit at z ;

- (f) there is a unique 2-form $\omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}}$ on $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ such that $p^* \omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}} = \omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}|_{T S^{2n-1}}$, and this form $\omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}}$ is symplectic.

(a) Let $\tilde{i}: S^{2n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n-1} - 0$ and $\tilde{r}: \mathbb{C}^{n-1} - 0 \rightarrow S^{2n-1}$ denote the inclusion and the natural retraction, i.e. $\tilde{r}(v) = v/|v|$. We show that these maps descend to continuous maps between the quotients, i and r below,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^{2n-1} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{i}} & \mathbb{C}^{n-1} - 0 \\ p \downarrow & & \downarrow q \\ S^{2n-1}/S^1 & \xrightarrow{i} & (\mathbb{C}^{n-1} - 0)/\mathbb{C}^* \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}^{n-1} - 0 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{r}} & S^{2n-1} \\ q \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ (\mathbb{C}^{n-1} - 0)/\mathbb{C}^* & \xrightarrow{r} & S^{2n-1}/S^1 \end{array}$$

that are inverses of each other.

The map $q \circ \tilde{i}$ is constant on the fibers of p , since if $v, w \in S^{2n-1}$ and $w = g \cdot v$ for some $g \in S^1$, then $\tilde{i}(w) = g' \cdot \tilde{i}(v)$ for some $g' \in \mathbb{C}^*$ (in fact, $g' = g$). Thus, $q \circ \tilde{i}$ induces a map i from the quotient space S^{2n-1}/S^1 (so that the first diagram commutes); since the map $q \circ \tilde{i}$ is continuous, so is the induced map i . Similarly, the map $p \circ \tilde{r}$ is constant on the fibers of q , since if $v, w \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1} - 0$ and $w = g \cdot v$ for some $g \in \mathbb{C}^*$, then $\tilde{r}(w) = g' \cdot \tilde{r}(v)$ for some $g' \in S^1$ (in fact, $g' = g/|g|$). Thus, $p \circ \tilde{r}$

induces a map r from the quotient space $(\mathbb{C}^{n-1}-0)/\mathbb{C}^*$; since the map $p \circ \tilde{r}$ is continuous, so is the induced map r . Since $\tilde{r} \circ \tilde{i} = \text{id}_{S^{2n-1}}$, $r \circ i = \text{id}_{S^{2n-1}/S^1}$. Similarly, for all $v \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}-0$,

$$\tilde{i} \circ \tilde{r}(v) = (1/|v|)v, \quad 1/|v| \in \mathbb{C}^* \implies q(\tilde{i} \circ \tilde{r}(v)) = q(v) \implies i \circ r = \text{id}_{(\mathbb{C}^{n-1}-0)/\mathbb{C}^*}.$$

(b-i) Since S^{2n-1} is compact, so is the quotient space $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1} = S^{2n-1}/S^1$ (being the image of S^{2n-1} under the continuous map p). For any $A \subset S^{2n-1}$,

$$p^{-1}(p(A)) = S^1 \cdot A \equiv \{g \cdot v : v \in A, g \in S^1\} = \bigcup_{g \in S^1} g^{-1}(A).$$

Thus, $p^{-1}(p(A))$ is the image of the subset $S^1 \times A$ in S^{2n-1} under the continuous multiplication map

$$S^1 \times S^{2n-1} \longrightarrow S^{2n-1}, \quad (g, v) \longrightarrow g \cdot v,$$

and is the union over $g \in S^1$ of the preimages $g^{-1}(A)$ of A under the continuous map

$$g : S^{2n-1} \longrightarrow S^{2n-1}, \quad v \longrightarrow g \cdot v.$$

If A is closed in S^{2n-1} , then $S^1 \times A$ is closed in the compact space $S^1 \times S^{2n-1}$ and thus compact. It then follows from the first statement above that $p^{-1}(p(A))$ is a compact subset of the Hausdorff space S^{2n-1} and thus closed. We conclude that $p(A) \subset S^{2n-1}/S^1$ is closed for all closed subsets $A \subset S^{2n-1}$, i.e. the quotient map p is a closed map. Since S^{2n-1} is normal, by Lemma 73.3 in Munkres's *Topology* the quotient space $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ is normal as well (and in particular, Hausdorff). If A is open in S^{2n-1} , then $g^{-1}(A)$ is also open in S^{2n-1} . It then follows from the second statement above that $p^{-1}(p(A))$ is open in S^{2n-1} as well. We conclude that $p(A) \subset S^{2n-1}/S^1$ is open for all open subsets $A \subset S^{2n-1}$, i.e. the quotient map p is an open map. Since S^{2n-1} is second countable, the quotient space $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ is therefore also second countable.

(b-ii) We now construct a collection of charts $\{(\mathcal{U}_i, \varphi_i)\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$ on $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ that covers $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$. Given a point $(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n - 0$, we denote its equivalence class in

$$\mathbb{C}P^{n-1} = (\mathbb{C}^n - 0)/\mathbb{C}^*$$

by $[X_1, \dots, X_n]$. For $i = 1, \dots, n$, let

$$\mathcal{U}_i = \{[X_1, \dots, X_n] \in \mathbb{C}P^{n-1} : X_i \neq 0\}.$$

Since

$$q^{-1}(\mathcal{U}_i) = \{(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n - 0 : X_i \neq 0\} \equiv \tilde{\mathcal{U}}_i$$

is an open subset of $\mathbb{C}^n - 0$, $\mathcal{U}_i$ is an open subset of $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$. Define

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}_i : \tilde{\mathcal{U}}_i &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n-1} = \mathbb{R}^{2(n-1)} && \text{by} \\ \tilde{\varphi}_i(X_1, \dots, X_n) &= (X_1/X_i, X_2/X_i, \dots, X_{i-1}/X_i, X_{i+1}/X_i, \dots, X_n/X_i). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\tilde{\varphi}_i(c \cdot v) = \tilde{\varphi}_i(v)$, the map $\tilde{\varphi}_i$ induces a map φ_i from the quotient space $\mathcal{U}_i$ of $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}_i$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\tilde{\mathcal{U}}_i & & \\
q \downarrow & \searrow \tilde{\varphi}_i & \\
\mathcal{U}_i & \xrightarrow{\varphi_i} & \mathbb{C}^n
\end{array}$$

Since $\tilde{\varphi}_i$ is continuous, so is φ_i . Define

$$\psi_i: \mathbb{C}^{n-1} \longrightarrow \mathcal{U}_i \quad \text{by} \quad \psi_i(z_1, \dots, z_n) = [z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}, X_i=1, z_i, \dots, z_{n-1}].$$

Since ψ_i is a composition of two continuous maps, ψ_i is continuous. Since $\psi_i \circ \varphi_i = \text{id}_{\mathcal{U}_i}$ and $\varphi_i \circ \psi_i = \text{id}_{\mathbb{C}^{n-1}}$, the map

$$\varphi_i: \mathcal{U}_i \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$$

is a homeomorphism. For every $p \equiv [X_1, \dots, X_n] \in \mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$, there exists $i = 1, \dots, n$ such that $X_i \neq 0$, i.e. $p \in \mathcal{U}_i$. Thus, $\{(\mathcal{U}_i, \varphi_i)\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$ is a collection of charts on $\mathbb{C}P^n$ that covers $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$. In particular, $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ is locally Euclidean of dimension $2n$. Since this collection of charts is countable (actually, finite), it follows that $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ is second countable (since each open subset $\mathcal{U}_i$ is second countable).

(b-iii) We now determine the overlap maps

$$\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1} = \varphi_i \circ \psi_j: \varphi_j(\mathcal{U}_i \cap \mathcal{U}_j) \longrightarrow \varphi_i(\mathcal{U}_i \cap \mathcal{U}_j).$$

Assume that $j < i$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{U}_i \cap \mathcal{U}_j &= \{[X_1, \dots, X_n] \in \mathbb{C}P^{n-1} : X_i, X_j \neq 0\} \implies \\
\varphi_j(\mathcal{U}_i \cap \mathcal{U}_j) &= \{(z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1} : z_{i-1} \neq 0\} \equiv \mathbb{C}_{i-1}^{n-1}, \\
\varphi_i(\mathcal{U}_i \cap \mathcal{U}_j) &= \{(z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1} : z_j \neq 0\} \equiv \mathbb{C}_j^{n-1};
\end{aligned}$$

the assumption $j < i$ is used on the last two lines. By (b-ii), the map

$$\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1}: \mathbb{C}_{i-1}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}_j^n$$

is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1}(z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}) &= \varphi_i \circ \psi_j(z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}) = \varphi_i([z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}, X_j=1, z_j, \dots, z_{n-1}]) \\
&= (z_1/z_i, \dots, z_{j-1}/z_i, 1/z_i, z_j/z_i, \dots, z_{i-1}/z_i, z_{i+1}/z_i, \dots, z_{n-1}/z_i).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the overlap map $\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1}$ is holomorphic on its domain, as is its inverse, $\varphi_j \circ \varphi_i^{-1}$; both maps are given by rational functions on $\mathbb{C}^{n-1}$. We conclude that the collection $\mathcal{F}_0 = \{(\mathcal{U}_i, \varphi_i)\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$ determines a complex structure on $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$.

(b-iv) For each $i = 1, \dots, n$, the composition $\varphi_i \circ q|_{\tilde{\mathcal{U}}_i} = \tilde{\varphi}_i$ is a holomorphic submersion (even when restricted to the slices with X_i fixed). Thus, $q|_{\tilde{\mathcal{U}}_i}$ is a holomorphic submersion. Since the open subsets $\mathcal{U}_1, \dots, \mathcal{U}_n$ cover $\mathbb{C}^n - \{0\}$, it follows that the entire projection q is a submersion. Since $p = q \circ \tilde{i}$, the projection p is also smooth. Since $q = p \circ \tilde{r}$, p is a submersion as well.

(c) For $u \in S^1$,

$$\begin{aligned} u^* \omega_{\mathbb{C}^n} &= u^* \left(\frac{i}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n dz_j \wedge d\bar{z}_j \right) = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n d(u^* z_j) \wedge d(u^* \bar{z}_j) = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n d(uz_j) \wedge d(\overline{uz_j}) \\ &= \frac{i}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n u \bar{u} dz_j \wedge d\bar{z}_j = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n dz_j \wedge d\bar{z}_j = \omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}. \end{aligned}$$

(d) The orbit through $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ is the image of the map

$$S^1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n, \quad e^{it} \longrightarrow e^{it} z.$$

This is an embedding (it is smooth, injective, with everywhere injective differential) if $z \neq 0$. Thus, the orbits of the restriction of this S^1 -action to S^{2n-1} are embedded circles.

(e) Define $H: \mathbb{C}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $H(z) = |z|^2/2$. For each $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$, the composition of the map in (d) with the projection

$$\mathbb{R} \longrightarrow S^1, \quad t \longrightarrow e^{it},$$

determines the time t flow $\phi_t: \mathbb{C}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ for the Hamiltonian vector field ζ_H . For each $z \in S^{2n-1} = H^{-1}(2)$, the tangent space to the S^1 -orbit at z is thus $\mathbb{R}\zeta_H(z)$. If in addition $w \in T_z S^{2n-1}$, then

$$\omega(\zeta_H(z), w) = -d_z H(w) = 0.$$

Thus, the tangent space to the S^1 -orbit at z is contained in $(T_z S^{2n-1})^{\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}}$. Since

$$\dim T_z S^{2n-1} + \dim (T_z S^{2n-1})^{\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}} = \dim T_z \mathbb{C}^n,$$

it follows that $(T_z S^{2n-1})^{\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}}$ is the tangent space to the S^1 -orbit at z .

(f) Since p is a smooth submersion, the homomorphisms

$$p^*: \Lambda^*(T^*(\mathbb{C}P^{n-1})) \longrightarrow \Lambda^*(T^*S^{2n-1}) \quad \text{and} \quad p^*: \Omega^*(\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}) \longrightarrow \Omega^*(S^{2n-1})$$

are injective. Thus, there is at most one 2-form $\omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}}$ on $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ with $p^* \omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}} = \omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}|_{TS^{2n-1}}$. Furthermore, if such a form $\omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}}$ does exist, it must be smooth and satisfy

$$p^* d\omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}} = d(p^* \omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}}) = d(\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}|_{TS^{2n-1}}) = (d\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n})|_{TS^{2n-1}} = 0.$$

Since p^* is injective, $\omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}}$ must also be closed.

We define a 2-form $\omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}}$ on $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ by the condition $p^* \omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}} = \omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}|_{TS^{2n-1}}$, i.e.

$$\omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}}|_{p(z)}(d_z p(v), d_z p(w)) = \omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}|_z(v, w) \quad \forall v, w \in T_z S^{2n-1}, z \in S^{2n-1}.$$

Since $\ker d_z p = \mathbb{R}\zeta_H(z)$ is the tangent space to the S^1 -orbit at z and is contained in $(T_z S^{2n-1})^{\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}}$ by (e), the right-hand side above depends only on z , $d_z p(v)$, and $d_z p(w)$. Since the S^1 -action on $\mathbb{C}^n$ preserves $\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}$, the right-hand side depends only on $d_z p(v)$ and $d_z p(w)$, i.e. the 2-form $\omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}}$ is well-defined by the above. If $z \in S^{2n-1}$, $v \in T_z S^{2n-1}$, and $d_z p(v) \neq 0$, then v is not tangent to the S^1 -orbit at z , i.e.

$$v \in T_z S^{2n-1} - \mathbb{R}\zeta_H(z) \subset T_z S^{2n-1} - (T_z S^{2n-1})^{\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}}$$

by (e). Thus, there exists $w \in T_z S^{2n-1}$ such that $\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}(v, w) \neq 0$. We conclude that $\omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}}$ is nondegenerate.

Problem B

Let Y be a smooth manifold, λ_{T^*Y} be the canonical 1-form on T^*Y , and $\omega_{T^*Y} \equiv -d\lambda_{T^*Y}$ be the canonical symplectic form on T^*Y .

(a) Suppose $y \in Y$. Show that there is a canonical decomposition $T_y(T^*Y) = T_yY \oplus T_y^*Y$ and

$$\omega_{T^*Y}|_y(v, w) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } v, w \in T_yY \text{ or } v, w \in T_y^*Y; \\ w(v), & v \in T_yY \text{ and } w \in T_y^*Y. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Suppose instead that $\alpha \in \Omega^1(Y)$. Show that

(b) $\alpha^* \lambda_{T^*Y} = \alpha$;

(c) the map $\phi_\alpha: T^*Y \rightarrow T^*Y$, $\phi_\alpha(\theta) = \alpha_{\pi(\theta)} - \theta$, is a smooth involution (i.e. $\phi_\alpha \circ \phi_\alpha = \text{id}_{T^*Y}$) satisfying $\phi_\alpha^* \lambda_{T^*Y} = \pi^* \alpha - \lambda_{T^*Y}$, where $\pi: T^*Y \rightarrow Y$ is the bundle projection;

(d) the involution ϕ_α above is anti-symplectic (i.e. $\phi_\alpha^* \omega_{T^*Y} = -\omega_{T^*Y}$) if and only if $d\alpha = 0$.

(a) The tangent space T_yY to the zero section $Y \subset T^*Y$ is complementary to the vertical tangent space $T_y^*Y \subset T_y(T^*Y)$, which gives the required decomposition. Since the restrictions of λ_{T^*Y} to $Y \subset T^*Y$ and to fibers of $\pi: T^*Y \rightarrow Y$ vanish and the differential d commutes with these restrictions, the first case in (1) is immediate. With v, w as in the second case, let ξ, ζ be vector fields on T^*Y so that

$$\xi(y) = v, \quad \zeta(y) = w, \quad \text{and} \quad \xi(y') \in T_{y'}Y \quad \forall y' \in Y.$$

Thus,

$$d\lambda_{T^*Y}(v, w) = v(\lambda_{T^*Y}(\zeta)) - w(\lambda_{T^*Y}(\xi)) - \lambda_{T^*Y}|_y([\xi, \zeta]);$$

see Warner's 2.25(f). The first term on the right-hand side above vanishes because $v \in T_yY$ and $\lambda_{T^*Y}|_{y'} = 0$ for all $y' \in Y$; the last term vanishes because $\lambda_{T^*Y}|_y = 0$. Finally,

$$w(\lambda_{T^*Y}(\xi)) = \frac{d}{dt}(\lambda_{T^*Y}|_{tw}(\xi(tw))) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{d}{dt}(tw(d_{tw}\pi(\xi(tw)))) \Big|_{t=0} = w(d_y\pi(\xi(y))) = w(v).$$

This establishes the second case of (1).

(b) For $y \in Y$,

$$\{\alpha^* \lambda_{T^*Y}\}|_y = \lambda_{T^*Y}|_{\alpha(y)} \circ d_y \alpha = \{\alpha(y)\} (d_{\alpha(y)} \pi \circ d_y \alpha) = \alpha(y).$$

This establishes the claim.

(c) For $\theta \in T^*Y$,

$$\phi_\alpha^2(\theta) = \alpha_{\pi(\phi_\alpha(\theta))} - \phi_\alpha(\theta) = \alpha_{\pi(\theta)} - (\alpha_{\pi(\theta)} - \theta) = \theta,$$

i.e. ϕ_α is an involution. Furthermore,

$$\{\phi_\alpha^* \lambda_{T^*Y}\}|_\theta = \lambda_{T^*Y}|_{\phi_\alpha(\theta)} \circ d_\theta \phi_\alpha = \{\phi_\alpha(\theta)\} \circ d_{\phi_\alpha(\theta)} \pi \circ d_\theta \phi_\alpha = \{\alpha_{\pi(\theta)} - \theta\} \circ d_{\phi_\alpha(\theta)} \pi = \{\pi^* \alpha\}|_\theta - \lambda_{T^*Y}|_\theta,$$

as claimed.

(d) By (c),

$$-\phi_\alpha^* \omega_{T^*Y} = d(\phi_\alpha^* \lambda_{T^*Y}) = \pi^*(d\alpha) - d\lambda_{T^*Y} = \pi^*(d\alpha) + \omega_{T^*Y}.$$

Since π is a submersion, $\pi^*(d\alpha) = 0$ if and only if $d\alpha = 0$.