

POLYNOMIAL OF SECOND DEGREE STRUCTURES ON BIG TANGENT BUNDLE

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Abstract

We introduced the generalized (a, b) -structure on a Riemannian manifold M , notion which includes the generalized almost complex and generalized almost product structures. We studied the canonical generalized (a, b) -structure J_g induced by the Riemannian metric on M , afterwards the generalized (a, b) -structure \hat{J} induced by a similar structure on M . Considering a torsion-free linear connection ∇ on M , we define the ∇ -integrability of a generalized (a, b) -structure and conditions for ∇ -integrability of J_g and \hat{J} are given.

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1 Introduction

Polynomial structures on manifolds were introduced and studied in [6], closely related to known structures as almost product, almost complex and contact structures. A polynomial structure F of degree d on a \mathbf{C}^∞ manifold M is, [6], a $(1, 1)$ -tensor field satisfying a polynomial equation

$$F^d + a_1 F^{d-1} + \dots + a_{d-1} F + a_d I_d = 0,$$

where a_1, \dots, a_d are real numbers and d is the smallest integer on which I_d, F, \dots, F^d are dependent. Integrability conditions for polynomial structures, involving the Nijenhuis torsion of the structural endomorphism, are given in [17], under the assumption that the polynomial $X^d + a_1 X^{d-1} + \dots + a_{d-1} X + a_d$ has only simple roots. Examples of polynomial structures of second degree are: the almost product structure, when $F^2 = I_d$; the almost complex structure with $F^2 = -I_d$ for $\dim M = 2n$ and the metallic structure $F^2 = pF + qI_d$, with integers p, q such that $p^2 + 4q$ is positive. The particular case of metallic structures was considered in the last decade, [7], [10]. For $\dim M = 2n + 1$, an almost contact structure is an example of polynomial structure of third degree, since the structural endomorphism satisfies $F^3 + F = 0$.

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In the last years many geometers passed from the tangent bundle of a manifold M to the generalized tangent bundle $E = TM \oplus T^*M$ and extended different polynomial structures defined on M to similar structures on the big tangent bundle E . Generalized geometry of a manifold M is the geometry of structures of the big tangent bundle $TM \oplus T^*M$ endowed with the neutral metric. The generalized complex structure was investigated in [3], [4], [8], [18], the generalized para-complex structure was studied in [20], [22], since the generalized contact and para-contact structures were the topic for [1], [15], [16]. A particular assumption under the behaviour of the neutral metric of the big tangent bundle with respect to the generalized structure endomorphism determined the classes of generalized Hermitian, Kähler, para-Hermitian and para-Kähler structures, [19], [20].

A polynomial structure on a manifold is called integrable if the eigen-distributions of the structural endomorphism are involutive. The vanishing of Nijenhuis tensor gives a necessary and sufficient condition for integrability. Considering a linear connection ∇ on the manifold M , the ∇ -brackets of sections of big tangent bundle E and the concept of ∇ -integrability of a generalized complex structures on M are defined in [13]: the eigen-distributions of the structural endomorphism are closed under the ∇ -brackets, . Corresponding Nijenhuis tensors are defined with respect to ∇ -brackets and necessary and sufficient conditions for the ∇ -integrability are given.

In this paper we start with two real numbers a, b such that $\Delta = a^2 + 4b \neq 0$ and we define the notion of (a, b) -structure on a smooth manifold M . This notion generalized the almost complex, almost paracomplex structures on manifolds and includes metallic structures. Some properties of (a, b) -structures on manifolds are given in the second section of the paper. Integrability conditions are obtained.

In the third section we define the generalized (a, b) -structure, which is a polynomial of second degree structure on big tangent bundle of a Riemannian manifold M . We investigate the link between such a structure and the generalized almost product or generalized almost complex structures. The canonical generalized (a, b) -structure J_g determined by a Riemannian metric on the base M is studied. We show that a (a, b) structure φ on M induced in a natural way a similar generalized structure \hat{J} .

The ∇ -integrability for generalized (a, b) -structures is defined in the last section. We also defined the Nijenhuis torsion N_J^∇ of a generalized (a, b) -structure J and we proved that the ∇ -integrability of J is equivalent to $N_J^\nabla = 0$. We obtained that a generalized (a, b) -structure is ∇ -integrable if and only if its associated generalized almost complex/-paracomplex structure is ∇ -integrable. Finally, we find conditions for the ∇ -integrability of the particular generalized (a, b) -structures J_g and \hat{J} .

2 Polynomial of second degree structures on manifolds

Let M be an n -dimensional \mathbf{C}^∞ -manifold and a, b two real numbers with $\Delta = a^2 + 4b \neq 0$.

We shall call a (a, b) -structure on M a polynomial structure of second degree given by a $(1, 1)$ -tensor field φ which satisfies the equation,

$$\varphi^2 - a \cdot \varphi - b \cdot I_d = 0, \quad (1)$$

where I_d is the identity on the vector fields space $\Gamma(TM)$. In this case the pair (M, φ) will be called a (a, b) -manifold .

Proposition 1. *Let (M, φ) be a (a, b) -manifold. If $\Delta = a^2 + 4b < 0$, then the dimension n of M is an even number.*

Proof. The proof follows the ideas from the same assertion for almost complex manifolds. So, for every nonzero vector field X on M , X and $\varphi(X)$ are linear independent. Indeed, if $\alpha \cdot X + \beta \cdot \varphi(X) = 0$, and we apply φ , it results that the real numbers α, β satisfy

$$\alpha^2 + a\alpha\beta - b \cdot \beta^2 = 0,$$

which implies $\alpha = \beta = 0$, from $\Delta < 0$.

Then, considering two nonzero vector fields X and Y such that $\{X, \varphi(X), Y\}$ are linear independent, we obtain $\{X, \varphi(X), Y, \varphi(Y)\}$ also linear independent. Indeed, if we suppose that there are real numbers α, β and γ such that

$$\varphi(Y) = \alpha \cdot X + \beta \cdot \varphi(X) + \gamma \cdot Y,$$

and we apply the endomorphism φ , it results that the real number γ is a root of $x^2 - a \cdot x - b = 0$, which is false from the hypothesis.

It follows that the dimension of TM must be even. \square

Remark 1. *For $a = 0, b = 1$, φ is an almost product structure on M . If $a = 0, b = -1$, then φ is an almost complex structure on M . If $a = b = 1$ then φ is called a golden structure, and for a, b integers such that $a^2 + 4b > 0$, φ is called a metallic structure on M .*

The main properties of (a, b) -structures are given in the following propositions and they are easy to prove by direct computation:

Proposition 2. *Let φ a (a, b) -structure on the manifold M , with $b \neq 0$. Then φ is an isomorphism on the tangent space $T_x M$, for every $x \in M$. Its inverse is $\varphi^{-1} = \frac{1}{b}\varphi - \frac{a}{b}I_d$, which is still a polynomial structure.*

Proposition 3. *To every (a, b) -structure φ on M , given by (1), we can associate another polynomial structure:*

$$F = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{|\Delta|}} \cdot \varphi - \frac{a}{\sqrt{|\Delta|}} \cdot I_d \right). \quad (2)$$

If $\Delta > 0$, then $F^2 = I_d$ and F is called the almost product structure associated to φ . If $\Delta < 0$, then $F^2 = -I_d$ and F is called the almost complex structure associated to φ .

Now, let F be a polynomial structure of second degree on M and

$$\varphi = \frac{a}{2} \cdot I_d + \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta|}}{2} \cdot F. \quad (3)$$

By direct computation, we obtain

$$\varphi^2 - a\varphi - bI_d = -\frac{\Delta}{4} \cdot I_d + \frac{|\Delta|}{4} \cdot F^2.$$

The above relation shows that:

Proposition 4. *For any real numbers a, b such that $a^2 + 4b > 0$, every almost product structure F on M induces a (a, b) -structure on M , given by (3).*

Proposition 5. *For any real numbers a, b such that $a^2 + 4b < 0$, every almost complex structure F on M induces a (a, b) -structure on M , given by (3).*

Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold endowed with the (a, b) -structure φ . We say that φ is compatible with metric g and that M is a *Riemannian (a, b) -manifold*, if

$$g(\varphi X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y), \quad (4)$$

for every $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$. An equivalent condition is

$$g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = a \cdot g(X, \varphi Y) + b \cdot g(X, Y).$$

For a Riemannian (a, b) -manifold (M, g, φ) , let F be the associated almost product/almost complex structure from (2). We obtain that F is also g -symmetric:

$$g(FX, Y) = g(X, FY), \quad \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM). \quad (5)$$

The integrability of almost paracomplex/complex structure F is usually expressed by the vanishing of the Nijenhuis tensor N_F :

$$N_F(X, Y) = [FX, FY] - F[FX, Y] - F[X, FY] + F^2[X, Y],$$

which express the involutivity of eigenbundles of F . From relation (3) it is easy to see that the eigenbundles of φ are exactly the eigenbundles of the associated structure F .

Moreover, considering the Nijenhuis tensor of φ

$$N_\varphi(X, Y) = [\varphi X, \varphi Y] - \varphi[\varphi X, Y] - \varphi[X, \varphi Y] + \varphi^2[X, Y],$$

we obtain the following link between N_φ and N_F :

$$N_\varphi = \frac{|\Delta|}{4} N_F + \frac{\Delta}{4} \left(Id - \frac{|\Delta|}{\Delta} F^2 \right) = \frac{|\Delta|}{4} N_F.$$

Definition 1. *The (a, b) -structure φ is called integrable if $N_\varphi = 0$.*

A direct consequence is that

Proposition 6. *The (a, b) -structure φ is integrable if and only if the associated structure F given by (2) is integrable. In this case the eigenbundles of φ are involutive.*

3 Generalized polynomial of second degree structures

Generalized geometry of a manifold M is the geometry of structures of the big tangent bundle $E = TM \oplus T^*M$ endowed with the neutral (or pairing) metric

$$g_0(X + \xi, Y + \eta) = \frac{1}{2}(\xi(Y) + \eta(X)), \quad (6)$$

for all vector fields X, Y and 1-forms ξ, η on M .

A *generalized almost paracomplex* structure of a manifold M is an endomorphism $I \in \text{End}(E)$, which satisfies $I^2 = Id, I \neq \pm Id$. Such a structure was firstly considered in [22] and they unify symplectic forms, paracomplex structures, and Poisson structures. Generalized complex structures were firstly considered in [9] and unifies symplectic and complex geometry. A more general concept of generalized almost complex structures was introduced in [14], that is: a *generalized almost complex* structure of a manifold M is an endomorphism $I \in \text{End}(E)$, which satisfies $I^2 = -Id$.

Definition 2. Let a, b be two real numbers with $a^2 + 4b \neq 0$. A generalized (a, b) -structure of a manifold M is an endomorphism $J \in \text{End}(E)$, which satisfies $J^2 = aJ + bId$. Such a structure is compatible with neutral metric if $g_0(J(X + \xi), Y + \eta) = g_0(X + \xi, J(Y + \eta))$.

In the block matrix form a general endomorphism $J \in \text{End}(E)$ can be written as

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} H & \alpha \\ \beta & K \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

where $H : TM \rightarrow TM, \alpha : T^*M \rightarrow TM, \beta : TM \rightarrow T^*M, K : T^*M \rightarrow T^*M$.

A straightforward computation proves that such an endomorphism is a generalized (a, b) -structure on a manifold M if and only if the following conditions hold:

$$\begin{aligned} H^2 + \alpha \circ \beta &= aH + bId, & H \circ \alpha + \alpha \circ K &= a\alpha \\ \beta \circ H + K \circ \beta &= a\beta, & \beta \circ \alpha + K^2 &= aK + bId. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Moreover, according to Definition 2, it is compatible with neutral metric if in addition to (8) we have

$$K = H^*, \alpha = \alpha^*, \beta = \beta^*, \quad (9)$$

where, $H^* : T^*M \rightarrow T^*M$ is the dual operator of H defined by $H^*(\xi)(X) = \xi(HX)$, $\alpha = \alpha^*$ means $\eta(\alpha(\xi)) = \xi(\alpha(\eta))$ for all $\xi, \eta \in \Gamma(T^*M)$ and $\beta = \beta^*$ means $\beta(X)(Y) = \beta(Y)(X)$ for all $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$.

For a generalized (a, b) -structure J , the endomorphism

$$I = \frac{2}{\sqrt{|\Delta|}} \cdot J - \frac{a}{\sqrt{|\Delta|}} \cdot Id, \quad (10)$$

is a generalized almost paracomplex structure if $\Delta > 0$, or a generalized almost complex structure if $\Delta < 0$, respectively. We shall call the endomorphism (10) the generalized almost paracomplex/complex structure associated with the generalized (a, b) -structure J .

3.1 Canonical generalized (a, b) -structures

Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold. Let be $\flat_g : TM \rightarrow T^*M$ the bemolle musical isomorphism and \sharp_g its inverse. There are the following relations:

$$\flat_g(X)(Y) = g(X, Y), \quad \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM),$$

$$\sharp_g(\xi) = X_\xi \Leftrightarrow g(X_\xi, Y) = \xi(Y), \quad \forall \xi \in \Gamma(T^*M), Y \in \Gamma(TM).$$

There are two canonical endomorphisms $P, C \in \text{End}(E)$ defined by Riemannian metric g as it follows:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sharp_g \\ \flat_g & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sharp_g \\ \flat_g & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (11)$$

For endomorphism P we have in (7) $H = 0, K = 0, \beta = \flat_g$ and $\alpha = \sharp_g$, and relations (8), (9) are satisfied for $a = 0$ and $b = 1$. For endomorphism C we have in (7) $H = 0, K = 0, \beta = \flat_g$ and $\alpha = -\sharp_g$, and relations (8), (9) are satisfied for $a = 0$ and $b = -1$. We obtained:

Proposition 7. *The endomorphism P is a generalized almost product structure, since the endomorphism C is a generalized almost complex structure on M . Moreover, P and C are generalized structures compatible with the neutral metric g_0 .*

Remark 2. *The endomorphisms P and C satisfy the following relation:*

$$P \circ C = -C \circ P,$$

and $P \circ C, C \circ P$ are also generalized almost product structures on M .

Proposition 8. *Let a, b be two real numbers with $\Delta = a^2 + 4b \neq 0$. The endomorphism of E defined by:*

$$J_g = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a}{2}I_d & \frac{|\Delta|}{\Delta} \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta|}}{2} \cdot \sharp_g \\ \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta|}}{2} \cdot \flat_g & \frac{a}{2}I_d \end{pmatrix}, \quad (12)$$

is a generalized (a, b) -structure on M compatible with g_0 . We shall call J_g the generalized (a, b) -structure induced by Riemannian metric g .

Proof. By direct computation, it results

$$J_g^2 - aJ_g - bI_d = 0,$$

which shows that J_g is a generalized (a, b) -structure on M .

$$g_0(J_g(X + \xi), Y + \eta) = \frac{a}{2}g_0(X + \xi, Y + \eta) + \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta|}}{2}g_0\left(\frac{|\Delta|}{\Delta}\sharp_g(\xi) + \flat_g(X), Y + \eta\right).$$

If $\Delta > 0$ we obtain

$$g_0(J_g(X + \xi), Y + \eta) = \frac{a}{2}g_0(X + \xi, Y + \eta) + \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{4}g_0(P(X + \xi), Y + \eta) =$$

$$= \frac{a}{2}g_0(X + \xi, Y + \eta) + \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{4}g_0(X + \xi, P(Y + \eta)) = g_0(X + \xi, J_g(Y + \eta)).$$

If $\Delta < 0$, it results

$$\begin{aligned} g_0(J_g(X + \xi), Y + \eta) &= \frac{a}{2}g_0(X + \xi, Y + \eta) + \frac{\sqrt{-\Delta}}{4}g_0(C(X + \xi), Y + \eta) = \\ &= \frac{a}{2}g_0(X + \xi, Y + \eta) + \frac{\sqrt{-\Delta}}{4}g_0(X + \xi, C(Y + \eta)) = g_0(X + \xi, J_g(Y + \eta)). \end{aligned}$$

Or, equivalent, in (7) we have $H = K = \frac{a}{2}I_d$, $\alpha = \frac{|\Delta|}{\Delta} \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta|}}{2} \sharp_g$, $\beta = \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta|}}{2} \natural_g$. By straightforward computation, conditions (8),(9) are satisfied. \square

Remark 3. The generalized structure (10) associated to J_g is P for $\Delta > 0$ and C for $\Delta < 0$, respectively.

3.2 Generalized (a, b) -structures induced on a (a, b) -manifold (M, g, φ)

Let a, b be two real numbers with $\Delta = a^2 + 4b \neq 0$ and (M, g, φ) a Riemannian (a, b) -manifold with structural endomorphism φ . Let us consider the endomorphism $\varphi^* \in \text{End}(T^*M)$, with

$$\varphi^*(\xi)(X) = \xi(\varphi(X)), \quad \forall \xi \in \Gamma(T^*M), X \in \Gamma(TM).$$

Proposition 9. The endomorphism $\hat{J} \in \text{End}(E)$ defined by

$$\hat{J} = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & \varphi^* \end{pmatrix}, \quad (13)$$

is a generalized (a, b) -structure on M , induced by the (a, b) structure φ on M . The generalized structure \hat{J} is compatible with the neutral metric g_0 .

Proof. Using $\varphi^2 = a\varphi + bI_d$, from the definition of φ^* it results

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi^*)^2(\xi)(X) &= \varphi^*(\varphi^*(\xi))(X) = \varphi^*(\xi)(\varphi(X)) = \\ &= \xi(\varphi^2(X)) = a\xi(\varphi(X)) + b \cdot X = a\varphi^*(X) + b \cdot X, \end{aligned}$$

so $(\varphi^*)^2 = a\varphi^* + bI_d$. For endomorphism \hat{J} we have $H = \varphi$, $K = \varphi^*$, $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = 0$, in (7). Conditions (8) and (9) are satisfied. \square

Taking into account that M is a Riemannian (a, b) -manifold, hence $g(\varphi X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y)$, we have the following relations:

$$\varphi \circ \sharp_g = \sharp_g \circ \varphi^*, \quad \natural_g \circ \varphi = \varphi^* \circ \natural_g. \quad (14)$$

Proposition 10. *Let (M, g, φ) be a Riemannian (a, b) -manifold. The following relation between the canonical generalized (a, b) -structure J_g and the induced generalized (a, b) -structure \hat{J} holds:*

$$\hat{J} \circ J_g = J_g \circ \hat{J}.$$

Moreover, if $a = 0$, then the endomorphism $\hat{J} \circ J_g$ is a generalized $(0, b^2)$ -structure, while if $b = 0$, then $\hat{J} \circ J_g$ is a generalized $(a^2, 0)$ -structure.

Proof. Firstly we have to remark that relations (14) prove that the induced (a, b) structure \hat{J} commutes with the canonical generalized structures P and C from the previous subsection. Taking into account the definition of J_g from Proposition 8, it results that the generalized (a, b) structures \hat{J} and J_g commute. We denote $J = \hat{J} \circ J_g$ and compute

$$J^2 = a^2 J + ab(\hat{J} + J_g) + b^2 I_d.$$

Considering $a = 0$ or $b = 0$, we obtain that J is a generalized $(0, b^2)$ -, or $(a^2, 0)$ -structure. \square

Remark 4. *The generalized structure (10) associated to \hat{J} is*

$$I_{\hat{J}} = \begin{pmatrix} F & 0 \\ 0 & F^* \end{pmatrix}, \quad (15)$$

where F is the polynomial structure (2) associated to φ and $F^* : T^*M \rightarrow T^*M$ is defined by $F^*(\xi)(X) = \xi(FX)$.

Another generalized (a, b) -structure, induced by φ and g , on a Riemannian (a, b) -manifold (M, g, φ) is

$$J_{\varphi, g} = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2} \cdot \mathfrak{h}_g & aI_d - \varphi^* \end{pmatrix}, \quad (16)$$

Indeed, for $H = \varphi$, $K = aI_d - \varphi^*$, $\alpha = 0$ and $\beta = \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2} \cdot \mathfrak{h}_g$, in (7), conditions (8) are verified, but (9) are not satisfied, so $J_{\varphi, g}$ is not compatible with g_0 .

The generalized structure (10) associated to $J_{\varphi, g}$ is

$$I_{\varphi, g} = \begin{pmatrix} F & 0 \\ \mathfrak{h}_g & F^* \end{pmatrix}. \quad (17)$$

4 ∇ -integrability of generalized (a, b) -structures

The integrability of generalized structures can be defined by using a linear connection ∇ on M . It defines, in a canonical way, a bracket in $E = TM \oplus T^*M$ by

$$[X + \xi, Y + \eta]_{\nabla} = [X, Y] + \nabla_X \eta - \nabla_Y \xi, \quad (18)$$

for all $X + \xi, Y + \eta \in \Gamma(E)$. Moreover, ∇ -bracket defined by (18) satisfies (see [11, 13]):

1. $[X + \xi, Y + \eta]_{\nabla} = -[Y + \eta, X + \xi]_{\nabla}$,

2. $[f(X + \xi), Y + \eta]_{\nabla} = f[X + \xi, Y + \eta]_{\nabla} - Y(f)(X + \xi)$,
3. Jacobi's identity holds for $[\cdot, \cdot]_{\nabla}$ if and only if ∇ has zero curvature.

Let J be a generalized (a, b) -structure on M and \mathcal{L}_+ and \mathcal{L}_- be the eigen distributions of J , that is

$$\mathcal{L}_+ = Ker(J - \lambda_1 I_d) = \{X + \xi \in \Gamma(E) \mid J(X + \xi) = \lambda_1(X + \xi)\}, \quad (19)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_- = Ker(J - \lambda_2 I_d) = \{X + \xi \in \Gamma(E) \mid J(X + \xi) = \lambda_2(X + \xi)\},$$

where $\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{a \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2}$.

Every $X + \xi \in \Gamma(E)$ could be written $X + \xi = p_+(X + \xi) + p_-(X + \xi)$, where p_+ and p_- are the projections $p_+ : \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_+$, $p_- : \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_-$ defined by

$$p_+(X + \xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta}} (J(X + \xi) - \lambda_2(X + \xi))$$

$$p_-(X + \xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta}} (-J(X + \xi) + \lambda_1(X + \xi)),$$

and we also have

$$E = \mathcal{L}_+ \oplus \mathcal{L}_-.$$

Definition 3. The endomorphism J is called ∇ -integrable if the eigen-distributions \mathcal{L}_+ and \mathcal{L}_- are closed under the ∇ -brackets, that is

$$p_{\mp}[p_{\pm}(\sigma), p_{\pm}(\tau)]_{\nabla} = 0, \forall \sigma = X + \xi, \tau = Y + \eta \in \Gamma(E). \quad (20)$$

Similar with [13], we define the Nijenhuis torsion with respect to ∇ of the endomorphism J being the antisymmetric tensor

$$N_J^{\nabla} : \Gamma(E) \times \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E),$$

$$N_J^{\nabla}(\sigma, \tau) = [J\sigma, J\tau]_{\nabla} - J([J\sigma, \tau]_{\nabla} + [\sigma, J\tau]_{\nabla} - a \cdot [\sigma, \tau]_{\nabla}) + b \cdot [\sigma, \tau]_{\nabla}, \quad (21)$$

for every $\sigma = X + \xi$ and $\tau = Y + \eta$, and we have

$$p_{\mp}[p_{\pm}(\sigma), p_{\pm}(\tau)]_{\nabla} = \mp \frac{1}{\Delta} p_{\mp}(N_J^{\nabla}). \quad (22)$$

A direct consequence is

Proposition 11. The generalized (a, b) -structure J is ∇ -integrable if and only if $N_J^{\nabla} = 0$.

Proposition 12. Let ∇ be a linear connection on M , J a generalized (a, b) -structure on M and I its associated generalized almost complex or paracomplex structure, defined by (10). Between the Nijenhuis torsions N_I^{∇} and N_J^{∇} there is the followig relation:

$$N_J^{\nabla} = \frac{|\Delta|}{4} N_I^{\nabla}. \quad (23)$$

The structure J is ∇ -integrable if and only if I is ∇ -integrable.

Proof. By a straightforward computation we obtain relation (23), where N_I^∇ is defined by (21) replacing a with 0 and b with ϵ^2 , where $\epsilon = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{|\Delta|}}$. If $\Delta > 0$, $\epsilon = 1$ and if $\Delta < 0$, then $\epsilon = i$. We obtain

$$\mathcal{L}_+ = \{X + \xi \in E \mid I(X + \xi) = \epsilon(X + \xi)\}, \quad (24)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_- = \{X + \xi \in E \mid I(X + \xi) = -\epsilon(X + \xi)\},$$

and we have $I^2 = \epsilon^2 \cdot I_d$.

The ∇ -integrability of a generalized almost complex/paracomplex structure is defined by the involutivity of its eigen distributions with respect to ∇ -brackets. From relations (24), the eigen distributions \mathcal{L}_+ and \mathcal{L}_- of J are exactly the eigen distributions of the associated generalized almost paracomplex/complex structure I , so J is integrable if and only if I is integrable.

Moreover, from Proposition 11, the ∇ -integrability of a generalized (a, b) -structure is expressed by the vanishing of the Nijenhuis torsion N_J^∇ . Then, relation (23) proves that ∇ -integrability of J , defined by $N_J^\nabla = 0$, is equivalent to $N_I^\nabla = 0$, that means I is ∇ -integrable. \square

In the following we study the ∇ -integrability in the particular cases of generalized (a, b) -structures J_g and \hat{J} introduced in Section 3.

Theorem 1. *Let ∇ be a torsion-free linear connection on the Riemannian manifold (M, g) , a, b two real numbers with $\Delta = a^2 + 4b \neq 0$, and J_g the generalized (a, b) -structure determined by g , defined by (12). The endomorphism J_g is ∇ -integrable if and only if the metric g is a Codazzi tensor, i.e.*

$$(\nabla_X g)Y = (\nabla_Y g)X, \quad \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM).$$

Proof. According to Remark 3, the associated generalized almost paracomplex/complex structure I of J_g is P , canonical generalized almost product structure determined by g , if $\Delta > 0$, or C , canonical generalized almost complex structure determined by g , if $\Delta < 0$, respectively. Taking into account Proposition 12, investigating ∇ -integrability of J_g is equivalent to investigating the ∇ -integrability of I .

Since ∇ is a torsion-free connection, we can write $[X, Y] = \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X$, and the ∇ -bracket on E could be expressed by

$$[X + \xi, Y + \eta]_\nabla = \nabla_X(Y + \eta) - \nabla_Y(X + \xi).$$

We calculate, in the case $\Delta > 0$,

$$[P(X + \xi), P(Y + \eta)]_\nabla = \nabla_{\#_g(\xi)}(\#_g(\eta) + \natural_g(Y)) - \nabla_{\#_g(\eta)}(\#_g(\xi) + \natural_g(X)),$$

$$P[P(X + \xi), Y + \eta]_\nabla = \#_g(\nabla_{\#_g(\xi)}(\eta) - \nabla_Y(\natural_g(X))) + \natural_g(\nabla_{\#_g(\xi)}Y - \nabla_Y(\#_g(\xi))),$$

$$P[X + \xi, P(Y + \eta)]_\nabla = \#_g(\nabla_X(\natural_g(Y)) - \nabla_{\#_g(\eta)}(\xi)) + \natural_g(\nabla_X(\#_g(\eta)) - \nabla_{\#_g(\eta)}X).$$

Using $(\nabla_X g)Y = \nabla_X \natural_g(Y) - \natural_g(\nabla_X Y)$, we obtain

$$\#_g(\nabla_Y(\natural_g(X))) = \#_g((\nabla_Y g)X) + \nabla_Y X,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sharp_g (\nabla_{\sharp_g(\xi)} Y) &= - (\nabla_{\sharp_g(\xi)} g) Y + \nabla_{\sharp_g(\xi)} \sharp_g(Y), \\ \sharp_g (\nabla_Y \sharp_g(\xi)) &= - (\nabla_Y g) \sharp_g(\xi) + \nabla_Y \xi, \\ \sharp_g (\nabla_{\sharp_g(\eta)} \xi) &= \sharp_g ((\nabla_{\sharp_g(\eta)} g) \sharp_g(\xi)) + \nabla_{\sharp_g(\eta)} \sharp_g(\xi). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} N_P^\nabla(X + \xi, Y + \eta) &= \sharp_g ((\nabla_{\sharp_g(\eta)} g) \sharp_g(\xi) - (\nabla_{\sharp_g(\xi)} g) \sharp_g(\eta)) + \\ &+ \sharp_g ((\nabla_Y g) X - (\nabla_X g) Y) + (\nabla_{\sharp_g(\xi)} g) Y - (\nabla_Y g) \sharp_g(\xi) + \\ &+ (\nabla_X g) \sharp_g(\eta) - (\nabla_{\sharp_g(\eta)} g) X. \end{aligned}$$

If $(\nabla_X g) Y = (\nabla_Y g) X, \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$, then the above relation becomes $N_P^\nabla = 0$, so P is ∇ -integrable.

Conversely, if $N_P^\nabla(X + \xi, Y + \eta) = 0$ for all vector fields X, Y and 1-forms ξ, η , we consider $\xi = 0, \eta = 0$ and obtain $(\nabla_X g) Y = (\nabla_Y g) X, \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$.

According to Proposition 12, we obtain that the generalized (a, b) -structure J_g induced by the Riemannian metric g is ∇ -integrable if and only if the torsion-free linear connection ∇ satisfies

$$(\nabla_X g) Y = (\nabla_Y g) X, \quad \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM).$$

A similar computation gives the same result in the case $\Delta < 0$. □

Now, let (M, g, φ) be a Riemannian (a, b) -manifold and let \hat{J} be the generalized (a, b) -structure induced by φ . We study the ∇ -integrability of \hat{J} , where ∇ is a linear torsion-free connection on the (a, b) -manifold (M, g, φ) .

Proposition 13. *Let ∇ be a linear connection on M . The Nijenhuis torsion with respect to ∇ of the generalized (a, b) -structure \hat{J} is*

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\hat{J}}^\nabla(X + \xi, Y + \eta) \\ = N_\varphi(X, Y) + (\nabla_{\varphi_X} \varphi^*) \eta - \varphi^* ((\nabla_X \varphi) \eta) - (\nabla_{\varphi_Y} \varphi^*) \xi + \varphi^* ((\nabla_Y \varphi) \xi) \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

for all $X + \xi, Y + \eta \in \Gamma(E)$.

Proof. By direct computation, using $(\nabla_{\varphi_X} \varphi^*) \eta = \nabla_{\varphi_X}(\varphi^* \eta) - \varphi^*(\nabla_{\varphi_X} \eta)$. □

If ∇ is a torsion-free connection, then we obtain

$$N_\varphi(X, Y) = (\nabla_{\varphi_X} \varphi) Y - (\nabla_{\varphi_Y} \varphi) X + \varphi((\nabla_Y \varphi) X - (\nabla_X \varphi) Y). \quad (26)$$

Theorem 2. *If ∇ is a torsion free connection on M such that $\nabla \varphi = 0$, then the generalized (a, b) -structure \hat{J} is ∇ -integrable.*

Proof. Condition $\nabla\varphi=0$ implies from (26) that $N_\varphi = 0$. Then, the same condition gives us $\nabla_X(\varphi Y) = \varphi(\nabla_X Y)$ for all vector fields X, Y . We also compute

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_{\varphi X}(\varphi^*\eta))Z &= (\varphi X)(\eta(\varphi Z)) - \eta(\varphi(\nabla_{\varphi X}Z)) = \\ &= (\varphi X)(\eta(\varphi Z)) - \eta(\nabla_{\varphi X}\varphi Z) = (\nabla_{\varphi X}\eta)(\varphi Z) = \varphi^*(\nabla_{\varphi X}\eta)(Z), \end{aligned}$$

for every vector field Z . We obtain

$$\nabla_{\varphi X}(\varphi^*\eta) = \varphi^*(\nabla_{\varphi X}\eta),$$

and then $(\nabla_{\varphi X}\varphi^*)\eta = 0$, for every vector field X and 1-form η . This relation and $\nabla\varphi = 0$ in (25) imply that $N_j^\nabla = 0$, so \hat{J} is ∇ -integrable. \square

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