ON THE ISOMETRIES OF FOLIATED MANIFOLD*

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ABSTRACT. The purpose of our paper is to introduce a topology on the group \( G^r_F(M) \) of all isometries of foliated manifold \((M, F)\) of the class \(C^r\) which depends on the foliation \(F\) and coincides with compact open topology when \(F\) is an \(n\)-dimensional foliation. If codimension of \(F\) is equal to \(n\), convergence in the introduced topology coincides with pointwise convergence. Some properties of introduced topology are showed.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Papers [7], [8] are devoted to isometric mappings of foliated manifold. In these papers it is investigated the question under what conditions any isometry of the foliation will be an isometry of the manifold. In addition it is proved that the existence of a diffeomorphism of a foliated manifold onto itself which is an isometry of the foliation, but it is not an isometry of the manifold. It is constructed an example of a diffeomorphism of three-dimensional sphere which is an isometry of the Hopf fibration but is not an isometry of the three-dimensional sphere.

The purpose of our paper is to study the group \( G^r_F(M) \) of isometries of foliated manifold \((M, F)\) with a certain topology, which was introduced in the paper [6], depending on the foliation \(F\), such that it coincides with the compact open topology if \(F\) is an \(n\)-dimensional foliation. If the codimension of the foliation \(F\) is equal to \(n\), convergence in the introduced topology coincides with the pointwise convergence.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Let \((M, F_1)\) and \((N, F_2)\) be \(n\)-dimensional smooth foliated manifolds with \(k\) dimensional foliations, where \(0 < k < n\).

If for some \(C^r\)-diffeomorphism \(f : M \to N\) the image \(f(L_\alpha)\) of any leaf \(L_\alpha\) of the foliation \(F_1\) is a leaf of the foliation \(F_2\), we say that pairs \((M, F_1)\) and \((N, F_2)\) \(C^r\)-diffeomorphic foliated manifolds. In this case the mapping \(f\) is called \(C^r\)-diffeomorphism, preserving foliation and is written as

\[
f : (M, F_1) \to (N, F_2).
\]

In the case where \(M = N, F_1 = F_2, f\) is called a diffeomorphism of the foliated manifold \((M, F)\).

Diffeomorphisms, preserving foliation, are investigated in [1],[9].

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Definition 2.1. Diffeomorphism $\varphi : M \to M$ of the class $C^r (r \geq 0)$, preserving foliation, is called a foliation isometry $F$ (an isometry of the foliated manifold $(M, F)$) if it is an isometry on each leaf of the foliation $F$, i.e. for each leaf $L_\alpha$ of the foliation $F$, $\varphi : L_\alpha \to \varphi (L_\alpha)$ is an isometry.

Let $M$ be a $n$-dimensional smooth connected Riemannian manifold with a Riemannian metric $g$, $F$ a smooth $k$-dimensional foliation on $M$ (In this paper manifolds and foliations have $C^\infty$-smoothness). Let $L(p)$ denote the leaf of the foliation $F$ passing through the point $p$, by $T_pF$—tangent space to the leaf $L(p)$ at $p$, and by $H_pF$—it’s orthogonal complement of $T_pM$ in $T_pF, p \in M$. We get two subbundles (smooth distributions) $TF = \{ T_pF : p \in M \}$, $HF = \{ H_pF : p \in M \}$ of the tangent bundle $TM$ of the manifold $M$ and, as a result, the tangent bundle $TM$ of the manifold $M$ decomposing into the sum of two orthogonal bundles, i.e. $TM = TF \oplus HF$. The restriction of the Riemannian metric $g$ on $T_pF$ for all $p$ induces a Riemannian metric on the leaves. The induced Riemannian metric $a$ defines distance function on every leaf. Further, throughout in this paper, under the distance on a leaf is understood this distance. This distance on a leaf is different from distance induced by the distance on the manifold $M$.

Let us denote by $G^r_F (M)$ the set of all $C^r-$isometries of a foliated manifold $(M, F)$, where $r \geq 0$. The following remarks show that the notion of an isometry of a foliated manifold is correctly defined.

Remark 2.1. If $r \geq 1$, for each element $\varphi \in G^r_F (M)$ the differential $d\varphi$ preserves the length of each tangent vector $\nu \in T_pF$, i.e. $|d\varphi_p(\nu)| = |\nu|$ at any $p \in M$.

Remark 2.2. If $r = 0$, each element $\varphi$ from $G^r_F (M)$ is homeomorphism of manifold $M$. A Riemannian metric of the manifold $M$ induces a Riemannian metric on each leaf $L_\alpha$ which defines a distance on it. In this case, $\varphi$ is an isometry between the metric spaces $L_\alpha$ and $\varphi (L_\alpha)$. Then, according to the known theorem, $\varphi$ is a diffeomorphism of $L_\alpha$ onto $\varphi (L_\alpha)$ for each leaf $L_\alpha$ and it’s differential preserves the length of each tangent vector $\nu \in T_pF$, i.e. $|d\varphi_p(\nu)| = |\nu|$ at any $p \in M$ [3, page 56]. But as shown by a simple example, from differentiability of a mapping on each leaf can not imply it’s differentiability on the entire manifold $M$.

Example. Let $M = R^2 (x, y)$ be the Euclidean plane with the Cartesian coordinates $(x, y)$. Leaves $L_\alpha$ of foliation $F$ are given by the equations $y = \alpha = const$. Then the plan homeomorphism $\varphi : R^2 \to R^2$ determined by the formula

$$\varphi (x, y) = (x + y, y^{\frac{3}{2}})$$

is an isometry of the foliation $F$, but is not a diffeomorphism of the plane.

The set $Diff^r (M)$ of all diffeomorphisms of a manifold $M$ onto itself is a group with the operations of composition and taking the inverse. The set $G^r_F (M)$ is a subgroup of the group $Diff^r (M)$.

Let $\{ K_\lambda \}$ be a family of all compact sets where each $K_\lambda$ is a subset of some leaf of foliation $F$ and let $\{ U_\beta \}$ be a family of all open sets on $M$. We consider, for each pair $K_\lambda$ and $U_\beta$, the set of all mappings $f \in G^r_F (M)$, such that $f(K_\lambda) \subset U_\beta$. This set of mappings is denoted by $[K_\lambda, U_\beta] = \{ f : M \to M | f(K_\lambda) \subset U_\beta \}$.

It isn’t difficult to show that all finite intersections of sets of the form $[K_\lambda, U_\beta]$ forms a base for some topology. This topology we will call the foliated compact open topology or, briefly $F-$compact open topology.

The following proposition can be proved using a standard argument.

Proposition 2.1. The set $G^r_F (M)$ with the $F-$compact open topology is a Hausdorff space.
The following theorem shows some property of group $G^r_F (M)$ with $F$—compact open topology.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let $M$ be a complete smooth $n$—dimensional manifold with the smooth $k$—dimensional foliation $F$, $f_m \in G^r_F (M)$, $r \geq 0$, $m = 1, 2, 3,...$. Suppose, that for each leaf $L_\alpha$ there exists a point $o_\alpha \in L_\alpha$ such that the sequence $f_m(o_\alpha)$ is convergent. Then there exists a subsequence $f_m$ of the sequence $f_m$ which converges in a $F$—compact open topology.

We denote by $d(x, y)$ the distance between the points $x$ and $y$, determined by some complete Riemannian metric. It is known, a smooth manifold $M$ possesses a complete Riemannian metric [2, page 186].

**Theorem 2.2.** Let $M$ be a smooth complete Riemannian manifold of dimension $n$ with a smooth foliation $F$ of dimension $k$, where $0 < k < n$. Then

1) Each leaf with the induced Riemannian metric is a complete Riemannian manifold.

2) Let $\gamma_m : R^1 \rightarrow L_m$ be a sequence of geodesics ( determined by the induced Riemannian metrics) on leaves $L_m$. If $\gamma_m(s_0) \rightarrow p$ for $m \rightarrow \infty$ for some $s_0 \in R^1$, then there exists a subsequence $\gamma_m$ of the sequence $\gamma_m$ which pointwise converges to some geodesic $\gamma : R^1 \rightarrow L(p)$ of leaf $L(p)$, passing through the point $p$ at $s = s_0$.

3. **Proof of the theorems**

**Proof.** Theorem 2.2. 1) It is known, that for a connected manifold $M$ following conditions are equivalent [4, page 167]:

a) $M$ is a complete Riemannian manifold;

b) $M$ is a complete metric space with the distance which is defined by a Riemannian metric.

Let $L_\alpha$ be some foliation of the foliation $F$, $\gamma : (a; b) \rightarrow L_\alpha$ the geodesic line on $L_\alpha$, determined by the induced Riemannian metric and is parameterized by length of the arc. Let us show that, if $b < \infty \ (or \ a > -\infty)$ then there exists $p = \lim_{s \rightarrow b} \gamma(s) \ (or \ \lim_{s \rightarrow a} \gamma(s))$ and $p \in L_\alpha$. Let $s_1 < s_2 < s_3 \cdots < s_l < s_{l+1} < \ldots$, $s_l \rightarrow b$ for $l \rightarrow \infty$, and $\varepsilon > 0$ be some small number. Then there exists a number $N$ such that $d(\gamma(s_i), \gamma(s_j)) \leq |s_i - s_j| < \varepsilon$ for $i, j \geq N$, where $d$ is the distance on $M$. Since, the sequence $\{\gamma(s_l)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. By virtue of completeness of $M$, the sequence $\{\gamma(s_l)\}$ is convergent in $M$ to the some point $p$. Now we will show that $p \in L_\alpha$.

By the definition of a foliation for each point $p \in M$ there exists a neighborhood $U$ of the point $p$ and a local system of coordinates

$$(x^1, x^2, \ldots, x^k, y^{k+1}, y^{k+2}, \ldots, y^n)$$

on $U$ such, that the set $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}, \ldots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}\}$ is basis for smooth sections of $TF|_U$ (restriction $TF$ on $U$). Such a neighborhood is called a foliated neighborhood of the point $p$ [9, page 122].

Let $U$ be a foliated neighborhood of the point $p$ with local coordinates

$$(x^1, x^2, \ldots, x^k, y^{k+1}, y^{k+2}, \ldots, y^n).$$

Then connected components of the intersection $U \cap L_\beta$ for any leaf $L_\beta$, are given by the equations: $y^{k+1} = const, y^{k+2} = const, \ldots, y^n = const$.

If $L_0$ is a connected component of $U \cap L_\alpha$, which contains points $\{\gamma(s_l)\}$ for enough large integer number $l$, then it is easy to check that $L_0$ contains the point $p$. Hence $p \in L_\alpha$. From here follows that $\gamma(s)$ is defined by for all $s \in (-\infty; +\infty)$.

2) Let $\pi : TM \rightarrow TF$ be orthogonal projection, $V(M), V(F), V(H)$ be the set of smooth sections of bundles $TM, TF, HF$ respectively. We put $\nabla_X Y = \pi(\nabla_X Y)$ for vector fields $X \in V(M)$, $Y \in V(F)$, where $\nabla$ is a Levi-Civita connection, determined by the Riemannian metric $g$ on $M$. It is known, that $\nabla_X Y$ is a connection on $TF$, and it’s restriction to each leaf $L_\alpha$.
coincides with connection on $L_\alpha$, determined by the induced Riemannian metric on $L_\alpha$ from $M$ ([5, page 20], [10, page 59]). Therefore, the smooth parametric curve $\mu : (a, b) \rightarrow M$ lying on a leaf $L_\alpha$ of the foliation $F$, is geodesic on $L_\alpha$ (determined by the induced Riemannian metric) if and only if

$$\bar{\nabla}_\mu \dot{\mu} = 0. \quad (1)$$

If $\mu$ lies in the foliated neighborhood $U$, it’s equations have the form:

$$\begin{cases}
x^i = x^i(s) \\
y^\alpha = \text{const},
\end{cases}$$

where $1 \leq i \leq k$, $k + 1 \leq \alpha \leq n$. So, for $\nabla$ we have

$$\nabla \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} = \Gamma^l_{i,j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} + \Gamma^\alpha_{i,j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha}, \quad (2)$$

hence,

$$\bar{\nabla} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} = \Gamma^l_{i,j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l}, \quad (3)$$

where $1 \leq i, j, l \leq k$, $k + 1 \leq \alpha \leq n$, $\Gamma^\beta_{i,j}$ are Christoffel symbols. From here using properties of the operator $\bar{\nabla}$ it follows, that equation (1) is equivalent to the following system of the differential equations of the 2-nd order:

$$\frac{d^2 x^i}{ds^2} + \Gamma^i_{l,j} \frac{dx^l}{ds} \frac{dx^j}{ds} = 0. \quad (4)$$

If we put $u^i = \frac{dx^i}{ds}$, then it is possible to write this system as:

$$\begin{cases}
\frac{dx^i}{ds} = u^i \\
\frac{du^i}{ds} = -\Gamma^i_{l,j} u^l u^j.
\end{cases} \quad (5)$$

With no loss of generality, we can assume those geodesics $\gamma_m : R \rightarrow L_m$ are parameterized by length of the arc and $s_0 = 0$. Now we show that there exists a subsequence of the sequence of tangential vectors $\dot{\gamma}_m(0)$, which converges. Since $|\dot{\gamma}_m(0)| = 1$ for each $m$, we follow equality

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{k} g_{ij}(p_m) u^i_m u^j_m = 1 \quad (6)$$

for enough large integer number $m$, where $p_m = \gamma_m(0)$, $g_{ij}$ are coefficients of the Riemannian metric $g$, $\{u^i_m\}$ are the first $k$ coordinates of vector $\dot{\gamma}_m(0)$ on the foliated neighborhood $U$ of the point $p$. Equality (6) is meaningful for $\gamma_m(0) \in U$. Since $p_m \rightarrow p$ at $m \rightarrow \infty$, for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $m_0$ such that, $|g_{ij}(p_m) - g_{ij}(p)| < \varepsilon$, at $m \geq m_0$. From here we have

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{k} (g_{ij}(p) - \varepsilon)|u^i_m||u^j_m| \leq \sum_{i,j=1}^{k} g_{ij}(p_m)|u^i_m||u^j_m|.$$ 

By virtue of that a matrix $\{g_{ij}(p_m)\}$ is positively determined, each equation

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{k} g_{ij}(p_m) u^i u^j = 1$$

the center of symmetry at the origin of coordinates determines ellipsoid.

By choosing new coordinate systems we can assume that
\[ \sum_{i,j=1}^{k} g_{ij}(p)u_{m}^{i}u_{m}^{j} = 1 \]

and hence,

\[ \sum_{i,j=1}^{k} (g_{ij}(p) - \varepsilon)u_{m}^{i}u_{m}^{j} \leq 1. \]  \hspace{1cm} (7)

For a sufficiently small number \( \varepsilon > 0 \), the matrix \( \{(g_{ij}(p) - \varepsilon)\} \) is positively determined too. From here we have that points \( u_{m} = \{u_{m}^{1}, u_{m}^{2}, \ldots, u_{m}^{k}\} \) belong to a compact set. Therefore there exists a converging subsequence \( u_{m_{l}} \) of the sequence \( u_{m} \). We denote by \( u_{0} \) limit of the \( u_{m_{l}} \). Then for vector \( \nu = (u_{0}^{1}, u_{0}^{2}, \ldots, u_{0}^{k}) \) has places

\[ \sum_{i,j=1}^{k} g_{ij}(p)u_{0}^{i}u_{0}^{j} = 1. \]

Let us consider a geodesic \( \gamma \) on the leaf \( L(p) \) passing through the point \( p \) at \( s = 0 \) in a direction of vector \( \nu \). This curve satisfies the equation (5). Let \( K_{0} \subset R^{l} \) be compact containing \( s = 0 \) such that \( \gamma(K_{0}) \subset U \). Then coordinate functions of the curve \( \gamma : K_{0} \to L(p) \) satisfy to the system of the differential equations (5) with the initial conditions: \( x^{i}(0) = p^{i}, \quad u^{i}(0) = \nu^{i}, \) where \( i = 1, 2, \ldots, k, \quad p = (p^{1}, p^{2}, \ldots, p^{n}), \quad \nu = (\nu^{1}, \nu^{2}, \ldots, \nu^{k}). \)

As \( \gamma_{m_{l}}(0) \to p, \quad \gamma_{m_{l}}(0) \to \nu \) for \( m \to \infty \) under the theorem of continuous dependence of the solution of the differential equations from the initial values the sequence \( \gamma_{m} \) is convergent to \( \gamma \) uniformly on compact \( K_{0} \subset R^{l} \). Further for every compact \( K \subset R^{l}, \) containing \( K_{0}, \) covering \( \gamma(K) \) with the foliated neighborhoods, we shall receive, that \( \gamma_{m_{l}} \) is convergent to \( \gamma \) uniformly on compact \( K. \) The Theorem 2.2 has been proved.

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**Lemma 3.1.** Assume that a sequence \( \{f_{m}\} \in G_{r}^{F}(M) \) converges pointwise on a set \( A \subset L_{\alpha} \) where \( L_{\alpha} - \) some leaf of the foliation \( F. \) Then \( \{f_{m}\} \) also converges pointwise on \( \overline{A} \) (where \( \overline{A} – \) the closure of the set \( A \) in \( L_{\alpha} \)).

**Proof.** Let \( p \in \overline{A}, \varepsilon > 0. \) At first we select a point \( p_{1} \in A, \) that \( d_{\alpha}(p, p_{1}) < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \) and an integer \( N \) such that \( d(f_{l}(p_{1}), f_{m}(p_{1})) < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \) for \( l, m \geq N \) (where \( d_{\alpha}(p, p_{1}) \) is the distance between points \( p \) and \( p_{1} \) on the leaf \( L_{\alpha} \)). Then

\[ d(f_{l}(p), f_{m}(p)) \leq d(f_{l}(p), f_{l}(p_{1})) + d(f_{l}(p_{1}), f_{m}(p_{1})) + d(f_{m}(p_{1}), f_{m}(p)) < \varepsilon, \]

for all \( m, n \) at \( m, n \geq N. \) Hence, \( \{f_{m}(p)\} \) is fundamental and from completeness of \( M \) follows that \( \{f_{m}(p)\} \) is convergent. \( \square \)

**Lemma 3.2.** Let \( A \) be a set of points on a leaf \( L_{\alpha} \) such that for each point \( p \in A \) there exists a converging subsequence \( f_{m_{l}}(p) \) of the sequence \( f_{m}(p). \) If the set \( A \) is nonempty set, then \( A = L_{\alpha}. \)

**Proof.** Let \( p \in L_{\alpha}, p^{*} \in A, r = d_{\alpha}(p, p^{*}), \) where \( d_{\alpha}(p, p^{*}) \) is the distance between points \( p \) and \( p^{*} \) on the leaf \( L_{\alpha}. \) Assume that \( \{f_{m_{l}}\} \) is a subsequence that \( \{f_{m_{l}}(p^{*})\} \) is convergent. Since \( f_{m_{l}} \) an isometries of foliation, the distance \( d_{\alpha}(p, p^{*}) \) between points \( p \) and \( p^{*} \) on the leaf \( L_{\alpha} \) is preserved and holds equality \( d_{f_{l}(\alpha)}(f_{m_{l}}(p), f_{m_{l}}(p^{*})) = d_{\alpha}(p, p^{*}) \) where \( d_{f_{l}(\alpha)} \) is the distance on the leaf \( f_{m_{l}}(L_{\alpha}). \)

Let \( q_{*}^{*} = \lim_{l \to \infty} (f_{m_{l}}(p^{*})). \) Then

\[ d(q_{*}^{*}, f_{m_{l}}(p)) \leq d(q_{*}^{*}, f_{m_{l}}(p^{*})) + d(f_{m_{l}}(p^{*}), f_{m_{l}}(p)) \leq \varepsilon + r. \]
Hence, from completeness of $M$ follows that the set $\{f_m(p)\}$ has compact closure. It follows that $p \in A$. \hfill \Box

Proof. Theorem 2.1. Let $p \in L_\alpha$ for a some leaf $L_\alpha$. Under conditions of the theorem there exists a point $o_\alpha \in L_\alpha$, such that $f_m(o_\alpha)$ is convergent. From Lemma 3.2 for each point $p \in L_\alpha$ the sequence $\{f_m(p)\}$ containing converging subsequence. Hence the sequence $\{f_m(p)\}$ containing subsequence which converges for all points $p \in M$.

Since Riemannian manifold $M$ is a separable metric space it contains everywhere dense countable subset $A = \{p_i\}$. For each point $p_i$ there is a converging subsequence $\{f^{i}_m(p_i)\}$ of the sequence $\{f_m(p)\}$. Using diagonal process, we can find a subsequence $\{f_m\}$ which converges at all points. Therefore for each leaf $L_\alpha$ there exists a point $o_\alpha \in L_\alpha$, such that sequence $\{f_m(o_\alpha)\}$ is convergent. By Lemma 3.2 this sequence is convergent at all points of $L_\alpha$.

Now by putting $\varphi(p) = \lim_{l \to \infty} f_m(p)$, we have the map $\varphi : M \to M$.

Let $p \in L_\alpha$ for some leaf $L_\alpha$, $\gamma : [0, l] \to L_\alpha$ be a geodesic which realizes the distance $d_0 = d_\alpha(o_\alpha, p)$ on the leaf $L_\alpha$, and is parameterized by length of the arc, $\gamma(0) = o_\alpha$, $\gamma(l) = p$. If we consider $\gamma_l = f_m(\gamma)$, then they are geodesic lines on the leaf $f_m(L_\alpha)$. From condition of theorem we have $\gamma_l(0) \to p_0$ at $l \to \infty$, where $p_0$ is a some point on $M$. From Theorem 2.2 follows that there exists subsequence of sequence $\{\gamma_l(s)\}$, which pointwise converges to some geodesic $\gamma_0(s) : R^1 \to L(p_0)$ of the leaf $L(p_0)$, passing through the point $p_0$ at $s = 0$.

With no loss of generality, we can suppose that sequence $\{\gamma_l(s)\}$ is convergent to geodesic $\gamma_0(s)$ for each $s \in [0; l]$. Therefore follows that $\varphi(\gamma) = \gamma_0$, i.e. map $\varphi$ is an isometry of $L_\alpha$ to $L(p_0)$.

Now we show that $f_m \to \varphi$ uniformly on each compact, lying on a leaf of foliation $F$. Let $K$ be a compact set on a leaf $L$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. As $K$ is a compact set there exist finite points $p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_m$ on $L$ such that each point $p \in K$ from some $p_i$ has distance less than $\varepsilon$.

For each point $p_i$ there is number $N_i$ such that $d(f_m(p_i), \varphi(p_i)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ for any $m_i \geq N_i$. Besides for each point $p \in K$ there exists $p_i$ such that $d_L(p, p_i) < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ where $d_L(p, p_i)$ distance between points $p$ and $p_i$ determined by induced Riemannian metric on $L$. Therefore follows that

\begin{align*}
    d(f_m(p_i), \varphi(p)) &\leq d(f_m(p_i), f_m(p)) + d(f_m(p), \varphi(p_i)) + d(\varphi(p_i), \varphi(p)) \\
    &\leq d_m(f_m(p), f_m(p_i)) + d(f_m(p_i), \varphi(p_i)) + d_l(\varphi(p_i), \varphi(p)) \\
    &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \varepsilon
\end{align*}

at $m_i > N = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{N_i\}$, where $1 \leq i \leq m$. From here follows that $f_m \to \varphi$ in $F$ - compact open topology. The Theorem 2.1 has been proved. \hfill \Box

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