

TRANSVERSAL CONFORMAL FIELDS OF FOLIATIONS

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1. Introduction

Let (M, g_M, \mathcal{F}) be a closed, oriented, connected Riemannian manifold of dimension $p+q$ with a transversally oriented foliation \mathcal{F} of codimension $q \geq 2$ and a bundle-like metric g_M with respect to \mathcal{F} . Let Q be the normal bundle of \mathcal{F} and $\pi : \Gamma(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma(Q)$ the natural projection. We denote by D the transversal Riemannian connection of \mathcal{F} . Let $V(\mathcal{F})$ denote the set of infinitesimal automorphisms of \mathcal{F} and $\bar{V}(\mathcal{F}) = \{ \nu \in \Gamma(Q) \mid \nu = \pi(Y), Y \in V(\mathcal{F}) \}$, the set of transversal infinitesimal automorphisms of \mathcal{F} .

Throughout this paper, we also use the following notation:

τ : the tension field of \mathcal{F} ,

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