

# Convergence of the normalized solution of the Maurer-Cartan equation in the Barannikov-Kontsevich construction

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**Abstract.** We give a detailed proof of convergence of a normalized solution of the Maurer-Cartan equation in the Barannikov-Kontsevich construction.

## 1. Introduction.

The purpose of this paper is to show that the potential of the formal Frobenius manifold constructed by Barannikov and Kontsevich in [1], converges. Now we recall the definition of Frobenius manifolds, which were introduced and investigated by B. Dubrovin: cf. [3].

According to [3] and [8], a *Frobenius manifold* is a quadruple  $(M, \mathcal{T}_M^f, g, A)$ . Here  $M$  is a supermanifold in one of the standard categories ( $C^\infty$ , analytic, algebraic, formal, etc.),  $\mathcal{T}_M^f$  is the sheaf of flat vector fields tangent to an affine structure,  $g$  is a flat Riemannian metric (non-degenerate even symmetric quadratic tensor) such that  $\mathcal{T}_M^f$  consists of  $g$ -flat tangent fields. Finally,  $A$  is an even symmetric tensor  $A : S^3(\mathcal{T}_M) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_M$ , where  $\mathcal{O}_M$  is the sheaf of germs of functions on  $M$  in the sense of supermanifold. All the data must satisfy the following conditions:

(a) *Potentiality of  $A$ .* Everywhere locally there exists a function  $\Phi$  such that  $A(X, Y, Z) = XYZ\Phi$  for any flat vector fields  $X, Y$ , and  $Z$ .  $\Phi$  is called *potential*.

(b) *Associativity.*  $A$  and  $g$  together define a unique symmetric multiplication  $\circ : S^2(\mathcal{T}_M) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_M$  such that  $A(X, Y, Z) = g(X \circ Y, Z) = g(X, Y \circ Z)$ . Then this multiplication must be associative.

Thus given  $(M, \mathcal{T}_M^f, g)$ , Frobenius manifold structure on it is determined by a potential satisfying the associativity condition. In a formal Frobenius manifold, the potential  $\Phi$  is a formal power series. If  $\Phi$  converges, then we can consider that the Frobenius manifold is in the holomorphic category.

The Barannikov-Kontsevich construction is one of large classes of formal Frobenius manifolds. We explain it in §2. On the other hand, quantum co-

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homology which was discovered by physicists is also a large class of formal Frobenius manifolds (cf. [6]). Its potential is called Gromov-Witten potential. In general, it is difficult to prove the convergence of Gromov-Witten potential.

In this paper, we give a detailed proof of convergence of the normalized solution of the Maurer-Cartan equation and the potential in the Barannikov-Kontsevich construction. Consequently, the Barannikov-Kontsevich construction gives a large class of holomorphic Frobenius manifolds. We state the precise statement in §3, Theorem 3.1 and Corollary 3.2. We remark that Cao-Zhou [2] mentioned the convergence of the Barannikov-Kontsevich construction without proof.

**2. Barannikov-Kontsevich constructions.**

In this section, we briefly recall the construction of Barannikov-Kontsevich [1]. We use the notation in Manin [7].

Let  $M$  be a compact connected Kähler manifold of dimension  $n$  whose canonical bundle  $K_M$  is holomorphically trivial. It follows from the condition  $K_M = 0$  that there exists a nowhere vanishing holomorphic volume form  $\Omega \in H^0(M, \Omega_M^n)$ . It is defined up to a multiplication by a constant. Let us fix a choice of  $\Omega$ .

Put

$$\mathfrak{t}^{p,q} := \Gamma\left(M, \bigwedge^p \bar{T}_M^* \otimes \bigwedge^q T_M\right),$$

$$\mathfrak{t}^n := \bigoplus_{p+q=n} \mathfrak{t}^{p,q}, \quad \mathfrak{t} := \bigoplus_n \mathfrak{t}^n.$$

We define  $\mathbf{Z}$ - and  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -grading on  $\mathfrak{t}$ , as follows:

$$\mathbf{Z}\text{-grading: } |\gamma| := p + q \tag{1}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_2\text{-grading: } \tilde{\gamma} := p + q \pmod{2} \quad \text{for } \gamma \in \mathfrak{t}^{p,q}.$$

$\mathfrak{t}$  is endowed with differential  $\bar{\partial}$  and wedge product  $\wedge$ . Then  $(\mathfrak{t}, \wedge, \bar{\partial})$  is a supercommutative differential graded algebra with respect to the grading above.

Moreover  $\mathfrak{t}$  is endowed with the standard Schouten-Nijenhuis bracket. Explicitly, for  $X = X_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_p$ ,  $Y = Y_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge Y_q$  (where  $X_i, Y_j$  are vector fields of type  $(1,0)$ ) and  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ , define

$$\begin{cases} [X \bullet Y] = (-1)^p \sum_{s,t} (-1)^{s+t} \widehat{X}_s \wedge [X_s, Y_t] \wedge \widehat{Y}_t \\ [X \bullet f] = (-1)^p \sum_{s=1}^p (-1)^s X_s(f) \widehat{X}_s, \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

where  $\widehat{X}_s := X_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_{s-1} \wedge X_{s+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge X_p$ . For  $\varphi = d\bar{z}_I \otimes X$ ,  $\psi = d\bar{z}_J \otimes Y$ , define

$$[\varphi \bullet \psi] = (-1)^{j(p+1)} d\bar{z}_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J \otimes [X \bullet Y].$$

Then one can see that this bracket satisfies the following formulas:

$$\begin{cases} [a \bullet b] = -(-1)^{(\tilde{a}+1)(\tilde{b}+1)} [b \bullet a] \\ [a \bullet [b \bullet c]] = [[a \bullet b] \bullet c] + (-1)^{(\tilde{a}+1)(\tilde{b}+1)} [b \bullet [a \bullet c]] \\ [a \bullet bc] = [a \bullet b]c + (-1)^{(\tilde{a}+1)\tilde{b}} b[a \bullet c], \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

and  $\bar{\partial}$  is the derivation with respect to both  $\wedge$  and  $[\bullet]$ .

Now using  $\Omega$ , we define another differential  $\Delta$  on  $\mathfrak{t}$ . Let  $A^{p,q}(M) := \{\text{smooth } (p,q)\text{-forms on } M\}$ . We consider

$$I : \mathfrak{t}^{p,q} \rightarrow A^{n-q,p}(M)$$

defined by

$$\begin{cases} I(d\bar{z}_I \otimes X_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_p) := d\bar{z}_I \wedge i_{X_1} \cdots i_{X_p} \Omega & \text{for } X_i: \text{ vector fields} \\ I(d\bar{z}_I \otimes f) := d\bar{z}_I \wedge f \Omega & \text{for } f: \text{ functions,} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where  $i_X$  denotes interior product. Clearly,

$$\bar{\partial}I = I\bar{\partial}. \quad (5)$$

Now define another differential  $\Delta : \mathfrak{t}^{p,q} \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^{p,q-1}$  by the formula:

$$\Delta I = I\partial. \quad (6)$$

The operators  $\bar{\partial}$  and  $\Delta$  satisfy the following properties:

$$\begin{cases} \bar{\partial}^2 = \bar{\partial}\Delta + \Delta\bar{\partial} = \Delta^2 \\ \Delta(1) = 0 \\ [\alpha \bullet \beta] = (-1)^{\tilde{\alpha}} \{ \Delta(\alpha \wedge \beta) - (\Delta\alpha) \wedge \beta - (-1)^{\tilde{\alpha}} \alpha \wedge (\Delta\beta) \}. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

The last formula in (7) is known as the Tian-Todorov lemma. A supercommutative algebra satisfying the properties (3) and (7) is called *differential Gerstenhaber-Batalin-Vilkovisky algebra* (see Manin [7], §5).

Formulas (4), (5) and (6) imply that  $I$  induces isomorphisms:  $H(\mathfrak{t}, \bar{\partial}) \cong H_{\bar{\partial}}^*(M)$  and  $H(\mathfrak{t}, \Delta) \cong H_{\partial}^*(M)$ . Consequently,  $\mathbf{H} := H(\mathfrak{t}, \Delta)$  is finite dimensional.

Introduce a linear functional on  $\mathfrak{t}$  by

$$\int \gamma := \int_M I(\gamma) \wedge \Omega \quad \text{for } \gamma \in \mathfrak{t}. \quad (8)$$

Then  $\int$  satisfies the following identities:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \omega, \eta \in \mathbf{t}, \quad \int (\bar{\partial}\omega) \wedge \eta &= (-1)^{\tilde{\omega}+1} \int \omega \wedge (\bar{\partial}\eta) \\ \int (\Delta\omega) \wedge \eta &= (-1)^{\tilde{\omega}} \int \omega \wedge (\Delta\eta). \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

We define a symmetric pairing  $g$  on  $\mathbf{H}$  by

$$g([\omega], [\eta]) := \int \omega \wedge \eta.$$

Then  $g$  is well-defined and nondegenerate.

Choose a homogeneous basis  $\{[\gamma_a]\}_a$  ( $\gamma_a \in \ker \Delta$ ) of  $\mathbf{H}$ . The  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -lemma on Kähler manifolds (cf. Griffiths-Harris [4]) implies that we can choose  $\gamma_a$  in  $\ker \Delta \cap \ker \bar{\partial}$ . We assume that  $\gamma_0$  equals 1. Let  $\{t^a\}$  be the dual basis of  $\{[\gamma_a]\}$ . Define

$$|t^a| := 2 - |\gamma_a|. \tag{10}$$

Then  $\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{t}$  inherits a natural grading. Here  $\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]]$  is a formal power series ring in the superalgebra sense. See (13).

In [1], Barannikov and Kontsevich showed the following:

**THEOREM 2.1** (Barannikov-Kontsevich [1]). *There exists a solution to the Maurer-Cartan equation*

$$\bar{\partial}\Gamma(t) + \frac{1}{2}[\Gamma(t) \bullet \Gamma(t)] = 0 \tag{11}$$

in formal power series with value in  $\mathbf{t}$

$$\Gamma(t) = \sum_a \gamma_a t^a + \sum_{\substack{a_1 < \dots < a_k \\ k \geq 2}} \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_k} t^{a_1} \dots t^{a_k} \in (\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{t})^2$$

such that

- (i)  $\gamma_a$  are chosen as above,
- (ii)  $\gamma_{a_1 \dots a_k} \in \text{Im } \Delta$  for  $k \geq 2$ ,
- (iii)  $\partial_0 \Gamma(t) = 1$ , where  $\partial_0$  is the coordinate vector field corresponding to  $[1] \in \mathbf{H}$ .

We call such a solution  $\Gamma(t)$  *normalized*, and denote  $\Gamma(t) = \Gamma_1(t) + \Delta B(t)$ , where  $\Gamma_1(t) := \sum_a \gamma_a t^a$ .

**THEOREM 2.2** (Barannikov-Kontsevich [1]). *Put*

$$\Phi(t) = \int \left( \frac{1}{6} \Gamma(t)^3 - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\partial} B(t) \wedge \Delta B(t) \right). \tag{12}$$

Then  $\Phi$  determines a formal Frobenius manifold structure on  $(\mathbf{H}, g)$ .

Using  $\Gamma$ , we can define another differential  $\bar{\partial}_\Gamma$  on  $\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{t}$  by  $\bar{\partial}_\Gamma \varphi(t) := \bar{\partial} \varphi(t) + [\Gamma(t) \bullet \varphi(t)]$ . Then we can easily show that inclusions induce the following isomorphisms (see Manin [7], §5):

$$H(\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{t}, \bar{\partial}_\Gamma) \cong \frac{\ker \Delta \cap \ker \bar{\partial}_\Gamma}{\text{Im } \Delta \bar{\partial}_\Gamma} \cong H(\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{t}, \Delta) \cong \mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \otimes \mathbf{H}.$$

We note that the homology  $H(\bar{\partial}_\Gamma)$  inherits a natural multiplication from  $\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{t}$ , because  $\bar{\partial}_\Gamma$  is a derivation with respect to the wedge product.

We identify  $\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \otimes \mathbf{H}$  with the space of vector fields on  $\mathbf{H}$  by the formula  $[\gamma_a] = \partial / \partial t^a$ . This space acts on  $\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{t}$  as derivation. Define a map  $\psi : \mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \otimes \mathbf{H} \rightarrow H(\bar{\partial}_\Gamma)$  by  $\psi(X) := X\Gamma \text{ mod Im } \bar{\partial}_\Gamma$ . Then  $\psi$  is algebra isomorphism, if we define a multiplication on  $\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \otimes \mathbf{H}$  by the potential  $\Phi$  in Theorem 2.1. Namely, for  $X, Y \in \mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \otimes \mathbf{H}$ , their product  $X \circ Y$  is a unique element satisfying  $(X \circ Y)\Gamma \equiv X\Gamma \wedge Y\Gamma \text{ mod Im } \bar{\partial}_\Gamma$ .

### 3. Convergence of $\Gamma(t)$ in $C^{k+\theta}$ .

In this section, we keep the same notation as in the previous section.  $\{[\gamma_a]\}_{a=1}^N$  is a basis of  $\mathbf{H}$ . We assume that  $\gamma_a$  is even for  $1 \leq a \leq m$ , and odd for  $m+1 \leq a \leq N$ .  $\{t^a\}$  is the dual basis. In order to distinguish the odd basis from the even one, we denote  $t^{m+i}$  by  $\tau^i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq l (= N - m)$ . Then

$$\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] = \mathbf{C}[[t^1, \dots, t^m]] \otimes \wedge(\tau^1, \dots, \tau^l) \tag{13}$$

by definition. Later, when we need to distinguish even and odd, we use  $(\tau^i)$ , when not,  $(t^{m+i})$ .

Let  $\Gamma \in \mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{t}$ . We can represent it as  $\Gamma = \sum_\alpha \Gamma_\alpha(t) \tau^\alpha$  where  $\Gamma_\alpha(t) \in \mathbf{C}[[t^1, \dots, t^m]] \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{t}$ , and  $\tau^\alpha$  denotes  $\tau^{\alpha_1} \dots \tau^{\alpha_l}$ . Then it makes sense to ask whether  $\Gamma_\alpha$  is smooth in the coordinate  $(z^1, \dots, z^n, t^1, \dots, t^m)$ . Here  $(z^1, \dots, z^n)$  is a local coordinate of  $M$ . We split  $\mathbf{H}$  into even and odd parts:  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}^{ev} \oplus \mathbf{H}^{odd}$ . Let  $U$  be an open set in  $\mathbf{H}^{ev}$ . We say that  $\Gamma$  is smooth on  $U$  if  $\Gamma_\alpha$  is smooth on  $U \times M$  for each  $\alpha$ . Our goal is the following.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *There exists a normalized solution of the Maurer-Cartan equation (11)*

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 + \Delta B \in (\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{t})^2$$

such that  $\Gamma$  and  $B$  are smooth on a sufficiently small neighbourhood of the origin in  $\mathbf{H}^{ev}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_U$  be the sheaf of the germs of holomorphic functions on  $U$ . Put  $\mathcal{O} := \mathcal{O}_U \otimes \bigwedge (\tau^1, \dots, \tau^l)$ . We remark that if  $\Gamma(t)$  is smooth, then we can consider  $\bar{\partial}_\Gamma$  in the smooth category, and obtain an algebra homomorphism  $\mathbf{H} \otimes \mathcal{O} \rightarrow H(\bar{\partial}_\Gamma) : X \mapsto X\Gamma$ .

For  $X = [a], Y = [b] \in \mathbf{H}$ , define  $g(X, Y) := \int ab$ . When we regard  $(U, \mathcal{O})$  as a supermanifold, its tangent sheaf is identified with  $\mathcal{O} \otimes \mathbf{H}$ . Then we can regard  $g$  as a Riemannian metric on  $U$ . From (8), (12) and the result above, we obtain the following immediately.

**COROLLARY 3.2.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be as in Theorem 3.1, and  $\Phi$  be the potential which takes the form of (12). Then  $\Phi$  is holomorphic on  $U$ . Consequently,  $(U, \mathcal{O}, g, \Phi)$  is a Frobenius manifold in the sense of Manin [8].*

This is straightforward.

We will prove Theorem 3.1 by modifying the arguments in the Kodaira-Spencer deformation theory (cf. Kodaira [5]). The proof is divided into two parts: Proposition 1 and Proposition 2. In the first part, we shall prove the  $C^{k+\theta}$ -convergence, and in the second part, the regularity of the resulting solution.

We introduce the Hölder norms on the space  $\mathbf{t}$ . Let  $U$  be an open set in a Euclidean space  $\mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $k$  be a nonnegative integer, and  $0 < \theta < 1$ . For  $f \in C^k(U)$ , define

$$|f|_{k+\theta}^U := \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \sup_{x \in U} |D^\alpha f(x)| + \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \sup_{\substack{x, y \in U \\ |x-y| \leq 1}} \frac{|D^\alpha f(x) - D^\alpha f(y)|}{|x - y|^\theta},$$

where  $\alpha$  is multi-index. Next, we fix a finite covering  $\{V_j\}_{j \in I}$  of  $M$  such that  $(z_j)$  are coordinate on  $V_j$ . For  $\gamma \in \mathbf{t}$ ,

$$\gamma = \sum_{p, q=0}^n \sum_{\substack{\alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_p \\ \beta_1 < \dots < \beta_q}} \gamma_{j\bar{\alpha}_1 \dots \bar{\alpha}_p}^{\beta_1 \dots \beta_q}(z_j) d\bar{z}_j^{\alpha_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\bar{z}_j^{\alpha_p} \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j^{\beta_1}} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j^{\beta_q}},$$

the Hölder norm  $|\gamma|_{k+\theta}$  is defined as follows:

$$|\gamma|_{k+\theta} := \sup |\gamma_{j\bar{\alpha}_1 \dots \bar{\alpha}_p}^{\beta_1 \dots \beta_q}(z_j)|_{k+\theta}^{V_j},$$

where the sup is over all  $j \in I$ ;  $p, q = 1, \dots, n$ ;  $\alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_p$ ;  $\beta_1 < \dots < \beta_q$ . We also introduce the Hölder norms on  $A^{*,*}(M)$ , that is, the space of all the  $(p, q)$ -forms on  $M$ .

Let  $\Gamma(t) = \sum \gamma_\alpha t^\alpha \in \mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{t}$ ,  $\gamma_\alpha \in \mathbf{t}$ . Here  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N)$  is a multi-index, and  $t^\alpha$  denotes  $(t^1)^{\alpha_1} \dots (t^N)^{\alpha_N}$ . Then we define

$$|\Gamma|_{k+\theta}(t) := \sum_{\alpha} |\gamma_\alpha|_{k+\theta} t^\alpha \in \mathbf{C}[[t^1, \dots, t^N]]. \tag{14}$$

In (14), we forget the grading of  $(t^i)$ . So,  $t^i t^j = t^j t^i$  for all  $i, j$  in  $\mathbf{C}[[t^1, \dots, t^N]]$ , though  $\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]]$  is graded commutative.

Clearly, if  $|\Gamma|_{k+\theta}(t)$  converges on a domain  $U$ , then  $\Gamma(t)$  is  $C^{k+\theta}$  class on  $U$ . Indeed,

$$|\Gamma_\alpha|_{k+\theta}(t) = \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{(\partial t^{m+1})^{\alpha_1} \dots (\partial t^{m+l})^{\alpha_l}} \Big|_{t^{m+1}=\dots=t^{m+l}=0} |\Gamma|_{k+\theta}(t)$$

converges. So we shall prove the convergence of  $|\Gamma|_{k+\theta}(t)$  for a certain specific choice of  $\Gamma(t)$ .

Fix a Kähler metric on  $M$ . Let  $\omega$  be its Kähler form;  $\bar{\partial}$  be  $\bar{\partial}$ -operator acting on differential forms on  $M$ ;  $\bar{\partial}^*$  be the adjoint of  $\bar{\partial}$  with respect to the  $L^2$ -inner product induced by the Kähler metric on  $M$ ;  $\Delta_{\bar{\partial}} = \bar{\partial}^* \bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^*$  be the Laplacian;  $G_{\bar{\partial}}$  be its Green operator. Similarly, we consider  $\partial^*, \Delta_{\partial}$ , and  $G_{\partial}$ . Let

$$L : A^{*,*}(M) \rightarrow A^{*,*}(M)$$

be the map defined by  $L(\eta) := \eta \wedge \omega$ , and  $A$  be its adjoint. Then the following is well-known (cf. Griffiths-Harris [4]):

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\bar{\partial}} &= \Delta_{\partial} & G_{\bar{\partial}} &= G_{\partial} \\ [A, \partial] &= \sqrt{-1} \bar{\partial}^* & [A, \bar{\partial}] &= -\sqrt{-1} \partial^*. \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

We choose  $\Gamma(t)$  as follows. Let  $\{[\gamma_a]\}$  be a basis of  $\mathbf{H}$ . We can assume that  $I\gamma_a$  are harmonic forms, that is,

$$\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}(I\gamma_a) = 0. \tag{16}$$

Then the condition  $\bar{\partial}\gamma_a = \Delta\gamma_a = 0$  is satisfied. Define

$$\Gamma_0 := 0, \quad \Gamma_1 := \sum_a \gamma_a t^a.$$

For  $n \geq 2$ , we define  $\Gamma_n$  inductively, as follows:

$$\psi_n := -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i+j=n} [\Gamma_i \bullet \Gamma_j]$$

$$\Gamma_n := I\bar{\partial}^* G I \psi_n,$$

where  $G := G_{\bar{\partial}} = G_{\partial}$ , and  $I$  is defined by (4). Here,  $\Gamma_n$  is homogeneous of degree  $n$  in  $t^a$ .

**LEMMA 3.3.** *Let  $\Gamma = \sum_{n \geq 1} \Gamma_n$  be as above. Then  $\Gamma$  is a normalized solution. More precisely, if we define*

$$B_n := \sqrt{-1}I\Lambda GI\psi_n, \quad B = \sum_{n \geq 2} B_n, \quad (17)$$

then  $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 + \Delta B$ , and  $\Gamma$  is homogeneous of degree 2 with respect to the grading on  $\mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \hat{\otimes} \mathfrak{t}$  induced by (1) and (10).

PROOF. By definition,

$$\bar{\partial}\Gamma + \frac{1}{2}[\Gamma \bullet \Gamma] = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \bar{\partial}\Gamma_1 = 0 & \text{and} \\ \bar{\partial}\Gamma_n = -(1/2) \sum_{i+j=n} [\Gamma_i \bullet \Gamma_j] = \psi_n & \forall n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

From (16), we have  $\bar{\partial}\Gamma_1 = 0$ . Therefore it is sufficient to prove inductively the following:

$$\begin{cases} \bar{\partial}\Gamma_n = \psi_n \\ \Gamma_n = \Delta B_n \\ |\Gamma_n| = 2. \end{cases} \quad (* )_n$$

We assume that  $(*)_1, \dots, (* )_{n-1}$  hold. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\partial}\psi_n &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i+j=n} ([\bar{\partial}\Gamma_i \bullet \Gamma_j] - [\Gamma_i \bullet \bar{\partial}\Gamma_j]) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i+j+k=n} [[\Gamma_i \bullet \Gamma_j] \bullet \Gamma_k]. \end{aligned}$$

The right hand side vanishes because the Jacobi identity reads:

$$[[\Gamma_i \bullet \Gamma_j] \bullet \Gamma_k] + [[\Gamma_j \bullet \Gamma_k] \bullet \Gamma_i] + [[\Gamma_k \bullet \Gamma_i] \bullet \Gamma_j] = 0.$$

On the other hand, because of the Tian-Todorov lemma (7), we have  $\psi_n \in \text{Im } \Delta$ . Namely,  $I\psi_n \in \ker \bar{\partial} \cap \text{Im } \partial$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} I\psi_n &= \partial\bar{\partial}^* GI\psi_n \quad \text{because } I\psi_n \in \text{Im } \partial \\ &= \sqrt{-1}\partial(\Lambda\bar{\partial} - \bar{\partial}\Lambda)GI\psi_n \quad \text{from (15)} \\ &= \bar{\partial}(\sqrt{-1}\partial\Lambda GI\psi_n) \\ &= \bar{\partial}\bar{\partial}^* GI\psi_n. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we obtain  $\psi_n = \bar{\partial}\Gamma_n$  and  $\Gamma_n = \Delta B_n$ . Finally, because

$$I\Lambda I, IGI : \mathfrak{t} \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}$$



preserve  $\mathbf{Z}$ -grading, we have

$$|\Gamma_n| = |B_n| - 1 = |\psi_n| - 1 = 2. \quad \square$$

For  $f = \sum_{\alpha} a_{\alpha} t^{\alpha}$ ,  $g = \sum_{\beta} b_{\beta} t^{\beta} \in \mathbf{C}[[t^1, \dots, t^N]]$ , we define:

$$f \ll g \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} |a_{\alpha}| \leq |b_{\alpha}| \quad \text{for all } \alpha.$$

If  $f \ll g$  and  $g$  converges, then  $f$  also converges. For  $b, c \in \mathbf{R}_{>0}$ , define

$$A(t) = A(b, c; t) := \frac{b}{16c} \sum_{\mu=1}^{\infty} \frac{c^{\mu}}{\mu^2} (t^1 + \dots + t^N)^{\mu}.$$

Then  $A(t)$  converges on  $\{t \in \mathbf{C}^N \mid |t^i| < 1/Nc\}$ , and satisfies

$$A(t)^2 \ll \frac{b}{c} A(t). \quad (18)$$

**PROPOSITION 1.** *Let  $\Gamma(t) = \Gamma_1(t) + \Delta B(t)$  be chosen as in Lemma 3.3. Then, for fixed integer  $k \geq 2$  and real number  $0 < \theta < 1$ , there exist sufficiently large numbers  $b, c$  which satisfy*

$$|\Gamma|_{k+\theta}(t) \ll A(t) \quad \text{and} \quad |B|_{k+1+\theta}(t) \ll A(t).$$

To prove this, we need the following two lemmas.

**LEMMA 3.4.** *For all  $\varphi \in A^{*,*}(M)$  and  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{t}$ , we have*

- (i)  $|G\varphi|_{k+\theta} \leq C_1 |\varphi|_{k-2+\theta}$ ,
- (ii)  $|A\varphi|_{k+\theta} \leq C_2 |\varphi|_{k+\theta}$ ,
- (iii)  $C_3^{-1} |I\varphi|_{k+\theta} \leq |\varphi|_{k+\theta} \leq C_3 |I\varphi|_{k+\theta}$ ,
- (iv)  $|A\gamma|_{k+\theta} \leq C_4 |\gamma|_{k+1+\theta}$ ,

where  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  and  $C_4$  are some positive constants depending on  $k, \theta$ , not on  $\varphi, \gamma$ .

**PROOF.** The first inequality is well-known in the theory of elliptic operators (cf. Kodaira [5], Appendix, etc.).  $A : A^{*,*} \rightarrow A^{*,*}$  and  $I : \mathfrak{t} \rightarrow A^{*,*}$  are operators of order 0, and  $A : \mathfrak{t} \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}$  is of order 1. Hence we obtain the remaining inequalities.  $\square$

**LEMMA 3.5.** *There exists a positive constant  $C_5$  depending on  $k, \theta$  such that*

$$|[\varphi \bullet \psi]|_{k-1+\theta} \leq C_5 |\varphi|_{k+\theta} |\psi|_{k+\theta}$$

for all  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathfrak{t}$ .

**PROOF.** In general, if  $U \subset \mathbf{R}^l$  is an open set, and  $f, g \in C^{k+\theta}(U)$ , we have

$$|fg|_{k-1+\theta} \leq C |f|_{k-1+\theta} |g|_{k-1+\theta}$$

for some constant  $C$ .

By  $\partial_{i_s}$ , we denote  $\partial/\partial z_{i_s}$ . Let  $\varphi = f d\bar{z}_I \otimes \partial_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \partial_{i_p}$ ,  $\psi = g d\bar{z}_J \otimes \partial_{j_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \partial_{j_q} \in \mathfrak{t}$ . Then, from (2), we have

$$[\varphi \bullet \psi] = \pm d\bar{z}_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J \otimes \left\{ \sum_{a=1}^p \pm f(\partial_{i_a} g) \partial_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \widehat{\partial_{i_a}} \wedge \cdots \wedge \partial_{i_p} \wedge \partial_{j_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \partial_{j_q} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{b=1}^q \pm g(\partial_{j_b} f) \partial_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \partial_{i_p} \wedge \partial_{j_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \widehat{\partial_{j_b}} \wedge \cdots \wedge \partial_{j_q} \right\}.$$

Hence

$$|[\varphi \bullet \psi]|_{k-1+\theta} \leq \sum_{a=1}^p |f \partial_{i_a} g|_{k-1+\theta} + \sum_{b=1}^q |g \partial_{j_b} f|_{k-1+\theta} \\ \leq 2nC |\varphi|_{k+\theta} |\psi|_{k+\theta}.$$

Since general elements in  $\mathfrak{t}$  are represented as sum of at most  $4^n$  such elements, we obtain

$$|[\varphi \bullet \psi]|_{k-1+\theta} \leq 2n4^n C |\varphi|_{k+\theta} |\psi|_{k+\theta}. \quad \square$$

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 1. Recall that  $\Gamma_1 = \sum \gamma_a t^a$  and  $A(t) = (b/16) \cdot (t^1 + \cdots + t^N) + \text{higher terms}$ . Therefore, if

$$b \geq 16 \max_a |\gamma_a|_{k+\theta}, \quad (19)$$

then it follows that  $|\Gamma_1|_{k+\theta}(t) \ll A(t)$ .

Assume that for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$|\Gamma_i|_{k+\theta}(t) \ll A(t), \quad (20)$$

for some  $b, c > 0$ . Using Lemma 3.4, 3.5, and (17), we have

$$|\mathcal{B}_{n+1}|_{k+1+\theta}(t) = |\mathcal{IAGI}\psi_{n+1}|_{k+1+\theta}(t) \ll C_1 C_2 C_3^2 |\psi_{n+1}|_{k-1+\theta}(t). \quad (21)$$

We denote  $\Gamma_1 + \cdots + \Gamma_n$  by  $\Gamma^n$ . Then

$$|\psi_{n+1}|_{k-1+\theta}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left| \sum_{\substack{i+j=n+1 \\ i,j \geq 1}} [\Gamma_i \bullet \Gamma_j] \right|_{k-1+\theta}(t) \ll \frac{1}{2} |[\Gamma^n \bullet \Gamma^n]|_{k-1+\theta}(t).$$

For  $\varphi = \sum \varphi_\alpha t^\alpha \in \mathbf{C}[[t_{\mathbf{H}}]] \hat{\otimes} \mathfrak{t}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |[\varphi \bullet \varphi]|_{k-1+\theta}(t) &\ll \sum_{\alpha, \beta} t^\alpha t^\beta |[\varphi_\alpha \bullet \varphi_\beta]|_{k-1+\theta} \\
 &\ll \sum_{\alpha, \beta} t^\alpha t^\beta C_5 |\varphi_\alpha|_{k+\theta} |\varphi_\beta|_{k+\theta} \\
 &= C_5 |\varphi|_{k+\theta}(t) |\varphi|_{k+\theta}(t),
 \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 3.5. Since  $|\Gamma^n|_{k+\theta} \ll A(t)$  by the assumption (20), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\psi_{n+1}|_{k-1+\theta} &\ll \frac{1}{2} |[\Gamma^n \bullet \Gamma^n]|_{k-1+\theta} \\
 &\ll \frac{C_5}{2} |\Gamma^n|_{k+\theta} |\Gamma^n|_{k+\theta} \\
 &\ll \frac{C_5}{2} A(t)^2 \\
 &\ll \frac{C_5 b}{2c} A(t) \quad \text{from (18)}. \tag{22}
 \end{aligned}$$

From (21) and (22), we have

$$|B_{n+1}|_{k+1+\theta} \ll \frac{C_1 C_2 C_3^2 C_5 b}{2c} A(t).$$

Choose  $b$  satisfying (19). Next, choose  $c$  so that  $c$  satisfies

$$c \geq \frac{1}{2} C_1 C_2 C_3^2 C_4 C_5 b. \tag{23}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Gamma_{n+1}|_{k+\theta} &= |\Delta B_{n+1}|_{k+\theta} \\
 &\ll C_4 |B_{n+1}|_{k+1+\theta} \\
 &\ll A(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

The conditions (19) and (23) are independent of  $n$ . Therefore once we choose  $b$  and  $c$  satisfying (19) and (23), we can apply this argument for all  $n$ . Hence for such  $b$  and  $c$

$$|\Gamma|_{k+\theta}(t) \ll A(t) \quad \text{and} \quad |B|_{k+1+\theta} \ll C_4^{-1} A(t) \ll A(t). \quad \square$$

REMARK. Since  $b$  and  $c$  depend on  $k$  and  $\theta$ , the convergence radius of  $\Gamma(t)$  also depends on  $k$  and  $\theta$ .

From Proposition 1, we can deduce Corollary 3.2. However, because in order to observe the multiplicative structure of the resulting Frobenius manifold, it seems suitable to use  $\Gamma(t)$ , we prove the regularity of  $\Gamma(t)$  in the next section.

**4. Regularity of  $\Gamma(t)$ .**

In the previous section, we proved that  $\Gamma(t)$  is  $C^{k+\theta}$ . In this section we shall prove that  $\Gamma(t)$  is  $C^\infty$  on a sufficiently small neighbourhood of the origin in  $\mathbf{H}^{ev}$ . Since  $B_n = (\sqrt{-1}/2)I\Delta GI(\sum_{i+j=n}[\Gamma_i \bullet \Gamma_j])$ , we have

$$B = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2}I\Delta GI([\Gamma \bullet \Gamma]).$$

Therefore if  $\Gamma(t)$  is  $C^\infty$ , then  $B$  is also  $C^\infty$ . See Kodaira [5], Theorem 7.10.

In this section, we separate even and odd, again.  $(t^1, \dots, t^m)$  denotes even parameter, and  $(\tau^1, \dots, \tau^l)$  denotes odd. Put

$$\varphi(t) := I\Gamma(t), \quad \varphi_n := I\Gamma_n \quad \text{and} \tag{24}$$

$$S := \{(t^1, \dots, t^m) \in \mathbf{C}^m \mid |t^i| < r \text{ for } \forall i\} \quad \text{for small } r > 0.$$

We assume that  $\Gamma(t)$  is  $C^{k+\theta}$  on  $S$ . Let  $\pi$  be a projection  $M \times S \rightarrow M$ . Then we can regard  $\varphi$  as a  $C^{k+\theta}$  section of

$$V = \pi^* \left( \bigwedge^* T_M^* \otimes \bigwedge^* \bar{T}_M^* \right) \otimes \bigwedge(\tau^1, \dots, \tau^l) \rightarrow M \times S.$$

In order to prove that  $\Gamma(t)$  is  $C^\infty$ , it is sufficient to prove that  $\varphi$  is so. We consider the equation that  $\varphi(t)$  satisfies.

Since  $\Gamma(t)$  satisfies

$$\bar{\partial}\Gamma + \frac{1}{2}[\Gamma \bullet \Gamma] = 0,$$

$\varphi(t)$  satisfies

$$\bar{\partial}\varphi + \frac{1}{2}I[I\varphi \bullet I\varphi] = 0.$$

Here, we have  $\varphi_1(t) = \sum(I\gamma_a)t^a$  by definition. Because we choose  $\gamma_a$  so that they satisfy (16), we have  $\bar{\partial}(I\gamma_a) = \bar{\partial}^*(I\gamma_a) = 0$ . Therefore  $\bar{\partial}^*\varphi_1(t) = 0$ . If  $n \geq 2$ , then  $\bar{\partial}^*\varphi_n = 0$  because  $\varphi_n = \bar{\partial}^*GI\psi_n$ . Hence  $\varphi(t)$  satisfies the following:

$$\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}\varphi + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\partial}^*I[I\varphi \bullet I\varphi] = 0.$$

Using (15) and  $\Delta\Gamma = 0$ , we can rewrite this equation as follows:

$$\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}\varphi + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} [I\varphi \bullet I\varphi] = 0.$$

On the other hand, since  $\varphi$  is holomorphic in  $(t^1, \dots, t^m)$ , we obtain the following:

$$\left( -\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^i \partial \bar{t}^i} + \Delta_{\bar{\partial}} \right) \varphi + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} [I\varphi \bullet I\varphi] = 0. \tag{25}$$

Unlike the Kodaira-Spencer theory, our  $\varphi(t)$  is possibly nonzero even if  $t = 0$ . Perhaps the quasi-linear equation (25) is not elliptic. However, we will prove the regularity, modifying the argument in Kodaira [5], appendix, §8.

We introduce a new norm on the space of sections of  $V$ . Let  $\psi$  be a section of  $V$ . Then we can represent  $\psi$  uniquely as  $\psi = \sum_{\beta} \psi_{\beta} \tau^{\beta}$  where  $\psi_{\beta}$  is a section of  $W = \pi^*(\bigwedge^* T_M^* \otimes \bigwedge^* \bar{T}_M^*)$ . Let  $\{V_j\}$  be a coordinate neighbourhood of  $M$ . Then  $\{V_j \times S\}$  is a coordinate neighbourhood of  $M \times S$ . For  $f = \sum f_{jAB}(z_j, t) dz_j^A \wedge d\bar{z}_j^B \in \Gamma(M \times S, W)$ , define

$$|f|_{k+\theta} := \max_{j,A,B} |f_{jAB}(z_j, t)|_{k+\theta}^{V_j \times S}.$$

In order to distinguish this norm from the one in the previous section, we denote the latter by  $|\cdot|_{k+\theta}^M$ . Next, for  $\psi = \sum \psi_{\beta} \tau^{\beta}$  and fixed  $\rho \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $0 < \rho < 1$ , define

$$|\psi|_{k+\theta}^{\rho} := \sum_{\beta} |\psi_{\beta}|_{k+\theta} \rho^{|\beta|}.$$

For  $\varphi = \sum \varphi_{\alpha\beta} t^{\alpha} \tau^{\beta}$  defined by (24), we can assume that  $\varphi$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi|_{k+\theta}(t, \tau) &= \sum_{\alpha, \beta} |\varphi_{\alpha\beta}|_{k+\theta}^M t^{\alpha} \tau^{\beta} \\ &\ll A(t, \tau) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} A_{\alpha\beta} t^{\alpha} \tau^{\beta} \\ &= \frac{b}{16c} \sum_{\mu \geq 1} \frac{c^{\mu}}{\mu^2} (t^1 + \dots + t^m + \tau^1 + \dots + \tau^l)^{\mu} \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

i.e.  $|\varphi_{\alpha\beta}|_{k+\theta}^M \leq A_{\alpha\beta}$ .

LEMMA 4.1. *Under the assumption (26) above, we have*

- (i)  $|\varphi|_0^{\rho} \leq A(r, \rho)$ ,
- (ii)  $|\varphi|_0^{\rho} \leq 2A(r, \rho) + 2^{1-\theta} \sum_{|\alpha| \geq 1} |\alpha| A_{\alpha\beta} r^{|\alpha|-\theta} \rho^{|\beta|} =: B(r, \rho)$ ,

where  $A(r, \rho) = A(r, \dots, r, \rho, \dots, \rho)$ .

PROOF. (i) is obvious. Indeed,

$$|\varphi|_0^\rho = \sum_\beta \left| \sum_\alpha \varphi_{\alpha\beta} t^\alpha \right| \rho^{|\beta|} \leq \sum_{\alpha,\beta} |\varphi_{\alpha\beta}|_0^M r^{|\alpha|} \rho^{|\beta|} \leq A(r, \rho).$$

To prove (ii), it is sufficient to consider locally. For  $(x, t), (y, s) \in V_j \times S$ , we estimate

$$\frac{|\varphi_\beta(x, t) - \varphi_\beta(y, s)|}{|(x, t) - (y, s)|^\theta}$$

where  $\varphi_\beta = \sum_\alpha \varphi_{\alpha\beta}(x) t^\alpha$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|\varphi_\beta(x, t) - \varphi_\beta(y, s)|}{|(x, t) - (y, s)|^\theta} &\leq \frac{|\varphi_\beta(x, t) - \varphi_\beta(y, t)| + |\varphi_\beta(y, t) - \varphi_\beta(y, s)|}{(|x - y|^2 + |t - s|^2)^{\theta/2}} \\ &\leq \frac{|\varphi_\beta(x, t) - \varphi_\beta(y, t)|}{|x - y|^\theta} + \frac{|\varphi_\beta(y, t) - \varphi_\beta(y, s)|}{|t - s|^\theta} \\ \frac{|\varphi_\beta(x, t) - \varphi_\beta(y, t)|}{|x - y|^\theta} &\leq \sum_\alpha \frac{|\varphi_{\alpha\beta}(x) - \varphi_{\alpha\beta}(y)|}{|x - y|^\theta} |t|^{|\alpha|} \leq \sum_\alpha A_{\alpha\beta} r^{|\alpha|} \\ \frac{|\varphi_\beta(y, t) - \varphi_\beta(y, s)|}{|t - s|^\theta} &\leq \sum_\alpha |\varphi_{\alpha\beta}(y)| \frac{|s^\alpha - t^\alpha|}{|s - t|^\theta} \leq 2^{1-\theta} \sum_{|\alpha| \geq 1} |\alpha| A_{\alpha\beta} r^{|\alpha|-\theta}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$|\varphi|_\theta^\rho = \sum_\alpha |\varphi_{\alpha\beta}|_\theta \rho^{|\beta|} \leq 2A(r, \rho) + 2^{1-\theta} \sum_{\substack{|\alpha| \geq 1 \\ \beta}} |\alpha| A_{\alpha\beta} r^{|\alpha|-\theta} \rho^{|\beta|}. \quad \square$$

Remark that if  $r$  and  $\rho$  are sufficiently small, then  $A(r, \rho), B(r, \rho)$  are also small. Of course they converge.

Choose a partition of unity  $\{\omega_j\}$  subordinate to the open cover  $\{V_j\}$ . Next, for each  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ , we choose a  $C^\infty$ -function  $\eta^l(t)$  on  $S$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \eta^l(t) \equiv 1 & \text{if } |t| \leq (2^{-1} + 2^{-l-1})r \\ \eta^l(t) \equiv 0 & \text{if } |t| \geq (2^{-1} + 2^{-l})r \\ 0 \leq \eta^l(t) \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Put  $\omega_j^l(x, t) := \omega_j(x) \eta^l(t)$ . Furthermore, we choose a  $C^\infty$ -function  $\chi_j(x)$  with  $\text{supp } \chi_j \subset V_j$  which is identically equal to 1 on some neighbourhood of  $\text{supp } \omega_j$ . Put  $\chi_j^l := \chi_j \eta^l$ . Because  $\eta^l \equiv 1$  on some neighbourhood of  $\text{supp } \eta^{l+2}$ ,  $\chi_j^l \equiv 1$  on some neighbourhood of  $\text{supp } \omega_j^{l+2}$ . Then we shall prove the following:

PROPOSITION 2. For some small  $r > 0$ ,  $\eta^{2l+1}\varphi$  is  $C^{k+l+\theta}$ . In particular,  $\varphi$  is  $C^\infty$  on  $M \times \{t \in \mathbf{C}^m \mid |t^i| < r/2\}$ .

$\omega_j^l \varphi$  can be considered as a vector-valued function with compact support on a  $(2n + 2m)$ -dimensional torus  $\mathbf{T}^{2n+2m}$ . Since  $\eta^{2l+1}\varphi = \sum_j \omega_j^{2l+1}\varphi$ , to prove Proposition 2, it is sufficient to prove the regularity of  $\omega_j^{2l+1}\varphi$ . To prove this, we need some lemmas. Let  $C^{k+\theta} = C^{k+\theta}(\mathbf{T}^l, \mathbf{C})$  be the space of  $\mathbf{C}$ -valued  $C^{k+\theta}$  functions on  $\mathbf{T}^l$ .

LEMMA 4.2. Let  $u, v \in C^{k+\theta}(\mathbf{T}^l, \mathbf{C})$ . Then the product  $uv$  is  $C^{k+\theta}$ . And there exists a positive constant  $B_k$  depending only on  $k$  and  $l$ , but independent of  $u$  and  $v$  such that

$$|uv|_{k+\theta} \leq B_k \sum_{r+s=k} (|u|_{r+\theta}|v|_s + |u|_r|v|_{s+\theta}).$$

LEMMA 4.3. Let  $(x^1, \dots, x^l)$  be coordinate functions on  $\mathbf{T}^l$ . For  $h \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $h \neq 0$ ,  $a = 1, \dots, l$  and  $f \in C^{k+\theta}$ , define

$$\Delta_a^h f(x^1, \dots, x^l) := \frac{f(x^1, \dots, x^a + h, \dots, x^l) - f(x^1, \dots, x^l)}{h}.$$

Then we have the following:

- (i) If  $f \in C^{k+\theta}$ , then  $\Delta_a^h f \in C^{k+\theta}$  for all  $h \neq 0$  and  $a = 1, \dots, l$ .
- (ii) If  $f \in C^{k+1+\theta}$ , then  $|\Delta_a^h f|_{k+\theta} \leq |f|_{k+1+\theta}$  for all  $a$  and  $h$  ( $0 < |h| < 1$ ).
- (iii) If  $f \in C^{k+\theta}$  and for any  $a = 1, \dots, l$  and any  $h$  with  $0 < |h| < 1$  there exists a positive constant independent of  $h$  such that

$$|\Delta_a^h f|_{k+\theta} \leq M,$$

then  $f \in C^{k+1+\theta}$ .

LEMMA 4.4 ( $C^{k+\theta}$  a priori estimate). Let  $U$  be a domain in  $\mathbf{T}^l$ . Suppose that the second-order linear partial differential operator  $E$  with  $C^\infty$  coefficients defined on  $\bar{U}$  is of diagonal type in the principal part and strongly elliptic. Let  $0 < \theta < 1$ . Then for all integer  $k \geq 0$ , there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that

$$|f|_{k+2+\theta} \leq C(|Ef|_{k+\theta} + |f|_0)$$

for all  $f \in C^{k+2+\theta}$  with  $\text{supp } f \subset U$ . Here  $C$  is independent of  $f$ .

See Kodaira [5], appendix §8, Theorem 2.3, Lemma 8.1 and Lemma 8.2.

Put

$$E := - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^i \partial \bar{t}^i} + \Delta_{\bar{\partial}}.$$

$E$  is a second-order strongly elliptic operator of diagonal type in the principal

part. If we consider that  $V_i \times S \subset \mathbf{T}^{2n+2m}$ , then there exists a positive constant  $C_0$  such that

$$|\psi|_{k+\theta} \leq C_0(|E\psi|_{k-2+\theta} + |\psi|_0) \quad (27)$$

for all sections  $\psi$  of  $W$  with  $\text{supp } \psi \subset V_j \times S$ . This estimate (27) is true for all sections of  $W$ . Let  $\psi = \sum \psi_\beta \tau^\beta$  be a section of  $V$ . Since  $E\psi = \sum (E\psi_\beta) \tau^\beta$  and for all  $\beta$

$$|\psi_\beta|_{k+\theta} \leq C_0(|E\psi_\beta|_{k-2+\theta} + |\psi_\beta|_0),$$

we obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi|_{k+\theta}^\rho &= \sum_\beta |\psi_\beta|_{k+\theta} \rho^{|\beta|} \\ &\leq \sum_\beta C_0(|E\psi_\beta|_{k-2+\theta} + |\psi_\beta|_0) \rho^{|\beta|} \\ &= C_0(|E\psi|_{k-2+\theta}^\rho + |\psi|_0^\rho). \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Here the constant  $C_0$  in (28) is same as the one in (27). We prove Proposition 2, using this.

**PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2.** (I) First, we shall prove that  $\omega_j^3 \varphi \in C^{k+1+\theta}$ .

$\omega_j^3 \varphi$  can be considered as a function on  $\mathbf{T}^{2n+2m}$ . Therefore we can define  $\Delta_a^h(\omega_j^3 \varphi)$ . By Lemma 4.3, it is sufficient to prove the following: *for each  $a = 1, \dots, 2n+2m$  and each  $\beta$ , there exists a positive constant  $K$  such that  $|\Delta_a^h \omega_j^3 \varphi|_{k+\theta} \leq K$  for all  $h \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $0 < |h| < 1$ .*

For simplicity, denote  $\omega := \omega_j^3$ ,  $\chi := \chi_j^1$ . If  $|\Delta_a^h \omega \varphi|_{k+\theta}^\rho \leq K$ , then we have  $|\Delta_a^h \omega \varphi|_{k+\theta} \leq \rho^{-|\beta|} K$  for each  $\beta$ . Therefore, we shall prove that:

$$|\Delta_a^h \omega \varphi|_{k+\theta}^\rho \leq K.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} E(\omega \varphi) &= E(\omega \chi \varphi) = [E, \omega](\chi \varphi) + \omega E(\chi \varphi) \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} \omega \partial \bar{\Lambda} I [I \chi \varphi \bullet I \chi \varphi] + [E, \omega](\chi \varphi). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} E(\Delta_a^h \omega \varphi) &= \Delta_a^h E(\omega \varphi) + [E, \Delta_a^h](\omega \varphi) \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} \Delta_a^h (\omega \partial \bar{\Lambda} I [I \chi \varphi \bullet I \chi \varphi]) + \Delta_a^h ([E, \omega](\chi \varphi)) + [\Delta_a^h, \Delta_a^h](\omega \varphi) \\ &=: F_1. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$



Here we used the following facts:

$$\left[ -\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^i \partial \bar{t}^i}, \Delta_a^h \right] = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \chi \equiv 1 \quad \text{on a neighbourhood of } \text{supp } \omega.$$

Using (28), we obtain

$$|\Delta_a^h \omega \varphi|_{k+\theta}^\rho \leq C_0 (|F_1|_{k-2+\theta}^\rho + |\Delta_a^h \omega \varphi|_0^\rho).$$

Since  $\omega \varphi$  is  $C^{k+\theta}$ , we have

$$|\Delta_a^h \omega \varphi|_0^\rho \leq \sum_{\beta} |\omega \varphi_{\beta}|_{k+\theta} \rho^{|\beta|}, \tag{30}$$

from Lemma 4.3. The right hand side of (30) is independent of  $h$ .

Let us estimate  $|F_1|_{k-2+\theta}^\rho$ . First, we have  $|\Delta_a^h([E, \omega](\chi \varphi))|_{k-2+\theta}^\rho \leq K$ . Here  $K$  is a positive constant which is independent of  $h$ . Indeed, since  $[E, \omega]$  is first order operator,  $[E, \omega](\chi \varphi)$  is  $C^{k-1+\theta}$ .

Secondly, we have  $|\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}, \Delta_a^h](\chi \varphi)|_{k-2+\theta}^\rho \leq K$ . Indeed  $\Delta_a^h$  acts only on coefficients of  $\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}$  which is smooth.

Finally we estimate  $|\Delta_a^h(\omega \partial \bar{\partial} \Lambda I [I \chi \varphi \bullet I \chi \varphi])|_{k-2+\theta}^\rho$ . Since

$$\Delta_a^h(\omega \partial \bar{\partial} \Lambda I [I \chi \varphi \bullet I \chi \varphi]) = \sum_{\beta, \gamma} \pm \Delta_a^h(\omega \partial \bar{\partial} \Lambda I [I \chi \varphi_{\beta} \bullet I \chi \varphi_{\gamma}]) \tau^{\beta} \tau^{\gamma},$$

we have

$$|\Delta_a^h(\omega \partial \bar{\partial} \Lambda I [I \chi \varphi \bullet I \chi \varphi])|_{k-2+\theta}^\rho \leq \sum_{\beta, \gamma} |\Delta_a^h(\omega \partial \bar{\partial} \Lambda I [I \chi \varphi_{\beta} \bullet I \chi \varphi_{\gamma}])|_{k-2+\theta} \rho^{|\beta|+|\gamma|}.$$

**LEMMA 4.5.**

$$|\Delta_a^h(\omega \partial \bar{\partial} \Lambda I [I \chi \varphi_{\beta} \bullet I \chi \varphi_{\gamma}])|_{k-2+\theta} \leq C_1 (|\Delta_a^h \omega \varphi_{\beta}|_{k+\theta} |\varphi_{\gamma}|_{\theta} + |\varphi_{\beta}|_{\theta} |\Delta_a^h \omega \varphi_{\gamma}|_{k+\theta}) + K$$

where  $C_1$  is a positive constant which is independent of  $h, \omega$  and  $\chi$ .

Postponing the proof of this lemma, we shall finish the proof of (I). If we assume Lemma 4.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta_a^h(\omega \partial \bar{\partial} \Lambda I [I \chi \varphi \bullet I \chi \varphi])|_{k-2+\theta}^\rho &\leq 2C_1 \sum_{\beta, \gamma} |\Delta_a^h \omega \varphi_{\beta}|_{k+\theta} |\varphi_{\gamma}|_{\theta} \rho^{|\beta|+|\gamma|} + K \\ &= 2C_1 |\Delta_a^h \omega \varphi|_{k+\theta}^\rho |\varphi|_{\theta}^\rho + K. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 4.1, we have  $|\varphi|_{\theta}^\rho \leq B(r, \rho)$ . Therefore we obtain

$$|\Delta_a^h(\omega \varphi)|_{k+\theta}^\rho \leq 2C_0 C_1 B(r, \rho) |\Delta_a^h \omega \varphi|_{k+\theta}^\rho + K.$$

If we choose  $r$  and  $\rho$  such that

$$2C_0C_1B(r, \rho) \leq 1/2, \quad (31)$$

then it follows that  $|A_a^h \omega \varphi|_{k+\theta}^\rho \leq K$ .

PROOF OF LEMMA 4.5. For simplicity, we denote  $f = \varphi_\beta$  and  $g = \varphi_\gamma$ . Let

$$f = \sum_{A,B} f_{AB} dz^A \wedge d\bar{z}^B, \quad g = \sum_{C,D} g_{CD} dz^C \wedge d\bar{z}^D$$

$$A(dz^A \wedge d\bar{z}^B) = \sum_{C,D} A_{CD}^{AB} dz^C \wedge d\bar{z}^D$$

$$\Omega = h dz^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dz^n.$$

Then

$$I(f) = \sum \pm f_{AB}/h d\bar{z}^B \otimes \partial_{z^{n-A}},$$

where  $n-A$  denotes the compliment of  $A$  in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ .

$$[If \bullet Ig] = \sum_{\substack{i \in A \\ A, B, C, D}} \pm (f_{AB}/h) \partial_i (g_{CD}/h) d\bar{z}^B d\bar{z}^D \partial_{z^{n-A-i}} \partial_{z^{n-C}} + (f \leftrightarrow g),$$

$$I[If \bullet Ig] = \sum \pm f_{AB} \partial_i (g_{CD}/h) dz^E d\bar{z}^F + (f \leftrightarrow g),$$

where  $E$  and  $F$  are defined so that  $I(d\bar{z}^B d\bar{z}^D \partial_{z^{n-A-i}} \partial_{z^{n-C}}) = dz^E d\bar{z}^F$

$$\omega \partial AI[I\chi f \bullet I\chi g] = \sum \pm \omega \partial_j (A_{EF}^{GH} \chi f_{AB} \partial_i (\chi g_{CD}/h)) dz^j dz^G d\bar{z}^H + (f \leftrightarrow g).$$

Therefore it is sufficient to estimate

$$|A_a^h (\omega \partial_j (A_{EF}^{GH} \chi f_{AB} \partial_i (\chi g_{CD}/h)))|_{k-2+\theta}. \quad (32)$$

When we expand (32) by Leibniz rule, all the terms except

$$|\omega A_{EF}^{GH} \chi f_{AB} h^{-1} \partial_i \partial_j A_a^h (\chi g_{CD})|_{k-2+\theta} \quad (33)$$

can be estimated by positive multiple of  $|\omega f|_{k+\theta} |\chi g|_{k+\theta}$  or  $|\chi f|_{k+\theta} |\omega g|_{k+\theta}$ . Using Lemma 4.2, we can estimate (33) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & |\omega A_{EF}^{GH} \chi f_{AB} h^{-1} \partial_i \partial_j A_a^h (\chi g_{CD})|_{k-2+\theta} \\ & \leq |A_{EF}^{GH} f_{AB} h^{-1} \partial_i \partial_j A_a^h (\omega g_{CD})|_{k-2+\theta} + K \\ & \leq 2B |A_{EF}^{GH} h^{-1}|_\theta |f_{AB}|_\theta |\partial_i \partial_j A_a^h (\omega g_{CD})|_{k-2+\theta} + K \\ & \leq 2BC |f|_\theta |A_a^h (\omega g)|_{k+\theta} + K. \end{aligned}$$

Here we used  $\omega\chi = \omega$ .  $C_1$  is represented as a combination of  $C^{k+\theta}$  norms of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\Omega$ . Hence  $C$  is independent of  $\chi$  and  $\omega$ .  $\square$

(II) To complete the proof of Proposition 2, we prove, by induction, the following: for all  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $\omega_j^{2l+1}\varphi$  is  $C^{k+l+\theta}$ . Here, we do not change  $r$  and  $\rho$  satisfying (31). Under the assumption that  $\omega_j^{2l+1}\varphi$  is  $C^{k+l+\theta}$ , we prove that  $\omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi$  is  $C^{k+l+1+\theta}$ . To prove this, it is sufficient to prove that

$$|\Delta_a^h(D^l \omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi)|_{k+\theta}^\rho \leq K$$

where  $D^l$  denotes an arbitrary  $l$ -th order differential. By the same computation as (29), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_{l+1} &:= E(\Delta_a^h(\omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi)) \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} \Delta_a^h(\omega_j^{2l+3} \partial AI [I\chi_j^{2l+1}\varphi \bullet I\chi_j^{2l+1}\varphi]) \\ &\quad + \Delta_a^h([E, \omega_j^{2l+3}](\chi_j^{2l+1}\varphi)) + [\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}, \Delta_a^h](\omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$E(\Delta_a^h(D^l \omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi)) = D^l F_{l+1} + [\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}, D^l](\Delta_a^h \omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi).$$

Here we used  $[\Delta_a^h, D^l] = 0$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} &|\Delta_a^h(D^l \omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi)|_{k+\theta}^\rho \\ &\leq C_0(|D^l F_{l+1}|_{k-2+\theta}^\rho + |[\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}, D^l](\Delta_a^h \omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi)|_{k-2+\theta}^\rho + |\Delta_a^h(D^l \omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi)|_0^\rho). \end{aligned}$$

By assumption of induction,  $\omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi = \eta^{2l+3}\omega_j^{2l+1}\varphi$  is  $C^{k+l+\theta}$ . Hence  $|\Delta_a^h(D^l \omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi)|_0^\rho \leq K$ . Since  $[\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}, D^l]$  is  $(l+1)$ -th order, we have

$$|[\Delta_{\bar{\partial}}, D^l](\Delta_a^h \omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi)|_{k-2+\theta}^\rho \leq C|\Delta_a^h \omega_j^{2l+3}|_{k+l-1+\theta}^\rho \leq C|\omega_j^{2l+3}|_{k+l+\theta}^\rho \leq K.$$

Consider  $|D^l F_{l+1}|_{k-2+\theta}^\rho$ . The same argument as (I) is also valid here. Therefore it is sufficient to estimate

$$|D^l \Delta_a^h(\omega_j^{2l+3} \partial AI [I\chi_j^{2l+1}\varphi \bullet I\chi_j^{2l+1}\varphi])|_{k+\theta}^\rho.$$

By the same computation as Lemma 4.5, we obtain the following:

$$|D^l \Delta_a^h(\omega_j^{2l+3} \partial AI [I\chi_j^{2l+1}\varphi \bullet I\chi_j^{2l+1}\varphi])|_{k+\theta}^\rho \leq 2C_1|\varphi|_\theta^\rho |\Delta_a^h(D^l \omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi)|_{k+\theta}^\rho + K$$

where  $C_1$  is the same constant as Lemma 4.5. Since  $r$  and  $\rho$  are chosen so that they satisfies (31), we obtain the following again:

$$|\Delta_a^h(D^l \omega_j^{2l+3}\varphi)|_{k+\theta}^\rho \leq K. \quad \square$$

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