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List of Symbols

I.	Ω_X^m
	\mathscr{C}_{X}
	$\mathscr{F}_{X,\mathbf{R}}$
	$\mathscr{F}(U,\mathbb{R})$

1.1.
$$\mathscr{C}_{X}^{\infty}$$

$$A_{X}^{m}$$

$$A_{X}^{k,l}$$

$$PH_{X}$$

1.2.
$$[\varphi]$$
 $[\mathscr{C}_X^{\infty}]$

2.1.
$$P_X^0$$
 SP_X^0
 P_X^{∞}
 SP_X^{∞}
 $[P_X^{\infty}]$

2.4.
$$SP^{0,\infty}(U,V)$$

2.6.
$$SP_{\pi}^{\infty}$$

3.1. Sym^k(X)
$$\sum \{x_j\}$$

3.2.
$$B_m(X)$$

3.3.
$$\mathbf{D}_{m}(X)$$
$$c(Y)$$

3.4.
$$F_{\varphi}(c)$$
 $(c \cdot \xi)$

3.5.
$$\pi_* \varphi$$

$$\mathbf{B}_m(X)^{(0)}$$

1.1.
$$\mathscr{K}_{X}^{1}$$
 $\mathscr{K}_{X,\mathbb{R}}^{1}$
 $\partial \bar{\partial} \kappa$

1.2.
$$\hat{c}_1$$
 c_1
 \tilde{c}_1

3.1.
$$\operatorname{Tr}_{X/X'}^{(c)}$$
 $\operatorname{Tr}_{X/X'}^{(h)}$

4.1.
$$\mathscr{W}_X$$

$$WPH_X$$
 \hat{X}

1.1.
$$\underline{X}$$

$$F: \underline{X} \to \underline{Y}$$

$$\underline{U} \lessdot \underline{X}$$

$$\underline{U}_{1} \cap \underline{U}_{2}$$

$$\varepsilon$$

$$\delta$$

$$\varphi | \underline{U}$$

T 1.2.
$$\varphi \cdot \psi$$

2.1.
$$\check{C}^{q}(\underline{X}; \mathscr{F}, \mathscr{L}')$$

$$\Delta$$

$$\check{Z}^{q}(\underline{X}; \mathscr{F}, \mathscr{L}')$$

$$\check{H}^{q}(X; \mathscr{F}, \mathscr{L}')$$

3.1.
$$\mathscr{L}_m^r$$

3.3
$$\varphi^*$$

$$\mathscr{L}^r_{m,\mathbb{R}}$$

3.5.
$$\mathscr{G}_{m}^{q}$$
 \widehat{d} β

3.6.
$$\mathscr{E}_{m}^{q}(\underline{X})$$

 $\mathscr{E}_{m}^{q}(\underline{X}, [\mathbb{R}])$
 $\mathscr{E}_{m}^{q}(\underline{X}, \mathbb{R})$

4.2.
$$\Phi_1(f, \varphi)$$

4.3.
$$\mathscr{K}^{m}(\underline{X}), \mathscr{K}(\underline{X})$$

 $\mathscr{K}^{m}(\underline{X}, [\mathbb{R}]), \mathscr{K}(\underline{X}, [\mathbb{R}])$
 $\mathscr{K}^{m}(\underline{X}, \mathbb{R}), \mathscr{K}(\underline{X}, \mathbb{R})$

4.4.
$$\Phi \times \Psi$$

5.4.
$$\mathscr{D}_{m}^{q}(\underline{X})$$
 $\widehat{\Delta}$

IV.

I. Preliminaries

X will always denote a complex space, not necessarily reduced unless explicitly stated. $X_{\text{red}} \to X$ denotes the reduction of X. $\mathcal{O}_X = \Omega_X^0$ is the structure sheaf of X and Ω_X^m the sheaf of holomorphic m-forms on X. \mathcal{C}_X is the sheaf of continuous functions on the topological space underlying to X. If $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_X$ is any sheaf on X, $\mathcal{F}(U)$ will denote $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{F}_X)$. If \mathcal{F}_X is a sheaf of \mathbb{C} -vector spaces with a natural \mathbb{C} -antilinear involution, $\mathcal{F}_{X,\mathbb{R}}$ will denote the subsheaf of elements left fixed by the involution and $\mathcal{F}(U,\mathbb{R}) := \Gamma(U,\mathcal{F}_{X,\mathbb{R}})$. We always assume X countable at infinity.

1. \mathscr{C}^{∞} Forms and Functions on Complex Spaces

There are two inequivalent definitions of \mathscr{C}_X^{∞} in the literature. The first, which we call the "old" one [5, 10, 21] defines \mathscr{C}_X^{∞} as the subsheaf of \mathscr{C}_X consisting of local

restrictions of \mathscr{C}^{∞} functions under smooth embeddings. So $\mathscr{C}_{X}^{\infty} = \mathscr{C}_{X_{red}}^{\infty}$ in this sense. The second which we will call thee "modern" one [8, 12] is the one we give below.

1.1. Definitions. We define on X the sheaves \mathscr{C}_X^ω of real-analytic functions, PH_X of pluriharmonic functions, $\mathscr{C}_X^\infty = A_X^0$ of \mathscr{C}^∞ functions, A_X^m (resp. $A_X^{k,l}$) of \mathscr{C}^∞ m-forms [resp. (k,l)-forms] as follows: For smooth X, they are well defined. Now suppose $X \to D$ is an embedding of X in a domain D of \mathbb{C}^n and $\mathscr{I}_X \subset \mathscr{O}_D$ is the corresponding coherent ideal sheaf. Set

$$\mathscr{I}_X^{\omega} := (\mathscr{I}_X + \overline{\mathscr{I}}_X)\mathscr{C}_D^{\omega}, \qquad \mathscr{I}_X^{\infty} := (\mathscr{I}_X + \overline{\mathscr{I}}_X)\mathscr{C}_D^{\infty}$$

and

$$\mathscr{C}_X^{\omega} := \mathscr{C}_D^{\omega}/\mathscr{I}_X^{\omega}, \quad \mathscr{C}_X^{\infty} := \mathscr{C}_D^{\infty}/\mathscr{I}_X^{\infty}, \quad A_X^m := A_D^m/(\mathscr{I}_X^{\infty} A_D^m + d\mathscr{I}_X^{\infty} A_D^{m-1})$$

 $A_X^{k,l}$:= the image of $A_D^{k,l}$ under the canonical morphism $A_D^{k+l} \rightarrow A_X^{k+l}$.

It is clear that these sheaves are independent of the choice of the embedding $X \rightarrow D$ so they extend to arbitrary X. There are canonical morphisms

$$\mathcal{O}_X {\to} \mathcal{C}_X^{\omega} {\to} \mathcal{C}_X^{\infty} {\to} \mathcal{C}_X \,.$$

1.2. Elementary Properties and Conventions. (i) The canonical morphisms $\mathcal{O}_X \to \mathcal{C}_X^\omega$ and $\mathcal{C}_X^\omega \to \mathcal{C}_X^\infty$ are injective. (The first is elementary and the second is a consequence of the fact that \mathcal{C}_D^∞ is a faithfully flat \mathcal{C}_D^ω -module by Malgrange [19, Chap. VI, Corollary 1.12].) They will be considered as inclusions

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{x}} \subset \mathscr{C}^{\omega}_{\mathbf{x}} \subset \mathscr{C}^{\infty}_{\mathbf{x}}$$

and so we may define $PH_X := \mathcal{O}_X + \overline{\mathcal{O}}_X \subset \mathscr{C}_X^{\omega}$.

(ii) In \mathscr{C}_X^{ω} we have $\mathscr{O}_X \cap \overline{\mathscr{O}}_X = \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ and there is a commutative diagram with exact rows

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X} \xrightarrow{-2\operatorname{Im}} PH_{X,\mathbb{R}} \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X} \oplus \overline{\mathcal{O}}_{X} \xrightarrow{(i - i)} PH_{X} \longrightarrow 0,$$

where $\lambda(f) = (f, \overline{f})$ and the unspecified morphisms are the canonical inclusions.

(iii) The canonical morphism $\varrho: \mathscr{C}_X^{\infty} \to \mathscr{C}_X$ is not injective in general even for X reduced; for fg = 0 in \mathscr{O}_X does not imply $f\bar{g} = 0$ in \mathscr{C}_X^{ω} . However, for X reduced and locally irreducible, ϱ is injective. (It is elementary that the restriction of ϱ to \mathscr{C}_X^{ω} is injective; we deduce that ϱ is injective by Malgrange [19, Chap. VI, Theorem 3.10].)

We write $[\varphi] := \varrho(\varphi)$, $[\mathscr{C}_X^{\infty}] := \varrho(\mathscr{C}_X^{\infty})$. So $[\mathscr{C}_X^{\infty}]$ is the \mathscr{C}^{∞} sheaf of the "old" theory. For normal X the two theories coincide, by the above remark.

- (iv) The kernel of the canonical morphism $PH_X \to \mathcal{C}_X$ is $\mathcal{N}_X + \overline{\mathcal{N}}_X$ where \mathcal{N}_X is the sheaf of nilpotent sections of \mathcal{O}_X . In particular, for reduced X, PH_X may be considered as a subsheaf of \mathcal{C}_X .
- (v) If $f: X \to Y$ is a morphism of complex spaces, $\varphi \in \mathscr{C}(Y)$ and $\psi \in \mathscr{C}^{\infty}(Y)$, write $\varphi \circ f \in \mathscr{C}(X)$ and $f^*\psi \in \mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X)$ for the corresponding induced elements. Write $\psi \circ f$ instead of $[\psi] \circ f$, so that $[f^*\psi] = \psi \circ f$ in $\mathscr{C}(X)$.

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(vi) The canonical morphisms $\Omega_X^m \to A_X^{m,o}$ are injective and will be considered as inclusions.

- (vii) The inclusions $A_X^{k,l} \subset A_X^{k+l}$ give a direct sum decomposition $A_X^m = \bigoplus_{k+l=m} A_X^{k,l}$ and A_X^{\cdot} is a bigraded algebra with respect to the wedge product. The natural involution $\varphi \mapsto \bar{\varphi}$ applies $A_X^{k,l}$ on to $A_X^{l,k}$.
- (viii) There is a canonical morphism $d = \partial + \overline{\partial} : A_X^m \to A_X^{m+1}$ satisfying the usual identities $d^2 = \partial^2 = \overline{\partial}^2 = \partial \overline{\partial} + \overline{\partial} \partial = 0$. However, none of the resulting complexes (Dolbeault, De Rham, etc. ...) is an exact sequence of sheaves in general.
- (ix) Any morphism $f: X \to Y$ of complex spaces gives rise to a linear $f^*: A^m(Y) \to A^m(X)$ which is compatible with the wedge product, bigraduation and the operators $d, \partial, \bar{\partial}$. We have $(fg)^* = g^*f^*$.

2. Strongly Plurisubharmonic Functions

We write p.s.h. for plurisubharmonic.

- **2.1. Definitions.** We define on X the sheaves of real convex cones P_X^0 (resp. SP_X^0) of continuous p.s.h. (resp. strongly p.s.h.) functions, P_X^∞ (resp. SP_X^∞) of \mathscr{C}^∞ p.s.h. (resp. strongly p.s.h.) functions as the subsheaves of $\mathscr{C}_{X,\mathbb{R}}$ (resp. $\mathscr{C}_{X,\mathbb{R}}^\infty$) consisting of elements induced by corresponding functions on open sets of \mathbb{C}^n under local embeddings. Also define $[P_X^\infty] := \varrho(P_X^\infty)$, $[SP_X^\infty] := \varrho(SP_X^\infty)$ where $\varrho : \mathscr{C}_X^\infty \to \mathscr{C}_X$ is the canonical morphism.
- 2.2. Examples. (i) On the subspace X of \mathbb{C}^2 defined by $z_1z_2=z_2^2=0$, set $\varphi_t(z_1,z_2):=z_1\bar{z}_1+tz_2\bar{z}_2$ for real t. Then $[\varphi_t]\in SP^0(X)$ is independent of t, $\varphi_t\in \mathscr{C}^\infty(X,\mathbb{R})$ for all t but $\varphi_t\in P^\infty(X)$ only for $t\geq 0$ and $\varphi_t\in SP^\infty(X)$ only for t>0.
- (ii) On the subspace X of \mathbb{C}^2 defined by $z_1z_2=0$, set (for real t) $\varphi_t(z_1,z_2):=z_1\bar{z}_1+t(z_1\bar{z}_2+z_2\bar{z}_1)+z_2\bar{z}_2$. Then $[\varphi_t]\in SP^0(X)$ is independent of t, $\varphi_t\in\mathscr{C}^\infty(X,\mathbb{R})$ but $\varphi_t\in P^\infty(X)$ only for $|t|\leq 1$ and $\varphi_t\in SP^\infty(X)$ only for |t|<1.
- (iii) On \mathbb{C}^n set $\varphi(z_1,...,z_n) := \sum_{j=1}^n |t_j|^2$ where $t_1,...,t_n$ are the roots of $X^n z_1 X^{n-1} + ... + (-1)^n z_n$. Then $\varphi \in SP^0(\mathbb{C}^n)$.
- 2.3. The Cone $SP^{0,\infty}(U,V)$. This is an auxiliary notion introduced to give a meaning to smoothing lemmas of strongly p.s.h. functions. For U,V open in X, $SP^{0,\infty}(U,V)$ is defined as the set of pairs $\varphi = (\varphi^0, \varphi^\infty) \in SP^0(U) \times SP^\infty(U \cap V)$ such that $[\varphi^\infty] = \varphi^0|_{U \cap V}$. We set $[\varphi] := \varphi^0$. The following are obvious
 - (i) $SP^{0,\infty}(U,V) = SP^{0,\infty}(U,U\cap V)$.
 - (ii) $SP^{0,\infty}(U,\emptyset) \cong SP^0(U)$ canonically.
 - (iii) $SP^{0,\infty}(U,X) \cong SP^{\infty}(U)$ canonically.
 - (iv) For fixed $V, U \mapsto SP^{0,\infty}(U, V)$ is a sheaf on X.
- (v) For $\varphi = (\varphi^0, \varphi^\infty) \in SP^{0,\infty}(U, V)$ and $h \in PH(U, \mathbb{R})$, the element $\varphi + h := (\varphi^0 + \lceil h \rceil, \varphi^\infty + h_{|U \cap V|})$ is in $SP^{0,\infty}(U, V)$.

The following is a slight improvement of a result of Richberg [21, Satz 4.1]. For $X = \mathbb{C}^n$, a complete proof is in [23].

2.4. Richberg's Lemma. Let U, V, W be open in X with $U \subset W$. Let $\varphi \in SP^{0,\infty}(W, V)$. Then there is a compact S such that $U \subset S \subset W$ and an ele-