

NOTE ON ALMOST PRODUCT MANIFOLDS AND  
THEIR TANGENT BUNDLES

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Let  $M^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional manifold of differentiability class  $C^\infty$  with an almost product structure  $\phi_i^j$ . Let  $\phi_i^j$  have eigenvalue  $+1$  of multiplicity  $p$  and eigenvalue  $-1$  of multiplicity  $q$  where  $p+q = n$  and  $p \geq 1, q \geq 1$ . Let  $T(M^n)$  be the tangent bundle of  $M^n$ .  $T(M^n)$  is a  $2n$  dimensional manifold of class  $C^\infty$ . Let  $x^i$  be the local coordinates of a point  $P$  of  $M^n$ . The local coordinates of  $T(M^n)$  can be expressed by  $2n$  variables  $(x^i, y^i)$  where  $x^i$  are coordinates of the point  $P$  and  $y^i$  are components of a tangent vector at  $P$  with respect to the natural frame constituted by the vectors  $\partial/\partial x^i$  at  $P$ . For convenience's sake we put

$$x^{i*} = x^{n+i} = y^i.$$

We assume that all indices  $i, j, k, \dots$  run through  $1, 2, \dots, n$ . So all indices  $i^*, j^*, k^*, \dots$  run through  $n+1, n+2, \dots, 2n$ . The indices  $A, B, C, \dots$  are supposed to run through  $1, 2, \dots, 2n$ .

In § 1 we prove that if  $M^n$  has constant curvature and its metric connection is a  $\phi$ -connection then  $M^n$  is locally flat. (Theorem 1). In § 2 we introduce an almost product structure  $\phi_i^j$  in  $T(M^n)$  and prove that it is integrable if and only if  $M^n$

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is locally flat. Also it is proved that an infinitesimal transformation of  $M^n$  is affine if and only if its extension to  $T(M^n)$  is almost decomposable. (Theorem 2). In § 3 we use the metric on  $T(M^n)$  introduced by S. Sasaki [3] and prove that the metric connection is a  $\phi$ -connection if and only if  $M^n$  is locally flat. (Theorem 3). Finally we suppose  $M^n$  is locally flat and show that an extension to  $T(M^n)$  of a given infinitesimal transformation on  $M^n$  is affine if and only if the extension is almost decomposable. (Theorem 4). Theorems 1, 2 correspond to known theorems in a manifold with an almost complex structure. (Remarks to § 1, 2). Some tensor calculus are omitted in § 2, 3 and 4. Those are straight calculation though lengthy.

1. In an almost product manifold, an affine connection is called a  $\phi$ -connection if the almost product structure  $\phi_j^i$  is covariant constant with respect to that connection. (Yano [6], p. 255). It is known that we can introduce a positive definite Riemannian metric  $g_{ij}$ , which satisfies  $g_{ij} \phi_h^i \phi_k^j = g_{hk}$ , over  $M^n$ .  $\{j^i_k\}$  are the Christoffel symbols constructed by  $g_{ij}$ . The Riemann-Christoffel curvature tensor is given by

$$R_{ijk}^h = \partial_i \{j^h_k\} - \partial_j \{i^h_k\} + \{i^h_l\} \{j^l_k\} - \{j^h_l\} \{i^l_k\},$$

where  $\partial_i$  denotes the partial differentiation with respect to  $x^i$ .

**THEOREM 1.** If the almost product manifold  $M^n$  has constant curvature and its metric connection  $\{j^i_k\}$  is a  $\phi$ -connection, then  $M^n$  is locally flat.

Proof. Let  $\phi^{lh} = g^{lk} \phi_k^h$ ,  $\bar{H}_{ji} = \phi^{lh} R_{hjil}$ ,  $\bar{H} = \phi^{ji} \bar{H}_{ji}$ ;  $R = g^{ij} R_{ij}$  be the curvature scalar. If  $\{j^i_k\}$  is a  $\phi$ -connection then (Hsu [2] proposition 5.3)

$$R = \bar{H}.$$

Now  $M^n$  has constant curvature  $K$ , then

$$R = n(n-1)K.$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{H} &= \phi^{ji} \phi^{lh} R_{hjil} \\ &= \phi^{ji} \phi^{lh} K(g_{hl}g_{ji} - g_{hi}g_{jl}) \\ &= K((\phi_i^i)^2 - n) = K[(q-p)^2 - n]. \end{aligned}$$

So  $\bar{H} = R$  implies  $K = 0$ .

Remark. This theorem corresponds to a known theorem in a Kähler manifold. (Yano [6] pp. 69-70).

2. Now we introduce an almost product structure in  $T(M^n)$  as follows:

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi_j^i &= -\{j^i\} y^1, \\ \phi_{j^*}^i &= -\delta_j^i, \\ \phi_j^{i*} &= -\delta_j^i + \{1^i\} \{j^m\} y^t y^m, \\ \phi_{j^*}^{i*} &= \{j^i\} y^1. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to show that

$$\phi_B^A \phi_C^B = \delta_C^A,$$

so  $\phi_B^A$  is an almost product structure on  $T(M^n)$ .

The Nijenhuis tensor of the almost product structure (1) is:

$$N_{BC}^A = \phi_B^D (\partial_D \phi_C^A - \partial_G \phi_D^A) - \phi_C^D (\partial_D \phi_B^A - \partial_B \phi_D^A),$$

where  $\partial_D$  denotes the partial differentiation with respect to  $x^D$ .

After some tensor calculations we have the following result:

$$N_{jk}^i = (\{j^t m\} R_{tkl}^i - \{k^t m\} R_{tjl}^i) y^m y^l$$

$$N_{jk}^{i*} = -R_{jkm}^i y^m - \{j^l s\} \{k^h m\} y^s y^m R_{lht}^i y^t$$

$$- \{s^i t\} y^t (\{j^l h\} y^h R_{lkm}^s y^m - \{k^l h\} y^h R_{ljm}^s y^m),$$

$$(2) \quad N_{jk*}^i = R_{jkl}^i y^l,$$

$$N_{j*k*}^i = 0,$$

$$N_{jk*}^{i*} = -\{j^t l\} y^l R_{tkm}^i y^m - \{l^i t\} y^t R_{jkm}^l y^m,$$

$$N_{j*k*}^{i*} = -R_{jkt}^i y^t,$$

where  $R_{ijk}^h$  is the Riemann-Christoffel curvature tensor.

Let  $v^i$  be an infinitesimal transformation of  $M^n$  and  $V^A$  be the extension of  $v^i$ .  $V^A$  is an infinitesimal transformation of  $T(M^n)$  and defined by (S. Sasaki [3] § 2)

$$V^i = v^i, \quad V^{i*} = y^r \partial_r v^i.$$

We call  $v^i$  an almost contravariant decomposable vector field of  $M^n$  if it satisfies

$$(3) \quad \mathcal{L}_v \phi_j^i = 0$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_v$  denotes the operator of Lie derivation with respect to  $v^i$ . If  $M^n$  is a locally product manifold which satisfies stronger conditions than the almost product manifold, then the  $v^i$  satisfying (3) turns out to be a contravariant decomposable vector field. (K. Yano [6] pp. 222-223).

Making use of (1) and the following formula for Lie derivation:

$$\mathcal{L}_{V\phi_B}^A = V^C \partial_C \phi_B^A - \phi_B^C \partial_C V^A + \phi_C^A \partial_B V^C,$$

we have the following result:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_V \phi_j^h &= -y^r t_{jr}^h, \\ \mathcal{L}_V \phi_{j*}^h &= 0, \\ (4) \quad \mathcal{L}_V \phi_j^{h*} &= (\{ \begin{smallmatrix} l \\ j \ n \end{smallmatrix} \} t_{lm}^h + \{ \begin{smallmatrix} h \\ l \ m \end{smallmatrix} \} t_{jn}^l) y^m y^n, \\ \mathcal{L}_V \phi_{j*}^{h*} &= y^r t_{jr}^h \end{aligned}$$

where  $t_{ji}^h$  is given by (K. Yano [6] p.17)

$$t_{ji}^h = \nabla_j \nabla_i v^h + v^r R_{rji}^h = \mathcal{L}_V \{ \begin{smallmatrix} h \\ j \ i \end{smallmatrix} \}$$

$\nabla_j$  being the Riemannian covariant derivation in  $M^n$ .

From (2) and (4) we have the following theorem:

**THEOREM 2.** In order that the almost product structure (1) of  $T(M^n)$  is integrable, it is necessary and sufficient that the Riemannian manifold  $M^n$  is locally flat. In order that an infinitesimal transformation of a Riemannian manifold  $M^n$  is affine, it is necessary and sufficient that its extension in  $T(M^n)$  with an almost structure (1) is almost decomposable.

**Proof.** The almost product structure (1) is integrable if and only if  $N_{AB}^C = 0$ . (K. Yano [5] Theorem 1). Hence the first part of the theorem is the conclusion of (2).  $v^i$  is affine if and only if  $\mathcal{L}_V \{ \begin{smallmatrix} h \\ i \ j \end{smallmatrix} \} = t_{ij}^h = 0$ . (K. Yano [6], p.17). Hence the second part of this theorem is the conclusion of (4).

Remark. This theorem is an analogue of theorems in an almost complex manifold. (Hsu [1] Theorem 1.1, Tachibara and Okumura [4], Theorems 1, 2).

3. Let  $G_{AB}$  be the Riemannian metric defined by S. Sasaki [3] § 3 on  $T(M^n)$ , namely

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{jk} &= g_{jk} + g_{st} \{j^s\} \{k^t\} y^l y^m, \\
 (5) \quad G_{jk^*} &= g_{kl} \{j^l\} y^r, \\
 G_{j^*k^*} &= g_{jk}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then for  $\phi_{AB} = \phi_A^C G_{CB}$  we have by (1) and (5):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi_{ij} &= -\partial_l g_{ij} y^l, \\
 (6) \quad \phi_{ij^*} &= \phi_{j^*i} = -g_{ij}, \\
 \phi_{i^*j^*} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$G_{AB} \phi_C^A \phi_D^B = G_{CD}.$$

The Christoffel symbols  $\overline{\{B^A\}_C}$  of the metric  $G_{AB}$  of  $T(M^n)$  are (S. Sasaki [3] § 7).

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7) \quad \overline{\{j^* k^*\}_A} &= 0, \\
 \overline{\{j^i k\}_A} &= \{j^i k\} + \frac{1}{2} (R_{khl}^i \{m^h j\} + R_{jhl}^i \{m^h k\}) y^l y^m, \\
 \overline{\{j^* k\}_A} &= \frac{1}{2} R_{kjl}^i y^l, \\
 \overline{\{j^i k\}_A} &= \frac{1}{2} (R_{jlk}^i + R_{klj}^i + 2 \partial_l \{j^i k\}) y^l + \frac{1}{2} \{p^i h\} (R_{kml}^h \{n^l j\} \\
 &\quad + R_{jml}^h \{n^l k\}) y^n y^m y^p,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\overline{\{j^* k\}} = \{j k\} - \frac{1}{2} \{m h\} R_{kjl}{}^h{}^l{}^m{}^y{}^y.$$

Let  $\bar{\nabla}$  denote the covariant differentiation with respect to the metric connection  $\{\overset{A}{B} C\}$  on  $T(M^n)$ . We will prove the following theorem:

**THEOREM 3.** The connection  $\{\overset{A}{B} C\}$  is a  $\phi$ -connection, where  $\phi$  is an almost product structure on  $T(M^n)$  given by (1), if and only if  $M^n$  is locally flat.

**Proof.** Suppose  $\{\overset{A}{B} C\}$  is a  $\phi$ -connection, then  $\bar{\nabla}_A \phi_C^B = 0$ , also  $\bar{\nabla}_A \phi_{CB} = 0$ . Making use of (1), (6), (7) we have

$$\bar{\nabla}_k \phi_{j^*}^i = \frac{1}{2} (-R_{khl}{}^i \{m j\}^h - R_{jhl}{}^i \{m k\}^h + R_{ksl}{}^i \{j m\}^s) y^l y^m,$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_k \phi_{i^*j} = \frac{1}{2} (R_{likh} \{j m\}^h + R_{lijh} \{m k\}^h + R_{kils} \{j m\}^s) y^l y^m.$$

So  $\bar{\nabla}_k \phi_{j^*}^i = 0$  yields

$$(-R_{likh} \{m j\}^h - R_{lijh} \{m k\}^h + R_{liks} \{j m\}^s) y^l y^m = 0.$$

Combining with  $\bar{\nabla}_k \phi_{i^*j} = 0$  we have

$$(R_{liks} + R_{kils}) \{j m\}^s y^l y^m = 0.$$

Substituting this relation to the right of the above  $\bar{\nabla}_k \phi_{i^*j}$  we have

$$(8) \quad R_{lijh} \{m k\}^h y^l y^m = 0.$$

Computing  $\bar{\nabla}_{k^*} \phi_j^{i^*}$  and making use of (1), (7) and (8) we have

$$\bar{\nabla}_{k^*} \phi_j^{i^*} = \frac{1}{2} R_{jks}{}^i y^s.$$

$\bar{\nabla}_{k^*} \phi_j^{i^*} = 0$  implies  $R_{jks}^i = 0$ . So  $M^n$  is locally flat.

Conversely suppose  $M^n$  is locally flat, then  $R_{jks}^i = 0$ .

(7) turns out to be

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\{j^* k^*\}^A} &= 0, \quad \overline{\{j k\}^i} = \{j k\}^i, \quad \overline{\{j^* k\}^i} = 0 \\ \overline{\{j k\}^{i^*}} &= \partial_1 \{j k\}^i y^1, \quad \overline{\{j^* k\}^{i^*}} = \{j k\}^i. \end{aligned}$$

Then from (6) and (5)

$$\bar{\nabla}_k \phi_{ij} = -\partial_k \partial_1 g_{ij} y^1 + (\partial_p [ik, j] + \partial_p [jk, i]) y^p = 0,$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_{k^*} \phi_{ij} = -\partial_k g_{ij} + \{i k\}^1 g_{ij} + \{j k\}^1 g_{li} = 0,$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_A \phi_{i^*j} = -\bar{\nabla}_A g_{ij} = -\bar{\nabla}_A G_{i^*j^*} = 0,$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_k \phi_{i^*j^*} = 0,$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_{k^*} \phi_{i^*j^*} = 0.$$

Hence  $\{\frac{A}{B C}\}$  is a  $\phi$ -connection. This completes the proof of the theorem.

Remark. It was known that an almost product manifold is integrable if and only if it is possible to introduce a symmetric affine connection with respect to which the structure tensor is covariantly constant. (Yano [6], p.254). So by Theorem 2 we knew that we can introduce a symmetric affine  $\phi$ -connection in  $T(M^n)$  if and only if  $M^n$  is locally flat. Theorem 3 exhibits such a metric  $\phi$ -connection.

4. Suppose  $M^n$  be locally flat and have an almost product structure  $\phi$ . Let  $V^A$  be an extension of an infinitesimal transformation  $v^i$  of  $M^n$ . That is  $V^i = v^i$ ,  $V^{i^*} = y^r \partial_r v^i$ .

Then



$$\begin{aligned} \bar{t}_{BC}^A &= \partial_B \partial_C V^A + V^D \partial_D \{\bar{A}_{BC}\} + \{\bar{A}_{CD}\} \partial_B V^C + \{\bar{A}_{BD}\} \partial_C V^D \\ &\quad - \{\bar{D}_{BC}\} \partial_D V^A. \end{aligned}$$

Breaking down the indices and making use of (7) and the fact that  $M^n$  is locally flat, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{t}_{jk}^i &= t_{jk}^i, \\ \bar{t}_{jk}^{i*} &= y^r \partial_r t_{jk}^i \\ \bar{t}_{j*k}^i &= 0, \\ \bar{t}_{j**k}^i &= 0, \\ \bar{t}_{j*k}^{i*} &= t_{jk}^i, \\ \bar{t}_{j**k}^{i*} &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

**THEOREM 4.** Suppose  $M^n$  is locally flat,  $v^i$  is a vector field on  $M^n$ ,  $V^A$  is the extension of  $v^i$  on  $T(M^n)$ . Then  $V^A$  is an affine infinitesimal transformation on  $T(M^n)$  if and only if  $V^A$  is almost decomposable with respect to the almost product structure (1) in  $T(M^n)$ .

Proof. By (9)  $\bar{t}_{BC}^A = 0$  if and only if  $t_{jk}^i = 0$ . So  $V^A$  is an affine infinitesimal transformation if and only if  $v^i$  is an affine infinitesimal transformation. Then by Theorem 2 it is necessary and sufficient that  $V^A$  is almost decomposable.

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