# Integral formulas on a Riemannian foliation

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Abstract. In this paper, we study the infinitesimal automorphisms on a Riemannian foliation and establish the integral formulas for them.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $(M, g_M, \mathcal{F})$  be a compact Riemannian manifold of dimension p + q with a transversally oriented foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  of codimension q and a bundle-like metric  $g_M$  with respect to  $\mathcal{F}$ . Let L be the tangent bundle of  $\mathcal{F}$  and Q = TM/L the normal bundle of  $\mathcal{F}$ . A vector field Y on M is called an infinitesimal automorphism of  $\mathcal{F}$  if the flow generated by Y preserves the foliation, that is, maps leaves into leaves. In other words, for any  $Z \in \Gamma L, [Y, Z] \in \Gamma L$ . There has been extensive studies of geometric infinitesimal automorphisms of a minimal Riemannian foliation by many differential geometers. In this paper, we extend well-known integral formulas concerning infinitesimal automorphisms on a Riemannian manifold to a foliated manifold, which  $\mathcal{F}$  is non-minimal.

### 2 Preliminaries

Let  $(M, g_M, \mathcal{F})$  be a (p+q)-dimensional Riemannian manifold with a foliation  $\mathcal{F}$ of codimension q and a bundle-like metric  $g_M$  with respect to  $\mathcal{F}$ . Let  $\nabla^M$  be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to  $g_M$ . Let TM be the tangent bundle of Mand L the integrable subbundle of TM given by  $\mathcal{F}$ . The normal bundle Q of  $\mathcal{F}$ is given by Q = TM/L. Then there exists an exact sequence of vector bundles

$$0 \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow TM^{\frac{\pi}{1-\sigma}}Q \longrightarrow 0.$$
 (2.1)

Let  $g_Q$  be the holonomy invariant metric on Q induced by  $g_M$ , that is,

$$g_Q(s,t) = g_M(\sigma(s), \sigma(t)) \quad \forall \ s, t \in \Gamma Q.$$
(2.2)

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This means that  $\theta(X)g_Q = 0$  for  $X \in \Gamma L$ , where  $\theta(X)$  is the transverse Lie derivative. A transversal Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  in Q is defined by ([5,11])

$$\nabla_X s = \begin{cases} \pi([X, Y_s]) & \forall X \in \Gamma L\\ \pi(\nabla_X^M Y_s) & \forall X \in \Gamma L^{\perp}, \end{cases}$$
(2.3)

where  $s \in \Gamma Q$  and  $Y_s \in \Gamma L^{\perp}$  corresponding to s under the canonical isomorphism  $Q \cong L^{\perp}$ . The curvature  $R^{\nabla}$  of  $\nabla$  is defined by  $R^{\nabla}(X,Y) = [\nabla_X,\nabla_Y] - \nabla_{[X,Y]}$  for  $X, Y \in \Gamma TM$ . Since  $i(X)R^{\nabla} = 0$  for any  $X \in \Gamma L([11])$ , the operator  $R^{\nabla} : Q \to Q$  is a well-defined endomorphism. Hence the transversal Ricci curvature  $\rho^{\nabla}$  is defined by

$$\rho^{\nabla}(s_x) = \sum_{a=p+1}^n R^{\nabla}(s, e_a) e_a, \qquad (2.4)$$

where  $\{e_a\}_{a=p+1,\dots,n}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $Q_x$ . And the transversal scalar curvature  $\sigma^{\nabla}$  is given by  $\sigma^{\nabla} = \text{Tr}\rho^{\nabla}$ . The foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be (transversally) *Einsteinian* if the model space N is Einsteinian, that is,

$$\rho^{\nabla} = \frac{1}{q} \sigma^{\nabla} \cdot id \tag{2.5}$$

with constant transversal scalar curvature  $\sigma^{\nabla}$ . The mean curvature vector  $\kappa^{\sharp}$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  is defined by

$$\kappa^{\sharp} = \pi \Big(\sum_{i=1}^{p} \nabla^{M}_{E_{i}} E_{i}\Big), \qquad (2.6)$$

where  $\{E_i\}$  is a local orthonormal basis of L. The foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be minimal if  $\kappa^{\sharp} = 0$ .

For the later use, we recall the divergence theorem on a foliated Riemannian manifold ([19]).

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $(M, g_M, \mathcal{F})$  be a closed, oriented, connected Riemannian manifold with a transversally orientable foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  and a bundle-like metric  $g_M$  with respect to  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then

$$\int_{M} div_{\nabla}(X) = \int_{M} g_{Q}(X, \kappa^{\sharp})$$
(2.7)

for all  $X \in \Gamma Q$ , where  $div_{\nabla}(X)$  denotes the transversal divergence of X with respect to the connection  $\nabla$  defined by (2.3).

A differential form  $\omega \in \Omega^{r}(M)$  is basic if

$$i(X)\omega = 0, \ \theta(X)\omega = 0, \quad \forall X \in \Gamma L.$$
 (2.8)

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Let  $\Omega_B^r(\mathcal{F})$  be the set of all basic r-forms on M. The foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be *isoparametric* if  $\kappa \in \Omega_B^1(\mathcal{F})$ , where  $\kappa$  is a  $g_Q$ -dual 1-form of  $\kappa^{\sharp}$ . Then it is well-known([11,12]) that on an isoparametric Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$ , the mean curvature form  $\kappa$  is closed, i.e.,  $d\kappa = 0$ .

The basic Laplacian acting on  $\Omega_B^*(\mathcal{F})$  is defined by

$$\Delta_B = d_B \delta_B + \delta_B d_B, \tag{2.9}$$

where  $\delta_B$  is a formal adjoint of  $d_B = d|_{\Omega^*_B(\mathcal{F})}$ , which are locally given by

$$d_B = \sum_a E_a \wedge \nabla_{E_a}, \quad \delta_B = -\sum_a i(E_a) \nabla_{E_a} + i(\kappa^{\sharp}), \quad (2.10)$$

where  $\{E_a\}$  is a local orthonormal basic frame on Q.

#### **3** Integral formulas

Let  $(M, g_M, \mathcal{F})$  be be a closed, oriented, connected Riemannian manifold of dimension p + q with a transversally oriented foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  of codimension q and a bundle-like metric  $g_M$  with respect to  $\mathcal{F}$ . Let  $V(\mathcal{F})$  be the space of all vector fields Y on M satisfying  $[Y, Z] \in \Gamma L$  for all  $Z \in \Gamma L$ . An element of  $V(\mathcal{F})$  is called an *infinitesimal automorphism* of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Let

$$\bar{V}(\mathcal{F}) = \{\bar{Y} = \pi(Y) \in \Gamma Q | Y \in V(\mathcal{F})\}.$$
(3.1)

It is trivial that an element s of  $\overline{V}(\mathcal{F})$  satisfies  $\nabla_X s = 0$  for all  $X \in \Gamma L([6,11])$ .

**Definition 3.1** For any vector field  $Y \in V(\mathcal{F})$ , we define an operator  $A_Y : \Gamma Q \to \Gamma Q$  as

$$A_Y s = \theta(Y) s - \nabla_Y s. \tag{3.2}$$

**Remark.** Let  $Y_s \in \Gamma TM$  with  $\pi(Y_s) = s$ . Then it is trivial that for any  $Y \in V(\mathcal{F})$ 

$$A_Y s = -\nabla_{Y_s} \pi(Y). \tag{3.3}$$

So  $A_Y$  depends only on  $s = \pi(Y)$  and is a linear operator. Moreover,  $A_Y$  extends in an obvious way to tensors of any type on Q (see [6] for details). In particular, for any basic 1-form  $\phi \in \Omega^1_B(\mathcal{F})$ , the operator  $A_Y$  is given by

$$(A_Y\phi)(X) = -\phi(A_YX) \quad \forall X \in \Gamma Q.$$
(3.4)

Now, we introduce the operator  $\nabla_{tr}^* \nabla_{tr} : \Omega_B^*(\mathcal{F}) \to \Omega_B^*(\mathcal{F})$  as

$$\nabla_{tr}^* \nabla_{tr} \phi = -\sum_a \nabla_{E_a, E_a}^2 \phi + \nabla_{\kappa^{\downarrow}} \phi, \qquad (3.5)$$

where  $\nabla_{X,Y}^2 = \nabla_X \nabla_Y - \nabla_{\nabla_X^M Y}$  for any  $X, Y \in TM$ . Then we have the following. **Theorem 3.2** On the Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on M, we have

$$\Delta_B \phi = \nabla_{tr}^* \nabla_{tr} \phi + A_{\kappa^\sharp} \phi + F(\phi) \tag{3.6}$$

for  $\phi \in \Omega_B^r(\mathcal{F})$ , where  $F(\phi) = \sum_{a,b} E^a \wedge i(E_b) R^{\nabla}(E_b, E_a) \phi$ . In particular, if  $\phi$  is a basic 1-form, then  $F(\phi)^{\sharp} = \rho^{\nabla}(\phi^{\sharp})$ .

**Proof.** Fix  $x \in M$  and let  $\{E_a\}$  be an orthonormal basis for Q with  $(\nabla E_a)_x = 0$ . Then from (2.10) we have

$$d_B \delta_B \phi = -\sum_{a,b} E^a \wedge i(E_b) \nabla_{E_a} \nabla_{E_b} \phi + d_B i(\kappa^{\sharp}) \phi$$

and

$$\delta_B d_B \phi = \sum_a - \nabla_{E_a} \nabla_{E_a} \phi + \sum_{a,b} E^a \wedge i(E_b) \nabla_{E_b} \nabla_{E_a} \phi + i(\kappa^{\sharp}) d_B \phi$$

Summing up the above two equations, we have

$$\begin{split} \Delta_B \phi &= d_B i(\kappa^{\sharp}) \phi + i(\kappa^{\sharp}) d_B \phi - \sum_a \nabla_{E_a} \nabla_{E_a} \phi + \sum_{a,b} E^a \wedge i(E_b) R^{\nabla}(E_b, E_a) \phi \\ &= \theta(\kappa^{\sharp}) \phi - \sum_a \nabla_{E_a} \nabla_{E_a} \phi + \sum_{a,b} E^a \wedge i(E_b) R^{\nabla}(E_b, E_a) \phi \\ &= \nabla_{tr}^* \nabla_{tr} \phi + F(\phi) + A_{\kappa^{\sharp}} \phi. \end{split}$$

On the other hand, let  $\phi$  be a basic 1-form and  $\phi^{\sharp}$  its  $g_Q$ -dual vector field. Then

$$g_Q(F(\phi), E^c) = \sum_{a,b} g_Q(E^a \wedge i(E_b)R^{\nabla}(E_b, E_a)\phi, E^c)$$
  
=  $\sum_b i(E_b)R^{\nabla}(E_b, E_c)\phi = \sum_b g_Q(R^{\nabla}(E_b, E_c)\phi^{\sharp}, E_b)$   
=  $\sum_b g_Q(R^{\nabla}(\phi^{\sharp}, E_b)E_b, E_c) = g_Q(\rho^{\nabla}(\phi^{\sharp}), E_c).$ 

This yields that for any basic 1-form  $\phi$ ,  $F(\phi)^{\sharp} = \rho^{\nabla}(\phi^{\sharp})$ . From (3.4) and (3.6), we have the following corollary.

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**Corollary 3.3** On the Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on M, we have that for any  $X \in \overline{V}(\mathcal{F})$ 

$$\Delta_B X = \nabla_{tr}^* \nabla_{tr} X + \rho^{\nabla}(X) - A_{\kappa^{\sharp}}^t X.$$
(3.7)

**Proposition 3.4** For any basic function f on M, it holds that

$$\int_{M} \Delta_B f = 0. \tag{3.8}$$

**Proof.** From (2.9), we have

$$\Delta_B f = \delta_B d_B f = -\sum_a i(E_a) \nabla_{E_a} d_B f + i(\kappa^{\sharp}) d_B f = -div_{\nabla}(d_B f) + i(\kappa^{\sharp}) d_B f.$$

Then the divergence theorem (2.7) implies

$$\int_{M} \Delta_{B} f = -\int_{M} div_{\nabla}(d_{B}f) + \int_{M} g_{Q}(\kappa^{\sharp}, d_{B}f) = 0. \quad \Box$$

Note that on M, the direct calculation gives

$$\frac{1}{2}\Delta_B f^2 = (\Delta_B f)f - |\nabla_{tr} f|^2,$$
(3.9)

which yields

$$\int_{M} \{ (\Delta_B f) f - |\nabla_{tr} f|^2 \} = 0.$$
(3.10)

Hence we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.5** On the Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on M, if a basic function f satisfies  $\Delta_B f \geq 0$  (or  $\Delta_B f \leq 0$ ), then f is constant on M.

**Proof.** By Proposition 3.4, if  $\Delta_B f \ge 0$ , then  $\Delta_B f = 0$ . So f is constant from (3.10).  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 3.6** For any basic function f and a constant  $\lambda$  on M, if  $\Delta_B f = \lambda f$ , then  $\lambda$  is positive.

**Proof.** From (3.10), if  $\Delta_B f = \lambda f$ , then we have

$$\int_M \{(\lambda f)f - |\nabla_{tr}f|^2\} = 0,$$

which implies  $\lambda > 0$ .  $\Box$ 

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**Proposition 3.8** On the Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on M, any vector field  $X \in \overline{V}(\mathcal{F})$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} -div_{\nabla}(A_X X) &- div_{\nabla}(div_{\nabla}(X)X) \\ &= g_Q(\rho^{\nabla}(X), X) + \frac{1}{2} |\theta(X)g_Q|^2 - |\nabla_{tr}X|^2 - (\delta_T X)^2 \\ &= g_Q(\rho^{\nabla}(X), X) - \frac{1}{2} |d_B\xi|^2 + |\nabla_{tr}X|^2 - (\delta_T X)^2. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** By a direct calculation with (3.3), it holds that for any  $X \in \tilde{V}(\mathcal{F})$ 

$$div_{\nabla}(A_X X) = -\sum_a g_Q(\nabla_{E_a} \nabla_X X, E_a),$$
$$div_{\nabla}(div_{\nabla}(X)X) = X div_{\nabla}(X) + (div_{\nabla}(X))^2.$$

Since  $X div_{\nabla}(X) = X g_Q(\nabla_{E_a} X, E_a) = g_Q(\nabla_X \nabla_{E_a}, E_a)$ , we have

$$div_{\nabla}(div_{\nabla}(X)X) + div_{\nabla}(A_XX)$$

$$= \sum_{a} g_Q(\nabla_X \nabla_{E_a} X - \nabla_{E_a} \nabla_X X, E_a) + (div_{\nabla}(X))^2$$

$$= \sum_{a} g_Q(R^{\nabla}(X, E_a)X + \nabla_{[X, E_a]}X, E_a) + (div_{\nabla}(X))^2$$

$$= -g_Q(\rho^{\nabla}(X), X) - \sum_{a} g_Q(A_X A_X E_a, E_a) + (div_{\nabla}(X))^2$$

From Lemma 3.7, the proof is completed.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 3.9** On the Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on M, any vector field  $X \in \overline{V}(\mathcal{F})$  satisfies

$$\int_{M} [g_{Q}(\rho^{\nabla}(X), X) + \frac{1}{2} |\theta(X)g_{Q}|^{2} - |\nabla_{tr}X|^{2} - (\delta_{T}X)^{2}] + \int_{M} [div_{\nabla}(A_{X}X) + div_{\nabla}(div_{\nabla}(X)X)] = 0$$
(3.15)

or

$$\int_{M} [g_{Q}(\rho^{\nabla}(X), X) - \frac{1}{2} |d_{B}\xi|^{2} + |\nabla_{tr}X|^{2} - (\delta_{T}X)^{2}]$$

$$+ \int_{M} [div_{\nabla}(A_{X}X) + div_{\nabla}(div_{\nabla}(X)X)] = 0.$$
(3.16)

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From (3.7), (3.15) and (3.16), we have the following corollary.

**Lemma 3.7** For any vector field  $X \in \overline{V}(\mathcal{F})$  on M, it holds that

$$TrA_X A_X = -rac{1}{2} |d_B \xi|^2 + |
abla_{tr} X|^2 \ = rac{1}{2} | heta(X)g_Q|^2 - |
abla_{tr} X|^2,$$

where  $\xi$  is  $g_Q$ -dual 1-form of X.

**Proof.** For any basic 1-form  $\phi$ , it is well-known that

$$(d_B\phi)(Y,Z) = Y\phi(Z) - Z\phi(Y) - \phi([Y,Z]), \quad \forall X, Y \in \Gamma Q$$

Since  $[E_a, E_b] = 0$ , we have that at  $x \in M$ 

$$|d_B\xi|^2 = \sum_{a,b} \{(d_B\xi)(E_a, E_b)\}^2$$
  
=  $\sum_{a,b} \{E_a\xi(E_b) - E_b\xi(E_a)\}^2 = \sum_{a,b} \{g_Q(\nabla_{E_a}X, E_b) - g_Q(\nabla_{E_b}X, E_a)\}^2$   
=  $2|\nabla X|^2 - 2\sum_{a,b} g_Q(\nabla_{E_a}X, E_b)g_Q(\nabla_{E_b}X, E_a).$  (3.11)

On the other hand, from (3.2) it is trivial that

$$TrA_X A_X = \sum_{a,b} g_Q(\nabla_{E_a} X, E_b) g_Q(\nabla_{E_b} X, E_a).$$
 (3.12)

Hence the first equation in Lemma 3.7 is proved from (3.11) and (3.12). Next, it is well-known that

$$TrA_X A_X = -TrA_X^t A_X + \frac{1}{2}Tr(A_X + A_X^t)^2$$
  
=  $-|\nabla_{tr}X|^2 + \frac{1}{2}Tr(A_X + A_X^t)^2.$  (3.13)

Moreover, since  $(\theta(X)g_Q)(Y,Z) = g_Q(\nabla_Y X,Z) + g_Q(\nabla_Z X,Y)$  for any  $X,Y,Z \in \Gamma Q$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\theta(X)g_Q|^2 &= \sum_{a,b} \{g_Q(\nabla_{E_a}X, E_b) + g_Q(\nabla_{E_b}X, E_a)\}^2 \\ &= \sum_{a,b} g_Q((A_X + A_X^t)E_a, E_b)^2 = Tr(A_X + A_X^t)^2. \end{aligned}$$
(3.14)

From (3.13) and (3.14), the second equation is proved.  $\Box$ 

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**Corollary 3.10** On the Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on M, any vector field  $X \in \overline{V}(\mathcal{F})$  satisfies

$$\int_{M} \{ g_{Q}(\Delta_{B}X, X) - 2g_{Q}(\rho^{\nabla}(X), X) - \frac{1}{2} |\theta(X)g_{Q}|^{2} + (\delta_{T}X)^{2} \}$$

$$+ \int_{M} \{ g_{Q}(A_{\kappa}; X, X) - div_{\nabla}(A_{X}X) - div_{\nabla}(div_{\nabla}(X)X) \} = 0,$$
(3.17)

or

$$\int_{M} \{g_{Q}(\Delta_{B}X, X) - \frac{1}{2} |d_{B}\xi|^{2} - (\delta_{T}X)^{2}\}$$

$$+ \int_{M} \{g_{Q}(A_{\kappa}; X, X) + div_{\nabla}(A_{X}X) + div_{\nabla}(div_{\nabla}(X)X)\} = 0.$$
(3.18)

**Lemma 3.11** On the Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on M, any vector field  $X \in \overline{V}(\mathcal{F})$  satisfies

$$|\theta(X)g_Q + \frac{2}{q}(\delta_T X)|^2 = |\theta(X)g_Q|^2 - \frac{4}{q}(\delta_T X)^2.$$

**Proof.** A direct calculation gives

$$\begin{split} |\theta(X)g_Q + \frac{2}{q}(\delta_T X)|^2 &= |\theta(X)g_Q|^2 + \frac{4}{q}(\delta_T X)^2 + \frac{4}{q}(\delta_T X)\sum_a (\theta(X)g_Q)(E_a, E_a) \\ &= |\theta(X)g_Q|^2 + \frac{4}{q}(\delta_T X)^2 - \frac{8}{q}(\delta_T X)^2 \\ &= |\theta(X)g_Q|^2 - \frac{4}{q}(\delta_T X)^2. \quad \Box \end{split}$$

From Corollary 3.10 and Lemma 3.11, we have the following.

**Corollary 3.12** On the Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on M, any vector field  $X \in \overline{V}(\mathcal{F})$  satisfies

$$\int_{M} \{g_{Q}(\Delta_{B}X, X) - 2g_{Q}(\rho^{\nabla}(X), X) - \frac{1}{2} |\theta(X)g_{Q} + \frac{2}{q}(\delta_{T}X)|^{2} + \frac{q-2}{q}(\delta_{T}X)^{2} \} + \int_{M} \{g_{Q}(A_{\kappa^{\sharp}}X, X) - div_{\nabla}(A_{X}X) - div_{\nabla}(div_{\nabla}(X)X)\} = 0.$$
(3.19)

**Lemma 3.13** On the Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on M, any vector field  $X \in \overline{V}(\mathcal{F})$  satisfies

$$\int_{M} \{g_Q(A_{\kappa^{\sharp}}X, X) + div_{\nabla}(A_XX)\} = -\int_{M} Xg_Q(\kappa^{\sharp}, X), \qquad (3.20)$$

$$\int_{M} div_{\nabla}(div_{\nabla}(X)X) = -\int_{M} (\delta_{T}X)g_{Q}(X,\kappa^{\sharp}).$$
(3.21)

**Proof.** Equation (3.21) is followed from the divergence theorem. From (3.3) and the divergence theorem, (3.20) is proved.  $\Box$ 

Now we denote  $VK^{\perp}(\mathcal{F})$  by

$$VK^{\perp}(\mathcal{F}) = \{ X \in \bar{V}(\mathcal{F}) | g_Q(X, \kappa^{\sharp}) = 0 \}.$$
(3.22)

Then we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.14** Let  $(M, g_M, \mathcal{F})$  be a compact Riemannian manifold with a foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  and a bundle-like metric  $g_M$ . For any vector field  $X \in VK^{\perp}(\mathcal{F})$  we have

$$\int_{M} \{g_{Q}(\Delta_{B}X, X) - 2g_{Q}(\rho^{\nabla}(X), X) - \frac{1}{2}|\theta(X)g_{Q} + \frac{2}{q}(\delta_{T}X)|^{2}\}$$

$$+ \int_{M} \{\frac{q-2}{q}(\delta_{T}X)^{2}\} + 2g_{Q}(A_{\kappa^{\sharp}}X, X)\} = 0.$$
(3.23)

**Proof.** From Corollary 3.12 and Lemma 3.13, it is trivial.  $\Box$ 

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