

## SZEGÖ KERNELS AND FINITE GROUP ACTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In the context of almost complex quantization, a natural generalization of algebro-geometric linear series on a compact symplectic manifold has been proposed. Here we suppose given a compatible action of a finite group and consider the linear subseries associated to the irreducible representations of  $G$ , give conditions under which these are base-point-free and study properties of the associated projective morphisms. The results obtained are new even in the complex projective case.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $(M, \omega)$  be a compact symplectic manifold of dimension  $2n$ , such that  $[\omega] \in H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})$ . Fix  $J \in \mathcal{J}(M, \omega)$  (the contractible space of all almost complex structures on  $M$  compatible with  $\omega$ ), and let  $h$  and  $g = \mathcal{R}(h)$  be the induced hermitian and riemannian structures. There exist an hermitian line bundle  $(A, h)$  on  $M$  and a unitary covariant derivative  $\nabla_A$  on  $A$ , such that  $-2\pi i\omega$  is the curvature of  $\nabla_A$ .

In this set-up, the usual  $\bar{\partial}$ -complex from complex geometry can be replaced by a complex of pseudodifferential operators enjoying similar symbolic properties [BdM], [BdMG]; building on this foundational result, a theory of almost complex quantization has been developed and studied by several authors.

Namely, one can define spaces of quantized sections

$$H(M, A^{\otimes k}) \subseteq C^\infty(M, A^{\otimes k}),$$

as the kernel of the first operator in the complex. A related approach is in terms of the asymptotic spectral properties of a suitable renormalized laplacian [GU], [BU1].

These linear series determine projective embeddings of  $M$  enjoying the same metric and symplectic asymptotic properties as in the integrable projective case [BU2], [Z], [SZ2], [T]. In the integrable case the theory reduces to the usual classical constructions of complex algebraic geometry.

Suppose now that  $G$  is a finite group with a symplectic action

$$\nu : G \times M \rightarrow M,$$

so that  $J$  may be chosen  $G$ -invariant. Then  $\nu$  preserves  $g$  and  $h$ . Assume also that  $\nu$  lifts to a linear action  $\tilde{\nu} : G \times A \rightarrow A$ , and that  $\tilde{\nu}$  preserves  $h_A$  and  $\nabla_A$ . Then  $\tilde{\nu}$  preserves each of the spaces  $H(M, A^{\otimes N})$ . Let

$$\rho_i : G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V_i) \quad (1 \leq i \leq c)$$

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be the irreducible representations of  $G$ ; we shall assume that  $i = 1$  corresponds to the trivial one-dimensional representation. For each  $N$ , we have a  $G$ -equivariant decomposition

$$H(M, A^{\otimes N}) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^c H(M, A^{\otimes N})_i,$$

where  $H(M, A^{\otimes N})_i$  consists of a direct sum of copies of  $V_i$ . It is natural to ask whether the linear series  $|H(M, A^{\otimes N})_i|$  are base-point-free and, if so, what about their asymptotic properties? In this note, we apply arguments from [BU2] and [Z], [SZ2] to these questions.

If  $x \in M$ , let  $G_x = \{g \in G : g \cdot x = x\}$  be its stabiliser. Let  $\chi_i : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be the character of the  $i$ -th irreducible representation. Let  $A_x$  be the fibre of  $A$  over  $x \in M$ . Clearly,  $G_x$  acts on  $A_x$  and thus we have a unitary character  $\alpha_x : G_x \rightarrow S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}^*$ . Let

$$\gamma_{i,N}(x) := (\alpha_x^N, \chi_i)_{G_x} = \sum_{g \in G_x} \alpha_x(g)^N \cdot \overline{\chi_i}(g) \quad (x \in M, 1 \leq i \leq c, N \in \mathbb{N}),$$

$(\cdot, \cdot)_{G_x}$  denoting the  $L^2$ -product with respect to the counting measure on  $G_x$ . Note that  $\gamma_{i,N} = \gamma_{i,N+|G|}$  for every  $i$  and  $N$ , where  $|G|$  denotes the order of  $G$ . Set

$$B_{i,N} := \{x \in M : \gamma_{i,N}(x) = 0\} = B_{i,N+|G|} \quad (1 \leq i \leq c).$$

Clearly,  $x \in B_{i,N}$  implies  $G_x \neq \{e\}$ .

Our first goal is to determine the base locus of the spaces of sections  $H(M, A^{\otimes k})_i$  for  $k \gg 0$ . In algebro-geometric terminology, the base locus of a vector subspace  $W \subseteq \mathcal{C}^\infty(M, A^{\otimes N})$  is

$$\text{Bs}(|W|) := \{x \in M : s(x) = 0 \forall s \in W\}.$$

To begin with, we shall prove:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Suppose  $1 \leq i \leq c$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq |G| - 1$ ,  $x \in M$  and  $\gamma_{i,r}(x) \neq 0$ . Then for  $N \gg 0$ ,  $N \equiv r \pmod{|G|}$  there exists a section  $s \in H(M, A^{\otimes N})_i$  such that  $s(x) \neq 0$ .*

This has a number of consequences:

**Corollary 1.1.** *Suppose that the action of  $G$  on  $M$  is effective. Then*

$$\dim(H(M, A^{\otimes k})_i) > 0$$

for every  $i = 1, \dots, c$  and every  $k \gg 0$ .

In fact, it is proved in [P] that under the same hypothesis

$$\dim(H(M, A^{\otimes k})_i) = \frac{\dim(V_i)^2}{|G|} \cdot \frac{k^n}{n!} \cdot c_1(A)^n + o(k^n).$$

**Proposition 1.1.** *Suppose  $1 \leq i \leq c$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq |G| - 1$ , and  $\gamma_{i,r}(x) \neq 0$  for every  $x \in M$ . Then  $H(M, A^{\otimes k})_i$  globally generates  $A^{\otimes k}$  if  $k \gg 0$  and  $k \equiv r \pmod{|G|}$ , that is, for every  $x \in M$  there is  $s \in H(M, A^{\otimes k})_i$  such that  $s(x) \neq 0$ .*

**Corollary 1.2.** *If  $k \gg 0$  and  $i = 1, \dots, c$ , the subspace of  $G$ -invariant sections*

$$H(M, A^{\otimes k|G|})^G \subseteq H(M, A^{\otimes k|G|})$$

globally generates  $A^{\otimes k|G|}$ .

**Corollary 1.3.** *If  $M$  is a complex projective manifold and  $A$  is ample, for every  $i = 1, \dots, c$  and  $r = 0, \dots, |G| - 1$  the base loci  $\text{Bs}(|H^0(M, A^{\otimes(r+k|G|)})_i|)$  stabilize for  $k \gg 0$ . Furthermore, for every  $k \gg 0$ ,*

$$\text{Bs}(|H^0(M, A^{\otimes(r+k|G|)})_i|) \subseteq B_{i,r}.$$

In the reverse direction, it is easily seen that if  $G_x = G$  and there exists  $s \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(M, A^{\otimes N})_i$  with  $s(x) \neq 0$ , then

$$(\alpha_x^N, \chi_i)_G \neq 0.$$

Therefore,

**Corollary 1.4.** *In the hypothesis of Corollary 1.3, suppose in addition that either  $G_x = \{e\}$  or  $G_x = G$  for every  $x \in G$ . Then*

$$\text{Bs}(|H(M, A^{\otimes N})_i|) = B_{i,N}$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, c$  and  $N \gg 0$ .

In the almost complex case, for any  $i = 1, \dots, c$  and  $r = 0, \dots, |G| - 1$  we may still define the  $(i, r)$ -th equivariant asymptotic base locus of  $A$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bs}(A, i, r)_\infty =: \{x \in M : \forall s > 0 \exists k > s, k \equiv r \pmod{|G|} \\ \text{such that } x \in \text{Bs}(|H(M, A^{\otimes k})_i|)\}. \end{aligned}$$

The general case (symplectic, almost complex) of Corollary 1.3 is then

**Corollary 1.5.** *In the above situation,*

$$\text{Bs}(A, i, r)_\infty \subseteq B_{i,r}.$$

If furthermore  $K \subset M$  is any compact subset with  $K \cap B_{i,r} = \emptyset$ , then

$$K \cap \text{Bs}(|H(M, A^{\otimes k})_i|) = \emptyset$$

for all  $k \gg 0$  with  $k \equiv r \pmod{|G|}$ .

Next, if  $\text{Bs}(|H(M, A^{\otimes N})_i|) = \emptyset$ , there are associated projective morphisms

$$\Phi_{i,r+k|G|} : M \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(H(M, A^{\otimes(r+k|G|)})_i^*),$$

and we now consider their asymptotic properties as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** *Suppose  $\text{Bs}(|H(M, A^{\otimes N})_i|) = \emptyset$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq c$  and  $0 \leq r \leq |G| - 1$ . Let  $U \subseteq M$  be the open subset of  $M$  where the order  $|G_x|$  is locally constant. Suppose  $U' \subset U$  is open with  $\overline{U'} \subset U$ . Then  $\Phi_{i,r+k|G|}$  is an immersion on  $U'$  for  $k \gg 0$ .*

**Corollary 1.6.**  *$|H(M, A^{\otimes N})^G|$  is base-point-free and  $\Phi_{1,N}$  is an immersion on compact subsets of  $U$  if  $N \gg 0$  and  $\sum_{g \in G_x} \alpha_x(g)^N \neq 0$  for every  $x \in G$ .*

In general  $\Phi_{i,N}$  is not injective; for example it is constant on every orbit for any  $G$  if  $i$  corresponds to the trivial representation, or for any  $i$  if  $G$  is abelian. We may still ask, however, if in these cases points in different orbits have different images under  $\Phi_{i,N}$ .

Let  $d_G : M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the orbit distance:

$$d_G(x, y) := \min\{d(gx, y) : g \in G\} \quad (x, y \in M).$$

Clearly,  $d_G(x, y) > 0$  if and only if  $x \notin G \cdot y$ .

**Proposition 1.2.** *Assume that either  $G$  is abelian, or  $G$  is arbitrary and  $i = 1$ . Let  $U \subseteq M$  be as in Theorem 1.1,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose that  $\text{Bs}(|H(M, A^{\otimes N})_i|) = \emptyset$  and that  $\gamma_{i,N}$  is constant on  $W$ . Let  $K \subseteq W$  be a compact subset. There exists  $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $k \geq k_0$ ,  $x, y \in K$  and  $d_G(x, y) > 0$ , then*

$$\Phi_{i,N+k|G|}(x) \neq \Phi_{i,N+k|G|}(y).$$

**Corollary 1.7.** *If the action of  $G$  on  $M$  is free, then  $\Phi_{i,N}$  is well defined and is an embedding  $M/G \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(H(M, A^{\otimes k})^{G^*})$  for any  $i = 1, \dots, c$  and  $N \gg 0$ .*

Similar statements hold for the asymptotic metric and almost complex properties, in the vein of Theorem 1.1 of [BU2].

## 2. PROOFS

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* We recall some notation from [BU2], [Z], [SZ2]. Let  $A^* = A^{-1}$  be the dual line bundle with the induced hermitian structure  $h_{A^*}$ , and let  $A^* \supset \mathbb{S} \xrightarrow{\pi} M$  be the unit circle bundle, a strictly pseudoconvex domain. Given the connection,  $\mathbb{S}$  has natural riemannian and almost CR structures. We shall identify functions and half-forms throughout.

As  $\mathbb{S}$  is a principal  $S^1$ -bundle,  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{S}) = \bigoplus_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{S})_N$ , where  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{S})_N$  is the  $N$ -th isotype for the  $S^1$ -action. We shall identify  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M, A^{\otimes N})$  and  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{S})_N$  in the standard manner. Set  $H(\mathbb{S}) := \bigoplus_{N \in \mathbb{N}} H(\mathbb{S})_N$ , where  $H(\mathbb{S})_N \cong H(M, A^{\otimes N})$  under this identification; in the integrable projective case,  $H(\mathbb{S})$  is the Hardy space of boundary values of holomorphic functions on  $A^*$ . Let  $\Pi : L^2(\mathbb{S}) \rightarrow H(\mathbb{S})$  be the orthogonal projector and  $\tilde{\Pi} \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S})$  its Schwartz kernel; decompose it as  $\tilde{\Pi} = \bigoplus_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \tilde{\Pi}_N$ , where  $\tilde{\Pi}_N \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S})$  is the  $N$ -th Fourier coefficient. We have  $\tilde{\Pi}_N(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^{d_N} s_i^N(x) \otimes \bar{s}_i^N(y)$ , where  $\{s_0^N, \dots, s_{d_N}^N\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $H(\mathbb{S})_N$ . Let  $\tilde{\Phi}_{i,N} : \mathbb{S} \rightarrow H(M, A^{\otimes N})^*$  be the coherent state map, given by evaluation, which is a lifting of  $\Phi_{i,N}$  when the latter is defined. Then  $\tilde{\Pi}_N(p, q) = (\tilde{\Phi}_{i,N}(p), \tilde{\Phi}_{i,N}(q))$  ( $p, q \in \mathbb{S}$ ), where  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  denotes the  $L^2$ -hermitian product on  $H(M, A^{\otimes N})^*$ .

The induced action of  $G$  on  $A^*$  preserves  $\mathbb{S}$  and the riemannian and almost CR structures on  $\mathbb{S}$ , and the isomorphisms  $H(\mathbb{S})_N \cong H(M, A^{\otimes N})$  are  $G$ -equivariant. For  $N \gg 0$ , we have  $G$ -equivariant decompositions  $H(\mathbb{S})_N = \bigoplus_i H(\mathbb{S})_{i,N}$ , where  $H(\mathbb{S})_{i,N}$  is the factor consisting of a direct sum of copies of  $V_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq c$ . Similarly,  $H(\mathbb{S}) = \bigoplus_i H(\mathbb{S})_i$ . We shall implicitly identify  $H(\mathbb{S})_N$  and  $H(\mathbb{S})_{i,N}$  with  $H(M, A^{\otimes N})$  and  $H(M, A^{\otimes N})_i$ , respectively. For each  $i$ , let  $\Pi_i : L^2(\mathbb{S}) \rightarrow H(\mathbb{S})_i$  denote the orthogonal projection and let  $\tilde{\Pi}_i \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S})$  be its Schwartz kernel. For each  $i$  and  $N$ , let  $\Pi_{i,N} : L^2(\mathbb{S}) \rightarrow H(\mathbb{S})_{i,N}$  be the orthogonal projection and  $\tilde{\Pi}_{i,N}$  its Schwartz kernel, the  $N$ -th Fourier coefficient of  $\tilde{\Pi}_i$ : if  $\{s_0^{(i,N)}, \dots, s_{d_{i,N}}^{(i,N)}\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $H(\mathbb{S})_{i,N}$ , then

$$\tilde{\Pi}_{i,N}(p, q) = \sum_{j=0}^{d_{i,N}} s_j^{(i,N)}(p) \otimes \overline{s_j^{(i,N)}(q)} \quad (p, q \in \mathbb{S}).$$

Clearly,  $\tilde{\Pi} = \sum_{i=1}^c \tilde{\Pi}_i$ . Notice that the Fourier components of the total and equivariant Szegő kernels,  $\Pi_N$  and  $\Pi_{i,N}$ , when restricted to the diagonal in  $\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}$ , descend to well-defined smooth functions on the diagonal in  $M \times M$ , that is, with some abuse of language we may write  $\Pi_N(p, p) = \Pi_N(x, x)$  and  $\Pi_{i,N}(p, p) = \Pi_{i,N}(x, x)$  for any  $p \in \mathbb{S}$  and  $x \in M$  with  $\pi(p) = x$ . This will be done implicitly below.

By the projection formula, for each  $i = 1, \dots, c$  we have

$$\tilde{\Pi}_{i,N} = \sum_{j=0}^{d_N} \Pi_i(s_j^N) \otimes \bar{s}_j^N = (\dim(V_i)/|G|) \cdot \sum_g \sum_j \bar{\chi}_i(g) \rho(g)(s_j^N) \otimes \bar{s}_j^N,$$

where  $\rho : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(H(\mathbb{S})_N)$  is the induced representation; explicitly,  $\rho(g)\sigma = \sigma \circ g^{-1}$  ( $g \in G, \sigma \in H(\mathbb{S})_N$ ), where we view  $g^{-1}$  as a contactomorphism of  $\mathbb{S}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Pi}_{i,N}(p, q) &= (\dim(V_i)/|G|) \cdot \sum_g \sum_j \bar{\chi}_i(g) s_j^N(g^{-1}p) \bar{s}_j^N(q) \\ &= (\dim(V_i)/|G|) \cdot \sum_g \bar{\chi}_i(g) \tilde{\Pi}_N(g^{-1}p, q). \end{aligned}$$

On the diagonal,  $\tilde{\Pi}_{i,N}(p, p) = (\dim(V_i)/|G|) \cdot \sum_g \bar{\chi}_i(g) \tilde{\Pi}_N(g^{-1}p, p)$ . Let  $d$  be the geodesic distance function on  $M$  and also its pull-back  $d \circ \pi$  to  $\mathbb{S}$ . If  $x \in M$  and  $G \cdot x \neq \{x\}$ , set  $a_x := \min\{d(gx, x) : g \in G \setminus G_x\}$ . Suppose  $p \in \mathbb{S}, x = \pi(p)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\pi}_{i,N}(p, p) &= (\dim(V_i)/|G|) \cdot \sum_{g \in G_x} \bar{\chi}_i(g) \tilde{\Pi}_N(g^{-1}p, p) \\ &\quad + (\dim(V_i)/|G|) \cdot \sum_{g \notin G_x} \bar{\chi}_i(g) \tilde{\Pi}_N(g^{-1}p, p). \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of Lemma 4.5 of [BU2], the latter term is bounded in absolute value by  $C\tilde{\Pi}_N(p, p)e^{-a_x^2 N/2} + O(N^{(n-1)/2})$ , where  $C$  is independent of  $x$  and  $N$ . By (13) of [SZ1] and the definition of dual action,  $\tilde{\Pi}_N(g^{-1}p, p) = \alpha_x(g)^N \tilde{\Pi}_N(p, p)$  if  $g \in G_x$ . Thus the former term is

$$\begin{aligned} &(\dim(V_i)/|G|) \cdot \left[ \sum_{g \in G_x} \bar{\chi}_i(g) \alpha_x(g)^N \right] \tilde{\Pi}_N(p, p) \\ &= (\dim(V_i)/|G|) \cdot (\alpha_x^N, \chi_i)_{G_x} \cdot \tilde{\Pi}_N(p, p). \end{aligned}$$

Given the asymptotic expansion for  $\tilde{\Pi}_N(p, p)$  in [BU2] and [Z],  $\tilde{\Pi}_{i,N}(p, p) \neq 0$  if  $N \gg 0, x \notin B_{i,N}$ . This clearly implies the statement.

*Proof of Corollary 1.1.* Let  $V \subseteq M$  be the locus of points with non-trivial stabilizer. By Theorem 8.1 on page 213 of [S] and because the action is effective,  $V$  is a union of proper submanifolds of  $M$ . If  $x \in M \setminus V$ , then  $G_x = \{e\}$  and therefore  $\gamma_{i,k}(x) = \dim(V_i) \neq 0$  for every  $i$  and  $N$ . By the theorem, there exists  $s \in H(M, A^{\otimes k})_i$  with  $s(x) \neq 0$  if  $k \gg 0$ .

Before coming to the proof of Proposition 1.1, let us dwell on the previous description of the equivariant Szegö kernels  $\tilde{\Pi}_{i,k}$  restricted to the diagonal. As is well known, the wave front of the Szegö kernel  $\Pi$  is

$$\Sigma = \{((p, p), (r\alpha_p, -r\alpha_p)) : p \in \mathbb{S}, r > 0\} \subseteq T^*(\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}) \setminus \{0\}.$$

In the notation of [BdMG], [BU2] we have in fact  $\Pi \in J^{1/2}(\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}, \Sigma)$ . Now we have seen that

$$\tilde{\Pi}_{i,N}(p, p) = (\dim(V_i)/|G|) \cdot \sum_{g \in G} \bar{\chi}_i(g) \tilde{\Pi}_N(g^{-1}p, p).$$

For any  $g \in G$  let  $\alpha_g : \mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}$  be the diffeomorphism  $(p, q) \mapsto (gp, q)$ , and let  $\tilde{\Pi}_g = \tilde{\Pi} \circ \alpha_g^* \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S})$ , where  $\alpha_g^*$  denotes pull-back of functions under  $\alpha_g$ . Then  $\tilde{\Pi}_g \in J^{1/2}(\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}, \alpha_g^*(\Sigma))$  and  $\tilde{\Pi}_k(gp, q)$  is the  $k$ -th Fourier component of  $\tilde{\Pi}_g$ ,

for every integer  $k$ . One can then see, arguing as in the proofs of Lemmas 3.5 and 3.6 of [BU2], that  $k^{-n}\tilde{\Pi}_k(gp, p)$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{C}^1$  norm, say, for every  $g \in G$ . The same then holds for  $k^{-n}\tilde{\Pi}_{i,k}(x, x)$ .

*Proof of Proposition 1.1.* By the above, in the hypothesis of the proposition for every  $x \in M$  there exists  $k_x \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x \notin \text{Bs}(|H(M, A^{\otimes k})_i|)$  for every  $k \geq k_x$ . We now make the stronger claim that for every  $x \in M$  there exist an open neighbourhood  $U_x$  of  $x$  and  $k_x \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $U_x \cap \text{Bs}(|H(M, A^{\otimes k})_i|) = \emptyset$  for every  $k \geq k_x$ . The statement will follow given the compactness of  $M$ .

If the claim was false, there would exist  $x \in M$  and sequences  $k_j \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_j \in M$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ) with  $k_j \equiv r \pmod{|G|}$ ,  $k_j \rightarrow +\infty$  and  $x_j \rightarrow x$ , such that  $x_j \in \text{Bs}(|H(M, A^{\otimes k_j})_i|)$  for every  $j$ . Thus,

$$\tilde{\Pi}_{i,k_j}(x_j, x_j) = 0 \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots)$$

while

$$\tilde{\Pi}_{i,k_j}(x, x) = \frac{\dim(V_i)}{|G|} \cdot \gamma_{i,r}(x) \cdot \tilde{\Pi}_{k_j}(x, x) + \text{L.O.T.},$$

where L.O.T. denotes lower order terms in  $k_j$ . Thus,  $k_j^{-n}\tilde{\Pi}_{i,k_j}(x, x)$  is bounded away from zero and therefore the derivatives in  $x$  of the sequence of functions  $k_j^{-n}\tilde{\Pi}_{i,k_j}(x', x')$  are unbounded, a contradiction.

*Proof of Corollary 1.2.* Let us agree that the irreducible representation corresponding to  $i = 1$  is just the trivial representation, so that

$$H(M, A^{\otimes N})_1 = H(M, A^{\otimes N})^G$$

for every integer  $N$ . Then  $\bar{\chi}_1(g) = 1$  for every  $g \in G$ . Furthermore, for every  $x \in M$ ,  $g \in G_x$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $\alpha_x^{k|G|}(g) = 1$ . Thus

$$\gamma_{1,k|G|}(x) = |G_x| \neq 0 \text{ for every } x \in M,$$

and the statement follows from Proposition 1.1.

*Proof of Corollary 1.3.* If  $M$  is a complex projective manifold and  $A$  is ample, we have section multiplication maps

$$H^0(M, A^{\otimes \ell})^G \otimes H^0(M, A^{\otimes m})_i \longrightarrow H^0(M, A^{\otimes(\ell+m)})_i$$

for every  $i = 1, \dots, c$  and integers  $\ell, m$ . Thus, for any residue class  $0 \leq r \leq |G| - 1$  and any sequence of positive integers  $k_i \gg 0$ , by Corollary 1.2 we have a descending chain of base loci:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bs}(|H^0(M, A^{\otimes r})_i|) &\supseteq \text{Bs}(|H^0(M, A^{\otimes(r+k_1|G|)})_i|) \\ &\supseteq \text{Bs}(|H^0(M, A^{\otimes(r+(k_1+k_2)|G|)})_i|) \supseteq \dots \end{aligned}$$

This implies the first statement. The rest is obvious.

*Proof of Corollary 1.4.* If  $G_x = G$  and  $k \equiv r \pmod{|G|}$ , then

$$\tilde{\Pi}_{i,k}(x, x) = \frac{\dim(V_i)}{|G|} \cdot \gamma_{i,r}(x) \cdot \tilde{\Pi}_k(p, p).$$

Thus, if  $\gamma_{i,r}(x) = 0$ , then  $s(x) = 0$  for every  $s \in H(M, A^{\otimes k})_i$ .

*Proof of Corollary 1.5.* The first statement follows from Theorem 1.1, while the second is a consequence of the proof of Proposition 1.1.

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* Suppose  $B_{i,N} = \emptyset$  so that, perhaps after replacing  $N$  by  $N+k|G|$  for  $k \gg 0$ ,  $|H(\mathbb{S})_{i,N}|$  is base-point-free. The claim is that if  $U' \subset U$  is open with compact closure in  $U$  and  $N \gg 0$ , then  $\Phi_{i,N}$  is an immersion on  $U'$ . We shall be done by proving that  $N^{-1}\Phi_{i,N}^*(\omega_{\text{FS}}^{(N)}) - \omega = O(1/N)$  on connected compact subsets of  $U$ , where  $\omega_{\text{FS}}^{(N)}$  is the Fubini-Study symplectic form on  $\mathbb{P}(H(M, A^{\otimes k})^*)$ . In turn, this will follow if we prove that  $N^{-1}\tilde{\Phi}_{i,N}^*(\tilde{\omega}_N) - \pi^*(\omega) = O(1/N)$  on horizontal vectors, over compact subsets of  $\mathbb{S}$ ; here  $\tilde{\omega}_N = \frac{i}{2}\bar{\partial}\partial \log |\xi|^2$  on  $H(M, A^{\otimes k})^* \setminus \{0\}$  (with its natural hermitian structure), and  $\pi : \mathbb{S} \rightarrow M$  is the projection.

Now, if  $d^1$  and  $d^2$  denote exterior differentiation on the first and second component of  $\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}$ , respectively, then  $N^{-1}\tilde{\Phi}_{i,N}^*\tilde{\omega}_N = \text{diag}^*(d^1 d^2 \log \tilde{\Pi}_{i,N})$ , where  $\text{diag} : \mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}$  is the diagonal map ([SZ2], proof of Theorem 3.1 (b)). If  $x, y \in M$  lie in the same connected component  $V$  of  $U$ ,  $G_y = G_x$ . Thus  $b_x := (\alpha_x^N, \chi_i)_{G_x}$  is constant on  $V$ , say equal to  $b_V$ . Hence, if  $p, q \in \pi^{-1}(V)$  and  $x = \pi(p)$ ,

$$(1) \quad \tilde{\Pi}_{i,N}(p, q) = \frac{\dim(V_i)}{|G|} \cdot \left\{ b_V \cdot \tilde{\Pi}_N(p, q) + \sum_{g \notin G_x} \bar{\chi}_i(g) \tilde{\Pi}_N(gp, q) \right\}.$$

By the proof of Theorem 3.1 (b) of [SZ2],  $(i/2N) \text{diag}^*(d^1 d^2 \log \Pi_N) \rightarrow \pi^*\omega$  in  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -norm for any  $k$  on  $M$ . Therefore, we shall be done by proving that

$$(2) \quad N^{-1}d_1 d_2(\tilde{\Pi}_N(gp, q)/\tilde{\Pi}_N(p, q)) \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$(3) \quad N^{-1}d_1(\tilde{\Pi}_N(gp, q)/\tilde{\Pi}_N(p, q)) \wedge d_2(\tilde{\Pi}_N(g'p, q)/\tilde{\Pi}_N(p, q)) \rightarrow 0$$

for  $g, g' \notin G_x$  near compact subsets of  $\text{diag}(V)$ .

Then let  $K \subset V$  be a compact subset, and suppose  $x \in K$ ,  $g \notin G_x$ , and  $u, v \in T_x M$  have unit length. Let  $U, V$  be horizontal vector fields of unit length on  $\mathbb{S}$ , of unit length near  $\mathbb{S}_x$  and extending the horizontal lifts of  $u$  and  $v$ . We want to estimate  $N^{-1}U_1 \circ V_2(\tilde{\Pi}_N(gp, q)/\tilde{\Pi}_N(p, q))$  over  $K$ , where  $U_1 = (U, 0)$  and  $V_2 = (0, V)$  are horizontal vector fields on  $\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}$ .

Let us consider again the distribution  $\tilde{\Pi}_g = \alpha_g^* \tilde{\Pi} \in J^{1/2}(\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}, g^* \Sigma)$ , discussed before the proof of Proposition 1.1. If  $P$  is a horizontal differential operator of degree  $\ell$  on  $\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}$ , its principal symbol vanishes on  $g^* \Sigma$  and therefore  $P(\tilde{\Pi}_g) \in J^{(\ell+1)/2}(\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}, \alpha_g^* \Sigma)$ . As in [BU2], Lemma 4.5, for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we can find  $\nu_{g,P,k} \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{S})$ , having an asymptotic expansion  $\nu_{g,P,k}(p) = \sum_{j=0}^\infty k^{n+(\ell-j)/2} f_{g,P,k}^{(j)}(p)$ , and real phase functions  $\alpha_{g,P,k} \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S})$  such that

$$G(p, q) = \sum_k \nu_{g,P,k}(p) e^{i\alpha_{g,P,k}(p,q)} e^{-kd(gp,q)^2/2} \in J^{(\ell+1)/2}(\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}, \alpha_g^* \Sigma)$$

and  $P(\tilde{\Pi}_g) - G \in J^{\ell/2}(\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}, \alpha_g^* \Sigma)$ . Since  $P(\tilde{\Pi}_g)$  has definite (even) parity, we may assume without loss of generality that so does  $G$ . Therefore, the above asymptotic expansions may be assumed to go down by integer steps:  $\nu_{g,P,k}(p) = \sum_{j=0}^\infty k^{n+\ell/2-j} f_{g,P,k}^{(j)}(p)$ , and

$$(4) \quad |P(\tilde{\Pi}_N(gp, q))| = \nu_{g,P,0}(p) \cdot e^{-Nd(gp,q)^2/2} + O(N^{n+\ell/2-1}).$$

Because  $K \subset U$  is compact and  $g \notin G_x$  for  $x \in K$ , there is  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $d(gp, p) > \epsilon$  for all  $p \in \pi^{-1}(K)$ . Thus,  $P(\tilde{\Pi}_N^{(g)})(p, p) = O(N^{m+(\ell-1)/2})$

on  $\pi^{-1}(K)$ . Developing  $N^{-1}U_1 \circ V_2(\tilde{\Pi}_N(gp, q)/\tilde{\Pi}_N(p, q))$ , we see that  $N^{-1}U_1 \circ V_2(\tilde{\Pi}_N(gp, q)/\tilde{\Pi}_N(p, q)) = O(1/N)$  over  $K$ , uniformly in  $U$  and  $V$ . This proves (2); the proof of the other estimate is similar.

*Proof of Proposition 1.2.* Notation being as above, we may assume that  $K$  is  $G$ -invariant. Suppose then, by contradiction, that for a sequence  $k_j \rightarrow +\infty$  we can find  $x_{k_j}, y_{k_j} \in K$  with  $d_G(x_{k_j}, y_{k_j}) > 0$  and  $\Phi_{i, N+k_j|G|}(x_{k_j}) = \Phi_{i, N+k_j|G|}(y_{k_j})$ . Set  $N_j = N + k_j|G|$ .

I claim that  $d_G(x_{k_j}, y_{k_j}) \leq C/\sqrt{N_j}$ . Following [BU2], proof of Corollary 4.6, pick  $p_{k_j} \in \pi^{-1}(x_{k_j}), q_{k_j} \in \pi^{-1}(y_{k_j})$ . Then  $\tilde{\Phi}_{i, N_j}(x_{k_j}) = \lambda_j \tilde{\Phi}_{i, N_j}(y_{k_j})$  for some  $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$ ; it follows that  $\|\tilde{\Phi}_{i, N_j}(p_{k_j})\|^2 = |\lambda_j|^2 \cdot \|\tilde{\Phi}_{i, N_j}(q_{k_j})\|^2$ . However,  $\|\tilde{\Phi}_{i, N_j}(p)\|^2 = \tilde{\Pi}_{i, N_j}(p, p)$  ( $p \in \mathbb{S}$ ), and therefore by (1) above  $|\lambda_j| = 1 + O(N_j^{-1/2})$ . We also have  $|\lambda_j| |\tilde{\Pi}_{i, N_j}(p_{k_j}, p_{k_j})| = |\tilde{\Pi}_{i, N_j}(p_{k_j}, q_{k_j})|$ , and on the other hand, again by (1),

$$|\tilde{\Pi}_{i, N_j}(p_{k_j}, q_{k_j})| \leq C |\tilde{\Pi}_{i, N_j}(p_{k_j}, p_{k_j})| e^{-N_j d_G(p, q)^2/2} + O(k_j^{n-1/2}).$$

We conclude that  $d_G(p_{k_j}, q_{k_j}) \leq C/\sqrt{k_j}$ , as claimed. Hence, after replacing  $x_{k_j}$  by  $g_j \cdot x_{k_j}$  for a suitable  $g_j \in G$ , we may assume  $d(x_{k_j}, y_{k_j}) \leq C/\sqrt{N_j}$  and  $d(x_{k_j}, y_{k_j}) = d_G(x_{k_j}, y_{k_j})$  for every  $j$ .

Since  $d(gx, x) > \epsilon$  for some fixed  $\epsilon > 0$  and all  $x \in K$  and  $g \notin G_x$ ,  $x_{k_j}$  is the only point in  $G \cdot x_{k_j}$  minimizing the distance from  $y_{k_j}$ , for every  $j$ .

We may now apply the argument of the proof of Theorem 3.2 (b) of [SZ2], with minor changes.

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