

104. Invariant Polynomials on Compact Complex Manifolds

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1. Introduction. Let M be a compact complex manifold of dimension n , $H(M)$ the complex Lie group of all automorphisms of M and $\mathfrak{h}(M)$ the complex Lie algebra of all holomorphic vector fields of M . In case when $c_1(M)$ is positive, the first author defined in [11] a character $f: \mathfrak{h}(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ which is intrinsically defined and vanishes if M admits a Kähler Einstein metric.

The purpose of the present note is twofold. First we generalize the definition of f to obtain a linear map $F: I^{n+k}(GL(n, \mathbb{C})) \rightarrow I^k(H(M))$ where, for a complex Lie group G , $I^p(G)$ denotes the set of all holomorphic G -invariant symmetric polynomials of degree p . The original f coincides with $F(e_1^{n+1})$ up to a constant. Secondly we give an interpretation of f in terms of secondary characteristic classes of Chern-Simons [9] and Cheeger-Simons [8]. More precisely we show that f appears as the so-called Godbillon-Vey invariant of certain complex foliations.

We also have real analogue of the linear map F for compact group actions. However this case can be derived from the recent papers by Atiyah-Bott [2] and Berline-Vergne [4], which we noticed after we have finished this work. Very interestingly both of the above works [2] [4] are inspired by Duistermaat-Heckman's paper [10] in symplectic geometry while we started from Kählerian geometry. In § 7 we shall derive a Duistermaat-Heckman type formula replacing a symplectic form and a hamiltonian vector fields by a Kähler form and a holomorphic vector field.

2. Definition of $H(M)$ -invariant polynomials. Let M be a compact complex manifold of dimension n . Choose any hermitian metric h on M and let D and Θ be the Hermitian connection and the curvature form with respect to h respectively. We put $L(X) = L_X - D_X$ for any $X \in \mathfrak{h}(M)$. For $\phi \in I^{n+k}(GL(n, \mathbb{C}))$ we define $f_\phi: (\mathfrak{h}(M))^k \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$f_\phi(X_1, \dots, X_k) = \int_M \phi\left(L(X_1), \dots, L(X_k), \frac{i}{2\pi}\Theta, \dots, \frac{i}{2\pi}\Theta\right).$$

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