

Compactly supported cohomology by the L^2 method

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It is known that, for any complex manifold M and for any holomorphic vector bundle E over M , $H_c^{0,1}(M, E)$, the compactly supported E -valued $\bar{\partial}$ -cohomology group of type $(0, 1)$, is Hausdorff. This is an immediate consequence of a combination of Siu's generalization of Malgrange's vanishing theorem and Serre duality. Similarly, $H_c^{0,n-q+1}(M, E)$ are Hausdorff if M is a connected n -dimensional q -convex manifold. In two papers written in 1980, I refined Andreotti-Grauert's finiteness theorem by extending Andreotti-Vesentini's L^2 theory and showed that the Hodge theory can be extended to a class of complete Kähler manifolds which are also q -convex. The result was about the de Rham cohomology of degree at least $n + q$, and applied recently to the study of Levi flat hypersurfaces. By the L^2 method, it will be shown that, for any n -dimensional q -convex bounded domain D with smooth boundary in a complex manifold M and for any holomorphic Hermitian vector bundle E over M , there exists a complete Hermitian metric say ω on D such that the natural homomorphism from $H_c^{0,p}(D, E)$ to the space of E -valued L^2 harmonic $(0, p)$ -forms on D with respect to ω is bijective if $p < n - q + 1$ and injective if $p = n - q + 1$. As a result, besides the Hausdorffness, one can see a natural Hodge-type filtration in $H_c^1(M, C)$, if M is pseudoconvex and Kählerian.