

Recall:

the categorical correspondence given by the Riemann-Hilbert correspondence:

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{loc}}(X, n) \simeq \mathcal{C}_{\text{flat}}(X, n)$$

Today: define a new category so that it is equivalent to a full subcategory of

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{flat}}(X, n)$$

$$\subsetneq \mathcal{C}_{\text{flat}}(X, n)$$

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{DR}}(X, n) \simeq \mathcal{C}_{\text{Del}}(X, n)$$

Setting: (X, ω) cplx Kähler mfd. $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = n$

In particular, smooth proj. mfd.

§ 1. Higgs bundles and Hermitian metrics

Def 1.1 $\Sigma := (E, \bar{\partial}_E)$ be a hol. vector bundle. a Higgs field is a morphism of hol.

bundles (sheaf morphism)

$$\varphi: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma \otimes \Omega_X^1$$

s.t.

$$\varphi \wedge \varphi = 0$$

in $\text{End}(E) \otimes \Omega_X^2$.

$$\Sigma \xrightarrow{\varphi} \Sigma \otimes \Omega_X^1 \xrightarrow{\varphi \otimes \text{id}_{\Omega_X^1}} \Sigma \otimes \Omega_X^1 \otimes \Omega_X^1 \xrightarrow{\wedge} \Sigma \otimes \Omega_X^2$$

(Σ, φ) or $(E, \bar{\partial}_E, \varphi)$ is called a Higgs bundle.

Prop. A Higgs field φ is a holomorphic section $\varphi \in H^0(X, \text{End}(E) \otimes \Omega_X^1)$ s.t. $\varphi \wedge \varphi = 0$.

The above definition has a C^∞ interpretation:

E smooth complex vector bundle. define

$$D'' : A^0(X, E) \rightarrow A^1(X, E)$$

satisfies

(1) $\bar{\partial}$ -Leibniz rule:

$$D''(f s) = \bar{\partial} f \otimes s + f D''(s)$$

$$\forall f \in \tilde{C}^\infty(X, \mathbb{C}) \\ s \in \Lambda^p(X, E)$$

(2) integrability condition:

$$(D'')^2 = 0$$

under natural extension

$$D'': \Lambda^p(X, E) \rightarrow \Lambda^{p+1}(X, E)$$

Indeed, decompose D'' into different types:

$$D'' = \varphi + \bar{\partial}_E$$

then

$$(D'')^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} (\bar{\partial}_E)^2 = 0 \\ \bar{\partial}_E \varphi = 0 \\ \varphi \wedge \varphi = 0 \end{cases} \quad \bar{\partial}_E \circ \varphi + \varphi \circ \bar{\partial}_E$$

(1) & (2) $\Leftrightarrow (E, \bar{\partial}_E, \varphi)$ is Higgs bundle.

Ex.: $m=1$ is. X cpt. R.S. $g \geq 2$

$$(1) K_X := T_{1,0}^* X \text{ holo. cotangent bundle} \quad K_X = \underline{\Omega}_X^1 = \Lambda^1(T_{1,0}^* X) = T_{1,0}^* X$$

line bundle.

choose a square root $K_X^{\frac{1}{2}}$ of K_X (2^{2g} choices)

then the following is a Higgs bundle.

$$(E = K_X^{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus K_X^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \varphi_2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix})$$

$$1: K_X^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow K_X^{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus K_X$$

$$0_2: K_X^{-\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow K_X^{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus K_X$$

i.e. $\varphi_2 \in H^0(X, K_X^2)$ holo. quadratic differential

Hitchin: space of φ_2 i.e. $H^0(X, K_X^2)$ parametrizes the Teichmüller space of the

underlying oriented smooth surface S of X

$$(2) \quad (\Sigma = K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X \oplus K_X^{-1}, \quad \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \overset{g_2}{\downarrow} 0 & g_3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow g_2 \right)$$

$$g_3: K_X^{-1} \rightarrow K_X \otimes K_X \quad \text{is. } g_3 \in H^0(X, K_X^3)$$

holo. cubic differential

$$(3) \quad \text{In general. } \Sigma = \text{Sym}^n(K_X^{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus K_X^{\frac{1}{2}}) = K_X^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \oplus K_X^{\frac{n}{2}} \oplus \dots \oplus K_X^{-\frac{n-1}{2}} \quad \text{rk } n$$

$$\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g_2 & g_3 & \dots & g_n \\ 1 & 0 & g_2 & \dots & g_{n-1} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_i: K_X^{\frac{n-i+1}{2}} \rightarrow K_X^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \otimes K_X \quad \text{is. } g_i \in H^0(X, K_X^i)$$

holo. i -th differential

Hitchin: if we regard $g := (g_2, \dots, g_n) \in \bigoplus_{i=2}^n H^0(X, K_X^i)$, then the Higgs bundles

(Σ, φ) considered above are located in the image of a section of Hitchin

morphism, called $\frac{a}{\text{Hitchin section}}$.

\updownarrow

$$\rho: \text{Pic}(X, r) \rightarrow \text{St}(n, \mathbb{R})$$

Now. (E, Σ, φ) a Higgs bundle. h. a given hermitian metric. recall

$$g_c: A^k(X, E) \times A^k(X, E) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$(a, \beta) \mapsto g_c(a, \beta) \text{ Vol}_g := a \wedge \bar{*}\beta$$

\rightarrow induces an inner product on bundle-valued \mathbb{C} -forms:

$$\langle \rangle_{g,h}: A^k(X, E) \times A^k(X, E) \rightarrow A^0(X, \mathbb{C})$$

$$(\bar{\partial} \otimes u, \rho \otimes v) \mapsto g_{\alpha\beta}(\alpha, \beta) \cdot h(u, v)$$

$$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$$

$$A^k(x, \mathbb{C}) \quad A^0(x, E)$$

Chern connection:

$$\bar{\partial}_E \otimes h \rightsquigarrow \bar{\partial}_h \quad \bar{\partial}\text{-type operator}$$

\(\bar{\partial}\)-Leibniz rule.

$$\varphi \otimes h \rightsquigarrow \varphi^{*h} \quad \text{v.c.a.}$$

$$h(\varphi(u), v) = h(u, \varphi^{*h}(v))$$

adjoint operator of φ

locally. Choose $\{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$. $\varphi = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \varphi_{\alpha} dz_{\alpha}$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi^{*h} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \varphi_{\alpha}^{*h} d\bar{z}_{\alpha}$$

where $\varphi_{\alpha}^{*h} = \bar{H}^{-1} \cdot \bar{\varphi}_{\alpha}^T \cdot \bar{H}$ for H the Hermitian matrix corresponding to h

Introduce

$$\nabla_h := D_h + \varphi + \varphi^{*h}$$

||
(\(\partial + \bar{\partial}_E\))

It's easy to check ∇_h is C^{∞} connection on E .

$$\nabla_h: T^0(x, E) \rightarrow A^1(x, E)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \nabla_h(f \cdot s) = df \otimes s + f \nabla_h(s)$$

Def 2.2 h on $(E, \bar{\partial}_E, \varphi)$ is a pluri-harmonic metric if the induced C^{∞} connection ∇_h

$$\text{is flat, i.e. } \nabla_h^2 = 0$$

$\leadsto (E, \bar{\partial}_E, \varphi, h)$ harmonic Higgs bundle.

Prf.: By definition

$$\nabla_h^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (D_h + \varphi + \varphi^{*h})^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} D_h^2 + [\varphi, \varphi^{*h}] = 0 \\ \partial_h \varphi = 0 \left(= \bar{\partial}_E(\varphi^{*h}) \right) \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

since $(\partial_h \varphi)^{*h} = \bar{\partial}_E(\varphi^{*h})$

(*) is called the Hitchin's self-duality equation.

$$\begin{aligned} (D_h + \varphi + \varphi^{*h})^2 &= D_h^2 + \varphi \wedge \varphi + \varphi^{*h} \wedge \varphi^{*h} + [\varphi, \varphi^{*h}] \\ &\quad + \partial_h(\varphi) + \partial_h(\varphi^{*h}) + \bar{\partial}_E(\varphi) + \bar{\partial}_E(\varphi^{*h}) \\ &\stackrel{''}{=} \partial_h + \bar{\partial}_E \end{aligned}$$

$$\# D_h^2 = (\partial_h + \bar{\partial}_E)^2 = \partial_h^2 + \bar{\partial}_E^2 + [\partial_h, \bar{\partial}_E]$$

In particular, if $m=1$, then

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow D_h^2 + [\varphi, \varphi^{*h}] = 0$$

Def 2.3 h is harmonic if $\Lambda \omega F_h = 0$ for $F_h := \nabla_h^2$

h is Hermite-Einstein if $\Lambda \omega F_h = \lambda \cdot \text{Id}_E$

Prf: Easy to check

$$\lambda = -2\pi \frac{\text{deg } E}{\text{rk}(E) \cdot \text{vol}(X)}$$

Prf: By definition:

pluri-harmonic \Rightarrow harmonic \Rightarrow Hermite-Einstein

Hermite-Einstein & $c_1(E) = 0 \Rightarrow$ harmonic.

Q: When ^{is} a hermitian metric pluri-harmonic?

Recall total Chern class of E can be defined via any connection ∇

$$\det(\text{Id} + \frac{F_\nabla}{2\pi}) = 1 + c_1(E) + c_2(E) + \dots$$

$$c_i(E) \in H^{2i}(X, \mathbb{Z})$$

Prop 2.4 A hermitian metric is pluri-harmonic if and only if $c_2(E) = 0$.

pf. "↔" ✓

"⇒" express $\text{ch}_2(E)$ in terms F_h as

$$\begin{aligned} -\int_X \text{ch}_2(E) \wedge \frac{\omega^{m-2}}{(m-2)!} &= \int_X \left(c_2(E) - \frac{1}{2} c_1^2(E) \right) \wedge \frac{\omega^{m-2}}{(m-2)!} \\ &= -\int_X \text{Tr} \left(\frac{F_h}{2\pi} \right)^2 \wedge \frac{\omega^{m-2}}{(m-2)!} \\ &= \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_X \text{Tr} (F_h \wedge F_h) \wedge \frac{\omega^{m-2}}{(m-2)!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_h &= \nabla_h^2 = (D_h + \varphi + \varphi^{*h})^2 \\ &= (D_h^2 + [\varphi, \varphi^{*h}]) + (\partial_h \varphi + \bar{\partial}_E(\varphi^{*h})) \\ &=: F_1 + F_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (F_1)^{*h} &= -F_1 & \text{since } (D_h^2)^{*h} &= -D_h^2 \\ (F_2)^{*h} &= F_2 & ([\varphi, \varphi^{*h}])^{*h} &= -[\varphi, \varphi^{*h}] \\ & & (\partial_h \varphi)^{*h} &= \bar{\partial}_E(\varphi^{*h}) \end{aligned}$$

$$F_1 =: F_{01} + F_{11}$$

for F_{01} primitive part of F_1 , i.e. $F_{01} = F_1 - \frac{\omega}{m} \wedge F_1$

$$= (F_1 - \frac{\omega}{m} \wedge F_1) + \frac{\omega}{m} \wedge F_1 \quad \downarrow (\omega F_{01} = 0)$$

orthogonal decomposition

Apply * :

$$*F_{01} = -F_{01} \wedge \frac{\omega^{m-2}}{(m-2)!}$$

$$*F_{11} = F_{11} \wedge \frac{\omega^{m-2}}{(m-1)!}$$

$$*F_2 = F_2 \wedge \frac{\omega^{m-2}}{(m-2)!}$$

⇒

$$\begin{aligned} *F_h^{*h} &= *(-F_{01} - F_{11} + F_2) \\ &= F_h \wedge \frac{\omega^{m-2}}{(m-2)!} - \frac{m}{m-1} F_{11} \wedge \frac{\omega^{m-2}}{(m-2)!} \end{aligned}$$

$$= F_h \wedge \frac{\omega^{m-2}}{(m-2)!} - m * F_h^{*h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int_X \text{Tr}(F_h \wedge F_h) \wedge \frac{\omega^{m-2}}{(m-2)!} &= \|F_h\|_{L^2}^2 - m \|F_h^{*h}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &= \|F_h\|_{L^2}^2 - \|\Lambda \omega F_h\|_{L^2}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda \omega F_h = 0 \quad \& \quad \text{ch}_2(E) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad F_h = 0$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad h \text{ harmonic} \quad \& \quad \text{ch}_2(E) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad h \text{ pluri-harmonic.}$$

□

Cor 2.5 $m=1$
pluri-harmonic = harmonic

Lem 2.6 (Kähler identities for Higgs bundles)

$(E, \bar{\partial}_E, \varphi)$ Higgs bundle, h hermitian metric

$$\text{let } D_h' := \partial_h + \varphi^{*h}$$

$$D_h'' := \bar{\partial}_E + \varphi$$

$$\Rightarrow (D_h')^* = \sqrt{-1} [\Lambda \omega, D_h'']$$

$$(D_h'')^* = -\sqrt{-1} [\Lambda \omega, D_h']$$

§2. Flat bundles and pluri-harmonic metrics

(E, ∇) C^∞ flat bundle, h hermitian metric.

$\Rightarrow \nabla$ decomposes uniquely as

$$\nabla = D_h + \mathbb{F}_h$$

for $\cdot D_h$ unitary connection w.r.t. h

$\cdot \mathbb{F}_h \in A^1(X, \text{End}(E))$ is self-adjoint, i.e. $\mathbb{F}_h^{*h} = \mathbb{F}_h$

Indeed. \mathbb{I}_h is defined as

$$h(\mathbb{I}_h(u), v) = \frac{1}{2} \left(h(\nabla(u), v) + h(u, \nabla(v)) - dh(u, v) \right) \\ \forall u, v \in A^0(X, E)$$

\Rightarrow

$$h(\mathbb{I}_h(v), u) = \frac{1}{2} \left(h(\nabla(v), u) + h(v, \nabla(u)) - dh(v, u) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow h(u, \mathbb{I}_h(v)) = \frac{1}{2} \left(h(u, \nabla(v)) + h(\nabla(u), v) - dh(u, v) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{I}_h^{*h} = \mathbb{I}_h$$

Similarly, one checks

$$h(D_h(u), v) + h(u, D_h(v)) = dh(u, v)$$

Decomposes D_h & \mathbb{I}_h furthermore into different types

$$D_h := \partial_h + \bar{\partial}_h \quad \mathbb{I}_h := \varphi_h + \varphi_h^{*h}$$

introduce

$$D_h' = \partial_h + \varphi_h^{*h} \quad D_h'' = \bar{\partial}_h + \varphi_h$$

\Rightarrow one checks

$$D_h'' : A^0(X, E) \rightarrow A^1(X, E) \quad \text{is a } \bar{\partial}\text{-operator.}$$

$$D_h''(f s) = \bar{\partial} f \otimes s + f D_h''(s).$$

define $G_h := (D_h'')^2$. then G_h is $C^\infty(X, \mathbb{C})$ -linear operator

i.e. $E \otimes E$ -valued 2-form

called the pseudo-curvature.

Def 2.1 A hermitian metric h on a flat bundle (E, ∇) is called a harmonic metric if

$$\Lambda^2 G_h = 0$$

Pluri-harmonic metric if

$$G_h = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } (D_h'')^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (\bar{\partial}_h + \varphi_h)^2 = 0$$

$\Leftrightarrow (E, \bar{\partial}_h, \varphi_h)$ defines a Higgs bundle.

when h pluri-harmonic, we call (E, ∇, h) a harmonic flat bundle.

lem 2.2 (Kähler identities for flat bundles)

(E, ∇) flat bundle. h hermitian metric

$$\begin{aligned} \text{define } D_h^c &:= D_h'' - D_h' \\ &= (\bar{\partial}_h + \varphi_h) - (\partial_h + \varphi_h^*) \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow

$$(D_h^c)^* = -\sqrt{-1} [\Lambda_h, \nabla]$$

$$(\nabla)^* = \sqrt{-1} [\Lambda_h, D_h^c].$$

Q: When is a harmonic metric on (E, ∇) pluri-harmonic?

Prop 2.3 When the base (X, ω) is Kähler manifold.

then h is pluri-harmonic $\Leftrightarrow h$ is harmonic

$$\text{i.e. } G_h = 0 \Leftrightarrow \Lambda_h G_h = 0$$

pf: claim: $(D_h')^2 = - (D_h'')^2$

Indeed, decompose ∇ into different types

$$\nabla = d' + d''$$

$h \rightsquigarrow$ d' determines a δ_h'' s.t. $d' + \delta_h''$ unitary
 d'' determines a δ_h' s.t. $d'' + \delta_h'$ unitary

$$\Rightarrow \partial_h = \frac{1}{2} (d' + \delta_h') \quad \bar{\partial}_h = \frac{1}{2} (d'' + \delta_h'')$$

$$\varphi_h = \frac{1}{2} (d' - \delta_h') \quad \varphi_h^* = \frac{1}{2} (d'' - \delta_h'')$$

then $(D_h')^2 = - (D_h'')^2$ follows.

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \nabla^2 = (D'_h + D''_h)^2 = (D'_h)^2 + (D''_h)^2 + D'_h D''_h + D''_h D'_h \\ = D'_h D''_h + D''_h D'_h$$

$$\Rightarrow (D'_h)^2 = (D''_h - D'_h)^2 \\ = -(D''_h D'_h + D'_h D''_h) \\ = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla = D'_h + D''_h \\ D'_h = D''_h - D'_h \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow G_h = (D''_h)^2 = \frac{1}{4} (\nabla + D'_h)^2 \\ = \frac{1}{4} (D'_h \nabla + \nabla D'_h)$$

\Rightarrow Bianchi identities for G_h :

$$D'_h G_h = [D'_h, G_h] = 0$$

$$\nabla G_h = [\nabla, G_h] = 0$$

Apply Kähler identities for flat bundles (lem 2.2)

$$\Rightarrow (\nabla)^* G_h = \sqrt{-1} [\Lambda, D'_h] G_h \\ = 0 \quad (\because \Lambda G_h = 0)$$

On the other hand, one checks

$$D'_h = d'' - d' + 2(\varphi_h - \varphi_h^{*h})$$

\Rightarrow

$$4G_h = D'_h \nabla + \nabla D'_h \\ = 2\nabla(\varphi_h - \varphi_h^{*h})$$

$$\nabla = d' + d'' \\ \nabla^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} (d')^2 = 0 = (d'')^2 \\ d' d'' + d'' d' = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

i.e.

$$G_h = \frac{1}{2} \nabla(\varphi_h - \varphi_h^{*h})$$

Consequently,

$$\Rightarrow \|G_h\|_g^2 = \int_X |G_h|_{g_h}^2 \frac{\omega^m}{m!}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_X \langle G_h, G_h \rangle_{g,h} \frac{\omega^m}{m!} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_X \langle \nabla(\varphi_h \cdot \varphi_h^*), G_h \rangle_{g,h} \frac{\omega^m}{m!} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_X \langle \varphi_h \cdot \varphi_h^* \cdot (\nabla)^* G_h \rangle_{g,h} \frac{\omega^m}{m!} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow G_h = 0$$

□

Prob: The Kählerian condition can be relaxed.

In conclusion, the flatness condition $\nabla^2 = 0$ is more rigid constraint than the Higgs condition $(\bar{\partial}_E + \rho)^2 = 0$.

§ 3. Equivalence of categories

Fix $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$.

$\mathcal{C}_{\text{hd}}(X, n)$: category of harmonic Higgs bundles of $\text{rk } n$

$\mathcal{C}_{\text{HF}}(X, n)$: category of harmonic flat bundles of $\text{rk } n$

Thm 3.1. There is one-to-one correspondence

$$\begin{aligned}
\cong_X: \mathcal{C}_{\text{hd}}(X, n) &\xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{C}_{\text{HF}}(X, n) \\
(E, \bar{\partial}_E, \varphi, h) &\leftrightarrow (E, \nabla_h := D_h + \varphi + \varphi^*, h)
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, such equivalence of categories preserves direct sums, duals,

and tensor products, and it is functorial, i.e. $f: Y \rightarrow X$ morphism of proj. mfds (or Kähler mfds), then f^* induces

$$\Xi_Y := f^* \Xi_X : \mathcal{E}_{\text{Del}}(Y, n) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\text{Del}}(X, n)$$

that is.

$$\Xi_Y \circ f^*(E, \bar{\partial}_E, \varphi, h) = f^* \circ \Xi_X(E, \bar{\partial}_E, \varphi, h).$$

Pf. Ξ_X is well-defined: $(E, \bar{\partial}_E, \varphi, h)$ harmonic Higgs

$\Rightarrow \nabla_h$ flat & h is a harmonic metric for (E, ∇_h)

To show the equivalence of defs. need to show Ξ_X maps morphisms in $\mathcal{E}_{\text{Del}}(X, n)$ to morphisms in $\mathcal{E}_{\text{Del}}(X, n)$

$$(E, \bar{\partial}_E, \varphi, h) \xrightarrow{\Xi_X} (E, \nabla_h, h)$$

$H_{\text{Del}}^0(E, D'')$ space of D'' -flat sections of E i.e. $s \in A^0(X, E)$
with $D''(s) = 0$

$H_{\text{Del}}^0(E, \nabla_h)$ space of ∇_h -flat sections of E .

lem 3.2 $D''(s) = 0 \iff \nabla_h(s) = 0$

i.e. $H_{\text{Del}}^0(E, D'') \cong H_{\text{Del}}^0(E, \nabla_h)$

Pf.

" \Rightarrow " $D''(s) = 0$. to show $\nabla_h(s) = 0$. we need to show $D'_h(s) = 0$

Indeed. use Kähler identities for Higgs bundles.

$$\Rightarrow (D'_h)^* D'_h(s) = \sqrt{-1} \Lambda \omega D'' D'_h(s) = -\sqrt{-1} \Lambda \omega D'_h D''(s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \|D'_h(s)\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_X \langle (D'_h)^*(D'_h(s)), s \rangle_{g, h} \frac{\omega^n}{n!} = 0$$

$$\Leftarrow \nabla_h(s) = 0. \quad (\nabla_h = D'_h + D'')$$

use Kähler identities for flat bundles.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \|D_h^c(s)\|_{L^2}^2 &= \int_X \langle (D_h^c)^* D_h^c(s), s \rangle_{g_h} \frac{\omega^n}{n!} \\ &= \int_X \langle -\nabla_h \text{tr} \nabla_h D_h^c(s), s \rangle_{g_h} \frac{\omega^n}{n!} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

the last equality is due to.

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_h \circ D_h^c &= (D'' + D_h') \circ (D'' - D_h') \\ &= (D'')^2 - (D_h')^2 - D'' \circ D_h' + D_h' \circ D'' \\ &= -D'' \circ D_h' + D_h' \circ D'' \\ &= -(D'' - D_h') \circ (D'' + D_h') \\ &= -D_h^c \circ \nabla_h \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow D''(s) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_h + D_h^c)(s) = 0$$

□

So Ξ_x maps morphisms in $\text{Cal}(X, u)$ to morphisms in $\text{Cal}(X, u)$ as long as we show.

dual of Riemann is still Riemann
 tensor product of Riemann is still Riemann.

dual:

$$(E, \bar{\partial}_E, \varphi) \text{ Higgs. } D_E'' = \bar{\partial}_E + \varphi$$

dual Higgs bundle $\circ E^*$.

\circ $\bar{\partial}$ -type operator $D_{E^*}'' : A^0(X, E^*) \rightarrow A^1(X, E^*)$ defined as

$$D_{E^*}''(u)(v) := -u(D_E''(v)) + \bar{\partial}(u(v))$$

$$u \in A^0(X, E^*)$$

$$v \in A^0(X, E)$$

extends $D_{E^*}^{\bar{\cdot}} : A^k(X, E^*) \rightarrow A^{k+1}(X, E^*)$.

satisfies $(D_{E^*}^{\bar{\cdot}})^2 = 0$.

\leadsto dual Higgs bundle.

holo. str. $\bar{\partial}_{E^*}(u)(v) = -u(\bar{\partial}_E(v)) + \bar{\partial}(u)(v)$

$$\rho_{E^*}(u)(v) = -u(\rho_E(v))$$

given h on $(E, \bar{\partial}_E, \rho)$. $\leadsto h^*$ on $(E^*, \bar{\partial}_{E^*}, \rho_{E^*})$ as

$$h^*(u_1, u_2) := u_1((u_2)_h^{\dagger})$$

for $(u_2)_h^{\dagger} \in A^0(X, E)$ determined by u_2 & h via

$$u_2(v) = h(v, (u_2)_h^{\dagger})$$

Lemma 3.3. (1.0)-part of the Chern connection of $\bar{\partial}_{E^*}$ is related to ∂_h as

$$\partial_{h^*}(u)(v) = -u(\partial_h(v)) + \partial(u)(v)$$

Lemma 3.4 $(\rho_{E^*})^{*h^*}$ satisfies

$$(\rho_{E^*})^{*h^*}(u)(v) = -u((\rho_E)^{*h}(u))$$

Prop 3.5 Dual of harmonic Higgs bundle is still a harmonic Higgs bundle.

pf.

$$F_{h^*}(u)(v) = \nabla_{h^*} \circ \nabla_{h^*}(u)(v)$$

$$= \nabla_{h^*}(u)(\nabla_h(v)) + d(\nabla_{h^*}(u)(v))$$

$$= -u(\underbrace{\nabla_h \circ \nabla_h(v)}_{=0}) + d(u(\nabla_h(v))) + d(-u(\nabla_h(v)) + d(u)(v))$$

$$= -u F_h(v)$$

$$= 0$$

define inverse function

$$\cong'_X: \mathcal{C}_{\text{HR}}(X, \omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\text{HR}}(X, \omega)$$

$$(E, \nabla, h) \mapsto (E, \bar{\partial}, \varphi, h)$$

satisfies

$$\cong_{X^0} \cong'_X = \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}_{\text{HR}}}, \quad \cong'_X \cong_X = \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}_{\text{HR}}}$$

□

Proof.

From now on, we will directly call harmonic bundles.

$$(E, \bar{\partial}, \varphi, h) \quad \text{or} \quad (E, \nabla, D'', h)$$

Q: Under which conditions that a Higgs bundle (resp. flat bundle) admit a pluri-harmonic metric?

A: Need stability!