

ON CERTAIN OPERATORS ASSOCIATED WITH TENSOR FIELDS

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Dedicated to Professor Shisanji Hokari on his sixtieth birthday

Introduction.

The theory of differential concomitants has been developed by Frölicher, Nijenhuis [1], [2], [6], Schouten [9] and others.¹⁾

Schouten [9] introduced a concomitant $[P, Q]$ formed with tensor fields P and Q of type $(p+1, 0)$ and $(q+1, 0)$ respectively, which is a tensor field of type $(p+q+1, 0)$.

Nijenhuis [6] introduced a concomitant $[S, T]$ formed with a vector s -form S and a vector t -form T which is a vector $(s+t)$ -form. Frölicher and Nijenhuis [1], [2], also introduced a concomitant $[S, \omega]$ formed with a vector s -form S and a scalar t -form ω which is a scalar $(s+t)$ -form.

On the other hand it was found that, in the study of a differentiable manifold M with an almost complex structure F , the tensor

$$\begin{aligned} N(X, Y) &= \frac{1}{2}[F, F](X, Y) \\ &= [FX, FY] - F[X, FY] - F[FX, Y] + F^2[X, Y] \end{aligned}$$

introduced by Nijenhuis [5] plays an important part. It is now well known [4] that it is necessary and sufficient for an almost complex manifold to be complex that the Nijenhuis tensor N formed with F vanishes identically.

Nijenhuis [6] proved also that

$$[F, N]=0, \quad [N, N]=0$$

and it seemed that there is no concomitant formed only with F and its partial derivatives and being essentially distinct from N .

However Walker [13] found a tensor field of type $(1, 4)$ involving the second partial derivatives of an almost complex structure F .

Willmore [14] introduced a tensor field W of type $(1, 4)$

$$W=[F \wedge N, N]=[F, N \wedge N]$$

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1) The numbers between brackets refer to the Bibliography at the end of the paper.