

## DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRIC STRUCTURES ON PRINCIPAL TOROIDAL BUNDLES

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**ABSTRACT.** Under an assumption of regularity a manifold with an  $f$ -structure satisfying certain conditions analogous to those of a Kähler structure admits a fibration as a principal toroidal bundle over a Kähler manifold. In some natural special cases, additional information about the bundle space is obtained. Finally, curvature relations between the bundle space and the base space are studied.

Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be a  $C^\infty$  manifold of dimension  $2n + s$ . If the structural group of  $M^{2n+s}$  is reducible to  $U(n) \times O(s)$ , then  $M^{2n+s}$  is said to have an  $f$ -structure of rank  $2n$ . If there exists a set of 1-forms  $\{\eta^1, \dots, \eta^s\}$  satisfying certain properties described in §1, then  $M^{2n+s}$  is said to have an  $f$ -structure with complemented frames. In [1] it was shown that a principal toroidal bundle over a Kähler manifold with a certain connection has an  $f$ -structure with complemented frames and  $d\eta^1 = \dots = d\eta^s$  as the fundamental 2-form. On the other hand, the following theorem is proved in §2 of this paper.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be a compact connected manifold with a regular normal  $f$ -structure. Then  $M^{2n+s}$  is the bundle space of a principal toroidal bundle over a complex manifold  $N^{2n}$  ( $= M^{2n+s}/\mathbb{M}$ ). Moreover, if  $M^{2n+s}$  is a K-manifold, then  $N^{2n}$  is a Kähler manifold.*

After developing a theory of submersions in §3, we discuss in §4 further properties of this fibration in the cases where  $d\eta^x = 0$ ,  $x = 1, \dots, s$  and  $d\eta^x = \alpha^x F$ ,  $F$  being the fundamental 2-form of the  $f$ -structure.

Finally in §5 we study the relation between the curvature of  $M^{2n+s}$  and  $N^{2n}$ .

Since  $U(n) \times O(s) \subset O(2n + s)$ ,  $M^{2n+s}$  is a new example of a space in the class provided by Chern in his generalization of Kähler geometry [4]. S. I. Goldberg's paper [5] also suggests the study of framed manifolds as bundle spaces over Kähler manifolds with parallelisable fibers.

**1. Normal  $f$ -structures.** Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be a  $2n + s$ -dimensional manifold with an  $f$ -structure. Then there is a tensor field  $f$  of type  $(1, 1)$  on  $M^{2n+s}$  that is of rank

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$2n$  everywhere and satisfies

$$(1) \quad f^3 + f = 0.$$

If there exist vector fields  $\xi_x$ ,  $x = 1, \dots, s$  on  $M^{2n+s}$  such that

$$(2) \quad f\xi_x = 0, \quad \eta^x(\xi_y) = \delta_y^x, \quad \eta^x \circ f = 0, \quad f^2 = -I + \eta^y \otimes \xi_y,$$

we say  $M^{2n+s}$  has an  $f$ -structure with complemented frames. Further we say that the  $f$ -structure is normal if

$$(3) \quad [f, f] + d\eta^x \otimes \xi_x = 0,$$

where  $[f, f]$  is the Nijenhuis torsion of  $f$ . It is a consequence of normality that  $[\xi_x, \xi_y] = 0$ . Moreover it is known that there exists a Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $M^{2n+s}$  satisfying

$$(4) \quad g(X, Y) = g(fX, fY) + \sum_x \eta_x(X)\eta_x(Y),$$

where  $X$  and  $Y$  are arbitrary vector fields on  $M^{2n+s}$ . Define a 2-form  $F$  on  $M^{2n+s}$  by

$$(5) \quad F(X, Y) = g(X, fY).$$

A normal  $f$ -structure for which  $F$  is closed will be called a  $K$ -structure and a  $K$ -structure for which there exist functions  $\alpha^1, \dots, \alpha^s$  such that  $\alpha^x F = d\eta^x$  for  $x = 1, \dots, s$  will be called an  $S$ -structure.

**Lemma 1.** *If  $M^{2n+s}$ ,  $n > 1$ , has an  $S$ -structure, then the  $\alpha^x$  are all constant.*

**Proof.**  $\alpha^x F = d\eta^x$  so that  $d\alpha^x \wedge F = 0$  since  $dF = 0$ . However  $F \neq 0$  so  $d\alpha^x = 0$  and hence  $\alpha^x$  is constant.

The special case where the  $\alpha^x$  are all 0 or all 1 has been studied in [1]. Also, the following were proved.

**Lemma 2.** *If  $M^{2n+s}$  has a  $K$ -structure, the  $\xi_x$  are Killing vector fields and  $d\eta^x(X, Y) = -2(\tilde{\nabla}_Y \eta^x)(X)$ . Here  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is the Riemannian connection of  $g$  on  $M^{2n+s}$ .*

From Lemma 2, we can see that in the case of an  $S$ -structure  $\alpha^x fY = -2\tilde{\nabla}_Y \xi_x$ .

**Lemma 3.** *If  $M^{2n+s}$  has a  $K$ -structure, then*

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X F)(Y, Z) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_x (\eta^x(Y)d\eta^x(fZ, X) + \eta^x(Z)d\eta^x(X, fY)).$$

**2. Proof of Theorem 1.** In Chapter 1 of [9] R. S. Palais discusses quotient manifolds defined by foliations. In particular, a cubical coordinate system  $\{U, (u^1, \dots, u^n)\}$  on an  $n$ -dimensional manifold is said to be *regular* with respect

to an involutive  $m$ -dimensional distribution if  $\{\partial(m)/\partial u^x\}$ ,  $x = 1, \dots, m$ , is a basis of  $\mathfrak{M}_m$  for every  $m \in U$  and if each leaf of  $\mathfrak{M}$  intersects  $U$  in at most one  $m$ -dimensional slice of  $\{U, (u^1, \dots, u^n)\}$ . We say  $\mathfrak{M}$  is *regular* if every leaf of  $\mathfrak{M}$  intersects the domain of a cubical coordinate system which is regular with respect to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

In [9] it is proven that if  $\mathfrak{M}$  is regular on a compact connected manifold  $M$ , then every leaf of  $\mathfrak{M}$  is compact and that the quotient  $M/\mathfrak{M}$  is a compact differentiable manifold. Moreover the leaves of  $\mathfrak{M}$  are the fibers of a  $C^\infty$  fibering of  $M$  with base manifold  $M/\mathfrak{M}$  and the leaves are all  $C^\infty$  isomorphic.

We now note that the distribution  $\mathfrak{M}$  spanned by the vector fields  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$  of a normal  $f$ -structure is involutive. In fact we have by normality

$$0 = [f, f](\xi_y, \xi_z) + d\eta^x(\xi_y, \xi_z)\xi_x = f^2[\xi_y, \xi_z] - \eta^x([\xi_y, \xi_z])\xi_x = -[\xi_y, \xi_z]$$

from which it easily follows that  $\mathfrak{M}$  is involutive. If  $\mathfrak{M}$  is regular and the vector fields  $\xi_x$  are regular we say that the normal  $f$ -structure is *regular*. Thus from the results of [9] we see that if  $M^{2n+s}$  is compact and has a regular normal  $f$ -structure, then  $M^{2n+s}$  admits a  $C^\infty$  fibering over the  $(2n)$ -dimensional manifold  $N^{2n} = M^{2n+s}/\mathfrak{M}$  with compact,  $C^\infty$  isomorphic, fibers.

Since the distribution  $\mathfrak{M}$  of a regular normal  $f$ -structure consists of  $s$  1-dimensional regular distributions each given by one of the  $\xi_x$ 's, if  $M^{2n+s}$  is compact, the integral curves of  $\xi_x$  are closed and hence homeomorphic to circles  $S^1$ . The  $\xi_x$ 's being independent and regular show that the fibers determined by the distribution  $\mathfrak{M}$  are homeomorphic to tori  $T^s$ .

Now define the *period function*  $\lambda_X$  of a regular closed vector field  $X$  by

$$\lambda_X(m) = \inf\{t > 0 | (\exp tX)(m) = m\}.$$

For brevity we denote  $\lambda_{\xi_x}$  by  $\lambda_x$ . W. M. Boothby and H. C. Wang [3] proved that  $\lambda_x(m)$  is a differentiable function on  $M^{2n+s}$ . We now prove the following

**Lemma 4.** *The functions  $\lambda_x$  are constants.*

The proof of the lemma makes use of the following theorem of A. Morimoto [7].

**Theorem (Morimoto [7]).** *Let  $M$  be a complex manifold with almost complex structure tensor  $J$ . Let  $X$  be an analytic vector field on  $M$  such that  $X$  and  $JX$  are closed regular vector fields. Set  $p(m) = \lambda_X(m) + \sqrt{-1}\lambda_{JX}(m)$ . Then  $p$  is a holomorphic function on  $M$ .*

**Proof of lemma.** For  $s$  even,

$$\tilde{f} = f + \sum_{i=1}^{s/2} (\eta^i \otimes \xi_{i^*} - \eta^{i^*} \otimes \xi_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, s/2, \quad i^* = i + s/2,$$

defines a complex structure on  $M = M^{2n+s}$  (cf. [6]). It is clear from the normality that  $\xi_x$  is a holomorphic vector field. For  $s$  odd, a normal almost contract structure  $(\tilde{f}, \xi_0, \eta_0)$  is defined where  $\xi_0$  and  $\eta_0$  generically denote one of the  $\xi_x$ 's and  $\eta_x$ 's respectively [6]. It is well known that this structure induces a complex structure  $J$  on  $M = M^{2n+s} \times S^1$ . Moreover, by the normality,  $\xi_0$  considered as a vector field on  $M$  is analytic. Then  $p(m) = \lambda_x(m) + \sqrt{-1}\lambda_{x*}(m)$  or  $p((m, q)) = \lambda_{\xi_0}((m, q)) + \sqrt{-1}\lambda_{J\xi_0}((m, q))$ ,  $q \in S^1$ , for  $s$  odd, is a holomorphic function on  $M$  by the theorem of Morimoto. Since  $M$  is compact,  $p$  must be constant. Thus  $\lambda_x$  is constant on  $M$  and since  $\lambda_x((m, q)) = \lambda_x(m)$ ,  $\lambda_x$  is constant on  $M^{2n+s}$ .

Let  $C_x = \lambda_x(m)$ , then the circle group  $S^1_x$  of real numbers modulo  $C_x$  acts on  $M^{2n+s}$  by  $(t, m) \rightarrow (\exp t\xi_x)(m)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Now the only element in  $T^s = S^1_1 \times \cdots \times S^1_s$  with a fixed point in  $M^{2n+s}$  is the identity and since  $M^{2n+s}$  is a fiber space over  $N^{2n}$ , we need only show that  $M^{2n+s}$  is locally trivial [3]. Let  $\{U_\alpha\}$  be a cover of  $N^{2n}$  such that each  $U_\alpha$  is the projection of a regular neighborhood on  $M^{2n+s}$  and let  $s_\alpha: U_\alpha \rightarrow M^{2n+s}$  be the section corresponding to  $u^1 = \text{constant}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $u^s = \text{constant}$ . Then the maps  $\Psi_\alpha: U_\alpha \times T^s \rightarrow M^{2n+s}$  defined by

$$\Psi_\alpha(p, t_1, \dots, t_s) = (\exp(t_1\xi_1 + \cdots + t_s\xi_s))(s_\alpha(p))$$

give coordinate maps for  $M^{2n+s}$ .

Finally (cf. [1]) we note that  $\gamma = (\eta^1, \dots, \eta^s)$  defines a Lie algebra valued connection form on  $M^{2n+s}$  and we denote by  $\tilde{\pi}$  the horizontal lift with respect to  $\gamma$ . Define a tensor field  $J$  of type  $(1, 1)$  on  $N^{2n}$  by  $JX = \pi_* f \tilde{\pi} X$ . Then, since the distribution  $\mathfrak{L}$  complementary to  $\mathfrak{M}$  is horizontal with respect to  $\gamma$ ,

$$J^2X = \pi_* f \tilde{\pi} \pi_* f \tilde{\pi} X = \pi_* f^2 \tilde{\pi} X = -X.$$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} [J, J](X, Y) &= -[X, Y] + [\pi_* f \tilde{\pi} X, \pi_* f \tilde{\pi} Y] - \pi_* f \tilde{\pi} [\pi_* f \tilde{\pi} X, Y] - \pi_* f \tilde{\pi} [X, \pi_* f \tilde{\pi} Y] \\ &= -\pi_* [\tilde{\pi} X, \tilde{\pi} Y] + \pi_* [f \tilde{\pi} X, f \tilde{\pi} Y] - \pi_* f \tilde{\pi} \pi_* [f \tilde{\pi} X, \tilde{\pi} Y] - \pi_* f \tilde{\pi} \pi_* [\tilde{\pi} X, f \tilde{\pi} Y] \\ &= \pi_* (f^2 [\tilde{\pi} X, \tilde{\pi} Y] - \eta^x([\tilde{\pi} X, \tilde{\pi} Y], \xi_x) + \pi_* [f \tilde{\pi} X, f \tilde{\pi} Y] - \pi_* f [\tilde{\pi} X, \tilde{\pi} Y] - \pi_* f [\tilde{\pi} X, f \tilde{\pi} Y]) \\ &= \pi_* ([f, f](\tilde{\pi} X, \tilde{\pi} Y) + d\eta^x(\tilde{\pi} X, \tilde{\pi} Y)\xi_x) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we see that  $N^{2n}$  is a complex manifold.

We define an Hermitian metric  $G$  on  $N^{2n}$  by  $G(X, Y) = g(\tilde{\pi} X, \tilde{\pi} Y)$ . Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} G(JX, JY) &= g(\tilde{\pi} \pi_* f \tilde{\pi} X, \tilde{\pi} \pi_* f \tilde{\pi} Y) = g(f \tilde{\pi} X, f \tilde{\pi} Y) \\ &= g(\tilde{\pi} X, \tilde{\pi} Y) - \sum \eta^x(\tilde{\pi} X) \eta^x(\tilde{\pi} Y) = G(X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

Now define the fundamental 2-form  $\Omega$  by  $\Omega(X, Y) = G(X, JY)$ . Then for vector fields  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}$  on  $M^{2n+s}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\pi^*\Omega(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) &= \Omega(\pi_*\tilde{X}, \pi_*\tilde{Y}) = G(\pi_*\tilde{X}, J\pi_*\tilde{Y}) \\ &= g(\tilde{\pi}\pi_*\tilde{X}, \tilde{\pi}J\pi_*\tilde{Y}) = g(-f^2\tilde{X}, \tilde{\pi}\pi_*f\tilde{Y}) = g(-f^2\tilde{X}, f\tilde{Y}) = g(\tilde{X}, f\tilde{Y}) = F(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}).\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $F = \pi^*\Omega$ . If now  $dF = 0$ , then  $0 = d\pi^*\Omega = \pi^*d\Omega$  and hence  $d\Omega = 0$  since  $\pi^*$  is injective. Thus the manifold  $N^{2n}$  is Kählerian.

**3. Submersions.** Let  $\tilde{\nabla}$  denote the Riemannian connection of  $g$  on  $M^{2n+s}$ . Since the  $\xi_x$ 's are Killing,  $g$  is projectable to the metric  $G$  on  $N^{2n}$ . Then following [8] the horizontal part of  $\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X}\tilde{\pi}Y$  is  $\tilde{\pi}\nabla_X Y$  where as we shall see  $\nabla$  is the Riemannian connection of  $G$ . Now for an  $S$ -structure we have seen that  $\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{X}}\xi_x = \alpha^x\tilde{f}X$  for any vector field  $\tilde{X}$  on  $M^{2n+s}$ . By normality  $f$  is projectable ( $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x}f = 0$ ) and the  $\alpha^x$ 's are constants; thus we can write

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X}\xi_x = -\tilde{\pi}H_xX,$$

where  $H_x$  is a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$  on  $N^{2n}$ .

We can now find the vertical part of  $\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X}\tilde{\pi}Y$ .

$$g(\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X}\tilde{\pi}Y, \xi_x) = -g(\tilde{\pi}Y, \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X}\xi_x) = g(\tilde{\pi}Y, \tilde{\pi}H_xX).$$

Thus we can write

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X}\tilde{\pi}Y = \tilde{\pi}\nabla_X Y + b^x(X, Y)\xi_x$$

where each  $b^x$  is a tensor field of type  $(0, 2)$  and

$$G(H_xX, Y) = b^x(X, Y).$$

**Lemma 5.**  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x}(\tilde{\pi}X) = 0$  for any vector field  $X$  on  $N^{2n}$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x}$  is the operator of Lie differentiation in the  $\xi_x$  direction.

**Proof.** We have that  $g(\xi_y, \tilde{\pi}X) = 0$  for  $y = 1, \dots, s$ . By Lemma 2, the  $\xi_x$  are Killing, that is  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x}g = 0$ . From the normality of  $f$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x}\xi_y = 0$ . Hence, we have that

$$g(\xi_y, \mathcal{L}_{\xi_x}(\tilde{\pi}X)) = 0, \quad y = 1, \dots, s,$$

and so  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x}(\tilde{\pi}X)$  is horizontal. However,

$$\pi_*\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x}(\tilde{\pi}X) = \pi_*[\xi_x, \tilde{\pi}X] = [\pi_*\xi_x, \pi_*\tilde{\pi}X] = 0$$

and so  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x}(\tilde{\pi}X)$  is vertical.

Using the lemma we see that  $\tilde{\nabla}_{\xi_x} \tilde{\pi}X = \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X} \xi_x$  for any vector field  $X$  on  $N^{2n}$ . Since  $\xi_x$  is Killing, we have

$$0 = g(\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X} \xi_x, \tilde{\pi}X) = -g(\xi_x, \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X} \tilde{\pi}X) = -g(\xi_x, b^x(X, X)\xi_x) = -b^x(X, X)$$

for all  $X$ . That is to say  $b^x(X, Y) = -b^x(Y, X)$  for all  $X$  and  $Y$ . Now we have that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X}(\tilde{\pi}Y) - \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}Y}(\tilde{\pi}X) - [\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y] \\ (6) \quad &= \tilde{\pi}(\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y]) + (b^x(X, Y) - b^x(Y, X) + d\eta^x(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y))\xi_x \\ &= \tilde{\pi}(\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y]) + (2b^x(X, Y) + d\eta^x(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y))\xi_x, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the following lemma.

**Lemma 6.**  $[\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y] = \tilde{\pi}[X, Y] - d\eta^x(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y)\xi_x$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\pi_*[\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y] = [\pi_*\tilde{\pi}X, \pi_*\tilde{\pi}Y] = [X, Y]$  we see that  $\tilde{\pi}[X, Y]$  is the horizontal part of  $[\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y]$ . By Lemma 2, we have

$$d\eta^x(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y) = -2(\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}Y} \eta^x)(\tilde{\pi}X) = -2g(\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}Y} \xi_x, \tilde{\pi}X) = +2g(\xi_x, \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}Y} \tilde{\pi}X).$$

Also  $d\eta^x(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y) = -d\eta^x(\tilde{\pi}Y, \tilde{\pi}X) = -2g(\xi_x, \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X} \tilde{\pi}Y)$ . Thus

$$2d\eta^x(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y) = 2g(\xi_x, \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}Y} \tilde{\pi}X - \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X} \tilde{\pi}Y)$$

or

$$d\eta^x(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y)\xi_x = \sum_x g(\xi_x, [\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y])\xi_x = \text{vertical part of } [\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y].$$

From (6) we see  $\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y] = 0$  and  $b^x(X, Y) = -\frac{1}{2}d\eta^x(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y)$ . Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} XG(Y, Z) &= \tilde{\pi}Xg(\tilde{\pi}Y, \tilde{\pi}Z) = g(\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X} \tilde{\pi}Y, \tilde{\pi}Z) + g(\tilde{\pi}Y, \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X} \tilde{\pi}Z) \\ &= g(\tilde{\pi}\nabla_X Y, \tilde{\pi}Z) + g(\tilde{\pi}Y, \tilde{\pi}\nabla_X Z) = G(\nabla_X Y, Z) + G(Y, \nabla_X Z). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have the following proposition.

**Proposition.**  $\nabla$  is the Riemannian connection of  $G$  on  $N^{2n}$ .

**4. The  $S$ -structure case.** Let  $M^{2n+s}$ ,  $n > 1$ , be a manifold with an  $S$ -structure. Then, as we have seen, there exist constants  $\alpha^x$ ,  $x = 1, \dots, s$ , such that  $\alpha^x F = d\eta^x$ . We will consider two cases, namely  $\sum_x (\alpha^x)^2 = 0$  and  $\sum_x (\alpha^x)^2 \neq 0$ .

In the first case each  $d\eta_x = 0$  and by Lemma 2 each  $\xi_x$  is Killing, hence the

regular vector fields  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$  are parallel on  $M^{2n+s}$ . Moreover the complementary distribution  $\mathcal{Q}$  (projection map is  $-f^2 = I - \eta^x \otimes \xi_x$ ) is parallel. If now the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}$  is also regular, we have a second fibration of  $M^{2n+s}$  with fibers the integral submanifolds  $L^{2n}$  of  $\mathcal{Q}$  and base space an  $s$ -dimensional manifold  $N^s$ . Thus by a result of A. G. Walker [10] we see that although  $M^{2n+s}$  is not necessarily reducible (even though it is locally the product of  $N^{2n}$  and  $T^s$ ) it is a covering space of  $N^{2n} \times N^s$  and is covered by  $L^{2n} \times T^s$ . In summary we have

**Theorem 2.** *If  $M^{2n+s}$  is as in Theorem 1 with  $d\eta^x = 0$ ,  $x = 1, \dots, s$ , and  $\mathcal{Q}$  regular, then  $M^{2n+s}$  is a covering space of  $N^{2n} \times N^s$ , where  $N^s$  is the base space of the fibration determined by  $\mathcal{Q}$ .*

Now as in Theorem 1, since the  $\xi_x$ 's,  $x = 1, \dots, s$ , are regular, we could fibrate by any  $s - t$  of them to obtain a fibration of  $M^{2n+s}$  as a principal  $T^{s-t}$  bundle over a manifold  $P^{2n+t}$ . By normality the remaining  $t$  vector fields are projectable to  $P^{2n+t}$ . Moreover they are regular on  $P^{2n+t}$ ; for if not, their integral curves would be dense in a neighborhood  $U$  over which  $M^{2n+s}$  is trivial with compact fiber  $T^{s-t}$  contradicting their regularity on  $M^{2n+s}$ . Thus  $P^{2n+t}$  is a principal  $T^t$  bundle over  $N^{2n}$ .

**Theorem 3.** *If  $M^{2n+s}$ ,  $n > 1$ , is as in Theorem 1 with  $d\eta^x = \alpha^x F$  and  $\sum_x (\alpha^x)^2 \neq 0$ , then  $M^{2n+s}$  is a principal  $T^{s-1}$  bundle over a principal circle bundle  $P^{2n+1}$  over  $N^{2n}$  and the induced structure on  $P^{2n+1}$  is a normal contact metric (Sasakian) structure.*

**Proof.** Without loss of generality we suppose  $\alpha^s \neq 0$ . Then fibrating as above by  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{s-1}$  we have that  $M^{2n+s}$  is a principal  $T^{s-1}$  bundle over a principal circle bundle  $P^{2n+1}$  over  $N^{2n}$ . Let  $p: M^{2n+s} \rightarrow P^{2n+1}$  denote the projection map. By normality  $f, \xi_s, \eta^s$  are projectable, so we define  $\phi, \xi, \eta$  on  $P^{2n+1}$  by

$$\phi X = p_* f \tilde{p} X, \quad \xi = p_* \xi_s, \quad \eta(X) = \eta^s(\tilde{p} X)$$

where  $\tilde{p}$  denotes the horizontal lift with respect to the connection  $(\eta^1, \dots, \eta^{s-1})$  considered as a Lie algebra valued connection form as in the proof of Theorem 1. Then by a straight-forward computation we have

$$\eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0, \quad \phi^2 = -I + \xi \otimes \eta, \quad [\phi, \phi] + \xi \otimes d\eta = 0,$$

that is,  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  is a normal almost contact structure on  $P^{2n+1}$ . Defining a metric  $\dot{g}$  by  $\dot{g}(X, Y) = g(\tilde{p} X, \tilde{p} Y)$  we have  $\dot{g}(X, \xi) = \eta(X)$  and  $\dot{g}(\phi X, \phi Y) = \dot{g}(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)$ . Moreover setting  $\Phi(X, Y) = \dot{g}(X, \phi Y)$  we obtain  $F = p^* \Phi$ . Thus since

$d\eta^s = \alpha^s F$ ,  $p^*\Phi = d\eta^s/\alpha^s$  and

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(X, Y) &= g(\tilde{p}X, \tilde{p}\phi Y) = d\eta^s(\tilde{p}X, \tilde{p}Y)/\alpha^s \\ &= (X\eta(Y) - Y\eta(X) - \eta^s([\tilde{p}X, \tilde{p}Y]))/\alpha^s = d\eta(X, Y)/\alpha^s\end{aligned}$$

since  $\eta^s$  is horizontal. Thus we have that  $\eta_\wedge(d\eta)^n = \eta_\wedge(\alpha^s\Phi)^n \neq 0$  and hence that  $P^{2n+1}$  has a normal contact metric structure with  $\xi$  regular.

**Remark 1.** While it is already clear that  $P^{2n+1}$  is a principal circle bundle over  $N^{2n}$ , it now also follows from the well-known Boothby-Wang and Morimoto fibrations.

**Remark 2.** Under the hypotheses of Theorem 3, it is possible to assume without loss of generality that  $\alpha^x$  equals 0 or  $1/\sqrt{t}$  where  $t$  is the number of non-zero  $\alpha^x$  and hence there exist constants  $\beta_q^x$ ,  $q = 1, \dots, s-1$ , such that  $\bar{\eta}^q = \sum_x \beta_q^x \eta^x$  and  $\bar{\eta}^s = \sum_x \alpha^x \eta^x$  are 1-forms with  $d\bar{\eta}^q = 0$  and  $d\bar{\eta}^s = F$ . Then  $f, \bar{\eta}^x$  and the dual vector fields  $\bar{\xi}_x$  again define a  $K$ -structure on  $M^{2n+s}$ . If now this  $K$ -structure is regular, then, since the distribution spanned by  $\bar{\xi}_1, \dots, \bar{\xi}_{s-1}$  and its complement are parallel,  $M^{2n+s}$  is a covering of the product of  $P^{2n+1}$  and a manifold  $P^{s-1}$  as in the proof of Theorem 2.

**Remark 3.** In [1] one of the authors gave the following example of an  $S$ -manifold as a generalization of the Hopf-fibration of the odd-dimensional sphere over complex projective space,  $\pi': S^{2n+1} \rightarrow PC^n$ . Let  $\Delta$  denote the diagonal map and define a space  $H^{2n+s}$  by the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^{2n+s} & \xrightarrow{\hat{\Delta}} & S^{2n+1} \times \dots \times S^{2n+1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi' \times \dots \times \pi' \\ PC^n & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & PC^n \times \dots \times PC^n \end{array}$$

that is  $H^{2n+s} = \{(P_1, \dots, P_s) \in S^{2n+1} \times \dots \times S^{2n+1} | \pi'(P_1) = \dots = \pi'(P_s)\}$  and thus  $H^{2n+s}$  is diffeomorphic to  $S^{2n+1} \times T^{s-1}$ . Further properties of the space  $H^{2n+s}$  are given in [1], [2].

If however the  $d\eta^x$ 's are independent then there can be no intermediate bundle  $P^{2n+t}$  over  $N^{2n}$  such that  $M^{2n+s}$  is trivial over  $P^{2n+t}$ .

**Remark 4.** If  $M^{2n+s}$  is as in Theorem 1 with the  $d\eta^x$ 's independent, then there is no fibration by  $s-t$  of the  $\xi_x$ 's yielding a principal toroidal bundle  $P^{2n+t}$  over  $N^{2n}$  such that  $M^{2n+s} = P^{2n+t} \times T^{s-t}$ . For suppose  $P^{2n+t}$  is such an intermediate bundle, then it is necessary that  $\tilde{\nabla}_{\pi X} \xi_x = 0$  (see e.g. [8]) and thus the  $\eta^x$ 's are parallel contradicting the independence of the  $d\eta^x$ 's.

**5. Curvature.** Let  $\tilde{R}$  and  $R$  denote the curvature tensors of  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  respectively. Then



$$\begin{aligned}
 g(\tilde{R}_{\tilde{\pi}X\tilde{\pi}Y}\tilde{\pi}Z, \tilde{\pi}W) &= g(\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X}\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}Y}\tilde{\pi}Z - \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}Y}\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X}\tilde{\pi}Z - \tilde{\nabla}_{[\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y]}\tilde{\pi}Z, \tilde{\pi}W) \\
 &= g(\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}X}(\tilde{\pi}\nabla_Y Z + b^x(Y, Z)\xi_x) - \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}Y}(\tilde{\pi}\nabla_X Z + b^x(X, Z)\xi_x) \\
 &\quad - \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{\pi}[X, Y] - d\eta^x(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y)}\xi_x \tilde{\pi}Z, \tilde{\pi}W) \\
 &= g(\tilde{\pi}\nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - b^x(Y, Z)\tilde{\pi}(H_x X) - \tilde{\pi}\nabla_Y \nabla_X Z + b^x(X, Z)\tilde{\pi}(H_x Y) \\
 &\quad - \tilde{\pi}\nabla_{[X, Y]}Z - d\eta^x(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y)\tilde{\pi}(H_x Z), \tilde{\pi}W) \\
 &= G(R_{XY}Z, W) - \sum_x (b^x(Y, Z)b^x(X, W) - b^x(X, Z)b^x(Y, W) + d\eta^x(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}Y)b^x(Z, W)) \\
 &= G(R_{XY}Z, W) - \sum_x (b^x(Y, Z)b^x(X, W) - b^x(X, Z)b^x(Y, W) - 2b^x(X, Y)b^x(Z, W)).
 \end{aligned}$$

In [1], one of the present authors developed a theory of manifolds with an  $f$ -structure of constant  $f$ -sectional curvature. This is the analogue of a complex manifold of constant holomorphic curvature. A plane section of  $M^{2n+s}$  is called an  $f$ -section if there is a vector  $X$  orthogonal to the distribution spanned by the  $\xi_x$ 's such that  $\{X, fX\}$  is an orthonormal pair spanning the section. The sectional curvature of this section is called an  $f$ -sectional curvature and is of course given by  $g(\tilde{R}_{XfX}X, fX)$ .  $M^{2n+s}$  is said to be of constant  $f$ -sectional curvature if the  $f$ -sectional curvatures are constant for all  $f$ -sections. This is an absolute constant. We then have the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.** *If  $M^{2n+s}$  is a compact, connected manifold with a regular  $S$ -structure of constant  $f$ -sectional curvature  $c$ , then  $N^{2n}$  is a Kähler manifold of constant holomorphic curvature.*

**Proof.** That  $N^{2n}$  is Kähler follows from Theorem 1. By definition there exist  $\alpha^1, \dots, \alpha^s$ , necessarily constant such that  $\alpha^x F = d\eta^x$ . If  $X$  is a unit vector on  $N^{2n}$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(R_{XfX}X, X) &= g(\tilde{R}_{\tilde{\pi}X\tilde{\pi}fX}\tilde{\pi}fX, \tilde{\pi}X) \\
 &\quad + \sum_x (\frac{1}{2}\alpha^x F(\tilde{\pi}fX, \tilde{\pi}fX)\frac{1}{2}\alpha^x F(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}X) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2}\alpha^x F(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}fX)\frac{1}{2}\alpha^x F(\tilde{\pi}fX, \tilde{\pi}X) \\
 &\quad - 2(\frac{1}{2}\alpha^x F(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}fX)\frac{1}{2}\alpha^x F(\tilde{\pi}fX, \tilde{\pi}X)) \\
 &= c + \frac{3}{4} \sum_x (\alpha^x)^2 (F(\tilde{\pi}X, \tilde{\pi}fX))^2 \\
 &= c + \frac{3}{4} \sum_x (\alpha^x)^2, \text{ which is constant.}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Remark.** This agrees with the results in [1] on  $H^{2n+s}$ .  $H^{2n+s}$  is a principal toroidal bundle over  $PC^n$  and  $PC^n$  is of constant holomorphic curvature equal to 1. Also,  $\alpha^x = 1$  for  $x = 1, \dots, s$  and  $H^{2n+s}$  was found to be of constant  $f$ -sectional curvature equal to  $1 - 3s/4$ .

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