

# ON THE ALMOST-COMPLEX STRUCTURE OF TANGENT BUNDLES OF RIEMANNIAN SPACES

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Recently we can see several papers concerning almost-Kählerian spaces, but it seems for the authors that there does not exist a non-Kählerian global example of such a space. In this paper we shall show that the tangent bundle space  $T(M^n)$  of any non-flat Riemannian space  $M^n$  always admits an almost-Kählerian structure which is not Kählerian. This is done by making use of the almost-complex structure of  $T(M^n)$  owing to T. Nagano [1]<sup>1)</sup> and of the Riemannian metric of  $T(M^n)$  owing to S. Sasaki [2]. By virtue of this structure we shall also see that an infinitesimal affine transformation has an almost-analytic property in a certain sense.

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**1. Almost-Kählerian spaces.** Let us consider a  $2n$ -dimensional differentiable manifold admitting a tensor field  $\varphi_\kappa^\lambda$  such that  $\varphi_\lambda^\alpha \varphi_\alpha^\kappa = -\delta_\lambda^\kappa$ <sup>2)</sup>. Such a manifold is called an almost-complex space and it is said that the tensor field assigns to the manifold an almost-complex structure. An almost-complex structure is called to be integrable if the tensor field defined by

$$N_{\mu\lambda}^\kappa = \varphi_\mu^\alpha (\partial_\alpha \varphi_\lambda^\kappa - \partial_\lambda \varphi_\alpha^\kappa) - \varphi_\lambda^\alpha (\partial_\alpha \varphi_\mu^\kappa - \partial_\mu \varphi_\alpha^\kappa)$$

vanishes identically.

An infinitesimal transformation  $V^\kappa$  of an almost-complex space is called to be almost-analytic [3] if it satisfies  $\mathfrak{L}_V^\kappa \varphi_\lambda^\kappa = 0$ , where  $\mathfrak{L}_V^\kappa$  means the operator of Lie derivation.

An almost-complex space always admits a Riemannian metric  $G_{\mu\lambda}$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad G_{\beta\alpha} \varphi_\mu^\beta \varphi_\lambda^\alpha = G_{\mu\lambda}$$

which is equivalent to the fact that  $\varphi_{\mu\lambda}$  defined by  $\varphi_{\nu\lambda} = \varphi_\mu^\alpha G_{\lambda\alpha}$  is skew-symmetric or that  $G_{\mu\lambda}$  is hybrid [3].

An almost-complex space with such a Riemannian metric is called an almost-Hermitian space and the differential form  $\varphi = (1/2)\varphi_{\mu\lambda} dx^\mu \wedge dx^\lambda$  is called the fundamental form. If the form is closed, the almost-Hermitian

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1) The number in brackets refers to Bibliography at the end of the paper.

2)  $\lambda, \mu, \nu, \alpha, \dots = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ .

space is called an almost-Kählerian space. An almost-Hermitian space satisfying  $\nabla_\nu \varphi_{\mu\lambda} = 0$  is nothing but Kählerian, where  $\nabla_\nu$  means the operator of Riemannian covariant derivation.

It is known that the almost-complex structure of an almost-Kählerian space is integrable if and only if the space is Kählerian.

**2. Tangent bundles.** Let  $M^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional differentiable manifold and  $T(M^n)$  be its tangent bundle space.  $T(M^n)$  is a  $2n$ -dimensional differentiable manifold with the natural structure.

Let  $x^i$  <sup>3)</sup> be local coordinates of a point  $P$  of  $M^n$ , then a tangent vector  $y$  at  $P$ , which is an element of  $T(M^n)$ , is expressible in the form  $(x^i, y^i)$ , where  $y^i$  are components of  $y$  with respect to the natural frame  $\partial_i = \partial/\partial x^i$ . We may consider  $(x^i, y^i)$  local coordinates of  $T(M^n)$ . To a transformation of local coordinates of  $M^n$

$$x^{i'} = x^{i'}(x^1, \dots, x^n)$$

there corresponds in  $T(M^n)$  the coordinate transformation

$$(2. 1) \quad x^{i'} = x^{i'}(x^1, \dots, x^n), \quad y^{i'} = y^r \partial_r x^{i'}.$$

If we put

$$x^{i*} = y^i, \quad x^{i'*} = y^{i'},$$
 <sup>4)</sup>

then we may write (2. 1) as

$$(2. 2) \quad x^{k'} = x^{k'}(x^1, \dots, x^{2n}).$$

The Jacobian matrix of (2. 1) or (2. 2) is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_j x^{i'} & y^r \partial_r x^{i'} \\ 0 & \partial_j x^{i'} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \partial_{rj} = \partial^2/\partial x^r \partial x^j.$$

For an infinitesimal transformation or a contravariant vector field  $v^i$  on  $M^n$ , if we define  $V^\lambda$  by

$$(2. 3) \quad V^i = v^i, \quad V^{i*} = y^r \partial_r v^i = x^{r*} \partial_r v^i$$
 <sup>5)</sup>,

then it is a contravariant vector field on  $T(M^n)$  or it defines an infinitesimal transformation of  $T(M^n)$ .  $V^\lambda$  is called the extension of  $v^i$ .

**3. The almost-complex structure of  $T(M^n)$ .** In the following we shall mean by  $M^n$  an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian space whose metric tensor is  $g_{ji}$ . Following T. Nagano [1] we shall introduce in  $T(M^n)$  an almost-complex structure as follows.

Put

3)  $i, j, k, \dots = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

4)  $i^* = n + i, i'^* = n + i'$ .

5) Of course we adopt the summation convention on  $r$ .

$$(3.1) \quad \Gamma_i^h = \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ i \ r \end{matrix} \right\} y^r,$$

where  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ i \ r \end{matrix} \right\}$  denotes the Christoffel's symbol formed by the Riemannian metric  $g_{ji}$ .

If we define  $\varphi_\lambda^k$  with respect to each local coordinates  $(x^i, y^i)$  of  $T(M^n)$  by

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi_i^h &= \Gamma_i^h, & \varphi_i^{h*} &= -\delta_i^h - \Gamma_i^r \Gamma_r^h, \\ \varphi_{i*}^h &= \delta_i^h, & \varphi_{i*}^{h*} &= -\Gamma_i^h, \end{aligned}$$

then we can see that  $\varphi_\lambda^\alpha \varphi_\alpha^k = -\delta_\lambda^k$  holds good. On the other hand we can also show that  $\varphi_\lambda^k$  defines a tensor field on  $T(M^n)$ .

Hence the tangent bundle of any Riemannian space is an almost-complex space.

REMARK. The tangent vector space of  $T(M^n)$  is spanned by  $n$  vertical vectors  $e_{i*} = \partial_{i*} = \partial/\partial y^i$  and  $n$  horizontal vectors  $e_i = \partial_i - \Gamma_i^r \partial_{r*}$ .  $\varphi_\lambda^k$  defines a transformation on each tangent vector space of  $T(M^n)$  and by the transformation a tangent vector  $X$  with components  $(X^i, X^{i*})$  with respect to the frame  $(e_i, e_{i*})$  is transformed into a vector with components  $(X^{i*}, -X^i)$ .

Next we consider under what condition the almost-complex structure of  $T(M^n)$  is integrable.

Let  $R_{kji}^h$  be the Riemannian curvature tensor of  $M^n$ , i. e.

$$R_{kji}^h = \partial_k \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ j \ i \end{matrix} \right\} - \partial_j \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ k \ i \end{matrix} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ k \ r \end{matrix} \right\} \left\{ \begin{matrix} r \\ j \ i \end{matrix} \right\} - \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ j \ r \end{matrix} \right\} \left\{ \begin{matrix} r \\ k \ i \end{matrix} \right\}$$

and put

$$R_{ji}^h = R_{jir}^h y^r.$$

After some complicated calculations we have the following equations

$$\begin{aligned} N_{ji}^h &= \Gamma_j^r R_{ri}^h - \Gamma_i^r R_{rj}^h, \\ N_{ji}^{h*} &= R_{ji}^h - \Gamma_j^s \Gamma_i^r R_{sr}^h + \Gamma_s^h (-\Gamma_j^r R_{ri}^s + \Gamma_i^r R_{rj}^s), \\ N_{ji*}^h &= R_{ji}^h, \\ N_{j*i}^h &= 0, \\ N_{ji*}^{h*} &= -\Gamma_j^r R_{ri}^h - \Gamma_r^h R_{ji}^r, \\ N_{j*i}^{h*} &= -R_{ji}^h. \end{aligned}$$

From these equations we have

**THEOREM 1.<sup>6)</sup>** *In order that the almost-complex structure of  $T(M^n)$  is*

6) The analogous theorem has been obtained by T. Nagano [1], but his almost-complex structure of  $T(M^n)$  is slightly different from ours.

integrable, it is necessary and sufficient that the Riemannian space  $M^n$  is flat. (C. J. Hsu [4])

Now let  $V^\lambda$  be the extension of an infinitesimal transformation  $v^i$ . If we denote by  $\mathfrak{L}_v$  the operator of Lie derivation with respect to  $V^\lambda$ , then we have

$$\mathfrak{L}_v \varphi_\lambda^\kappa = V^\alpha \partial_\alpha \varphi_\lambda^\kappa - \varphi_\lambda^\alpha \partial_\alpha V^\kappa + \varphi_\alpha^\kappa \partial_\lambda V^\alpha.$$

On taking account of (2. 3) and (3. 2) we have after some calculations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{L}_v \varphi_j^h &= - \mathfrak{L}_v \varphi_{j^*}^{h^*} = y^r t_{rj}^h, \\ \mathfrak{L}_v \varphi_{j^*}^{h^*} &= 0, \\ \mathfrak{L}_v \varphi_j^{h^*} &= - y^r (\Gamma_j^s t_{rs}^h + \Gamma_s^h t_{rj}^s), \end{aligned}$$

where  $t_{ji}^h$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} t_{ji}^h &= \nabla_j \nabla_i v^h + v^r R_{rji}^h \\ &= \partial_{ji} v^h + v^r \partial_r \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ j \ i \end{matrix} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ j \ r \end{matrix} \right\} \partial_i v^r + \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ i \ r \end{matrix} \right\} \partial_j v^r - \left\{ \begin{matrix} r \\ j \ i \end{matrix} \right\} \partial_r v^h, \end{aligned}$$

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

On the other hand we have known that an infinitesimal transformation  $v^i$  of  $M^n$  is called affine if its  $t_{ji}^h$  vanishes.

Thus we have the following

**THEOREM 2.** *In order that an infinitesimal transformation of a Riemannian space  $M^n$  is affine, it is necessary and sufficient that its extension in  $T(M^n)$  is almost-analytic.*

**4. The almost-Hermitian structure of  $T(M^n)$ .** Following S.Sasaki [2] we shall introduce a Riemannian metric into  $T(M^n)$ . This is done by defining a line element of  $T(M^n)$  such as

$$(4. 1) \quad d\sigma^2 = g_{ji} dx^j dx^i + g_{ji} Dy^j Dy^i,$$

where  $Dy^i$  are  $n$  differential forms on  $T(M^n)$  given by

$$Dy^i = dy^i + y^r \left\{ \begin{matrix} i \\ r \ s \end{matrix} \right\} dx^s.$$

If we write (4. 1) in the form

$$d\sigma^2 = G_{\mu\lambda} dx^\mu dx^\lambda,$$

the Riemannian metric  $G_{\mu\lambda}$  of  $T(M^n)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} G_{ji} &= g_{ji} + \Gamma_j^r \Gamma_{ir}, \\ G_{j^*i^*} &= \Gamma_{ji}, \\ G_{j^*i} &= g_{ji} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Gamma_{ji} = \Gamma_j^r g_{ri}$ .

Computing  $\varphi_{\mu\lambda} = \varphi_\mu^\alpha G_{\alpha\lambda}$  we get

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi_{ji} &= \Gamma_{ji} - \Gamma_{ij} = y^r(\partial_j g_{ir} - \partial_i g_{jr}), \\ \varphi_{j^*i} &= -\varphi_{ij^*} = g_{ji}, \\ \varphi_{j^*i^*} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

From these equations we know that  $\varphi_{\mu\lambda}$  is skew-symmetric. Hence  $G_{\mu\lambda}$  and  $\varphi_\lambda^*$  satisfy (1.1) and  $T(M^n)$  is an almost-Hermitian space by virtue of this structure.

Now we define a covariant vector field  $\eta_\lambda$  in  $T(M^n)$  by

$$(4.3) \quad \eta_i = g_{ir} y^r, \quad \eta_{i^*} = 0,$$

then the differential form  $\eta = \eta_\lambda dx^\lambda$  is defined globally on  $T(M^n)$ .

As we obtain  $\varphi = d\eta$  by virtue of (4.2) and (4.3), the fundamental form of  $T(M^n)$  is derived. Thus we get

**THEOREM 3.** *The tangent bundle space of any Riemannian space admits an almost-Kählerian structure.*

The form  $\eta$  is called the homogeneous contact form of  $T(M^n)$ .<sup>7)</sup>

Consider an infinitesimal transformation  $v^i$  on  $M^n$  and its extension  $V^\lambda$ . Since we have by definition

$$\mathfrak{L}_V \eta_\lambda = V^\alpha \partial_\alpha \eta_\lambda + \eta_\alpha \partial_\lambda V^\alpha,$$

we get the following equations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{L}_V \eta_i &= y^s(v^r \partial_r g_{si} + g_{sr} \partial_i v^r + g_{ir} \partial_s v^r), \\ \mathfrak{L}_V \eta_{i^*} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

**THEOREM 4.** *In order that an infinitesimal transformation of a Riemannian space  $M^n$  is an isometry, it is necessary and sufficient that its extension leaves invariant the homogeneous contact form of  $T(M^n)$ .*

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