Vanishing Theorems on a compact complex manifold and applications to the Hopf Conjecture and the existence of complex structure on the 6-sphere

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Abstract: In [1], we prove a Weitzenbock formula on complex manifolds, which involves the Hodge Laplacian Δ_H , the Bochner Laplacian of the Levi-Civita connection Δ_R , and another Laplacian we construct, Δ_K , that is related to the Lefschetz operator and ∂ operator such that for any (p,q)-form, $\Delta_K + \Delta_H - 2\Delta_R = F(R)$ +"quadratic terms" where $F(R): E^{p,q} \to E^{p,q}$ is a curvature operator [7], [9]. This generalizes a Weitzenbock formula of Wu on Kähler manifolds such that $\Delta_H - \Delta_R = F(R)$ in [11]. Under certain conditions, we show that this Weitzenbock formula provides vanishing theorems for the Dolbeault cohomology groups of complex differential (p,q)-forms and obtain information about the Hodge numbers of the manifold, $h^{p,q}$, in particular, the geometric genus, \mathfrak{p}_g , and arithmetic genus, \mathfrak{p}_a , and irregularity, \mathfrak{q} , of a compact complex manifold under certain conditions [6], [2]. Furthermore, we use the main vanishing theorem to obtain the Euler characteristic of the manifold $\chi(M)$ to show that the Hopf Conjecture [8] holds for a compact complex manifold with nonnegative sectional, holomorphic bisectional and isotropic curvature under certain extra conditions for (p,q)-forms [10], [3]. Finally, an earlier result of Alfred Gray states that a hypothetical integrable almost complex structure on the 6-sphere, S^6 , has to satisfy $h^{0,1}(S^6) > 0$ [5]. We apply our main vanishing theorem in [4] for (0,1)—forms to show that $h^{0,1}(S^6) = 0$ and thus, under certain additional conditions S^6 can not admit an integrable almost complex structure.

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