

On the classification of Legendre immersions \*)

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0. Introduction

In this paper we shall give a homotopy-theoretic classification of the Legendre immersions  $\Lambda \rightarrow M$  of a smooth  $n$ -manifold  $\Lambda$  into a regular contact manifold  $M$  of dimension  $2n + 1$ . Recall that a contact structure  $\sigma$  on  $M$  is a differential 1-form on  $M$  with  $\sigma \wedge \underbrace{d\sigma \wedge \dots \wedge d\sigma}_n \neq 0$  at each point  $x \in M$ . A smooth immersion  $\lambda: \Lambda \rightarrow M$  is called a Legendre immersion if  $\sigma$  vanishes on each vectors in  $T(M)$  tangent to  $\lambda(\Lambda)$ , that is, if  $\lambda^*\sigma = 0$ . To each Legendre immersion  $\lambda: \Lambda \rightarrow M$  we can associate its differential  $d\sigma: T(\Lambda) \rightarrow T(M)$ . By definition  $d\sigma$  is a monomorphism which takes each fibre  $T_p(\Lambda)$  to a Legendre plane in  $T_{\lambda(p)}(M)$ , that is, an  $n$ -plane on which  $\sigma$  vanishes. We call such monomorphism L-monomorphisms, so that  $d$  sends each Legendre immersion to an L-monomorphism.

We will say that two Legendre immersions  $\lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_1$  are L-regularly homotopic, if there is a smooth regular homotopy  $\lambda_t$  between  $\lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_1$ , such that  $\lambda_t$  is a Legendre immersion.

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for each  $t$ . Similarly, we can speak of a homotopy through  $L$ -monomorphisms, of  $T(\Lambda)$  into  $T(M)$ .

The following is the main theorem of this paper.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a simply connected smooth  $n$ -manifold and  $M$  be a compact regular contact  $(2n + 1)$ -manifold. Then  $d$  induces a 1-1 correspondence between  $L$ -regular homotopy classes of  $L$ -immersions  $\Lambda \rightarrow M$  and  $L$ -homotopy classes of  $L$ -monomorphisms  $T(\Lambda) \rightarrow T(M)$ .

The concept of regular contact manifolds was introduced by Boothby and Wang [4]. We recall this in section 1. Whether for an arbitrary smooth  $n$ -manifold  $\Lambda$  and an arbitrary contact  $(2n + 1)$ -manifold  $M$  the theorem above still holds or not, is open.

This paper is motivated by Bennequin [3], Douady [5].

Our approach is inspired by Gromov [6] and Lees [11].

## 1. Regular contact manifolds

We recall here regular contact manifolds.

Let  $M = (M, \sigma)$  be a contact manifold of dimension  $2n + 1$ .

Namely,  $M$  is a  $C^\infty$ -manifold of dimension  $2n + 1$  and  $\sigma$  be a differential 1-form on  $M$  with  $\sigma \wedge (d\sigma)^n \neq 0$  at each point  $x \in M$ , where  $(d\sigma)^n = d\sigma \wedge \dots \wedge d\sigma$ .

A quadratic form  $\theta$  of the Grassman algebra  $\wedge V^*$ , where

$V^*$  is the dual to a vector space  $V$ , is said to have rank  $2r$ , if the exterior product  $(\mathcal{E})^r \neq 0$  but  $(\mathcal{E})^{r+1} = 0$ . Equivalently  $\text{rank } \mathcal{E} = \dim V - \dim V_0$ , where  $V_0 = \{X \in V \mid \mathcal{E}(X, V) = 0\}$ .

It follows that on a contact manifold  $M$  the condition  $\sigma \wedge (d\sigma)^n \neq 0$  implies that at each point  $x \in M$  the quadratic form  $d\sigma$  in the Grassman algebra  $\wedge T_x^*(M)$  has rank  $2n$ . We then have

$$V_0 = \left\{ X \in T_x(M) \mid d\sigma(X, T_x(M)) = 0 \right\}$$

is a subspace of dimension one on which  $\sigma \neq 0$ , and which is thus complementary to the  $2n$ -dimensional subspace on which  $\sigma = 0$ .

Let  $Z_x$  be the element of  $V_0$  on which  $\sigma$  has the value 1. Then  $Z$  is a vector field, which we call associated to  $\sigma$ , defined on all of  $M$  by  $\sigma(Z) = 1$ , and which is never zero since  $\sigma(Z) = 1$ . This vector field defines an involutive differential system on  $M$  and we shall call the contact structure  $\sigma$  regular if each point has a regular neighborhood, i.e. a cubical coordinate neighborhood  $(x_1, \dots, x_{2n+1})$  where intersection with any given integral curve corresponds to a single segment

$$x_2 = c_2, \dots, x_{2n+1} = c_{2n+1}, \quad c_i = \text{constant}, \quad i = 2, \dots, 2n+1,$$

i.e., which is thus pierced at most once by any given integral curve. this implies in particular that each integral curve is a closed point set.

Hereafter, we will assume the manifold  $M$  to be compact.

If  $\sigma$  is a regular contact form on  $M$ , then, since  $Z$  is never

zero and since the integral curves are closed and thus compact set, we see that they must be homeomorphic to the circle  $S^1$ . Moreover, the vector field  $Z$  generates a global action of the additive group of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  on  $M$ . It is clear from the above that we may suppose that the associated vector field  $Z$  generates an action of the circle group  $S^1$  on  $M$ . If  $B$  denotes the set of orbits, it follows that  $B$  is a  $C^\infty$ -manifold, and that if  $(u_1, \dots, u_{2n+1})$  is a regular coordinate neighborhood in  $M$ , the orbit corresponding to  $u_2 = \text{constant}, \dots, u_{2n+1} = \text{constant}$ , then  $U' = p(U)$  with coordinates  $u_2, \dots, u_{2n+1}$  is a coordinate neighborhood on  $B$ , where  $p : M \rightarrow B$  is the natural projection.

Boothby and Wang [4] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1.** If  $\sigma$  is a regular contact form on a compact manifold  $M$ , then

- (i)  $M$  is a principal bundle over  $B$  with group and fibre  $S^1$ ,
- (ii)  $\sigma$  defines a connection in this bundle,
- (iii) the base space  $B$  is a symplectic manifold whose symplectic structure  $\omega$  determines an integral cocycle on  $B$  and is the curvature form of  $\sigma$ , i.e.  $d\sigma = p^*\omega$  is the equation of structure of the connection.

Actually  $\omega$  is the characteristic class (with real coefficients) of the circle bundle  $M$ .

2. Space<sup>S</sup> of Legendre immersions

Let  $\Lambda$  be a smooth  $n$ -manifold and  $M$  be a contact  $(2n + 1)$ -manifold with contact structure  $\sigma$ .

In order to prove Theorem 1, we consider the space  $L\text{-Imm}(\Lambda, M)$  of all Legendre immersions of  $\Lambda$  in  $M$  with  $C^\infty$ -topology.

Let  $L\text{-Mon}(T(\Lambda), T(M))$  denote the space of all  $L$ -monomorphisms of  $T(\Lambda)$  into  $T(M)$  with compact-open topology.

Observe that the differential  $d$  defines a map

$$d : L\text{-Imm}(\Lambda, M) \longrightarrow L\text{-Mon}(T(\Lambda), T(M)).$$

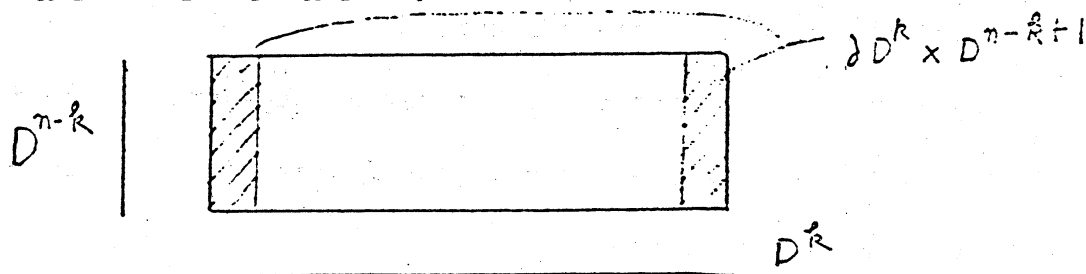
We shall prove the following theorem.

Theorem 2.1. Let  $\Lambda$  be a simply connected smooth  $n$ -manifold and  $M$  be a compact regular contact  $(2n + 1)$ -manifold. Then the map  $d : L\text{-Imm}(\Lambda, M) \rightarrow L\text{-Mon}(T(\Lambda), T(M))$  is a weak homotopy equivalence.

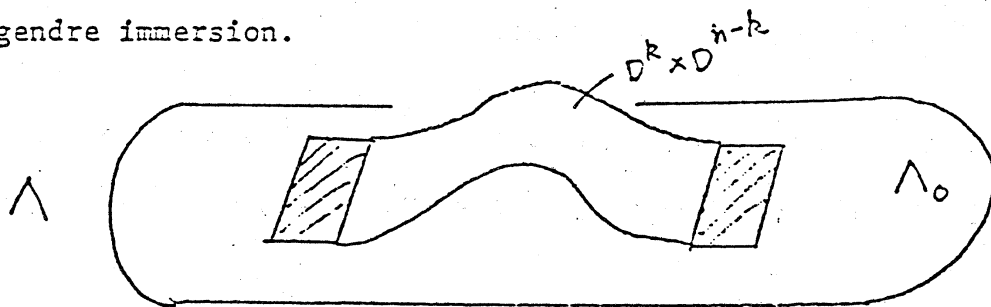
Theorem 1 follows directly from Theorem 2.1 : since  $d$  is a weak homotopy equivalence, it induces a 1-1 correspondence  $d_* : \pi_0(L\text{-Imm}(\Lambda, M)) \rightarrow \pi_0(L\text{-Mon}(T(\Lambda), T(M)))$  of path components, that is, of  $L$ -regular homotopy classes of Legendre immersions and homotopy classes of  $L$ -monomorphisms.

The first step in the proof of Theorem 2.1 is to establish a covering homotopy for spaces of Legendre immersions. For convenience

of notations, we will denote the  $p$ -cube by  $I^p$ . Write  $D^k$  for standard  $k$ -disk in  $R^k$ , and  $D^k \times D^{n-k+1}$  for a neighborhood of  $\partial D^k \times D^{n-k}$  in  $D^k \times D^{n-k}$ .



Let  $\Lambda = \Lambda_0 \cup (D^k \times D^{n-k})$ , where  $\Lambda_0 \cap (D^k \times D^{n-k}) = \partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}$ . Let  $f : \Lambda \rightarrow M$ , and suppose that  $f|_{\Lambda_0}$  is a Legendre immersion.



Theorem 2.2. Let  $\pi : L\text{-Imm}(D^k \times D^{n-k}, M) \rightarrow L\text{-Imm}(\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}, M)$  be the map which maps  $f$  to  $f|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}}$ . Let  $F_0 : I^p \rightarrow L\text{-Imm}(D^k \times D^{n-k}, M)$ ,  $F : I^p \times I \rightarrow L\text{-Imm}(\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}, M)$  be continuous maps such that  $\pi \circ F_0(x) = F(x, 0)$ . Then there exists a continuous map  $\tilde{F} : I^p \times I \rightarrow L\text{-Imm}(D^k \times D^{n-k}, M)$  such that

$$i) \quad \tilde{F}(x, 0) = F_0(x),$$

$$ii) \quad \pi \circ \tilde{F} = F.$$

In section 3 we sketch the proof of Theorem 2.1, given 2.2.

We will prove Theorem 2.2 in section 4.

Theorem

### 3. The immersion classification theorem

Let  $\Lambda$  be a smooth  $n$ -manifold and  $M$  be a contact smooth  $(2n + 1)$ -manifold with contact structure  $\sigma$ .

We begin with a description of the set of Legendre planes in  $T(M)$ , that is, the set of  $n$ -planes in the fibres of  $T(M)$  on which the contact form  $\sigma$  vanishes.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $M$  be orientable. The set  $L(M)$  of Legendre planes in  $T(M)$  has the structure of a bundle on  $M$  associated with  $T(M)$  and with fibre  $U(n)/O(n)$ .

**Proof.** Consider a Euclidean space  $R^{2n+1}$  of dimension  $2n + 1$  with coordinate  $(x, y, z) \in R^n \times R^n \times R$ . The 1-form

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= xdy + dz \\ &= x_1 dy_1 + \dots + x_n dy_n + dz\end{aligned}$$

defines a canonical contact structure on  $R^{2n+1}$ . The Legendre subspace of  $\sigma$  through the origin has equation  $dz = 0$ .

We take  $x$  and  $y$  as coordinates in this hyperplane. Therefore, in this plane we have

$$d\sigma|_{\sigma=0} = dx \wedge dy. \quad (\text{cf. Arnold [1]})$$

However, in the canonical symplectic  $2n$ -space  $(R^{2n}, \omega)$ ,  $\omega = dx \wedge dy$ , the set of lagrange planes is considered to be  $U(n)/O(n)$

(cf. Arnold [2], Souriau [12]). From this fact, we obtain the lemma.

Now suppose  $\Lambda$  has been given a Riemannian metric, and  $\mathcal{F}\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$  be the frame bundle, i.e. principal  $O(n)$ -bundle associated with  $T(\Lambda)$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}L(M) \rightarrow L(M)$  be the  $O(n)$ -bundle of  $n$ -frames in the Legendre planes in  $T(M)$ .

Corollary 3.2.  $L$ -monomorphisms  $\tilde{\alpha} : T(\Lambda) \rightarrow T(M)$  are in 1-1 correspondence with  $O(n)$ -bundle maps  $\mathcal{F}(\Lambda) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}L(M)$ .

Theorem 3.3. The restriction map

$$L\text{-Mon}(T(D^k \times D^{n-k}), T(M)) \rightarrow L\text{-Mon}(T(\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}), T(M))$$

is a fibration.

Proof. By Corollary 3.2, the covering homotopy theorem holds for  $L$ -monomorphisms. However, the assertion is simply a restatement of this property.

The next result is the 2nd step of the preparation for the proof of Theorem 2.1.

Lemma 3.4. Let  $M = (M, \sigma)$  be a contact manifold of dimension  $2n + 1$  and  $D^n$  be the  $n$ -disk. Then the map which maps the map  $f$  to its differential  $df$

$$d : L\text{-Imm}(D^n, M) \rightarrow L\text{-Mon}(T(D^n), T(M))$$

is a homotopy equivalence.



Proof. Let  $O$  be the origin for  $D^n$ , and write  $L\text{-Imm}(O, M)$  for the germs of Legendre immersions at  $O$  of  $D^n$  into  $M$ . Let  $r : D^n \rightarrow D^n$  be a radial retraction of  $D^n$  onto a prescribed small neighborhood of  $O$ , fixed on a smaller neighborhood of  $O$ . By an argument formally identical to Haefliger-Poenaru [10],

$$r_* : L\text{-Imm}(D^n, M) \longrightarrow L\text{-Imm}(O, M)$$

is a homotopy equivalence.

On the other hand,

$$r_* : L\text{-Mon}(T(D^n), T(M)) \longrightarrow L\text{-Mon}(T_0(D^n), T(M))$$

is also a homotopy equivalence by Theorem 3.3. Since the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L\text{-Imm}(D^n, M) & \xrightarrow{d} & L\text{-Mon}(T(D^n), T(M)) \\ r_* \downarrow & & \downarrow r_* \\ L\text{-Imm}(O, M) & \xrightarrow{d} & L\text{-Mon}(T_0(D^n), T(M)) \end{array}$$

is commutative, it is sufficient to show that

$$d : L\text{-Imm}(O, M) \longrightarrow L\text{-Mon}(T_0(D^n), T(M))$$

is a homotopy equivalence.

However, an inverse  $L\text{-Mon}(T_0(D^n), T(M)) \rightarrow L\text{-Imm}(O, M)$  is provided by Darboux's theorem (cf. Arnold [1], Appendix 4).

Proof of Theorem 2.1. By Theorem 2.2  $(L\text{-Imm}(D^k \times D^{n-k}, M), \pi, L\text{-Imm}(\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}, M))$  is a fibre space, where  $\pi$  is the restriction map. Furthermore, the following diagram :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
L\text{-Imm}(D^k \times D^{n-k}, M) & \xrightarrow{d} & L\text{-Mon}(T(D^k \times D^{n-k}), T(M)) \\
\pi \downarrow \cdot & & \pi_1 \downarrow \\
L\text{-Imm}(\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}, M) & \xrightarrow{d} & L\text{-Mon}(T(\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}), T(M))
\end{array}$$

is commutative, namely  $d$  is a fibre map, where  $\pi_1$  is the restriction map. Therefore, by Theorem 3.3 and Lemma 3.4, we obtain Theorem 2.1, in formally identical method with Haefliger-Poenaru [10], Haefliger [8], [9].

#### 4. Covering homotopy property for the space of Legendre immersions

Now we prove the covering homotopy property for the space of Legendre immersions into a compact regular contact manifold, i.e. Theorem 2.2.

Let  $f_0 : I^p \rightarrow L\text{-Imm}(D^k \times D^{n-k}, M)$ ,  $f : I^p \times I \rightarrow L\text{-Imm}(\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}, M)$  be continuous maps. Let

$$\pi : L\text{-Imm}(D^k \times D^{n-k}, M) \rightarrow L\text{-Imm}(\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}, M)$$

be the map which maps  $g$  to the restriction  $g|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}}$ . Suppose  $\pi \circ f_0(x) = f(x, 0)$ . Then we want the lifting  $\tilde{f}$  of  $f$  to  $L\text{-Imm}(D^k \times D^{n-k}, M)$  with  $\tilde{f}(x, 0) = f_0(x)$ . Now  $M$  is a compact regular contact manifold,  $M$  is a principal  $S^1$ -bundle over a symplectic manifold  $B : (M, p, B)$ ,  $B = (B, \omega)$ . Moreover, we have  $d\sigma = p^*\omega$ . Corresponding to  $f_0, f$ , we have the following maps, respectively :

$$F_0 : I^p \times D^k \times D^{n-k} \longrightarrow M,$$

$$F : I^p \times I \times \partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1} \longrightarrow M.$$

Here, for each  $(u, t) \in I^p \times I$ , if we put  $f_{u,t}(x) = F(u, t, x)$ ,  $f_{u,0}(x) = F_0(u, x)$ ,  $f_{u,t}$  are Legendre immersions. Composing these maps with  $p : M \rightarrow B$ , we have the following maps

$$G_0 : I^p \times D^k \times D^{n-k} \longrightarrow B,$$

$$G : I^p \times I \times \partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1} \longrightarrow B.$$

Here, if we put  $g_{u,t}(x) = G(u, t, x)$ ,  $g_{u,0}(x) = G_0(u, x)$ , then  $g_{u,t}$ ,  $g_{u,0}$  are lagrange immersions, by Theorem 1.1.

Applying the flexibility theorem of lagrange immersions (cf. Gromov [7]), we have a family of lagrange immersions

$$\tilde{G} : I^p \times I \times D^k \times D^{n-k} \longrightarrow B,$$

which is an extension of both  $G_0$  and  $G$ . However, for  $k \neq 1$  by Theorem 1.1, we can lift  $\tilde{G}$  to  $M$ , namely, we obtain the following  $C^\infty$ -map

$$\tilde{F} : I^p \times I \times D^k \times D^{n-k} \longrightarrow M,$$

i)  $\tilde{F}$  is an extension of both  $F_0$  and  $F$ ,

ii) if we put  $\tilde{F}(u, t, x) = f_{u,t}(x)$ , then  $f_{u,t} : D^k \times D^{n-k} \rightarrow$

$M$  is a Legendre immersion, for each  $(u, t) \in I^p \times I$ ,

iii)  $p \circ \tilde{F} = \tilde{G}$ .

Since we assume that the source manifold  $\Lambda$  is simply connected, we have obtained Theorem 2.2.

Proof of the existence of lift  $\tilde{F}$  for  $k \neq 1$ .

By taking sufficiently small cubic subdivision of  $I^p \times I \times D^k \times D^{n-k}$ , it suffices that we consider the case where the  $S^1$ -bundle  $(M, p, B)$  to be

$$M = (R^{2n+1}, \sigma), \quad \sigma = \sum_i x_i dy_i + dz,$$

$$R^{2n+1} \ni (x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n, z)$$

$$B = (R^{2n}, \omega), \quad \omega = d\underline{\sigma},$$

$$R^{2n} \ni (x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n),$$

$$\underline{\sigma} = \sum_i x_i dy_i,$$

$$p : (x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n, z) \longmapsto (x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

Then for  $(u, t) \in I^p \times I$ , let

$$f_{u,t} : \partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1} \longrightarrow R^{2n+1}$$

$$F_{u,0} : D^k \times D^{n-k} \longrightarrow R^{2n+1}$$

be Legendre immersions with  $F_{u,0} \Big|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}} = f_{u,0}$ . Let us

denote as follows :

$$F_{u,0} = (X_{u,0}, Y_{u,0}, Z_{u,0}),$$

$$f_{u,t} = (x_{u,t}, y_{u,t}, z_{u,t}),$$

$$\underline{\Phi}_{u,0} = (X_{u,0}, Y_{u,0}) = p \circ F_{u,0},$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{u,t} = (x_{u,t}, y_{u,t}) = p \circ f_{u,t}.$$

Then  $\underline{\Phi}_{u,0}, \mathcal{F}_{u,t}$  are lagrange immersions into  $(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \omega)$  such that

$$(4.1) \quad (\mathcal{F}_{u,t})^* \underline{\sigma} = -dz_{u,t},$$

$$(\underline{\Phi}_{u,0})^* \underline{\sigma} = -dz_{u,0},$$

$$\text{and } z_{u,0} \Big|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}} = z_{u,0}.$$

(here we are considering  $z_{u,t}, Z_{u,0}$  as coordinate functions on the bundle space on  $\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}$  induced by  $f_{u,t}$  and on  $D^k \times D^{n-k}$  induced by  $F_{u,0}$ , respectively).

Assertion. In this situation, we have a lagrange immersion

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{u,t} : D^k \times D^{n-k} \longrightarrow (\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \omega)$$

such that

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{u,t} \Big|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}} = \mathcal{F}_{u,t},$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{u,0} = \underline{\Phi}_{u,0}.$$

As is stated above, we use here the flexibility of lagrange immersions (cf. Gromov [7], Part III).

Now we construct a Legendre immersion  $\tilde{F}_{u,t} : D^k \times D^{n-k} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$  with

$$\tilde{F}_{u,t} \Big|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k}} = f_{u,t},$$

$\tilde{F}_{u,0} = F_{u,0}$ . Since  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{u,t}$  is a lagrange immersion, we have  $(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{u,t})^* \omega = 0$ . Therefore,  $(\mathcal{F}_{u,t})^* \underline{\sigma}$  is closed on  $D^k \times D^{n-k}$ . By Poincaré's Lemma, we have a  $C^\infty$ -function  $K_{u,t} : D^k \times D^{n-k} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that

$$(\mathcal{F}_{u,t})^* \underline{\sigma} = -dK_{u,t}, \quad (u, t) \in \mathbb{I}^p \times I.$$

Suppose  $k \geq 2$ . Then  $\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}$  is connected. By (4.1) we have

$$K_{u,t} \Big|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}} = z_{u,t} + c_{u,t},$$

$$K_{u,0} = z_{u,0} + c_{u,0},$$

here  $c_{u,t}$  is <sup>a</sup>constant on  $D^k \times D^{n-k+1}$  for each  $(u, t) \in \mathbb{I}^p \times I$ , and  $c_{u,0}$  is <sub>a</sub>constant on  $D^k \times D^{n-k}$  for each  $u \in \mathbb{I}^p$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} c_{u,0} \Big|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}} &= K_{u,0} \Big|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}} - z_{u,0} \Big|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}} \\ &= K_{u,0} \Big|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}} - z_{u,0} \\ &= c_{u,0}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for each  $(u, t) \in \mathbb{I}^p \times I$ , we can take <sub>a</sub>constant  $\tilde{c}_{u,t}$

on  $D^k \times D^{n-k}$  such that

$$0) \quad c_{u,t} \Big|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}} = c_{u,t},$$

$$\tilde{c}_{u,0} = c_{u,0},$$

1)  $\tilde{c}_{u,t}$  is smoothly dependent on  $(u, t) \in I^p \times I$ .

now we put

$$\tilde{z}_{u,t} = K_{u,t} - \tilde{c}_{u,t};$$

$$\tilde{z}_{u,t} : D^k \times D^{n-k} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ for } (u, t) \in I^p \times I.$$

Then we have

$$z_{u,t} \Big|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}} = z_{u,t},$$

$$\tilde{z}_{u,0} = z_{u,0}.$$

We define for  $(u, t) \in I^p \times I$

$$\tilde{F}_{u,t} : D^k \times D^{n-k} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+1},$$

$$\tilde{F}_{u,t} = (\tilde{f}_{u,t}, \tilde{z}_{u,t}).$$

Then we have

$$(\tilde{F}_{u,t})^* \sigma = (\tilde{f}_{u,t})^* \sigma + d\tilde{z}_{u,t}$$

$$= 0,$$

namely,  $\tilde{F}_{u,t}$  is a Legendre immersion and

$$\tilde{F}_{u,t} \Big|_{\partial D^k \times D^{n-k+1}} = f_{u,t},$$

$$\tilde{F}_{u,0} = F_{u,0}.$$

Thus we have a lift which we want.

Note. In case  $k = 1$ ,  $\tilde{C}_{u,t}$  as above is not well-defined.

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