

INVARIANT DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS ON THE GRASSMANN MANIFOLD $G_{2,n-1}(C)$

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0. Introduction. The present paper is the latter one of twin papers on invariant linear differential operators of Grassmann manifolds. In the former one [9] we determined and clarified the structure of the algebra $D(SG_{2,n-1}(R))$ of invariant linear differential operators on the Grassmann manifold $SG_{2,n-1}(R)$ of oriented 2-planes in R^{n+1} by exhibiting a set of generators with their simultaneous eigenspace decompositions.

The complex Grassmann manifold $G_{2,n-1}(C)$ defined as the totality of complex 2-planes passing through the origin of C^{n+1} , is known to be a symmetric space of rank 2. Hence, the algebra $D(G_{2,n-1}(C))$ of invariant linear differential operators acting on $C^\infty(G_{2,n-1}(C), R)$ is generated by two differential operators, where $C^\infty(M, K)$ denotes the algebra of K -valued C^∞ -functions defined on a complex manifold M and K denotes either the real number field R or the complex number field C .

The aim of the present paper lies, as in [9], in exhibiting a simultaneous eigenspace decomposition of an explicit set of generators $\Delta_0^\wedge$ and $\Delta_1^\wedge$ of the algebra $D(G_{2,n-1}(C))$.

Define

$$\begin{aligned} S^p(P_n(C)) &:= \sum_{k+l=p} S^{k,l}(P_n(C)) \quad (\text{direct sum}), \\ S^*(P_n(C)) &:= \sum_{p \geq 0} S^p(P_n(C)) \quad (\text{direct sum}), \\ S^{**}(P_n(C)) &:= \sum_{k,l \geq 0} S^{k,l}(P_n(C)) \quad (\text{direct sum}), \end{aligned}$$

where $S^{k,l}(P_n(C))$ is the $C^\infty(P_n(C), C)$ -module of complex (contravariant) symmetric tensor fields of bidegree (k, l) on the complex projective space $P_n(C)$. $S^{**}(P_n(C))$ is a bigraded algebra over $C^\infty(P_n(C), C)$. We obtained in [8] the following about the complex projective space $(P_n(C), g_0)$ with prescribed standard Riemannian metric g_0 :

(1) The eigenspace decomposition of Δ_0 restricted to $K^{**}(P_n(C), g_0)$ is given, Where Δ_0 is the Lichnerowicz operator acting on $S^{**}(P_n(C))$ and $K^{**}(P_n(C), g_0)$ is the bigraded C -subalgebra of $S^{**}(P_n(C))$ defined as