

CONFORMAL COSYMPLECTIC MANIFOLDS ENDOWED  
WITH A PSEUDO-SASAKIAN STRUCTURE

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INTRODUCTION

Let  $\tilde{M}(\xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g})$  be a  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional Riemannian or pseudo-Riemannian  $C^\infty$ -manifold. The structure tensor fields  $(\xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g})$  are defined as follows:

- 1)  $\xi$  is the canonical vector field (or Reeb's vector);
- 2)  $\tilde{\eta}$  is the dual form of  $\xi$ , or  $\tilde{\eta} = \xi^\flat$  ( $\flat$ : musical isomorphism with respect to the metric tensor  $\tilde{g}$ );
- 3)  $\tilde{\Omega}$  is the canonical 2-form of rank  $2m$ , and  $\xi = \ker(\tilde{\Omega})$ .

If  $\xi = \text{grad } \tilde{f}$  and  $d\tilde{\Omega} = c\tilde{f}\eta \wedge \tilde{\Omega}$  ( $c = \text{const.}$ ) we say that the treble  $(\tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{f})$  defines a *conformal cosymplectic* structure (abr. c.c-structure) and  $\tilde{M}$  is called a *conformal cosymplectic manifold*. In addition, we assume that  $\tilde{g}$  defines a pseudo-Riemannian metric of *inertia index*  $m+1$ , and  $\tilde{M}$  admits the *para-complex* operator  $U$  [1] ( $U^2 = +1$ ) as  $(1,1)$ -structure tensor field. Then if for any vector fields  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}$  on  $\tilde{M}$ , we have

$$(a) \quad \begin{cases} U\tilde{X} = \tilde{X} - \tilde{\eta}(\tilde{X})\xi, & \tilde{g}(U\tilde{X}, U\tilde{Y}) = -\tilde{g}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) + \tilde{\eta}(\tilde{X})\tilde{\eta}(\tilde{Y}), \\ \tilde{g}(\tilde{X}, \xi) = \tilde{\eta}(\tilde{X}), & U\xi = 0, \quad \tilde{\Omega}(X, Y) = -\tilde{g}(\tilde{X}, U\tilde{Y}), \\ \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{X}}\xi = \tilde{f}(-\tilde{X} + \tilde{\eta}(\tilde{X})\xi); \end{cases}$$

we say that the c.c-manifold  $M$  under consideration is endowed with a *pseudo-Sasakian structure* [2].

It is shown that any such manifold is foliated by para Kählerian hypersphere  $M_0$ , orthogonal to  $\xi$  and if  $\tilde{M}$  is a space-form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ , then  $M_0$  is an *Einstein* submanifold. In addition: (i) the scalar field  $\tilde{f}$  is an *eigenfunction* of the *harmonic operator*; (ii) the Lie derivative of  $\tilde{\Omega}$  with respect to  $\xi$  is *exterior recurrent* (iii) if  $\forall X \in D_{\tilde{\eta}}$  ( $D_{\tilde{\eta}}$ : distribution annihilated by  $\tilde{\eta}$ ), then necessary and sufficient condition that  $X$  be an *infinitesimal automorphism* of the

c.c-structure  $(\tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{f})$  is that it's dual form with respect to  $\tilde{\Omega}$  be exterior recurrent, with  $-2\tilde{f}\tilde{\eta}$  as recurrence for  $m$  [3]; (iv) any globally defined  $(2p+1)$ -form  $\tilde{\Theta}_p$  ( $p < m$ ) defined by  $\tilde{\Theta}_p = 2L^p \tilde{u}$  ( $\tilde{u} = (i-\tilde{f}^2)\tilde{\eta}$ ) is: 1° closed; 2°  $\xi$ -conformal invariant; 3° has exterior recurrent Lie derivative with respect to  $\xi$ .

In section 3° we consider the proper immersion of a  $\xi$ -vertical CR submanifold  $M$  in  $\tilde{M}$ . If  $D^\perp$  is the vertical distribution on  $M$ , then  $D^\perp$  is always involutive and the necessary and sufficient condition that  $M$  be minimal is that it be  $D^\perp$ -minimal [4]. Further, the necessary and sufficient condition that  $M$  be foliated is that the simple unit form which corresponds to  $D^\perp$ , be exterior recurrent. In this case if  $M^T$  is the maximal integral manifold tangent to the horizontal distribution  $D$ , then  $M^T$  is minimal in  $\tilde{M}$  and is endowed with a symplectic structure  $(M^T, \Omega)$ . With respect to this structure one defines two polarizations.

In section 4° we discuss some properties of the improper immersion  $x: M_c \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  where  $M_c$  is a coisotropic hypersurface. It is shown that  $M_c$  is a  $\xi$ -vertical CR submanifold of  $\tilde{M}$  whose vertical distribution  $D^\perp$  is always involutive. In addition one proves that:

- 1°  $M_c$  is almost minimal and  $D^\perp$ -totally geodesic;
- 2° the restriction  $\Omega = \tilde{\Omega}|_{M_c}$  is  $D^\perp$ -conformal invariant.

#### 1° PRELIMINARIES

Let  $\tilde{M}(U, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g})$  be a  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional pseudo-Riemannian  $C^\infty$ -manifold of inertia index  $m+1$ . The quintuplet  $(U, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g})$  defines the structure tensors of  $\tilde{M}$  as follows:

- (i)  $U$  is the para-complex operators of square  $+1$  [1] and it defines a para-f-structure [2] on  $\tilde{M}$ ;
- (ii)  $\xi$  is the canonical vector field and is time-like;
- (iii)  $\tilde{\eta} = \xi \flat$  where  $\flat: E \rightarrow E^*$  defines the musical isomorphism with respect to  $\tilde{g}$  [6];
- (iv)  $\tilde{\Omega}$  is a canonical 2-form of rank  $2m$  ( $\text{Ker } \tilde{\Omega}: \tilde{\Omega}(\xi) = 0$ ) which defines a conformal cosymplectic structure on  $\tilde{M}$  (abr. c.c-structure), i.e.,  $d\tilde{\Omega} = c\tilde{f}\tilde{\eta} \wedge \tilde{\Omega}$ ;  $\tilde{f} \in C^\infty(\tilde{M})$ ;  $c = \text{const}$ ;
- (v)  $\tilde{g}$  is the fundamental metric tensor of  $\tilde{M}$ .

Let  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and  $\tilde{Z}, \tilde{Z}^1$  be the covariant, derivative operator and any vector fields on  $\tilde{M}$ . Then referring to [2] if one has

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} U^2 \tilde{Z} = \tilde{Z} - \tilde{\eta}(\tilde{Z})\xi, & \tilde{g}(U\tilde{Z}, U\tilde{Z}^1) = -\tilde{g}(\tilde{Z}, \tilde{Z}^1) + \tilde{\eta}(\tilde{Z})\tilde{\eta}(\tilde{Z}^1) \\ \tilde{g}(\tilde{Z}, \xi) = \tilde{\eta}(\tilde{Z}), & U\xi = 0, \quad \tilde{\Omega}(\tilde{Z}, \tilde{Z}^1) = -\tilde{g}(\tilde{Z}, U\tilde{Z}^1) \\ d\tilde{\eta} = 0, & \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{Z}}\xi = \tilde{f}(-\tilde{Z} + \tilde{\eta}(\tilde{Z})\xi), \end{cases}$$

we say that the conformal cosymplectic pseudo-Riemannian manifold under consideration is endowed with pseudo-Sasakian structure  $(U, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g}, \tilde{f})$ . It is easy to see by the last equation (1.1), that one may move to

$$(1.2) \quad \xi = \text{grad } \tilde{f} \iff \tilde{\eta} = d\tilde{f}.$$

Remark: Since one has

$$(1.3) \quad U\xi = 0, \quad U^2 \tilde{Z} = \tilde{Z} - \tilde{\eta}(\tilde{Z})\xi, \quad \tilde{\eta}(\xi) = 1, \quad \tilde{\eta}(U\tilde{Z}) = 0,$$

the manifold  $M(U, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g}, \tilde{f})$  can be also considered as a *paracontact* manifold in the sense [7]. Let  $O(\tilde{M})$  be the bundle of orthonormal frames over  $\tilde{M}$  and let  $O \in O(\tilde{M})$  be an element of  $O(\tilde{M})$  (i.e., a moving frame on  $\tilde{M}$ ).

Set  $O = \{e_a, e_{a^*}, \xi, a=1\dots m; a^*=a+m\}$  (since  $e_{a^*} = Ue_a$ ,  $U\xi = 0$ ,  $Ue_{a^*} = e_a$ , one may say that the vector basis  $O$  is a *U-vectorial basis*).

If  $O^* = \{\tilde{\omega}^a, \tilde{\omega}^{a^*}, \tilde{\eta}\}$  is the dual basis, the line element  $d\tilde{p}$  (i.e., the canonical vectorial 1-form on  $\tilde{M}$ ) is given by [2].

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} d\tilde{p} &= \tilde{\omega}^a \otimes e_a = \tilde{\omega}^{a^*} \otimes e_{a^*} + \tilde{\eta} \otimes \xi \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \langle d\tilde{p}, d\tilde{p} \rangle &= \tilde{g} = \sum_a (\tilde{\omega}^a \otimes \tilde{\omega}^a - \tilde{\omega}^{a^*} \otimes \tilde{\omega}^{a^*}) + \tilde{\eta} \otimes \tilde{\eta}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, set

$$(1.5) \quad \tilde{\omega}_B^A = \tilde{\gamma}_{BC}^A \tilde{\omega}^C; \quad \tilde{\gamma}_{BC}^A \in C^\infty(\tilde{M})$$

for the connection forms on  $O(\tilde{M})$  ( $A, B, C, D = 0, 1, \dots, 2m$ );  $\tilde{\gamma}_{BC}^A$ : connection coefficients), Then by (1.1) and (1.4), Cartan structural equations, are:

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{cases} \tilde{\nabla}e_a = \tilde{a}_a^b \otimes c_b - \tilde{\omega}_a^{b^*} \otimes e_{b^*} + \tilde{f}\tilde{\omega}^a \otimes \xi, \\ \tilde{\nabla}e_{a^*} = \tilde{\omega}_{a^*}^b \otimes c_b - \tilde{\omega}_{a^*}^{b^*} \otimes e_{b^*} + \tilde{f}\tilde{\omega}^{a^*} \otimes \xi, \\ \tilde{\nabla}\xi = -\tilde{f}U^2 d\tilde{p}; \end{cases}$$

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{cases} d\tilde{\omega}^a = \tilde{\omega}^b \wedge \tilde{\omega}_b^a - \tilde{\omega}^{b*} \wedge \tilde{\omega}_b^a + \tilde{f}\tilde{\omega}^a \wedge \tilde{\eta}, \\ d\tilde{\omega}^{a*} = \tilde{\omega}^b \wedge \tilde{\omega}_{b*}^{a*} - \tilde{\omega}^{b*} \wedge \tilde{\omega}_{b*}^{a*} + \tilde{f}\tilde{\omega}^{a*} \wedge \tilde{\eta}, \\ d\tilde{\eta} = 0; \end{cases}$$

and

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{cases} d\tilde{\omega}_b^a = \tilde{\Omega}_b^a + \tilde{\omega}_b^c \wedge \tilde{\omega}_c^a - \tilde{\omega}_b^{c*} \wedge \tilde{\omega}_{c*}^a + \tilde{f}^2 \tilde{\omega}^a \wedge \tilde{\omega}^b, \\ d\tilde{\omega}_{b*}^{a*} = \tilde{\Omega}_{b*}^{a*} + \tilde{\omega}_{b*}^c \wedge \tilde{\omega}_c^{a*} - \tilde{\omega}_{b*}^{c*} \wedge \tilde{\omega}_{c*}^{a*} + \tilde{f}^2 \tilde{\omega}^{a*} \wedge \tilde{\omega}^{b*}, \\ d\tilde{\omega}_a^{b*} = \tilde{\Omega}_a^{b*} + \tilde{\omega}_a^c \wedge \tilde{\omega}_c^{b*} - \tilde{\omega}_a^{c*} \wedge \tilde{\omega}_{c*}^{b*} + \tilde{f}^2 \tilde{\omega}^{b*} \wedge \tilde{\omega}^a, \end{cases}$$

where  $\tilde{\Omega}_B^A = \frac{1}{2} R_{BCD}^A \tilde{\omega}^c \wedge \tilde{\omega}^D$  are the *curvature forms* and  $R_{BCD}^A$  is the *curvature tensor*.

Since  $O$  is an orthonormal frame, one has  $\tilde{\omega}_B^A + \tilde{\omega}_C^B = 0$ . In addition by (1.1) and (1.6) one has

$$(1.9) \quad \tilde{\omega}_b^a + \tilde{\omega}_{b*}^{a*} = 0, \quad \tilde{\omega}_{b*}^a + \tilde{\omega}_b^{a*} = 0$$

and also

$$(1.10) \quad \tilde{\Omega} = \sum_a \tilde{\omega}^a \wedge \tilde{\omega}^{a*}.$$

Finally by (1.7) and (1.9), exterior derivative of (1.10) gives

$$(1.11) \quad d\tilde{\Omega} = -2\tilde{f}\tilde{\eta} \wedge \tilde{\Omega}.$$

## 2° C.C.-MANIFOLD ENDOWED WITH A PSEUDO-SASKIAN STRUCTURE

Let  $T_{\tilde{p}}(\tilde{M})$  be the tangent space of  $\tilde{M}$  at  $\forall \tilde{p} \in \tilde{M}$ . We agree to denote by  $D_{\tilde{\eta}}$ , the distribution of  $T_{\tilde{p}}(\tilde{M})$ , which is annihilated by  $\tilde{\eta}$ , i.e.:

$$D_{\tilde{\eta}} = \{\forall \tilde{X} \in T_{\tilde{p}}(\tilde{M}); \tilde{\eta}(\tilde{X}) = 0\}.$$

Referring to (1.11) and the last equation (1.7) we quickly see that  $D_{\tilde{\eta}}$  is both a *symplectic* vector space and an involutive distribution.

Therefore we may say that  $\tilde{M}$  is foliated by *symplectic hypersurface*  $M_0$  orthogonal to the canonical vector field  $\xi$ . Moreover, let  $p_0$  be any point of  $M_0$  and  $g_0, f_0$  the restrictions on  $M_0$  of  $\tilde{g}, \tilde{f}$ . Since the second fundamental quadratic form  $\ell_{\xi}$  of  $M_0$  is given by  $\ell_{\xi} = \langle dp_0, \nabla \xi \rangle$ , one readily finds by the last equation (1.6) that:  $\ell_{\xi} = f_0 g_0$ .

Hence, according to a well-known definition,  $M_0$  is an *umbilical* hypersurface of  $\tilde{M}$ . But by (1.2) it follows  $f_0 = \text{const}$ . Therefore since all the principal

curvatures of  $M_0$ , are equal to the same constant, we conclude that  $M_0$  is a hypersphere of  $\tilde{M}$ .

Since by (1.11) the metric tensor  $g_0$  defines a *neutral* [15] metric on the symplectic manifold  $M_0$ , we may say (taking into account of the restriction on  $M_0$  of equations (1.1)) that  $M_0$  gives an illustration of a *para-Kählerian* [1] hypersphere.

Moreover, since as is known  $III = \langle \nabla \xi, \nabla \xi \rangle$  represents the *third quadratic fundamental form* of  $M_0$ , one finds by the last equation (1.6)  $III = f_0^2 g_0$ . Therefore  $III$  being also conformed to  $g_0$ , if  $\tilde{M}(C)$  is a space form, it follows according to [8], that  $M_0$  is an *Einstein submanifold*.

Let now  $\tilde{\sigma} = \tilde{\omega}^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \tilde{\omega}^{2m} \wedge \tilde{\eta}$ , be the volume element of  $\tilde{M}$ . With the help of (1.1) and (1.7) one readily finds

$$(2.1) \quad L_\xi \tilde{\sigma} = -2m\tilde{f} \tilde{\sigma} \Rightarrow \operatorname{div} \xi = -2m\tilde{f}$$

( $L$ : Lie derivative).

Denoting like usual by  $\tilde{\Delta} = d\delta + \delta d$  the *harmonic operator* on  $\tilde{M}$ , a short calculation gives with the help of (1.2)

$$(2.2) \quad \tilde{\Delta} \tilde{f} = \delta d\tilde{f} = -2m\tilde{f}$$

( $\delta$ : *co-differential operator*). Hence  $\tilde{f}$  is an *eigenfunction* of the harmonic operator.

On the other hand from (1.10) and (1.11) one gets instantly:

$$(2.3) \quad L_\xi \tilde{\Omega} = -2\tilde{f}\tilde{\Omega}.$$

Taking now exterior derivative of (2.3) one quickly obtains with the help of (1.11) and (1.2).

$$(2.4) \quad dL_\xi \tilde{\Omega} = \left( \frac{2-\tilde{f}^2}{\tilde{f}} \right) \tilde{\eta} \wedge L_\xi \tilde{\Omega}.$$

From the above, we may say that:

- (i)  $\tilde{\Omega}$  is  $\xi$ -conformal invariant;
- (ii) the Lie derivative  $L_\xi \tilde{\Omega}$  is exterior recurrent [9].

Clearly the recurrence 1-form in (2.4) is a gradient and this is in accordance with the fact that  $\operatorname{rank} L_\xi \tilde{\Omega} > 4$  [3]. Let now  $\mu: T(\tilde{M}) \rightarrow T^*(\tilde{M})$  be the fibre isomorphism defined by  $\mu: \tilde{Z} \rightarrow i_{\tilde{Z}} \tilde{\Omega}$ ;  $\forall \tilde{Z} \in T(\tilde{M})$  and let  $\tilde{X}$  be any vector field of  $D_{\tilde{\eta}}$ .

By (1.1) and (1.10) one finds

$$(2.5) \quad \mu(\tilde{X}) = (U\tilde{X})^{\flat} \in \Lambda^1(\tilde{M}).$$

Setting

$$(2.6) \quad \mu(\tilde{X}) = \tilde{\omega},$$

one readily finds by (1.11) and the last equation (1.7)

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{cases} L_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{\Omega} = d\tilde{\omega} + 2\tilde{f}\tilde{\eta} \wedge \tilde{\omega} \\ L_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{\eta} = 0 \end{cases}$$

First of all, exterior derivative of the first equation (2.7), gives

$$d(L_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{\Omega}) = -2\tilde{f}\tilde{\eta} \wedge L_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{\Omega}.$$

Hence the Lie derivative  $L_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{\Omega}$  of  $\tilde{\Omega}$  with respect to any vector field  $\tilde{X} \in D_{\tilde{\eta}}$  is exterior recurrent, with the gradient  $-2\tilde{f}\tilde{\eta}$  as recurrence 1-form.

Further, we derive from (2.7) that the necessary and sufficient condition that  $\tilde{X}$  be an *infinitesimal automorphism* of both  $\tilde{\Omega}$  and  $\tilde{\eta}$  is that  $\tilde{\omega}$  be exterior recurrent with the same recurrence 1-form as that of  $L_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{\Omega}$ . We say in this case that  $\tilde{X}$  is an *infinitesimal automorphism* of the c.c-structure define by the treble  $(\tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{f})$ .

If  $\tilde{Z}$  is now any vector field on  $\tilde{M}$ , and Ric. means the Ricci tensor one has with respect to an orthonormal basis  $\{e_A\}$  the formula of K. Yano [10].

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{Z}}\tilde{Z}) - \operatorname{div}(\operatorname{div}\tilde{Z})\tilde{Z} &= \operatorname{Ric}(\tilde{Z}) \\ &+ \sum_{A,B} \tilde{g}(\tilde{\nabla}_{e_A}\tilde{Z}, e_B)\tilde{g}(e_A, \tilde{\nabla}_{e_B}\tilde{Z}) - (\operatorname{div}\tilde{Z})^2. \end{aligned}$$

Now with the help of (1.1), (1.4) and (2.1) and setting  $\tilde{Z} = \xi$  in (2.8), a short computation gives:

$$(2.9) \quad \operatorname{Ric}(\xi) = 2m(1-\tilde{f}^2).$$

In the following we agree to call  $\tilde{\Omega}_a^0, \tilde{\Omega}_{a^*}^0$  the *vertical curvature 2-forms* associated with the connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . Making use of (1.6), (1.8) and (1.9) we obtain after some calculation

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{cases} \tilde{\Omega}_a^0 = (1-\tilde{f}^2)\tilde{\eta} \wedge \tilde{\omega}^a, \\ \tilde{\Omega}_{a^*}^0 = (1-\tilde{f}^2)\tilde{\eta} \wedge \tilde{\omega}^{a^*}. \end{cases}$$

In order to simplify, the form  $(1-\tilde{f}^2)\tilde{\eta}$  which vanishes nowhere, will be denoted

by  $\tilde{u}$  (clearly by (1.2)  $\tilde{u}$  is an exact form).

Next let  $L$  be the (1.1)-operator defined for any  $p$ -form  $\tilde{\alpha} \in \Lambda^p(\tilde{M})$  by:  
 $L\tilde{\alpha} = \tilde{\alpha} \wedge \tilde{\Omega}$ . Then we derive from (2.10) the global 3-form  $\tilde{\Theta}_1$  expressed by

$$(2.11) \quad \tilde{\Theta}_1 = \sum (\tilde{\Omega}_a^0 \wedge \tilde{\omega}^{a*} - \tilde{\Omega}_{a*}^0 \wedge \tilde{\omega}^a) = 2L\tilde{u}.$$

Referring to (1.1) one readily finds  $d\tilde{\Theta}_1 = 0$ , and by a simple argument one has also  $d\tilde{\Theta}_p = 0$ , for any  $(2p+1)$ -form  $\tilde{\Theta}_p = 2L^p\tilde{u}$ , ( $p < m$ ). Since  $\tilde{u} = (u - \tilde{f})\tilde{\eta}$  one quickly finds by (1.11)

$$(2.12) \quad L_\xi \tilde{\Theta}_p = \frac{2\tilde{f}(1-p(\tilde{f}^2-1))}{\tilde{f}^2-1} \tilde{\Theta}_p.$$

Moreover if we set  $\frac{2\tilde{f}(1-p(\tilde{f}^2-1))}{\tilde{f}^2-1} = \tilde{L}$  one finds with the help of (1.2)

$$(2.13) \quad dL_\xi \tilde{\Theta}_p = \frac{d\tilde{L}}{\tilde{L}} \wedge L_\xi \tilde{\Theta}_p.$$

Therefore we may say, that all globally defined  $(2p+1)$ -forms  $\tilde{\Theta}_p$ , are closed,  $\xi$ -conformal invariant and having exterior recurrent Lie derivative with respect to  $\xi$ .

*Theorem.* Let  $\tilde{M}(U, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g}, \tilde{f})$  be a c.c.-manifold endowed with a pseudo-Sasakian structure and with the sixfold  $(U, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g}, \tilde{f})$  as structure tensors.

Any such manifold is foliated by para-Kählerian [1] hyperspheres  $M_0$ , orthogonal to  $\xi$  and if  $\tilde{M}$  is a space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ , then  $M_0$  are Einstein sub-manifolds. In addition on  $M(U, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g}, \tilde{f})$  one has the following properties:

- (i) the scalar function  $\tilde{f}$  is an eigenfunction of the harmonic operator;
- (ii) the structure 2-form  $\tilde{\Omega}$  is  $\xi$ -conformal invariant, and the Lie derivative of  $\tilde{\Omega}$  with respect to  $\xi$  is exterior recurrent;

(iii) let  $\tilde{X}$  be any vector field of the distribution  $D_{\tilde{\eta}}$  annihilated by  $\tilde{\eta}$ . Then the necessary and sufficient condition that  $\tilde{X}$  be an infinitesimal automorphism of the c.c.-structure  $(\tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{f})$  is that the 1-form  $\mu(\tilde{X})$  ( $\mu$ : fiber isomorphism defined by  $\tilde{\Omega}$ ) be exterior recurrent, with the gradient  $-2f\tilde{\eta}$  as recurrence form;

(iv) any globally defined  $(2p+1)$ -form  $\tilde{\Theta}_p$  ( $p < m$ ) defined by  $\tilde{\Theta}_p = 2L^p\tilde{u}$  ( $\tilde{u} = (1-\tilde{f}^2)\tilde{\eta}$ ;  $L^p\tilde{u} = \tilde{u} \wedge (\wedge \tilde{\Omega})^p$ ) is: 1° closed; 2°  $\xi$ -conformal invariant; 3° and has exterior recurrent Lie derivative with respect to  $\xi$ .

### 3° $\xi$ -VERTICAL CR SUBMANIFOLD OF $\tilde{M}(\tilde{U}, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g}, \tilde{f})$

Let  $x: M \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  be the proper immersion in  $\tilde{M}$  of a submanifold  $M$  tangent to the structure vector field  $\xi$ , and let  $T_p(M)$  (resp.  $T_p^\perp(M)$ ) be the tangent space (resp. normal space) at each point  $p$  of  $M$  (we denote the elements induced by  $x$ , by suppressing  $\sim$ ).

Referring to [4], [11], [12] we give the following:

**Definition 1°.**  $M$  is called a  $\xi$ -vertical CR submanifold of  $\tilde{M}$  if there exists a differentiable distribution  $D: p \rightarrow D_p \subset T_p(M)$  such that:

- (i)  $D$  is invariant with respect to  $U$ , i.e.,  $UD_p \subset D_p$  for each  $p \in M$ , and
- (ii) the complementary orthogonal distribution  $D^\perp: x \rightarrow D_p^\perp \subset T_p(M)$  is *anti-invariant* with respect to  $U$ , i.e.,  $UD_p^\perp \subset T_p(M)$  for each  $p \in M$ , and  $\xi \in D_p^\perp$ .  
 $D$  (resp.  $D^\perp$ ) is called the *horizontal* distribution (resp. *vertical* (distribution)).

Let  $\ell < m$  be the codimension of  $M$ . Without loss of generality we assume that  $M$  is defined by

$$(3.1) \quad \omega^{r^*} = 0;$$

where  $r^*, s^*, t^* = 2m-\ell+1, \dots, 2m$ , denote the normal indices. Consider then the  $2(m-\ell)$ -dimensional distribution  $D_p = \{e_i, e_{i^*}; i = \dots, m-\ell; i^*=i+m\}$  and its orthogonal complement  $D_p^\perp = \{e_r, \xi; r=m-\ell+1, \dots, m\}$ . Since  $Ue_a = e_{a^*}; U^2 = +1$ , one has  $UD_p \in T_p(M)$  and  $UD_p^\perp = T_p^\perp(M)$ .

So we conclude that the submanifold  $M$ , defined by (3.1) is a  $\xi$ -vertical CR submanifold [12] of  $\tilde{M}$ .

Denote by  $\psi$  the *simple unit* from which corresponds to  $D_p$ . Clearly by (1.10) and (3.1), the restriction  $\Omega = \tilde{\Omega}/M$  of  $\tilde{\Omega}$  on  $D_p$  is:

$$(3.2) \quad \Omega = \sum_i \omega^i \wedge \omega^{i^*}$$

and we readily infer

$$(3.3) \quad \psi = \frac{(\wedge \Omega)^{m-\ell}}{(m-\ell)!}.$$

Taking account of (1.11), exterior derivative of (3.3), gives

$$(3.4) \quad d\psi = -2(m-\ell)f \eta \wedge \psi,$$

which shows that  $\psi$  is exterior recurrent. It follows that the ideal  $I(D^\perp) = \{\psi \in \Lambda(M), \psi \text{ annihilates } D^\perp, \text{ and is completely integrable}\}$  is a *differentiable ideal* and we conclude that the distribution  $D^\perp$  is always

involutive (as in the case of CR submanifolds of para Kählerian manifolds [13] and of pseudo-Sasakian manifolds [14]). Further if  $X$  and  $Y$  are any vector fields tangent to  $M$ , one has the Gauss formula

$$(3.5) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + B(X, Y)$$

where  $B(X, Y)$  which is called the *second fundamental form* of  $M$ , is the normal part of (3.5).

Making use of (1.6) and (1.9) and referring to [11], [2] one finds

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} T_{r, g} B &= \sum_i (B(e_i, e_i) - B(Ue_i, Ue_i)) \\ &= \sum_i (B(e_i, e_i) - U^2 B(e_i, e_i)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, according to [4], the above formula proves that any  $\xi$ -vertical CR submanifold  $M$  of  $\check{M}(U, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g}, \tilde{f})$  is *D-minimal*. Further, the *mean curvature vector*  $H$  of  $M$  is given by

$$(3.7) \quad H = \frac{1}{2m+1-\ell} [(\sum_i B(e_i, e_i) - B(Ue_i, Ue_i)) + \sum_r B(e_r, e_r)]$$

and taking account of (3.6) one has  $H = \frac{\sum_r B(e_r, e_r)}{2m+1-\ell}$ . Consequently we may say that the necessary and sufficient condition that  $M$  be minimal is that it be  $\perp$ -*minimal*.

Let now

$$(3.8) \quad \phi = \omega^{m-\ell+1} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^m \wedge \eta$$

be the simple unit form which corresponds to the vertical distribution  $D_p^\perp$ . Assume that  $\phi$  is exterior recurrent, that is  $d\phi$  satisfies:

$$(3.9) \quad d\phi = \gamma \wedge \phi; \quad \gamma = \text{recurrence 1-form.}$$

Under this condition, and since  $\phi$  annihilates  $D_p$ , it follows by an argument we have already used, that the distribution  $D$  is involutive. In this case we say that the submanifold  $M$  under consideration is *foliate* [4].

Now by (1.7) and (1.9) one finds that necessary and sufficient conditions that equation (3.9) be fulfilled are

$$\gamma_{ij}^r - \gamma_{ji}^r = 0, \quad \gamma_{i^*j}^{r^*} + \gamma_{ji^*}^{r^*} = 0,$$

and  $\gamma$  is given by

$$\gamma = (\sum_r \gamma_{ip}^r) \omega^i - (\sum_r \gamma_{i^*r}^r) \omega^{i^*}.$$

Then if  $X, Y$  are any vector fields of  $D_p$ , one checks by a direct coputation, that  $[X, Y] = 0$ .

It is worthwhile to remark, that condition (3.9) is equivalent to:

$$B(X, UY) = B(UX, Y); \forall X, Y \in D_p.$$

In the following we denote by  $M^T$  (resp.  $M^{\perp}$ ) the maximal integral manifold of  $D$  (resp.  $D^{\perp}$ ). Clearly by (1.10) and (1.11), the 2-form  $\Omega$  is closed and of maximal rank on  $M^T$ . Hence  $M$  is a *symplectic* manifold. Let

$$(3.10) \quad dp = \omega^i \otimes e_i - \omega^{i*} \otimes e_{i*}$$

be the line element of  $M^T$ . Then the *mean curvature form* [15] of  $M^T$  is the vectorial  $(2(m-l)-1)$ -form  $(H^T) = *dp$ . By virtue of (3.10) one finds

$$\begin{aligned} (H^T) &= \sum_i (-1)^{i-1} \omega^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{\omega}^i \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^m \wedge \omega^{1*} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^{m*} \otimes e_i, \\ &+ \sum_{i*} (-1)^{i*-m} \omega^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^m \wedge \omega^{1*} \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{\omega}^{i*} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^{m*} \otimes e_{i*}, \end{aligned}$$

( $\wedge$ : indicates the missing terms). Since  $(H^T)$  is defined by (3.7) and  $\omega^r = 0$ ,  $\eta = 0$ , taking exterior covariant derivative  $d^{\nabla}$  of  $(H^T)$ , gives with the help of (1.9) and (3.10),  $d^{\nabla}(H^T) = 0$ . Hence  $(H^T)$  being closed it follows as is known that  $M^T$  is *minimal*. We shall now make some considerations regarding the symplectic structure  $Sp(2(m-l), \mathbb{R})$  of the symplectic manifold  $M^T(\Omega, g^T)$  where  $g^T$  is the metric tensor of  $M^T$ .

Since the metric  $g^T$  is *neutral* [15] we shall consider on  $M^T$  an adapted *Witt frame*  $W = \{h_i, h_{i*}\}$  [15] derived from  $O = \{e_i, e_{i*}\}$ . The real *null* basis of  $W$  is given by:

$$(3.11) \quad h_i = (e_i + Ue_i)/\sqrt{2}; \quad h_{i*} = (e_i - Ue_i)/\sqrt{2}$$

( $i = 1, \dots, m-l$ ;  $i* = (m-l)^*$ ;  $Uh_i = h_i$ ;  $Uh_{i*} = -h_{i*}$ ) and  $S_p = \{h_i\}$ ,  $S_p^* = \{h_{i*}\}$  are two *self-orthogonal* distributions [15] on  $M$ .

According to [13] we shall set  $D_p^{\perp} = C_{S_p^* T_p(M^T)} \cap S_p^*$  and consider on  $M^T$  the two following distributions:

$$(3.12) \quad L_p = S_p \setminus D_p^{\perp} \subset D_p; \quad L_p^* = S_p^* \setminus D_p^{\perp} \subset D_p.$$

It is an easy matter to see that with respect to the symplectic structure of  $M^T(\Omega, g^T)$  one has

$$(3.13) \quad \begin{cases} L_p = \text{orthog}(L_p), & L_p^* = \text{orthog}(L_p^*) \\ \Omega/L_p = 0, & \Omega/L_p^* = 0, \end{cases}$$

and the above relations prove that  $L_p$  and  $L_p^*$  are two *Lagrangian distributions* [16] on  $M^T$ .

Let now  $X, Y$  (resp.  $X^*, Y^*$ ) be any two vector fields of  $L_p$  (resp.  $L_p^*$ ). Making use of (3.10), (3.11) and (1.6) one finds:

$$(3.14) \quad [X, Y] \subset L_p, \quad [X^*, Y^*] \subset L_p^*.$$

Hence we may say that  $L_p$  and  $L_p^*$  define two *polarizations* (i.e. Lagrangian foliations) on  $M^T(\Omega, g^T)$ . Referring to (3.12) and [15] these polarizations are defined as *principal*.

*Theorem.* Let  $x: M \rightarrow \tilde{M}(U, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g}, \tilde{f})$  be the proper immersion of a  $\xi$ -vertical CR submanifold  $M$  in the manifold  $\tilde{M}$  discussed in section 2°, and let  $D^\perp$  (resp.  $D$ ) be the vertical (resp. horizontal) distribution on  $M$ . Then  $D^\perp$  is always involutive and the necessary and sufficient condition that  $M$  be minimal is that it be  $D^\perp$ -minimal.

Further the necessary and sufficient condition that  $M$  be foliate (i.e.  $D$  be involutive) is that the simple unit form which corresponds to  $D^\perp$  be exterior recurrent. If  $M^T$  is the maximal integral manifold of  $D$ , then  $M^T$  is minimal in  $M^T$  and is endowed with a symplectic structure  $(M^T, \Omega)$ . Moreover the two principal Lagrangian distributions on  $(M^T, \Omega)$  define two polarizations.

#### 4° CO-ISOTROPIC HYPERSURFACE OF $M$

Let  $x: M_c \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  be the improper immersion of a co-isotropic hypersurface  $M_c$  in the manifold  $\tilde{M}(U, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g}, \tilde{f})$  defined in section 2°. Denote by  $e$  the normal vector field at each point of  $M_c$ . As is known [7], [2],  $c$  is a null vector field, tangent to  $M_c$  and in [17] we have called it the *characteristic vector* of  $M_c$ .

In the case under discussion, one may, without loss of generality, define  $M_c$  by

$$(4.1) \quad \omega^m = \omega^{2m} = \omega.$$

By a simple argument it follows

$$(4.2) \quad e = e_m - e_{2m} \Rightarrow \langle e, e \rangle = 0,$$

and so the line element  $dp$  of  $M_c$  is given by

$$(4.3) \quad dp = \omega^i \otimes e_i - \omega^{i^*} \otimes e_{i^*} + \eta \otimes \xi + \omega \otimes e,$$

where the range of indices is  $i = 1, \dots, m-1$ ;  $i^* = i + m$ . Taking covariant derivative of (4.2) one finds by (1.6)

$$(4.4) \quad \nabla e = \sum_i (\omega_i^m + \omega_{i^*}^m) \otimes (e_{i^*} - e_i).$$

On the other hand, one derives from (4.1) by exterior differentiation

$$(4.5) \quad \gamma_{im}^m + \gamma_{i^*m}^m + \gamma_{im^*}^m + \gamma_{i^*m^*}^m = 0,$$

With the help of the above equation one readily gets from (4.4)

$$(4.6) \quad \nabla_e e = 0.$$

Since  $\langle e, e \rangle = 0$  we may say that the null vector  $e_i$  is a *strict geodesic*.

Next by (1.6), (4.1) and (4.2) one finds

$$(4.7) \quad \nabla \xi = -f(\omega^i \otimes e_i - \omega^{i^*} \otimes e_{i^*} + \omega \otimes e)$$

and from (4.4) and (4.7) we obtain

$$(4.8) \quad [\xi, e] = L_\xi e = (f + \omega_m^{2m}(\xi))e.$$

The above equation proves that  $e$  defines an *infinitesimal transformation of generator*  $\xi$ .

Let now  $\sigma = \omega^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^{m-1} \wedge \omega^{1^*} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^{m^*-1} \wedge \eta \wedge \omega$  be the volume element of  $M_c$ . By (4.5) one finds after some calculation

$$(4.9) \quad L_e \sigma = 0 \Rightarrow \operatorname{div} e = 0.$$

Since  $e$  is the characteristic vector of  $M_c$ , equation (4.9) proves according to [17] that the co-isotropic hypersurface  $M_c$  is *almost minimal*. This property is also in accordance with some more recent definitions [18].

Consider the two complementary differentiable distributions  $D_p = \{e_i, e_{i^*}\}$  and  $D_p^* = \{e, \xi\}$ . One readily finds  $UD_p \subset T_p(M_c)$ ,  $UD_p^* \subset T_p^*(M_c)$  and we conclude that  $M_c$  is a  $\xi$ -vertical CR submanifold of  $M$ . Let now  $X, Y$  be any vector fields of  $D_p^*$ . With the help of (4.7) one finds  $[X, Y] \in D_p^*$ , which that  $D_p^*$  is always involutive (as for proper immersion). Clearly the restriction  $\tilde{\Omega}$  of  $\tilde{\Omega}$  on  $M_c$  is given by

$$(4.10) \quad \Omega = \sum_i \omega^i \wedge \omega^{i^*}$$

and obviously  $\ker(\Omega) = D^*$ . Then for any vector field  $X \in D_p^*$ , one readily finds by (1.11)

$$(4.11) \quad L_X \Omega = -2f\eta(X)\Omega$$

since  $X \in D_p^* = \{\xi, e\}$ , in general  $\eta(X) \neq 0$ .

Definition. Let  $\Pi$  be a  $q$ -form and  $\mathcal{D}$  a distribution annihilated by  $\Pi$ . If for any vector field  $W$  of  $\mathcal{D}$  one has  $L_W \Pi = \lambda \Pi$  ( $\lambda$ : scalar field) we say that  $\Pi$  is  $\mathcal{D}$ -conformal invariant. Hence in the case under consideration,  $\Omega$  is  $D^*$ -conformal invariant.

Finally consider the second fundamental quadratic form  $II = -\langle dp, \nabla e \rangle$  of  $M_c$ . By (4.3), (4.4) one quickly obtains:

$$(4.2) \quad II = \sum (\omega_i^m + \omega_{i^*}^m) \otimes (\omega^{i^*} - \omega^i).$$

Then by (4.5) one finds that  $\forall X, Y \in D_p^*$ , one has  $II(XY) = 0 \iff II(D^*, D^*) = 0$ . Hence according to [4] we may say that the hypersurface  $M_c$  is  $D^*$ -totally geodesic.

Theorem. Let  $x: M_c \rightarrow \tilde{M}(U, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{g}, \tilde{f})$  be the improper immersion of a co-isotropic hypersurface  $M_c$  in the manifold  $M$  defined in section 2° and let  $e$  be the characteristic vector of  $M_c$ . Such a hypersurface is a  $\xi$ -vertical CR submanifold of  $\tilde{M}$ , and the vertical distribution  $D^* = \{e, \xi\}$  is always involutive.

In addition, one has the following properties:

- (i)  $e$  defines an infinitesimal transformation of generation  $\xi$ ;
- (ii)  $M_c$  is almost minimal and  $D^*$ -totally geodesic;
- (iii) the restriction  $\Omega$  of the structure 2-form  $\tilde{\Omega}$ , on  $M$  is  $D^*$ -conformal invariant.

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