

## On the middle dimension cohomology of $A_l$ singularity

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### Abstract.

Let  $(V, o)$  be a normal isolated singularity in a complex Euclidean space  $(C^N, o)$ . Let  $M$  be the intersection of this singularity and the real hypersphere  $S_\epsilon^{2N-1}(o)$ , centered at the origin  $o$  with an  $\epsilon$  radius. Then, naturally, this link  $M$  admits a CR structure, induced from  $V$ , and the deformation theory of this CR structures has been studied in [1], [2],[3]. Especially in [3], a particular subspace of the infinitesimal deformation space is found, and we propose to study the relation between this subspace and simultaneous deformation. We note that: if the canonical line bundle of the CR structure is trivial, then the infinitesimal space of the deformation of CR structures is a part of the middle dimension cohomology. And in this line, we conjecture that  $Z^1$ , introduced in [3], might be related to the simultaneous deformation of isolated singularity  $(V, o)$ (see also [2]). We discuss this problem for  $A_l$  singularities.

### §1. Motivation and $Z^1$ - space

Let  $(V^{(n)}, o)$  be an isolated singularity in a complex euclidean space  $(C^N, o)$ . We consider the intersection

$$M = S_\epsilon^{2N-1}(o) \cap V.$$

Then  $M$  is a compact non-singular real  $2n-1$  dimensional  $C^\infty$  manifold, and a CR structure  $(M, {}^0T''')$  is induced from  $V$ , by ;

$${}^0T''' = C \otimes TM \cap T''(V - o).$$

Here  $T''(V - o)$  means the space consisting of type  $(1, 0)$  vectors on  $V - o$ . This pair  $(M, {}^0T''')$  is called a CR structure(or a CR manifold). For this CR structure, the deformation theory, related to the deformation theory

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of isolated singularities  $(V, o)$ , is successfully developed by Kuranishi. After the great work of Kuranishi, we are interested in the mixed Hodge structure of CR manifolds. We take a supplement vector field  $\zeta$  to  ${}^0T'' + {}^0T'$ , here  ${}^0T' = \bar{{}^0T''}$ . For this CR structure with the supplement vector field  $\{(M, {}^0T''), \zeta\}$ , we can introduce a mixed Hodge structure which should correspond to the mixed Hodge structure on a tubular neighborhood  $U$  of  $M$  in  $V$ . Here, we assume that there is a real vector field  $\zeta$  satisfying:

$$(1) \quad \zeta_p \notin {}^0T''_p + {}^0T'_p$$

$$(2) \quad [\zeta, \Gamma(M, {}^0T'')] \subset \Gamma(M, {}^0T'').$$

While, during our studying deformation theory of CR structures, we learn that: for Calabi-Yau manifolds, the Kuranishi family is unobstructed. So, in order to obtain the analogy to isolated singularities,  $Z^1$  space is found(see [3]).

$$(3) \quad Z^1 = \{u : u \in F^{n-1,1}, d''u = 0, d'u = 0\}.$$

In the case complex manifolds,  $Z^1$  might be translated as follows. For a tubular neighborhood  $U$  of  $M$  in  $V$ , we set

$$(4) \quad \{u : u \in \Gamma(U, \wedge^{n-1}(T'U)^* \wedge (T''U)^*), \bar{\partial}u = 0, \partial u = 0\}.$$

If  $X^{(n)}$  is a compact  $n$ -dimensional Kaehler manifold, then

$$(5) \quad \{u : u \in \Gamma(X^{(n)}, \wedge^{n-1}(T'X^{(n)})^* \wedge (T''X^{(n)})^*), \bar{\partial}u = 0, \partial u = 0\}.$$

includes the  $\bar{\partial}$ -harmonic space consisting of  $(n-1, 1)$  forms. While, here, we are treating an open manifold  $U$ (tubular neighborhood of  $M$ ). So even if the  $(n-1, 1)$  Kohn-Rossi cohomology does not vanish(the existence of a non-trivial  $\bar{\partial}$ -harmonic space consisting of  $(n-1, 1)$  forms), the above space might be 0. Here we give a program to obtain a non-trivial element of (4) from a non-trivial simultaneous deformation.

Let  $\tilde{V}$  be the resolution of the isolated singularity with complex dimension  $n$  in  $C^N$ ,  $V$ , and  $\pi$  is the resolution map  $\pi; \tilde{V} \rightarrow V$ . And consider non-trivial deformations of isolated singularity  $(V, o)$  with this resolution. Namely,  $\pi_t$  is a resolution map of  $V_t$  in  $C^N$ ,  $\pi_t; \tilde{V}_t \rightarrow V_t$ ,  $t \in T$ , where  $V_t$  is a deformation of  $V$ ,  $\tilde{V}_t$  is a deformation of  $\tilde{V}$ ,  $T$  is an analytic space with the origin, and at the origin,  $\pi_o = \pi$ ,  $\tilde{V}_o = \tilde{V}$ ,  $V_o = V$ . Furthermore, we assume that  $V_t \subset C^N$ . Now we take a  $C^\infty$  trivialization  $i_t$ : a tubular neighborhood of  $M_o \rightarrow$  a tubular neighborhood of  $M_t$ , which satisfies  $i_t(M_o) = M_t$ . In this setting, our program is as follows.

- **(First Step)** By using the simultaneous resolution, we construct a non-trivial  $(n, 0)$  form  $\omega_t$ , which is not  $d$  exact on  $\tilde{V}_t$  for a generic  $t$ , and depends on  $t$  complex analytically. In general, “to give an  $(n, 0)$  form, satisfying a certain condition”, might be easier than “to give an  $(n - 1, 1)$  form with the corresponding condition”.
- **(Second Step)** By choosing a proper  $C^\infty$  trivialization of the simultaneous deformation,  $i_t$ ,

$$i_t^* \omega_t = \omega_0 + \omega_1 t + \cdots, \quad (\text{expansion with respect to } t).$$

- **(Third Step)** From  $d\omega_t = 0$ , it follows that:  $d\omega_1 = 0$ . By the definition,  $\omega_1$  is a form of type  $(n, 0) + (n - 1, 1)$  on  $\tilde{V}_o - \pi^{-1}(o)$ , we write it by;

$$\omega_1 = \omega_1^{(n,0)} + \omega_1^{(n-1,1)}.$$

As  $d\omega_1 = 0$ , this is equivalent to

$$\bar{\partial}\omega_1^{(n-1,1)} = 0,$$

$$\bar{\partial}\omega_1^{(n,0)} + \partial\omega_1^{(n-1,1)} = 0.$$

The  $\bar{\partial}$ -cohomology class, determined by  $\omega_1^{(n-1,1)}$ , is the induced one by the Kodaira-Spencer class of deformations. So, this must be non-trivial. In this setting, we would like to construct a non-trivial element of (4), associated with the given simultaneous deformation.

For the Third Step, we have to comment on a crucial point. The naive answer is that:

$$\partial\omega_1^{(n-1,1)} = 0 \quad ?$$

This is too strong. There is an ambiguity to choose the  $C^\infty$  trivialization,  $i_t$ . By changing the  $C^\infty$  trivialization,  $\omega_1$  (resp.  $\omega_1^{(n-1,1)}$ ) is replaced by  $\omega_1 - du$  (resp.  $\omega_1^{(n-1,1)} - \bar{\partial}u$ ), where  $u$  is an  $(n - 1, 1)$  form. Hence our problem (to obtain a non-trivial element of (4)) is reduced to that; is there any  $C^\infty$   $(n - 1, 1)$  form  $u$ , satisfying:  $\bar{\partial}\omega_1^{(n-1,1)} - \partial\bar{\partial}u = 0$ ? This is so called “ $\partial\bar{\partial}$  lemma”. For a compact Kaehler manifold, by taking the harmonic part, this is always solvable. However, for an open manifold, this is not an easy problem. One of our conjecture is that; if  $\omega_1^{(n-1,1)}$  is induced by the simultaneous deformation, then this might be solvable. In the next section, we study this conjecture in  $A_l$  singularities.

## §2. $A_l$ singularities

Let

$$X = \{(z_1, \dots, z_{n+1}) : (z_1, \dots, z_{n+1}) \in C^{n+1}, z_1^2 + \dots + z_{n+1}^{l+1} = 0\},$$

where  $l$  is a positive integer. We call this isolated singularity  $A_l$  singularity. Consider a family of deformations of  $X$ ,

$$X_t = \{(z_1, \dots, z_{n+1}) : (z_1, \dots, z_{n+1}) \in C^{n+1}, z_1^2 + \dots + z_{n+1}^{l+1} = t\}.$$

Let  $M = X \cap \{(z_1, \dots, z_{n+1}) : |z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_{n+1}|^2 = 1\}$ . And consider a  $C^\infty$  trivialization of this deformation over a neighborhood of  $M$  in  $X$ . Let  $i_t : (z_1, \dots, z_{n+1}) \rightarrow (z_1(t), \dots, z_{n+1}(t))$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} z_1(t) &= z_1 + \frac{1}{2k(z, \bar{z})} \bar{z}_1 (1 + |z_{n+1}|^2 + \dots + |z_{n+1}|^{2l})t, \\ &\dots \\ z_n(t) &= z_n + \frac{1}{2k(z, \bar{z})} \bar{z}_n (1 + |z_{n+1}|^2 + \dots + |z_{n+1}|^{2l})t \\ z_{n+1}(t) &= z_{n+1} + \frac{1}{(l+1)k(z, \bar{z})} \bar{z}_{n+1}^l t \end{aligned}$$

Here

$$k(z, \bar{z}) = (1 + |z_{n+1}|^2 + \dots + |z_{n+1}|^{2(l-1)}) (|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2) + |z_{n+1}|^{2l}.$$

So, on  $M$ , because of  $|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2 = 1 - |z_{n+1}|^2$ ,  $k(z, \bar{z}) = 1$  holds. And,

$$\begin{aligned} z_1(t)^2 + \dots + z_n(t)^2 + z_{n+1}(t)^{l+1} &= z_1^2 + \dots + z_n^2 + z_{n+1}^{l+1} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{k(z, \bar{z})} \{(1 + |z_{n+1}|^2 + \dots + |z_{n+1}|^{2(l-1)}) (|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2) \\ &\quad + |z_{n+1}|^{2l}\} t + \text{higher order term of } t \\ &\equiv t \pmod{t^2} \end{aligned}$$

By adjusting higher order term, we have a  $C^\infty$  trivialization  $i_t : X \rightarrow X_t$  over a neighborhood of  $M$ . However, in this paper, we discuss only differential forms of type  $(n-1, 1)$ . So the above map is enough.

## §3. An approach to the First Step

In this section, we give a non-trivial holomorphic  $(n, 0)$  form on  $X_t \cap$  (a neighborhood of  $M$  in  $C^{n+1}$ ), which depends on  $t$ , complex

analytically. Let  $f = z_1^2 + \dots + z_n^2 + z_{n+1}^{l+1}$ . Like in [2], we, first, set a type  $(1, 0)$  vector field  $Z_f$ , defined on a neighborhood of  $M$  in the  $C^{n+1}$ , as follows. Let  $\Omega$  be the standard symplectic form.

$$\Omega = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \sqrt{-1} dz_i \wedge d\bar{z}_i.$$

By using this metric, we define a  $(1, 0)$  vector field  $Z_f$  on a neighborhood of  $M$  by;

$$df(X) = \Omega(X, \bar{Z}_f), \quad \text{for all } (1, 0) \text{ vector field } X.$$

This  $Z_f$  is easily written down as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} Z_f &= \sqrt{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \overline{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_i}\right)} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \\ &= \sqrt{-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n 2\bar{z}_i \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} + (l+1)\bar{z}_{n+1}^l \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{n+1}} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} Z_f(f) &= \sqrt{-1} (2^2 \sum_{i=1}^n |z_i|^2 + (l+1)^2 |z_{n+1}|^{2l}) \\ &\neq 0 \quad \text{on a neighborhood of } M. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\omega = dz_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{n+1}$ . For  $X_t$ , we set a holomorphic  $(n, 0)$  form  $\omega'(t)$ , which depends on  $t$ , complex analytically by ;

$$\omega'(t) = Z_f \lrcorner \omega \quad \text{on } X_t \text{ (inner product with vector field } Z_f).$$

And set

$$\omega'_t = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n 2^2 |z_i|^2 + (l+1)^2 |z_{n+1}|^{2l}} \omega'(t).$$

By the type of  $\omega$ , our  $\omega'_t$  is of type  $(n, 0)$  on  $X_t$ . We must show that our  $\omega'_t$  is holomorphic on  $X_t$ . For this, we recall the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.**  $\omega = -\sqrt{-1} df \wedge \omega'_t$  on a neighborhood of  $M$ .

We sketch the proof of this lemma. For a point  $p$  of a neighborhood of  $M$  in  $C^{n+1}$ ,  $T'_p C^{n+1}$  is spanned by  $Z_f$  and  $\{X_i(p)\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ , which satisfy  $X_i(p)f = 0$ . So, with these vector fields, just by a direct computation, we have our lemma.

By this lemma, on  $X_t$ ,

$$d\omega'_t = 0.$$

We have to see that our  $\omega'_o$  is not a d-exactn on  $X_o = X$ . But if we restric  $\omega_t$  to

$$\{(z_1, \dots, z_n, z_{n+1}) : z_1^2 + \dots + z_n^2 + z_{n+1}^{l+1} = 0, z_{n+1} = 0\}$$

a complex  $n - 1$  dimensional  $A_1$  singularity, then it gives a non-trivial  $n - 1$  dimensional cohomology (by the definition of our  $\omega'_t$ , it coincides with nontrivial element, constructed in [2]). So, we have a non trivial form.

#### §4. An approach to the Third Step

By the  $C^\infty$  trivialization of the simultaneous deformations,  $i_t$ , constructed in Section 2, on a tubular neighborhood of  $M$ ,

$$i_t^* \omega_t = \omega_0 + \omega_1 t + \dots, \quad (\text{expansion with respect to } t).$$

We explain a difficulty about this part. For example, we take  $A_1$  singularity (in our notations,  $l = 1$ ). Then, in the  $C^\infty$  isomorphism map,  $i_t$ , as a denominator,  $k(z, \bar{z})$  appears. Only on the boundary case (CR case)

$$k(z, \bar{z}) = 1 \text{ on the boundary.}$$

But we are treating the tubular neighborhood case. So, it is not so valid that there is no extra non-trivial  $(n, 0)$  term of  $\omega_1$  ( we write it by  $\omega_1^{(n,0)}$  ). Fortunately, for the case  $l = 1$  ( the case of an ordinary double point ),  $(n, 0)$  term doesn't appear (this means that it is not necessary to change the  $C^\infty$  trivialization  $i_t$ , constructed in Section 2). So, in this case,  $d\omega_1 = 0$  means that;  $\partial\omega_1 = 0$  and  $\bar{\partial}\omega_1 = 0$ . For the other  $l$ , we have to control the difficulty which arises from the term  $k(z, \bar{z})$ . In another paper, we discuss the other case.

For the case  $l = 1$ , the  $C^\infty$  isomorphism map is as follows.

$$z_i(t) = z_i + \frac{1}{2 \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} |z_i|^2} \bar{z}_i t, \quad i = 1, \dots, n+1.$$

And

$$Z_f = 2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \bar{z}_i \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \right).$$

In order to simplify the sketch, we assume  $n = 2$ . Then,

$$Z_f = 2(\bar{z}_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} + \bar{z}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} + \bar{z}_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_3})$$

And so,

$$Z_f \lrcorner \omega = 2(\bar{z}_1 dz_2 \wedge dz_3 - \bar{z}_2 dz_1 \wedge dz_3 + \bar{z}_3 dz_1 \wedge dz_2),$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_f(f) &= 4(|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + |z_3|^2) \\ &= 4r^2. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $r^2 = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + |z_3|^2$ . And

$$\begin{aligned} z_1(t) &= z_1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{r^2} \bar{z}_1 t, \\ z_2(t) &= z_2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{r^2} \bar{z}_2 t, \\ z_3(t) &= z_3 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{r^2} \bar{z}_3 t. \end{aligned}$$

Now we compute  $\omega_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} i_t^* \left( \frac{1}{4r^2} Z_f \lrcorner \omega \right) &= \frac{1}{2} i_t^* \left( \frac{1}{r^2} (\bar{z}_1 dz_2 \wedge dz_3 - \bar{z}_2 dz_1 \wedge dz_3 + \bar{z}_3 dz_1 \wedge dz_2) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\bar{z}_1(t) dz_2(t) \wedge dz_3(t) - \bar{z}_2(t) dz_1(t) \wedge dz_3(t) + \bar{z}_3(t) dz_1(t) \wedge dz_2(t)}{z_1(t) \bar{z}_1(t) + z_2(t) \bar{z}_2(t) + z_3(t) \bar{z}_3(t)} \right) \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\bar{z}_1 dz_2(t) \wedge dz_3(t) - \bar{z}_2 dz_1(t) \wedge dz_3(t) + \bar{z}_3 dz_1(t) \wedge dz_2(t)}{z_1(t) \bar{z}_1 + z_2(t) \bar{z}_2 + z_3(t) \bar{z}_3} \right) \pmod{(t^2, \bar{t})} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\bar{z}_1 dz_2(t) \wedge dz_3(t) - \bar{z}_2 dz_1(t) \wedge dz_3(t) + \bar{z}_3 dz_1(t) \wedge dz_2(t)}{z_1 \bar{z}_1 + z_2 \bar{z}_2 + z_3 \bar{z}_3} \right) \\ &\text{because of } z_1^2 + z_2^2 + z_3^2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

While

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{z}_1 dz_2(t) \wedge dz_3(t) &= \bar{z}_1 (dz_2 + \frac{1}{2} (d(\frac{1}{r^2})) \bar{z}_2 t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{r^2} d\bar{z}_2 t) \wedge (dz_3 + \frac{1}{2} (d(\frac{1}{r^2})) \bar{z}_3 t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{r^2} d\bar{z}_3 t) \\ &\equiv \bar{z}_1 dz_2 \wedge dz_3 + \{ \bar{z}_1 \frac{1}{2} (d(\frac{1}{r^2})) \bar{z}_2 \wedge dz_3 + \bar{z}_1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{r^2} d\bar{z}_2 \wedge dz_3 \\ &\quad + \bar{z}_1 dz_2 \wedge \frac{1}{2} (d(\frac{1}{r^2})) \bar{z}_3 + \bar{z}_1 dz_2 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{r^2} d\bar{z}_3 \} t \pmod{t^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore from this term,  $(2, 0)$  part is

$$\frac{1}{2} \bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2 \partial \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \wedge dz_3 + \frac{1}{2} \bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_3 dz_2 \wedge \partial \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \right).$$

By the same way, from  $-\bar{z}_2 dz_1(t) \wedge dz_3(t)$ , as a  $(2, 0)$  part,

$$-\frac{1}{2}\bar{z}_1\bar{z}_2\partial\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right) \wedge dz_3 - \frac{1}{2}\bar{z}_2\bar{z}_3 dz_1 \wedge \partial\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right).$$

And from  $\bar{z}_3 dz_1(t) \wedge dz_2(t)$ ,  $(2, 0)$  part is

$$\frac{1}{2}\bar{z}_1\bar{z}_3\partial\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right) \wedge dz_2 + \frac{1}{2}\bar{z}_2\bar{z}_3 dz_1 \wedge \partial\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right).$$

So summing up these three terms, in this case, we see that  $(2, 0)$  part does not appear.

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