

## NOTES ON PSEUDO-CONFORMAL MANIFOLDS

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### §0. Introduction

A real submanifold  $M$  of a complex manifold generically inherits what is called a Cauchy-Riemann (or CR-) structure; that is, there is a subbundle  $HM$  of holomorphic tangent vectors of the tangent bundle of  $M$  having a complex vector space structure in each fibre  $H_pM$  for  $p \in M$ . When  $M$  is a real hypersurface with non-degenerate Levi form, this CR-structure is called a pseudo-conformal structure. (See [13].)

Pseudo-conformal structures are developed by Burns-Diederich-Shnider [2], Burns-Shnider [3] [4], Chern-Moser [5], Tanaka [10] [11], Webster [13] [14] [15] [16] [17] and so on.

S. Ishihara [6] studied the manifold of dimension  $2n+1$  ( $\geq 3$ ) endowed with  $(\mathcal{D}, J)$  where  $\mathcal{D}$  is the subbundle of rank  $2n$  (of the tangent bundle  $TM$ ) with complex structure  $J$ . The method of his school ([6], [9]) depends on an almost contact structure  $(f, \xi, \theta)$  associated with  $\mathcal{D}$ . In the point of view from a foliated structure, the vector field  $\xi$  defines a 1-dimensional foliation, so we shall have some similar results using a connection analogous to the Vaisman's second connection ([12]) on a Riemannian foliated manifold.

In §1, we review the facts which was studied in [6], and in §2, we construct the connection.

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### §1. Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be a connected differentiable manifold of dimension  $2n+1$  ( $\geq 3$ ) admitting with  $(\mathcal{D}, J)$  where  $\mathcal{D}$  is the subbundle of rank  $2n$  of the tangent bundle  $TM$  of  $M$  with complex structure  $J$ . The pair  $(\mathcal{D}, J)$  or  $\mathcal{D}$ , is called a hyperdistribution with complex structure  $J$ . Let  $(f, \xi, \theta)$  be an almost contact structure associated with  $\mathcal{D}$ , that is,  $(f, \xi, \theta)$  is an almost contact structure such that the 1-form  $\theta$  annihilates  $\mathcal{D}$  and the restriction of  $f$  to  $\mathcal{D}$  coincides with  $J$ . Note that there are many choices

of  $\xi$ , but if  $[\xi, \Gamma(\mathcal{D})] \subset \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  and  $d\theta$  is non-degenerate on  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $\xi$  is uniquely determined such that  $\theta(\xi)=1$ . A tensor field  $S$  of type (1, 2) is defined by

$$S(X, Y) = [fX, fY] - f[fX, Y] - f[X, fY] + f^2[X, Y] + 2d\theta(X, Y)\xi,$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , where  $\Gamma(TM)$  denotes the set of cross-sections of  $TM$ . Note that

$$S(X, Y) = [JX, JY] - [X, Y] - f[JX, Y] - f[X, JY],$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ .  $\mathcal{D}$  is called torsionless if  $S(X, Y)=0$  for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ . Set  $\omega = -2d\theta$ , and  $G(X, Y) = \omega(fX, Y)$  for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ .  $G$  is called the Levi tensor. Then, if  $\mathcal{D}$  is torsionless, we have

$$G(X, Y) = G(Y, X) \quad \text{and} \quad G(JX, JY) = G(X, Y),$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ . In fact, using the formula (see [6])

$$G(X, Y) - G(Y, X) = \theta(S(fX, \xi)\theta(Y) + S(X, fY)),$$

the equality  $G(X, Y) - G(Y, X) = 0$  follows from  $S(X, Y) = 0$  and  $\theta(Y) = 0$ . And,

$$\begin{aligned} G(JX, JY) &= -2d\theta(J(JX), JY) = -2d\theta(-X, JY) \\ &= -2d\theta(JY, X) = G(Y, X) = G(X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

We denote the restriction of  $G$  to  $\mathcal{D}$  by  $g$ .  $\mathcal{D}$  is called to be non-degenerate if  $g$  is non-degenerate.

Almost contact structures  $(f, \xi, \theta)$  and  $(f', \xi', \theta')$  associated with  $\mathcal{D}$  are said to be equivalent to each other if there exist a non-vanishing function  $\alpha$  and vector field  $A \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  such that  $f' = f - \theta \otimes A$ ,  $\xi' = \frac{1}{\alpha}(\xi - f(A))$  and  $\theta' = \alpha\theta$ .

**Remark 1.** Let  $(f, \xi, \theta)$  be an almost contact structure associated with  $\mathcal{D}$ . If  $\mathcal{D}$  is torsionless and non-degenerate, there exists an almost contact structure  $(f', \xi', \theta')$  such that  $[\xi', \Gamma(\mathcal{D})] \subset \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  associated with  $\mathcal{D}$  which is equivalent to  $(f, \xi, \theta)$  (see [9]). Note that  $[\xi, \Gamma(\mathcal{D})] \subset \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  is equivalent to  $\mathcal{L}_\xi\theta = 0$  or  $\omega(\xi, X) = 0$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_\xi$  denotes the Lie derivative operator.

In [6], S. Ishihara proved the following theorem.

**Theorem.** *Let  $M$  be a  $2n+1$  ( $\geq 3$ ) dimensional manifold admitting a hyper-distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  with complex structure  $J$ . Then  $\mathcal{D}$  determines a pseudo-conformal structure in  $M$  if it is torsionless and non-degenerate.*

From now on, we consider only manifolds  $(M; \mathcal{D}, J)$  such that  $\mathcal{D}$  is torsionless and non-degenerate, and assume that  $[\xi, \Gamma(\mathcal{D})] \subset \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ .

**§2. Construction of Connections**

In the first, we shall recall the second connection of Vaisman on a Riemannian foliated manifold (see Vaisman [12]). Let  $(N, h)$  be a Riemannian foliated manifold with a Riemannian metric  $h$  and an integrable subbundle  $D_1$ . In this case, there is the subbundle  $D_2$  of the subspaces of the tangent space of  $N$  which are orthogonal to those of  $D_1$  with respect to  $h$ . Then Vaisman showed that there is a connection  $\nabla$  uniquely defined by the conditions:

- (a) if  $Y \in \Gamma(D_i)$ , then  $\nabla_X Y \in \Gamma(D_i)$  for every  $X \in \Gamma(TN)$ ;
- (b) if  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(D_i)$ , then  $(\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) = 0$ ;
- (c)  $T_i(X, Y) = 0$  if at least one of the arguments is in  $\Gamma(D_i)$ , where  $T_i$  is the  $D_i$ -component of the torsion of  $\nabla$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).

Now, we consider  $(M; \mathcal{D}, J)$  as above. Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the subbundle of rank one defined by  $\xi$ . We define  $h$  by

$$h(X, Y) = g(X_{\mathcal{D}}, Y_{\mathcal{D}}) + \theta(X)\theta(Y),$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , where  $Z_{\mathcal{D}}$  denotes the  $\mathcal{D}$ -component of  $Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ . Since  $M$  is a foliated manifold, there exists a local coordinate system  $\{U, (x^0, x^1, \dots, x^{2n})\}$  such that

- (i)  $|x^A| \leq 1, A = 0, 1, \dots, 2n$ ;
- (ii) the integral manifolds of  $\mathcal{E}$  are given locally by  $x^1 = c^1, \dots, x^{2n} = c^{2n}$  for constants  $c^a$  satisfying  $|c^a| \leq 1, a = 1, \dots, 2n$  (cf. [8]).

Then  $\{\theta, dx^1, \dots, dx^{2n}\}$  and  $\{\partial/\partial x^0, v_1, \dots, v_{2n}\}$  are dual bases for the cotangent and tangent spaces at each point of  $U$ . Here  $\theta = dx^0 + \sum_{a=1}^{2n} t_a dx^a$  and  $v_a = \partial/\partial x^a - t_a \cdot \partial/\partial x^0 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}|U)$  for suitably chosen functions  $t_a$  ( $a = 1, \dots, 2n$ ). With respect to such a basis  $\{\partial/\partial x^0, v_1, \dots, v_{2n}\}$ , we have

$$(h_{AB})_{A, B=0, 1, \dots, 2n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & g_{ab} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $g_{ab} = g(v_a, v_b), (a, b = 1, \dots, 2n)$ .

Since  $h(\Gamma(\mathcal{D}), \Gamma(\mathcal{E})) = 0$ , we have that  $TM = \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{E}$ . By this decomposition, we denote the  $\mathcal{D}$ -component (resp.  $\mathcal{E}$ -component) of  $Z \in \Gamma(TM)$  by  $Z_{\mathcal{D}}$  (resp.  $Z_{\mathcal{E}}$ ).

**Proposition 1.** *There exists a connection  $\nabla$  uniquely defined by the conditions:*

- (1)  $\nabla_X Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  and  $\nabla_X V \in \Gamma(\mathcal{E})$ , for any  $Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ , any  $V \in \Gamma(\mathcal{E})$  and any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ ;
- (2)  $(\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) = 0$  for any  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  or  $\Gamma(\mathcal{E})$ ;

- (3)  $\tau_{\mathcal{D}}(X, Y)=0$ , if  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  or  $Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ , and  $\tau_{\mathcal{E}}(X, Y)=0$ , if  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{E})$  or  $Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{E})$ , where  $\tau$  is the torsion tensor of connection  $\nabla$ .

**Proof.** If there exists a connection  $\nabla$  satisfying (1), (2) and (3), then, because of the linearity of  $\nabla_X Y$  in its two arguments, it suffices to obtain the covariant derivative only when  $X$  and  $Y$  belong either to  $\Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  or  $\Gamma(\mathcal{E})$ , or  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ ,  $Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{E})$ , or, finally  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{E})$ ,  $Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ .

Let  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  and  $V \in \Gamma(\mathcal{E})$ . We have

$$\tau(X, V) = \nabla_X V - \nabla_V X - [X, V]_{\mathcal{D}} - [X, V]_{\mathcal{E}},$$

whence, with (1) and (2),

$$0 = \tau_{\mathcal{E}}(X, V) = \nabla_X V - [X, V]_{\mathcal{E}},$$

which defines the value of  $\nabla_X V$ . Similarly, we have

$$0 = \tau_{\mathcal{D}}(X, V) = -\nabla_V X - [X, V]_{\mathcal{D}},$$

which defines the value of  $\nabla_V X$ .

Next, let  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ . Condition (2) gives

$$0 = (\nabla_X g)(Y, Z) = X \cdot g(Y, Z) - g(\nabla_X Y, Z) - g(Y, \nabla_X Z).$$

By the same procedure as the construction of Levi-Civita connection and using (3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) &= X \cdot g(Y, Z) + Y \cdot g(X, Z) - Z \cdot g(X, Y) \\ &\quad - g(X, [Y, Z]_{\mathcal{D}}) + g(Y, [Z, X]_{\mathcal{D}}) + g(Z, [X, Y]_{\mathcal{D}}), \end{aligned}$$

whence, taking into account the condition (1),  $\nabla_X Y$  is defined.

In the same way, we have  $\nabla_V U$  for  $V, U \in \Gamma(\mathcal{E})$ . Hence the given conditions define the connection uniquely.

**Remark 2.** Note that  $\nabla_{\xi} \xi = 0$ . In fact,

$$0 = (\nabla_{\xi} h)(\xi, \xi) = 2h(\nabla_{\xi} \xi, \xi) = 2\theta(\nabla_{\xi} \xi).$$

On the other hand,  $\nabla_{\xi} \xi$  belongs to  $\Gamma(\mathcal{E})$ , hence  $\nabla_{\xi} \xi = 0$ .

Now, we define a connection  $D$  by

$$D_X Z = \nabla_X Z, \quad D_V U = \nabla_V U \quad \text{and} \quad D_V X = \nabla_V X - \frac{1}{2} J((\nabla_V J)X)$$

for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ , any  $U, V \in \Gamma(\mathcal{E})$  and any  $Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ , where  $\nabla$  is the connection in Proposition 1. Then, we have

**Lemma.** *The connection  $D$  satisfies the following properties:*

- (1)  $D_Z\Gamma(\mathcal{D}) \subset \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  for any  $Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ ;
- (2) the tensor fields  $\xi$ ,  $J$  and  $\omega$  are all parallel;
- (3) the torsion tensor  $T$  of  $D$  satisfies the equalities  $T(X, Y) = -\omega(X, Y)\xi$ ,  
 $T(\xi, JX) = -J(T(\xi, X))$  for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ .

**Proof.** (1) and  $D\xi=0$  are trivial. For any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (D_\xi J)X &= D_\xi(JX) - J(D_\xi X) \\ &= \nabla_\xi(JX) - \frac{1}{2}J((\nabla_\xi J)JX) - J\nabla_\xi X + \frac{1}{2}J^2((\nabla_\xi J)X) \\ &= \nabla_\xi(JX) - J(\nabla_\xi X) + J(\nabla_\xi X) - \nabla_\xi(JX) \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

hence  $D_\xi J=0$ . To prove that  $D_X J=0$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ , we note that

$$\begin{aligned} 2g((D_X J)Y, Z) &= 2g(D_X(JY), Z) - 2g(J(D_X Y), Z) \\ &= 2g(\nabla_X(JY), Z) - 2g(J(\nabla_X Y), Z) \\ &= 2g(\nabla_X(JY), Z) + 2g(\nabla_X Y, JZ), \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ . By the definition of the connection  $\nabla$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) &= X \cdot \omega(JY, Z) + Y \cdot \omega(JX, Z) - Z \cdot \omega(JX, Y) \\ &\quad - \omega(f[Y, Z], X) + \omega(f[Z, X], Y) + \omega(f[X, Y], Z), \end{aligned}$$

because of the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} g(X, Y) &= \omega(JX, Y), \quad [X, Y]_{\mathcal{D}} = [X, Y] - \theta([X, Y])\xi, \\ f[X, Y] &= J([X, Y] - \theta([X, Y])\xi), \end{aligned}$$

and so on. Using the formula

$$\begin{aligned} 3d\omega(X, Y, Z) &= X \cdot \omega(Y, Z) + Y \cdot \omega(Z, X) + Z \cdot \omega(X, Y) \\ &\quad - \omega([X, Y], Z) - \omega([Y, Z], X) - \omega([Z, X], Y), \end{aligned}$$

we have that

$$\begin{aligned} 2g((D_X J)Y, Z) &= 3d\omega(X, JY, JZ) - 3d\omega(X, Y, Z) + \omega(S(Y, Z), X) \\ &\quad + \omega(X, Z) \cdot \omega(\xi, Y) - \omega(X, Y) \cdot \omega(\xi, Z) \\ &\quad + \omega(X, JY) \cdot \omega(\xi, JZ) - \omega(X, JZ) \cdot \omega(\xi, JY). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,  $d\omega = -2d^2\theta = 0$  and  $S(Y, Z) = 0$  because  $\mathcal{D}$  is torsionless. Fur-

ther,  $\omega(\xi, X)$  vanishes for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  (see Remark 1). Therefore, we obtain that  $g((D_X J)Y, Z) = 0$ . Since  $g$  is non-degenerate, we have  $D_X J = 0$ .

To prove that  $D\omega = 0$ , we note that  $\omega(\xi, X) = 0$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ . Then, for any  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  and any  $W \in \Gamma(TM)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (D_W \omega)(\xi, \xi) &= 0, \\ (D_W \omega)(\xi, X) &= W \cdot \omega(\xi, X) - \omega(D_W \xi, X) - \omega(\xi, D_W X) \\ &= 0, \quad (\text{From (1) and } D\xi = 0.) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } (D_X \omega)(Y, Z) &= X \cdot \omega(Y, Z) - \omega(D_X Y, Z) - \omega(Y, D_X Z) \\ &= X \cdot g(-JY, Z) - g(D_X(-JY), Z) - g(-JY, D_X Z) \\ & \hspace{15em} (\text{From } DJ = 0.) \\ &= -(D_X g)(JY, Z) \\ &= -(\nabla_X g)(JY, Z) \\ &= 0. \quad (\text{From } \nabla_X g = 0.) \end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $D_\xi X = \nabla_\xi X - \frac{1}{2} J((\nabla_\xi J)X) = \frac{1}{2}([\xi, X] - J[\xi, JX])$  and  $\omega(JX, JY) = \omega(X, Y)$  for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ , we have that for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (D_\xi \omega)(X, Y) &= \xi \cdot \omega(X, Y) - \omega(D_\xi X, Y) - \omega(X, D_\xi Y) \\ &= \xi \cdot \omega(X, Y) - \frac{1}{2} \{ \omega([\xi, X], Y) + \omega(X, [\xi, Y]) \\ & \quad - \omega(J[\xi, JX], Y) - \omega(X, J[\xi, JY]) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{ \xi \cdot \omega(X, Y) - \omega([\xi, X], Y) - \omega(X, [\xi, Y]) \} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2} \{ \xi \cdot \omega(JX, JY) - \omega([\xi, JX], JY) - \omega(JX, [\xi, JY]) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{ (\mathcal{L}_\xi \omega)(X, Y) + (\mathcal{L}_\xi \omega)(JX, JY) \} \\ &= 0. \quad (\text{From that } \mathcal{L}_\xi \omega = -2d\mathcal{L}_\xi \theta = 0.) \end{aligned}$$

For any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} T(X, Y) &= D_X Y - D_Y X - [X, Y]_{\mathcal{D}} - [X, Y]_{\mathcal{E}} \\ &= T_{\mathcal{D}}(X, Y) - [X, Y]_{\mathcal{E}} \\ &= -\theta([X, Y])\xi \\ &= -\omega(X, Y)\xi, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(\xi, JX) &= D_\xi(JX) - D_{JX}\xi - [\xi, JX] \\
 &= [\xi, JX] - \frac{1}{2} J((\nabla_\xi J)(JX)) - [\xi, JX] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (J[\xi, X] - [\xi, JX]), \\
 -J(T(\xi, X)) &= -J(D_\xi X - D_X \xi - [\xi, X]) = -J(D_\xi X - [\xi, X]) \\
 &= -J([\xi, X] - \frac{1}{2} J([\xi, JX] - J[\xi, X]) - [\xi, X]) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (J[\xi, X] - [\xi, JX]).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus (3) is proved.

**Remark 3.** The conditions (1) and (2) in lemma imply that  $g$  and  $\theta$  are parallel. Because, for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  and  $Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (D_Z \theta)(\xi) &= Z \cdot \theta(\xi) - \theta(D_Z \xi) = 0, & (\text{From } D\xi = 0 \text{ and } \theta(\xi) = 1) \\
 (D_Z \theta)(X) &= Z \cdot \theta(X) - \theta(D_Z X) = 0, & (\text{From (1) and } \theta(X) = 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

whence  $\theta$  is parallel.

For any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  and  $Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (D_Z g)(X, Y) &= Z \cdot \omega(JX, Y) - \omega(J(D_Z X), Y) - \omega(JX, D_Z Y) \\
 &= Z \cdot \omega(JX, Y) - \omega(D_Z(JX), Y) - \omega(JX, D_Z Y) \quad (\text{From } DJ = 0) \\
 &= (D_Z \omega)(JX, Y) \\
 &= 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

whence  $g$  is parallel.

**Theorem.** *There exists a unique connection  $D$  on  $M$  satisfying the conditions (a), (b) and (c):*

- (a)  $D_Z \Gamma(\mathcal{D}) \subset \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  for any  $Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ ;
- (b)  $J, \xi$  and  $\omega$  are all parallel;
- (c) the torsion tensor  $T$  of  $D$  satisfies the equalities  $T(X, Y) = -\omega(X, Y)\xi$ ,  $T(\xi, JX) = -J(T(\xi, X))$ , for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ .

**Proof.** The existence of such a connection  $D$  is proved in above. We assume that there exist two connections  $D$  and  $D'$  satisfying (a), (b) and (c). Let  $T$  (resp.  $T'$ ) be the torsion tensor of  $D$  (resp.  $D'$ ). From (b) and Remark 3, we have that

$$(D_X g)(Y, Z) = 0 = (D'_X g)(Y, Z), \quad \text{for any } X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$$

and from (c), we have that

$$T_{\mathcal{D}}(X, Y) = 0 = T'_{\mathcal{D}}(X, Y) \quad \text{for any } X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}).$$

By those facts and (a) and non-degeneracy of  $g$ , we have  $D_X Y = D'_X Y$  for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ . It is evident that  $D_Z V = D'_Z V$  for any  $Z \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(\mathcal{E})$ , from  $D\xi = 0 = D'\xi$ . For any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ , we have that

$$D_{\xi} X = D_X \xi + [\xi, X] + T(\xi, X) = [\xi, X] + T(\xi, X),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\xi} X &= -JD_{\xi}(JX) = -J[\xi, JX] - J(T(\xi, JX)) \\ &= -J[\xi, JX] - T(\xi, X), \end{aligned}$$

whence  $D_{\xi} X = \frac{1}{2}([\xi, X] - J[\xi, JX])$ . Thus we have  $D_{\xi} X = D'_{\xi} X$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ .

Therefore we complete the proof.

We shall give a geometric interpretation of the vanishing of the torsion of  $D$ . We recall the concept of pseudo-conformal vector fields (see [6]).

A transformation  $\phi$  of  $M$  is called a pseudo-conformal mapping if  $\phi$  satisfies that  $\phi_*(X)$  belongs to  $\Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  and  $\phi_* J = J\phi_*$ , where  $\phi_*$  denotes the differential mapping of  $\phi$ . A vector field  $X$  is called a pseudo-conformal vector field if any local transformation  $\phi_t$  of  $M$  generated by  $X$  is always a pseudo-conformal transformation. By definition,  $X$  is a pseudo-conformal vector field if and only if  $\mathcal{L}_X \theta = \alpha \theta$  and  $\mathcal{L}_X J = 0$  where  $\alpha$  is a function.

**Proposition 2** (see [13]). The vector field  $\xi$  is a pseudo-conformal vector field if and only if  $T(\xi, X) = 0$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ .

**Proof.** We have  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi} \theta = 0$  and  $(\mathcal{L}_{\xi} J)(X) = [\xi, JX] - J[\xi, X]$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ . On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(\xi, X) &= D_{\xi} X - D_X \xi - [\xi, X] \\ &= [\xi, X] - \frac{1}{2} J([\xi, JX] - J[\xi, X]) - [\xi, X] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} J([\xi, JX] - J[\xi, X]). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $T(\xi, X)$  vanishes if and only if  $(\mathcal{L}_{\xi} J)(X)$  vanishes. Therefore we have the assertion.



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