# ON SUPERMANIFOLDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COTANGENT BUNDLE

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#### INTRODUCTION

We study here the problem of classification of complex analytic supermanifolds. Clearly, with any holomorphic vector bundle  $\mathbf{E}$  over a complex manifold M one can associate the so-called split supermanifold  $(M, \bigwedge \mathcal{E})$ , where  $\mathcal{E}$  is the sheaf of holomorphic sections of  $\mathbf{E}$ . On the other hand, each supermanifold  $(M, \mathcal{O})$  can be deformed into a split one which is called the retract of  $(M, \mathcal{O})$ . Thus, our problem is reduced to the problem of classification of holomorphic vector bundles and to the problem of classification of complex analytic supermanifolds with a given retract. We give here a survey of results concerning the second problem. We consider the case when  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{T}(M)^*$  is the cotangent bundle of M, though some important facts exposed in Sections 1 and 3 are valid in the general case. Thus, we deal mainly with the problem of classification of complex supermanifolds with retract  $(M, \Omega)$ , where  $\Omega$  is the sheaf of holomorphic forms on a complex manifold M.

Section 1 contains necessary definitions and some preliminary facts, including the theorem of Green reducing our classification problem to a problem of non-abelian cohomology theory. In Section 2 we give a direct construction of supermanifolds with retract  $(M, \Omega)$  starting from a d-closed (1, 1)-form or from a holomorphic line bundle on M (see [11]). In particular, we see that for any compact Kähler manifold M with dim M > 1 there exist non-split supermanifolds of this sort. In Section 3 we construct a non-abelian cochain complex in the sense of [8, 12], whose 1cohomology set gives a solution of our problem. This complex is actually of a type considered by Nijenhuis and Richardson [7] in connection with the deformation theory of algebras, i.e., it is related to a differential graded Lie superalgebra. The corresponding differential Lie superalgebra was introduced in [10]; its elements are derivations of the sheaf of smooth differential forms on M. For a compact manifold M, our complex gives rise to a finite-dimensional affine algebraic variety which can serve as a moduli variety for our classification problem; it is analogous to the Kuranishi family of complex structures on a compact manifold (see [5]). The detailed exposition of this theory see in [13, 15]. Section 4 contains applications to the case when M is a flag manifold.

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#### 1. COMPLEX SUPERMANIFOLDS

We consider here complex analytic supermanifolds, i.e.,  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded ringed spaces  $(M, \mathcal{O})$  locally isomorphic to  $(\tilde{U}, \bigwedge_{\mathcal{F}_n} (\xi_1, \ldots, \xi_m))$ , where  $\tilde{U}$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\mathcal{F}_n$  the sheaf of holomorphic functions in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and the exterior algebra sheaf  $\mathcal{F}_{n|m} = \bigwedge_{\mathcal{F}_n} (\xi_1, \ldots, \xi_m)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded in the usual way. Such a local isomorphism gives us a *chart* on an open subset  $U \subset M$ . The coordinates  $z_1, \ldots, z_n$  of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  are called *even local coordinates* on U, while  $\xi_1, \ldots, \xi_m$  are called *odd* ones. If U and V are two open subsets of M admitting two charts with local coordinates  $x_i$   $(i = 1, \ldots, n), \xi_j$   $(j = 1, \ldots, m)$  and  $y_i$   $(i = 1, \ldots, n), \eta_j$   $(j = 1, \ldots, m)$ , then in  $U \cap V$  we can write

(1) 
$$y_i = \varphi_i(x_1, \dots, x_n, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_m), \quad i = 1, \dots, n; \\ \eta_j = \psi_j(x_1, \dots, x_n, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_m), \quad j = 1, \dots, m,$$

where  $\varphi_i$ ,  $\psi_j$  are, respectively, even and odd sections of  $\mathcal{F}_{n|m}$  called the *transition* functions. We write dim $(M, \mathcal{O}) = n|m$ .

Here is a classical example of a complex supermanifold. Let M be a complex manifold of dimension n. By definition, this is a ringed space  $(M, \mathcal{F})$ , where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the sheaf of holomorphic functions on M. Extending this sheaf to the sheaf  $\Omega = \bigoplus_{p=0}^{n} \Omega^{p}$  of holomorphic exterior forms on M, we get the graded ringed space  $(M, \Omega)$ . This is a supermanifold of dimension n|n. In fact, let U be an open subset of M, where a chart with local coordinates  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  is defined. Clearly, the sheaf  $\Omega|U$  can be identified with  $\bigwedge_{\mathcal{F}_n} (dx_1, \ldots, dx_n)$ . Denoting  $\xi_j = dx_j$ , we see that  $x_i, \xi_j$  are local coordinates for  $(M, \Omega)$ . If V is another open subset with local coordinates  $y_i$  and  $\eta_j = dy_j$ , then the transition functions in  $U \cap V$  have the form

(2)  

$$y_i = \varphi_i(x_1, \dots, x_n), \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$\eta_j = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial y_j}{\partial x_k} \xi_k, \quad j = 1, \dots, n,$$

where  $\varphi_i$  are the usual transition functions for M.

The transition functions (2) are very simple:  $y_i$  do not depend on  $\xi_j$ , while  $\eta_j$  contain only terms of degree 1 in  $\xi_j$ . We express this fact by saying that  $(M, \Omega)$  is a *split* complex supermanifold. Quite similarly, we may associate a split complex supermanifold with any holomorphic vector bundle E over a complex manifold M; our example corresponds to the case  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{T}(M)^*$  (the cotangent bundle).

Consider now the following problem: how can we add to (2) additional terms of degrees 2, 4 etc. for  $y_i$  and of degrees 1, 3 etc. for  $\eta_j$ , in order to get a supermanifold structure on M, whose structure sheaf  $\mathcal{O}$  is not isomorphic to  $\Omega$ ? The supermanifolds obtained in this way are called *non-split supermanifolds with* retract  $(M, \Omega)$ , and we would like to classify them up to isomorphism. A similar problem can be posed for an arbitrary holomorphic vector bundle E.

For the complex grassmannians  $M = \operatorname{Gr}_{n,k}$  (and more generally, for complex manifolds of flags), examples of supermanifolds with retract  $(M, \Omega)$  were given by Manin. These are the so-called  $\Pi$ -symmetric supergrassmannians  $\Pi \operatorname{Gr}_{n|n,k|k}$  defined in [6]. It is proved in [9] that  $\Pi \operatorname{Gr}_{n|n,k|k}$  is non-split whenever n > 2.

The supermanifolds with a given retract can be classified in terms of the 1cohomology with values in an automorphism sheaf of the structure sheaf of the retract. In our case, consider the sheaf  $\operatorname{Aut}_{(2)}\Omega$  of automorphisms a of the  $\mathbb{Z}_{2}$ -graded algebra sheaf  $\Omega$  such that  $a(\psi) - \psi \in \bigoplus_{p \geq 2} \Omega^p$  for any  $\psi \in \Omega$ . The group Aut  $\mathbf{T}(M)^*$  acts on the automorphism sheaf of  $\Omega$  by inner automorphisms leaving invariant the subsheaf  $\operatorname{Aut}_{(2)}\Omega$  and hence on the 1-cohomology of this subsheaf. If  $(M, \mathcal{O})$  is a supermanifold with retract  $(M, \Omega)$ , then we may assume that its transition functions (1) have the functions (2) as their first terms and thus are obtained from (2) by an automorphism  $g_{UV} \in \Gamma(U \cap V, \operatorname{Aut}_{(2)}\Omega)$ . The following theorem (in a more general form) was proved by Green [2].

**Theorem 1.1.** The automorphisms  $g_{UV}$  form a Čech 1-cocycle of an open cover of M with values in the sheaf  $Aut_{(2)}\Omega$ . This correspondence gives rise to a bijection between the isomorphy classes of supermanifolds with retract  $(M, \Omega)$  and the orbits of the group  $Aut T(M)^*$  on  $H^1(M, Aut_{(2)}\Omega)$  under the action described above. The split supermanifold  $(M, \Omega)$  corresponds to the unit element  $e \in H^1(M, Aut_{(2)}\Omega)$ .

For an arbitrary complex supermanifold  $(M, \mathcal{O})$ , denote by  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{D}er \mathcal{O}$  the sheaf of derivations of the structure sheaf  $\mathcal{O}$ . The sheaf  $\mathcal{T}$  is called the *tangent sheaf* of M. The tangent sheaf is in a natural way a sheaf of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded left  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules. On the other hand, it can be regarded as a sheaf of complex Lie superalgebras under the bracket

(3) 
$$[u,v] = uv + (-1)^{p(u)p(v)+1}vu.$$

Sections of  $\mathcal{T}$  (holomorphic vector fields on  $(M, \mathcal{O})$ ) form the Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{v}(M, \mathcal{O}) = \Gamma(M, \mathcal{T})$ ; it is finite-dimensional whenever M is compact.

In what follows, we shall use the cohomology groups  $H^p(M, \mathcal{T})$  with values in the tangent sheaf; they are finite-dimensional vector spaces whenever M is compact. The bracket (3) induces a bracket in  $H^*(M, \mathcal{T}) = \bigoplus_{p \ge 0} H^p(M, \mathcal{T})$  giving a graded Lie superalgebra that contains  $H^0(M, \mathcal{T}) = v(M, \mathcal{O})$  as a subalgebra.

If the supermanifold  $(M, \mathcal{O})$  is split, then  $\mathcal{T} = \bigoplus_{p \ge -1} \mathcal{T}_p$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded sheaf of Lie superalgebras. E.g., for  $\mathcal{O} = \Omega$  the grading is given by

$$\mathcal{T}_p = \mathcal{D}er_p\Omega = \{ v \in \mathcal{T} \mid v(\Omega^q) \subset \Omega^{q+p} \text{ for all } q \in \mathbb{Z} \}.$$

The structure of the sheaf  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{D}er \Omega$  is described by the following theorem proved essentially by Frölicher and Nijenhuis [1].

**Theorem 1.2.** There is the following exact sequence of locally free analytic sheaves on M:

$$0 \to \Omega^{p+1} \otimes \Theta \xrightarrow{i} \mathcal{T}_p \xrightarrow{\alpha} \Omega^p \otimes \Theta \to 0,$$

Here  $\Theta = Der\mathcal{F}$  is the tangent sheaf of the manifold M, the mapping  $\alpha$  is the restriction of a derivation of degree p onto the subsheaf  $\mathcal{F}$ , and i identifies any sheaf homomorphism  $\Omega^1 \to \Omega^{p+1}$  with a derivation of degree p that is zero on  $\mathcal{F}$ .

This sequence is split, the splitting mapping  $l: \Omega \otimes \Theta \to \mathcal{T}$  being defined by

$$l(\varphi) = [i(\varphi), d],$$

where d is the exterior derivative regarded as a section of  $\mathcal{T}_1$ .

**Corollary.** There is the following decomposition into the direct sum of sheaves of vector spaces:

$$\mathcal{T} = i(\Omega \otimes \Theta) \oplus l(\Omega \otimes \Theta).$$

Note that  $\Omega \otimes \Theta$  is the so-called sheaf of holomorphic vector-valued forms. Also, for p = 0 the derivation l(u),  $u \in \Theta$ , is the classical Lie derivative along the vector field u.

As in the classical Lie theory, there exists a natural relationship between automorphisms and derivations of the sheaf  $\Omega$  (see [16]). Let us denote

$$\mathcal{T}_{\bar{0}(2p)} = \bigoplus_{k \ge p} \mathcal{T}_{2k}.$$

Then we have the exponential mapping

$$\exp: \mathcal{T}_{\bar{0}(2)} \to \mathcal{A}ut_{(2)}\Omega.$$

It is expressed by the usual exponential series which is actually a polynomial, since any  $v \in \mathcal{T}_{\bar{0}(2)}$  satisfies  $v^k = 0$  for any  $k > \left[\frac{m}{2}\right]$ . One proves that exp is bijective. Thus it is an isomorphism of sheaves of sets (but in general not of groups). We denote  $\log = \exp^{-1}$ . One proves that

(4) 
$$\lambda_2 : \mathcal{A}ut_{(2)}\Omega \to \mathcal{T}_2,$$

where  $\lambda_2(a)$  is the 2-component of  $\log a \in \mathcal{T}_{\bar{0}(2)}$ , is a homomorphism of sheaves of groups.

# 2. A CONSTRUCTION OF NON-SPLIT SUPERMANIFOLDS

Here we give a direct construction of non-split supermanifolds with retract  $(M, \Omega)$  (see [11]). Let  $\mathcal{Z}\Omega^1$  denote the subsheaf of  $\Omega^1$  consisting of closed forms and  $\beta : \mathcal{Z}\Omega^1 \to \Omega^1$  the inclusion mapping. Consider the mapping  $\mu : \mathcal{Z}\Omega^1 \to \mathcal{A}ut_{(2)}\Omega$  given by

$$\mu(\psi) = \exp(\psi d) = \operatorname{id} + \psi d, \quad \psi \in \mathcal{Z}\Omega^1.$$

One verifies easily that this is a homomorphism of sheaves of groups. It follows that we have the cohomology homomorphism (i.e. a mapping, taking 0 to the unit element)

$$\mu^*: H^1(M, \mathcal{Z}\Omega^1) \to H^1(M, \mathcal{A}ut_{(2)}\Omega).$$

Using Theorem 1.2 and the homomorphism  $\lambda_2$  given by (4), we get

**Proposition 2.1.** Suppose that dim M > 1 and that  $\zeta, \zeta' \in H^1(M, \mathbb{Z}\Omega^1)$ . If  $\mu^*(\zeta) = \mu^*(\zeta')$ , then  $\beta^*(\zeta) = \beta^*(\zeta')$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{U} = (U, V, ...)$  be an open cover of M and let  $\psi = (\psi_{UV})$  be a cocycle from  $Z^1(\mathfrak{U}, \mathbb{Z}\Omega^1)$ . Then the above construction assignes to  $\psi$  the supermanifold given by the cocycle  $g = (g_{UV}) \in Z^1(\mathfrak{U}, \mathcal{A}ut_{(2)}\Omega)$ , where

(5) 
$$g_{UV} = \mathrm{id} + \psi_{UV} d.$$

Due to Theorem 1.1, we see from Proposition 2.1 that this supermanifold is nonsplit if and only if the cohomology class of  $\psi$  in  $H^1(M, \Omega^1)$  is non-zero. Now we pass to an important case, where a "closed cocycle"  $\psi$  appears. Let  $\omega$  be a (1,1)-form on M satisfying  $d\omega = 0$ . Then, clearly,  $\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$ , and hence  $\omega$  determines a Dolbeault cohomology class  $[\omega] \in H^{1,1}(M,\mathbb{C})$ . If we denote by  $D: H^{1,1}(M,\mathbb{C}) \to H^1(M,\Omega^1)$  the Dolbeault isomorphism, then it turns out that  $D([\omega])$  can be represented by a closed Čech cocycle. Denote by  $\Phi^{p,q}$  the sheaf of smooth complex-valued (p,q)-forms on M. Then we have the exact sequence of sheaves:

$$0 \to \mathcal{Z}\Omega^1 \to \Phi^{1,0}_{\partial} \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \mathcal{Z}\Phi^{1,1} \to 0,$$

where  $\Phi_{\partial}^{1,0} \subset \Phi^{1,0}$  is the subsheaf of  $\partial$ -closed (1,0)-forms and  $\mathcal{Z}\Phi^{1,1} \subset \Phi^{1,1}$  the subsheaf of *d*-closed (1,1)-forms. Consider the corresponding connecting homomorphism

$$\delta^*: \Gamma(M, \mathcal{Z}\Phi^{1,1}) \to H^1(M, \mathcal{Z}\Omega^1).$$

Then  $\beta^* \delta^* \omega$  is the Dolbeault class of  $\omega$ . As a result, we get the mapping

$$\mu^* \circ \delta^* : \Gamma(M, \mathcal{Z}\Phi^{1,1}) \to H^1(M, \mathcal{A}ut_{(2)}\Omega).$$

Thus, any (1,1)-form  $\omega$  on M such that  $d\omega = 0$  determines a supermanifold with retract  $(M, \Omega)$ . To obtain an expression of the corresponding cocycle g, we consider an open cover  $\mathfrak{U} = (U, V, \ldots)$  of M such that  $\omega = \overline{\partial}\psi_U$  in any U, where  $\psi_U \in \Phi_{\partial}^{1,0}(U)$ . Then  $\delta^*\omega$  is represented by the cocycle  $\psi = (\psi_{UV}) \in Z^1(\mathfrak{U}, \mathbb{Z}\Omega^1)$ , where  $\psi_{UV} = \psi_V - \psi_U$  in  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Finally, the cocycle g is given by (5).

Using Proposition 2.1, we deduce the following result.

**Theorem 2.1.** If M is a compact Kähler manifold, then we have a linear mapping  $\tilde{\delta} : H^{1,1}(M,\mathbb{C}) \to H^1(M,\mathbb{Z}\Omega^1)$  such that  $\beta^* \circ \tilde{\delta} = D$ . The mapping  $\mu^* \circ \tilde{\delta} : H^{1,1}(M,\mathbb{C}) \to H^1(M,\operatorname{Aut}_{(2)}\Omega)$  is injective, whenever n > 1, and takes 0 to e.

Applying the above construction, we can associate a supermanifold  $(M, \mathcal{O})$  with retract  $(M, \Omega)$  with any holomorphic line bundle L over M. The closed (1, 1)-form  $\omega$  will be here the curvature form of a Hermitian metric on L. More precisely, we have the mapping

$$\mu^* \circ \mathfrak{D}^* : \operatorname{Pic}(M) = H^1(M, \mathcal{F}^{\times}) \to H^1(M, \operatorname{Aut}_{(2)}\Omega)$$

corresponding to the homomorphism of sheaves of groups

$$\mu \circ \mathfrak{D} : \mathcal{F}^{\times} \to \mathcal{A}ut_{(2)}\Omega,$$

where  $\mathfrak{D}$  is the logarithmic differential, i.e.,

$$\mathfrak{D}f = f^{-1}df = d\log f, \ f \in \mathcal{F}^{\times}.$$

Let  $L \in \text{Pic}(M)$  be given by a cocycle  $h = (h_{UV}) \in Z^1(\mathfrak{U}, \mathcal{F}^{\times})$ . Then  $(M, \mathcal{O})$  is determined by the following cocycle  $g = (g_{UV}) \in Z^1(M, Aut_{(2)}\Omega)$ :

$$g_{UV} = \mathrm{id} + (h_{UV}^{-1} dh_{UV}) d.$$

For example, the canonical line bundle  $K_M = \bigwedge^n \mathbf{T}(M)^*$  gives rise to a supermanifold called the *canonical supermanifold* over M. It corresponds to the canonical form defined by Koszul [4] and is not necessarily non-split.

## 3. A GENERAL CLASSIFICATION THEOREM

We retain the notation of the preceeding sections. Here we are going to express the cohomology set  $H^1(M, Aut_{(2)}\Omega)$  (see Theorem 1.1) in terms of differential forms on M. To do this, we use a non-linear complex similar to the non-linear de Rham and Dolbeault complexes studied, e.g., in [3, 8, 15]. Actually, a general complex of this sort was considered in [7], but it was used there only in the finite-dimensional situation. We consider here the split supermanifold  $(M, \Omega)$ , but the cotangent bundle can be easily replaced by an arbitrary holomorphic vector bundle over Min all general theorems formulated below.

The first step is the construction of a fine resolution of the sheaf  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{D}er \Omega$ . Theorem 1.2 implies that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a locally free analytic sheaf on M, and hence we can form the standard Dolbeault—Serre resolution of  $\mathcal{T}$ . More precisely, we set

$$\mathcal{R}_{p,q} = \Phi^{0,q} \otimes \mathcal{T}_p,$$
$$\mathcal{R} = \bigoplus_{p \ge -1, q \ge 0} \mathcal{R}_{p,q},$$
$$\bar{\partial}(\varphi \otimes u) = (\bar{\partial}\varphi) \otimes u, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{R}_{0,q}, u \in \mathcal{T}_p.$$

Then the sequence

(6)  $0 \to \mathcal{T} \xrightarrow{i} \mathcal{R}_{*,0} \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \mathcal{R}_{*,1} \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \dots$ 

is the desired resolution. However, it is convenient to write this resolution in a more complicated form, using derivations of the sheaf  $\Phi$  of smooth forms. Our purpose is to obtain a resolution endowed with a bracket operation that extends the operation (3) given in  $\mathcal{T}$ .

Consider the sheaf of graded Lie algebras  $\mathcal{D}er\Phi$  and denote

$$\bar{D} = \operatorname{ad} \bar{\partial}.$$

Clearly,  $\overline{D}$  is a derivation of bidegree (0, 1) of  $\mathcal{D}er\Phi$ , and

$$\bar{D}^2 = \frac{1}{2}[\bar{D},\bar{D}] = \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{ad}[\bar{\partial},\bar{\partial}] = 0.$$

Set

$$\mathcal{S} = \{ u \in \mathcal{D}er\Phi \mid u(\bar{f}) = u(d\bar{f}) = 0 \text{ for any } f \in \mathcal{F} \}.$$

One sees readily that S is a subsheaf of bigraded subalgebras of  $\mathcal{D}er\Phi$  that is invariant under  $\overline{D}$ . Moreover,  $\mathcal{T}$  is identified with the kernel of the mapping  $\overline{D}$ :  $S_{*,0} \to S_{*,1}$ . Thus, we get the sequence

(7) 
$$0 \to \mathcal{T} \xrightarrow{i} \mathcal{S}_{*,0} \xrightarrow{\bar{D}} \mathcal{S}_{*,1} \xrightarrow{\bar{D}} \dots$$

By [10], this is a fine resolution of  $\mathcal{T}$  isomorphic to (6). Moreover, *i* is a homomorphism of graded Lie algebra sheaves, and hence the natural bracket in S may be used to calculate the bracket in  $H^*(M, \mathcal{T})$  induced by the Lie bracket defined in  $\mathcal{T}$ . We also need the sheaf of groups

$$\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}ut\Phi = \{a \in \mathcal{A}ut\Phi \mid a(\bar{\psi}) = \bar{\psi} \text{ for all } \psi \in \Omega\}.$$

and its subsheaf

$$\mathcal{PA}ut_{(2)}\Phi = \{a \in \mathcal{A}ut\Phi \mid a(\psi) - \psi \in \bigoplus_{p \ge 2} \Phi^p, \ \psi \in \Phi\}$$

The sheaf of groups  $\mathcal{PAut}_{(2)}\Phi$  acts on S by the automorphisms  $\operatorname{Int} a(u) = aua^{-1}$ . Consider now the triple  $(K^0, K^1, K^2)$ , where

$$K^{0} = \Gamma(M, \mathcal{PAut}_{(2)}\Phi), \quad K^{p} = \bigoplus_{k \ge 2} \Gamma(M, \mathcal{S}_{2k,p}), \quad p = 1, 2,$$

and define the mappings  $\delta_0: K^0 \to K^1$  and  $\delta_1: K^1 \to K^2$  by

$$egin{aligned} \delta_0(a) &= ar{\partial} - aar{\partial} a^{-1}, \ \delta_1(u) &= ar{D} u - rac{1}{2}[u,u] = -rac{1}{2}[u-ar{\partial},u-ar{\partial}]. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $\delta_1(0) = 0$ .

Proposition 3.1.

(1) The mapping  $\delta_0$  is a crossed homomorphism, i.e.,

$$\delta_0(ab) = \delta_0(a) + a\delta_0(b)a^{-1}, \ a, b \in K^0.$$

(2) The corresponding affine action of  $K^0$  on  $K^1$  is given by

$$\rho(a)(u) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \delta_0(a) + aua^{-1} = a(u - \bar{\partial})a^{-1} + \bar{\partial}.$$

(3) The mapping  $\delta_1$  satisfies

$$\delta_1(\rho(a)(u)) = a\delta_1(u)a^{-1}.$$

This proposition shows that the triple  $K = (K^0, K^1, K^2)$  with coboundary mappings  $\delta_p$  and actions Int of  $K^0$  on  $K^p$ , p = 1, 2, is a non-abelian cochain complex in the sense of [8, 15]. In particular, we can define its 1-cohomology set

$$H^1(K) = \operatorname{Ker} \delta_1 / \rho$$

with the distinguished point 0. Using the machinery of non-abelian complexes, we get the following result (see [13]).

**Theorem 3.1.** We have an isomorphism of sets with distinguished points

$$\nu: H^1(K) \to H^1(M, \operatorname{Aut}_{(2)}\Omega)$$

The mapping  $\nu$  can be expressed quite explicitly. Take  $z \in K^1$  such that  $\delta_1(z) = 0$ . There exists an open cover  $\mathfrak{U} = (U, V, \ldots)$  of M such that  $z = \delta_0(a_U)$ , where  $a_U \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{PAut}_{(2)}\Phi)$  for any U. Define  $b \in Z^1(\mathfrak{U}, \mathcal{PAut}_{(2)}\Phi)$  by  $b_{UV} = a_U^{-1}a_V$ . One sees that  $b_{UV}$  preserve the subsheaf  $\Omega | U \cap V$ , and hence we may regard b as a cocycle from  $Z^1(\mathfrak{U}, \mathcal{Aut}_{(2)}\Omega)$ . Then  $\nu$  maps the cohomology class of z onto that of b.

**Example.** Without going into details, we show, how to express the construction of Section 2 in terms of the complex K.

Let  $\omega \in \Gamma(M, \Phi^{1,1})$  be a (1,1)-form satisfying  $d\omega = 0$ . Consider the derivation  $u = \omega \partial$  of  $\Phi$ . Clearly,  $u \in S_{2,1}$ . Moreover,  $\overline{D}u = [u, u] = 0$ , and hence  $\delta_1(u) = 0$ . By Theorem 3.1, u determines a cohomology class  $\tilde{u} \in H^1(M, Aut_{(2)}\Omega)$ . One sees that  $\tilde{u} = \mu^* \delta^*(u)$ .

In the case when M is compact, Theorem 3.1 allows to use Hodge theory for constructing a moduli variety for our classification problem (see [13]). This variety is actually an algebraic subvariety of  $H^1(M, \bigoplus_{k\geq 1} \mathcal{T}_{2k})$ . Note the following simple case when this variety coincides with  $H^1(M, \mathcal{T}_2)$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** If  $H^1(M, \mathcal{T}_{2q}) = H^2(M, \mathcal{T}_{2q}) = 0$  for all  $q \geq 3$ , then  $\lambda_2^* : H^1(M, \mathcal{A}ut_{(2)}\Omega) \to H^1(M, \mathcal{T}_2)$  is an isomorphism.

This can be deduced from Theorem 3.1 (a more direct proof see in [14]).

### 4. Applications to flag manifolds

In this section, we consider the case when M is a flag manifold of a connected semisimple complex Lie group G. We may identify M with the coset space G/P, where P is a parabolic subgroup of G. The subgroup P is determined by a subset  $S \subset \Pi$ , where  $\Pi$  is the system of simple roots of G. E.g., P is maximal whenever  $|\Pi \setminus S| = 1$ . Let  $\Gamma$  denote the subgroup of Aut  $\Pi$  leaving S invariant. It is known that  $\Gamma$  can be interpreted as a group of biholomorphic transformations of M.

Since M is Kähler, the construction of Section 2 gives rise to a non-empty family of non-split supermanifolds having  $(M, \Omega)$  as their retract. More precisely, Theorem 2.1 implies

**Theorem 4.1.** Let M = G/P is a flag manifold of dimension  $\geq 2$ , where G is simple, and denote  $r = |\Pi \setminus S|$ . Then there exists a family of distinct non-split supermanifolds parametrized by  $\mathbb{CP}^{r-1}/\Gamma$  and having  $(M, \Omega)$  as their common retract.

If P is maximal, then this family consists of a unique supermanifold, which is isomorphic to the canonical one.

Now suppose that M is a simply connected irreducible compact Hermitian symmetric space. One proves (see [9]) that the conditions of Proposition 3.2 are satisfied. Moreover, our problem for these manifolds M has the following complete solution.

**Theorem 4.2.** Suppose that M is a simply connected irreducible compact Hermitian symmetric space of dimension  $\geq 2$ .

If  $M = \operatorname{Gr}_{n,s}$ , 1 < s < n-1, then non-split supermanifolds with retract  $(M, \Omega)$ are parametrized by  $\mathbb{CP}^1/\Gamma$ , where

$$\Gamma = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_2 & \text{if } n = 2s \\ \{e\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Otherwise, there exists (up to isomorphism) precisely one non-split supermanifold with retract  $(M, \Omega)$ , namely, the canonical one.

It follows that the  $\Pi$ -symmetric supergrassmannian  $\Pi \operatorname{Gr}_{n|n,k|k}$  is not rigid, except of the case when k = 1 or n - 1, i.e.,  $M = \mathbb{CP}^{n-1}$ .

In [9] the Lie superalgebra  $v((M, \mathcal{O}))$  for all supermanifolds described in Theorem 4.2 is calculated. It is proved, in particular, that  $\prod \operatorname{Gr}_{n|n,k|k}$  is the only homogeneous non-split supermanifold with retract  $(M, \Omega)$ , where M is a simply connected irreducible compact Hermitian symmetric space.

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