

Lemma. The decomposable forms are L^2 -dense in all the forms on $M \times N$.

pf) We will do this in the case of functions; the modifications necessary to treat general forms will be clear.

It must be proved that a function $\varphi(z, w)$ that satisfies

$$\int_{M \times N} \varphi(z, w) (\overline{\psi(z) \eta(w)}) = 0 \quad \text{for all } \psi, \eta$$

is zero.

Suppose $\operatorname{Re} \varphi(z_0, w_0) > 0$, choose $\psi(z), \eta(w)$ to have compact support near z_0, w_0 , respectively, and satisfy

$$\operatorname{Re}(\varphi(\psi\eta)) \geq 0, \quad \operatorname{Re}(\varphi(z_0, w_0) \overline{\psi(z_0) \eta(w_0)}) > 0.$$

This is easy to accomplish using a real nonnegative bump function. Then the above integral is non-zero. Q.E.D.

Forms on $M \times N$ are locally written

$$\varphi(z, w) = \sum \varphi_{II'JJ'} dz_I \wedge d\bar{w}_{I'} \wedge d\bar{z}_J \wedge d\bar{w}_{J'},$$

and then $\bar{\partial}_{M \times N} = \bar{\partial}_M + \bar{\partial}_N$

where $\bar{\partial}_M$ is exterior derivative with respect to the \bar{z}_j 's and similarly for $\bar{\partial}_N$.

Since the metric is a product, we may choose an orthonormal coframe for $M \times N$ of the form

$$\{\varphi_i(z), \dots, \varphi_m(z); \psi_1(w), \dots, \psi_n(w)\},$$

where the $\varphi_i(z)$ are an orthonormal coframe for M and