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DIFFERENTIABLE CONJUGATION OF ACTIONS OF  $R^p$ 

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**Introduction.** First we consider non-singular  $C^r$ -actions,  $r \geq 2$ , of  $R^p$  on  $T^p$ . We prove that, up to linear reparametrization and conjugation by  $C^r$ -diffeomorphisms, there is only one action, see 1.6. Next, consider a 1-form  $\omega = a_1 dx_1 + a_2 dx_2 + \dots + a_p dx_p + dx_{p+1}$  on  $T^{p+1}$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , with irrational coefficients and denote by  $F$  the  $p$ -dimensional foliation defined by  $\omega$ . If the set  $\{a_1, \dots, a_p, 1\}$  is linearly independent over the rationals, then all leaves of  $F$  are dense hyperplanes, otherwise they are dense cylinders. We study non-singular  $C^r$ -actions,  $r \geq 2$ , of  $R^p$  on  $T^{p+1}$  with underlying foliation  $F$ . Here we prove that the number of these actions depends on the arithmetic nature of the  $a_j$ 's. A vector  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_p)$  is Liouville type if there is an infinite sequence of integers  $k_i$  such that

$$\|k_i a\| < \frac{1}{|k_i|^i}$$

where

$$\|k_i a\| = \inf\{|k_i a - \ell|; \ell \in \mathbb{Z}^p\}$$

If  $a$  is not Liouville type there exists a minimum integer  $m \geq 2$  and a constant  $c$  such that

$$\|ka\| \geq \frac{c}{|k|^{m-1}}$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In this case we say that  $a$  is diophantine type of order  $m$ . The 1-form  $\omega$  is a Liouville type or a

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diophantine type form accordingly as  $\alpha$  is Liouville or diophantine type, respectively.

2.4 If  $\omega$  is a diophantine type form, then, up to linear reparametrization and differentiable conjugation, there is only one non-singular action of  $R^p$  on  $T^{p+1}$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , with underlying foliation  $F$ . This generalizes to actions of  $R^p$ , a known result on linearization of vector fields [8, Ch. III].

The foliated cohomology, introduced by Reinhart in [6], appears naturally in the study of actions. See 2.5 for the definition of this cohomology and its relation with actions. Using the foliated cohomology we prove

2.9 If  $\omega = \alpha_1 dx_1 + \dots + \alpha_p dx_p + dx_{p+1}$  is a Liouville form then there are infinitely many  $C^\infty$  non-singular actions of  $R^p$  on  $T^{p+1}$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , with underlying foliation  $F$  such that none of them is  $C^1$  conjugated to a linear reparametrization of the other.

Denote by  $H^1(T^{p+1}, F)$  the 1-cohomology group of the foliated manifold  $(T^{p+1}, F)$ . Here we computed this group, namely:

2.10  $H^1(T^{p+1}, F) = R^p$  if  $\omega$  is a diophantine type form. It has infinite dimension if  $\omega$  is a Liouville type form. For  $p = 1$ , Heitsch in [3] computed this group in case  $\omega$  is diophantine and Roger in [7] when  $\omega$  is Liouville. Conversations with G. Hector stimulated our interest in this questions, and we take this opportunity to thank him.

## 1. Generalities and Actions of $R^p$ on $TP$

Let  $M$  be a closed orientable connected  $m$ -dimensional manifold and  $F: R^p \times M \rightarrow M$  a differentiable non-singular action of  $R^p$  on

$M$ . The orbit of  $x \in M$  under  $F$  is the map  $F_x: R^p \rightarrow M$  defined by  $F_x(v) = F(v, x)$ . The tangent fields to  $M$  given by

$$X_j(x) = DF_x(0)(e_j), \quad 1 \leq j \leq p$$

are called the infinitesimal generators of  $F$ .  $F$  is said to be of class  $C^r$  if its infinitesimal generators are of class  $C^r$ .  $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_p\}$  is a commutative  $p$ -frame of the underlying foliation  $F$  of  $F$ . Any set of 1-forms  $\xi = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_p\}$  such that  $\xi_i(X_j) = \delta_{ij}$  is called a  $p$ -coframe adapted to  $F$ . Let

$$I(F) = \{\omega \in \Lambda(M) : \omega \text{ annihilates } TF\}$$

$I(F)$  is a differential ideal i.e.,  $dI(F) \subset I(F)$ , and  $I(F)^{q+1} = 0$  where  $q = m-p$ . A form  $\omega$  is called  $F$ -closed if  $d\omega \in I(F)$ .

If  $\xi$  is a  $p$ -coframe adapted to  $F$  then every  $\xi_j$  is  $F$ -closed. It is interesting to observe that an action  $F$  determines uniquely its frame of infinitesimal generators  $X$ , but there are many coframes adapted to  $F$ . In fact, if  $\xi$  is one such coframe and  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_p$  are 1-forms in  $I(F)$ , then  $\xi' = \{\xi_1 + \omega_1, \dots, \xi_p + \omega_p\}$  is another. Any  $p$ -coframe  $\xi$  adapted to  $F$  determines uniquely the frame  $X$  of infinitesimal generators. It is precisely this versatility of coframes adapted to a given action  $F$  that makes it more adequate to regard actions as forms rather than as a vector fields.

Let  $A = [A_{ij}]$  be a element of  $GL(p, R)$  and  $v \in R^p$  thought as a column vector. If  $F$  is an action, then  $F_A$  given by  $F_A(v, x) = F(Av, x)$  is an action too. The infinitesimal generators of  $F_A$ , in terms of those of  $F$  are

$$X'_j = A_{1j} X_1 + \dots + A_{pj} X_p, \quad 1 \leq j \leq p$$

or in matrix notation  $X' = {}^t A X$ . If  $\xi$  is a  $p$ -coframe adapted to  $F$  then  $\xi' = A^{-1} \xi$  is a  $p$ -coframe adapted to  $F_A$ . Denote by  $A^r(R^p, M)$  the set of non-singular  $C^r$ -actions of  $R^p$  on  $M$ .



Two actions  $F, G \in A^r(R^p, M)$  are said to be *linearly equivalent* if  $G = F_A$  for some  $A \in GL(p, R)$ . The class of  $F$  under this relation will be written  $\underline{F}$  and the set of all such classes by  $\underline{A}^r(R^p, M)$ . Let  $\xi = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_p\}$  be a coframe adapted to an action  $F$  and  $V_\xi$  the real vector subspace of  $\Lambda^1(M)$  generated by the elements of  $\xi$ . To every  $F_A \in \underline{F}$  corresponds a base  $\xi' = A^{-1}\xi$  of  $V_\xi$  and thus  $\underline{F}$  is determined by any one of these vector spaces  $V_\xi$ .

To every  $F \in A^r(R^p, M)$  is associated a symmetric  $(q+1)$ -linear mapping

$$1.2 \quad \alpha_F : R^p \times \dots \times R^p \rightarrow H_{DR}^{2q+1}(M), \quad q = m-p$$

called the *characteristic mapping* of  $F$ . Take a coframe  $\xi$  adapted to  $F$  and consider the map from  $R^p$  into  $\Lambda^1(M)$  given by  $v = (v^1, \dots, v^p) \rightarrow v \cdot \xi = v^1 \xi_1 + \dots + v^p \xi_p$  then

$$1.2' \quad \alpha_F(v_1, \dots, v_{q+1}) = [\eta_1 \wedge d\eta_2 \wedge \dots \wedge d\eta_{q+1}] \quad \text{where}$$

$\eta_j = v_j \cdot \xi$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq q+1$ . It is shown in [1, 1.4] that  $\alpha_F$  does not depend on the adapted coframe taken.

1.3 As an example consider actions of  $R^p$  on  $T^p$ . Let  $\partial/\partial x = \{\partial/\partial x_1, \dots, \partial/\partial x_p\}$  be the canonical frame of the tangent bundle  $T(T^p)$  and  $dx = \{dx_1, \dots, dx_p\}$  its dual coframe. The *canonical action*  $E$  of  $R^p$  on  $T^p$  is the one generated by  $\partial/\partial x$ . Identify  $H_{DR}(T^p)$  with  $R^p$  by the isomorphism  $[dx_j] \rightarrow e_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p$ . Now, let  $F \in A^r(R^p, T^p)$  and  $\xi$  its adapted coframe, the characteristic mapping  $\alpha_F : R^p \rightarrow H_{DR}(T^p)$  is given by  $\alpha_F(e_j) = [\xi_j]$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p$ . In the standard base of  $R^p$ ,  $\alpha_F$  is represented by the matrix  $[\alpha_{ij}]$ , where  $\alpha_{ij} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\sigma_i} \xi_j$ , and  $\xi_i$  are generators of  $\pi_1(T^p)$ . In particular  $\alpha_E = I$ .

**1.4 Lemma.** Let  $F$  be a non-singular  $C^r$ -action,  $r \geq 2$ , of  $R^p$  on  $T^p$ ,  $p \geq 1$ . Then the rows of the matrix  $\alpha_F$  are a set of generators of the isotropy group of  $F$ .

**Proof.** Denote the matrix  $\alpha_F$  by  $A$  and let  $G(v, x) = F({}^tAv, x)$ . Straight computation gives  $\alpha_G = \alpha_F \circ A^{-1} = A \circ A^{-1} = I$ . First we show that the rows of the identity matrix are generators of the isotropy group of  $G$ . Let  $\xi$  be the coframe adapted to  $G$ . Since  $\alpha_G = I$ , one has  $[\xi_j] = [dx_j]$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p$ , and so the group of periods of each  $\xi_j$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ . This implies that the foliations  $F_j$  defined by the closed forms  $\xi_j$  are compact. As the one-dimensional foliations  $G^i$  given by the infinitesimal generators  $X_i$  of  $G$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ , are just  $\bigcap_{j \neq i} F_j$ , they are also compact. Fix a point  $x \in T^p$  and let  $\tau_i$  be the period of the orbit  $\gamma_i$  of  $X_i$  through  $x$ .  $\gamma_i$  is homotopic to  $\sum_j n_{ij} \sigma_j$ , where  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_p$  are the canonical generators of  $\pi_1(T^p, x)$  and the  $n_{ij}$ 's are integers. Since  $[\xi_k] = [dx_k]$ , one gets

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\gamma_i} \xi_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\gamma_i} dx_k = \sum_j n_{ij} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\sigma_j} dx_k = n_{ik}$$

and by direct computation one also gets  $\int_{\gamma_i} \xi_k = \tau_i \delta_{ik}$ , therefore  $\gamma_i$  is homotopic to  $\tau_i \sigma_i$  and  $\tau_i$  is an integer. Finally, since  $\gamma_i$  is the orbit of a vector field, it follows that  $\tau_i = 1$ , and so the vectors  $e_i$ , i.e., the rows of  $I$ , generate the isotropy group of  $x$  under  $G$ . Now, since  $G(e_i, x) = F({}^tAe_i, x) = x$ , the lemma follows.

1.5 Two actions  $F$  and  $G$  in  $A^r(R^p, M)$ ,  $r \geq 2$ , are said to be  *$C^r$ -conjugated* if there exists  $\phi \in \text{Diff}^s(M)$ ,  $s \geq 1$ , such that  $G(v, \phi(x)) = \phi \circ F(v, x)$  for all  $v \in R^p$  and all  $x \in M$ . In



this situation  $\alpha_F = \phi^* \circ \alpha_G$  [1, 2.7]. Two actions  $F$  and  $G$  in  $A^r(R^p, M)$  are said to be  $C^s$ -conjugated if there exists  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  which are  $C^s$ -conjugated. Let  $F$  be conjugated by  $\phi$  to  $G$ ,  $X$  and  $Y$  the  $p$ -frames of infinitesimal generators of  $F$  and  $G$  respectively, then  $\phi_* X_j = Y_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p$ . For every coframe  $\eta = \{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_p\}$  adapted to  $G$ ,  $\phi^* \eta = \{\phi^* \eta_1, \dots, \phi^* \eta_p\}$  is a coframe adapted to  $F$ , thus  $\phi$  induces an isomorphism  $\phi^*: V_\eta \rightarrow V_{\phi^* \eta}$ .

Now we are going to show that in  $A^r(R^p, T^p)$  there is only one class of  $C^r$ -conjugation, namely, the class of the canonical action  $E$ .

**1.6 Theorem.** If  $F$  is a  $C^r$ ,  $r \geq 2$ , non-singular action of  $R^p$  on  $T^p$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , then there exists  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\phi \in \text{Diff}^r(T^p)$  homotopic to the identity which conjugates  $E$  with  $G$ .

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be as in the proof of 1.4, so that  $\alpha_G = I$ . By 1.4 the vectors  $e_1, \dots, e_p$  of  $R^p$  are generators of the isotropy group of  $G$  and so the map  $G_x: R^p \rightarrow T^p$  induces a  $C^r$ -diffeomorphism  $\phi: T^p \rightarrow T^p$  such that  $\phi_* \partial/\partial x_j = X_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p$ , where  $X$  is the frame of infinitesimal generators of  $G$ . This implies that  $\phi$  conjugates  $E$  with  $G$ . Let  $\xi$  be the closed coframe adapted to  $G$ . Since  $\phi^* \xi_j = dx_j$  and  $[\xi_j] = [dx_j]$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p$ , it follows that  $\phi$  induces the identity in  $H_{DR}^1(T^p)$  and therefore  $\phi$  is homotopic to the identity.

## 2. Actions of $R^p$ on $T^{p+1}$ , $p \geq 1$ , with Linear and Dense underlying Foliations

Let  $\omega = a_1 dx_1 + \dots + a_p dx_p + dx_{p+1}$  be a 1-form on  $T^{p+1}$  with  $a_j \in R \setminus Q$  for  $1 \leq j \leq p$ . Denote by  $F = F(\omega)$  the codimension 1 foliation defined by  $\omega$ . If the set  $\{a_1, \dots, a_p, 1\}$  is linearly independent over  $Q$ , then all leaves of  $F$  are dense hyperplanes. They are dense cylinders of the type  $T^{p-k} \times R^k$  in case  $k+1$  is the cardinality of the maximum linearly independent subset. The action  $E = E(\omega)$  of  $R^p$  on  $T^{p+1}$  defined by the vector fields

$$2.1 \quad E_j = \partial/\partial x_j - a_j \partial/\partial x_{p+1}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq p,$$

is called the *canonical action* with underlying foliation  $F$ . Note that  $\{dx_1, \dots, dx_p\}$  is a coframe of  $F$  adapted to  $E$  for any such  $\omega$ . Denote by  $A^r(R^p, M, F)$  the set of all non-singular  $C^r$ -actions of  $R^p$  on  $M$  with the same underlying foliation  $F$ . An element  $F \in A^r(R^p, T^{p+1}, F)$  is the same as a  $p$ -coframe  $\xi$  of  $F$  which is  $F$ -closed i.e., such that  $d\xi_j \wedge \omega = 0$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p$ , [1, 1.3]. We will use for computations the frame  $\{E_1, \dots, E_p, \partial/\partial x_{p+1}\}$  and the coframe  $\{dx_1, \dots, dx_p, \omega\}$  of  $T^{p+1}$ . Let  $\mu = f_1 dx_1 + \dots + f_p dx_p + h\omega$  be any 1-form on  $T^{p+1}$ . Straight computation gives:

$$2.2 \quad \mu \text{ is } F\text{-closed if and only if } E_i f_j - E_j f_i = 0 \text{ for all } 1 \leq i < j \leq p.$$

It was proven in [1, 4.7] that for any  $F$  in  $A^r(R^2, T^3, F)$ ,  $r \geq 2$ ,  $\alpha_F$  is the zero map; we remark as an aside that the proof can be generalized for  $A^r(R^p, T^{p+1}, F)$ . Thus, the characteristic mapping does not distinguish among these actions.



It seems natural to ask how many conjugation classes exists in  $A^n(\mathbb{R}^p, T^{p+1}, F)$ . It appears that the answer to this question depends on the arithmetic nature of the coefficients of  $\omega$ .

A vector  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p)$  is said to be *Liouville type* if there is an infinite sequence of integers  $k_i$  such that

$$\|k_i \alpha\| < \frac{1}{|k_i|^i}$$

where

$$\|k_i \alpha\| = \inf\{|k_i \alpha - \ell|; \ell \in \mathbb{Z}^p\}.$$

If  $\alpha$  is not Liouville type then there exists a minimum integer  $m \geq 2$  and a constant  $c > 0$  such that

$$\|k_1 \alpha\| \geq \frac{c}{|k|^{m-1}}$$

for all integers  $k$ . In this case we say that  $\alpha$  is *diophantine type of order  $m$* . A 1-form  $\omega = \alpha_1 dx_1 + \dots + \alpha_p dx_p + dx_{p+1}$  is said to be *diophantine type* or *Liouville type* accordingly as  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p)$  is diophantine type or Liouville type, respectively. The order of a diophantine type 1-form  $\omega$  is the order of its diophantine type vector  $\alpha$ . If at least one of the coefficients of  $\omega$  is a diophantine number, then  $\omega$  is a diophantine type form. Let  $\alpha$  be a Liouville number [5] and  $\alpha_j = p_j(\alpha)$  where  $p_j(x)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p$  are polynomials with rational coefficients. Then  $\omega$  is a Liouville type form.

**2.3 Lemma.** Let  $\omega = \alpha_1 dx_1 + \dots + \alpha_p dx_p + dx_{p+1}$  be a diophantine form of order  $m$  on  $T^{p+1}$ ,  $p \geq 1$ . For any  $C^{m+s}$ ,  $s > \left[\frac{p+1}{2}\right] + 1$ ,  $F$ -closed 1-form  $\mu$  there exists a unique, up to additive constants,  $C^\ell$ -function,  $\ell = s - \left[\frac{p+1}{2}\right] - 1$ ,  $h: T^{p+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mu + h\omega$  is closed.

**Proof.** To simplify, we give the proof in  $T^3$  for  $\omega = \alpha dx_1 + b dx_2 + dx_3$ . One can assume, without loss of generality, that  $\mu = f dx_1 + g dx_2$ . Straight calculation gives:  $\mu + h\omega$  is closed if and only if  $E_1 h = \partial f / \partial x_3$ ,  $E_2 h = \partial g / \partial x_3$  and  $E_1 g = E_2 f$ . Since the last equation is equivalent to  $\mu$  being  $F$ -closed, see 2.2, to prove the lemma it is enough to find an  $h$  such that:

$$2.3.1 \quad E_1 h = \partial f / \partial x_3$$

$$2.3.2 \quad E_2 h = \partial g / \partial x_3$$

Denote the lifting of objects from  $T^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the same letters. Let  $f = \sum_k f_k e^{2\pi i(k \cdot x)}$  and  $g = \sum_k g_k e^{2\pi i(k \cdot x)}$  with  $k = (k_1, k_2, k_3) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$  and  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  be the Fourier series of  $f$  and  $g$ , respectively. Equations 2.3.1 are equivalent to the following collection of relations

$$2.3.1' \quad (k_1 - \alpha k_3) h_k = k_3 f_k$$

$$2.3.2' \quad (k_2 - b k_3) h_k = k_3 g_k$$

Assume  $\omega$  is a diophantine form of order  $m$ . Define  $h_k = 0$  if  $k_3 = 0$ . As  $\omega$  is diophantine, then for each  $k$ ,  $k_3 \neq 0$  one has either

$$2.3.4 \quad |k_3 \alpha - k_1| \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{c}{|k_3|^{m-1}}$$

or

$$2.3.5 \quad |k_3 b - k_2| \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{c}{|k_3|^{m-1}}.$$

Equation  $E_1 g = E_2 f$  is equivalent to the relations  $(k_1 - \alpha k_3) g_k = (k_2 - b k_3) f_k$  and from them it follows that if  $h_k$  satisfies one



of the relations 2.3.1 or 2.3.2', then it also satisfies the other. Thus by 2.3.4. and 2.3.5., for each  $k$ ,  $k \neq 0$ , we can find a solution  $h_k$  of 2.3.1' and 2.3.2' satisfying

$$|h_k| = \frac{|k_3|}{|k_1 - \alpha k_3|} |f_k| \leq |k_3|^m |f_k| \sqrt{2}$$

Since  $f$  is a  $C^{m+s}$ -function, the  $h_k$ 's are the Fourier coefficients of a function  $h$  of the Sobolev space  $H^s$ . By Sobolev lemma  $h$  is a  $C^\ell$ -function,  $\ell = s - \left[\frac{p+1}{2}\right] - 1$  and therefore the form  $\mu + h\omega$  is closed.

**2.4 Theorem.** Let  $\omega = a_1 dx_1 + \dots + a_p dx_p + dx_{p+1}$  be a diophantine form of order  $m$  and  $F$  the foliation of  $T^{p+1}$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , defined by  $\omega$ . Any action  $\tilde{F} \in \tilde{A}^{m+s}(R^p, T^{p+1}, F)$ ,  $s > \left[\frac{p+1}{2}\right] + 1$ , is  $C^\ell$ -conjugated,  $\ell = s - \left[\frac{p+1}{2}\right] - 1$ , to the canonical action  $E(\omega)$  by a diffeomorphism homotopic to the identity.

**Proof.** Take an  $F \in \tilde{F}$  and let  $\xi$  be a  $p$ -coframe adapted to  $F$ . Since the  $C^{m+s}$ -forms  $\xi_j$ , are  $F$ -closed, by 2.3 there exist  $C^\ell$ -functions  $h_j$  such that the forms  $\xi_j + h_j \omega$  are closed,  $1 \leq j \leq p$ . Thus, one can assume that the  $p$ -coframe  $\xi$  is closed. The set of forms  $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_p, \omega\}$  is closed  $C^\ell$ -coframe of  $T^{p+1}$  and define a non-singular  $C^\ell$ -action  $\tilde{F}$  of  $R^{p+1}$ . By 1.6 there exists  $A \in GL(p+1, R)$  and  $\phi \in \text{Diff}^\ell(T^{p+1})$ , homotopic to the identity, which conjugates  $\tilde{F}_A$  with the canonical action giving

$$2.4.1 \quad \phi^* \eta_j = dx_j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq p+1$$

where  $\eta$  is the coframe of  $T^{p+1}$  adapted to  $\tilde{F}_A$ . Since  $\tilde{F}$  and  $\tilde{F}_A$  are linearly equivalent  $\omega \in V_\eta$  and of course  $\omega \in V_{dx}$ , too. By 2.4.1,  $\phi^*$  as an operator on forms restricts to an isomorphism of  $V_\eta$  onto  $V_{dx}$ , and as a map in  $H_{DR}(T^{p+1})$  it is the identity, then necessarily  $\phi^* \omega = \omega$ , and thus leaves  $F$  invariant. Finally, the action  $G$  whose infinitesimal generators are  $\phi_* E_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p$ , has  $\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_p\}$  as an adapted coframe. In fact  $\eta_i(\phi_* E_j) = \phi^* \eta_i(E_j) = dx_i(\partial/\partial x_j - a_j \partial/\partial x_{p+1}) = \delta_{ij}$ . Therefore  $G \in \tilde{F}$  and by 2.4.1,  $\phi$  conjugates  $E(\omega)$  with  $G$ .

**2.5** Next we prove that for Liouville type forms  $\omega$  there are infinitely many  $C^1$ -conjugation classes in  $\tilde{A}(R^p, T^{p+1}, F)$ . For this purpose we use the cohomology of the foliated manifold  $(T^{p+1}, F)$ .

From now on we regard the 1-forms coming from actions as sections of  $T^*F$ , the dual bundle of the subbundle  $TF$  of  $TM$ . Let  $F$  be a locally free action of  $R^p$  on a closed orientable connected  $m$ -dimensional manifold  $M$  and  $F$  its underlying foliation. A  $C^s$   $k$ -form along  $F$  is a  $C^s$  section of the  $k$ -th exterior power of  $T^*F$ ; we denote by  $\Lambda_s^k(TF)$  the set of all  $C^s$   $k$ -forms along  $F$ . The exterior differential along  $F$ ,

$$d_F: \Lambda_s^k(TF) \longrightarrow \Lambda_{s-1}^{k+1}(TF), \quad s \geq 1$$

is defined by the standard formula



$$d_F \alpha(X_0, \dots, X_k) = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i X_i \alpha(X_0, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, X_k) \\ + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \alpha([X_i, X_j], X_0, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_k)$$

where  $X_0, \dots, X_k$  are smooth sections of  $TF$ . Thus the  $C^\infty$  forms along  $F$ ,  $\Lambda(TF)$ , is a differential complex with respect to  $d_F$ . The cohomology  $H^*(M, F)$  of this complex is called the *foliated cohomology* of  $(M, F)$  and is the cohomology of  $M$  with value in the sheaf of germs of differentiable functions on  $M$  locally constant on the leaves of  $F$  [9, I.5].

A  $p$ -coframe  $\xi$  along  $F$  is an ordered sequence  $\xi = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_p\}$  of 1-forms along  $F$  giving a basis of  $T_x^*F$  at each point  $x$  of  $F$ . A coframe  $\xi$  is  $d_F$ -closed if  $d_F \xi_i = 0$  for  $i=1, \dots, p$ . There is a one-to-one correspondence between locally free  $C^r$ -actions of  $R^p$  on  $M$  and  $d_F$ -closed  $C^r$   $p$ -coframes along  $F$  and conversely. Two locally free  $C^r$ ,  $r \geq 1$ , actions  $F$  and  $G$  with the same underlying foliation  $F$  are conjugated by a diffeomorphism  $\phi$  preserving  $F$  if  $\eta = \phi^* \xi$ , where  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  are the coframe along  $F$  corresponding to  $F$  and  $G$ , respectively.

If  $F$  is the foliation on  $T^{p+1}$  defined by  $\omega = a_1 dx_1 + \dots + a_p dx_p + dx_{p+1}$  then we denote by  $\varepsilon_j$  the restrictions of  $dx_j$  to  $TF$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p$ . Thus  $\varepsilon = \{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_p\}$  is a  $d_F$ -closed coframe along  $F$  and the  $C^\infty$  action  $E$  corresponding to  $\varepsilon$  is called the *canonical action* of  $F$ .

**2.6 Lemma.** Let  $\omega = a_1 dx_1 + \dots + a_p dx_p + dx_{p+1}$ , with  $\{1, a_1, \dots, a_p\}$  linearly independent over the rationals, be a Liouville type

form and  $F$  the foliation defined by it. There exists an infinite sequence  $(\mu_n)$  of  $d_F$ -closed  $C^\infty$  1-forms along  $F$  such that

i)  $\{\mu_n, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_p\}$  are  $p$ -coframes along  $F$ .

ii) given any two positive integers  $i > j$ , any constants  $b, c_2, \dots, c_p$  and any translation  $\tau$  of  $T^{p+1}$ , then the equation

$$\tau^* \mu_j + b \mu_i + c_2 \varepsilon_2 + \dots + c_p \varepsilon_p = d_F h$$

has no  $C^1$  solution  $h: T^{p+1} \rightarrow R$ .

**Proof.** To simplify we give the proof in  $T^3$ . Let  $F$  be defined by  $\omega = a_1 dx_1 + a_2 dx_2 + dx_3$ . Since  $a = (a_1, a_2)$  is a Liouville type vector and  $\{1, a_1, a_2\}$  is linearly independent over the rationals there exist sequences of integers  $q_i$  and  $n_i \geq i$  and  $\ell_i = (\ell_{i1}, \ell_{i2})$  in  $Z^2$  such that

$$2.6.1 \quad \frac{1}{|q_i|^{n_i+2}} \leq |q_i a - \ell_i| < \frac{1}{|q_i|^{n_i+1}}$$

Thus for infinitely many  $i$  and some  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 2$ , say for simplicity,  $j = 1$ , we have

$$2.6.2 \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{|q_i|^{n_i+2}} \leq |q_i a_1 - \ell_{i1}| < \frac{1}{|q_i|^{n_i+1}}$$

and

$$2.6.3 \quad |q_i a_2 - \ell_{i2}| < \frac{1}{|q_i|^{n_i+1}}$$

If  $\mu = f \varepsilon_1 + g \varepsilon_2$  is  $d_F$ -closed then the Fourier coefficients of  $f$  and  $g$  must satisfy the relations

$$2.6.4 \quad (k_1 - k_3 a_1) g_k = (k_2 - k_3 a_2) f_k.$$



We construct the sequence  $\mu_n$  inductively. First consider the  $C^\infty$  function  $f$  whose Fourier coefficients are  $f_0 = c_1$ ,  $f_k = 0$  if  $k \neq (\ell_i, \ell_i, q_i)$  and

$$2.6.5 \quad f(\ell_i, q_i) = \frac{1}{|\ell_i, \ell_i, q_i|^{n_i/3}} = f(-\ell_i, -q_i).$$

Define  $g$  by  $g = c$ ,  $g_k = 0$  if  $k \neq (\ell_i, q_i)$  and

$$2.6.6 \quad g(\ell_i, q_i) = \frac{\ell_i, q_i}{\ell_i, \ell_i, q_i} f(\ell_i, q_i) = g(-\ell_i, -q_i)$$

From 2.6.2, 2.6.3 and 2.6.6 we get

$$2.6.7 \quad |g(\ell_i, q_i)| < \sqrt{2} |q_i| |f(\ell_i, q_i)|$$

showing that  $g$  is a  $C^\infty$  function. Thus  $\mu = \mu_1 = f\varepsilon_1 + g\varepsilon_2$  is  $d_F$ -closed. Let  $\mu_1 = \mu$ . To construct  $\mu_2$  take a proper subsequence of  $(\ell_i, \ell_i, q_i)$  given in 2.6.1 which contains infinitely many terms and disregards infinitely many of them. Starting with this subsequence, the same construction made for  $\mu$  gives  $\mu_2 = f^2\varepsilon_1 + g^2\varepsilon_2$ . Following this procedure we construct inductively the sequence  $(\mu_n)$ . It is clear from the above construction that  $\{\mu_i = f^i\varepsilon_1 + g^i\varepsilon_2\}$  is a  $p$ -coframe along  $F$ . To prove ii), suppose that the equation

$$2.6.8 \quad b\mu_i + \tau^*\mu_j + c\varepsilon_2 = d_F h$$

has a  $C^1$  solution  $h$ . Since  $j < i$  there are infinitely many  $k = (\ell_i, \ell_i, q_i)$  such that  $f_k^i = 0$  and  $f_k^j \neq 0$ . Thus for the above  $k$ , 2.6.8 implies that the Fourier coefficients of  $f^j$  and  $h$  must satisfy the following relations

$$2.6.9 \quad (\ell_i, \ell_i, q_i) h(\ell_i, q_i) = f^j(\ell_i, q_i) e^{2\pi i \tau \cdot (\ell_i, q_i)}, \quad \tau \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}.$$

Since  $a_1$  is irrational from 2.6.2, 2.6.5 and 2.6.9 we get

$$|h(\ell_i, q_i)| = \frac{|f^j(\ell_i, q_i)|}{|\ell_i, \ell_i, q_i|} > \left| \frac{q_i}{\ell_i, 1} \right|^{n_i/3} \left| \frac{q_i}{\ell_i, 2} \right|^{n_i/3} |q_i|$$

Since  $\frac{q_i}{\ell_i, j} \rightarrow \frac{1}{a_j}$ , then  $|h(\ell_i, q_i)| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$  and by the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma  $h_k$  are not the Fourier coefficients of a continuous function. Assume  $|a_j| < 1$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p$ ,

2.7 Let  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  be  $C^s$ -maps,  $s \geq 1$ , from  $M$  into  $M$  that leave a foliation  $F$  invariant. According to [4, II]  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are said to be *integrably homotopic* if there exists a  $C^s$ -map  $H: (M \times \mathbb{R}, F \times \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow (M, F)$  taking leaves of  $F \times \mathbb{R}$  into leaves of  $F$  and such that  $H(\cdot, t) = \phi$  for  $t \leq 0$  and  $H(\cdot, t) = \psi$  for  $t \geq 1$ . It is shown there, that  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  induce the same homomorphism in the *foliated cohomology*.

2.8 Lemma. Let  $\omega = a_1 dx_1 + \dots + a_p dx_p + dx_{p+1}$ ,  $\{a_1, \dots, a_p, 1\}$  linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , be a Liouville type form on  $T^{p+1}$ . If  $\phi: T^{p+1} \rightarrow T^{p+1}$  is a  $C^1$ -diffeomorphism preserving the foliation  $F$  given by  $\omega$ , then

- i)  $\phi$  is  $C^1$ -homotopic either to the identity or the map  $\text{inv}$ , induced by  $-I$ .
- ii)  $\phi$  is integrably homotopic either to a translation  $\tau$  or to  $\tau \circ \text{inv}$ .

**Proof.** To simplify, we give the proof in  $T^3$  for  $\omega = a_1 dx_1 + a_2 dx_2 + dx_3$ . By hypothesis  $\phi^*\omega = g\omega$  for some continuous func-



tion  $g$ . Since  $\omega$  and  $\phi^*\omega$  define transversal measures invariant by the holonomy pseudogroup of  $F$  and the space of such measures is one-dimensional [2;2.3.6] then  $g$  is a constant  $c$ . Any lifting of  $\phi$  to  $R^3$  has the form  $A + \beta$  with  $A \in SL(3, \mathbb{Z})$  and  $\beta$  3-periodic with periods in  $\mathbb{Z}^3$ . Since  $\phi$  is  $C^1$ -homotopic to the diffeomorphism of  $T^3$  induced by  $A$ , the map  $\phi^*: H_{DR}(T^3) \rightarrow H_{DR}(T^3)$ , in the canonical base, is represented by the matrix  ${}^tA^{-1} = [b_{ij}]$ . From  $\psi^*[\omega] = c[\omega]$  one gets the equations

$$2.8.j \quad b_{j1}a_1 + b_{j2}a_2 + b_{j3} = ca_j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq 2$$

$$2.8.3 \quad b_{31}a_1 + b_{32}a_2 + b_{33} = c$$

Since  $a = (a_1, a_2)$  is Liouville, then it follows from 2.8.3 that  $c$  is either a Liouville number or a rational and as  $c$  is an eigenvalue of the integer matrix  $B = {}^tA^{-1}$ , then  $c$  is an algebraic number. Therefore  $c$  is rational. Since  $\{a_1, a_2, 1\}$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , then it follows from 2.8.1, 2.8.2 and 2.8.3 that  $B = cI$  and as  $\det B = 1$  then  $c = \pm 1$  and  $A = \pm I$ . This shows part i). Denote with the same letters the lifting of objects from  $T^3$  to  $R^3$ . Assume for example that  $\phi$  is homotopic to the identity, then  $\phi(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + \beta_1, x_2 + \beta_2, x_3 + \beta_3)$ . Since  $\phi$  preserves the foliation  $F$ ,  $\phi_*E_1$  and  $\phi_*E_2$  are tangent to  $F$ , where  $E_1 = \partial/\partial x_1 - a_1\partial/\partial x_3$  and  $E_2 = \partial/\partial x_1 - a_2\partial/\partial x_3$ , i.e., the functions  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$  satisfy

$$2.8.4 \quad E_j(a_1\beta_1 + a_2\beta_2 + \beta_3) = 0, \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2.$$

The leaves of  $F$  are dense, so 2.8.4 implies that  $a_1\beta_1 + a_2\beta_2 + \beta_3 = C$ , for some constant  $C$ . In other words,

$$\phi(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + \beta_1, x_2 + \beta_2, x_3 + C - (a_1\beta_1 + a_2\beta_2)).$$

Define  $H: T^3 \times R \rightarrow T^3$  by

$$H(x_1, x_2, x_3, t) = (x_1 + \lambda\beta_1, x_2 + \lambda\beta_2, x_3 + C - \lambda(a_1\beta_1 + a_2\beta_2))$$

where  $\lambda: R \rightarrow R$  is a  $C^\infty$ -function with  $\lambda(t) = 0$  for  $t \leq 0$  and  $\lambda(t) = 1$  for  $t \geq 1$ . It is clear that  $H$  gives an integrable homotopy between the translation of  $T^3$  induced by  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3 + C)$  and  $\phi$ .

**2.9 Theorem.** Let  $\omega = a_1 dx_1 + \dots + a_p dx_p + dx_{p+1}$ ,  $\{1, a_1, \dots, a_p\}$  linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , be a Liouville type form and  $F$  the foliation on  $T^{p+1}$  defined by  $\omega$ . There are infinitely many  $C^1$ -conjugation classes in  $\underline{A}^\infty(R^p, T^{p+1}, F)$ .

**Proof.** To simplify we give a proof in  $T^3$ . By 2.6 i) the coframes  $\{\mu_n, \epsilon_2\}$  are  $d_F$ -closed and thus define an infinite sequence of actions  $\underline{F}_n$  in  $\underline{A}^\infty(R^2, T^3, F)$ . We show that any two actions  $\underline{F}_i$  and  $\underline{F}_j$ ,  $i < j$  are not  $C^1$ -conjugated. In fact, if a  $C^1$ -diffeomorphism conjugates  $\underline{F}_i$  and  $\underline{F}_j$ , then

$$2.9.1 \quad \phi^*\mu_i = b\mu_j + c\epsilon_2$$

and by 2.8.3  $\phi$  is integrably homotopic to a translation  $\tau$  or  $\tau \circ \text{inv}$ . Let  $H$  be an integrable homotopy between  $\phi$  and the translation  $\tau$ , for example. As  $\phi$  conjugates the  $C^\infty$  actions  $\underline{F}_i$  and  $\underline{F}_j$ , then  $H^*\mu_i$  is a  $C^1$  1-form along  $T(F \times R)$ . By [4, II] we have

$$2.9.2 \quad \phi^*\mu_i - \tau^*\mu_i = J_1^*(H^*\mu_i) - J_0^*(H^*\mu_i)$$

where  $J_i: T^3 \rightarrow T^3 \times R$ ,  $J_i(x) = (x, i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1$  are the inclusion



maps. If  $k$  is the homotopy operator for the foliated cohomology, then

$$2.9.3 \quad J_1^* - J_0^* = d_F \circ k + k \circ d_F \times_R$$

From 2.9.1, 2.9.2 and 2.9.3 we get

$$b\mu_j + c\varepsilon_2 - \tau^*\mu_i = d_F k(H^*\mu_i)$$

where  $h = K(H^*\mu_i)$  is a  $C^1$ -function, contradicting 2.6 ii).

Thus  $\underline{F}_i$  is not  $C^1$ -conjugated to  $\underline{F}_j$ .

**2.10 Remark.** Let  $F$  be the linear foliation on  $T^{p+1}$  defined by the 1-form  $\omega = a_1 dx_1 + \dots + a_p dx_p + dx_{p+1}$ . If  $\omega$  is diophantine type then the foliated cohomology group  $H^1(T^{p+1}, F)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . In fact, let  $\mu = f_1 \varepsilon_1 + \dots + f_p \varepsilon_p$  be a  $d_F$ -closed  $C^\infty$  1-form along  $F$ . Thus  $E_i f^j = E_j f^i$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq p$ . Consider the linear 1-form  $\mu_0 = c_1 \varepsilon_1 + \dots + c_p \varepsilon_p$  where  $c_j$  is the constant term of the Fourier series of  $f^j$  for  $1 \leq j \leq p$ . The same arguments used in the proof of 2.3 can be adapted to show that there exists a  $C^\infty$ -function  $h$  on  $T^{p+1}$  such that  $\mu - \mu_0 = d_F h$ , i.e.,  $E_j h = f_j - c_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p$ . If  $\omega$  is Liouville type then the cohomology classes of the sequence  $(\mu_n)$  constructed in 2.6 are linearly independent in  $H^1(T^{p+1}, F)$ , showing that if  $\omega$  is Liouville type, then  $H^1(T^{p+1}, F)$  has infinite dimension.

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