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A REMARK ON 'SOME NUMERICAL RESULTS IN COMPLEX DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY'

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ABSTRACT. In this note we verify certain statement about the operator Q_K constructed by Donaldson in[[3\]](#page-6-0) by using the full asymptotic expansion of Bergman kernel obtained in [\[2](#page-6-0)] and [\[4](#page-6-0)].

In order to find explicit numerical approximation of Kähler-Einstein metric of projective manifolds, Donaldson introduced in[[3\]](#page-6-0) various operators with good properties to approximate classical operators. See the discussions in Section 4.2 of[[3](#page-6-0)] for more details related to our discussion. In this note we verify certain statement of Donaldson about the operator Q_K in Section 4.2 by using the full asymptotic expansion of Bergman kernel derived in [\[2](#page-6-0), Theorem 4.18] and [\[4](#page-6-0), §3.4]. Such statement is needed for the convergence of the approximation procedure.

Let (X, ω, J) be a compact Kähler manifold of dim_C $X = n$, and let (L, h^L) be a holomorphic Hermitian line bundle on X. Let ∇^L be the holomorphic Hermitian connection on (L, h^L) with curvature R^L . We assume that

$$
\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi}R^L = \omega.
$$

Let $g^{TX}(\cdot, \cdot) := \omega(\cdot, J \cdot)$ be the Riemannian metric on TX induced by ω, J . Let dv_X be the Riemannian volume form of (TX, g^{TX}) , then $dv_X = \omega^n/n!$. Let $d\nu$ be any volume form on X. Let η be the positive function on X defined by

$$
(2) \t dv_X = \eta \, d\nu.
$$

The L^2 -scalar product $\langle \rangle_{\nu}$ on $\mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X, L^p)$, the space of smooth sections of L^p , is given by

(3)
$$
\langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rangle_{\nu} := \int_X \langle \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x) \rangle_{L^p} d\nu(x).
$$

Let $P_{\nu,p}(x,x')$ $(x,x' \in X)$ be the smooth kernel of the orthogonal projection from $(\mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X, L^p), \langle \rangle_{\nu})$ onto $H^0(X, L^p)$, the space of the holomorphic sections of L^p on X, with respect to $d\nu(x')$. Note that $P_{\nu,p}(x,x') \in L_x^p \otimes L_{x'}^{p*}$. Following [\[3,](#page-6-0) §4], set

(4)
$$
K_p(x, x') := |P_{\nu, p}(x, x')|_{h_x^{L^p} \otimes h_{x'}^{L^{p*}}}, \quad R_p := (\dim H^0(X, L^p)) / \text{Vol}(X, \nu),
$$

here $Vol(X, \nu) := \int_X d\nu$. Set $Vol(X, dv_X) := \int_X dv_X$.

Let Q_{K_p} be the integral operator associated to K_p which is defined for $f \in \mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X)$,

(5)
$$
Q_{K_p}(f)(x) := \frac{1}{R_p} \int_X K_p(x, y) f(y) d\nu(y).
$$

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Let Δ be the (positive) Laplace operator on (X, g^{TX}) acting on the functions on X. We denote by $| \t l_{L^2}$ the L^2 -norm on the function on X with respect to dv_X .

Theorem 1. There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for any $f \in \mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X)$, $p \in \mathbb{N}$,

(6)
$$
\left| \left(Q_{K_p} - \frac{\text{Vol}(X, \nu)}{\text{Vol}(X, dv_X)} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{4\pi p} \right) \eta \right) f \right|_{L^2} \leq \frac{C}{p} |f|_{L^2},
$$

$$
\left| \left(\frac{\Delta}{p} Q_{K_p} - \frac{\text{Vol}(X, \nu)}{\text{Vol}(X, dv_X)} \frac{\Delta}{p} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{4\pi p} \right) \eta \right) f \right|_{L^2} \leq \frac{C}{p} |f|_{L^2}.
$$

Moreover, (6) is uniform in that there is an integer s such that if all data h^L , dv run over a set which are bounded in \mathscr{C}^s and that g^{TX} , dv_X are bounded from below, then the constant C is independent of h^L , $d\nu$.

Proof. We explain at first the full asymptotic expansion of $P_{\nu,p}(x, x')$ from [\[2,](#page-6-0) Theorem 4.18′] and[[4,](#page-6-0) §3.4]. For more details on our approach we also refer the readers to the recent book[[5\]](#page-6-0).

Let $E = \overline{C}$ be the trivial holomorphic line bundle on X. Let h^E the metric on E defined by $1\vert_{h^E}^2 = 1$, here 1 is the canonical unity element of E. We identify canonically L^p to $L^p \otimes E$ by Section 1.

As in [\[4](#page-6-0), §3.4], let h^E_ω be the metric on E defined by $|1|^2_{h^E_\omega} = \eta^{-1}$, here 1 is the canonical unity element of E. Let $\langle \rangle_{\omega}$ be the Hermitian product on $\mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X, L^p \otimes E) = \mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X, L^p)$ induced by h^L, h^E_ω, dv_X as in [\(3](#page-1-0)). Then by ([2\)](#page-1-0),

(7)
$$
(\mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X, L^p \otimes E), \langle \ \ \rangle_{\omega}) = (\mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X, L^p), \langle \ \ \rangle_{\nu}).
$$

Observe that $H^0(X, L^p \otimes E)$ does not depend on g^{TX} , h^L or h^E . If $P_{\omega, p}(x, x')$, $(x, x' \in$ X) denotes the smooth kernel of the orthogonal projection $P_{\omega,p}$ from $(\mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X, L^p \otimes$ $(E), \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\omega}$ onto $H^0(X, L^p \otimes E) = H^0(X, L^p)$ with respect to $dv_X(x)$, from [\(2](#page-1-0)), as in [\[4,](#page-6-0) (3.38)], we have

(8)
$$
P_{\nu,p}(x,x') = \eta(x') P_{\omega,p}(x,x').
$$

For $f \in \mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X)$, set

(9)

$$
K_{\omega,p}(x,x') = |P_{\omega,p}(x,x')|_{(h^{L^p} \otimes h^E_{\omega})_x \otimes (h^{L^{p*}} \otimes h^E_{\omega}^*)_{x'}}
$$

$$
(K_{\omega,p}f)(x) = \int_X K_{\omega,p}(x,y)f(y)dv_X(y).
$$

Then from ([4\)](#page-1-0), (8),

(10)
$$
K_p(x, x') = \eta^2(x') K_{\omega, p}(x, x'),
$$

and from (2) (2) and (5) (5) ,

(11)
$$
Q_{K_p}(f)(x) = \frac{1}{R_p} \int_X K_{\omega, p}(x, y) \eta(y) f(y) dv_X(y).
$$

Nowfor the kernel $P_{\omega,p}(x, x')$, we can apply the full asymptotic expansion [[2,](#page-6-0) Theorem 4.18']. In fact let $\overline{\partial}^{L^p \otimes E, *_{\omega}}$ be the formal adjoint of the Dolbeault operator $\overline{\partial}^{L^p \otimes E}$ on the Dolbeault complex $\Omega^{0,\bullet}(X,L^p\otimes E)$ with the scalar product induced by $g^{TX}, h^L, h^E_{\omega}, dv_X$ as in (3) (3) , and set

(12)
$$
D_p = \sqrt{2}(\overline{\partial}^{L^p \otimes E} + \overline{\partial}^{L^p \otimes E, *_{\omega}}).
$$

Then $H^0(X, L^p \otimes E) = \text{Ker } D_p$ for p large enough, and D_p is a Dirac operator, as $g^{TX}(\cdot, \cdot) = \omega(\cdot, J \cdot)$ is a Kähler metric on TX.

Let ∇^E be the holomorphic Hermitian connection on (E, h^E_ω) . Let ∇^{TX} be the Levi-Civita connection on $(T X, g^{T X})$. Let R^E , $R^{T X}$ be the corresponding curvatures.

Let a^X be the injectivity radius of (X, g^{TX}) . We fix $\varepsilon \in]0, a^X/4[$. We denote by $B^{X}(x,\varepsilon)$ and $B^{T_x X}(0,\varepsilon)$ the open balls in X and $T_x X$ with center x and radius ε . We identify $B^{T_x X}(0, \varepsilon)$ with $B^{X}(x, \varepsilon)$ by using the exponential map of $(X, g^{T X})$.

We fix $x_0 \in X$. For $Z \in B^{T_{x_0}X}(0,\varepsilon)$ we identify L_Z, E_Z and $(L^p \otimes E)_Z$ to L_{x_0}, E_{x_0} and $(L^p \otimes E)_{x_0}$ by parallel transport with respect to the connections ∇^L , ∇^E and $\nabla^{L^p \otimes E}$ along the curve $\gamma_Z : [0,1] \ni u \to \exp_{x_0}^X(uZ)$. Then under our identification, $P_{\omega,p}(Z,Z')$ is a function on $Z, Z' \in T_{x_0}X, |Z|, |Z'| \leq \varepsilon$, we denote it by $P_{\omega, p, x_0}(Z, Z')$. Let π : $TX \times_X TX \to X$ be the natural projection from the fiberwise product of TX on X. Then we can view $P_{\omega,p,x_0}(Z, Z')$ as a smooth function on $TX \times_X TX$ (which is defined for $|Z|, |Z'| \leq \varepsilon$) by identifying a section $S \in \mathscr{C}^{\infty}(TX \times_X TX, \pi^* \text{End}(E))$ with the family $(S_x)_{x\in X}$, where $S_x = S|_{\pi^{-1}(x)}$, $End(E) = \mathbb{C}$.

We choose $\{w_i\}_{i=1}^n$ an orthonormal basis of $T_{x_0}^{(1,0)}X$, then $e_{2j-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ $\frac{1}{2}(w_j + \overline{w}_j)$ and $e_{2j} = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\sqrt{2}} (w_j - \overline{w}_j), j = 1, \ldots, n$ forms an orthonormal basis of $T_{x_0} X$. We use the coordinates on $T_{x_0} X \simeq \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ where the identification is given by

(13)
$$
(Z_1, \cdots, Z_{2n}) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n} \longrightarrow \sum_i Z_i e_i \in T_{x_0} X.
$$

In what follows we also introduce the complex coordinates $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$ on $\mathbb{C}^n \simeq$ \mathbb{R}^{2n} . By [\[2](#page-6-0), (4.114)] (cf. [\[4](#page-6-0), (1.91)]), set

(14)
$$
P^{N}(Z, Z') = \exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\sum_{i} (|z_{i}|^{2} + |z'_{i}|^{2} - 2z_{i}\overline{z'_{i}})\right).
$$

Then P^N is the classical Bergman kernel on \mathbb{C}^n (cf. [\[4](#page-6-0), Remark 1.14]) and

(15)
$$
|P^{N}(Z,Z')|^{2} = e^{-\pi |Z - Z'|^{2}}.
$$

By[[2,](#page-6-0) Proposition 4.1], for any $l, m \in \mathbb{N}, \varepsilon > 0$, there exists $C_{l,m,\varepsilon} > 0$ such that for $p \geq 1, x, x' \in X$

(16)
$$
|P_{\omega,p}(x,x')|_{\mathscr{C}^m(X\times X)} \leq C_{l,m,\varepsilon} p^{-l} \quad \text{if } d(x,x') \geq \varepsilon.
$$

Here the \mathscr{C}^m -norm is induced by ∇^L , ∇^E , ∇^{TX} and h^L , h^E , g^{TX} .

By [\[2](#page-6-0), Theorem 4.18'], there exist $J_r(Z, Z')$ polynomials in Z, Z' , such that for any $k, m, m' \in \mathbb{N}$, there exist $N \in \mathbb{N}, C > 0, C_0 > 0$ such that for $\alpha, \alpha' \in \mathbb{N}^n$, $|\alpha| + |\alpha'| \leq m$, $Z, Z' \in T_{x_0} X, |Z|, |Z'| \leq \varepsilon, x_0 \in X, p \geq 1,$

$$
(17) \quad \left| \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|+|\alpha'|}}{\partial Z^{\alpha} \partial Z'^{\alpha'}} \left(\frac{1}{p^n} P_{\omega,p,x_0}(Z,Z') - \sum_{r=0}^k (J_r P^N) (\sqrt{p} Z, \sqrt{p} Z') p^{-r/2} \right) \right|_{\mathscr{C}^{m'}(X)} \leq C p^{-(k+1-m)/2} (1+|\sqrt{p} Z|+|\sqrt{p} Z'|)^N \exp(-C_0 \sqrt{p} |Z-Z'|) + \mathcal{O}(p^{-\infty}).
$$

Here $\mathscr{C}^{m'}(X)$ is the $\mathscr{C}^{m'}$ norm for the parameter $x_0 \in X$. The term $\mathscr{O}(p^{-\infty})$ means that for any $l, l_1 \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $C_{l, l_1} > 0$ such that its \mathscr{C}^{l_1} -norm is dominated by $C_{l,l_1}p^{-l}$. (In fact, by [\[2](#page-6-0), Theorems 4.6 and 4.17, (4.117)] (cf. [\[4,](#page-6-0) Theorem 1.18, (1.31)]), the polynomials $J_r(Z, Z')$ have the same parity as r and deg $J_r(Z, Z') \leq 3r$, whose coefficients are polynomials in R^{TX} , R^{E} and their derivatives of order $\leq r - 1$).

Now we claim that in [\(17](#page-3-0)),

(18)
$$
J_0 = 1, \quad J_1(Z, Z') = 0.
$$

In fact, let $dv_{T_{x_0}X}$ be the Riemannian volume form on $(T_{x_0}X, g^{T_{x_0}X})$, and κ be the function defined by

(19)
$$
dv_X(Z) = \kappa(x_0, Z) dv_{T_{x_0}X}(Z).
$$

Then (also cf.[[4,](#page-6-0) (1.31)])

(20)
$$
\kappa(x_0, Z) = 1 + \frac{1}{6} \left\langle R_{x_0}^{TX}(Z, e_i) Z, e_i \right\rangle_{x_0} + \mathscr{O}(|Z|^3).
$$

Aswe only work on $\mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X, L^p \otimes E)$, by [[2](#page-6-0), (4.115)], we get the first equation in (18). Recall that in the normal coordinate, after the rescaling $Z \to Z/t$ with $t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}}$, we get an operator \mathscr{L}_t from the restriction of D_p^2 on $\mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X, L^p \otimes E)$ which has the following formalexpansion (cf. $[2, (1.104)], [4, Theorem 1.4],$ $[2, (1.104)], [4, Theorem 1.4],$

(21)
$$
\mathscr{L}_t = \mathscr{L} + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{Q}_r t^r.
$$

Now, from[[2](#page-6-0), Theorem 5.1] (or [\[4](#page-6-0), (1.87), (1.97)]),

(22)
$$
\mathscr{L} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} (-2\frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} + \pi \overline{z}_i)(2\frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{z}_i} + \pi z_i), \quad \mathcal{Q}_1 = 0.
$$

(In fact, $P^{N}(Z, Z')$ is the smooth kernel of the orthogonal projection from $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ onto $Ker(\mathscr{L})$.Thus from [[2,](#page-6-0) (4.107)] (cf. [\[4](#page-6-0), (1.111)]), (20) and (22) we get the second equation of (18).

Note that $|P_{\omega,p,x_0}(Z,Z')|^2 = P_{\omega,p,x_0}(Z,Z')\overline{P_{\omega,p,x_0}(Z,Z')}$, thus from ([9](#page-2-0)), [\(17\)](#page-3-0) and (18), there exist $J'_r(Z, Z')$ polynomials in Z, Z' such that

$$
(23) \quad \left| \frac{1}{p^{2n+1}} \Delta_Z \Big(K_{\omega, p, x_0}(Z, Z') - \Big(1 + \sum_{r=2}^k p^{-r/2} J'_r(\sqrt{p} Z, \sqrt{p} Z') \Big) e^{-\pi p |Z - Z'|^2} \Big) \right|
$$

$$
\leq C p^{-(k+1)/2} (1 + |\sqrt{p} Z| + |\sqrt{p} Z'|)^N \exp(-C_0 \sqrt{p} |Z - Z'|) + \mathcal{O}(p^{-\infty}).
$$

For a function $f \in \mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X)$, we denote it as $f(x_0, Z)$ a family (with parameter x_0) of function on Z in the normal coordinate near x_0 . Now, for any polynomial $Q_{x_0}(Z')$, we define the operator

(24)
$$
(\mathcal{Q}_p f)(x_0) = p^n \int_{|Z'| \leq \varepsilon} Q_{x_0}(\sqrt{p}Z') e^{-\pi p |Z'|^2} f(x_0, Z') dv_X(x_0, Z').
$$

Then we observe that there exists $C_1 > 0$ such that for any $p \in \mathbb{N}, f \in \mathscr{C}^{\infty}(X)$, we have

(25)
$$
|Q_p f|_{L^2} \leq C_1 |f|_{L^2}.
$$

A REMARK ON 'SOME NUMERICAL RESULTS IN COMPLEX DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY' 5 In fact,

$$
(26) \quad |\mathcal{Q}_p f|_{L^2}^2 \leq \int_X dv_X(x_0) \Big\{ p^n \Big(\int_{|Z'| \leq \varepsilon} |Q_{x_0}(\sqrt{p}Z')| e^{-\pi p |Z'|^2} dv_X(x_0, Z') \Big) \times p^n \Big(\int_{|Z'| \leq \varepsilon} |Q_{x_0}(\sqrt{p}Z')| e^{-\pi p |Z'|^2} |f(x_0, Z')|^2 dv_X(x_0, Z') \Big) \Big\}
$$

$$
\leq C' \int_X dv_X(x_0) p^n \int_{|Z'| \leq \varepsilon} |Q_{x_0}(\sqrt{p}Z')| e^{-\pi p |Z'|^2} |f(x_0, Z')|^2 dv_X(x_0, Z') \leq C_1 |f|_{L^2}^2.
$$

Observe that in the normal coordinate, at $Z = 0$, $\Delta_Z = -\sum_{j=1}^{2n}$ ∂^2 $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial Z_j^2}$. Thus 2 2

(27)
$$
(\Delta_Z e^{-\pi p |Z - Z'|^2})|_{Z=0} = 4\pi p (n - \pi p |Z'|^2) e^{-\pi p |Z'|^2}.
$$

Thus from ([15](#page-3-0)), ([17](#page-3-0)), ([18](#page-4-0)) and [\(23\)](#page-4-0), we get (28)

$$
\left| p^{-n} K_{\omega,p} f - \int_{|Z'| \leq \varepsilon} e^{-\pi p |Z'|^2} f(x_0, Z') dv_X(x_0, Z') \right|_{L^2} \leq \frac{C}{p} |f|_{L^2},
$$
\n
$$
\left| p^{-n-1} \Delta K_{\omega,p} f - 4\pi \int_{|Z'| \leq \varepsilon} (n - \pi p |Z'|^2) e^{-\pi p |Z'|^2} f(x_0, Z') dv_X(x_0, Z') \right|_{L^2} \leq \frac{C}{p} |f|_{L^2}.
$$

Let $e^{-u\Delta}(x, x')$ be the smooth kernel of the heat operator $e^{-u\Delta}$ with respect to $dv_X(x')$. We still use the normal coordinate, by the heat kernel expansion in[[1,](#page-6-0) Theorems 2.23, 2.26], there exist $\phi_{i,x_0}(Z')$ such that uniformly for $x_0 \in X$, $Z' \in T_{x_0}X$, $|Z'| \leq \varepsilon$, we have the following asymptotic expansion when $u \to 0$,

(29)
$$
\left| \frac{\partial^l}{\partial u^l} \left(e^{-u\Delta}(0, Z') - (4\pi u)^{-n} \sum_{i=0}^k u^i \phi_{i, x_0}(Z') e^{-\frac{1}{4u}|Z'|^2} \right) \right| = \mathscr{O}(u^{k-n-l+1}),
$$

with

(30)
$$
\phi_{0,x_0}(Z') = 1.
$$

Observe that

(31)
$$
\frac{1}{p}\Delta \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{4\pi p}\right) = -\frac{1}{p}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u}e^{-u\Delta}\right)|_{u=\frac{1}{4\pi p}}.
$$

Now from (25) (25) (25) , (28) – (31) , we get

(32)
$$
\left| \left(p^{-n} K_{\omega, p} - \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{4\pi p} \right) \right) f \right|_{L^2} \leq \frac{C}{p} |f|_{L^2},
$$

$$
\left| \frac{1}{p} \left(p^{-n} \Delta K_{\omega, p} - \Delta \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{4\pi p} \right) \right) f \right|_{L^2} \leq \frac{C}{p} |f|_{L^2}.
$$

Note that $R_p = \frac{\text{Vol}(X, dv_X)}{\text{Vol}(X, \nu)}$ $\frac{\partial (X, dv_X)}{\partial (X, \nu)} p^n + \mathcal{O}(p^{n-1})$. From ([11\)](#page-2-0), (32), we get ([6](#page-2-0)).

To get the last part of Theorem [1](#page-2-0),as we noticed in $[2, §4.5]$ $[2, §4.5]$ $[2, §4.5]$, the constants in (17) (17) will be uniformly bounded under our condition, thus we can take C in (6) (6) and (32) independent of h^L , $d\nu$. $L, d\nu.$

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