

Note that since ω is real, Q defines a real bilinear form on $H^{n-k}(M, \mathbb{R})$. By consideration of type, we see that

$$Q(H^{p,q}, H^{p',q'}) = 0 \text{ unless } p=q', q=p'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} p+q = n-k & p'+q' = n-k \\ p+p' = q+q' = n-k \end{cases} & \Rightarrow p'=q, q=p' \quad \text{)} \end{aligned}$$

The Hodge-Riemann bilinear relations assert that for $\zeta \in H^{p,q}(M)$, a primitive class and $k=p+q$,

$$(\bar{\zeta})^{p-q} (-1)^{(n-k)(n-k-1)/2} Q(\zeta, \bar{\zeta}) > 0.$$

In the case $p+q$ even, this is the same as saying that on the real vector space

$$(H^{p,q} \oplus H^{q,p}) \cap H^{p+q}(M, \mathbb{R}) = \{ \zeta + \bar{\zeta} ; \zeta \in H^{p,q}(M) \} \subset H^{p+q}(M),$$

the quadratic form $(\bar{\zeta})^{p-q} (-1)^{(n-k)(n-k-1)/2} Q$ is positive definite; in the case $p+q$ odd,

the bilinear relations tell us at least that Q is a nondegenerate skew-symmetric form on $H^{p+q}(M)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{① } (H^{p,q} \oplus H^{q,p}) \cap H^{p+q}(M, \mathbb{R}) & \ni \eta = \eta_{p,q} + \eta_{q,p} \quad \text{s.t.} \\ \bar{\eta} &= \eta \Rightarrow \bar{\eta}_{p,q} + \bar{\eta}_{q,p} = \eta_{p,q} + \eta_{q,p} \\ \text{By comparing types, } & \bar{\eta}_{p,q} = \eta_{q,p} \quad \& \quad \eta_{p,q} = \bar{\eta}_{q,p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \eta &= \eta_{p,q} + \bar{\eta}_{p,q} \in \{ \zeta + \bar{\zeta} ; \zeta \in H^{p,q}(M) \} \\ \Rightarrow (H^{p,q} \oplus H^{q,p}) \cap H^{p+q}(M, \mathbb{R}) & \subset \{ \zeta + \bar{\zeta} ; \zeta \in H^{p,q}(M) \} \end{aligned}$$

Given $\zeta + \bar{\zeta}$, where $\zeta \in H^{p,q}(M)$, since $H^{p,q} = \overline{H^{q,p}}$,
 $\zeta + \bar{\zeta} \in H^{p,q} \oplus H^{q,p}$ and $\zeta + \bar{\zeta}$ real in $H^{p+q}(M, \mathbb{C})$
 $\Rightarrow \zeta + \bar{\zeta} \in H^{p+q}(M, \mathbb{R})$, $\Rightarrow \zeta + \bar{\zeta} \in (H^{p,q} \oplus H^{q,p}) \cap H^{p+q}(M, \mathbb{R})$.