

Abstract:

A theorem by W. J. Sweeney in [Coerciveness in the Neumann problem. *J. Differential Geometry*, 6 : 375393, 1971/72.] stated in a very general manner with long and difficult to understand proof implies that subelliptic estimates of the $\bar{\partial}$ -Neumann operator are invariant for smooth metrics. I give a much simpler proof for the invariance of the subelliptic estimates of the $\bar{\partial}$ -Neumann operator for smooth metrics. Moreover, a natural question to ask is whether the same is true for the compactness estimate of the $\bar{\partial}$ -Neumann operator and the answer is yes.