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Topologia. — *On the Betti number of a compact special almost Tachibana space.* Nota di SEIICHI YAMAGUCHI e FUMIZÔ MATSUMOTO, presentata (*) dal Socio G. SANSONE.

RIASSUNTO. — Gli Autori provano che il primo numero del Betti di uno speciale spazio compatto M , quasi Tachibana, è zero, e che il terzo numero del Betti di M è zero o un numero pari.

§ 0. INTRODUCTION

Let M be a C^∞ n -dimensional almost Hermitian space with the structure tensor (φ_j^i, g_{ji}) . M is called an almost Tachibana space (resp. a special almost Tachibana space) if the associated form is a Killing 2-form (resp. a special Killing 2-form with constant $\alpha (\neq 0)$). For such spaces, the following theorems have been proved.

THEOREM A [10]. *The first Betti number of a compact almost Tachibana space is zero or even.*

THEOREM B [5]. *In a compact almost Tachibana space, a necessary and sufficient condition that a pure p -form u be covariant almost analytic is that u is harmonic.*

THEOREM C [11]. *Any special almost Tachibana space is a 6-dimensional Einstein space.*

THEOREM D [11]. *Let M be a compact special almost Tachibana space with non-negative holomorphic bisectional curvature. Then M is isometric with a 6-dimensional sphere S^6 .*

The purpose of this paper is to study harmonic 3-forms in a compact special almost Tachibana space and to prove the followings:

THEOREM 1. *In a compact special almost Tachibana space, if u is a harmonic 3-form, then Φu is also harmonic, where the operator Φ is given by (1.8).*

THEOREM 2. *The odd Betti number of a compact special almost Tachibana space is zero or even.*

§ 1. ALMOST TACHIBANA SPACE

Let M be an n -dimensional almost Hermitian space with local coordinate system $\{x^i\}$, almost complex structure φ_j^i and metric tensor g_{ji} . To the almost Hermitian structure, a differential form $\varphi = 1/2 \varphi_{ji} dx^j \wedge dx^i$ can be associated, where $\varphi_{ji} = \varphi_j^r g_{ri}$.

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In this section, suppose that M is an almost Tachibana space. Then, by definition, it holds that

$$(1.1) \quad \nabla_j \varphi_{ih} + \nabla_i \varphi_{jh} = 0,$$

where ∇ denotes the operator of covariant derivation with respect to the Riemannian connection. Therefore, to the almost Tachibana structure, a differential form

$$\psi = 1/3! \psi_{ijh} dx^i \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^h$$

can be associated, where we put

$$\psi_{ijh} = \nabla_i \varphi_{jh}.$$

Now, we shall recall some operators and identities between them in M [4]. The operators $\Gamma, \gamma, \mathfrak{D}$, etc. are defined by

$$(1.2) \quad (\Gamma u)_{i_0 \dots i_p} = \sum_{\alpha=0}^p (-1)^\alpha \varphi_{i_\alpha}{}^r \nabla_r u_{i_0 \dots \hat{i}_\alpha \dots i_p},$$

$$(1.3) \quad (\gamma u)_{i_0 \dots i_p} = \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} (-1)^\alpha \nabla_{i_\alpha} \varphi_{i_\beta}{}^r u_{i_0 \dots \hat{i}_\alpha \dots \hat{i}_\beta \dots i_p}^{i\beta},$$

$$(1.4) \quad (\mathfrak{D} u)_{i_0 \dots i_p} = \sum_{\alpha < \beta} (-1)^\alpha \varphi^{rs} \nabla_r \varphi_{i_\alpha i_\beta} u_{i_0 \dots \hat{i}_\alpha \dots \hat{i}_\beta \dots i_p}^{i\beta},$$

$$(1.5) \quad (\mathbf{C} u)_{i_2 \dots i_p} = \varphi^{rs} \nabla_r u_{s i_2 \dots i_p},$$

$$(1.6) \quad (cu)_{i_2 \dots i_p} = \sum_{\alpha=2}^p \nabla^r \varphi_{i_\alpha}^s u_{r i_2 \dots \hat{i}_\alpha \dots i_p}^{i\alpha},$$

$$(1.7) \quad (\mathfrak{D} u)_{i_2 \dots i_p} = \sum_{\alpha=2}^p \varphi_{i_\alpha}{}^r \nabla^s \varphi_r{}^t u_{t i_2 \dots \hat{i}_\alpha \dots i_p}^{i\alpha},$$

$$(1.8) \quad (\Phi u)_{i_1 \dots i_p} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \varphi_{i_\alpha}{}^r u_{i_1 \dots \hat{i}_\alpha \dots i_p}^{i\alpha},$$

$$(1.9) \quad (\mathbf{L} u)_{k h i_1 \dots i_p} = \varphi_{kh} u_{i_1 \dots i_p} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \varphi_{i_\alpha h} u_{i_1 \dots \hat{i}_\alpha \dots i_p}^{i\alpha} \\ - \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \varphi_{k i_\alpha} u_{i_1 \dots \hat{i}_\alpha \dots i_p}^{i\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha < \beta} \varphi_{i_\alpha i_\beta} u_{i_1 \dots \hat{i}_\alpha \dots \hat{i}_\beta \dots i_p}^{i\alpha i\beta},$$

$$(1.10) \quad (\tilde{\mathbf{C}} u)_{i_3 \dots i_p} = 1/2 \psi^{rst} \nabla_r u_{s t i_3 \dots i_p},$$

$$(1.11) \quad (\Lambda u)_{i_3 \dots i_p} = 1/2 \varphi^{rs} u_{r s i_3 \dots i_p},$$

$$(1.12) \quad (\tilde{\Lambda} u)_{i_4 \dots i_p} = 1/6 \psi^{rst} u_{r s t i_4 \dots i_p},$$

for any p -form $u = (u_{i_1 \dots i_p})$, where we put $\psi^{rst} = \nabla^r \varphi^{st}$.

For the forms u_0, u_1 and u_2 of degree 0, 1 and 2, we define $\tilde{\Lambda}u_2 = 0$, $\tilde{\Lambda}u_1 = \Lambda u_1 = \tilde{\mathbf{C}}u_1 = cu_1 = \vartheta u_1 = 0$ and $\tilde{\Lambda}u_0 = \Lambda u_0 = \tilde{\mathbf{C}}u_0 = cu_0 = \vartheta u_0 = \gamma u_0 = \mathfrak{D}u_0 = \mathbf{C}u_0 = \Phi u_0 = 0$.

Then the following relations hold good for any $p (\geq 0)$ -form u ,

$$(1.13) \quad (\Lambda L - L\Lambda) u = (m - p) u,$$

$$(1.14) \quad (d\Lambda - \Lambda d) u = (1/2 c - \mathbf{C}) u,$$

$$(1.15) \quad (\Gamma\Lambda - \Lambda\Gamma) u = (\delta + 1/2 \vartheta) u,$$

$$(1.16) \quad (\mathbf{C}L - L\mathbf{C}) u = (\mathfrak{D} - d) u,$$

$$(1.17) \quad (cL - Lc) u = -4 \mathfrak{D}u,$$

$$(1.18) \quad (\delta L - L\delta) u = (\Gamma - 1/2 \gamma) u,$$

$$(1.19) \quad (\gamma\Lambda - \Lambda\gamma) u = -2 \vartheta u,$$

$$(1.20) \quad (\delta\tilde{\Lambda} + \tilde{\Lambda}\delta) u = 0,$$

$$(1.21) \quad (\Delta\Lambda - \Lambda\Delta) u = -1/2 (\delta c + c\delta) u - 3 (\tilde{\Lambda}d + d\tilde{\Lambda}) u,$$

$$(1.22) \quad (\Phi\Delta - \Delta\Phi) u = -1/2 (\delta\gamma + \gamma\delta + cd + dc) u.$$

Let (w, u) be the global inner product of p -forms w and u , then we have for a p -form u and a $(p+2)$ -form v

$$(1.23) \quad (L u, v) = (u, \Lambda v).$$

§ 2. SPECIAL ALMOST TACHIBANA SPACE

In the following, we assume that M is a special almost Tachibana space. Then, the associated form φ is a special Killing 2-form with constant $\alpha (\neq 0)$, that is, it satisfies (1.1) and the equation

$$(2.1) \quad \nabla_k \nabla_j \varphi_{ih} = -\alpha (g_{kj} \varphi_{ih} - g_{ki} \varphi_{jh} + g_{kh} \varphi_{ji}).$$

Then we can easily show $\alpha > 0$. In M , the following identities are known [11]:

$$(2.2) \quad R_{jirs} \varphi^{rs} = -2 \alpha \varphi_{ji},$$

$$(2.3) \quad R_{ji} = 5 \alpha g_{ji},$$

$$(2.4) \quad R = 30 \alpha.$$

Let us prove

PROPOSITION 2.1. *In M , we have for a p -form u*

$$(2.5) \quad (d\tilde{\Lambda} + \tilde{\Lambda}d) u = [\tilde{\mathbf{C}} - (p-2) \alpha \Lambda] u.$$

Proof. Making use of (2.1), we have after some complicated calculations

$$\begin{aligned} 6(d\tilde{\Lambda}u + \tilde{\Lambda}du)_{i_3 \dots i_p} &= 3\psi^{rst}\nabla_r u_{sti_3 \dots i_p} - 3(p-2)\alpha\varphi^{rs}u_{rsi_3 \dots i_p} \\ &= 6[\tilde{\mathbf{C}}u - (p-2)\alpha\Lambda u]_{i_3 \dots i_p}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

PROPOSITION 2.2. *In M, we have for a p-form u*

$$(2.6) \quad (\Delta\tilde{\Lambda} - \tilde{\Lambda}\Delta)u = (\delta\tilde{\mathbf{C}} - \tilde{\mathbf{C}}\delta)u + (p-2)\alpha(\Lambda\delta - \delta\Lambda)u.$$

Proof. Operating δ to (2.5), it follows that

$$\delta d\tilde{\Lambda}u + \delta\tilde{\Lambda}du = \delta\tilde{\mathbf{C}}u - (p-2)\alpha\delta\Lambda u.$$

If we apply d to (1.20), then

$$d\delta\tilde{\Lambda}u + d\tilde{\Lambda}\delta u = 0.$$

Therefore, adding side by side of these identities and taking account of (1.20) and (2.5), we can easily find (2.6).

§ 3. PROOFS OF THEOREMS

In this section, we suppose that M is a compact special almost Tachibana space and u is a harmonic 3-form. We divide the proof of Theorem 1 into several Lemmas.

LEMMA 3.1. *In M, we have $\tilde{\Lambda}u = 0$ for u .*

Proof. For u , the equation (2.6) can be rewritten as

$$(3.1) \quad \Delta\tilde{\Lambda}u = \delta\tilde{\mathbf{C}}u - \alpha\delta\Lambda u.$$

On the other hand, making use of (2.2) and (2.4), it follows that

$$(3.2) \quad \delta\tilde{\mathbf{C}}u = -9\alpha\tilde{\Lambda}u.$$

Furthermore, we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad \delta\Lambda u = -3\tilde{\Lambda}u$$

by virtue of $\delta u = 0$. Thus, with the aid of (3.2) and (3.3), the equation (3.1) reduces to

$$\Delta\tilde{\Lambda}u = -6\alpha\tilde{\Lambda}u.$$

Consequently, the integral formula

$$(\Delta\tilde{\Lambda}u, \tilde{\Lambda}u) = -6\alpha(\tilde{\Lambda}u, \tilde{\Lambda}u)$$

is true and therefore we get $\tilde{\Lambda}u = 0$, because of $\alpha > 0$.

LEMMA 3.2. *In M, we have $\Lambda u = Lu = 0$ for u .*

Proof. In the first place, we shall show $\Lambda u = 0$. Applying ∇_i to $\psi_{j\bar{h}k} u^{j\bar{h}k} = 0$ obtained by Lemma 3.1 and taking account of (2.1), it holds that

$$(3.4) \quad \psi^{j\bar{h}k} \nabla_i u_{j\bar{h}k} = 3 \alpha \varphi^{j\bar{h}} u_{j\bar{h}i}.$$

By the way, since the equation $(du)_{ij\bar{h}k} = 0$ holds good for u , if we contract this with $\psi^{j\bar{h}k}$, then

$$(3.5) \quad 3 \psi^{j\bar{h}k} \nabla_j u_{h\bar{k}i} = \nabla_i u_{j\bar{h}k} \psi^{j\bar{h}k},$$

and we get with the aid of (3.4) and (3.5)

$$\psi^{j\bar{h}k} \nabla_j u_{h\bar{k}i} = \alpha \varphi^{j\bar{h}} u_{j\bar{h}i},$$

or

$$(3.6) \quad \tilde{\mathbf{C}}u = \alpha \Lambda u.$$

Hence, by making use of (1.21) and (2.1), it follows that

$$(3.7) \quad \Delta \Lambda u = -2 \alpha \Lambda u.$$

M being compact, it means that $\Lambda u = 0$. In the next place, let us prove $Lu = 0$. Regarding to $m = p = 3$ and $\Lambda u = 0$, we have $\Lambda Lu = 0$ from (1.13). Then the integral formula

$$0 = (\Lambda Lu, u) = (Lu, Lu)$$

holds good, which means that $Lu = 0$.

LEMMA 3.3. *In M, we have $\mathbf{C}u = cu = 0$ and $\Gamma u = \gamma u = 0$ for u .*

Proof. Regarding to Lemma 3.2, (1.16) and (1.17), we have

$$(3.8) \quad L\mathbf{C}u = -\mathfrak{D}u, \quad Lcu = 4\mathfrak{D}u$$

for u , and consequently, by virtue of (1.14) and (3.8), it holds that $\mathfrak{D}u = 0$. Moreover, it follows that

$$\Lambda L\mathbf{C}u - L\Lambda \mathbf{C}u = \mathbf{C}u$$

from (1.13), (3.8) and $\mathfrak{D}u = 0$, which denotes

$$L\Lambda \mathbf{C}u = -\mathbf{C}u.$$

Hence, the integral formula

$$(\Lambda \mathbf{C}u, \mathbf{C}u) = -(\mathbf{C}u, \mathbf{C}u)$$

is true, which shows that $\mathbf{C}u = 0$.

Furthermore, by virtue of $\mathbf{C}u = 0$ and (1.14), we find $cu = 0$. Similarly, from Lemma 3.2, (1.13), (1.15), (1.18) and (1.19), we can obtain $\Gamma u = \gamma u = 0$. These complete the proof of Lemma 3.3.

Proof of Theorem 1. As the equations $\gamma u = 0$ and $cu = 0$ are true for u , we can easily obtain $\Delta \Phi u = 0$ from (1.22). This means that Φu is harmonic.

Proof of Theorem 2. The first Betti number of M is zero, because of Theorem C and $R > 0$. Moreover by making use of Theorem 1 and the method of [1] and [9], the third Betti number of M is zero or even. This completes the proof.

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