

$$= \dots + (-1)^{p+q-1} \dim H^{p-r, q+r-1} + (-1)^{p+q} \dim H^{p, q} + (-1)^{p+q+1} \dim H^{p+r, q-r+1} + \dots$$

\Rightarrow We get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p, q} (-1)^{p+q} \dim E_r^{p, q} &= \sum_{p, q} (-1)^{p+q} \dim H^{p, q}(E_r) \\ &= \sum_{p, q} (-1)^{p+q} \dim E_{r+1}^{p, q} = \dots = \sum_{p, q} (-1)^{p+q} \dim E_\infty^{p, q} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum_{p, q} (-1)^{p+q} \dim E_1^{p, q} &= \sum_{p, q} (-1)^{p+q} \dim H_2^{p, q}(M) \\ &= \sum_{p, q} (-1)^{p+q} h^{p, q} = \sum_{p, q} (-1)^{p+q} \dim E_\infty^{p, q} = \sum_r (-1)^r \dim H_{DR}^r(M) \\ &= \sum_r (-1)^r b_r = \chi(M). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

At the other extreme, we suppose M is a noncompact complex manifold and that the Dolbeault cohomology

$$(*) \quad H_2^{p, q}(M) = 0, \quad q > 0.$$

This happens if M is what is called a Stein manifold—e.g., in Section 3 of Chapter 0 we proved $(*)$ when

$$M = \Delta^{*k} \times \Delta^{n-k}$$

is a punctured polycylinder defined by

$$\{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : |z_i| < 1, z_1, \dots, z_k \neq 0\}.$$

If $(*)$ is satisfied, then $'E_1^{p, q} = 0$ for $q > 0$ and the first spectral sequence is trivial from E_2 onward; i.e., $'E_2 \cong 'E_\infty$.

Clearly, $q > 0 \quad 'E_1^{p, q} = 0 \Rightarrow 'E_2^{p, q} = \dots = 'E_\infty^{p, q} = 0.$

$$q = 0 \quad 'E_1^{p, 0} = H_2^{p, 0}(M) \quad \partial : H_2^{p, 0}(M) \longrightarrow H_2^{p+1, 0}(M).$$