

ON THE DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY OF TANGENT BUNDLES OF RIEMANNIAN MANIFOLDS II

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1. Introduction. Let M^n be an n -dimensional Riemannian manifold and $T(M^n)$ be its tangent bundle. We can introduce to $T(M^n)$ a natural Riemannian metric from the Riemannian metric of M^n .¹⁾

Now, let us denote by $T_1(M^n)$ the set of all unit tangent vectors of M^n . As we can reduce the structural group of $T(M^n)$ to $O(n)$, $T_1(M^n)$ may be regarded as a sphere bundle. We shall call it the tangent sphere bundle of M^n . As $T_1(M^n)$ is a submanifold of $T(M^n)$, it has a Riemannian metric naturally induced from that of $T(M^n)$. In this paper I shall study on the differential geometry of this $(2n-1)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold $T_1(M^n)$ regarding it as a submanifold of $T(M^n)$, because it is rather simple analytically.

2. The Riemannian metric and the connection of $T_1(M^n)$. Let U be a coordinate neighborhood of M^n with coordinates x^i such that $U \times E^n$ is diffeomorphic with $\pi^{-1}(U)$, where E^n is the vector space which is the standard fibre of $T(M^n)$ and π is the natural projection of $T(M^n)$ onto M^n . If we denote the components of tangent vector of M^n at $x^i \in U$ with respect to the natural frame $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ by v^i , then the ordered set of variables (x^i, v^i) can be regarded as local coordinates of $\pi^{-1}(U)$ which is an open subset of $T(M^n)$.

Suppose the Riemannian metric of M^n is given in U by the quadratic form

$$(2. 1) \quad ds^2 = g_{jk}(x)dx^jdx^k.$$

Then the Riemannian metric of $T(M^n)$ is given in $\pi^{-1}(U)$ by the quadratic form

$$(2. 2) \quad d\sigma^2 = g_{jk}(x)dx^jdx^k + g_{jk}(x)Dv^jDv^k,$$

where Dv^j means the covariant differential of v^j , i.e.

$$(2. 3) \quad Dv^j = dv^j + \begin{Bmatrix} j \\ lm \end{Bmatrix} v^l dx^m.$$

The components of the fundamental metric tensor of $T(M^n)$ in $\pi^{-1}(U)$ can be

1) cf. S. Sasaki, On the differential geometry of tangent bundles of Riemannian manifolds, Tôhoku Math. J. 10 (1958) pp. 338-354. This paper will be cited as I.

2) Throughout this paper, we use the same notation as in the paper I.

given by

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{cases} G_{jk} = g_{jk} + g_{\beta\gamma} \begin{Bmatrix} \beta \\ \mu j \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \gamma \\ \nu k \end{Bmatrix} v^\mu v^\nu, \\ G_{j \ n+k} = [\lambda j, k] v^\lambda, \\ G_{n+j \ n+k} = g_{jk}. \end{cases}$$

The geometrical meaning of the metric (2.2) is as follows: Let (x^i, v^i) and $(x^i + dx^i, v^i + dv^i)$ be indefinitely nearby points in $\pi^{-1}(U)$. In $U \subset M^n$, we consider the tangent vector $v^i + dv^i$ of M^n at the point $x^i + dx^i$ and translate it parallelly to the point x^i by Levi-Civita's parallelism. If we denote the angle between the tangent vector thus obtained and the tangent vector v^i at x^i by $d\theta$ and the length of the vector v^i by v , then

$$(2.5) \quad d\sigma^2 = ds^2 + v^2 d\theta^2.$$

From (2.4), we can easily see that the length of the horizontal component $(dx^i, - \begin{Bmatrix} i \\ jk \end{Bmatrix} v^j dx^k)$ of the vector (dx^i, dv^i) is ds^2 and the length of the vertical component $(0, Dv^i)$ of the vector (dx^i, dv^i) is $v^2 d\theta^2$. So (2.5) is nothing but the local Pythagorean theorem.

Now, let us denote the natural projection $T_1(M^n) \rightarrow M^n$ by π_1 . Then $\pi_1^{-1}(U)$ is given, as an $(2n - 1)$ -dimensional submanifold of $\pi^{-1}(U)$, by

$$(2.6) \quad g_{jk}(x) v^j v^k = 1.$$

Hence, the Riemannian metric of $T_1(M^n)$ naturally induced from that of $T(M^n)$ is given geometrically by

$$(2.7) \quad d\sigma^2 = ds^2 + d\theta^2.$$

The covariant components of the normal vector to $T_1(M^n)$ at $(x^i, v^i) \in \pi_1^{-1}(U)$ is easily seen to be given by

$$(2.8) \quad ([\lambda i, \mu] v^\lambda v^\mu, g_{ik} v^k).$$

The contravariant components of the last vector is easily calculated by means of

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{cases} G^{jk} = g^{jk}, \\ G^{j \ n+k} = - \begin{Bmatrix} k \\ \mu l \end{Bmatrix} g^{jl} v^\mu, \\ G^{n+j \ n+k} = g^{jk} + g^{\beta\gamma} \begin{Bmatrix} j \\ \mu\beta \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} k \\ \nu\gamma \end{Bmatrix} v^\mu v^\nu, \end{cases}$$

and we get $(0, v^i)$ as the components of the unit normal vector of $T_1(M^n)$ at the point $(x^i, v^i) \in T_1(M^n)$.

Tangent vectors of $T_1(M^n)$ at the point $(x^i, v^i) \in T_1(M^n)$ are perpendicular to the normal vector $(0, v^i)$. So the necessary and sufficient condition that a tangent vector ξ of $T(M^n)$ at a point (x^i, v^i) of $T_1(M^n)$ be a tangent vector of $T_1(M^n)$ is that its components (ξ^i, ξ^{n+i}) satisfy the equation

$$(2.10) \quad g_{ij}v^i(\xi^{n+j} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} j \\ hk \end{matrix} \right\} \xi^h v^k) = 0.$$

The lift of a tangent vector ξ^i of M^n at a point $x^i \in U$ to (x^i, v^i) of $\pi_1^{-1}(U)$ is given by $(\xi^i, -\left\{ \begin{matrix} i \\ jk \end{matrix} \right\} \xi^j v^k)$. So it is a tangent vector of $T_1(M^n)$ at (x^i, v^i) . Hence we see that the tangent space of $T_1(M^n)$ at $(x^i, v^i) \in T_1(M^n)$ is a direct sum of the tangent $(n-1)$ -space of the fibre

$$g_{jk}(x)v^j v^k = 1 \quad x^i \text{ fixed}$$

and the horizontal n -space of $T(M^n)$ at (x^i, v^i) .

In $T(M^n)$ every fibre is orthogonal to the horizontal n -space at every point of it. So in $T_1(M^n)$, every tangent $(n-1)$ -space of a fibre is orthogonal to the horizontal n -spaces through the point. Hence $T_1(M^n)$ may be considered to have a connection defined by the restriction of horizontal n -spaces to points on $T_1(M^n)$ and we may speak of the lift of any tangent vector of M^n and the lift of any curve of M^n to $T_1(M^n)$.

Especially, we may speak of the GF -vector field and the geodesic flow in $T_1(M^n)$, because the former is nothing but the set of the lifts of unit tangent vectors v^i at the point $x^i \in M^n$ to the point (x^i, v^i) of $T_1(M^n)$ and the latter is the one parameter group of transformations generated by the trajectories of the GF -vector field.

3. Isometries and Killing vector fields in $T_1(M^n)$. Let f be a diffeomorphism of M^n onto itself. We have proved in the former paper I that the extension \bar{f} of f to $T(M^n)$ is an isometry of $T(M^n)$ if and only if f is an isometry of M^n . If we restrict \bar{f} to $T_1(M^n)$, then we get the following theorem:

THEOREM 1. *Suppose f is an isometry of a Riemannian manifold M^n , then the extended mapping \bar{f} of f induces an isometry of the tangent sphere bundle $T_1(M^n)$.*

COROLLARY. *If a Riemannian manifold M^n admits an r -parameter Lie group of isometries, then the tangent sphere bundle $T_1(M^n)$ admits an r -parameter group of isometries too.*

Now, we shall give some theorems about Killing vector field.

THEOREM 2. *In order that the extension $(\xi^i, \frac{\partial \xi^i}{\partial x^j} v^j)$ in $T(M^n)$ of a vector field ξ^i of a Riemannian manifold M^n is always tangent to $T_1(M^n)$ at every point of $T_1(M^n)$, it is necessary and sufficient that $\xi^i(x)$ be a Killing*

vector field of M^n .

PROOF. As the covariant components of the unit normal vector of $T_1(M^n)$ at $(x^i, v^i) \in T_1(M^n)$ are given by (2. 8), the condition in order that $(\xi^i, \frac{\partial \xi^i}{\partial x^j} v^j)$ is tangent to $T_1(M^n)$ at $(x^i, v^i) \in T_1(M^n)$ is written down as

$$(3. 1) \quad [\lambda^i, \mu] v^i v^u \xi^i + g_{ik} v^k \frac{\partial \xi^i}{\partial x^j} v^j = 0,$$

provided that

$$(3. 2) \quad g_{jk}(x) v^j v^k = 1.$$

The equation (3. 1) can be transformed easily to

$$(3. 3) \quad \xi_{k,j} v^j v^k = 0.$$

The equation (3. 3) holds for every (x^i, v^i) such that (3. 2) is true. So we can deduce easily

$$\xi_{j,k} + \xi_{k,j} = 0,$$

which is to be proved.

Now, let us consider an m -dimensional Riemannian manifold M^m and a regular submanifold M^{m-1} of it. We assume that V be a coordinate neighborhood of M^m at a point of M^{m-1} , $x^A (A, B, C = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ are coordinates in V and

$$x^A = x^A(u^1, \dots, u^{m-1}) \quad (u^1, \dots, u^{m-1}) \in D$$

are local parametric equations of M^{m-1} in V . We denote the fundamental tensor of M^m by G_{AB} .

Suppose ξ be a vector field of M^m such that at every point on M^{m-1} the vector of the field is tangent to M^{m-1} . We denote by ξ^A the components of the given vector field. Then, in D , there exist functions $\xi^a (a, b, c = 1, 2, \dots, m-1)$ such that

$$(3. 4) \quad \xi^A = X_a^A \xi^a,$$

where we have put

$$X_a^A = \frac{\partial x^A}{\partial u^a}.$$

LEMMA 1. Suppose that ξ^i be a Killing vector field of M^m such that at every point of a regular submanifold M^{m-1} the vector of the field is tangent to M^{m-1} . Then ξ^i restricted to M^{m-1} is a Killing vector field of M^{m-1} .

PROOF. It is sufficient to show that ξ^a is a Killing vector field of M^{m-1} . If we contract $G_{AB} X_b^B$ to both sides of (3. 4), we get

$$(3. 5) \quad G_{AB}\xi^A X_b^B = G_{AB}X_a^A X_b^B \xi^a = g_{ab}\xi^a,$$

where g_{ab} 's are components of the fundamental metric tensor of M^{m-1} . Hence we get

$$(3. 6) \quad \xi_b = \xi_B X_b^B.$$

Differentiating both sides of the last equation covariantly with respect to the Christoffel's symbols of M^{m-1} , we get

$$\xi_{b,c} = \xi_{B,c} X_b^B X_c^C + \xi_B X_{b,c}^B.$$

Putting the Gauss' equation

$$(3. 7) \quad X_{b,c}^A = \Omega_{bc} N^A$$

(N^A denotes the unit normal of M^{m-1}) into the last equation we get

$$\xi_{b,c} = \xi_{B,c} X_b^B X_c^C + \Omega_{bc} \xi_B N^B = \xi_{B,c} X_b^B X_c^C,$$

as ξ^A is orthogonal to N^A by assumption. Therefore, we see that

$$\xi_{b,c} + \xi_{c,b} = (\xi_{B,c} + \xi_{c,B}) X_b^B X_c^C = 0,$$

because ξ^A is a Killing vector field of M^m . Hence ξ^a is a Killing vector field of M^{m-1} . Q.E.D.

Combining Theorem 2 and the last Lemma in which M^m and M^{m-1} are replaced by $T(M^n)$ and $T_1(M^n)$ we can easily see that the following theorem is true.

THEOREM 3. *The extension of any Killing vector field of a Riemannian manifold M^n in $T(M^n)$ induces a Killing vector field of $T_1(M^n)$.*

This theorem is a particular case of Theorem 1 when f is an infinitesimal isometry of M^n .

THEOREM 4. *In order that the extension $(\frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial x^j} v^j, \xi_i)$ in $T(M^n)$ of a covariant vector field ξ_i of M is orthogonal to the geodesic flow of $T(M^n)$ at every point of $T(M^n)$ is that ξ_i 's are covariant components of a Killing vector field.*

PROOF. The condition of orthogonality of the extended vector field $(\frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial x^j} v^j, \xi_i)$ and the geodesic flow is easily seen to be

$$\xi_{i,j} v^i v^j = 0.$$

As v^i 's are arbitrary we get

$$\xi_{i,j} + \xi_{j,i} = 0.$$

Q. E. D.

4. The geodesic flow of M^n in the tangent sphere bundle.

THEOREM 5. *Every lift of any geodesic of a Riemannian manifold M^n in the tangent sphere bundle $T_1(M^n)$ is a geodesic of $T_1(M^n)$. Especially, every trajectory of the geodesic flow in $T_1(M^n)$ is a geodesic of $T_1(M^n)$.*

PROOF. Every lift of any geodesic of M^n in $T_1(M^n)$ is also a lift of the geodesic of M^n in $T(M^n)$. As we have proved it in I, the latter is a geodesic of $T(M^n)$. Hence, it is also a geodesic of $T_1(M^n)$ as a submanifold with induced metric from $T(M^n)$.

Now, we shall prove the exact generalization of the Poincaré's theorem on the incompressibility of the geodesic flow. We begin with a lemma.

LEMMA 2. *Let M^m be a Riemannian manifold and M^{m-1} be a submanifold of it. Suppose ξ^i be a vector field of M^m such that the vector of the field is tangent to M^{m-1} at every point on M^{m-1} . Then, in order that the vector field be an incompressible vector field of M^{m-1} , it is necessary and sufficient that the equation*

$$(4. 1) \quad \xi^A_{,A} - \xi_{B,C} N^B N^C = 0$$

holds good.

PROOF. Using the same notation as in §3 we have (3. 4), from which we get

$$(4. 2) \quad \xi^a = g^{ab} G_{AB} \xi^A X_b^B.$$

Differentiating both sides of the last equation covariantly, we get

$$\xi^a_{,a} = g^{ab} G_{AB} (\xi^A_{,c} X_a^c X_b^B + \xi^A X^B_{a,b}).$$

The right hand side of the last equation can be transformed, by virtue of the Gauss' equation, to

$$= g^{ab} G_{AB} (\xi^A_{,c} X_a^c X_b^B + \xi^A N^B \Omega_{ab}).$$

Hence, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^a_{,a} &= g^{ab} \xi_{B,C} X_b^B X_a^C \\ &= (G^{BC} - N^B N^C) \xi_{B,C} \\ &= \xi^A_{,A} - \xi_{B,C} N^B N^C. \end{aligned} \qquad \text{Q. E. D.}$$

THEOREM 6. *The geodesic flow of the tangent sphere bundle $T_1(M^n)$ of a Riemannian manifold M^n is incompressible.*

PROOF. We have proved in the former paper I that the GF-vector field

$$(4. 3) \quad \xi^i = v^i, \quad \xi^{n+i} = - \begin{Bmatrix} i \\ jk \end{Bmatrix} v^j v^k$$

in $T(M^n)$ is incompressible. These components define GF -vector field in $T_1(M^n)$ if $(x^i, v^i) \in T_1(M^n)$. Hence, by Lemma 2, it is sufficient to show that

$$(4.4) \quad \xi_{B,C} N^B N^C = 0,$$

where $N^A(0, v^i)$ are components of the unit normal vector at $(x^i, v^i) \in T_1(M^n)$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{B,C} N^B N^C &= \xi_{n+j, n+k} v^j v^k \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial \xi_{n+j}}{\partial v^k} - \left\{ \begin{matrix} A \\ n+j \quad n+k \end{matrix} \right\}^* \xi_A \right) v^j v^k, \end{aligned}$$

where $\left\{ \begin{matrix} A \\ n+j \quad n+k \end{matrix} \right\}^*$'s are components of Christoffel's symbols of $T(M^n)$. As

$$\xi_{n+j} = 0, \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} A \\ n+j \quad n+k \end{matrix} \right\}^* = 0,$$

we see that (4.4) is true. Hence, our assertion is true.

Q. E. D.

5. Geodesics on the tangent sphere bundle. We shall give here the differential equation of geodesics of $T_1(M^n)$.

Using the same notation as in §3, let $u^\alpha(\sigma)$ be a differentiable curve of M^{m-1} . Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx^A}{d\sigma} &= X_a^A \frac{du^a}{d\sigma}, \\ \frac{D}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{dx^A}{d\sigma} \right) &= \Omega_{ab} \frac{du^a}{d\sigma} \frac{du^b}{d\sigma} N^A + X_a^A \frac{D}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{du^a}{d\sigma} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the differential equation of geodesics in M^{m-1} is given by

$$(5.1) \quad \frac{D}{d\sigma} \left(\frac{dx^A}{d\sigma} \right) = \Omega_{ab} \frac{du^a}{d\sigma} \frac{du^b}{d\sigma} N^A.$$

Replacing M^m and M^{m-1} by $T(M^n)$ and $T_1(M^n)$ and noticing that the left hand side of the last equation is given by

$$\frac{d^2 x^i}{d\sigma^2} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} i \\ jk \end{matrix} \right\} \frac{dx^j}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^k}{d\sigma} - R^i_{j\lambda\mu} \frac{dx^j}{d\sigma} v^\lambda \frac{Dv^\mu}{d\sigma} = 0, \quad \frac{D^2 v^i}{d\sigma^2} = 0,$$

we see that the differential equation of geodesics of $T_1(M^n)$ is of the following form :

$$(5.2) \quad \frac{d^2 x^i}{d\sigma^2} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} i \\ jk \end{matrix} \right\} \frac{dx^j}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^k}{d\sigma} = R^i_{j\lambda\mu} \frac{dx^j}{d\sigma} v^\lambda \frac{Dv^\mu}{d\sigma}, \quad \frac{D^2 v^i}{d\sigma^2} = \rho v^i,$$

because the components of the unit normal of $T_1(M^n)$ is $(0, v^i)$.

Next, we shall state some elementary theorems on closed geodesics of M^n

and $T_1(M^n)$.

Let g be a closed geodesic of M^n and P_0 be a point of g . We translate the tangent vector space $E_{P_0}^n$ at P_0 parallelly along g , then we get an orthogonal transformation T of $E_{P_0}^n$ onto itself which sends every vector at $E_{P_0}^n$ to its image by Levi-Civita's parallelism along g . We call T the orthogonal transformation associated with g .

THEOREM 7. *Let g be a directed closed geodesic of a Riemannian manifold M^n and P_0 be a point on g . If the orthogonal transformation T associated to g fixes a vector other than the tangent vector of g , then $T_1(M^n)$ has a continuous family of closed geodesics with the same length as g .*

PROOF. We denote by v_0 a unit vector which is invariant under T . Then, the vector field $v_s(0 \leq s \leq L, L$ is the length of g) parallel to v_0 along g defines a geodesic of $T_1(M^n)$ with the same length as g . If we denote the unit tangent vector on g at the point s by u_s , then $u_s \cos \alpha + v_s \sin \alpha$ is a parallel field of vectors along g . So it defines also a geodesic of $T_1(M^n)$ with the same length as g for every value α . Q. E. D.

COROLLARY. *Let g be a closed geodesic of a two dimensional orientable Riemannian manifold M^2 . Then every lift of g is a geodesic of $T_1(M^2)$ with the same length as g .*

THEOREM 8. *Let g be a closed geodesic of a Riemannian manifold M^n and g^* be the closed geodesic of $T_1(M^n)$ determined by unit tangent vectors of g . If g is of minimum type, then g^* is also of minimum type.*

PROOF. Suppose C^* be an arbitrary closed curve near g^* and denote its projection $\pi_1 C^*$ by c . Then, denoting the length of curves g, g^* etc. by J_g, J_{g^*} etc., we get by virtue of (2. 2)

$$\begin{aligned} J_{C^*} &\geq J_c, \\ J_{g^*} &= J_g, \end{aligned}$$

as g^* is horizontal. By assumption g is a closed geodesic of minimum type, so

$$J_c \geq J_g.$$

Hence, we see that

$$J_{C^*} \geq J_{g^*}. \quad \text{Q. E. D.}$$

5. The contact structure of the tangent sphere bundle. We define in $T_1(M^n)$ a differential 1-form ω by

$$(5. 1) \quad \omega = g_{ij} v^j dx^i.$$

Then we can easily see that

$$(5. 2) \quad d\omega = g_{ij}Dv^j \wedge dx^i$$

and

$$(5. 3) \quad \omega \wedge (d\omega)^{n-1} \neq 0.$$

Hence, the tangent sphere bundle $T_1(M^n)$ of M^n is a $(2n-1)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold with contact structure.

THEOREM 9. *The associated vector field of the contact structure ω of the tangent sphere bundle $T_1(M^n)$ of a Riemannian manifold M^n is the GF-vector field in $T_1(M^n)$.*

PROOF. Let U be a coordinate neighborhood of M^n with coordinates x^i , such that $U \times E^n$ is diffeomorphic with $\pi^{-1}(U)$, where π is the natural projection $T(M^n) \rightarrow M^n$. Then (x^i, v^i) can be taken as local coordinates of $\pi^{-1}(U)$ and hence (x^i, v^a) ($a, b, c = 1, \dots, n-1$) can be taken as local coordinates of $T_1(M^n)$.

Now, solving

$$g_{ij}v^jDv^i = 0$$

with respect to dv^n , we get

$$(5. 4) \quad dv^n = -\frac{1}{v^n} \left(\begin{Bmatrix} i \\ hk \end{Bmatrix} v^h v_i dx^k + dv^a v_a \right).$$

Putting the last equation into (5. 2), we get after an easy calculation the following equation:

$$d\omega = S_{jk}dx^j \wedge dx^k + 2S_{n+a} dv^a \wedge dx^j,$$

where we have put

$$(5. 5) \quad S_{jk} = \frac{1}{2v_n} \left[\begin{Bmatrix} i \\ hj \end{Bmatrix} v^h (v_n g_{ik} - g_{nk} v_i) - \begin{Bmatrix} i \\ hk \end{Bmatrix} v^h (v_n g_{ij} - g_{nj} v_i) \right],$$

$$S_{n+a} = \frac{1}{2v_n} (v_n g_{aj} - g_{nj} v_a).$$

Hence, if we put

$$(5. 5) \quad \begin{aligned} S_{jn+a} &= -S_{n+a}, \\ S_{n+a} v_b &= 0, \\ x^{n+a} &= v^a, \end{aligned}$$

then we can write

$$(5. 6) \quad d\omega = S_{\lambda\mu} dx^\lambda \wedge dx^\mu, \quad (\lambda, \mu = 1, 2, \dots, 2n-1)$$

The associated vector field of the contact structure is given as a set of

solutions of the equations

$$(5.7) \quad S_{\lambda\mu} X^\mu = 0,$$

that is

$$S_{jk}X^k + S_{jn+c}X^{n+c} = 0, \quad S_{n+bk}X^k = 0.$$

As the rank of the matrix $\|S_{\lambda\mu}\|$ is $2n - 2$, the last equations have only a set of independent solutions. We can easily verify that

$$(5.8) \quad X^i = v^i, \quad X^{n+a} = - \begin{Bmatrix} a \\ hk \end{Bmatrix} v^h v^k.$$

As we can see from (5.4), this vector field in $T_1(M^n)$ has $2n$ -th components X^{2n} which is given by

$$X^{2n} = - \frac{1}{v^n} \left(\begin{Bmatrix} i \\ hk \end{Bmatrix} X^h v^k v_i + v_a X^{n+a} \right).$$

Putting (5.8) into the right hand side of the last equation, we get

$$X^{2n} = - \begin{Bmatrix} n \\ hk \end{Bmatrix} v^h v^k.$$

Hence, the associated direction to the contact structure of $T_1(M^n)$ has components $(v^i, - \begin{Bmatrix} i \\ hk \end{Bmatrix} v^h v^k)$ in $T(M^n)$. Therefore it is nothing but the GF -vector field of $T_1(M^n)$.