# IDEAL DECOMPOSITIONS OF KILLING AND HOLOMORPHIC VECTOR FIELDS

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### 1. Introduction

Let (M,g) be a compact, connected, oriented Riemannian manifold. We show in § 3 that the Lie algebra of Killing vector fields on M can be decomposed into a direct sum of ideals according to the reducibility of the linear holonomy group of M. A decomposition of this type is already known for the case of a simply connected, complete Riemannian manifold. If in a addition M is assumed to be Kählerian, we show in § 4 that the Lie algebra of holomorphic vector fields on M can also be decomposed in this way. Our proofs make use of part of a theory of Chern in the form described briefly in § 2.

#### 2. Preliminaries

Let O(M) and  $\Gamma_{O(M)}$  denote respectively the oriented orthonormal frame bundle over M with structure group SO(n) and the Riemannian connection in O(M). We assume  $\Gamma_{O(M)}$  to be reducible to a connection  $\Gamma_P$  in a subbundle P of O(M) with structure group  $G \subset SO(n)$  and projection  $\pi$ . The case which will interest us most in the sequel is where P is the holonomy bundle through some point of O(M).

Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  and  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$  be respectively the canonical basis of  $R^n$  and a basis for the Lie algebra of G. Let  $\theta = \sum\limits_{i=1}^n \theta^i e_i$ ,  $\omega = \sum\limits_{i=1}^m \omega^i A_i$ , and  $\Omega = \sum\limits_{i=1}^m \Omega^i A_i$  be respectively the canonical form of P, the connection form of  $\Gamma_P$ , and the curvature form of  $\Gamma_P$ . We have the formula  $\Omega^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum\limits_{i,j=1}^n r_{ij}^i \theta^i \wedge \theta^j$  with  $r_{ij}^2 = -r_{ji}^2$ . Let  $(A_i)_{ij} = a_{ji}^i$ ,  $i,j=1,\dots,n$ . Then there exist functions  $s^{i\mu}$  on P such that  $r_{kl}^2 = \sum\limits_{\mu} s^{i\mu} a_{l\mu}^k$  with  $s^{i\mu} = s^{\mu i}$ . Let  $A_i^*$  denote the fundamental vector field on P corresponding to  $A_i$ ,  $\lambda = 1,\dots,m$ . Let  $X_i$ ,  $i=1,\dots,n$ , be vector fields on P such that  $\theta^i(X_j) = \delta_j^i$ ,  $\omega^i(X_j) = 0$ . Define differential operators  $P^*$  and  $S^*$  on the space of smooth functions on P by  $P^* = \sum\limits_k X_k^2$  and  $S^* = \sum\limits_{\mu,\lambda} s^{i\mu} A_{\mu}^* A_{\lambda}^*$ . These differential operators commute with right translation by

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elements of G. Thus, if  $\rho$  is a representation of G in a vector space V, and f is a V-valued equivariant function on P, then P\*f and S\*f are also equivariant, where P\*f and S\*f are defined componentwise for V-valued functions after selecting a basis for V.

Let j denote the natural representation of G in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\mathfrak{F} = \{\text{equivariant smooth functions on } P \text{ of type } (j, \mathbb{R}^n)\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{D} = \{\text{smooth 1-forms on } M\}$ , and  $\mathfrak{X} = \{\text{smooth vector fields on } M\}$ . Given  $\eta$  in  $\mathfrak{D}$ , we have  $\pi^*\eta = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i\theta^i$ . To  $\eta$  we associate  $f = \sum_{i=1}^n f_ie^i$  in  $\mathfrak{F}$ . This defines a 1:1 correspondence between  $\mathfrak{D}$  and  $\mathfrak{F}$ . Moreover, the Riemannian metric gives a 1:1 correspondence between  $\mathfrak{D}$  and  $\mathfrak{X}$ . Hence we have also a 1:1 correspondence between  $\mathfrak{X}$  and  $\mathfrak{F}$ .

Let  $\Delta$  and S be respectively the Laplacian on M and the Ricci tensor interpreted as an endomorphism of the cotangent space at each point. By the 1:1 correspondence between  $\mathfrak D$  and  $\mathfrak F$ , we may regard the maps  $\Delta$ ,  $S:\mathfrak D\to\mathfrak D$  as maps  $\Delta$ ,  $S:\mathfrak F\to\mathfrak F$ . In terms of the operators  $P^*$  and  $S^*$ , we then have the expressions  $\Delta=-P^*-S^*$  and  $S=S^*$ .

Suppose c is a linear transformation of  $R^n$  which commutes with the action of G. Let  $\eta$  be an element of  $\mathfrak{F}$ . Define  $(c \cdot \eta)(u) = c(\eta(u))$  for each u in P. Then  $c \cdot \eta$  is in  $\mathfrak{F}$ , and we have a map  $\mathfrak{F} \to \mathfrak{F}$  also denoted by c. By a theorem of Chern the diagram

$$\mathfrak{F} \xrightarrow{c} \mathfrak{F} \\
T \downarrow \qquad \downarrow T \\
\mathfrak{F} \xrightarrow{c} \mathfrak{F}$$

commutes when T is  $P^*$  or  $S^*$ .

# 3. Decomposition of Killing vector fields

Our decomposition theorem for Killing vector fields is:

**Theorem 1.** Let M be a compact, connected, oriented Riemannian manifold with oriented orthonormal frame bundle O(M). Let P be any holonomy bundle of O(M) with structure group  $\Phi$ . Suppose  $R^n = V_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_{\tau}$ , where the  $V_i$  are mutually orthogonal subspaces of  $R^n$  with respect to the usual inner product and each  $V_i$  is invariant under  $\Phi$ . Let  $\mathfrak{G}$  be the Lie algebra of Killing vector fields on M. Then  $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{G}_{\tau}$ , where  $\mathfrak{G}_i = \{X | X \in \mathfrak{G} \text{ and the equivariant } R^n$ -valued function on P corresponding to X is  $V_i$ -valuedP. Moreover, each  $\mathbb{G}_i$  is an ideal in  $\mathbb{G}$ .

*Proof.* We can find an element g in SO(n) such that  $g^{-1}V_i = R^{p_i}$ , i = 1,  $\dots$ , r, where  $R^{p_i}$  is the subspace of  $R^n$  spanned by  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{p_1}\}$ ,  $R^{p_2}$  is the subspace spanned by  $\{e_{p_1+1}, \dots, e_{p_1+p_2}\}$ , etc. Let P' be the holonomy bundle

 $R_gP$  with structure group  $g^{-1}\Phi g = \Phi'$ . Then  $\Phi'$  leaves each  $R^{p_i}$  invariant, and  $R^n = R^{p_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus R^{p_r}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{G}'_i = \{X \mid X \in \mathfrak{G} \text{ and the equivariant } R^n$ -valued function on P' corresponding to X is  $R^{p_i}$ -valued $\}$ . It is easy to compute that  $\mathfrak{G}_i = \mathfrak{G}'_i$ . Thus we may consider  $V_i$  to be  $R^{p_i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, r$ . Furthermore, we restrict ourselves to the case r = 2 for simplicity and write  $R^{p_1} = R^p$ ,  $R^{p_2} = R^{n-p}$ .

Let X be a Killing vector field on M with corresponding 1-form  $\alpha$ . Let f be the  $R^n$ -valued function on P corresponding to X. Let  $\rho_1, \rho_2$  be the projection maps  $R^n \to R^p$  and  $R^n \to R^{n-p}$  respectively. Then  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_i = \rho_i f$ , i = 1, 2. Let  $X_1, X_2$  be the vector fields on M corresponding to  $f_1, f_2$  respectively. Then  $X = X_1 + X_2$ . If we show  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are Killing, it follows easily that  $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{G}_2$ . Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  be the 1-forms on M corresponding to  $X_1, X_2$  respectively. Applying the Chern theorem, we see that  $\Delta \alpha_i = 2S\alpha_i$ , i=1,2. To show  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are Killing, it suffices now to prove that  $\delta \alpha_i = 0$ , i = 1, 2. In order to do this, we first make a felicitous choice of moving frame: Let v be an element of P with  $\pi(v) = x$ . Write  $v = (Y_{1x}, \dots, Y_{nx})$ , where  $Y_{ix} \in T_x M$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Let  $\{x^1, \dots, x^n\}$  be the normal coordinate system on a neighborhood U of x determined by the frame v. Then  $\partial/\partial x^i|_x = Y_{ix}$ ,  $i=1,\cdots,n$ . Translate v parallelly along geodesics emanating from x to obtain a moving orthonormal frame  $\sigma = [Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$  over U. By the definition of P,  $\sigma$  is a section of P over U. It is called the adapted frame on a neighborhood U of x determined by v. Define two distributions V and W on U by  $V_y =$ subspace of  $T_v M$  spanned by  $\{Y_{1y}, \dots, Y_{py}\}$  and  $W_y =$  subspace spanned by  $\{Y_{p+1y}, \dots, Y_{ny}\}, y \in U$ . We have that  $T_y M = V_y \oplus W_y$  and  $V_y \perp W_y$  for each y in U.

**Lemma 1.**  $V_y$  and  $W_y$  are invariant under  $\Phi(y)$ , where  $\Phi(y)$  is the linear holonomy group of  $\Gamma_{O(M)}$  with reference point y regarded as a linear group acting on  $T_yM$ .

**Proof.** We recall that the action of  $\Phi(y)$  on  $T_yM$  may be described as follows: Let  $w=(Y_{1y},\cdots,Y_{ny})$ , and suppose  $\tau$  is an element of  $\Phi(y)$ . Regarding the linear frames w and  $\tau(w)$  as maps from  $R^n$  to  $T_yM$  in the usual way, we associate to  $\tau$  the linear transformation  $\tau(w) \circ w^{-1}$  of  $T_yM$ . We need to show that  $\tau(w) \circ w^{-1}$  leaves  $V_y$  and  $W_y$  invariant. Let  $\Phi(w)$  denote the holonomy group of  $\Gamma_{O(M)}$  with reference point w. Since  $w \in P$ ,  $\Phi(w) = \Phi$ . Thus there is an element g in  $\Phi$  such that  $\tau(w)$  is the linear frame  $w \circ g \colon R^n \to T_yM$ . But g leaves  $R^p$  and  $R^{n-p}$  invariant. Moreover  $w(R^p) = V_y$  and  $w(R^{n-p}) = W_y$ . Hence the result.

Next we need to establish some properties of the Christoffel symbols  $\Gamma_{jk}^i$  with respect to the frame  $\sigma$ . We do this in the next four lemmas, omitting most of the details.

**Lemma 2.**  $\Gamma_{ij}^k = 0$  if k > p and  $i, j \le p$ , and  $\Gamma_{ij}^k = 0$  if  $k \le p$  and i, j > p, everywhere on U.

*Proof.* Using Lemma 1 we can show that if X and Z are vector fields on

U belonging to the distribution V (respectively W), then  $\nabla_Z X$  and  $\nabla_X Z$  also belong to V (respectively W). The result then follows at once.

**Lemma 3.**  $\Gamma_{mi}^{j} = -\Gamma_{mj}^{i} \forall i, m, j \text{ everywhere on } U.$ 

*Proof.* This follows from the fact that  $\nabla g = 0$  and the fact that the moving frame  $[Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$  is orthonormal.

**Lemma 4.**  $\Gamma_{ij}^k = \Gamma_{ji}^k \text{ at } x \forall i, j, k.$ 

*Proof.* Let  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y^i \, \partial/\partial x^i$  be the vector field on U determined by parallelly translating a vector  $Y_x$  at x along geodesics emanating from x, where again  $\{x^1, \dots, x^n\}$  are normal coordinates on U determined by v. Using the differential equations for parallel translation, we can show that  $\partial y^k/\partial x^l = 0$  at  $x \vee k$ , l. We then apply this fact to show that  $[Y_i, Y_j](x) = 0 \vee i$ , j. Since the torsion is zero, we then have the result.

**Lemma 5.**  $\Gamma_{im}^k = 0$  at x unless k, i, m are all  $\leq p$  or all > p.

Proof. Immediate from Lemmas 2, 3, 4.

We now return to the proof that  $\delta \alpha_i = 0$ , i = 1, 2. Pick an arbitrary point x in M. Let v be an element of P such that  $\pi(v) = x$ . Let  $[Y_1, \dots, Y_n] = \sigma$  be the adapted frame on a neighborhood U of x determined by v. Let  $[\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n]$  be the moving coframe dual to  $\sigma$ . It is not difficult to check that we have representations of the form  $\alpha_1 = \sum_{i=1}^p \eta_i \beta^i$  and  $\alpha_2 = \sum_{i=p+1}^p \eta_i \beta^i$ . Then  $X_1 = \sum_{i=1}^p \eta^i Y_i$  and  $X_2 = \sum_{i=p+1}^n \eta^i Y_i$ , where  $\eta^i = \eta_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , because  $\sigma$  is an orthonormal frame. Since X is Killing, we have  $\eta_{j;i} + \eta_{i;j} = 0 \,\forall i,j$ . Setting i = j, we have  $\eta_{j;j} = 0$ . But  $\eta_{j;j} = Y_j(\eta_j) - \sum_i \eta_i \Gamma^i_{jj}$ . Hence  $Y_j(\eta_j) = \sum_i \eta_i \Gamma^i_{jj}$ . By Lemma 5 we have

(1) if 
$$j \leq p$$
, then  $Y_j(\eta_j)(x) = \sum_{i \leq p} \eta_i(x) \Gamma^i_{jj}(x)$ ,

(2) if 
$$j > p$$
, then  $Y_j(\eta_j)(x) = \sum_{i>p} \eta_i(x) \Gamma^i_{jj}(x)$ .

We recall that  $\eta_{ij}^j = Y_j(\eta^j) + \sum_k \Gamma_{jk}^j \eta^k$ . From this, using (1), (2), Lemmas 3 and 5, and the fact that  $\eta^i = \eta_i$  it can be computed that  $\eta_{ij}^j(x) = 0$  for each  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . But  $(\delta \alpha_1)(x) = -\sum_{j=1}^p \eta_{ij}^j(x)$  and  $(\delta \alpha_2)(x) = -\sum_{j=p+1}^n \eta_{ij}^j(x)$ . Hence  $(\delta \alpha_1)(x) = (\delta \alpha_2)(x) = 0$  for an arbitrary point x in M. Thus  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are Killing.

It remains only to show that  $\mathfrak{G}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{G}_2$  are ideals in  $\mathfrak{G}$ . First we show  $[\mathfrak{G}_1,\mathfrak{G}_1]\subset\mathfrak{G}_1$ . Let X,Z be arbitrary elements of  $\mathfrak{G}_1$ , and v be an arbitrary point in P with  $\pi(v)=x$ . Let  $\sigma=[Y_1,\cdots,Y_n]$  be the adapted frame on a neighborhood U of x determined by v. We see easily that X and Z are expressed as

 $X=\sum\limits_{i=1}^n\eta^iY_i,\ Z=\sum\limits_{i=1}^n\xi^iY_i,\ \text{where}\ \eta^i=\xi^i\equiv 0\ \text{on}\ U\ \text{for}\ i>p.\ \text{Now}\ [X,Z]$   $=\sum\limits_{m=1}^n[X,Z]^mY_m\ \text{where}$ 

(3) 
$$[X,Z]^m = \sum_{i,j} (\xi^i Y_i(\eta^m) + \xi^i \eta^j \Gamma^m_{ij} - \eta^i Y_i(\xi_m) - \eta^j \xi^i \Gamma^m_{ji}).$$

By Lemma 5 we obtain that  $[X,Z]^m(x)=0$  for m>p. Thus, if  $\alpha_i$ ,  $i=1,\dots,n$ , are the components of the 1-form corresponding to [X,Z], then  $\alpha_i(x)=0$  for i>p. From this it follows that if  $f=\sum\limits_{i=1}^n f^ie_i$  is the  $R^n$ -valued function on P corresponding to [X,Z], then  $f^i(v)=0$  for i>p. But v was an arbitrary point of P. Hence  $[X,Z]\in \mathfrak{G}_1$ . Similarly we prove that  $[\mathfrak{G}_2,\mathfrak{G}_2]\in \mathfrak{G}_2$ .

To complete the proof of Theorem 1, we need only to show  $[\mathfrak{G}_1,\mathfrak{G}_2]=0$ . Let X,Z be arbitrary elements of  $\mathfrak{G}_1,\mathfrak{G}_2$  respectively. Then  $X=\sum\limits_{i=1}^n\xi^iY_i$  and  $Z=\sum\limits_{i=1}^n\eta^iY_i$  with  $\xi^i\equiv 0$  on U for i>p and  $\eta^i\equiv 0$  on U for  $i\leq p$ , where  $\sigma=[Y_1,\cdots,Y_n]$  is an adapted frame on a neighborhood U of an arbitrary point x of M determined by some v in P such that  $\pi(v)=x$ . Again we have  $[X,Z]=\sum\limits_{m=1}^n[X,Z]^mY_m$  where  $[X,Z]^m$  is given by (3). We will show that  $[X,Z]^m(x)=0$   $\forall$  m.

Case 1: m > p. Then  $[X, Z]^m(x) = \sum_{i=1}^p \xi^i(x) (Y_i(\eta^m))(x)$  by Lemma 4 and the fact that  $\xi^i \equiv 0$  on U for i > p. Since Z is Killing, we have  $\eta_{m;i} + \eta_{i;m} = 0$ . Since  $\sigma$  is orthonormal,  $\eta^i = \eta_i$ . Thus we obtain

$$Y_i(\eta^m) - \sum_k \eta_k \Gamma^k_{mi} + Y_m(\eta^i) - \sum_k \eta_k \Gamma^k_{im} = 0$$
.

For m>p and  $i\leq p$ , it follows by Lemma 5 that  $Y_i(\eta^m)=-Y_m(\eta^i)$  at x. Thus  $[X,Z]^m(x)=-\sum\limits_{i\leq p}\xi^i(x)(Y_m(\eta^i))(x)=0$ .

Case 2:  $m \le p$ . The proof is similar.

## 4. Decomposition of holomorphic vector fields

We now assume our compact, connected, oriented Riemannian manifold M is Kählerian. The complex dimension is n/2, where n is now even. We denote the complex structure by J. Let  $\mathfrak A$  be the real Lie algebra of infinitesimal automorphisms of M.  $\mathfrak A$  is made into a complex Lie algebra using the almost complex structure J. Let  $\mathfrak A$  be the complex Lie algebra of holomorphic vector fields on M. As complex Lie algebras,  $\mathfrak A$  =  $\mathfrak A$ . Thus we will deal with  $\mathfrak A$  from now on.

The infinitesimal automorphisms of M are characterized by the property that

their corresponding 1-forms satisfy  $\Delta \alpha = 2S\alpha$ . Therefore, if  $\Gamma_{O(M)}$  is reducible to a connection  $\Gamma_P$  in a subbundle P of O(M) with structure group  $G \subset SO(n)$ , and if  $R^n = V_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_r$  where each  $V_i$  is invariant under the action of G, then by the theorem of Chern we have a corresponding decomposition of the real Lie algebra  $\mathfrak A$  into a direct sum of vector subspaces:  $\mathfrak A = \mathfrak A_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak A_r$ , where  $\mathfrak A_i = \{X \mid X \in \mathfrak A \text{ and the equivariant } R^n\text{-valued function on } P\text{ corresponding to } X\text{ is } V_i\text{-valued}\}.$ 

Now we specialize P and G. Let x be an arbitrary point of M. Let  $T_xM = V_{1x} \oplus \cdots \oplus V_{sx}$  be a direct sum decomposition of  $T_xM$  such that the  $V_{ix}$  are mutually orthogonal subspaces invariant under  $\Phi(x)$  and  $J_x$ . There is an element u in O(M),  $\pi(u) = x$ , which is of the form

$$u = (u_1, \dots, u_{r_1}, Ju_1, \dots, Ju_{r_1}, u_{r_1+1}, \dots, u_{r_1+r_2}, Ju_{r_1+1}, \dots, Ju_{r_1+r_2}, \dots)$$

where the first  $2r_1$  vectors in the frame u span  $V_{1x}$ , the next  $2r_2$  vectors span  $V_{2x}$ , etc.

**Theorem 2.** Let P = P(u) be the holonomy bundle of O(M) through u with structure group  $G = \Phi(u) = \Phi$ . Let  $R^n = R^{2\tau_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus R^{2\tau_s}$ . Then each  $R^{2\tau_s}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, s$ , is invariant under  $\Phi$ . Moreover, if  $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{A}_s$  is the decomposition of  $\mathfrak{A}$  corresponding to this decomposition of  $R^n$ , then the  $\mathfrak{A}_s$  are complex subspaces of  $\mathfrak{A}$  and in fact ideals.

**Proof.** For simplicity we assume s=2 and write  $R^{2\tau_1}=R^p$ ,  $R^{2\tau_2}=R^{n-p}$ ,  $V_{1x}=V_x$ , and  $V_{2x}=W_x$ . To show  $R^p$  is invariant under  $\Phi$ , let g be an arbitrary element of  $\Phi$ . Then there is an element  $\tau$  of  $\Phi(x)$  such that  $\tau(u)$  is the frame  $u \circ g \colon R^n \to T_x M$ . Since  $V_x$  is invariant under  $\Phi(x)$ , we have  $\tau(u) \circ u^{-1}V_x = u \circ g \circ u^{-1}V_x = V_x$ . But  $u^{-1}V_x = R^p$ . Therefore  $u \circ gR^p = V_x$  and  $gR^p = u^{-1}V_x = R^p$ . Similarly  $R^{n-p}$  is invariant under  $\Phi$ .

Now let v be an arbitrary element of P with  $\pi(v) = y$ . By the definition of P = P(u) and the fact that  $\nabla J = 0$  we see that v is of the form

$$v = (v_1, \dots, v_{\tau_1}, Jv_1, \dots, Jv_{\tau_1}, v_{\tau_1+1}, \dots, v_{\tau_1+\tau_2}, Jv_{\tau_1+1}, \dots, Jv_{\tau_1+\tau_2})$$

where  $2r_1 = p$  and  $2r_2 = n - p$ . Thus, if  $V_y$  is the subspace of  $T_yM$  spanned by the first p vectors of this frame and  $W_y$  is the subspace spanned by the last n - p vectors, then we have  $J_yV_y = V_y$  and  $J_yW_y = W_y$ . It follows readily that  $J\mathfrak{A}_i \subset \mathfrak{A}_i$ , i = 1, 2. Thus  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  are complex subspaces of  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

It remains to show that  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  are ideals in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . The proof that  $[\mathfrak{A}_i,\mathfrak{A}_i]$   $\subset \mathfrak{A}_i,\ i=1,2$ , is exactly the same as the proof of the analogous fact in Theorem 1. We therefore have only to show  $[\mathfrak{A}_1,\mathfrak{A}_2]=0$ . Let X,Z be arbitrary elements of  $\mathfrak{A}_1,\mathfrak{A}_2$  respectively. Let y be an arbitrary point of M and let  $\sigma=[Y_1,\cdots,Y_n]$  be an adapted frame on a neighborhood U of y determined by an element  $v=(Y_{1y},\cdots,Y_{ny})$  in P. Let the components of X,Z, and [X,Z] be  $\xi^i,\ \eta^i$  and  $[X,Z]^m$  respectively in the frame  $\sigma$ . Then  $\xi^i\equiv 0$  for i>p and  $\eta^i\equiv 0$  for  $i\leq p$ . From Lemma 4 we obtain

$$[X,Z]^{m}(y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \xi^{i}(y)(Y_{i}(\eta^{m}))(y) - \eta^{i}(y)(Y_{i}(\xi^{m}))(y) .$$

Thus  $[X,Z]^m(y) = -\sum_{i>p} \eta^i(y) (Y_i(\xi^m))(y)$  for  $m \le p$ , and  $[X,Z]^m(y) = \sum_{i \le p} \xi^i(y) (Y_i(\eta^m))(y)$  for m > p. In order to show  $[X,Z]^m(y) = 0 \ \forall m$ , it suffices to show

$$(Y_i(\xi^m))(y)=0$$
 for  $i>p$  and  $m\leq p$ , and  $(Y_i(\eta^m))(y)=0$  for  $i\leq p$  and  $m>p$ .

**Lemma 6.**  $\Phi^0(y)$ , the restricted linear holonomy group at y (which is the identity component of  $\Phi(y)$ ) with respect to  $\Gamma_{O(M)}$ , is decomposed into the direct product of two normal subgroups  $\Phi^0_1(y)$  and  $\Phi^0_2(y)$  such that  $\Phi^0_1(y)$  is trivial on  $W_y$  and  $\Phi^0_2(y)$  is trivial on  $V_y$ .

**Proof.** This follows from the proof of Proposition 5.3, p. 183 in [2]. By Lemma 1 we have that  $\Phi_1^0(y)V_y \subset V_y$  and  $\Phi_2^0(y)W_y \subset W_y$ . From this and Lemma 6 it follows that the holonomy algebra  $\phi(y)$  at y splits into a direct sum of subalgebras  $\phi_1(y)$  and  $\phi_2(y)$ , where, as linear endomorphisms of  $T_yM$  with respect to the basis  $\{Y_{1y}, \dots, Y_{ny}\}$ , elements of  $\phi_1(y)$  (respectively  $\phi_2(y)$ ) are represented by matrices of the form

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{p\times p} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad \left( \text{respectively } \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_{(n-p)\times(n-p)} \end{vmatrix} \right).$$

Now let  $\eta$  be the 1-form corresponding to the infinitesimal automorphism Z. By an easy computation we find that with respect to the moving frame  $\sigma$ ,  $(\Gamma \eta)_{li}$  =  $Y_i(\eta^l) + \sum_j \eta^j \Gamma^l_{ij}$ . In particular,  $(\Gamma \eta)_{li}(y) = (Y_i(\eta^l))(y)$  if l > p and  $i \le p$ . But an element of  $\phi(y) + J_y \phi(y)$  is represented with respect to the basis  $\{Y_{1y}, \dots, Y_{ny}\}$  of  $T_y M$  by a matrix of the form

$$egin{array}{cccc} A_{p imes p} & O_{p imes (n-p)} \ O_{(n-p) imes p} & B_{(n-p) imes (n-p)} \end{array}$$
 .

This follows from the above representations of  $\phi_i(y)$ , i=1,2, and from the fact that  $J_y V_y = V_y$  and  $J_y W_y = W_y$ . By a theorem of Lichnerowicz [3, p. 151],  $(V\eta)_y \in \phi(y) + J_y\phi(y)$ . This implies that  $(V\eta)_{li}(y) = 0$  if l > p and  $i \le p$ . Thus we must have  $(Y_i(\eta^m))(y) = 0$  for  $i \le p$  and m > p. Similarly, we can prove that  $(Y_i(\xi^m))(y) = 0$  for i > p and  $m \le p$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

Finally, if we assume the Kähler manifold M is nondegenerate, we can obtain a decomposition of  $\mathfrak{A}$  starting, as in the Killing case, from any holonomy bundle:

**Theorem 3.** Let M be nondegenerate. Suppose P is any holonomy bundle of O(M), and  $G = \Phi$  is its structure group. Suppose  $R^n = V_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_r$  is a decomposition of  $R^n$  into a direct sum of subspaces mutually orthogonal with respect to the usual inner product and invariant under  $\Phi$ . Let  $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{A}_r$  be the corresponding decomposition of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Then the  $\mathfrak{A}_i$  are complex subspaces of  $\mathfrak{A}$  and in fact ideals.

*Proof.* As in Theorem 1, it suffices to consider  $V_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_r$  to be  $R^{p_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus R^{p_r}$ . For simplicity, we consider only the case r=2 and write  $R^n = R^p \oplus R^{n-p}$ . Let  $u = (Y_{1x}, \cdots, Y_{nx})$  be an element of P with  $\pi(u) = x$ . Then by Lemma 1,  $V_x$  and  $W_x$ , the subspaces of  $T_xM$  spanned by  $\{Y_{1x}, \cdots, Y_{px}\}$  and  $\{Y_{p+1x}, \cdots, Y_{nx}\}$  respectively, are invariant under  $\Phi(x)$ . Since M is non-degenerate, we have  $J_x \in \Phi(x)$  [3, p. 173]. Then, in particular,  $JV_x \subset V_x$  and  $JW_x \subset W_x$ . The rest of the proof proceeds as the proof of Theorem 2.

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