

# On almost complex structures in the cotangent bundle

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## Abstract

E. M. Patterson and K. Yano studied vertical and complete lifts of tensor fields and connections from a manifold  $M_n$  to its cotangent bundle  $T^*(M_n)$ . Afterwards, K. Yano studied the behavior on the cross-section of the lifts of tensor fields and connections on a manifold  $M_n$  to  $T^*(M_n)$  and proved that when  $\varphi$  defines an integrable almost complex structure on  $M_n$ , its complete lift  ${}^C\varphi$  is a complex structure. The main result of the present paper is the following theorem: Let  $\varphi$  be an almost complex structure on a Riemannian manifold  $M_n$ . Then the complete lift  ${}^C\varphi$  of  $\varphi$ , when restricted to the cross-section determined by an almost analytic 1-form  $\omega$  on  $M_n$ , is an almost complex structure.

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## 1. Preliminaries

Let  $M_n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional manifold and  $T^*(M_n)$  its cotangent bundle. We denote by  $\mathfrak{S}_s^r(M_n)$  the set of all tensor fields of type  $(r, s)$  on  $M_n$ . Similarly, we denote by  $\mathfrak{S}_s^r(T^*(M_n))$  the corresponding set on  $T^*(M_n)$ .

In this section, we shall summarize all the basic definitions and results on cross-section in  $T^*(M_n)$  that are needed later. Let  $M_n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional manifold of class  $C^\infty$  and  $T^*(M_n)$  its cotangent bundle over  $M_n$ . If  $x^i$  are local coordinates in a neighborhood  $U$  of a point  $x \in M_n$ , then a covector  $P$  at  $x$  which is an element of  $T^*(M_n)$  is expressible in the form  $(x^i, p_i)$ , where  $p_i$  are components of  $P$  with respect to the natural frame  $\partial_i$ . We may consider  $(x^i, p_i) = (x^i, x^{\bar{i}}) = x^J$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ;  $\bar{i} = n + 1, \dots, 2n$ ;  $J = 1, \dots, 2n$  as local coordinates in a neighborhood  $\pi^{-1}(U)$  ( $\pi$  is the natural projection  $T^*(M_n)$  onto  $M_n$ ).

Now, consider  $X \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M_n)$  and  $\theta \in \mathfrak{S}_1^0(M_n)$ , then  ${}^C X$  (complete lift) and  ${}^V \theta$  (vertical lift) have, respectively, components [5, p. 236], [6]

$${}^C X = \begin{pmatrix} X^h \\ -p_m \partial_h X^m \end{pmatrix}, \quad {}^V \theta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \theta_h \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1)$$

with respect to the coordinates  $(x^h, x^{\bar{h}})$  in  $T^*(M_n)$ , where  $X^h$  and  $\theta_h$  are local components of  $X$  and  $\theta$ .

For  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{S}_1^1(M_n)$ , we can define a vector field  $\gamma\varphi \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(T^*(M_n))$  [5, p.232], [6]:

$$\gamma\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ p_j\varphi_i^j \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.2}$$

where  $\varphi_i^j$  are local components of  $\varphi$  in  $M_n$ . Clearly, we have  $(\gamma\varphi)^\vee f = 0$  for any  $f \in \mathfrak{S}_0^0(M_n)$ , where  ${}^\vee f = f \circ \pi$  is a vertical lift of  $f$ . So that  $\gamma\varphi$  is a vertical vector field.

Suppose that there is given a 1-form  $\omega \in \mathfrak{S}_1^0(M_n)$  whose local expression is  $\omega = \omega_i(x)dx^i$ . Then the correspondence  $x \rightarrow \omega_x$ ,  $\omega_x$  being the value of  $\omega$  at  $x \in M_n$ , determines a mapping  $\beta_\omega : M_n \rightarrow T^*(M_n)$ , such that  $\pi \circ \beta_\omega = id_{M_n}$  and  $n$ -dimensional submanifold  $\beta_\omega(M_n)$  of  $T^*(M_n)$  is called the cross-section determined by  $\omega$  and its parametric representations are as follows:

$$\begin{cases} x^k = x^k, \\ p_k = \omega_k(x^1, \dots, x^n), \end{cases} \tag{1.3}$$

with respect to the coordinates  $(x^k, p_k)$  in  $T^*(M_n)$ . Differentiating (1.3) by  $x^j$ , we see that  $n$  tangent vector fields  $B_j$  to  $\beta_\omega(M_n)$  have component

$$B_j^K = \left( \frac{\partial x^K}{\partial x^j} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_j^k \\ \partial_j \omega_k \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.4}$$

with respect to the natural frame  $\{\partial_k, \partial_{\bar{k}}\}$  in  $T^*(M_n)$ .

On the other hand, the fibre being represented by

$$\begin{cases} x^k = \text{const.}, \\ p_k = p_k. \end{cases} \tag{1.5}$$

On differentiating (1.5) by  $p_j$ , we see that  $n$  tangent vector fields  $C_{\bar{j}}$  to the fibre have components

$$C_{\bar{j}}^K = \left( \frac{\partial x^K}{\partial p_j} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \delta_k^j \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.6}$$

with respect to the natural frame  $\{\partial_k, \partial_{\bar{k}}\}$  in  $T^*(M_n)$ .  $2n$  local vector fields  $B_j$  and  $C_{\bar{j}}$ , being linearly independent, form a frame along the cross-section. We call this the adapted  $(B, C)$ -frame along the cross-section [4]. Taking account of (1.1) and (1.2) on the cross-section, we can see that  ${}^C X$ ,  ${}^\vee \theta$  and  $\gamma\varphi$  have along  $\beta_\omega(M_n)$  components of the form [4], (see also [5])

$${}^C X = \begin{pmatrix} X^j \\ -L_X \omega_j \end{pmatrix}, \quad {}^\vee \theta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \theta_j \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \omega_h \varphi_j^h \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.7}$$

with respect to the adapted  $(B, C)$ -frame. Similarly, if  $N \in \mathfrak{S}_2^1(M_n)$ , then  $\gamma N \in \mathfrak{S}_1^1(T^*(M_n))$  is an affinor field along  $\beta_\omega(M_n)$  with components [5, p. 232]

$$\gamma N = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ N_{ij}^h \omega_h & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.8}$$

with respect to the adapted  $(B, C)$ -frame, where  $S_{ij}^h$  are local components of  $S$  in  $M_n$  (For applications of  $\gamma N$ , see the formula (2.8)).

**2. Main results**

Let  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{S}_1^1(M_n)$  and  $\omega \in \mathfrak{S}_1^0(M_n)$ . We define an operator

$$\Phi_\varphi : \mathfrak{S}_1^0(M_n) \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_2^0(M_n)$$

associated with  $\varphi$  and applied to the 1-form  $\omega$  by

$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi_\varphi\omega)(X; Y) &= (L_{\varphi X}\omega - L_X\tilde{\omega})(Y) = \\ &= (\varphi X)(\omega(Y)) - X(\omega(\varphi Y)) + \omega((L_Y\varphi)X), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{\omega}(Y) = (\omega \circ \varphi)(X) = \omega(\varphi Y)$  for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M_n)$ .

When  $\varphi$  is an almost complex structure, a 1-form satisfying  $\Phi_\varphi\omega = 0$  is said to be almost analytic [5, p. 309].

In a Riemannian connection  $\nabla$ , the equation of almost analytic 1-form  $\omega$ :

$$(\varphi X)(\omega(Y)) - X(\omega(\varphi Y)) + \omega((L_Y\varphi)X) = 0$$

may be written as

$$(\nabla_{\varphi X}\omega)(Y) - (\nabla_X\omega)(\varphi Y) - \omega((\nabla_X\varphi)Y) + \omega((\nabla_Y\varphi)X) = 0, \tag{2.1}$$

which is equivalent to the condition for the almost analyticity. Thus, the equation (2.1) is an expression of the condition for the 1-form  $\omega$  to be almost analytic in terms a Riemannian connection  $\nabla$ .

**Remark:** A tensor field  $\eta \in \mathfrak{S}_2^0(M_n)$  which satisfies

$$\eta(\varphi X, Y) = \eta(X, \varphi Y)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M_n)$  is said to be pure. Applications of this type tensor fields are studied by many authors (for example see [1-3]).

From (2.1), taking the alternation with respect to  $X$  and  $Y$ , we find that

$$(\nabla_{\varphi X}\omega)(Y) - (\nabla_{\varphi Y}\omega)(X) + (\nabla_Y\omega)(\varphi X) - (\nabla_X\omega)(\varphi Y) = 0,$$

i.e.  $(\nabla_X\omega)Y - (\nabla_Y\omega)X = (\wedge\nabla\omega)(X, Y)$  is the pure 2-form with respect to the structure  $\varphi$  for an almost analytic 1-form  $\omega$  on a Riemannian manifold.

We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} -\omega((\nabla_X\varphi)Y) + \omega((\nabla_Y\varphi)X) &= -\omega((\nabla_X\varphi)Y) \\ +(\nabla_X\omega)(\varphi Y) - (\nabla_X\omega)(\varphi Y) + \omega((\nabla_Y\varphi)X) & \\ +(\nabla_Y\omega)(\varphi X) - (\nabla_Y\omega)(\varphi X) &= -(\nabla_X\omega \circ \varphi)Y \\ +(\nabla_X\omega)(\varphi Y) + (\nabla_Y\omega \circ \varphi) - (\nabla_Y\omega)(\varphi X). & \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

By virtue of (2.2), the equation (2.1) is written as

$$(\nabla_Y \tilde{\omega})X - (\nabla_X \tilde{\omega})Y = (\nabla_Y \omega)(\varphi X) - (\nabla_{\varphi X} \omega)(Y). \quad (2.3)$$

If we substitute  $\varphi X$  into  $X$ , then the equation (2.3) may also be written as

$$-((\nabla_Y \omega)X - (\nabla_X \omega)Y) = (\nabla_Y \tilde{\omega})\varphi X - (\nabla_{\varphi X} \tilde{\omega})Y$$

or

$$(\nabla_Y \tilde{\omega})X - (\nabla_X \tilde{\omega})Y = (\nabla_Y \tilde{\omega})\varphi X - (\nabla_{\varphi X} \tilde{\omega})Y, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\tilde{\omega} = \tilde{\omega} \circ \varphi$ . The equation (2.4) is condition that  $\tilde{\omega} \in \mathfrak{S}_1^0(M_n)$  be almost analytic.

From equations (2.3) and (2.4), we have

**Theorem 1** *If a 1-form  $\omega$  on a Riemannian manifold with an almost complex structure  $\varphi$  is almost analytic, then the 1-form  $\tilde{\omega} = \omega \circ \varphi$  is also almost analytic.*

We shall now prove the following proposition.

**Proposition** *In a Riemannian manifold, the condition*

$$\Phi_\varphi \tilde{\omega} = (\Phi_\varphi \omega) \circ \varphi + \omega \circ N_\varphi$$

holds, where  $N_\varphi$  is the Nijenhuis tensor of  $\varphi$ .

**Proof.** We shall now apply the operator  $\Phi_\varphi$  to the 1-form  $\tilde{\omega} = \omega \circ \varphi$

$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi_\varphi \tilde{\omega})(X; Y) &= (L_{\varphi X} \tilde{\omega} - L_X(\tilde{\omega} \circ \varphi))(Y) = (L_{\varphi X}(\omega \circ \varphi) - L_X((\omega \circ \varphi) \circ \varphi))(Y) \\ &= ((L_{\varphi X} \omega) \circ \varphi + \omega \circ (L_{\varphi X} \varphi) - (L_X(\omega \circ \varphi)) \circ \varphi - (\omega \circ \varphi) \circ (L_X \varphi))(Y) \\ &= (L_{\varphi X} \omega - L_X(\omega \circ \varphi))(\varphi Y) + (\omega \circ (L_{\varphi X} \varphi) - (\omega \circ \varphi) \circ (L_X \varphi))(Y) \\ &= (L_{\varphi X} \omega - L_X(\omega \circ \varphi))(\varphi Y) + \omega((L_{\varphi X} \varphi)Y) - \omega(\varphi(L_X \varphi)Y) \\ &= (\Phi_{\varphi X} \omega)(\varphi Y) + \omega([\varphi X, \varphi Y] - \varphi[\varphi X, Y] - \varphi[X, \varphi Y] + \varphi^2[X, Y]) \\ &= (\Phi_\varphi \omega)(X; \varphi Y) + \omega(N_\varphi(X, Y)). \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Thus, the proof is complete. □

We note that the 1-form  $\omega$  in Proposition is not necessary to be almost analytic, in general. In particular, if the 1-form  $\omega$  is almost analytic, then from Theorem 1 and Proposition, we have

**Theorem 2** *For an almost analytic 1-form  $\omega$  on a Riemannian manifold with an almost complex structure  $\varphi$ , we have the following equation.*

$$\omega \circ N_\varphi = 0.$$

Let  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{S}_1^1(M_n)$ . Then, the complete lift  ${}^C\varphi$  of  $\varphi$  along the cross-section  $\omega$  to  $T^*(M_n)$  has local components of the form

$${}^C\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_i^h & 0 \\ (\partial_i\varphi_h^a - \partial_h\varphi_i^a)\omega_a - \varphi_i^t\partial_t\omega_h + \varphi_h^t\partial_i\omega_t & \varphi_i^h \end{pmatrix}$$

with respect to the adapted  $(B, C)$ -frame [4]. We consider that the local vector fields

$${}^C X_{(i)} = {}^C\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\right) = {}^C(\delta_i^h \frac{\partial}{\partial x^h}) = \begin{pmatrix} X^i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$${}^V X^{(\bar{i})} = {}^V(dx^i) = {}^V(\delta_h^i dx^h) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \delta_h^i \end{pmatrix}$$

$i = 1, \dots, n; \bar{i} = n + 1, \dots, 2n$  span the module of vector fields in  $\pi^{-1}(U)$ . Hence, any tensor fields is determined in  $\pi^{-1}(U)$  by their actions on  ${}^C X$  and  ${}^V\theta$  for any  $X \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M_n)$  and  $\theta \in \mathfrak{S}_1^0(M_n)$ . The complete lift  ${}^C\varphi$  has the properties

$$\begin{cases} {}^C\varphi({}^C X) = {}^C(\varphi(X)) + \gamma(L_X\varphi), \\ {}^C\varphi({}^V\theta) = {}^V(\varphi(\theta)), \end{cases} \tag{2.6}$$

which characterize  ${}^C\varphi$ , where  $\varphi(\theta) \in \mathfrak{S}_1^0(M_n)$ .

**Theorem 3** *Let  $M_n$  be a Riemannian manifold with an almost complex structure  $\varphi$ . Then the complete lift  ${}^C\varphi \in \mathfrak{S}_1^1(T^*(M_n))$  of  $\varphi$ , when restricted to the cross-section determined by an almost analytic 1-form  $\omega$  on  $M_n$ , is an almost complex structure.*

**Proof.** Let  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathfrak{S}_1^1(M_n)$  and  $N \in \mathfrak{S}_2^1(M_n)$ , using (1.7), (1.8) and (2.6), we have

$$\gamma(\varphi \mp \psi) = \gamma(\varphi) \mp \gamma(\psi), \quad {}^C\varphi(\gamma\psi) = \gamma(\psi \circ \varphi), \quad (\gamma N)({}^C X) = \gamma N_X \tag{2.7}$$

where  $N_X$  is the tensor field of type (1,1) on  $M_n$  defined by  $N_X(Y) = N(X, Y)$  for any  $Y \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M_n)$ .

If  $X \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M_n)$ , then from (2.6) and (2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} ({}^C\varphi)^2({}^C X) &= ({}^C\varphi \circ {}^C\varphi)({}^C X) = {}^C\varphi({}^C\varphi({}^C X)) = {}^C\varphi({}^C(\varphi(X))) \\ &+ \gamma(L_X\varphi) = {}^C\varphi({}^C(\varphi(X))) + {}^C\varphi(\gamma(L_X\varphi)) = {}^C(\varphi(\varphi(X))) \\ &+ \gamma(L_{\varphi X}\varphi) + \gamma((L_X\varphi) \circ \varphi) = {}^C((\varphi \circ \varphi)(X)) + \gamma(L_{\varphi X}\varphi + (L_X\varphi) \circ \varphi) \\ &= {}^C(\varphi^2)({}^C X) - \gamma(L_X(\varphi \circ \varphi)) + \gamma(L_{\varphi X}\varphi + (L_X\varphi) \circ \varphi) \\ &= {}^C(\varphi^2)({}^C X) + \gamma(L_{\varphi X}\varphi - \varphi(L_X\varphi)) = {}^C(\varphi^2)({}^C X) + \gamma(N_{\varphi, X}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= {}^C(\varphi^2)({}^C X) + (\gamma N_\varphi)({}^C X), \tag{2.8}$$

where  $N_{\varphi, X}(Y) = (L_{\varphi X}\varphi - \varphi(L_X\varphi))(Y) = [\varphi X, \varphi Y] - \varphi[X, \varphi Y] - \varphi[\varphi X, Y] + \varphi^2[X, Y] = N_\varphi(X, Y)$  is nothing but the Nijenhuis tensor constructed by  $\varphi$  and  $\gamma N_\varphi$  has local coordinates of the form  $\gamma N_\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ N_{ij}^h \omega_h & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (see (1.8)).

Similarly, if  $\theta \in \mathfrak{S}_1^0(M_n)$ , then by (2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} ({}^C\varphi)^2({}^V\theta) &= ({}^C\varphi \circ {}^C\varphi)({}^V\theta) = {}^C\varphi({}^C\varphi({}^V\theta)) = {}^C\varphi({}^V(\varphi(\theta))) \\ &= {}^V(\varphi(\varphi(\theta))) = {}^V((\varphi \circ \varphi)(\theta)) = {}^C(\varphi^2)({}^V\theta) \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

By virtue of Theorem 2, we can easily say that  $\gamma N_\varphi = 0$ . From (2.8), (2.9) and linearity of the complete lift, we have

$$({}^C\varphi)^2 = {}^C(\varphi^2) = {}^C(-I_{M_n}) = -I_{T^*(M_n)}.$$

This completes the proof. □

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