

*PSEUDO-BOCHNER CURVATURE TENSOR ON
HERMITIAN MANIFOLDS*

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Abstract. Our main purpose of this paper is to introduce a natural generalization B_H of the Bochner curvature tensor on a Hermitian manifold M provided with the Hermitian connection. We will call B_H the *pseudo-Bochner curvature tensor*. Firstly, we introduce a unique tensor P , called the (*Hermitian*) *pseudo-curvature tensor*, which has the same symmetries as the Riemannian curvature tensor on a Kähler manifold. By using P , we derive a necessary and sufficient condition for a Hermitian manifold to be of pointwise constant Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature. Our pseudo-Bochner curvature tensor B_H is naturally obtained from the conformal relation for the pseudo-curvature tensor P and it is conformally invariant. Moreover we show that B_H is different from the Bochner conformal tensor in the sense of Tricerri and Vanhecke.

1. Introduction. In [2], Bochner introduced a curvature tensor B on a Kähler manifold M as a formal analogue of the Weyl conformal curvature tensor. Let J be the complex structure of M , g the Kähler metric and $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} M = m$. Then the Bochner curvature tensor B (cf. [8]) is defined by

$$B = R - \frac{1}{2(m+2)} g \triangle R_1 + \frac{r}{8(m+1)(m+2)} g \triangle g,$$

where R denotes the Riemannian curvature tensor (the curvature tensor of the Levi-Civita connection) on M , R_1 the Ricci tensor, r the scalar curvature and $\cdot \triangle \cdot$ is defined as follows: For any $(0,2)$ -tensors a, b and for any vector fields X, Y, Z, W on M , we set

$$(a \triangle b)(X, Y, Z, W) = a(X, Z)b(Y, W) - a(X, W)b(Y, Z) \\ + b(X, Z)a(Y, W) - b(X, W)a(Y, Z)$$

and

$$\bar{a}(X, Y) = a(X, JY).$$

Then we define

$$a \triangle b = a \triangle b + \bar{a} \triangle \bar{b} + 2\bar{a} \otimes \bar{b} + 2\bar{b} \otimes \bar{a}.$$

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In [9], Tricerri and Vanhecke studied the decomposition of the space $\mathcal{R}(V)$ of all curvature tensors on a Hermitian vector space V . They defined the *Bochner component* $\mathcal{R}_B(V)$ of $\mathcal{R}(V)$ and called the projection $B(A)$ of $A \in \mathcal{R}(V)$ on $\mathcal{R}_B(V)$ the *Bochner conformal tensor* associated with A . As an application, they proved that the Bochner conformal tensor $B(R)$ associated with the Riemannian curvature tensor R on an almost Hermitian manifold is conformally invariant. Of course, in the Kähler case, $B(R) = B$.

In this paper, we introduce a natural generalization B_H of the Bochner curvature tensor on a Hermitian manifold M provided with the Hermitian connection and we will call B_H the *pseudo-Bochner curvature tensor* on M . For this purpose, we discuss in §2 Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature of a Hermitian manifold and derive a necessary and sufficient condition for a Hermitian manifold to be of pointwise constant Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature. Then we introduce a unique tensor P on a Hermitian manifold M having the same symmetries as the Riemannian curvature tensor on a Kähler manifold. We will call this tensor P the (*Hermitian*) *pseudo-curvature tensor* on M . In §3 our pseudo-Bochner curvature tensor B_H is naturally obtained as a conformal invariant from the conformal relation for the pseudo-curvature tensor P .

In §4, we give some examples of Hermitian manifolds with vanishing B_H and we call such manifolds *pseudo-Bochner-flat* Hermitian manifolds. In [7], we proved that the product of two Kenmotsu manifolds with constant sectional curvature -1 is Hermitian-flat, that is, the Hermitian curvature tensor (the curvature tensor of the Hermitian connection) vanishes. We show that this product manifold is pseudo-Bochner-flat but not Bochner-flat in the sense of Tricerri and Vanhecke.

Throughout this paper, we work in C^∞ -category and deal with connected complex manifolds of complex dimension ≥ 2 without boundary only.

2. Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature. Let M be a complex m -dimensional Hermitian manifold with the complex structure J and the Hermitian metric g , that is, g is a Riemannian metric on M such that $g(JX, JY) = g(X, Y)$ for all vector fields X, Y on M . The *Hermitian connection* D of M is defined by the following equation (see [7]):

$$(2.1) \quad 4g(D_X Y, Z) = 2Xg(Y, Z) - 2JXg(JY, Z) \\ + g(\mathcal{V}(X, Y), Z) - g(\mathcal{V}(X, Z), Y)$$

for all vector fields X, Y, Z on M , where $\mathcal{V}(X, Y) = [JX, JY] + [X, Y] - J[X, JY] + J[JX, Y]$. The Hermitian connection D is a unique affine connection such that both the metric tensor g and the complex structure J are parallel and the torsion tensor T satisfies $T(JX, Y) = JT(X, Y)$ for all vector fields X, Y on M . As is well known, a Hermitian manifold is Kähler

if and only if the Hermitian connection is torsion-free, that is, the Hermitian connection coincides with the Levi-Civita connection.

Let H be the Hermitian curvature tensor (the curvature tensor of the Hermitian connection D) on M , i.e.,

$$H(X, Y) = [D_X, D_Y] - D_{[X, Y]}$$

for all vector fields X, Y on M . Then we have

PROPOSITION 2.1 (cf. [7]). *The Hermitian curvature tensor H has the following properties: For all vector fields X, Y, Z, W on M ,*

$$\begin{aligned} H(X, Y, Z, W) &= -H(Y, X, Z, W) = -H(X, Y, W, Z), \\ H(JX, JY, Z, W) &= H(X, Y, JZ, JW) = H(X, Y, Z, W), \\ \mathfrak{S}_{X, Y, Z}\{H(X, Y)Z - T(T(X, Y), Z) - (D_X T)(Y, Z)\} &= 0 \\ &\hspace{15em} \text{(First Bianchi identity),} \end{aligned}$$

$\mathfrak{S}_{X, Y, Z}\{(D_X H)(Y, Z) + H(T(X, Y), Z)\} = 0$ (Second Bianchi identity), where $H(X, Y, Z, W) = g(H(Z, W)Y, X)$ and $\mathfrak{S}_{X, Y, Z}$ denotes the cyclic sum with respect to X, Y, Z .

Now, let us consider the *Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature* of M . For each unit vector X in the tangent space $T_x M$, the Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature $\mathcal{H}(X)$ for the holomorphic plane spanned by X and JX is given by

$$\mathcal{H}(X) = H(X, JX, X, JX).$$

If $\mathcal{H}(X)$ is constant for all unit vectors X in $T_x M$ at each point $x \in M$, then M is said to be of *pointwise constant Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature*. Moreover, if $\mathcal{H}(X)$ is constant for all $x \in M$, then M is said to be of *constant Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature*.

In [1], Balas studied Hermitian manifolds M of constant Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature. Then he introduced a tensor K of type $(0, 4)$ on M , called the *Kähler-symmetric part* of the Hermitian curvature tensor H . The tensor K is given by

$$\begin{aligned} K(X, Y, Z, W) &= \frac{1}{4}\{H(X, Y, Z, W) + H(Z, W, X, Y) \\ &\quad + H(X, W, Z, Y) + H(Z, Y, X, W)\} \end{aligned}$$

for all vector fields X, Y, Z, W on M . It has the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} K(X, Y, Z, W) &= K(Y, X, W, Z), \quad K(X, Y, Z, W) = K(Z, W, X, Y), \\ \mathfrak{S}_{Y, Z, W} K(X, Y, Z, W) &= 0, \quad K(JX, JY, Z, W) = K(X, Y, JZ, JW), \\ K(X, Y, X, Y) &= H(X, Y, X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

From the algebraic discussion of local components of this tensor in complex local coordinates, Balas derived a necessary and sufficient condition for M

to be of constant Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature. But the tensor K does not satisfy the identities $K(X, Y, Z, W) = -K(Y, X, Z, W)$ and $K(JX, JY, Z, W) = K(X, Y, Z, W)$.

We now introduce a tensor P of type $(0, 4)$ on M defined by

$$(2.2) \quad P(X, Y, Z, W) = \frac{1}{4}[3\{L(X, Y, Z, W) + L(X, Y, JZ, JW)\} \\ - H(X, Y, Z, W) - H(Z, W, X, Y)],$$

for all vector fields X, Y, Z, W on M , where L is the tensor introduced in Appendix of [7] as follows:

$$L(X, Y, Z, W) = \frac{2}{3}\{K(X, Y, Z, W) - K(Y, X, Z, W)\}.$$

By (A.3)–(A.6) of [7] and Proposition 2.1, we can easily see that P has the following properties:

$$(2.3) \quad P(X, Y, Z, W) = -P(Y, X, Z, W) = -P(X, Y, W, Z),$$

$$(2.4) \quad P(X, Y, Z, W) = P(Z, W, X, Y),$$

$$(2.5) \quad \mathfrak{S}_{Y, Z, W} P(X, Y, Z, W) = 0,$$

$$(2.6) \quad P(JX, JY, Z, W) = P(X, Y, JZ, JW) = P(X, Y, Z, W)$$

for all vector fields X, Y, Z, W on M , and in particular we have

$$(2.7) \quad P(X, JX, X, JX) = H(X, JX, X, JX)$$

for all vector fields X on M . On the other hand, the tensor $g \triangle g$ satisfies all the identities (2.3)–(2.6) and

$$(2.8) \quad (g \triangle g)(X, JX, X, JX) = 8g(X, X)^2.$$

Therefore, from (2.7), (2.8) and Proposition 7.1 of Chapter IX in [5], we conclude

THEOREM 2.1. *A Hermitian manifold M is of pointwise constant Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature c if and only if $P = \frac{1}{8}cg \triangle g$.*

We call the tensor P defined by (2.2) the (*Hermitian*) *pseudo-curvature tensor* of the Hermitian connection D . We define the (*Hermitian*) *pseudo-Ricci tensor* P_1 and the (*Hermitian*) *pseudo-scalar curvature* p as follows:

$$P_1(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}[Z \rightarrow P(X, JY)JZ], \quad p = \operatorname{tr} P_1,$$

where the tensor P of type $(1, 3)$ is defined by $g(P(X, Y)Z, W) = P(W, Z, X, Y)$. P_1 is symmetric and compatible with J , and so we can associate with P_1 a 2-form ϱ in the usual manner: $\varrho = \bar{P}_1$. We call ϱ the (*Hermitian*) *pseudo-Ricci form* which is not closed in general.

If M has pointwise constant Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature, then we have

THEOREM 2.2. *Let M be a Hermitian manifold of pointwise constant Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature c . Then*

$$P_1 = \frac{(m+1)c}{2}g, \quad p = m(m+1)c.$$

REMARK 2.1. We note that, on a Kähler manifold, the pseudo-quantities P, P_1, ϱ and p defined above coincide with the curvature tensor R , the Ricci tensor R_1 , the Ricci form γ and the scalar curvature r of the Levi-Civita connection respectively.

3. Pseudo-Bochner curvature tensor. Consider a conformal change $g' = e^{-\sigma}g$ of the Hermitian metric g on M , where σ is a function on M . For every object related to g' we shall add the symbol $'$. Then the Hermitian connections D', D are connected by the following equation:

$$(3.1) \quad D'_X Y = D_X Y - \frac{1}{2}d\sigma(X)Y - \frac{1}{2}d^c\sigma(X)JY,$$

where $d^c\sigma(X) = -d\sigma(JX)$. From this equation, we obtain the relation between their Hermitian curvature tensors H and H' :

$$(3.2) \quad e^\sigma H' = H - \Omega \otimes dd^c\sigma,$$

where Ω denotes the Kähler form, i.e., $\Omega = \bar{g}$. From (3.2), for the pseudo-curvature tensors, we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad e^\sigma P' = P + \frac{1}{8}g\Delta\bar{dd^c\sigma}.$$

From (3.3), for the pseudo-Ricci tensors we obtain

$$(3.4) \quad P'_1 = P_1 + \frac{m+2}{4}\bar{dd^c\sigma} + \frac{1}{8}(\text{tr}\bar{dd^c\sigma})g.$$

Here we used the equality $dd^c\sigma(JX, JY) = dd^c\sigma(X, Y)$. Moreover, from (3.4), for the pseudo-scalar curvatures we obtain

$$(3.5) \quad e^{-\sigma}p' - p = \frac{m+1}{2}(\text{tr}\bar{dd^c\sigma}).$$

Substitution of (3.5) into (3.4) gives

$$(3.6) \quad \bar{dd^c\sigma} = \frac{4}{m+2} \left\{ \left(P'_1 - \frac{p'}{4(m+1)}g' \right) - \left(P_1 - \frac{p}{4(m+1)}g \right) \right\}.$$

Moreover, substitution of (3.6) into (3.3) yields the conformal invariance of the tensor B_H defined by

$$(3.7) \quad B_H = P - \frac{1}{2(m+2)}g\Delta P_1 + \frac{p}{8(m+1)(m+2)}g\Delta g.$$

We can easily check that B_H satisfies (2.3)–(2.6), i.e.,

$$(3.8) \quad B_H(X, Y, Z, W) = -B_H(Y, X, Z, W) = -B_H(X, Y, W, Z),$$

$$(3.9) \quad B_H(X, Y, Z, W) = B_H(Z, W, X, Y),$$

$$(3.10) \quad \mathfrak{S}_{Y,Z,W} B_H(X, Y, Z, W) = 0,$$

$$(3.11) \quad B_H(JX, JY, Z, W) = B_H(X, Y, JZ, JW) = B_H(X, Y, Z, W).$$

Moreover B_H satisfies

$$(3.12) \quad \text{tr}[Z \rightarrow B_H(Z, X)Y] = 0,$$

where the tensor B_H of type $(1, 3)$ is defined by $g(B_H(X, Y)Z, W) = B_H(W, Z, X, Y)$. If the metric g is Kähler, the tensor B_H coincides with the original Bochner curvature tensor B mentioned in the introduction. We call B_H defined by (3.7) the *pseudo-Bochner curvature tensor* on M . Summing up, we conclude

THEOREM 3.1. *The pseudo-Bochner curvature tensor B_H on a Hermitian manifold is conformally invariant.*

4. Examples of pseudo-Bochner-flat Hermitian manifolds. We call Hermitian manifolds with vanishing B_H *pseudo-Bochner-flat*. In the same way as in the Kähler case (cf. [8]), we can prove the following theorems.

THEOREM 4.1. *Every Hermitian manifold of pointwise constant Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature is pseudo-Bochner-flat.*

THEOREM 4.2. *A pseudo-Bochner-flat Hermitian manifold has pointwise constant Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature if and only if the pseudo-Ricci tensor satisfies the Einstein condition, i.e., $P_1 = (p/(2m))g$.*

EXAMPLE 4.1. We call Hermitian manifolds with $H = 0$ *Hermitian-flat*. The Iwasawa manifold M is a compact complex manifold defined by $M = G/\Gamma$, where

$$G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & z^1 & z^2 \\ 0 & 1 & z^3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : z^i \in \mathbb{C} \right\},$$

$$\Gamma = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha^1 & \alpha^2 \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha^3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : \alpha^i \in \mathbb{Z} + \sqrt{-1}\mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

In [1], Balas showed that the Iwasawa manifold M is Hermitian-flat. (See also [7].) Obviously, such manifolds are pseudo-Bochner-flat. In [3], Cordero, Fernández and Gray introduced the generalized Iwasawa manifold as a generalization of the Iwasawa manifold above. They proved that the generalized Iwasawa manifold has no Kähler structure, even though it has a symplectic structure and a complex structure. We can introduce a Hermitian-flat metric on the generalized Iwasawa manifold in the same way as [7].

EXAMPLE 4.2. In [4], Ganchev, Ivanov and Mihova introduced a special class of Hermitian manifolds and called them *anti-Kähler* manifolds. A Her-

mitian manifold M is anti-Kähler if and only if the connection \tilde{D} defined by $\tilde{D} = D - \frac{1}{2}T$, where T is the torsion tensor of the Hermitian connection D , is flat. They showed that an anti-Kähler metric of pointwise nonzero constant Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature is a certain conformal change of a Kähler metric of nonzero constant holomorphic sectional curvature. Moreover, using this fact, they constructed an anti-Kähler metric of pointwise positive (resp. negative) constant Hermitian holomorphic sectional curvature on the open unit ball \mathbb{D}^m in \mathbb{C}^m (resp. on \mathbb{C}^m). By Theorem 4.1, such manifolds are pseudo-Bochner-flat.

EXAMPLE 4.3. In [7], we studied Hermitian manifolds which are locally conformal to Hermitian-flat manifolds. Such manifolds are called *locally conformal Hermitian-flat* ones. Of course, locally conformal Kähler-flat manifolds (see[10]) are contained in a class of such manifolds. The Hopf manifolds $S^1 \times S^{2m-1}$ are of this type, where S^k denotes the standard k -dimensional sphere. In [6], we constructed a locally conformal Hermitian-flat metric on a noncompact complex manifold $\mathbb{R}^{m-1} \times T^{m+1}$, where T^{m+1} denotes the $(m + 1)$ -dimensional torus. From the conformal invariance of B_H , locally conformal Hermitian-flat manifolds are pseudo-Bochner-flat.

On a Kähler manifold, both our pseudo-Bochner curvature tensor B_H and the Bochner conformal tensor $B(R)$ of Tricerri and Vanhecke [9] coincide with the original Bochner curvature tensor B . Moreover, since they are both conformally invariant, it is also trivial that B_H coincides with $B(R)$ on a locally conformal Kähler manifold. But, on a general Hermitian manifold, B_H is not equal to $B(R)$. We shall show this fact by giving an example of Hermitian-flat manifolds with $B(R) \neq 0$.

Now we recall the definition of the Bochner conformal tensor of Tricerri and Vanhecke [9]. Let M be a complex m -dimensional Hermitian manifold provided with the complex structure J and the metric g . We denote by R the Riemannian curvature tensor on M , that is,

$$R(X, Y) = [\nabla_X, \nabla_Y] - \nabla_{[X, Y]},$$

where ∇ is the Levi-Civita connection of g . The Riemannian curvature tensor R of type $(0, 4)$ is given by $R(X, Y, Z, W) = g(R(Z, W)Y, X)$. If $m > 3$, then the Bochner conformal tensor $B(R)$ associated with R is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (4.1) \quad B(R) &= R + \frac{1}{4(m+2)(m-2)} g \Delta R_1 - \frac{2m-3}{4(m-1)(m-2)} g \otimes R_1 \\ &+ \frac{1}{4(m+1)(m-2)} g \Delta (R_1 J) - \frac{1}{4(m-1)(m-2)} g \otimes (R_1 J) \\ &- \frac{2m^2-5}{4(m+1)(m+2)(m-2)} g \Delta R_1^* + \frac{2m-1}{4(m+1)(m-2)} g \otimes R_1^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \frac{3}{4(m+1)(m+2)(m-2)} g \triangle (R_1^* J) + \frac{3}{4(m+1)(m-2)} g \triangle (R_1^* J) \\
& - \frac{3mr - (2m^2 - 3m + 4)r^*}{16(m+1)(m+2)(m-1)(m-2)} g \triangle g + \frac{r - r^*}{8(m-1)(m-2)} g \otimes g,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
R_1(X, Y) &= \text{tr}[Z \rightarrow R(Z, X)Y], & R_1^*(X, Y) &= \text{tr}[Z \rightarrow R(X, JZ)JY], \\
(R_1 J)(X, Y) &= R_1(JX, JY), & (R_1^* J)(X, Y) &= R_1^*(JX, JY), \\
r &= \text{tr } R_1, & r^* &= \text{tr } R_1^*.
\end{aligned}$$

The symbols R_1 , R_1^* , $R_1 J$, $R_1^* J$, r , r^* correspond to the symbols $\varrho(R)$, $\varrho^*(R)$, $\varrho(L_3 R)$, $\varrho^*(L_3 R)$, τ , τ^* respectively in [9]. And for any $(0, 2)$ -tensor S , $g \otimes S$ (resp. $g \triangle S$) corresponds to $\varphi(S)$ (resp. $\varphi(S) + \psi(S)$). Thus $g \otimes g$ (resp. $g \triangle g$) corresponds to $2\pi_1$ (resp. $2(\pi_1 + \pi_2)$).

In [7], we showed that the product of two Kenmotsu manifolds with constant sectional curvature -1 is Hermitian-flat, and hence it is pseudo-Bochner-flat. We now show that this product manifold is not Bochner-flat in the sense of Tricerri and Vanhecke. Let $(M', \phi', \xi', \eta', g')$ (resp. $(M'', \phi'', \xi'', \eta'', g'')$) be a Kenmotsu manifold with constant sectional curvature -1 , that is, $R' = -\frac{1}{2}g' \otimes g'$ (resp. $R'' = -\frac{1}{2}g'' \otimes g''$), where R' (resp. R'') denotes the Riemannian curvature tensor on M' (resp. M''). Then the product $M = M' \times M''$ provided with the metric $g = g' + g''$ and the complex structure $J = \phi' - \eta'' \otimes \xi' + \phi'' + \eta' \otimes \xi''$ is a Hermitian manifold, and the Riemannian curvature tensor R on M is given by

$$(4.2) \quad R = R' + R'' = -\frac{1}{2}(g' \otimes g' + g'' \otimes g'').$$

For simplicity, we assume that $\dim M' = \dim M'' = 2k + 1$, $k > 1$. Thus we have $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} M = m = 2k + 1$. From (4.2), we then obtain

$$(4.3) \quad R_1 = R_1 J = -(m-1)g, \quad R_1^* = R_1^* J = -g + \eta' \otimes \eta' + \eta'' \otimes \eta'',$$

$$(4.4) \quad r = -2m(m-1), \quad r^* = -2(m-1).$$

Substituting (4.3) and (4.4) into (4.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
B(R) &= -\frac{1}{2}(g' \otimes g' + g'' \otimes g'') \\
&+ \frac{(m+4)(m-1)}{8(m+1)(m+2)(m-2)} g \triangle g + \frac{m-3}{4(m-2)} g \otimes g \\
&- \frac{m-1}{2(m+2)(m-2)} g \triangle (\eta' \otimes \eta' + \eta'' \otimes \eta'') \\
&+ \frac{1}{2(m-2)} g \otimes (\eta' \otimes \eta' + \eta'' \otimes \eta'') \\
&\neq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

REMARK 4.1. By a direct computation, we can also check that a Hermitian-flat metric on the Iwasawa manifold or the generalized Iwasawa manifold (Example 4.1) is not Bochner-flat in the sense of Tricerri and Vanhecke.

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