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**The null space of the  $\bar{\partial}$ -Neumann operator.** (English) Zbl 1083.32033  
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In a first part, the author proves results concerning closed range of  $\bar{\partial}$  and invertibility of  $\square$  (and concerning its null space on  $(n-1)$ -forms) on spherical shells, by systematic use of spherical harmonics. Some of these results are known, but the author's methods yield more precise constants.

In section 3, the author proves a theorem that precises the notion that when the Levi form has the critical signature at some point of the boundary  $((n-q-1, q))$ , then the  $\bar{\partial}$ -Neumann problem is flawed on the domain at the level of  $(0, q)$ -forms: the dimension of the null space of  $\square_q$  is infinite, or  $\bar{\partial}$  does not have closed range on  $L^2_{(0,q)}$  (possibly both).

One of the results in section 2 is that the null space of  $\square_{n-1}$  has  $n$  independent multipliers. In section 4, it is shown that this property characterizes shells bounded by two confocal ellipsoids. A description of the null space of  $\square_{n-1}$  is obtained for these domains that allows to discuss the boundary behavior of the kernel of the orthogonal projection on this null space when the range of  $\square_{n-1}$  is closed, at a boundary point where the Levi form has signature  $(0, n-1)$ .

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