TWISTOR SPACES FOR REAL FOUR-DIMENSIONAL LORENTZIAN MANIFOLDS

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Introduction

It is R. Penrose who constructed the twistor theory which gives a correspondence between complex space-times and 3-dimensional complex manifolds called twistor spaces. He and his colleagues investigated conformally invariant equations (e.g. massless field equations, self-dual Yang-Mills equations) on the space-time by transforming them into objects in complex analytical geometry. See e.g. Penrose-Ward [P-W] or Ward-Wells [W-W]. After that, Atiyah-Hitchin-Singer ([A-H-S], cf. [Fr]) constructed the twistor spaces corresponding to real 4-dimensional Riemannian manifolds. Their construction as well as that of Penrose is mainly effective under the condition of the self-duality. In this paper we will construct twistor spaces more geometrically from real 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifolds under a suitable curvature condition.

For a Lorentzian manifold, we have $*^2 = -\operatorname{id}$ for Hodge's star-operator * and the space of 2-forms has no canonical real decomposition. The set of all Lorentz orthogonal complex structures on \mathbf{R}_1^4 is isomorphic to $SO_+(3,1)/U(1)$ and of 5-dimension. It is different from the Riemannian case. After the work of [A-H-S], Berard Bergery and Ochiai [BB-O] generalized the theory from the viewpoint of G-structures. Since each fibre of their twistor space has to be a G-invariant subset of all complex structures, we need a different construction of a twistor space.

As the underlying space of the twistor space of a 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold M, we take the space P of all future-pointing null directions on M. This fits in with the original idea of Penrose and it will have physical applications. The space P is a fibre bundle over M with fibre S^2 . By choosing a future-pointing timelike vector field T on M, we can naturally define an almost complex structure $J = J_T$ on P.

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The point x and a timelike unit tangent vector T at x form a model of the *instantaneous observer* in the Lorentzian world M. The vector indicates the direction of the observer's individual time. The subspace in M Lorentz orthogonal to this vector is a model of the 3-dimensional physical space of the instantaneous observer. The physical spaces of two different instantaneous observers are different, even if the observers are located at the same point of M. See Manin [Ma].

Our main result is to state the integrability condition of the almost complex structure J on P by the vanishing of certain parts of an irreducible SO(3)-decomposition of the curvature tensor R of the 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold M.

This paper is organized as follows: In §1, we define an almost complex structure J on the set P of all future-pointing null directions on M, and we state the main theorem. We prove the theorem dividing into several steps in the next sections. In §2 and §3, we give a curvature condition of the integrability. We transfer the integrability condition to that of the linear frame bundle. We obtain a curvature condition which is the vanishing of two components of an irreducible SO(3)-decomposition. The irreducible SO(3)-decomposition of the curvature tensor is explained in Remark A of §5. In §4, we give global examples with integrable twistor spaces. Any Robertson-Walker space-time is conformally flat and the flow of the perfect fluid on it defines an integrable twistor space. In Remark B of §5, we explain the relation of our result and that of [BB-O]. In Remark C, we remark a relation to the normal CR-structures of the tangent sphere bundles of 3-dimensional manifolds ([S-Y]) and we will discuss a relation of our result to the twistor of the real 4-dimensional Riemannian manifold made by changing a real time to the imaginary time.

§1. Almost complex structure of P

1. Let (M_1^4, g) be a 4-dimensional oriented and time-oriented connected Lorentzian manifold. Let P be the set of all future-pointing null directions:

$$P = \text{Null}_+(M) = \{[v] \mid g(v, v) = 0, v \in T(M)\}$$
 is future-pointing,

where [v] is the equivalence class defined by the relation $v \sim \lambda v$. Then P is a 6-dimensional manifold and is the total space of a fibre bundle over M with fibre S^2 . We define an almost complex structure on P and study its integrability. When the structure is integrable, we call the complex 3-dimensional manifold P the integrable twistor space, or simply, the twistor space of the real 4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold M.

On the integrable twistor space P, each fibre S^2 over M becomes biholomorphic to $P^1(\mathbb{C})$, and the normal bundle to it is isomorphic to $H \oplus H$. Here H is the hyperplane-section line bundle on $P^1(\mathbb{C})$.

The linear frame bundle over M is reduced to a principal bundle Q with structure group $SO_{+}(3,1)$. The space P is a fibre bundle

$$Q \times_{SO_{2}(3,1)} S^{2}$$

with fibre

$$SO_{\downarrow}(3,1)/H \cong S^2$$

associated to Q. Let

$$\pi: P \to M$$

be the canonical projection. We will define an almost complex structure

$$I: TP \rightarrow TP$$
.

We have the horizontal lift and the horizontal space of M over P associated to Q. Let T^v be the vertical subbundle of M and let T^h be the horizontal subbundle of M. Then we have

$$TP = T^{\nu} \oplus T^{h}$$

On 2-dimensional subbundle T^v , an almost complex structure is naturally defined. On T^h , the problem is how we define an almost complex structure.

Let [n] be a point in P. We want to lift the Lorentz orthogonal complex structures on $T_{\pi[n]}M\cong \mathbf{R}_1^4$ to T^h horizontally. The set C of all Lorentz orthogonal complex structures is a subset of $\operatorname{End}(T_{\pi[n]}M)$ and is isomorphic to $SO_+(3,1)/U(1)$. Therefore, since C is 5-dimensional, we cannot canonically define an almost complex structure on TP. Compare with the Riemannian case where the set C of all orthogonal complex structures is isomorphic to $SO(4)/U(2)\cong S^2$. Let T be a future-pointing timelike vector field on M such that g(T,T)=-1. We will define an almost complex structure J_T associated to T. Let Π_t be a timelike plane spanned by T and n. Let Π_s be a spacelike plane orthogonal to Π_t . Then there exists an oriented Lorentz orthonormal basis $(e_1;e_2,e_3,e_4\in T_{\pi[n]}M)$ such that

$$e_1 (=T), e_2 \in \Pi_t; e_3, e_4 \in \Pi_s$$

and

$$g(e_1, e_1) = -1, g(e_2, e_2) = g(e_3, e_3) = g(e_4, e_4) = 1, g(e_i, e_i) = 0 \ (i \neq j).$$

A vector e_2 is uniquely determined under the condition that $g(T + e_2, n) = 0$. If we define a transformation j_T on $T_{\pi[n]}M$ such that

$$j_T(e_1) = e_2, \quad j_T(e_2) = -e_1; \quad j_T(e_3) = e_4, \quad j_T(e_4) = -e_3,$$

we define a Lorentz orthogonal complex structure on $T_{\pi[n]}M$. It is independent of the choice of e_3 , $e_4 \in \Pi_s$. Thus, when we choose T, we can canonically define a complex structure on $T_{\pi[n]}M$. If we define a transformation J_T on $T_{[n]}^h$ such that

$$J_T(e_1^h) = e_2^h, \quad J_T(e_2^h) = -e_1^h; \quad J_T(e_3^h) = e_4^h, \quad J_T(e_4^h) = -e_3^h,$$

for the horizontal lifts e_1^h ; e_2^h , e_3^h , e_4^h , we define a complex structure on the horizontal space $T_{[n]}^h$ of $T_{[n]}P$. Therefore we can define an almost complex structure J_T associated to T on $T_{[n]}P$ and TP.

2. We will show the integrability of J_T under the curvature conditions of g. In this section we state the main theorem. The proof will be given in the next sections. Let x be a point in M. We regard the curvature tensor R as a linear transformation on $\Lambda^2 = \Lambda^2 T_T M$ by

$$g(R(X \wedge Y), Z \wedge W) = g(R(X, Y)Z, W)$$

for X, Y, Z, $W \in T_xM$. Put

$$R_{i,kl} = g(R(e_i \wedge e_i), e_k \wedge e_l),$$

for a T-Lorentz orthonormal basis $(e_1; e_2, e_3, e_4 \in T_xM)$. Here we mean a T-Lorentz orthonormal basis by a Lorentz orthonormal basis such that $e_1 = T$. We write the dual basis of T_x^*M for (e_i) by the same letter (e_i) . We have the linear transformation

$$R: \Lambda^2 \to \Lambda^2$$

by

$$R(e_i \wedge e_j) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k,l} R_{ijkl} e_k \wedge e_l.$$

The class of six 2-forms

$$\tilde{\mathbf{e}} = (e_1 \wedge e_2, e_1 \wedge e_3, e_1 \wedge e_4; e_3 \wedge e_4, e_4 \wedge e_2, e_2 \wedge e_3)$$

is an orthonormal basis of Λ^2 . The former three 2-forms are of norm -1 and they span the timelike planes. The latter three 2-forms are of norm 1 and they span the spacelike planes. We denote the subspaces of Λ^2 spanned by the former

three 2-forms and the latter three 2-forms by Λ_t^2 and Λ_s^2 respectively. With respect to the orthonormal basis, Hodge's *-operator *: $\Lambda^2 \to \Lambda^2$ is represented by * = $\begin{pmatrix} O & -I \\ I & O \end{pmatrix}$, where I is the 3 × 3 unit matrix. The mapping * transforms Λ_t^2 onto Λ_s^2 and Λ_s^2 onto Λ_t^2 and * $^2 = -$ id. With respect to the mapping *, Λ^2 becomes a 3-dimensional complex vector space.

Put $Q(\alpha, \beta) = g(R\alpha, \beta)$ for $\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda^2$. Then with respect to the orthonormal basis $\tilde{\mathbf{e}}$ of Λ^2 , we can write

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ {}^{t}B & C \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R_{1212} & R_{1312} & R_{1412} & R_{3412} & R_{4212} & R_{2312} \\ R_{1213} & R_{1313} & R_{1413} & R_{3413} & R_{4213} & R_{2313} \\ R_{1214} & R_{1314} & R_{1414} & R_{3414} & R_{4214} & R_{2314} \\ R_{1234} & R_{1334} & R_{1434} & R_{3434} & R_{4234} & R_{2334} \\ R_{1242} & R_{1342} & R_{1442} & R_{3442} & R_{4242} & R_{2342} \\ R_{1223} & R_{1323} & R_{1423} & R_{3423} & R_{4223} & R_{2323} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \delta & d & e & x & p & q \\ d & \varepsilon & f & s & y & r \\ e & f & \zeta & t & u & z \\ x & s & t & \alpha & a & b \\ p & y & u & a & \beta & c \\ q & r & z & b & c & \gamma \end{pmatrix},$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} -A & -B \\ {}^{t}B & C \end{pmatrix},$$

where A, B, C are 3×3 matrices and $\delta = R_{1212}$, $d = R_{1312}$, $e = R_{1412}$, Then $A = {}^tA$, $C = {}^tC$, and $-A : \Lambda_t^2 \to \Lambda_t^2$, $C : \Lambda_s^2 \to \Lambda_s^2$ are self-adjoint linear transformations.

We can state the following main theorem:

Theorem. Suppose that J_T is integrable on P. Then, with respect to any T-Lorentz orthonormal basis $\mathbf{e}=(e_1=T\;;e_2,e_3,e_4\in T_xM)$ at any point $x\in M$, the following six relations hold:

$$\begin{cases} p+s+2a &= x-y+\delta-\varepsilon\\ q+t+2b &= z-x+\zeta-\delta\\ r+u+2c &= y-z+\varepsilon-\zeta \end{cases} \begin{cases} p+s+2d &= -x+y-\alpha+\beta\\ q+t+2e &= -z+x-\gamma+\alpha\\ r+u+2f &= -y+z-\beta+\gamma \end{cases}$$

Conversely, if this six relations hold for some T-Lorentz orthonormal basis $\mathbf{e}=(e_1=T;e_2,\ e_3,\ e_4\in T_xM)$ at any point $x\in M$, then J_T is integrable on P.

From the above six relations, it follows that

$$a+b+c=e+d+f=-\frac{1}{2}(p+q+r+s+t+u).$$

By the first Bianchi's identity, x + y + z = 0. Although *T*-Lorentz orthonormal basis at each point has an ambiguity of SO(3), the six relations are invariant under the rotations by SO(3).

3. The curvature tensor $R=\begin{pmatrix} -A & -B \\ {}^t B & C \end{pmatrix}$ is decomposed into the spaces \mathcal{W} , \mathcal{L} , \mathcal{U} , (see Besse [Be]), where

$$W = \{R \mid *R = R*, \text{ tr } R = 0\} \cdots \text{ Ricci flat,}$$

 $\mathcal{L} = \{R \mid *R = -R*\}.$

 $\mathcal{U} = \{R \mid R = cI_6, c : \text{constant}, I_6 : 6 \times 6 \text{ unit matrix}\} \cdots \text{constant curvature},$

 $\mathscr{U} + \mathscr{W}$ (i.e., the part of $\mathscr{L} = 0$) \cdots Einstein (*R = R*),

 $\mathscr{U}+\mathscr{L}$ (i.e., the part of $\mathscr{W}=0)\cdots$ conformally flat.

They are irreducible $SO_+(3,1)$ -invariant subspaces of algebraic curvature tensor spaces \mathcal{R} and dim $\mathcal{W}=10$, dim $\mathcal{L}=9$, dim $\mathcal{U}=1$ (cf. Besse [Be]). Since

$$R \in \mathcal{W} \Leftrightarrow -A = C$$
, $B = {}^{t}B$, $\operatorname{tr} A = 0$ (or $\operatorname{tr} C = 0$), $R \in \mathcal{L} \Leftrightarrow A = C$, $B = -{}^{t}B$, $R \in \mathcal{U} \Leftrightarrow -A = C = cI_{3}$ ($R = cI_{6}$),

we have

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} -A & -B \\ {}^{t}B & C \end{pmatrix},$$

$$= W (\in \mathcal{W}) + L (\in \mathcal{L}) + U (\in \mathcal{U})$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-A+C}{2} - \operatorname{tr} A \cdot I_{3} & \frac{-B-{}^{t}B}{2} \\ \frac{B+{}^{t}B}{2} & \frac{-A+C}{2} - \operatorname{tr} A \cdot I_{3} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-A-C}{2} & \frac{-B+{}^{t}B}{2} \\ \frac{-B+{}^{t}B}{2} & \frac{A+C}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \operatorname{tr} A \cdot I_{6}.$$

If the Lorentzian manifold (M, g) is of restricted type, the integrability condition of J_T becomes easier to describe.

COROLLARY. The necessary and sufficient condition that $J_{\scriptscriptstyle T}$ is integrable on P is given as follows:

(1) If $R \in \mathcal{U}$, i.e., if (M, g) is of constant curvature, then J_T is integrable for any T on P and

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha I & O \\ O & \alpha I \end{pmatrix},$$

(2) If $R \in \mathcal{U} + \mathcal{L}$, i.e., if (M, g) is conformally flat, then the condition is that Q is represented by the following form:

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} k & 0 & 0 & 0 & p & q \\ 0 & k & 0 & -p & 0 & r \\ 0 & 0 & k & -q & -r & 0 \\ 0 & -p & -q & l & 0 & 0 \\ p & 0 & -r & 0 & l & 0 \\ q & r & 0 & 0 & 0 & l \end{pmatrix}.$$

(3) If $R \in \mathcal{U} + \mathcal{W}$, i.e., if (M, g) is Einstein, then, for a form

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha & -a & -b & x & p & q \\ -a & -\beta & -c & p & y & r \\ -b & -c & -\gamma & q & r & z \\ x & p & q & \alpha & a & b \\ p & y & r & a & \beta & c \\ q & r & z & b & c & \gamma \end{pmatrix},$$

the condition is that

$$2p = -\alpha + \beta$$
, $2q = -\gamma + \alpha$, $2r = -\beta + \gamma$,
 $2a = x - y$, $2b = z - x$, $2c = y - z$,
 $(x + y + z = 0)$

Especially, if

$$p = q = r = 0$$

then

$$\alpha = \beta = \gamma$$

and if

$$a = b = c = 0$$
,

then

$$x = y = z = 0.$$

Note that, if $R \in \mathcal{W}$, i.e., if (M, g) is Ricci flat, then the condition in (3) is that

$$2p = -\alpha + \beta$$
, $2q = -\gamma + \alpha$, $2r = -\beta + \gamma$,
 $2a = x - y$, $2b = z - x$, $2c = y - z$,
 $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$,
 $(x + y + z = 0)$.

In §4, we will give examples with integrable twistor spaces.

§2. Integrability of J_{τ}

1. We investigate the integrability of J_T not on P directly but on the linear frame bundle over M. Let x be a point in M and let $\mathbf{e} = (e_1 = T ; e_2, e_3, e_4)$ be a T-Lorentz orthonormal basis on T_xM . Then $Q' = \bigcup_{x \in M} \{\mathbf{e}\}$ is the principal $SO(1) \times SO(3) \cong SO(3)$ subbundle of Q over M. We define a mapping

$$\Phi: Q' \rightarrow P$$

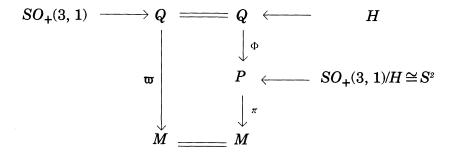
by

$$\Phi(\mathbf{e}) = [e_1 + e_2].$$

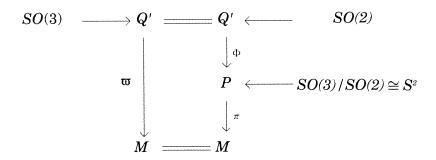
Then Q' is a principal SO(2) bundle over P. Similarly we define a mapping

$$\Phi: Q \to P$$

and Q is a principal H bundle over P. We have the following diagrams:



By a choice of T, we have the following reduced digrams:



2. For a T-Lorentz orthonormal basis $\mathbf{e} = (e_1 = T \; ; e_2, \, e_3, \, e_4)$ on $T_x M$, put $n = e_1 + e_2 \in T_x M$. The horizontal space $T_{[n]}^h \subset T_{[n]} P$ and the horizontal lifts $e_1^h \; ; e_2^h , e_3^h , e_4^h \in T_{[n]}^h$ were defined in §1. Similarly we can define the horizontal space $T_{\mathbf{e}}^H \subset T_{\mathbf{e}} Q$ and the horizontal lifts $e_1^H \; ; e_2^H , e_3^H , e_4^H \in T_{\mathbf{e}}^H$ by $SO_+(3,1)$ -connection. Since the holonomy group of M is not always SO(3), $SO_+(3,1)$ -connection is not always reduced to SO(3)-connection on Q'. Thus $T_{\mathbf{e}}^H$ is not always a subspace of $T_{\mathbf{e}}^H Q'$. We can define a complex structure \bar{J}_T on $T_{\mathbf{e}}^H$ by

$$\bar{J}_T(e_1^H) = e_2^H, \bar{J}_T(e_2^H) = -e_1^H, \bar{J}_T(e_3^H) = e_4^H, \bar{J}_T(e_4^H) = -e_3^H.$$

For \mathbf{e} = (e_1 = T ; e_2, e_3, e_4) \in Q' and

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & & a' \\ 0 & 0 & & a' \end{pmatrix} \in SO(3) \subset SO_+(3,1), \quad a' \in SO(2),$$

we have $R_a \mathbf{e} = (e_1 = T; e_2, e_3 a, e_4 a) \in Q'$. On $T_{R_a \mathbf{e}}^H$ we have

$$\bar{J}_T(e_1^H) = e_2^H, \bar{J}_T(e_2^H) = -e_1^H; \bar{J}_T((e_3a)^H) = (e_4a)^H, \bar{J}_T((e_4a)^H) = -(e_3a)^H$$

and easily get

$$\bar{J}_T(e_3^H) = e_4^H, \quad \bar{J}_T(e_4^H) = -e_3^H \quad \text{for} \quad e_3, e_4 \in T_x M$$

LEMMA. \bar{J}_T is SO(2) equivariant, that is,

$$R_{a*}\bar{J}_T=\bar{J}_TR_{a*}.$$

Proof. It is sufficient to prove $R_{a*}\bar{J}_T(e_i^H)=\bar{J}_TR_{a*}(e_i^H)$ for e_i^H , i=1,2,3,4, of $T_{\bf e}^H$. Observe that, since we have $R_{a*}T_{\bf e}^H=T_{R_{\bf a}{\bf e}}^H$, the horizontal space in TQ at a

point on Q' is SO(2)-invariant. In general we have $R_{a*}(v^H)=v^H$ for $v\in T_xM$, $a\in SO_+(3,1)$. Therefore

$$R_{a*}\bar{J}_T(e_1^H) = R_{a*}e_2^H = e_2^H$$

and

$$\bar{J}_T R_{a*}(e_1^H) = \bar{J}_T e_1^H = e_2^H.$$

Thus $R_{a*}\bar{J}_T(e_1^H) = \bar{J}_T R_{a*}(e_1^H)$. Similarly $R_{a*}\bar{J}_T(e_i^H) = \bar{J}_T R_{a*}(e_i^H)$, i = 2,3,4.

3. Let E_{ij} be the matrix unit whose (i,j)-component is equal to 1 and the other components are 0. For $S=\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & I_3 \end{pmatrix}$, let us put

$$SO(3,1) = \{X \in GL(4, \mathbf{R}) \mid {}^{t}XSX = S\},\$$

$$o(3,1) = \{X \in Mat(4, \mathbf{R}) \mid {}^{t}XS + SX = 0\}.$$

Then $\sigma(3,1)$ has the basis $(X_1, X_2, X_3; Y_1, Y_2, Y_3)$ defined by

$$Y_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -E_{24} + E_{42}, \quad Y_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -E_{23} + E_{32}.$$

Obviously the subgroup

$$\{a \in SO_{+}(3,1) \mid a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & & & \\ 0 & & a' & \\ 0 & & & \end{pmatrix}, \ a' \in SO(3)\}$$

is isomorphic to SO(3). The corresponding Lie subalgebra of $\mathfrak{o}(3,1)$ is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{o}(3)$ and Y_1 , Y_2 , Y_3 are the basis on it. Similarly the subgroup

$$\{a \in SO_{+}(3,1) \mid a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a' \end{pmatrix}, a' \in SO(2)\}$$

is isomorphic to SO(2). The corresponding Lie subalgebra of v(3,1) is isomorphic to v(2) and v(3) is the basis on it.

By the way, o(3,1) has the structure of a simple graded Lie algebra as follows. Put

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{g}_0 &= \mathrm{span}\{X_1,\ Y_1\}\,,\\ \mathbf{g}_1 &= \mathrm{span}\{V_1 = X_2 - Y_3,\ V_2 = X_3 - Y_2\}\,,\\ \mathbf{g}_{-1} &= \mathrm{span}\{W_1 = X_2 + Y_3,\ W_2 = X_3 + Y_2\}\,. \end{split}$$

Then we have

$$\mathfrak{o}(3,1) = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1,$$
$$[\mathfrak{g}_i, \mathfrak{g}_j] \subset \mathfrak{g}_{i+j}.$$

Furthermore, for the Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} of H, we have

$$\mathfrak{h}\cong\mathfrak{g}_0\oplus\mathfrak{g}_1.$$

For $\mathbf{e} \in Q'$, we decompose

$$T_{\mathbf{e}}Q = T_{\mathbf{e}}^{V} \oplus T_{\mathbf{e}}^{H} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{0} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{1} \oplus T_{\mathbf{e}}^{H}.$$

We define

$$\tilde{J}_T: T_{\mathbf{e}}Q \to T_{\mathbf{e}}Q$$

by the following way:

(i)
$$\tilde{J}_T(\mathfrak{g}_0) = 0$$
,

(ii)
$$\tilde{J}_T(X_2) = X_3$$
, $\tilde{J}_T(X_3) = -X_2$,

(iii)
$$\tilde{J}_T(Y_2) = -Y_3$$
, $\tilde{J}_T(Y_3) = Y_2$,

(iv)
$$\tilde{J}_T \mid_{T_n^H} = \bar{J}_T$$
,

where we write the fundamental vector fields X_i^* , Y_i^* simply by X_i , Y_i . We have

$$\tilde{J}_T(W_1) = \tilde{J}_T(X_2 + Y_3) = X_3 + Y_2 = W_2, \quad \tilde{J}_T(W_2) = \tilde{J}_T(X_3 + Y_2) = -X_2 - Y_3 = -W_1.$$

LEMMA. \tilde{J}_T is SO(2) equivariant, that is, for $a \in SO(2) \subset SO_+(3,1)$,

$$R_{a*}\tilde{J}_T = \tilde{J}_T R_{a*}.$$

Proof. As it follows easily that $R_{a*}\tilde{J}_T(X_i)=\tilde{J}_TR_{a*}(X_i)$, i=2,3, we will prove $R_{a*}\tilde{J}_T(Y_i)=\tilde{J}_TR_{a*}(Y_i)$, i=2,3. Take

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since

$$R_{a*}Y_2 = \text{Ad}(a^{-1})Y_2 = \sin \theta Y_3 + \cos \theta Y_2,$$

 $R_{a*}Y_3 = \text{Ad}(a^{-1})Y_3 = \cos \theta Y_3 - \sin \theta Y_2,$

therefore

$$\begin{split} R_{a*}\tilde{J}_T(Y_2) &= -R_{a*}Y_3 = -\cos\theta Y_3 + \sin\theta Y_2, \\ \tilde{J}_TR_{a*}(Y_2) &= \tilde{J}_T(\sin\theta Y_3 + \cos\theta Y_2) = \sin\theta \tilde{J}_T(Y_3) + \cos\theta \tilde{J}_T(Y_2) \\ &= \sin\theta Y_2 - \cos\theta Y_3. \end{split}$$

Therefore we obtain that $R_{a*}\tilde{J}_T(Y_2)=\tilde{J}_T\,R_{a*}(Y_2)$. Similarly we obtain that $R_{a*}\tilde{J}_T(Y_3)=\tilde{J}_TR_{a*}(Y_3)$.

Lemma. We have

$$\Phi_* \tilde{J}_T = J_T \Phi_*,$$

$$\operatorname{Ker} \Phi_* = \mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1.$$

Proof. According to the definitions of horizontal spaces and horizontal lifts, the horizontal space in Q at a point on Q' is isomorphically mapped onto the horizontal space at a point on $P: \Phi_*T^H = T^h$. To be precise, $\Phi_*(e_i^H) = e_i^h$, i = 1,2,3,4, hold. Therefore the conclusion follows from the lemma above.

4. Since we can regard $\Phi: Q' \to P$ as a quotient mapping by the right action of $\{a(\theta) = \exp(\theta Y_1)\} \cong SO(2)$, the following proposition is a consequence of the above lemma.

PROPOSITION. The following conditions are equivalent:

(1) J_T is integrable on P.

(2) For Neijenhuis tensor N, we have

$$N(U, V) = [U, V] - [JU, JV] + J[JU, V] + J[U, JV] = 0,$$

where U, V are vector fields on P.

(3) For $\tilde{J} = \tilde{J}_T$ on Q, we have

$$\tilde{N}(\tilde{U}, \tilde{V}) = [\tilde{U}, \tilde{V}] - [\tilde{J}\tilde{U}, \tilde{J}\tilde{V}] + \tilde{J}[\tilde{J}\tilde{U}, \tilde{V}] + \tilde{J}[\tilde{U}, \tilde{J}\tilde{V}] \subset \operatorname{span}\{X_1, Y_1; V_1, V_2\},$$

where \tilde{U} , \tilde{V} are vector fields on Q along Q' and Φ -related with U, V respectively, which is equivalent to that

$$\tilde{N}(\tilde{U}, \tilde{V}) \equiv 0 \mod \operatorname{span}\{X_1, Y_1; V_1, V_2\},$$

where \tilde{U} , \tilde{V} belong to span $\{W_1, W_2\} \oplus T^H$.

From now on, we write \tilde{N} and \tilde{J} simply by N and J.

§3. Proof of Theorem

In the following we investigate the curvature condition with respect to g of M such that $N \equiv 0 \mod \mathrm{span}\{X_1, Y_1; V_1, V_2\}$ by dividing into several parts.

1. We have the following relations:

$$\begin{split} [X_1, X_2] &= -Y_3, \quad [X_1, X_3] = -Y_2, \quad [X_2, X_3] = -Y_1, \\ [X_1, Y_1] &= 0, \quad [X_1, Y_2] = -X_3, \quad [X_1, Y_3] = -X_2, \\ [X_2, Y_1] &= -X_3, \quad [X_2, Y_2] = 0, \quad [X_2, Y_3] = X_1, \\ [X_3, Y_1] &= X_2, \quad [X_3, Y_2] = X_1, \quad [X_3, Y_3] = 0, \\ [Y_1, Y_2] &= -Y_3, \quad [Y_1, Y_2] = Y_2, \quad [Y_2, Y_2] = -Y_1. \end{split}$$

The proof of the following is straightforward.

LEMMA. We have

$$N(W_1, W_2) = 0.$$

2. Let x be a point in M and let $\mathbf{e} = (e_1 = T ; e_2, e_3, e_4)$ be a T-Lorentz orthonormal basis on T_xM . Choose an open subset $U \subseteq M$ such that the point x belongs to U and the linear frame bundle Q' is a trivial bundle over U. Let

$$s = (s_1 = T; s_2, s_3, s_4) : U \rightarrow Q'$$

be a set of local sections such that $s_1 = T$; s_2 , s_3 , s_4 are Lorentz orthonormal frame fields on U and $\mathbf{s}(x) = \mathbf{e}$, i.e., $s_i(x) = e_i$, i = 1,2,3,4, hold. Put

$$Z_i = s_i^H = s_i - \sum_{i,k} \omega_{ijk}(s_i) E_{jk}, \quad i = 1,2,3,4.$$

Here we write s_*s_i and E_{jk}^* simply by s_i and E_{jk} . The $SO_+(3,1)$ -connection form $\omega = (\omega_{jk})$ is defined by $\nabla s_j = \sum_k \omega_{jk} \otimes s_k$, where ∇ is the Levi-Civita connection. Since ω is a $\mathfrak{o}(3,1)$ -valued 1-form, we can write

$$\omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega_{12} & \omega_{13} & \omega_{14} \\ \omega_{12} & 0 & \omega_{23} & \omega_{24} \\ \omega_{13} & -\omega_{23} & 0 & \omega_{34} \\ \omega_{14} & -\omega_{24} & -\omega_{34} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

for

$$\omega_{12} = \omega_{21}, \ \omega_{13} = \omega_{31}, \ \omega_{14} = \omega_{41}; \ \omega_{23} = -\omega_{32}, \ \omega_{24} = -\omega_{42}, \ \omega_{34} = -\omega_{43}.$$

We have

$$T^{H} = \text{span} \{Z_1; Z_2, Z_3, Z_4\}.$$

Since we have

$$Z_i = e_i^H, i = 1,2,3,4,$$

at $e = (e_1 = T, e_2, e_3, e_4)$ in Q',

$$J(Z_1) = Z_2$$
, $J(Z_2) = -J(Z_1)$; $J(Z_3) = Z_4$, $J(Z_4) = -Z_3$

hold on $T_{\mathbf{e}}^H$. From the 3-rd step to the 6-th step, we will discuss the problem at $\mathbf{e} \in Q'$.

3. We will show the following lemma:

LEMMA. We have

$$N(Z_i, W_1) \equiv 0$$
 and $N(Z_i, W_2) \equiv 0 \mod \{X_1, Y_1; V_1, V_2\}, i = 1,2,3,4.$

Proof. We will only prove the former equation since the latter is proved similarly.

$$\begin{split} N(Z_1,\ W_1) &= [Z_1,\ W_1] - [Z_2,\ W_2] + J[Z_2,\ W_1] + J[Z_1,\ W_2] \\ &= [s_1 - \sum \omega_{ij}(s_1)E_{ij},\ W_1] - [s_2 - \sum \omega_{ij}(s_2)E_{ij},\ W_2] \\ &+ J[s_2 - \sum \omega_{ij}(s_2)E_{ij},\ W_1] + J[s_1 - \sum \omega_{ij}(s_1)E_{ij},\ W_2] \\ &= - \sum \omega_{ij}(s_1)[E_{ij},\ W_1] + \sum \omega_{ij}(s_2)[E_{ij},\ W_2] \\ &- J(\sum \omega_{ij}(s_2)[E_{ij},\ W_1]) - J(\sum \omega_{ij}(s_1)[E_{ij},\ W_2]) \\ &= - (\omega_{12}(s_1)[X_1,\ W_1] + \omega_{13}(s_1)[X_2,\ W_1] + \omega_{14}(s_1)[X_3,\ W_1] \\ &+ \omega_{23}(s_1)[-\ Y_3,\ W_1] + \omega_{24}(s_1)[-\ Y_2,\ W_1] + \omega_{34}(s_1)[-\ Y_1,\ W_1]) \\ &+ \omega_{12}(s_2)[X_1,\ W_2] + \omega_{13}(s_2)[X_2,\ W_2] + \omega_{14}(s_2)[X_3,\ W_2] \\ &+ \omega_{23}(s_2)[-\ Y_3,\ W_2] + \omega_{24}(s_2)[-\ Y_2,\ W_2] + \omega_{34}(s_2)[-\ Y_1,\ W_2]) \\ &- J(\omega_{12}(s_2)[X_1,\ W_1] + \omega_{13}(s_2)[X_2,\ W_1] + \omega_{14}(s_2)[X_3,\ W_1] \\ &+ \omega_{23}(s_2)[-\ Y_3,\ W_1] + \omega_{24}(s_2)[-\ Y_2,\ W_1] + \omega_{34}(s_2)[-\ Y_1,\ W_1]) \\ &- J(\omega_{12}(s_1)[X_1,\ W_2] + \omega_{13}(s_1)[X_2,\ W_2] + \omega_{14}(s_1)[X_3,\ W_2] \\ &+ \omega_{23}(s_1)[-\ Y_3,\ W_2] + \omega_{24}(s_1)[-\ Y_2,\ W_2] + \omega_{34}(s_1)[-\ Y_1,\ W_2]) \\ &= \omega_{12}(s_1)W_1 + \omega_{34}(s_1)W_2 - \omega_{12}(s_2)W_2 + \omega_{34}(s_2)W_1 \\ &+ J(\omega_{12}(s_2)W_1) + J(\omega_{34}(s_2)W_2) + J(\omega_{12}(s_1)W_2) - J(\omega_{34}(s_1)W_1) \\ &+ \{\ldots\} \quad (\{\ldots\} \text{ is the terms with respect to } X_1,\ Y_1;\ V_1,\ V_2) \\ &\equiv 0 \mod \{X_1,\ Y_1;\ V_1,\ V_2\}. \end{split}$$

Similarly we obtain that

$$N(Z_i, W_1) \equiv 0 \mod \{X_1, Y_1; V_1, V_2\}, i = 2,3,4.$$

4. The following equations are easy to see.

LEMMA. We have

$$N(Z_1, Z_2) = 0$$
, $N(Z_3, Z_4) = 0$,
 $N(Z_1, Z_3) = -N(Z_2, Z_4)$, $N(Z_1, Z_4) = N(Z_2, Z_3)$.

5. From the above lemmas it remains to consider $N(Z_1, Z_3)$, $N(Z_1, Z_4)$. For the above Lorentz orthonormal frame fields $s_1 = T$; s_2 , s_3 , s_4 on U, moreover let them satisfy $(\nabla s_i)_x = 0$. They form a geodesic coordinate system at x. Therefore $\omega_{ij}(s_k)(x) = 0$, and $[s_i, s_k]|_x = \nabla_{s_i} s_k - \nabla_{s_k} s_i|_x = 0$.

For the curvature tensor R,

$$R(s_{l}, s_{k})s_{i} = \nabla_{s_{l}}\nabla_{s_{k}}s_{i} - \nabla_{s_{k}}\nabla_{s_{l}}s_{i} - \nabla_{[s_{l}, s_{k}]}s_{i}.$$

Since
$$\nabla s_i = \sum \omega_{ij} s_j$$
, $\nabla_{s_k} s_i = \sum \omega_{ij} (s_k) s_j$, we have
$$\nabla_{s_i} \nabla_{s_i} s_i = \sum s_i \omega_{ij} (s_k) s_j + \sum \omega_{ij} (s_k) \omega_{im} (s_l) s_m.$$

Similarly we have

$$\nabla_{s_k} \nabla_{s_l} s_i = \sum s_k \omega_{ij}(s_l) s_j + \sum \omega_{ij}(s_l) \omega_{jm}(s_k) s_m.$$

Hence

$$R_{lkij}(x) = g(R(s_l, s_k)s_i, s_j)(x)$$

$$= g(\sum_{m} (s_l \omega_{lm}(s_k) - s_k \omega_{lm}(s_l))s_m, s_j)(x)$$

$$= \begin{cases} -s_l \omega_{i1}(s_k) + s_k \omega_{i1}(s_l), & \text{if } j = 1, \\ s_l \omega_{ij}(s_k) - s_k \omega_{ij}(s_l), & \text{if } j = 2,3,4. \end{cases}$$

Consequently

$$\begin{split} \left[Z_{i},Z_{j}\right]\big|_{\mathbf{e}} &= \left[s_{i}-\sum\omega_{lk}(s_{i})E_{lk},\,s_{j}-\sum\omega_{mn}(s_{j})E_{mn}\right]\big|_{\mathbf{e}} \\ &= -\sum s_{i}\omega_{mn}(s_{j})E_{mn} + \sum s_{j}\omega_{lk}(s_{i})E_{lk} \\ &= \left(s_{i}\omega_{23}(s_{j})-s_{j}\omega_{23}(s_{i})\right)Y_{3} + \left(s_{i}\omega_{24}(s_{j})-s_{j}\omega_{24}(s_{i})\right)Y_{2} \\ &+ \left(-s_{i}\omega_{13}(s_{j})+s_{j}\omega_{13}(s_{i})\right)X_{2} + \left(-s_{i}\omega_{14}(s_{j})+s_{j}\omega_{14}(s_{i})\right)X_{3} + \left\{\ldots\right\} \\ &= R_{ij23}Y_{3}+R_{ij24}Y_{2}+R_{ij31}X_{2}+R_{ij41}X_{3} + \left\{\ldots\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\left(R_{ij23}+R_{ij31}\right)W_{1} + \frac{1}{2}\left(R_{ij24}+R_{ij41}\right)W_{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}\left(-R_{ij23}+R_{ij31}\right)V_{1} + \frac{1}{2}\left(-R_{ij24}+R_{ij41}\right)V_{2} + \left\{\ldots\right\} \text{ (\mathbf{e} is omitted)}. \end{split}$$

6. Finally we examine $N(Z_1, Z_3)$, $N(Z_1, Z_4)$.

LEMMA. The following conditions are equivalent:

(1)
$$N(Z_1, Z_3) \equiv 0 \mod \{X_1, Y_1; V_1, V_2\},$$

(2)
$$N(Z_1, Z_4) \equiv 0 \mod \{X_1, Y_1; V_1, V_2\},$$

(3)
$$\begin{cases} R_{1323} + R_{1331} + R_{1324} - 2R_{2324} + R_{1423} + R_{1414} + R_{1442} = 0 \\ R_{2323} + R_{2331} + R_{2314} - 2R_{1314} + R_{2413} + R_{2414} + R_{2442} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Proof. We have

$$N(Z_1, Z_3) = [Z_1, Z_3] - [Z_2, Z_4] + J[Z_2, Z_3] + J[Z_1, Z_4]$$

$$\begin{split} &=\frac{1}{2}\left(R_{1323}+R_{1331}\right)W_{1}+\frac{1}{2}\left(R_{1324}+R_{1341}\right)W_{2} \\ &-\frac{1}{2}\left(R_{2423}+R_{2431}\right)W_{1}-\frac{1}{2}\left(R_{2424}+R_{2441}\right)W_{2} \\ &+J\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(R_{2323}+R_{2331}\right)W_{1}+\frac{1}{2}\left(R_{2324}+R_{2341}\right)W_{2}\right) \\ &+J\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(R_{1423}+R_{1431}\right)W_{1}+\frac{1}{2}\left(R_{1424}+R_{1441}\right)W_{2}\right)+\left\{\ldots\right\} \\ &=\frac{1}{2}\left(R_{1323}+R_{1331}+R_{1324}-2R_{2324}+R_{1423}+R_{1414}+R_{1442}\right)W_{1} \\ &+\frac{1}{2}\left(R_{2323}+R_{2331}+R_{2314}-2R_{1314}+R_{2413}+R_{2414}+R_{2442}\right)W_{2}+\left\{\ldots\right\}. \end{split}$$

Therefore the necessary and sufficient condition for

$$N(Z_1, Z_3) \equiv 0 \mod \{X_1, Y_1; V_1, V_2\},$$

is that

$$\begin{cases} R_{1323} + R_{1331} + R_{1324} - 2R_{2324} + R_{1423} + R_{1414} + R_{1442} = 0 \\ R_{2323} + R_{2331} + R_{2314} - 2R_{1314} + R_{2413} + R_{2414} + R_{2442} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Next we have

$$\begin{split} N(Z_1,\,Z_4) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(R_{2314} + R_{2323} + R_{2331} - 2 R_{1314} + R_{2442} + R_{2414} + R_{2413} \right) W_1 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left(R_{1424} + R_{1441} + R_{1432} + 2 R_{2324} + R_{1342} + R_{1332} + R_{1313} \right) W_2 + \{ \ldots \}. \end{split}$$

Therefore the necessary and sufficient condition for

$$N(Z_1, Z_4) \equiv 0 \mod \{X_1, Y_1; V_1, V_2\},$$

is that

$$\begin{cases} R_{2314} + R_{2323} + R_{2331} - 2R_{1314} + R_{2442} + R_{2414} + R_{2413} = 0 \\ R_{1424} + R_{1441} + R_{1432} + 2R_{2324} + R_{1342} + R_{1332} + R_{1313} = 0. \end{cases}$$

These are the same relations as for $N(Z_1, Z_3)$.

7. Up to now, for the fixed point $x \in M$, we have expressed the integrability of J_T at a point $\mathbf{e} = (e_1 = T \; ; e_2, e_3, e_4)$ with the distinguished local frame field $\mathbf{s} = (s_1 = T \; ; s_2, s_3, s_4) : U \rightarrow Q'$ on the neighborhood U of x in M. We

discuss the integrability of J_T at all points along the fibre $\varpi^{-1}(x) \cong SO(3)$ by rotating \mathbf{e} by SO(3). First we even-permute the index 2,3,4 in the two relations at (3) in lemma in 6-th step. We discuss the integrability of J_T at $\mathbf{e}' = (e_1 = T; e_4, e_2, e_3)$ and $\mathbf{e}'' = (e_1 = T; e_3, e_4, e_2)$ in Q'. For the first relation,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 234 \\ 234 \end{pmatrix} : R_{1323} + R_{1331} + R_{1324} - 2R_{2324} + R_{1423} + R_{1414} + R_{1442} = 0,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 234 \\ 423 \end{pmatrix} : R_{1242} + R_{1221} + R_{1243} - 2R_{4243} + R_{1342} + R_{1313} + R_{1334} = 0,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 234 \\ 342 \end{pmatrix} : R_{1434} + R_{1441} + R_{1432} - 2R_{3432} + R_{1234} + R_{1212} + R_{1223} = 0.$$

For the second relation,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 234 \\ 234 \end{pmatrix} : R_{2323} + R_{2331} + R_{2314} - 2R_{1314} + R_{2413} + R_{2414} + R_{2442} = 0,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 234 \\ 423 \end{pmatrix} : R_{4242} + R_{4221} + R_{4213} - 2R_{1213} + R_{4312} + R_{4313} + R_{4334} = 0,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 234 \\ 342 \end{pmatrix} : R_{3434} + R_{3441} + R_{3412} - 2R_{1412} + R_{3214} + R_{3212} + R_{3223} = 0.$$

Thus we have obtained six relations of the curvature of the Lorentzian manifold which is equivalent to the relations of Theorem in §1. Next we rotate \mathbf{e} by an arbitrary element $a \in SO(3)$. The two relations are changed by the action of $a \in SO(3)$. Using the skew-symmetry relations of the curvature tensor and representing $a \in SO(3)$ by Euler's angles, we can show that these two relations are linear combinations of the above six relations. This completes the proof of Theorem.

We note that the space of algebraic curvature tensors which satisfy the above six relations is SO(3)-invariant. See Remark A in §5.

§4. Global examples

1. Using Corollary in §1, we will give global examples of M with a future-pointing timelike vector field T such that J_T is integrable on P.

If M is of constant curvature and T is an arbitrary future-pointing timelike vector field on M, then we have

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha I_3 & O \\ O & \alpha I_3 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $R = \alpha I_6 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha I_3 & O \\ O & \alpha I_3 \end{pmatrix}$.

This form satisfies (1) of Corollary in §1 and J_T is integrable on P.

If M is the (Lorentz) product of 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold N with constant curvature and \mathbf{R}_1^1 , then M is conformally flat. Take T to be the \mathbf{R}_1^1 direction. We have

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} O & O \\ O & \alpha I_3 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $R = \begin{pmatrix} O & O \\ O & \alpha I_3 \end{pmatrix}$.

This form satisfies (2) of Corollary in §1 and J_T is integrable on P.

Including two examples above, there are Robertson-Walker space-times with

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \beta I_3 & O \\ O & \alpha I_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

They are conformally flat. See [O'N]. Of course, there are many examples of conformally flat spaces which are not Robertson-Walker space-times.

Robertson-Walker space-time M=M(k,f) is defined by (Lorentz) warped product $I\times_f N$, where $I=(a,b)\subset \mathbf{R}^1_1 (-\infty \le a < b \le +\infty)$ and N is 3-dimensional connected Riemannian manifold with constant curvature k. We write the Lorentzian metric g as

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + f(t)^2 d\sigma^2,$$

where $-dt^2$ is a line element on base manifold I, $d\sigma^2$ is a line element on fibre manifold N, and f(t) > 0 is a smooth function on I called a warping function or scaling function. Robertson-Walker space-time is a globally hyperbolic space, and spacelike slice S(t) ($t \in I$) is a Cauchy hypersurface.

Especially if f=1, M is the (Lorentz) product of 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold N with constant curvature and I. This is Einstein's static universe. There are other special examples of Robertson-Walker space-times which are Lorentzian manifolds with constant curvature. We have $S_1^4=\mathbf{R}_1^1\times_f S^3$, with $f=\cosh t$, called the de Sitter space-time. Using the polar coordinate system on S^3 ,

$$ds^{2} = -dt^{2} + \cosh^{2} t (dr^{2} + \sin^{2} r (d\theta^{2} + \sin^{2} \theta d\phi^{2})).$$

We have the flat space time $\mathbf{R}_1^4 = \mathbf{R}_1^1 \times \mathbf{R}^3$. We have $(0, \pi) \times_f H^3$ for some warping function f which is isometric to the half of the anti-de Sitter space H_1^4 diffeomorphic to $\mathbf{R}^3 \times S^1$. Remark that the universal covering space \tilde{H}_1^4 of H_1^4 is

given by $\tilde{H}_1^4 = H^3 \times_g \mathbf{R}_1^1$, and $g = \cosh r$. Using the polar coordinate system on H^3 .

$$ds^{2} = -\cosh^{2} r dt^{2} + dr^{2} + \sinh^{2} r (d\theta^{2} + \sin^{2} \theta d\phi^{2}).$$

On a Robertson-Walker space-time M, let us choose

$$T = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}.$$

It is a unit vector field Lorentz orthogonal to each spacelike slice S(t) and future-pointing with respect to the canonical timelike orientation. Let X, Y, Z be vector fields tangent to S(t), then we have

$$R(X, Y)Z = -\left(\left(\frac{f'}{f}\right)^2 + \frac{k}{f^2}\right)(g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X),$$

$$R(X, Y)T = -\frac{f''}{f}X, \quad R(X, Y)T = 0, \quad R(X, Z)Y = -\frac{f''}{f}g(X, Y)T.$$

The sectional curvature K_T including T satisfies $K_T = \frac{f''}{f}$. If t is fixed, its values are constant. The sectional curvature K_σ tangent to spacelike slice satisfies $K_\sigma = \frac{f'^2 + k}{f^2}$. If t is fixed, its values are constant. The Ricci curvature (tensor) has the following values:

Ric(T, T) =
$$-\frac{3f''}{f}$$
, Ric(T, X) = 0,
Ric(X, Y) = $\left(2\left(\frac{f'}{f}\right)^2 + \frac{2k}{f^2} + \frac{f''}{f}\right)g(X, Y)$.

The scalar curvature satisfies $S=\frac{1}{6}\left(\left(\frac{f'}{f}\right)^2+\frac{k}{f^2}+\frac{f''}{f}\right)$. It follows that M is conformally flat. If $s_1=T$ and $s_2=X$, $s_3=Y$, $s_4=Z$ are orthonormal vector tangent to S(t), they are T-Lorentz orthonormal basis at a point in M. Then we have the following form Q:

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{f''}{f} I_3 & O \\ O & \frac{f'^2 + k}{f^2} I_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This form satisfies (2) of Corollary in §1.

Proposition. Suppose that M is Robertson-Walker space-time. If we choose $T=\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ on M, then J_T is integrable on P.

2. We remark that, if there is an example of M with a form

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -x & 0 & 0 & x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -y & 0 & 0 & y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x+y & 0 & 0 & -x-y \\ x & 0 & 0 & -x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y & 0 & 0 & -y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -x-y & 0 & 0 & x+y \end{pmatrix},$$

then M is not conformally flat, but P is an integrable twistor space.

We remark that, if we choose the canonical T on M with Taub-NUT metric or Eguchi-Hanson metric , then J_T is not integrable on P. Then, note that M is Einstein.

§5. Final remarks

Remark A:

1. In 3 of §1, we considered the irreducible $SO_+(3,1)$ -decomposition of algebraic curvature tensor space $\mathcal R$ on $\Lambda^2=\Lambda^2\mathbf R_1^4$. The vector space $\mathcal R$ is 20-dimensional and consists of the three invariant subspaces. We obtained the corollary by the irreducible decomposition of the curvature tensor R of (M,g). Choose a future-pointing timelike unit vector field T on M. Since

$$SO_+(3,1) \supset SO(1) \times SO(3) \cong SO(3)$$
,

we can regard \mathcal{R} as an SO(3)-module. In this section, we subdecompose \mathcal{R} into irreducible SO(3)-invariant subspaces and we will restate the conclusion of Theorem as the vanishing of certain components of the curvature tensor \mathcal{R} .

We have the action of $SO_{+}(3,1)$ on Λ^{2} defined by

$$\rho(a)(u \wedge v) = au \wedge av, \quad a \in SO_+(3,1).$$

Choose a T-Lorentz orthonormal basis $\mathbf{e}=(e_1=T;e_2,e_3,e_4)\in T_xM$. Then we have the orthonormal basis $\tilde{\mathbf{e}}$ of Λ^2 . With respect to this basis, the action ρ defines an exterior product representation

$$\rho: SO_+(3,1) \to GL(\Lambda^2)$$
.

We can restrict the representation to obtain

$$\rho: SO(3) \to GL(\Lambda^2)$$
.

Let

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & & & \\ 0 & & a' & \\ 0 & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

be an element in $SO(1)\times SO(3)\subset SO_+(3,1)$, where $a'\in SO(3)$. Since $ae_1=e_1$, $T=e_1$, we have

$$\rho(a) = \begin{pmatrix} {}^{t}a' & O \\ O & {}^{t}a' \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(a)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a' & O \\ O & a' \end{pmatrix}.$$

We regard \mathcal{R} as a subset of $Mat(\Lambda^2) \cong Mat(6)$, all 6×6 matrices. We have

$$\rho(a)^{-1}R\rho(a) = \begin{pmatrix} a' & O \\ O & a' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -A & -B \\ {}^{t}B & C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{t}a' & O \\ O & {}^{t}a' \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} -a'A^{t}a' & -a'B^{t}a' \\ a'^{t}B^{t}a' & a'C^{t}a' \end{pmatrix}.$$

The transformation defined by $\mathcal{R} \ni R \mapsto \rho(a)^{-1}R\rho(a)$ gives \mathcal{R} the structure of an SO(3)-module. The 3×3 matrices A, B, C are transformed by the conjugate transformations of $a' \in SO(3)$.

Then, we can take another point of view. We regard \mathcal{R} as a codimension one subspace of $S^2(\Lambda^2)$, the space of all symmetric 2-tensors on Λ^2 . Then, in consideration of $\Lambda^2 = \Lambda_t^2 \oplus \Lambda_s^2$, we have the SO(3)-decomposition

$$S^{2}(\Lambda^{2}) = S^{2}(\Lambda_{t}^{2}) \oplus (\Lambda_{t}^{2} \otimes \Lambda_{s}^{2}) \oplus S^{2}(\Lambda_{s}^{2}).$$

Therefore R has the components decomposed into the above three SO(3)-invariant subspaces.

2. We recall the real representation theory of SO(3). The real irreducible representations of SO(3) are of odd degrees as well as that of the complex irreducible representations of SO(3). In 1-, 3-, 5-dimensions, the representations are realized by conjugate transformations on the vector space Mat(3).

LEMMA. The SO(3)-module Mat(3) is decomposed into the following three irre-

ducible subspaces:

$$Mat(3) = \mathfrak{D} \oplus \mathfrak{S} \oplus \mathfrak{A}.$$

where \mathfrak{D} is the set of all 3×3 scalar matrices and dim $\mathfrak{D} = 1$,

 \mathfrak{S} is the set of all 3×3 trace-free symmetric matrices and dim $\mathfrak{D} = 5$,

 \mathfrak{A} is the set of all 3×3 skew-symmetric matrices and dim $\mathfrak{D} = 3$.

Proof. First Mat(3) is decomposed into the symmetric part and the skew-symmetric part. In the set of all symmetric matrices Sym(3) which is 6 dimensional, for $A \in Sym(3)$, we have

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & d & e \\ d & b & f \\ e & f & c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a+b+c}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{a+b+c}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{a+b+c}{3} \end{pmatrix} +$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a - \frac{a+b+c}{3} & d & e \\ d & b - \frac{a+b+c}{3} & f \\ e & f & c - \frac{a+b+c}{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The first term is a scalar matrix and the second term a trace-free matrix. It follows easily that $\mathfrak{S},\mathfrak{A}$ are irreducible by conjugate transformations of SO(3).

Note that the representation of SO(3) by conjugate transformations on $\operatorname{Mat}(3)$ is equivalent to the tensor product representation $\tau_1 \otimes \tau_1$ on a 9-dimensional representation space. Here τ_1 is the 3-dimensional irreducible representation of SO(3) induced by the 3-dimensional irreducible representation ρ_2 with the highest weight 2 of SU(2). By the way, according to the Clebsch-Gordan's formula, $\tau_1 \otimes \tau_1$ is decomposed into the direct sum of the irreducible representations of SO(3):

$$\tau_1 \otimes \tau_1 = \tau_2 \oplus \tau_1 \oplus \tau_0,$$

where $\deg \tau_2 = 5$, $\deg \tau_1 = 3$, $\deg \tau_0 = 1$. This gives the irreducible decomposition of lemma.

3. As mentioned in §1, $R \in \mathcal{R}$ has the components representation decomposed into the three irreducible $SO_+(3,1)$ -invariant subspaces:

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} -A & -B \\ {}^{t}B & C \end{pmatrix} = W + L + U.$$

On the other hand, as mentioned above, R can be regarded as R = A + B + C by the components of not irreducible SO(3)-invariant subspaces. Put

$$\mathcal{A} := \{ -A : \Lambda_t^2 \to \Lambda_t^2, \text{ self-adjoint linear transformation} \}$$

$$\cong \operatorname{Sym}(3) = \mathfrak{D} \oplus \mathfrak{S} = : \mathcal{A}_D \oplus \mathcal{A}_S,$$

$$\mathcal{B} := \{ -B : \Lambda_s^2 \to \Lambda_t^2, \text{ linear transformation, tr} = 0 \}$$

$$\cong \mathfrak{S} \oplus \mathfrak{A} = : \mathcal{B}_S \oplus \mathcal{B}_A,$$

$$\mathcal{C} := \{ C : \Lambda_s^2 \to \Lambda_s^2, \text{ self-adjoint linear transformation} \}$$

$$\cong \operatorname{Sym}(3) = \mathfrak{D} \oplus \mathfrak{S} = : \mathcal{C}_D \oplus \mathcal{C}_S.$$

Then we have

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{A} \oplus \mathcal{B} \oplus \mathcal{C} \cdots SO(3)$$
-decomposition,
= $\mathcal{A}_D \oplus \mathcal{A}_S \oplus \mathcal{B}_S \oplus \mathcal{B}_A \oplus \mathcal{C}_D \oplus \mathcal{C}_S \cdots$ irreducible $SO(3)$ -decomposition.

We can make new six irreducible SO(3)-invariant decomposition by transforming some basis. Then we can remark that J_T is integrable on P if and only if the two components of some 1 dimensional and 5 dimensional SO(3)-invariant subspaces of R vanish.

Remark B:

1. We recall the construction of [BB-O]. Let $\mathscr C$ be the set of all complex structures on $\mathbf R^{2n}$. A general linear group $GL(2n, \mathbf R)$ acts transitively on $\mathscr C$ by conjugation.

For a closed subgroup G_0 of $GL(2n, \mathbf{R})$, let C be a G_0 -invariant submanifold of \mathscr{C} . We have $C \cong G_0/H_0$. We assume that C has a G_0 -invariant almost complex structure.

Next, let M be a 2n-dimensional differentiable manifold, and let P_0 be a linear frame bundle over M with structure group G_0 and a projection $\varpi: P_0 \to M$.

Moreover let Z be a fibre bundle with fibre C associated to the principal bundle P_0 . Namely, we have $Z = P_0 \times_{G_0} C$ with a projection $\pi: Z \to M$.

For a G_0 -connection on P_0 , we can consider the associated horizontal lift of M to Z.

Proposition [BB-O]. There exists a natural almost complex structure J_0 on Z.

2. We generalize the above situation. We assume that $G (\subseteq GL(2n, \mathbf{R}))$, including G_0 as a subgroup, acts on C transitively and effectively and that the action of G restricted to G_0 coincides with the above-mentioned conjugate action. Then we have $C \cong G/H \cong G_0/G_0 \cap H \cong G_0/H_0$. Moreover we assume that a linear frame bundle P with structure group G is reduced to one with structure group G_0 . Then we have $Z = P \times_G C = P_0 \times_{G_0} C$. We assume that C has a G-invariant almost complex structure G1. For a G-connection on G2, we can consider the associated horizontal lift of G3. Under the above-mentioned assumptions, we get the following proposition.

Proposition. There exists an almost complex structure J on Z with respect to the G-connection.

Proof. The right action of G_0 on $P_0 \times C$ is as follows. For $g_0 \in G_0$,

$$P_0 \times C \ni (p_0, c) \mapsto (p_0, c)g_0 = (p_0g_0, g_0^{-1}c) \in P_0 \times C.$$

Then Z is the set of equivalence classes of $P_{\scriptscriptstyle 0} \times C$ by the equivalence relation \sim defined as follows:

$$(p_0, c) \sim (q_0, d) \Leftrightarrow$$
 there exists $g_0 \in G_0$ such that $q_0 = p_0 g_0, d = g_0^{-1} c$.

At $z = [(p_0, c)] \in Z$, the tangent space $T_z Z$ is the set of

$$[(\xi, w)] = [(R_{g_0*}\xi, g_{0*}^{-1}w)], g_0 \in G_0, \text{ for } (\xi, w) \in T_{(p_0c)}(P_0 \times C) \cong T_{p_0}P_0 \times T_cC.$$

With respect to the G-connection on $P_0 \subseteq P$, $TP_0 \subseteq TP$ is decomposed into the vertical bundle V and the horizontal bundle H. Then the class

$$[(0, v, 0) \in T_{(p_0,c)}(P_0 \times C) = V_{p_0} \oplus H_{p_0} \oplus T_c C] \in T_z Z$$

is equal to the class

$$[(0, R_{g_0*}v, 0) \in T_{(p_0g_0,g_0^{-1}c)}(P_0 \times C) = V_{p_0g_0} \oplus H_{p_0g_0} \oplus T_{g_0^{-1}c}] \in T_zZ.$$

The class

$$[(0, 0, w) \in V_{p_0} \oplus H_{p_0} \oplus T_c C] \in T_z Z$$

is equal to the class

$$[(0, 0, g_{0*}^{-1}w) \in V_{p_0g_0} \oplus H_{p_0g_0} \oplus T_{g_0^{-1}c}C] \in T_zZ.$$

Therefore we have

$$T_z Z \cong H_{p_0} \oplus T_c C$$
.

We remark that, with respect to the G-connection, we have the decompositions

$$T_z Z = \mathcal{H}_z \oplus \mathcal{V}_z, \quad \mathcal{H}_z \cong H_{bc}, \quad \mathcal{V}_z \cong T_c C.$$

Since J_1 is G-invariant, for $[(0, 0, w)] \in \mathcal{V}_z$, we have the following commutative diagram: for $g \in G$,

$$w \in T_c C \xrightarrow{J_1} T_c C \ni J_1 w$$
 $g^{-1} \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow g^{-1}$
 $g_*^{-1} w \in T_{g^{-1}c} C \xrightarrow{J_1} T_{g^{-1}c} C \ni J_1 g_*^{-1} w.$

Therefore we can define an almost complex structure J_1 on \mathscr{V}_z and $\mathscr{V} = \bigcup_{z \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathscr{V}_z$.

For $[(0, v, 0)] \in \mathcal{H}_z$, we will define an almost complex structure J_2 . Remark that $c \in C$ is a complex structure on \mathbf{R}^{2n} . Since we regard $p_0 \in P_0$ as a linear isomorphism of \mathbf{R}^{2n} onto $T_x M$ ($x = \varpi(p_0)$), a mapping $p_0 c p_0^{-1}$ defines a complex structure on $T_x M$. According to $T_x M \cong H_{p_0}$ with respect to the G-connection, we can define a complex structure c^h on H_{p_0} . On the other hand, $g_0^{-1} c \in C$ ($g_0 \in G_0$) is also a complex structure on \mathbf{R}^{2n} . From $p_0 g_0 \in P_0$, a mapping $(p_0 g_0)(g_0^{-1}c)(p_0 g_0)^{-1}$ defines a complex structure on $T_x M$. We define a complex structure $(g_0^{-1}c)^h$ on $H_{p_0 g_0}$. We have the following commutative diagram: for $g_0 \in G_0$,

$$\begin{array}{cccc} v \in H_{p_0} & \xrightarrow{c^h} & H_{p_0} \ni c^h v \\ g_0 \downarrow & & \downarrow g_0 \\ R_{g_0 *} v \in H_{p_0 g_0} & \xrightarrow[(g_0^{-1}c)^h]{} & H_{p_0 g_0} \ni (g_0^{-1}c)^h (R_{g_0 *}v). \end{array}$$

In fact, we will show that $(g_0^{-1}c)^h = R_{g_0*}c^hR_{g_0^{-1}*}$. From the assumption that the action of G_0 on C is conjugation, we can conclude it. Namely, for $g_0 \in G_0$, we have $g_0(c) = g_0^{-1}cg_0$, $g_0^{-1}(c) = g_0cg_0^{-1}$. Therefore we can define an almost complex structure J_2 on \mathcal{H}_z and \mathcal{H} . Hence an almost complex structure $J = J_1 \oplus J_2$ is defined on Z.

3. This proposition generalizes the result stated before ([BB-O]). In [BB-O], the integrability condition of the almost complex structures for G-structures of order 2 is given by the vanishing of a component of the Weyl tensor. In this paper we treat the case when

$$\mathbf{R}^{2n} = \mathbf{R}^4$$
, $G = SO_+(3,1)$, $G_0 = SO(3)$, $C \cong S^2$.

The choice of the geometrical T in this paper satisfies the assumption of this proposition. In this case, we express the integrability condition by the vanishing of certain components of the curvature tensor.

Remark C:

1. If N^3 is a 3-dimensional oriented Riemannian manifold with constant curvature, the unit tangent bundle $T_1(N^3)$ of N^3 admits a normal CR-structure (cf. [S-Y]). Then we can naturally define the complex structure on $T_1(N^3) \times \mathbf{R}$. As $T_1(N^3) \cong N^3 \times S^2$, we have

$$T_1(N^3) \times \mathbf{R} \cong (N^3 \times S^2) \times \mathbf{R} \cong (N^3 \times \mathbf{R}) \times S^2.$$

Put $M^4 = N^3 \times \mathbf{R}$. Then M^4 with the canonical Riemannian product metric is conformally flat, and self-dual. The twistor space of M^4 constructed by Atiyah-Hitchin-Singer is diffeomorphic to $M^4 \times S^2 = (N^3 \times \mathbf{R}) \times S^2$. Its complex structure coincides with the above one. On the other hand, the space-time M^4 with the canonical Lorentzian product metric is conformally flat, too. The complex manifold $M^4 \times S^2$ which is complex 3-dimensional can be regarded as the space of all null directions. It arises a natural question when a complex structure is defined on the space of all null directions. We want to investigate its condition, properties, examples and classifications. This is another motivation of this paper.

2. Let M be a 4-dimensional oriented and connected manifold. We restrict a discussion to a coordinate neighborhood locally. If we give a Lorentzian metric g_L and a unit vector field $T(g_L(T,T)=-1)$ on M, a Riemannian metric $g_R(T)$ called Riemannization is canonically defined by changing norm -1 into norm 1 of T. If we give a Riemannian metric g_R and a unit vector field $S(g_R(S,S)=1)$ on M, a Lorentzian metric $g_L(S)$ called Lorentzization is canonically defined by changing norm 1 into norm -1 of S.

For a Lorentzian metric g_L , the linear frame bundle over M with structure group $GL(4, \mathbf{R})$ is reduced to a principal bundle Q with structure group SO(3,1). If we choose T on M, then Q is reduced to Q_T with structure group

SO(3). We have the twistor space P of M given by

$$P = Q \times_{SO(3,1)} S^2 = Q_T \times_{SO(3)} S^2.$$

The space P is integrable if and only if the condition of Theorem in §1 is satisfied. For a Riemannian metric g_R , the linear frame bundle over M with structure group $GL(4, \mathbf{R})$ is reduced to a principal bundle F with structure group SO(4). If we choose S on M, then F is reduced to F_S with structure group SO(3). The twistor space Z of M in [A-H-S] is given by

$$Z = F \times_{SO(4)} S^2 = F_S \times_{SO(3)} S^2.$$

The space Z is integrable if and only if M is a self-dual manifold.

If we can take T=S, the twistor spaces P and Z coincide. But since the horizontal lift to P is given by SO(3,1)-connection and the horizontal lift to Z by SO(4)-connection, an almost complex structure $J_{T=S}$ on P and an almost complex structure $J_{S=T}$ on Z do not coincide in general. The twistor space of a conformally flat Lorentzian manifold is not necessary integrable, but the Riemannization is conformally flat and the twistor space is integrable.

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