

# Transverse Levi civita connection of a Riemannian foliation having dense leaves and admitting a flag of extension on a compact manifold having a finite fundamental group

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## Abstract

In this paper we show that the transverse Levi civita connection of a Riemannian foliation having dense leaves and admitting a flag of extension on a compact manifold  $M$  is integrable and if additionally the fundamental group of  $M$  is finished then the foliation of the closure of leaf  $F^{\natural}$  of lifted foliation  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  on the orthonormal transverse frame bundle  $M^{\natural}$  is defined by the connection of transverse Levi civita  $\omega_T$ . In summary, the horizontal spaces of the transverse Levi civita connection  $\omega_T$  of a Riemannian foliation having dense leaves and admitting a flag of extension on a compact manifold  $M$  having a finite fundamental group is the leaves of the closure  $\overline{\mathcal{F}^{\natural}}$  of lifted foliation  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  on the orthonormal transverse frame bundle  $M^{\natural}$ . We also establish that the structural Lie algebra of such Riemannian foliation is an abelian Lie algebra.

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## 1 Introduction

Here  $(U_i, f_i, T^q, \gamma_{ij})_{i \in I}$  is a foliated cocycle defining a Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}_q$  having dense leaves and admitting a complete flag of extension

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q} = (\mathcal{F}_q, \mathcal{F}_{q-1}, \mathcal{F}_{q-2}, \dots, \mathcal{F}_1)$$

on a compact Riemannian manifold  $M$  having finite fundamental group. The foliation  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is said Riemannian transversely diagonal if only and only the foliated cocycle  $(U_i, f_i, T^q, \gamma_{ij})_{i \in I}$  defining  $\mathcal{F}_q$  satisfy the following conditions:

- i) the open sets  $U_i$  are  $\mathcal{F}$ -distinguished,
- ii) there exists a metric on the transverse manifold  $T^q$  for which the  $\gamma_{ij}$  are local isometries,
- iii) for every  $(i, j) \in I \times I$ , in coordinate systems  $\mathcal{F}$ -local transversals on the open  $\mathcal{F}$ -distinguished  $U_i$ , the Jacobian matrix  $J_{\gamma_{ij}}$  of  $\gamma_{ij}$  is diagonal.

Let  $\mathcal{F}_q^{\natural}$  be the lifted foliation of  $\mathcal{F}$  on the orthonormal  $\mathcal{F}$ -transverse frame bundle  $M^{\natural}$ , let  $\overline{\mathcal{F}^{\natural}}$  be the foliation of closure of the leaves of  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}$  and let  $\omega_T$  be the transverse Levi civita connection of  $M^{\natural}$ . Then  $\omega_T$  is integrable and :

- i) the foliation defined by  $\omega_T$  is the foliation  $\overline{\mathcal{F}^{\natural}}$ ,
- ii) the structural Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{F}_q}$  of  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is abelian of dimension equal to  $q$ ,

In all that follows, the manifolds considered are supposed to be related and the differentiability  $C^\infty$ .

## 2 Definitions

We reformulate certain definitions and theorems that are found in the literature (For instance [1], [2]).

**Definition 2.1.** *Let  $P^{\natural}$  be a main bundle of a structural group  $G$  and  $\omega_{P^{\natural}}$  a connection on  $P^{\natural}$ . The holonomy group at  $z \in P^{\natural}$  of the connection  $\omega_{P^{\natural}}$  is the set*

$$Hol_z(\omega_{P^{\natural}}) = \{g \in G / z \sim z \cdot g\}$$

where  $z \sim z'$  means that there is a piecewise horizontal curve with extremities  $z$  and  $z'$ . (The relation  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation).

The restricted holonomy group  $Hol_z^0(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$  is also defined as the subgroup of  $Hol_z(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$ , but adding the following condition: if  $g \in Hol_z^0(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$ , then  $z$  is connected to  $g \cdot z$  by a different piecewise horizontal curve whose projection on the basic manifold of fiber  $P^{\natural}$  is zero homotopy.

We also note that if  $P^{\natural}$  and its base are related, then the holonomy group  $Hol_z(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$  depends on the point  $z$  only at a close conjugation (in  $G$ ).

More precisely, if  $z'$  is another point of  $P^{\natural}$ , there is a single  $g$  of  $G$  such that  $z' \sim z \cdot g$ , and then:

$$Hol_{z'}(\omega_{P^{\natural}}) = g^{-1} \cdot Hol_z(\omega_{P^{\natural}}) \cdot g$$

**Proposition 2.2.**  $Hol_z^0(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$  is a related Lie group that coincides with the connected component by arc of  $Hol_z(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$  which contains the neutral element. Moreover, there is a surjective morphism of group of  $\pi_1(M)$  on  $\frac{Hol_z(\omega_{P^{\natural}})}{Hol_z^0(\omega_{P^{\natural}})}$  where  $\pi_1(M)$  is the basic group of basic manifold  $M$  of the main bundle  $P^{\natural}$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $P^{\natural}$  be a main bundle and let  $K^{\natural}$  be a sub-bundle of  $P^{\natural}$  having  $\mathcal{K}$  for Lie structural algebra.

A connection  $\omega_{P^{\natural}}$  on  $P^{\natural}$  is said to be suitable for  $K^{\natural}$  if and only if the restriction  $\omega_{K^{\natural}}$  of  $\omega_{P^{\natural}}$  at  $K^{\natural}$  has its values in  $\mathcal{K}$ .

Note that this is similar to imposing on the infinitesimal connection  $H_{P^{\natural}}$  having  $\omega_{P^{\natural}}$  for form of connection to check the condition  $H_{P^{\natural},z} \subset T_z K^{\natural}$  for every  $z \in K^{\natural}$ , where  $H_{P^{\natural},z}$  is the horizontal space of  $H_{P^{\natural}}$  at  $z$ ; that is to say,  $H_{P^{\natural},z} \subset Ker \omega_{P^{\natural},z}$ .

The following theorem is the Ambrose-Singer theorem.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $P^{\natural}$  be a main bundle, let  $\omega_{P^{\natural}}$  be a connection on  $P^{\natural}$ , let  $R$  be the curvature shape of  $\omega_{P^{\natural}}$  and let  $z \in P^{\natural}$ .

i) The subset  $P^{\natural}(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$  of  $P^{\natural}$  of points of  $P^{\natural}$  that can be attached to  $z$  by a piecewise differentiable horizontal curve is a main bundle of group of structure  $Hol_z(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$ .

ii) The connection  $\omega_{P^{\natural}}$  is suitable at  $P^{\natural}(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$ .

iii) The connection obtains by the restriction of  $\omega_{P^{\natural}}$  at  $P_z^{\natural}(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$  have in any point of  $P_z^{\natural}(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$  the same holnomy group as the connection  $\omega_{P^{\natural}}$ .

iv) The Lie algebra  $hol_z^0(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$  of the Lie group  $Hol_z^0(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$  is generated by the elements  $R(X_z, Y_z)$  for  $X_z, Y_z \in H_{P^{\natural},z} = Ker \omega_{P^{\natural},z}$

Note that the curvature shape  $R$  of  $\omega_{P^{\natural}}$  is null if and only if  $Hol_z^0(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$  is trivial.

Note that  $P^{\natural}$  breaks down into a disjointed union of principal bundles of the type  $P_z^{\natural}(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$ . In addition, the main fibers of the type  $P_z^{\natural}(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$  are isomorphic to each other.

**Definition 2.5.** We say that a curve  $(I; \gamma)$  of a differential manifold  $M$  is tangent to a foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $M$  if only if  $\dot{\gamma}(t) \in T_{\gamma(t)}\mathcal{F}$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** *If  $(I, \gamma)$  is a curve of a different manifold  $M$  tangent to a foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  defined on  $M$ , then his image  $\gamma(I)$  is contained in a leaf of  $\mathcal{F}$ .*

**Definition 2.7.** *The main bundle  $P_z^\natural(\omega_{P^\natural})$  is called the holonomy bundle of  $z$  of the connection  $\omega_{P^\natural}$ .*

**Definition 2.8.** *A  $q$ -codimensional foliation  $(M, \mathcal{F})$  on  $M$  is the data of an open recovering  $(U_i)_{i \in I}$  of  $M$  of submersion  $f_i : U_i \rightarrow T$ , where  $T$  is a  $q$ -dimension  $q$  manifold and, for  $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$ , of a diffeomorphism*

$$\gamma_{ij} : f_j(U_i \cap U_j) \subset T \rightarrow f_i(U_i \cap U_j) \subset T$$

*satisfying  $f_i(x) = (\gamma_{ij} \circ f_j)(x)$  for every  $x \in U_i \cap U_j$ .*

*We say that  $(U_i, f_i, T, \gamma_{ij})_{i \in I}$  is a foliated cocycle and the manifold  $T$  is called transverse manifold of foliation  $(M, \mathcal{F})$ .*

We note that the manifold  $T$  can be considered as a disjoint intersection of  $f_i(U_i)$ .

The connected components of fibers of  $f_i$ , called plaques, form a basis for a topology for which the connected components are called leaves of foliation.

The manifold  $M$  provided with leaf topology is denoted by  $M^{\mathcal{F}}$ .

It should also be mentioned that any leaf of  $\mathcal{F}$  is connected by arc.

We emphasize that for a foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $M$  and  $f \in C^\infty(N, M)$  where  $N$  is a manifold, if the image  $f(N)$  of  $f$  is contained in a countable infinity of leaves of  $\mathcal{F}$ , then  $f \in C^\infty(N, M^{\mathcal{F}})$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $q$ -codimensional Riemannian foliation on a compact connected manifold  $M$ . Let  $\overline{F^\natural}$  be the closure of a leaf  $F^\natural$  of lifted foliation  $\mathcal{F}^\natural$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  on the orthonormal transverse frame bundle  $M^\natural$  and let  $\phi : M^\natural \rightarrow M$  be the projection which associates  $x$  to a frame.*

*Them:*

*i)  $\phi(F^\natural)$  is a leaf of  $F$  and  $\phi(\overline{F^\natural}) = \phi(\overline{F^\natural})$ ,*

*ii) the map  $\phi : \overline{F^\natural} \rightarrow \phi(\overline{F^\natural})$  is a locally trivial fibration.*

The structural Lie Algebra  $\mathcal{H}_m$  of this fibration is the Lie algebra of fundamental fields  $\tilde{\lambda}$  of  $M^\natural$  whose value at  $z$  is tangent to  $\overline{F^\natural}$ ; that is,

$$\mathcal{H}_m = \left\{ \lambda \in \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(q, \mathbb{R}) / \tilde{\lambda}_z \in T_z \overline{F^\natural} \right\}$$

where  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(q, \mathbb{R})$  is the Lie algebra of the orthogonal group  $O(q, \mathbb{R}^q)$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $q$ -codimensional Riemannian foliation on a compact related manifold  $M$ , let  $\pi : M^\natural \rightarrow M$  be the orthonormal transverse*

frame bundle and let  $\mathcal{F}^\natural$  be lifted foliation of  $\mathcal{F}$  on the orthonormal transverse frame bundle  $M^\natural$ .

Then the fundamental form  $\theta_T$  and the Levi civita transverse connection  $\omega_T$  of  $M^\natural$  are  $\mathcal{F}^\natural$  – basic.

Note that the twist  $\delta_T$  of the Levi civita transverse connection  $\omega_T$  is zero, where

$$\delta_T = d\theta_T + \omega_T \wedge \theta_T$$

We also have for every  $z \in M^\natural$ ,

$$Y_z \in T_z \mathcal{F}^\natural \iff i_{Y_z} \theta_T = i_{Y_z} d\theta_T = 0.$$

Finally, note that if  $u$  is a vector of  $\mathbb{R}^q$  we will call the basic field associated with  $u$  (for the connection of Levi-civita transverse  $\omega_T$ ) the vector field  $\tilde{u}$  horizontal on  $M^\natural$  defined by the conditions:

$$\omega_T(\tilde{u}) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_T(\tilde{u}) = u.$$

**Definition 2.11.** A  $q$ –codimensional foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on a manifold  $M$  is said transversally diagonal relative to  $\mathcal{F}$ -transverse local coordinates systems  $(y_1^i, y_2^i, \dots, y_q^i)_{i \in I}$  if and only if it is defined by a foliated cocycle  $(U_i, f_i, T, \gamma_{ij})_{i \in I}$  such that the open sets  $U_i$  are  $\mathcal{F}$ -distinguished and on each open  $f_i(U_i)$  there exists a  $\mathcal{F}$ -transverse local coordinates system  $(y_1^i, y_2^i, \dots, y_q^i)$  such that relative to  $\mathcal{F}$ -transverse local coordinates systems  $(y_1^i, y_2^i, \dots, y_q^i)_{i \in I}$  on open  $f_i(U_i)$ , the Jacobian matrix  $J_{\gamma_{ij}}$  of  $\gamma_{ij}$  is diagonal. In the case where there exists a metric  $\lambda_T$  on the transverse manifold  $T$  such that the  $\gamma_{ij}$  are local isometries for this transverse metric, we say that  $\mathcal{F}$  is Riemannian transversally diagonal.

**Remark 2.12.** [18] Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $q$ –codimensional Riemannian transversally diagonal foliation admitting  $(y_1^i, y_2^i, \dots, y_q^i)_{i \in I}$  for  $\mathcal{F}$ -transverse diagonal local coordinates system on a manifold  $M$  relative to a transverse metric  $g_T$  defined by a foliated cocycle  $(U_i, f_i, T, \gamma_{ij})_{i \in I}$ .

We have for all  $x \in U_i$ ,  $\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1^i}(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2^i}(x), \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_q^i}(x) \right)$  is a  $\mathcal{F}$  – transverse orthonormal basis

The family of local transverse coordinates systems  $(y_1^i, y_2^i, \dots, y_q^i)_{i \in I}$  is called an associated family to  $\mathcal{F}$ .

We note that the fact that the Jacobian matrix  $J_{\gamma_{ij}}$  of the isometry  $\gamma_{ij}$  is diagonal relative to  $\mathcal{F}$ -transverse local coordinates systems  $(y_1^i, y_2^i, \dots, y_q^i)_{i \in I}$  implies that relative to  $(y_1^i, y_2^i, \dots, y_q^i)_{i \in I}$  we have

$$J_{\gamma_{ij}} = (\varepsilon_{rs}^{ij})_{rs},$$

where

$$\varepsilon_{rs}^{ij} = 1 \text{ if } r = s \text{ and } \varepsilon_{rs}^{ij} = 0 \text{ if } r \neq s.$$

**Proposition 2.13.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $q$ -codimensional Riemannian transversally diagonal foliation admitting  $(y_1^i, y_2^i, \dots, y_q^i)_{i \in I}$  for  $\mathcal{F}$ -transverse diagonal local coordinates system on a manifold  $M$  relative to a transverse metric  $g_T$  then we have for all  $x \in U_i$ ,*

$$g_{Tsr}^i = g_T \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k^i}(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial y_r^i}(x) \right) = 1 \text{ if } r = s$$

and

$$g_{Tsr}^i = g_T \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k^i}(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial y_r^i}(x) \right) = 0 \text{ if } r \neq s.$$

**Definition 2.14.** *Let  $M$  be a manifold. An extension of a  $q$ -codimensional foliation  $(M, \mathcal{F})$  is a  $q'$ -codimensional foliation  $(M, \mathcal{F}')$  such that  $0 < q' < q$  and  $(M, \mathcal{F}')$  leaves are  $(M, \mathcal{F})$  leaves meetings ( $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{F}'$ ).*

**Definition 2.15.** *Given a  $q$ -codimensional foliation  $\mathcal{F}_q$  on a manifold  $M$ , a flag of extensions of  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is a sequence  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q}^k = (\mathcal{F}_{q-1}, \mathcal{F}_{q-2}, \dots, \mathcal{F}_k)$  of foliations on  $M$  such as  $\mathcal{F}_q \subset \mathcal{F}_{q-1} \subset \mathcal{F}_{q-2} \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{F}_k$  and each foliation  $\mathcal{F}_s$  is a  $s$ -codimensional foliation.*

*For  $\dim \mathcal{F}_q = 1$ , the flag of extensions  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q}^k$  will be called flag of foliations.*

*For  $k = 1$ , the flag of extensions  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q}^k$  will be called complete and will be denoted by  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q}$ .*

*If each foliation  $\mathcal{F}_s$  is Riemannian, the flag of extensions  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q}^k$  will be called flag of Riemannian extensions of  $\mathcal{F}_q$ .*

**Proposition 2.16.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $q$ -codimensional Riemannian foliation having dense leaves.*

*Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is transversally diagonal foliation if only and only  $\mathcal{F}$  admit a complete flag of Riemannian extension  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}} = (\mathcal{F}_q, \mathcal{F}_{q-1}, \dots, \mathcal{F}_1)$ .*

The following theorem is the structure theorem of complete Riemannian flags [8]:

**Theorem 2.17.** *Let  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q} = (\mathcal{F}_{q-1}, \mathcal{F}_{q-2}, \dots, \mathcal{F}_1)$  be a complete flag of Riemannian foliations where  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is a Riemannian foliation having  $T^q$  for transverse manifold and  $\lambda$  for bundle-like metric on a  $(q+1)$ -dimensional connected Riemannian manifold  $(M; \lambda)$  not necessarily compact.*

*If the metric  $\lambda$  is bundle-like for any foliation of  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q} = (\mathcal{F}_{q-1}, \mathcal{F}_{q-2}, \dots, \mathcal{F}_1)$ ,*

then:

1) The manifold  $M$  is completely parallelizable and foliations of  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q}$  are both transversally parallelizable and transversally integrable. In particular, there is a single parallelism  $(Y_i)_{0 \leq i \leq q}$  of  $M$ , called parallelism of  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q}$ , such as:  
 - For every  $i \geq 0$ ,  $Y_i$  is unitary tangent to  $\mathcal{F}_i$  and orients the flow it defines  
 - For all  $q \geq j > i \geq 0$ , the vector fields  $Y_j$  and  $Y_i$  are orthogonal and  $[Y_j, Y_i] = k_{ji}Y_j$  where functions  $k_{ji}$ , called structure functions of  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q}$ , are, for  $i \leq q - 1$ , basic for  $\mathcal{F}_{i+1}$ .

2) If the metric is complete,  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q}$  can be lifted on the universal covering on a simple flag of foliations.

When the manifold is compact,  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q}$  is a flag of Lie homogeneous foliations if only if its structure functions are constant.

We note that the parallelism  $(Y_i)_{0 \leq i \leq q}$  of  $M$  will be called parallelism of Diallo of  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}_q}$ .

### 3 Main Results

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $q$ -codimensional Riemannian transversally diagonal foliation admitting  $(y_1^i, y_2^i, \dots, y_q^i)_{i \in I}$  for  $\mathcal{F}$ -transverse diagonal local coordinates system on a compact manifold  $M$  relative to a transverse metric  $g_T$  defined by a foliated cocycle  $(U_i, f_i, T, \gamma_{ij})_{i \in I}$ . Let  $\pi : M^{\natural} \rightarrow M$  be the orthonormal transverse frame bundle. Let  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}$  be lifted foliation of  $\mathcal{F}$  on the orthonormal transverse frame bundle  $M^{\natural}$ , let  $\omega_T$  be the transverse Levi civita connection of  $M^{\natural}$ , and let  $\overline{\mathcal{F}^{\natural}}$  be the foliation of adhesions of the leaves of  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}$ .*

Then  $\omega_T$  is integrable.

*Proof.* Consider the Christofel symbols  $\Gamma_{ik}^j$  of the metric  $\mathcal{F}$ -transverse  $g_T$ . Using Einstein's summation, we have [16]:

$$\Gamma_{ik}^j = \frac{1}{2} g_{Tjs} (\partial_k g_{Tsi} + \partial_i g_{Tsk} + \partial_s g_{Tik}),$$

where the  $g_{Tjs}$  are the coefficients of the inverse matrix of  $(g_{Tij})_{ij}$ . From the previous equality and the consistency of each  $g_{Tij}$

$$\Gamma_{ik}^j = 0, \text{ for all } i, j, k.$$

We recall [16] that the 2-form curvature of the connection  $\omega_T$  local coordinates has its components

$$R_{Tiks}^j = \partial_k \Gamma_{si}^j - \partial_s \Gamma_{ki}^j + \Gamma_{ku}^j \Gamma_{si}^u - \Gamma_{su}^j \Gamma_{ki}^u.$$

Hence the nullity of  $\Gamma_{ik}^j$  shows that  $R_T = 0$ . But curvature  $R_T$  checks the equality:

$$R_T = d\omega_T + \frac{1}{2} [\omega_T, \omega_T]$$

so

$$d\omega_T + \frac{1}{2} [\omega_T, \omega_T] = 0.$$

Thus  $\omega_T$  defines a Lie foliation  $\mathcal{F}^{\omega_T}$ . □

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a Riemannian foliation having dense leaves and admitting a flag of extension on a compact manifold  $M$  admitting a finite fundamental group  $\pi_1(M)$ , let  $\omega_T$  be the  $\mathcal{F}$ -transverse Levi civita connection of  $M^{\natural}$ , and let  $\overline{\mathcal{F}^{\natural}}$  be the foliation defined by the closure of the leaves of  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}$  and let  $\mathcal{F}^{\omega_T}$  the foliation defined by the transverse Levi-civita connection  $\omega_T$  of  $M^{\natural}$ .*

*Then  $\mathcal{F}^{\omega_T} = \overline{\mathcal{F}^{\natural}}$ .*

*Proof.* Note that the fact the foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  is a Riemannian foliation having dense leaves and admitting a complete flag of extension

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}} = (\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_{q-1}, \mathcal{F}_{q-2}, \dots, \mathcal{F}_1)$$

on a compact manifold implies according to ([18], [19]) that

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}} = (\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_{q-1}, \mathcal{F}_{q-2}, \dots, \mathcal{F}_1)$$

is a complete flag of extensions where each foliation  $\mathcal{F}_i$  is a Riemannian foliations where having dense leaves. Therefore the flag of extension

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}} = (\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_{q-1}, \mathcal{F}_{q-2}, \dots, \mathcal{F}_1)$$

is a flag of extension where each foliation  $\mathcal{F}_i$  is Riemannian transversally diagonal.

This being said, to establish that

$$\mathcal{F}^{\omega_T} = \overline{\mathcal{F}^{\natural}}$$



we begin to establish that the leaves of  $\mathcal{F}^{\omega_T}$  are compact.

Let  $z \in M^{\natural}$  and let  $F_z^{\omega_T}$  the leaf of  $\mathcal{F}^{\omega_T}$  passing at  $z$ .

By a previous proposition, any horizontal curve is contained in a leaf of  $\mathcal{F}^{\omega_T}$ . Therefore the holonomy bundle  $M_{(z, \omega_T)}^{\natural}$  of the connection  $\omega_T$ , on the main bundle  $M^{\natural}$ , at  $z$  is contained in the leaf  $F_z^{\omega_T}$ .

The connectivity by arc of  $F_z^{\omega_T}$  and the fact that any vector is tangent to  $F_z^{\omega_T}$  horizontal ensures that

$$F_z^{\omega_T} \subset M_{(z, \omega_T)}^{\natural}.$$

It follows that

$$F_z^{\omega_T} = M_{(z, \omega_T)}^{\natural}.$$

Since the connection  $\omega_T$  is integrable, we have  $Hol_z^0(\omega_{P^{\natural}})$  which is trivial. Thus

$$\frac{Hol_z(\omega_{P^{\natural}})}{Hol_z^0(\omega_{P^{\natural}})} = Hol_z(\omega_T).$$

We also observe that  $\pi_1(M)$  being finished, that it results from the existence of the surjective morphism of  $\pi_1(M)$  on  $\frac{Hol_z(\omega_{P^{\natural}})}{Hol_z^0(\omega_{P^{\natural}})}$  and of equality

$$\frac{Hol_z(\omega_{P^{\natural}})}{Hol_z^0(\omega_{P^{\natural}})} = Hol_z(\omega_T)$$

that  $Hol_z(\omega_T)$  is a Lie subgroup finite so compact of the structural group  $O(q, \mathbb{R})$  of is a sub-bundle of.

The equality

$$F_z^{\omega_T} = M_{(z, \omega_T)}^{\natural}$$

shows according to the Ambrose-Singer theorem [17] that  $F_z^{\omega_T}$  is a sub-bundle of  $M^{\natural}$  of structural group the group of compact Lie  $Hol_z(\omega_T)$ . So  $F_z^{\omega_T}$  is a compact sub-bundle of  $M^{\natural}$ .

We note, in passing that  $F_z^{\omega_T}$  is a covering of  $M$  having a finite number of slips. Indeed, the structural group  $Hol_z(\omega_T)$  of  $F_z^{\omega_T}$  is finished. The transverse Levi civita connection is basic for the lifted foliation  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $M^{\natural}$ . Therefore the lifted foliation  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}$  is horizontal. Thus for every leaves  $F_z^{\omega_T}$  and  $F_z^{\natural}$  we have

$$F_z^{\natural} \subset F_z^{\omega_T}$$

where  $F_z^{\natural}$  is a leaf of  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}$  passing through  $z$ . The fact that  $F_z^{\omega_T}$  is compact implies that

$$\overline{F_z^{\natural}} \subset \overline{F_z^{\omega_T}} = F_z^{\omega_T}$$

which implies again that

$$\dim \overline{F_z^{\mathfrak{h}}} \leq \dim \overline{F_z^{\omega_T}} = \dim M.$$

According to Molino [12],  $\overline{F_z^{\mathfrak{h}}}$  is a sub-bundle of  $M^{\mathfrak{h}}$ . So

$$\dim M \leq \dim \overline{F_z^{\mathfrak{h}}}.$$

Thus

$$\dim M = \dim \overline{F_z^{\mathfrak{h}}} = \dim \overline{F_z^{\omega_T}}$$

Consequently,  $\overline{F_z^{\mathfrak{h}}}$  is a sub-bundle of  $M^{\mathfrak{h}}$  and  $\dim M = \dim \overline{F_z^{\mathfrak{h}}}$ . Therefore  $\overline{F_z^{\mathfrak{h}}}$  is a coating of  $M$ . Thus  $\overline{F_z^{\omega_T}}$  and  $\overline{F_z^{\mathfrak{h}}}$  form a covering of  $M$  and  $\overline{F_z^{\mathfrak{h}}} \subset \overline{F_z^{\omega_T}}$  so

$$\overline{F_z^{\mathfrak{h}}} = \overline{F_z^{\omega_T}}.$$

As a result

$$\mathcal{F}^{\omega_T} = \overline{\mathcal{F}^{\mathfrak{h}}}.$$

□

We note that:

- i) the connection of Levi civita transverse  $\omega_T$  of  $M^{\mathfrak{h}}$  is suitable at  $\overline{F_z^{\mathfrak{h}}}$ ,
- ii) every leaf of  $\overline{\mathcal{F}^{\mathfrak{h}}}$  is a covering of  $M$  having a finite number of slips,
- iii) any vertical vector field of  $M^{\mathfrak{h}}$  tangent to the foliation  $\overline{\mathcal{F}^{\mathfrak{h}}}$  is null; that is to say,

$$\mathcal{H}_m = \left\{ \lambda \in \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(q, \mathbb{R}) / \tilde{\lambda}_z \in T_z \overline{F^{\mathfrak{h}}} \right\} = \{0\}$$

- iv) any basic vector field relative to  $M^{\mathfrak{h}}$  at  $\omega_T$  is tangent to foliation  $\overline{\mathcal{F}^{\mathfrak{h}}}$ .

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a Riemannian foliation having dense leaves and admitting a flag of extension on a compact manifold  $M$  admitting a finite fundamental group  $\pi_1(M)$ . Let  $\omega_T$  be the  $\mathcal{F}$ -transverse Levi civita connection on the orthonormal transverse frame bundle  $M^{\mathfrak{h}}$ . Finally, let  $\tilde{u}$  and  $\tilde{v}$  basic vector fields on  $M^{\mathfrak{h}}$  relative to  $\omega_T$  and associated respectively with the vectors  $u$  and  $v$  of  $\mathbb{R}^q$ .*

*Then  $[\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}] = 0$ .*

*Proof.* According to Molino [12], for every  $z \in M^{\mathfrak{h}}$ ,

$$[\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}]_z = z \cdot R_T(\tilde{u}_z, \tilde{v}_z)$$

where  $z \cdot R_T(\tilde{u}_z, \tilde{v}_z)$  is the value at  $z$  of the fundamental field on  $M^\natural$  defined by the vector  $R_T(\tilde{u}_z, \tilde{v}_z)$  of the Lie algebra of  $O(q, \mathbb{R})$ .

The fact that the curvature  $R_T$  of  $\omega_T$  is null implies that  $[\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}]_z = 0$  for every  $z \in M^\natural$ . Thus

$$[\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}] = 0.$$

□

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a Riemannian foliation having dense leaves and admitting a flag of extension on a compact manifold  $M$  admitting a finite fundamental group  $\pi_1(M)$ . Let  $\overline{F^\natural}$  be the closure of the leaf  $F^\natural$  of  $\mathcal{F}^\natural$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}_{/\overline{F^\natural}}^\natural$  be the Lie foliation induced by  $\mathcal{F}^\natural$  on  $\overline{F^\natural}$ , let  $\theta_T$  be the fundamental form of fiber  $\pi: M^\natural \rightarrow M$ , let  $j: \overline{F^\natural} \hookrightarrow M^\natural$  be the canonical injection of  $\overline{F^\natural}$  in  $M^\natural$  and let  $\bar{u}$  be a vector field  $\mathcal{F}_{/\overline{F^\natural}}^\natural$ -transverse on  $\overline{F^\natural}$ .*

*Then  $\bar{u}$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{/\overline{F^\natural}}^\natural$ -foliated transverse if and only if there exist a vector  $u \in \mathbb{R}^q$  such that*

$$j^*\theta_T(\bar{u}) = u.$$

*Proof.* Consider  $\bar{u}$  a vector field  $\mathcal{F}_{/\overline{F^\natural}}^\natural$ -transverse on  $\overline{F^\natural}$ . Suppose there is a vector  $u$  of  $\mathbb{R}^q$  such that

$$j^*\theta_T(\bar{u}) = u.$$

Let's show that  $\bar{u}$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{/\overline{F^\natural}}^\natural$ -foliated. Let

$$\delta_T = d\theta_T + \omega_T \wedge \theta_T$$

be the twist of the Levi civita transverse connection  $\omega_T$  we have

$$\delta_T = d\theta_T + \omega_T \wedge \theta_T = 0 \text{ and } j^*\omega_T = 0.$$

But

$$j^*\delta_T = d(j^*\theta_T) + (j^*\omega_T) \wedge (j^*\theta_T) = d(j^*\theta_T)$$

so

$$d(j^*\theta_T) = 0. \quad (2)$$

We have also for every  $z \in \overline{F^\natural}$ ,  $T_z\mathcal{F}_{/\overline{F^\natural}}^\natural \subset T_z\overline{F^\natural}$  therefore for every  $z \in \overline{F^\natural}$  and for every  $Y_z \in T_z\mathcal{F}_{/\overline{F^\natural}}^\natural$

$$j_*(Y_z) = Y_z \quad (3)$$

Using the equivalence

$$Y_z \in T_z \mathcal{F}^{\natural} \iff i_{Y_z} \theta_T = i_{Y_z} d\theta_T = 0$$

established in Molino [12] and the equalities (2) and (3) that

$$Y_z \in T_z \mathcal{F}^{\natural} \iff i_{Y_z} j^* \theta_T = 0 \quad (4)$$

Now consider a vector field  $X^{\natural}$  tangent to  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}_{/F^{\natural}}$ . Since

$$j^* \theta_T (X^{\natural}) = 0 \text{ and } j^* \theta_T (\bar{u}) = u,$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(j^* \theta_T) (\bar{u}, X^{\natural}) &= (\bar{u} (j^* \theta_T) (X^{\natural})) - X^{\natural} (j^* \theta_T) (\bar{u}) - j^* \theta_T ([\bar{u}, X^{\natural}]) \\ &= j^* \theta_T ([\bar{u}, X^{\natural}]). \end{aligned}$$

But

$$d(j^* \theta_T) = 0.$$

So

$$j^* \theta_T ([\bar{u}, X^{\natural}]) = 0.$$

Thus the equivalence (4) implies that  $[\bar{u}, X^{\natural}]$  is tangent to  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}_{/F^{\natural}}$  which means that  $\bar{u}$  is  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}_{/F^{\natural}}$ -foliated transverse.

We now suppose that  $\bar{u}$  is  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}_{/F^{\natural}}$ -foliated transverse.

As  $j^* \theta_T$  is  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}_{/F^{\natural}}$ -basic,  $j^* \theta_T (\bar{u})$  is a function  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}_{/F^{\natural}}$ -basic on  $\overline{F^{\natural}}$  with values are in  $\mathbb{R}^q$ . Thus the fact that  $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}_{/F^{\natural}}$  be a foliation having dense leaves implies that  $j^* \theta_T (\bar{u})$  is a constant function on  $\overline{F^{\natural}}$  with values are in  $\mathbb{R}^q$ . This shows that there exists a vector  $u \in \mathbb{R}^q$  such as

$$j^* \theta_T (\bar{u}) = u.$$

Note the following:

i) if  $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_q)$  is a base of  $\mathbb{R}^q$  then the condition  $j^* \theta_T (\bar{e}_k) = e_k$  allows to obtain a parallelism  $(\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \dots, \bar{e}_q)$   $\mathcal{F}^{\natural}_{/F^{\natural}}$ -transverse canonical on  $\overline{F^{\natural}}$ .

ii) the basic transverse field on  $\overline{F^{\natural}}$  associated with a vector  $u$  of  $\mathbb{R}^q$  is the vector field on  $\overline{F^{\natural}}$  defined by the condition  $j^* \theta_T (\bar{u}) = u$ .

We easily check that  $\bar{u}$  is the restriction to  $\overline{F^{\natural}}$  of the basic field  $\tilde{u}$  on  $M^{\natural}$

associated with the vector  $u$  of associated with the vector  $u$  of  $\mathbb{R}^q$  relatively to  $\omega_T$ .

iii) Let  $\ell \left( \overline{F^q}, \mathcal{F}_{/F^q}^q \right)$  be the Lie structural algebra of the vectors fields  $\mathcal{F}_{/F^q}^q$ -transverse foliated. We have, the application  $j^*\theta_T: \ell \left( \overline{F^q}, \mathcal{F}_{/F^q}^q \right) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  is a isomorphism of vector spaces. □

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{F}}$  be the Lie Structural Algebra of a Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  having dense leaves and admitting a flag of extension on a compact manifold  $M$  admitting a finite fundamental group  $\pi_1(M)$ .*

*Then  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{F}}$  is an abelian Lie algebra whose dimension is the codimension of  $\mathcal{F}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{F}}^2$ .

We have already established that

$$d(j^*\theta_T) = 0.$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} d(j^*\theta_T)(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) &= (\bar{u}(j^*\theta_T)(\bar{v})) - \bar{v}(j^*\theta_T)(\bar{u}) - j^*\theta_T([\bar{u}, \bar{v}]) \\ &= j^*\theta_T([\bar{u}, \bar{v}]). \end{aligned}$$

So

$$j^*\theta_T([\bar{u}, \bar{v}]) = 0.$$

which means that  $[\bar{u}, \bar{v}]$  is a vertical vector field of the covering  $\overline{F^q}$  of  $M$ . It result of this that  $[\bar{u}, \bar{v}] = 0$ . Therefore the isomorphism of vector spaces  $j^*\theta_T: \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{F}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  is an isomorphism of Lie algebras.

Consequently, the structural Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{F}}$  of a Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  having dense leaves and admitting a flag of extension on a compact manifold  $M$  admitting a finite fundamental group  $\pi_1(M)$  is a  $q$ - dimensional abelian Lie algebra. □

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