Conformal Foliations and Constraint Quantization

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Abstract

We show that the Classical Constraint Algebra of a Parametrized Relativistic Gauge System induces a natural structure of Conformal Foliation on a Transversal Gauge. Using the theory of Conformal Foliations, we provide a natural Factor Ordering for the Quantum Operators associated to the Canonical Quantization of such Gauge System.

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Parametrized Relativistic Gauge System, Conformal Foliations, Canonical Quantization.
1 Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to show that the theory of "Conformal Foliations", as developed a few years ago by Montesinos, Vaisman, and others, helps the understanding of "Constraint (Dirac) Quantization of Parametrized Relativistic Gauge Systems", by providing a natural solution for the so called "Factor Ordering Problem" in the "Quantum Operators" corresponding to the "Classical Constraints" \( H_\alpha = 0 = H \) (see discussion in [8] and [5]).

We follow Hájíček/Kuchar's philosophy, developed in a series of papers (see [7],[8],[5],[6]), but here we adopt modern differential geometric methods (in the spirit of [12] or [13]) to construct the natural quantum operators and deduce the corresponding "Commutator Algebra". We hope that the use of the theory of conformal foliations helps to clarify the essential unique geometric character of Hájíček/Kuchar's quantization method, as well as the naturality in the choice of the quantum operators.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we redefine the model, introduced in [5], of "Parametrized Relativistic Gauge System" (where it will be called only a "Gauge System", for simplicity), using symplectic geometry (see [1],[3] or [4]). Section 3 discusses the "Transversal Geometry" of the "Gauge Foliation \( \mathcal{F} \)" in terms of a choice of a transversal distribution \( T \), and shows that the mathematical structure deduced from the classical "Constraint Algebra" (9)-(10), is that of a conformal foliation with "Complementary Form \( \lambda = -\Omega \)" (see definition 4.1). Section 4 reviews the geometry of conformal foliations, following closely [10] and [14]. We introduce a "Conformal Curvature Tensor" \( C \) (see (61)) and the unique g-Riemannian connection \( \nabla \), on \( (T,g) \) such that \( C \) is conformally invariant (see Theorem 4.4). In particular, this seems to be the connection introduced in [6], using a substantial different formalism. Then, we define a "Scalar Curvature" \( S \) (see definition 4.11), a "Transversal Laplacian" (see definition 4.13), constructed from the above mentioned connection, and deduce some useful identities (see Lemmas 4.8, 4.10 and 4.12). Finally, in section 5, we implement the "Constraint (Dirac) Quantization Program", defining the quantum operators and computing the "Quantum Commutator Algebra" (see Theorems 5.1 and 5.4). The more relevant formulas are deduced in an appendix, at the end of the paper.

2 Symplectic Geometry of Gauge Systems

The situation we have in mind is the following. Let \( M \) be a \((N+1)\)-dimensional smooth manifold, \( T^* M \) its cotangent bundle, together with its canonical symplectic form \( \omega = d\theta \), and \((C^\infty(T^* M),\{,\})\) the Poisson algebra of \( C^\infty \) functions on \( T^* M \).

Assume that we have a \( \nu \)-dim. integrable distribution \( D \) (a subbundle of \( TM \)) and let \( \mathcal{F} \) be the corresponding foliation on \( M \). The leaves of \( \mathcal{F} \) describe "Gauge
Equivalent” or physically indistinguishable configurations on $M$. We call the pair $(M, \mathcal{F})$ a “Gauge System”. When $\mathcal{F}$ is simple, then $m = M/\mathcal{F}$ is called the physical space and $T^*m$ the physical phase space of the gauge system.

We consider now a special subalgebra of $(C^\infty(T^*M), \{\}, \{\})$, consisting of functions “at most Linear in Momenta”, linearly generated by the following two types of functions:

(i) **Configuration functions** - functions $F \in C^\infty(M)$, identified with their pull-backs to $T^*M$.

(ii) **Momentum functions** - to each vector field $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ we associate the corresponding “Momentum Function” $J_X$ defined by:

$$J_X(\alpha_Q) = \alpha_Q(X_Q) \quad \forall \alpha_Q \in T^*M$$

(1)

The following Poisson brackets characterize the kinematics of the system:

**Proposition 1 ([1])**

(i) $\{F_1, F_2\} = 0$

(ii) $\{F, J_X\} = X.F$

(iii) $\{J_X, J_Y\} = -J_{[X,Y]}$

$\forall F_1, F_2 \in C^\infty(M) \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$.

In particular, we consider momentum functions of the form $J_X$ with $X \in \Gamma\mathcal{D}$ (i.e., $X$ is a vector field on $M$, tangent to $\mathcal{F}$) which we call “Constraint Functions”. They form a subalgebra of $(C^\infty(T^*M), \{\}, \{\})$ called the (linear) “Gauge Algebra” $\mathcal{G}$ of the system. Using this, we define now the “Constraint System” $\mathcal{C} \subset T^*M$ by:

$$\mathcal{C} = \{\alpha_Q \in T^*M : J_X(\alpha_Q) = 0, \forall X \in \Gamma\mathcal{D}\}$$

(2)

Note that $\mathcal{C}$ is the subbundle $\mathcal{D}^\circ$ of $T^*M$, consisting of the covectors that vanish on $\mathcal{D}$ and, therefore, that $\mathcal{C}$ is a coisotropic submanifold in $T^*M$ (a first class constraint set, in Dirac’s terminology). When we consider the closed 2-form $i^*\omega$ (where $i : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow T^*M$ is inclusion), we see that it is degenerate and its characteristic distribution $\mathcal{K} = Ker(i^*\omega)$ is integrable and locally generated by the Hamiltonian vector fields associated to the constraint functions. The quotient (if it exists) of $\mathcal{C}$ by the characteristic foliation determined by $\mathcal{K}$, $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{K}$ has a unique symplectic form $\omega_S$ such that $\pi^*\omega_S = i^*\omega$ (see [1],[3] or [4]):

$$\begin{array}{c}
\mathcal{C} \\
\downarrow \pi \\
T^*M
\end{array} \xrightarrow{i} \mathcal{S} = \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{K}$$

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Also if \( F_1, F_2 \in C^\infty(T^* M) \) are two functions constant on the leaves of the characteristic foliation, i.e., such that \( i^* F_k = \pi^* f_k \) (\( k=1,2 \)), for uniquely determined functions \( f_1, f_2 \in C^\infty(S) \), then:

\[
i^* \{ F_1, F_2 \} = \pi^* \{ f_1, f_2 \}_S
\]

Under certain regularity assumptions, we know that \((S, \omega_S)\) is symplectomorphic to \((T^* m, \omega_m = d\theta_m)\) and so, it is the natural candidate for the physical (or reduced) phase space of the physical system (see \([3]\)).

Now we assume that the intrinsic dynamics of our gauge system is generated by a quadratic function in momenta, of the form:

\[
H = 1/2 G + J_U + V
\]

where \( G \) is a contravariant “metric” (eventually degenerate) on \( M \), viewed as a function on \( T^* M \), \( U \in \mathcal{X}(M) \) is a vector field in \( M \) and \( V \in C^\infty(M) \). We have the following Poisson brackets, involving the new kind of homogeneous quadratic function \( G \):

**Proposition 2** \([11]\)

(i) \( \{ G, F \} = -2 J_\operatorname{grad}_G F \), where \( \operatorname{grad}_G F \) is the vector field \( \operatorname{grad}_G F(dF, \cdot) \in \mathcal{X}(M) \)

(ii) \( \{ G, J_X \} = L_X G \), the Lie derivative of \( G \) in the direction of \( X \in \mathcal{X}(M) \)

\[ \forall F \in C^\infty(M) \quad \forall X \in \mathcal{X}(M). \]

Now we consider the equations of motion, which follow from the canonical action principle, for a parametrized gauge system:

\[
S(Q^\alpha, P_A; N, N^\alpha) = \int dt (P_A \dot{Q}^A - N.H - N^\alpha.H_\alpha \rightarrow \text{stat.})
\]

where \((Q^A, P_A)\) are local canonical coordinates in \( T^* M \), \( N, N^\alpha \) Lagrange multipliers and \( H_\alpha = J_{X_\alpha} \) are momentum functions associated to a local basis \( X_\alpha \) (\( \alpha = 1, \ldots, v \)) of the “Gauge Distribution” \( \mathcal{D} \) on \( M \).

Following the physical terminology, we call the \( H_\alpha \) the “Supermomentum Functions” and \( H \) the “Superhamiltonian” of the (parametrized) Gauge system (see \([5]\) for discussion and examples).

Variation with respect to \( Q^A \) and \( P_A \) yields the Hamiltonian equations, while variation with respect to the “Lapse Function” \( N \) and the “Shift Vector Field” \( N^\alpha \), leads to the constraints:

\[
H = 0 = H_\alpha
\]

So, we recover the “Kinematical Constraint Set” \( \mathcal{C} \), defined in \((2)\), together with a new “Dynamical Constraint” \( H = 0 \), that reveals the fact that the system is invariant under external “time” reparametrizations.
Assume that $C_o = H^{-1}(0)$ is a submanifold of $T^* M$. Since $\text{codim } C_o = 1$, $C_o$ is coisotropic and is foliated by the trajectories of $X_H$ (the Hamiltonian vector field associated to $H$) that represent the evolution of the system. For consistency, we assume that the full set of constraints (6) is preserved by the dynamics, which means that $C_o \cap \mathcal{C}$ is coisotropic, i.e., we have:

$$\{H, H_\alpha\} = C_\alpha H + C_\alpha^\beta H_\beta$$

(7)

where $H_\alpha = J_{X_\alpha}$ are supermomenta associated to a local basis $X_\alpha$ of $\mathcal{D}$, $C_\alpha \in C^\infty(M)$ and $C_\alpha^\beta \in C^\infty(T^*(M))$ is at most linear in momenta. If the local basis $X_\alpha$ for $\mathcal{D}$ verifies:

$$[X_\alpha, X_\beta] = -\Gamma^\gamma_{\alpha\beta} X_\gamma$$

(8)

with $\Gamma^\gamma_{\alpha\beta} \in C^\infty(M)$, then the “Algebra of Constraints” $H = 0 = H_\alpha$ has the following (open) structure:

$$\{H, H_\beta\} = \Gamma^\gamma_{\alpha\beta} H_\gamma$$

(9)

$$\{H, H_\alpha\} = C_\alpha H + C_\alpha^\beta H_\beta$$

(10)

$H$ is given by (4) and, working equality (10), using propositions 1 and 2, we conclude the following identities for the Lie derivatives in “Gauge Directions”:

$$L_\alpha G = C_\alpha G \mod \mathfrak{I}$$

(11)

$$L_\alpha U = C_\alpha U \mod \mathfrak{I}$$

(12)

$$L_\alpha V = C_\alpha V$$

(13)

where $\mathfrak{I}$ is the ideal of the contravariant tensor algebra $\otimes TM$, generated by $\Gamma \mathcal{D}$ and $L_\alpha$ is Lie derivative in the direction of $X_\alpha \in \Gamma \mathcal{D}$. So, this Lie derivative rescales the fields by a common factor and adds certain elements from $\mathfrak{I}$.

All the conclusions about the physical content of the gauge system described by the above model, must be deduced only from intrinsic data, namely, from the “Kinematical Constraint $\mathcal{C}$”, determined by the foliation $\mathcal{F}$, and the “Dynamical Constraint $\mathcal{C}_o$”, given by $H = 0$. So, they must be invariant under transformations that preserve these data. We impose also that these transformations preserve the polynomial character (in momenta) of the constraints (this will be needed for the quantization program, as we shall see later, and is related to Van Hove’s theorem (see [1], section 5.4)). So, they must be a combination of the following three types of transformations:

(A). Change in the local basis for $\mathcal{D}$:

$$X_\alpha \rightarrow \overline{X}_\alpha = \Lambda^\beta_\alpha X_\beta$$

(14)
where \( \Lambda^\alpha \in C^\infty(M) \), \( \det \Lambda^\alpha \neq 0 \), with the corresponding change in supermomenta:

\[
H_\alpha \rightarrow \overline{H}_\alpha = \Lambda^\alpha H_\beta
\]  
(15)

(B). Gauging the superhamiltonian:

\[
H \rightarrow \overline{H} = H + \Lambda^\alpha H_\alpha
\]  
(16)

with \( \Lambda^\alpha \in C^\infty(T^*(M)) \), at most linear in momenta.

(C). Scaling the superhamiltonian:

\[
H \rightarrow \overline{H} = e^\Omega H
\]  
(17)

onde \( \Omega \in C^\infty(M) \). To preserve the signature of the metric we only allow positive scalings.

Note that the above transformations don’t leave invariant the superhamiltonian \( H \), given by (4). In fact, after an easy computation, we deduce that, if:

\[
H \rightarrow \overline{H} = \frac{1}{2} \overline{G} + JU + \overline{V}
\]

then:

\[
\overline{G} = e^\Omega(Q)G \quad (\text{mod } \mathbf{1})
\]  
(18)

\[
\overline{U} = e^\Omega(Q)U \quad (\text{mod } \mathbf{1})
\]  
(19)

\[
\overline{\mathcal{F}} = e^\Omega(Q)V
\]  
(20)

Let us say that two superhamiltonians \( H = \frac{1}{2}G + JU + V \) and \( \overline{H} = \frac{1}{2}\overline{G} + J\overline{U} + \overline{V} \), are conformally equivalent \( (\text{mod } \mathbf{1}) \), if they are related through (18) to (20).

Then we conclude that the above transformations \( (A, B \text{ and } C) \), leave invariant the conformally equivalence class \( (\text{mod } \mathbf{1}) \) of the superhamiltonian.

3 Transversal Geometry of \( \mathcal{F} \)

The transversal geometry of \( \mathcal{F} \) is infinitesimally modeled by the normal bundle \( TM/D \). We make a choice of a transversal subbundle \( \mathcal{T} \) to \( D \):

\[
T_QM = D_Q \oplus T_Q
\]  
(21)

which identifies \( TM/D \cong \mathcal{T} \). Vectors on \( D \) are called “Longitudinal”, and vectors on \( \mathcal{T} \) are called “Transversal”. Associated to (21), we have two projectors:

\[
Id = P_\parallel \oplus P_\perp
\]  
(22)
a decomposition:

$$T_Q^* M = D_Q^* \oplus T_Q^*$$  \hspace{1cm} (23)$$

with $T_Q^* \equiv D_Q^*$, and the two corresponding projectors:

$$Id^* = P_{\parallel}^* \oplus P_{\perp}^*$$  \hspace{1cm} (24)$$

We can form various tensor products of these projectors, using them to project the various tensors into longitudinal and transversal parts. In particular, the choice of the “Transversal Gauge” $T$ allows us to define the “Transversal Superhamiltonian” $H_{\perp}$ by:

$$H_{\perp} = 1/2 G_{\perp} + J_{U_{\perp}} + V$$  \hspace{1cm} (25)$$

where:

$$G_{\perp} = (P_{\perp} \otimes P_{\perp})(G)$$  \hspace{1cm} (26)$$

and

$$U_{\perp} = P_{\perp} U$$  \hspace{1cm} (27)$$

are the “Transversal Contravariant Metric” and the “Transversal Vector Potential”, respectively (associated to $G$ and $T$).

So, the transversal gauge $T$ fixes a representative of the equivalence class of superhamiltonians, connected by the “Gauging” (B), since the difference between two transversal projections of the same vector, belongs to $\mathcal{D}$.

Let us compute the constraint algebra in the transversal gauge $T$. For this, we compute first $L_\alpha G_{\perp}$ and $L_\alpha U_{\perp}$, using the fact that $L_\alpha$ is a tensor derivation that commutes with contractions:

$$L_\alpha (C(P_{\perp} \otimes t)) = C(L_\alpha P_{\perp} \otimes t) + C(P_{\perp} \otimes L_\alpha t)$$  \hspace{1cm} (28)$$

where $C$ is a contraction, $P_{\perp}$ a transversal projector (a tensor product of some $P_{\parallel}$ and $P_{\perp}^*$) and $t$ some tensor field on $M$.

Define for each $\alpha, \beta \in \{1, ..., v\}$ a transversal 1-form (i.e., a form which annihilates longitudinal vectors) $\omega_{\alpha}^\beta$ by:

$$\omega_{\alpha}^\beta = (L_\alpha P_{\perp}^*)^\beta$$  \hspace{1cm} (29)$$

where $\theta^\beta \in \Gamma^{\mathcal{D}}$ is the dual basis to $X_\beta \in \Gamma\mathcal{D}$. A computation, using local frame fields for $\mathcal{D}, T$, their duals and also formula (28) (see Appendix), shows that:

$$L_\alpha U_{\perp} = C_\alpha U_{\perp} + \omega_{\alpha}^\beta (U_{\perp}) X_\beta$$

$$= C_\alpha U_{\perp} \quad (\text{mod} J)$$  \hspace{1cm} (30)$$

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\[ L_\alpha G_\perp = C_\alpha G_\perp + V^\beta_\alpha \vee X_\beta \]
\[ = C_\alpha G_\perp \quad (\text{mod } J \mathbf{I}) \]  
(31)

where \( V^\beta_\alpha = G(\omega^\beta_\alpha, \cdot) \) is the transversal vector field “metric-equivalent” to \( \omega^\beta_\alpha \), and \( \vee \) denotes symmetric tensor product.

Finally, using (30) and (31) together with proposition 1 and 2, we deduce that:

\[ \{ H_\perp, H_\alpha \} = C_\alpha H_\perp + F^\beta_\alpha H_\beta \]  
(32)

where \( F^\beta_\alpha \in C^\infty(T^*M) \) is given by:

\[ F^\beta_\alpha = J_{\nu^\beta} - \omega^\nu_\beta (U_\perp) \]  
(33)

Now we arrive at a crucial point - the definition of a 1-form \( \Theta \) on \( M \), attached to the geometry of the gauge system as specified by the constraint algebra (9) and (10). So, consider the longitudinal 1-form:

\[ \Theta = C_\alpha \theta^\alpha \]  
(34)

where \( \theta^\alpha \in \Gamma \mathcal{D}^* \) are dual 1-forms to the \( X_\alpha \). It’s easy to see that \( \Theta \) is a globally well-defined longitudinal 1-form on \( M \). We want to compute its “Foliated Derivative” \( d_F \Theta \) (i.e., the derivative along longitudinal directions, see [16]). For this, we first note that Jacobi Identity:

\[ \text{cycsum}\{H, \{H_\alpha, H_\beta\}\} = 0 \]  
(35)

implies the following identity:

\[ \{C_\alpha, H_\beta\} - \{C_\beta, H_\alpha\} = \Gamma^\gamma_{\alpha\beta} C_\gamma \]  
(36)

So, recalling that \( C_\alpha, \Gamma^\gamma_{\alpha\beta} \in C^\infty(M) \), we deduce that:

\[ L_\beta C_\alpha - L_\alpha C_\beta = \Gamma^\gamma_{\alpha\beta} C_\gamma \]  
(37)

and finally:

\[ d_F \Theta(X_\alpha, X_\beta) = \]  
\[ d\Theta(X_\alpha, X_\beta) = \]
\[ X_\alpha \Theta(X_\beta) - X_\beta \Theta(X_\alpha) - \Theta([X_\alpha, X_\beta]) = \]
\[ L_\alpha C_\beta - L_\beta C_\alpha - \Theta(-\Gamma^\gamma_{\alpha\beta} X_\gamma) = \]
\[ L_\alpha C_\beta - L_\beta C_\alpha + \Gamma^\gamma_{\alpha\beta} C_\gamma = \]
\[ 0 \]
i.e., $\Theta$ is $dF$-closed. Recall that a kind of “\textit{Poincaré Lemma}” (see [15]) applies to this case - locally, there exists a function $\Omega$ such that $\Theta = dF\Omega$, i.e.:

$$\Theta(X) = L_X\Omega, \forall X \in \Gamma D$$

(38)

In particular, for $X = X_\alpha$, we have:

$$C_\alpha = L_\alpha\Omega$$

(39)

Consider now the “\textit{Transversal Contravariant Metric}” $\tilde{g} = G|_{D^\perp} = G_{\perp}|_{D^\perp}$ (see Appendix), that we assume to be nondegenerate. Let $g$ be the associated transversal covariant metric on $T \cong T^{\ast \ast} \cong D^{\ast \ast}$. A computation made in the Appendix (see also the note following definition 4.1), shows that:

$$L_\alpha g = -\Theta(X_\alpha)g$$

(40)

Find a function $\Omega$ that locally verifies (39), and define the rescaled metric $\overline{g}$ by:

$$\overline{g} = e^\Omega g$$

(41)

Then we have:

$$L_\alpha \overline{g} = L_\alpha(e^\Omega g) = (L_\alpha\Omega)\overline{g} + e^\Omega L_\alpha g$$

$$= C_\alpha \overline{g} - C_\alpha g$$

$$= 0$$

and we see that the rescaled metric is foliated (i.e., constant along the leaves of $\mathcal{F}$), or, put another way, $g$ is locally conformal to a foliated metric.

According to Montesinos (see [10],[11] and section 4) we say that $\mathcal{F}$ is a “\textit{Conformal Foliation}” and that:

$$\lambda = -\Theta$$

(42)

is the corresponding “\textit{Complementary Form}”.

One more point, before closing this section.

Recall that a choice of a transversal subbundle $T$, fixes a representative $H_\perp$ in the equivalence class of superhamiltonians connected by the “\textit{Gauging Transformations}” (B). However, we are still free to “\textit{rescale}” the superhamiltonian according to (C). When we do this, and compute the new structure functions in (10), we see that:

$$C_\alpha \rightarrow \overline{C_\alpha} = C_\alpha + L_\alpha\Omega$$

(43)

and

$$C_\alpha^\beta \rightarrow \overline{C_\alpha^\beta} = e^\Omega C_\alpha^\beta$$

(44)
Hence we conclude two things: first, the $d_F$-cohomology class $[\lambda]$ remains unchanged. In fact:

$$\overline{\Theta} - \Theta = (\overline{C_\alpha} - C_\alpha)\theta^\alpha = (L_\alpha \Omega)\theta^\alpha = d_F\Omega$$

Secondly, as $\lambda = -\Theta$ is $d_F$-closed, locally we can choose a function $\Omega$ such that $d_F\Omega = \lambda$, which implies in particular that $d_F\Omega(X_\alpha) = L_\alpha \Omega = \lambda(X_\alpha) = -C_\alpha$, and so, by (43), $\overline{C_\alpha} = 0$, for the corresponding rescaled super-hamiltonian $\overline{\Pi} = e^\Omega H$.

If we can find globally such a $\Omega$, i.e., if $\lambda$ is $d_F$-exact, then:

$$L_\alpha \overline{G} = 0 = L_\alpha \overline{U} = 0 = L_\alpha \overline{V} \pmod{\mathcal{I}}$$

and so the fields $\overline{G}, \overline{U}, \overline{V}$ are projectable in the (leaf) physical space (when it exists). However, note that $\Omega$ is defined up to a function $\omega$ such that $d_F\omega = 0$, i.e., up to a basic function (constant on the leaves of the foliation $\mathcal{F}$).

So, when the foliation is simple, we will have a physical super-hamiltonian $h$, defined up to a multiplication by a function $e^w$, with $w \in C^\infty(M)$ a basic function. In other words, the gauge system only determines the conformal geometry in the physical configuration space. Moreover, in this case, if $\pi : M \rightarrow m = M/\mathcal{F}$, denotes the canonical projection, then, as $\pi_* = d\pi$ annihilates $\mathcal{I}$, we obtain a conformally class of contravariant tensors on $m$, $(e^w, g, e^w P, e^w v)$, $w \in C^\infty(m)$, and also conformally class of “physical super-hamiltonians”:

$$\{h\} = \{e^w (g + P + v) : w \in C^\infty(m)\}$$

4 Geometry of Conformal Foliations

In the last section, we have seen that the gauge system determines the structure of conformal foliation on $\mathcal{F}$. To be more specific, we adopt the following definition from [10-11]:

4.1 Definition

Let $M$ be a manifold, $\mathcal{D}$ an integrable distribution, $\mathcal{T}$ a transversal subbundle to $\mathcal{D}$ and $g$ a covariant metric on $\mathcal{T}$. We say that $(M, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{T}, g)$ is a Conformal Foliation, if there exists a longitudinal 1-form $\lambda$ such that:

$$L_X g = \lambda(X) g \quad \forall X \in \Gamma\mathcal{D}$$

$\lambda$ is called the “Complementary Form” of $\mathcal{F}$.

Note.

In equation (47), $L_X g, X \in \Gamma\mathcal{D}$, is defined as in equations (97-98) of the appendix.

Now we collect some facts about conformal foliations (see [10-11] and [14]).
Let $\nabla$ be a linear connection on the vector bundle $\mathcal{T}$. We define as usual its curvature and torsion, respectively, by:

$$\mathbf{R}(U, V)Q = ([\nabla_U, \nabla_V] - \nabla_{[U, V]})Q$$  \hspace{1cm} (48)$$
$$\mathbf{T}(U, V) = \nabla_U V \perp - \nabla_V U \perp - [U, V] \perp$$  \hspace{1cm} (49)$$

where $U, V \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ and $Q \in \Gamma \mathcal{T}$.

Define $\mathcal{D}^{p, q}$ as the space of $(p, q)$-double forms on $M$, i.e., the space of p-forms on $M$ with values on transversal q-forms (which annihilate vectors on $\mathcal{D}$):

$$\mathcal{D}^{p, q} = \bigwedge^p T^* M \otimes \bigwedge^q T^*$$  \hspace{1cm} (50)$$

With $\mathbf{R}$ and $\mathbf{T}$ we associate two double forms $\mathbf{K} \in \mathcal{D}^{2, 2}$ and $\mathbf{N} \in \mathcal{D}^{2, 1}$ defined, respectively, by:

$$\mathbf{K}(U, V; Q, S) = g(\mathbf{R}(U, V)Q, S)$$  \hspace{1cm} (51)$$

$$\mathbf{N}(U, V; Q) = g(\mathbf{T}(U, V), Q)$$  \hspace{1cm} (52)$$

and also the “Transversal Torsion” $\mathbf{N}_\perp$, of $\nabla$ by:

$$\mathbf{N}_\perp(U, V; :) = \mathbf{N}(U_\perp, V_\perp; :)$$  \hspace{1cm} (53)$$

$\forall U, V \in \mathcal{X}(M), \forall Q, S \in \Gamma \mathcal{T}$.

4.2 Definition

We say that a linear connection $\nabla$ on the Riemannian vector bundle $(\mathcal{T}, g)$ is $g$-Riemannian, if it verifies the following two conditions:

(i)...  

$$U g(Q, S) = g(\nabla_U Q, S) + g(Q, \nabla_U S)$$  \hspace{1cm} (54)$$

and: (ii)...  

$$\mathbf{N}_\perp = 0 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \nabla_{U_\perp} V_\perp - \nabla_{V_\perp} U_\perp - [U_\perp, V_\perp] \perp = 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (55)$$

$\forall U, V \in \mathcal{X}(M), \forall Q, S \in \Gamma \mathcal{T}$. (Note that we are only assuming $g$ nondegenerate).

For example, if $\tilde{G}$ is a covariant metric on $M$, such that $\tilde{G}|\mathcal{T} = g$, and if $\tilde{\nabla}$ is the Levi-Civit\'a connection of $\tilde{G}$, then:

$$\nabla_U Q = (\tilde{\nabla}_U Q)_\perp$$  \hspace{1cm} (56)$$

is a $g$-Riemannian connection on $(\mathcal{T}, g)$. So $g$-Riemannian connections are not unique and this diffcults the definition of a natural conformal curvature tensor for the transversal bundle $(\mathcal{T}, g)$.
However, by a careful analysis based on early work of Kulkarni, Montesinos succeeds in isolating a class of conformal equivalent connections, on which he defines a conformal curvature tensor.

**Note.**

For motivation, recall the classical theory: conformal (Weyl) curvature is a tensor field associated to a class of conformally equivalent Riemannian connections and which is conformal invariant:

\[
g \rightarrow \nabla = e^{\Theta(g)}
\]

\[
\nabla = \nabla_g \quad \text{defined by}
\]

\[
\nabla X Y = \nabla_X Y + (Xf)Y + (Yf)X
\]

\[
g(X, Y) \operatorname{grad} f
\]

\[
K (\text{Riemann tensor}) \rightarrow K - e^{2f}(K - \ldots)
\]

\[
\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C} (\text{Weyl tensor})
\]

Here the difficulty is in the analogue of the second line in the above scheme - what must be \( \nabla = \nabla_g \): Montesinos answers the following: let \( \nabla \) be any \( g \)-Riemannian connection on \((T, g)\). Then there exists a unique \( \nabla \)-Riemannian connection \( \nabla \), given by:

\[
\nabla_u Q = \nabla_u Q + (Q \Omega)_{U \perp} + (U \Omega)Q - g(U; Q)Z
\]  \hspace{1cm} (57)

It’s torsion \( \mathbf{N} \) is:

\[
\mathbf{N} = e^{2\Omega}(N - g \wedge (d\Omega)_1)\]

(58)

**Note.**

The meaning of the symbols in the above equations, is the following: \( g \) is interpreted as a \((1,1)\)-double form, defined by \( g(U; Q) = g(U, Q) \); \( (d\Omega)_1 \in D^{1,0} \) is defined by \( (d\Omega)_1(U) = (d\Omega)(U) \); \( g \wedge (d\Omega)_1 \in D^{2,1} \) is defined in the usual way by:

\[
g \wedge (d\Omega)_1(U, V, \cdot) - g(U, \cdot)(d\Omega)_1(V) - g(V, \cdot)(d\Omega)_1(U)
\]

and finally: \( Z = \text{grad}_{1} \Omega - g^{-1}(d\Omega[T, \cdot]) \in \Gamma T \) is the “Transversal Gradient” of \( \Omega \in C^\infty(M) \) (see definition 4.13).

### 4.3 Definition

We call \( \nabla \), given by (57), the **Connection Conformally Associated to \( \nabla \)**, by the conformal scaling

\[
g \rightarrow \mathcal{F} = e^{2\Omega} g, \quad \Omega \in C^\infty(M)
\]  \hspace{1cm} (59)

Based on this class of conformally equivalent connections [10] proceeds in the construction of a conformal curvature tensor, in the following steps:

1. First, he proves that, given a \( w \in D^{k+1,l+1} \) with \( b = v - k - l \geq 1 \), there exists only one \( \delta_w \in D^{k,l} \) such that (see Th.3.3 in [10]):
\[
\mathcal{C}(w - g \wedge \delta w) = 0
\]

Here \( \mathcal{C} \) means contraction: for an \( \alpha \in \mathcal{D}^{k+1,1+1} \) we define \( \mathcal{C}\alpha \in \mathcal{D}^{k,1} \) by
\[
\mathcal{C}\alpha(U_1, \ldots, U_k, Q_1, \ldots, Q_l) = \sum_a \mathcal{C} \epsilon_a(E_a, U_1, \ldots, U_k; E_a, Q_1, \ldots, Q_l),
\]
where \( E_a \) is an orthonormal frame field for \( \Gamma T \) and \( \epsilon_a = g(E_a, E_a) \).

With this, he defines a ”Conformal Operator“ \( \text{conf} : \mathcal{D}^{k+1,1+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{k+1,1+1} \) by:
\[
\text{conf} w = w - g \wedge \delta w
\]
so that: \( \mathcal{C}(\text{conf} w) = 0 \).

(2). In particular, for \( K \in \mathcal{D}^{2,2} \) given by (51), we define the Conformal Curvature Tensor \( \mathcal{C} \) by:
\[
g(\mathcal{C}(U, V)Q, S) = (\text{conf} K)(U, V; Q, S)
\]

(3). Making a conformal change in \( g \): \( g \rightarrow \overline{g} = e^{2\Omega}g, \Omega \in C^\infty(M) \), we can prove that:

(i)... \[ \text{conf} = \overline{\text{conf}} \]

and that: (ii)... \[ \text{conf} \overline{K} = e^{2\Omega} \text{conf}(K - N \wedge d\Omega|T) \]

So, denoting by \( \mathcal{C} \) the conformal curvature given by (61) and constructed with \( \mathcal{V} \), given by (57), we see that:
\[
e^{2\Omega}(\mathcal{C}(U, V)Q, S) = \overline{\mathcal{C}}(U, V)Q, S) = \text{conf} \overline{K}(U, V; Q, S) \quad \text{by (61)}
\]
\[
e^{2\Omega}(\mathcal{C}(K - N \wedge d\Omega|T)(\ldots, \ldots)) \quad \text{by (i). above}
\]
\[
e^{2\Omega}(\text{conf}(\ldots, \ldots)) - e^{2\Omega}(N \wedge d\Omega|T)(\ldots, \ldots)
\]
and we conclude that \( \mathcal{C} \) is conformally invariant (\( \mathcal{C} = \overline{\mathcal{C}} \)) iff:
\[
\text{conf}(N \wedge d\Omega|T) = 0
\]
\( \forall \Omega \in C^\infty(M) \).

Now comes the main point, namely, the existence of a conformally invariant conformal curvature for the transversal bundle \( T \) of \( \mathcal{F} \), is an exclusive property of conformal foliations (see Th.4.2 in [10]). For us, the main interest is in the following:

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4.4 Theorem

Let \((M,D,T,g)\) be a conformal foliation with complementary form \(\lambda\), and assume that \(\text{codim } D = n + 1 \geq 3\). Then there exists a unique \(g\)-Riemannian connection on \((T,g)\) such that \(C\) is conformal invariant.

Sketch of proof...

Let \(\hat{G}\) be any metric on \(M\) such that \(\hat{G}|T = g\), and let \(\hat{\nabla}\) be its Levi-Civita connection. Define a connection \(\nabla\) on \((T,g)\) by the formula:

\[
\nabla_{\mathcal{V}} Q = (\hat{\nabla}_{\mathcal{V}} Q)_\perp - (\hat{\nabla}_Q U)_\perp + 1/2 \lambda(U) Q
\]

\(\forall U \in \mathcal{A} \) and \(Q \in \Gamma T\)

We can prove the following facts:
(i)... \(\nabla\) is \(g\)-Riemannian
(ii)... \(N = 1/2(\lambda \wedge g)\)
(iii)... \(K_1 = 0\) where \(K_1(U,V;...) = K(U_1,V_1;...)\) i.e., \(\nabla\) is flat in longitudinal directions.
(iv)... \(\forall X \in \Gamma D:\)

\[
\nabla_X Q = (L_X Q)_\perp + 1/2 \lambda(X) Q
\]

Now we deduce, by computation, that (ii) above implies (62), so that \(\nabla\) solves our problem. Conversely, (62) implies that the torsion \(N\) must be given by (ii), above, and so \(\nabla\) is unique. \\

4.5 Definition

We say that the conformal foliation \((M,D,T,g)\) is Conformally Flat if, for each \(m \in M\) there exists a neighbourhood \(\mathcal{U}\) of \(m\), and a function \(\Omega \in C^\infty(\mathcal{U})\) such that \(\mathbf{K} = 0\), where \(\mathbf{K}\) is the curvature associated to \(\mathbf{g} = e^{2\Omega} g\) (and to the connection given by the above Theorem).

4.6 Theorem

If \(\text{codim } D = n + 1 \leq 2\), then \(T\) is always conformally flat. For \(n + 1 \geq 4\), \(T\) is conformally flat iff \(C = 0\).

Note.

The case \(n + 1 = 3\) requires a special treatment (see Th.4.3 in [10]).

Now we introduce some more definitions and computations, that we will use later in the quantization program. First note that \(K_{||} = 0\) implies that we can choose an orthonormal longitudinal parallel transversal frame (in short, a OLPT frame) \(E_\alpha\), i.e.: \(g(E_a, E_b) = 0\), for \(a \neq b\); \(g(E_a, E_a) = \varepsilon_a(= \pm 1)\) and \(\nabla_X E_a = 0, \forall X \in \Gamma D\).
In the following $E_a$ always designate such an OLPT frame for $\Gamma T$, and $\nabla$ the connection given by (63). If $X_a$ is a local frame for $\Gamma \mathcal{D}$, then (64) gives:

$$0 = \nabla_{X_a} E_a = (L_a E_a)_\perp + 1/2 \lambda(X_a)E_a$$

and, by (26), with $\lambda = -\Theta$:

$$L_a E_a = 1/2 C_a E_a + \omega^\beta_a(E_a)X_\beta$$

(65)

4.7 Definition

We define the “Ricci Tensor” $\text{Ric} \in \mathcal{D}^{1,1}$ by the formula:

$$\text{Ric}(X; Q) = (cK)(X; Q) = \sum_a \epsilon_a K(X, E_a; Q, E_a)$$

(66)

4.8 Lemma

$\text{Ric}(X; Q) = \frac{n}{2} \ d\Theta(X, Q)$.

Proof...

We make use of the following identity from [10]:

$$\text{cyclsum} K(X, Y; Z_\perp, \ldots) = -1/2 \text{cyclsum} d\Theta(X, Y)g(Z_\perp, \ldots)$$

to compute $K(X, E_a; Q, E_a)$. We have that:

$$K(X, E_a; Q, E_a) = -1/2 d\Theta(X, E_a)g(Q, E_a) - 1/2 \epsilon_a d\Theta(Q, X)$$

Multiplying by $\epsilon_a$ and summing over $a = 1, \ldots, n$, we get easily the result, using $\sum_a \epsilon_a g(Q, E_a) E_a = Q // // //$.  

4.9 Definition

For $Q \in \Gamma T$ we define the “Transversal Divergence of $Q$”, as the function:

$$\text{div}_\perp Q = \sum_a \epsilon_a g(\nabla_{E_a} Q, E_a)$$

(67)
4.10 Lemma

\[ X_{\alpha} \text{div}_U = C_{\alpha} \text{div}_U + (n-1)/2 \, d\Theta(X_{\alpha}, U_{\perp}) \]  \quad (68)

**Proof...**

Omitting the symbols \( \sum_{\alpha} \) and \( \perp \) in \( U_{\perp} \) and \( \text{div}_U \), we have:

\[
X_{\alpha} \text{div} U = X_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha g}(\nabla_{E_{\alpha}} U, E_{\alpha}) - \epsilon_{\alpha g}(\nabla_{X_{\alpha}} \nabla_{E_{\alpha}} U, E_{\alpha}) + \epsilon_{\alpha g}(\nabla_{E_{\alpha}} \nabla_{X_{\alpha}} U + \nabla_{[X_{\alpha}, E_{\alpha}]} U + \mathbf{R}(X_{\alpha}, E_{\alpha})U, E_{\alpha}) - \epsilon_{\alpha g}(\nabla_{E_{\alpha}} (1/2C_{\alpha} U), E_{\alpha}) + \epsilon_{\alpha g}(\nabla_{1/2C_{\alpha} E_{\alpha} + \omega_\alpha^k (E_{\alpha})X_{\alpha}} U, E_{\alpha}) + \mathbf{Ric}(X_{\alpha}; U)
\]

where we have used (65) for \( L_{\alpha} E_{\alpha} = [X_{\alpha}, E_{\alpha}] \) and the fact that \( \nabla_{X_{\alpha}} U = 1/2C_{\alpha} U \) (use (64) together with (24)). So, computing we obtain:

\[
X_{\alpha} \text{div} U = 1/2 \epsilon_{\alpha g}((E_{\alpha}C_{\alpha})U + C_{\alpha} \nabla_{E_{\alpha}} U, E_{\alpha}) + 1/2 \epsilon_{\alpha g}(C_{\alpha} \nabla_{E_{\alpha}} U, E_{\alpha}) + \epsilon_{\alpha g}^2(E_{\alpha})g(\nabla_{X_{\alpha}} U, E_{\alpha}) + \mathbf{Ric}(X_{\alpha}; U) - 1/2 \epsilon_{\alpha} dC_{\alpha} g(U, E_{\alpha}) + 1/2 \epsilon_{\alpha} C_{\alpha} g(\nabla_{E_{\alpha}} U, E_{\alpha}) + 1/2 \epsilon_{\alpha} C_{\alpha} g(\nabla_{E_{\alpha}} U, E_{\alpha}) + \epsilon_{\alpha} g^2(E_{\alpha})g(1/2C_{\alpha} U, E_{\alpha}) + \mathbf{Ric}(X_{\alpha}; U) - 1/2dC_{\alpha} g(U, E_{\alpha}) + 1/2C_{\alpha} \omega^k_\alpha (U) + C_{\alpha} \text{div} U + \mathbf{Ric}(X_{\alpha}; U) = 1/2d\Theta(U, X_{\alpha}) + C_{\alpha} \text{div} U + \mathbf{Ric}(X_{\alpha}; U)
\]

where we have used the following:

\[
U.C_{\alpha} = U(\Theta(X_{\alpha})) - (L_{U} \Theta)(X_{\alpha}) + \Theta([U, X_{\alpha}]) - (i_{\alpha} d\Theta + d i_{\alpha} \Theta)(X_{\alpha}) + \Theta(-C_{\alpha} U - C_{\alpha}^2 X_{\alpha}) - d\Theta(U, X_{\alpha}) - C_{\alpha} C_{\alpha}^2
\]

\[
(69)
\]

with \( C_{\alpha}^0 = \omega^0_\alpha(U) \).

Finally, using Lemma 4.8, we obtain:

\[
X_{\alpha} \text{div} U = C_{\alpha} \text{div} U + 1/2d\Theta(U, X_{\alpha}) + n/2d\Theta(X_{\alpha}, U) = C_{\alpha} \text{div} U + (n-1)/2d\Theta(X_{\alpha}, U)
\]

Finally, we want to define a kind of Scalar Curvature for the connection \( \nabla \),
given by (63).
4.11 Definition

We define the "Scalar Curvature of $\nabla$" by:

$$S = \varepsilon \circ \varepsilon K = \varepsilon \text{Ric}.$$  

We will need the longitudinal derivative of $S$, $X_\alpha S$. For this, we first recall the Bianchi Identity for the connection $\nabla$ on $(T, g)$ (see [13], pag. 89):

$$\text{cyc}_i(U, V, W) \nabla_U R(V, W) = \text{cyc}_i(U, V, W) R([U, V], W)$$  

(70)

Recall that $(\nabla_U R(V, W))(Q) = \nabla_U (R(V, W)Q) - R(V, W)(\nabla_U Q)$. Taking the inner product with another $S \in \Gamma T$, and using the properties of $\nabla$, we easily see that we can write Bianchi's Identity in the form:

$$\text{cyc}_i(U, V, W)(U, K(V, W; Q, S) - K(V, W; Q, \nabla_U S) - K(V, W; \nabla_U Q, S)) =$$

$$= \text{cyc}_i(U, V, W) K([U, V], W; Q, S)$$

(71)

Now put $U = X_\alpha$, $V = E_c$, $W = E_d$, $Q = E_a$, $S = E_b$ in (71) and compute the contractions in the pairs of indices (d,b) and (c,a), respectively, using formula (69) and the fact that $N_\perp = 0$ (see definition 4.2(ii)). After a tedious calculation we conclude that:

4.12 Lemma

$$X_\alpha S = C_\alpha S - n(2V_\alpha^\beta C_\beta + C_\beta \text{div}_\perp V_\alpha^\beta +$$

$$C_\beta \omega^\beta_\alpha (V_\alpha^\gamma) + \Delta C_\alpha)$$

(72)

where:

$$V_\alpha^\beta = \sum_a \varepsilon_a \omega_\alpha^\beta (E_a)E_a = \eta^{ac} \omega_\alpha^\beta (E_c)E_a$$

(73)

is the transversal vector field metric-equivalent to the 1-form $\omega_\alpha^\beta$, and $\Delta C_\alpha$ is the "Transversal Laplacian" of $C_\alpha$, defined by:

4.13 Definition

For a function $\phi \in C^\infty(M)$ we define its "Transversal Laplacian" $\Delta$ by:

$$\Delta \phi = \text{div}_\perp \text{grad}_\perp \phi$$

(74)
where $\text{grad}_L \phi = \sum_a \epsilon_a \phi(E_a) E_a = \eta^{ab} (E_a \phi) E_b$ is the “Transversal Gradient” of $\phi$.

We can compute that:

$$
\Delta \phi = \sum_a \epsilon_a \phi(E_a) \text{grad}_L \phi, E_a
$$

(75)

$$
= \eta^{ab} (E_a E_b - \nabla_a \nabla_b) \phi
$$

(76)

5 Quantization

When we face the problem of quantizing a gauge system, two different approaches are conceivable, in principle. We can reduce the gauge system to the physical system (if possible) and quantize or, either, quantize the gauge system directly and then reduce by some “Quantum Reduction Process”. Hopefully, these two processes must be consistent, i.e., schematically the following diagram must commute: (see discussion in [8] and [5])

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Gauge System} & \xrightarrow{\text{reduction}} & \text{Physical System} \\
\text{Quant.} & & \text{Quant.} \\
\text{Quantum} & \xrightarrow{\text{reduction}} & \text{Quantum} \\
\text{Gauge System} & & \text{Physical System}
\end{array}
\]

As we have seen in the preceding sections, the reduced physical system (when exists) is characterized by a conformal class of physical superhamiltonians:

$$
h = e^w (g + J_u + v) \quad w \in C^\infty (m)
$$

Moreover, the dynamical constraint remains after reduction: $\hbar = 0$. So, the proper way of quantizing this relativistic physical system is through a “Conformal Klein-Gordon” type equation.

Note.

Recall that an equation of type $D_\phi = 0$, for a field $\Phi$ (where $D_\phi$ is an operator constructed from the metric $g$), is called “Conformally Invariant” if there exists a number $k \in \mathbb{R}$ (called the “Conformal Weight of the Equation, or of the Field”) such that $\Phi$ is a solution of $D_\phi \Phi = 0$ if and only if $\Phi - e^{ik} \Phi$ is a solution of $D_{\phi \Phi} \Phi = 0$, where $D_{\phi \Phi}$ is the same operator but now constructed from the metric $\Phi = e^{ik} g$, (see [17]).
Now we define the “Quantum Operators” corresponding respectively to $g$, $J_u$ and $v$, by:

\[
\begin{align*}
g &= -\Delta_c \\
   &= -\Delta_g - \zeta S_g \\
\hat{J}_u &= 1/(u + 1/2 \text{div}_g u) \\
\hat{v} &= v
\end{align*}
\]  

acting on $C^\infty(m)$, where $\Delta_c \equiv \Delta_g + \zeta S_g$ is the “Conformal Laplacian” of the metric $g$ (here, $\Delta_g$ and $S_g$ are, respectively, the usual Laplacian and Scalar Curvature of $g$), and $\zeta = (n - 1)/4n$.

Then it’s easy to see that the “Conformal Klein-Gordon Equation”:

\[
\hat{h}\psi = (\hat{g} + \hat{J}_u + \hat{v})\psi = 0
\]

is conformally invariant with weight $k = (n - 1)/4$.

Of course, now we must face the problem of the possibility of construction of an Hilbert Space from solutions of (80), as well as the interpretation of the theory (one-particle, second quantization, etc.) (see [7] and [2], for which we defer the discussion of these subjects).

What about “Constraint Quantization”? Here we adopt Kuchar’s philosophy, reinforced by the essential unique character of the objects defined in section 4, namely, the connection $\nabla$, the corresponding scalar curvature $S$ (Definition 4.11) and transversal laplacian $\Delta$ (Definition 4.13).

So, we quantize the supermomentum constraints $H_\alpha$ by the following operators:

\[
\hat{H}_\alpha = 1/i (X_\alpha - kC_\alpha)
\]

and the transversal superhamiltonian $H_{\perp}$, by:

\[
\hat{H}_{\perp} = \hat{g} + \hat{J}_{U_\perp} + \hat{V}
\]

with

\[
\begin{align*}
g &= -\Delta - \zeta S \\
\hat{J}_{U_\perp} &= 1/i (U_\perp + 1/2 \text{div}_\perp U_\perp) \\
\hat{V} &= V
\end{align*}
\]

acting on $C^\infty(M)$.

Then the classical constraints are imposed at quantum level as the “Quantum Constraints”:

\[
\hat{H}_\alpha \psi = 0 = \hat{H}_{\perp} \psi \quad \psi \in C^\infty(M)
\]
As we have said, this “Quantum Reduction Process” must be consistent with the first approach to quantization (see discussion in [8] and [5]). This is implied by the following Lemmas and Theorems.

5.1 Theorem

\[ 1/i [\mathbf{H}_\alpha, \mathbf{H}_\beta] = \Gamma^\alpha_{\alpha\beta} \mathbf{H}_{\beta}, \]

where \(\Gamma^\alpha_{\alpha\beta} \in C^\infty(M)\) are given by (9).

Proof

Compute, using definitions and (37). // // //

5.2 Lemma

\[ 1/i [\mathbf{J}_{U\perp}, \mathbf{H}_\alpha] = C_\alpha \mathbf{J}_{U\perp} + \omega_\alpha(U\perp)\mathbf{H}_\beta \]

where \(C_\alpha = \Theta(X_\alpha)\) and \(\omega_\alpha(U\perp)\) is given by (30).

Proof

Using Definition (84) we compute the commutator in the LHS of the above equation, and conclude that:

\[ 1/i [\mathbf{J}_{U\perp}, \mathbf{H}_\alpha] \phi = (C_\alpha \mathbf{J}_{U\perp} + \omega_\alpha(U\perp)\mathbf{H}_\beta) \psi + k/i(U\perp C_\alpha + \omega_\alpha(U\perp)C_\beta) + 1/2(X_\alpha \div\perp U\perp - C_\alpha \div\perp U\perp) \psi \]

However, by (69), \(U\perp C_\alpha + C_\beta \omega_\alpha(U\perp) = d\Theta(U\perp, X_\alpha)\), while Lemma 4.10 gives \(X_\alpha \div\perp U\perp = C_\alpha \div\perp U\perp + (n - 1)/2 d\Theta(X_\alpha, U\perp)\), and so we see that the last sum in the RHS is zero. // // //

5.3 Lemma

\[ 1/i [\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}_\alpha] = C_\alpha \mathbf{g} + 2(\mathbf{V}_\alpha^\beta - i/2 \omega_\alpha^\beta(V_\alpha^\beta))\mathbf{H}_\beta \]

where \(V_\alpha^\beta\) is defined in (73), and, as usual (see [1]):

\[ \mathbf{V}_\alpha^\beta = 1/i(V_\alpha^\beta + 1/2 \div\perp V_\alpha^\beta) \quad (87) \]

with \(\div\perp V_\alpha^\beta\) as in Definition 4.9, equation (67).

Proof

First we compute that:

\[ 1/i[\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}_\alpha] = [\Delta, X_\alpha] - k[\Delta, C_\alpha] + \xi[S, X_\alpha] \quad (88) \]

and it’s easy to see that:

\[ [\Delta, C_\alpha] - 2i \grad\perp C_\alpha = 2(\grad\perp C_\alpha + 1/2 \Delta C_\alpha) \quad (89) \]
and
\[ [S, X_a] = -X_a, S \] (90)

So we must compute \([\Delta, X_a]\). For this, we use formulas (75-76) for \(\Delta \phi\) and compute that:

\[ [\Delta, X_a] \phi = \eta^{ab} (E_a E_b X_a - X_a E_a E_b) \phi + \eta^{ab} (X_a \nabla_{E_a} E_b - \nabla_{E_a} E_b X_a) \phi \] (91)

Now we commute the derivatives and uses systematically (65), to get:

\[
X_a E_a E_b \phi = E_a E_b X_a \phi + C_a E_a E_b \phi + 1/2 (E_a, E_b) E_b \phi + \\
\omega_a^b (E_b) E_a X_a \phi + (E_a \omega_a^b (E_b)) X_b \phi + \omega_a^b (E_a) E_b X_b \phi + \\
1/2 C_b \omega_a^c (E_a) E_b \phi + \omega_a^c (E_a) \omega_a^d (E_b) X_b \phi
\]

and:

\[
(X_a \nabla_{E_a} E_b - \nabla_{E_a} E_b X_a) \phi = (C_a \nabla_{E_a} E_b + R(X_a, E_a) E_b + \omega_a^b (\nabla_{E_a} E_b) X_b) \phi
\]

Substituting these last two identities in (91), we obtain:

\[ [\Delta, X_a] \phi = -C_a \Delta \phi - (2V_a^\beta + \text{div}_a V_a^\beta + \omega_a^\gamma (V_a^\gamma)) X_b \phi - \\
1/2 (\text{grad}_a C_a + C_b V_a^b - 2 \eta^{ab} R(X_a, E_a) E_b) \phi
\]

Now we use the fact:

\[
\eta^{ab} R(X_a, E_a) E_b = \eta^{ab} \sum_c c_c K(X_a, E_a; E_b, E_c) E_c \\
- \sum_c \eta^{ab} K(X_a, E_a; E_b, E_c) E_c \\
- n/2 \sum_c c_c (E_c C_a + C_b \omega_a^c (E_c)) E_c \\
- n/2 (\text{grad}_a C_a + C_b V_a^b)
\]

where we have used (69), Lemma 4.10 and (73).

By [13] (pag.151), we have:

\[
\text{div}_a V_a^\beta = \text{div}_a \omega_a^\beta \\
- \eta^{ab} (\nabla_{E_a} \omega_a^b) (E_b) \\
- \eta^{ab} (E_a \omega_a^b (E_b) - \omega_a^b (\nabla_{E_a} E_b))
\]

and so, substituting and calculating, we have:

\[ [\Delta, X_a] \phi = -C_a \Delta \phi - C_a \xi S \phi + 2(\tilde{V}_a^\beta - i/2 \omega_a^\beta (V_a^\gamma)) \tilde{H}_a \phi - \\
k(2V_a^\beta C_\beta + C_\beta \text{div}_a V_a^\beta + C_\beta \omega_a^\beta (V_a^\gamma)) \phi + \\
2k (\text{grad}_a C \phi + C_a \xi \phi)
\]
By (89) - (91), we have:

\[ 1/i[\hat{g}, \hat{H}_\alpha] \phi = C_\alpha \xi \phi + 2(\hat{V}_\alpha^\beta - i/2 \omega_\alpha^\beta(V_\alpha^\gamma))\hat{H}_\beta \phi \]
\[ = -k(2V_\alpha^\beta, C_\beta + C_\beta \text{div}_\perp V_\alpha^\beta + C_\beta \omega_\alpha^\beta(V_\alpha^\gamma))\phi + C_\alpha \xi \phi \]

and so, it suffices to prove that:

\[ \xi X_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{S} = \xi C_\alpha \mathbf{S} - k(2V_\alpha^\beta, C_\beta + C_\beta \text{div}_\perp V_\alpha^\beta + C_\beta \omega_\alpha^\beta(V_\alpha^\gamma) + \Delta C_\alpha) \]

which is precisely Lemma 4.12. //

Now, collecting the above two Lemmas, together with (13), we finally have the following:

**5.4 Theorem**

\[ 1/i[\boldsymbol{H}_\perp, \boldsymbol{H}_\alpha] = C_\alpha \boldsymbol{H}_\perp + C_\alpha^\beta \hat{H}_\beta \]

where:

\[ C_\alpha^\beta = 2\hat{V}_\alpha^\beta - i\omega_\alpha^\beta(V_\alpha^\gamma) + \omega_\alpha^\beta(U_\perp) \]

So, Theorems 5.1 and 5.4 show that we have a closed commutator algebra of quantum operator constraints, with the structure functions appearing on the left of that quantum operators. This implies the consistency of the above quantization process. Moreover we recover the physical theory described by the “Conformal Klein-Gordon equation” (80). In fact, start with a wave function \( \Psi \in C^\infty(M) \) that solves the quantum constraints (86). Assume also that the foliation \( \mathcal{F} \) is simple, and that \( \Theta \) is \( d\mathcal{F} - \text{exact} \), i.e., \( \exists \Omega \in C^\infty(M) \) such that \( \Theta = -d\mathcal{F}\Omega \). Then we easily prove that the rescaled wave function \( \overline{\Psi} = e^{\Omega} \Psi \) is a basic function and so, descends to a wave function \( \overline{\Psi} \in C^\infty(m) \). Now, as in [6], we can prove that the transversal superHamiltonian \( \boldsymbol{H}_\perp \) has conformal weight 1, when acting on wave functions of conformal weight \( k \), i.e.:

\[ \overline{\boldsymbol{H}_\perp \overline{\Psi}} = e^{(k+1)\Omega} \overline{\boldsymbol{H}_\perp \Psi} \]  

(92)

where \( \overline{\Psi} = e^{\Omega} \Psi \), and \( \overline{\boldsymbol{H}_\perp} \) is the transversal superHamiltonian constructed from the rescaled metric \( \overline{\mathcal{F}} = e^{\Omega} g \). So we see that (86) \( \Rightarrow \overline{\boldsymbol{H}_\perp \Psi} = 0 \Rightarrow \overline{\boldsymbol{H}_\perp \overline{\Psi}} = 0 \), and, since \( \overline{\Psi} \) is basic, this equation implies that:

\[ \overline{\boldsymbol{h}_\Psi} = 0 \]  

(93)

where \( \overline{\Psi} \) is the induced wave function on \( m \). In this way, we recover the physical conformal Klein-Gordon equation (80).
6 Appendix

Hereafter we adopt the following notations, related to decompositions (21)-(24):

\( Q^\alpha \) are local coordinates on \( M \)
\( \partial_A = \partial / \partial Q^A, \) and \( \partial^A = dQ^A, \ A = 0, \ldots, N \)
\( X_a = X_a^A \partial_A, \) a local frame field for \( \Gamma \), \( a = 1, \ldots, v \)
\( Q_a = Q_a^A \partial_A, \) a local frame field for \( \Gamma T, \ a = 0, \ldots, n \)

\((\theta^a, \theta^\alpha), \) a dual coframe for \( \Gamma \otimes T, \) so that \( \theta^a \in \Gamma \theta^a, \ \theta^\alpha \in \Gamma \theta^\alpha \approx \Gamma \theta^a \) (we may assume that \( \theta^a \) are closed 1-forms), \( \theta^\alpha(X) = \delta^\alpha_\beta, \ \theta^a(Q) = \delta^a_\beta, \ \theta^\alpha(X_a) = 0 - \theta^a(X_a). \)

\( G = G^{AB} \partial_A \otimes \partial_B, \) a contravariant metric on \( M. \)

\( \tilde{g} = G(\theta^a, \theta^\alpha) \)

The projector \( P_\perp : TM \rightarrow T \) can be written in the form:

\[
P_\perp = Q_a \otimes \theta^a(,)
\]

\[
P_\perp = Q_a^B Q^A \partial_B \otimes \partial^A
\]

and the transversal metric \( G_\perp \) is:

\[
G_\perp = P_\perp \otimes P_\perp(G)
\]

\[
= Q_a \otimes \theta^a \otimes Q_b \otimes \theta^b (G^{AB} \partial_A \otimes \partial_B)
\]

\[
= G^{AB} Q^A C \partial_B Q^B C \partial_E \otimes \partial_E
\]

\[
= G^{AB} P_A C P_B C \partial_E \otimes \partial_E.
\]

From

\[
\tilde{g}^{ab} = G(\theta^a, \theta^b)
\]

\[
= G^{AB} \partial_A \otimes \partial_B(Q^C \partial^C, Q^D \partial^D)
\]

\[
= G^{AB} Q_a^C Q_B^E \partial_C \otimes \partial_E.
\]

we can also write:

\[
G_\perp = \tilde{g}^{ab} Q^A C \tilde{Q}^E \partial_C \otimes \partial_E
\]

(94)

Now it’s easy to see that:

\[
L_a \theta^\alpha \in D^\alpha \approx T^* \quad \forall a, \alpha
\]

(95)

We compute now \( L_a P_\perp = L_a (Q_a \otimes \theta^a) \): first we decompose \( L_a Q_a = t^b_a Q_b + t^a_a X_b. \)

However, we have:

\[
0 = L_a < \theta^a, Q_a > = < L_a \theta^b, Q_a > + < \theta^b, L_a Q_a >
\]

and by (94), we can put \( L_a \theta^b = t^b_a \theta^a, \) and deduce, from the last equation, that \( t^a_a = -r^a_a. \) So, running these information, we easily compute that:

\[
L_a P_\perp = t^a_a X_b \otimes \theta^a
\]

(96)

where \( t^a_a = \theta^a (L_a Q_a). \)
Now we compute $L_a U_\perp$, with $U_\perp = P_\perp(U)$ and $U \in \mathcal{X}(M)$. By (28):

$$L_a U_\perp = L_a(P_\perp \bullet U)$$

$$= (L_a P_\perp) \bullet U + P_\perp \bullet (L_a U)$$

$$= (l^a_{\alpha \beta \theta} X_\beta \otimes \theta^\alpha)(u^\alpha Q_\alpha + u^\beta X_\beta) +$$

$$P_\perp(C_a + \text{long vec}) \quad \text{by (12)}$$

$$= l^a_{\alpha \beta \theta} X_\beta + C_a U_\perp,$$

and recalling the definition of the 1-form $\omega^\alpha_\theta$ in (29), it’s easy to see that: $\omega^\alpha_\theta = l^a_{\alpha \beta \theta} \theta^a$, and so we can write $L_a U_\perp$ also in the form (30).

Now we compute $L_a G_\perp$. Again by (28), we have, with $P_\perp - P_\perp \odot P_\perp$:

$$L_a G_\perp = L_a(P_\perp \bullet G)$$

$$= P_\perp \bullet (L_a G) + (L_a P_\perp) \bullet G$$

$$= P_\perp \bullet (C_a G + \text{terms in I}) + L_a(P_\perp \odot P_\perp) \bullet G$$

$$= C_a G_\perp + (L_a P_\perp \odot P_\perp + P_\perp \odot L_a P_\perp) \bullet G$$

$$= C_a G_\perp + l^a_{\alpha \beta \theta} X_\beta \otimes \theta^\alpha \otimes Q_\alpha \otimes \theta^\beta + Q_\alpha \otimes \theta^b \otimes$$

$$\otimes l^a_{\alpha \beta \theta} X_\beta \otimes \theta^\alpha (\tilde{g}^{-1} Q_\alpha \otimes Q_\alpha)$$

$$= C_a G_\perp + l^a_{\alpha \beta \theta} \tilde{g}^{-1} X_\beta \otimes Q_\alpha \otimes Q_\alpha + l^a_{\alpha \beta \theta} \tilde{g}^{-1} X_\beta \otimes X_\beta,$$

where we have used (11) and the fact that $\theta^a \in \mathcal{D}^\alpha$. Now, let $V^a_\perp = G(\omega^\alpha_\theta) \in \Gamma T$ the transversal vector field, metric-equivalent to the transversal 1-form $\omega^\alpha_\theta$, given by (29). We compute that $V^a_\perp = l^a_{\alpha \beta \theta} \tilde{g}^{-1} X_\beta$, and so we see that we can write $L_a G_\perp$ in the form (31).

As in section 3, we assume that $\tilde{g} = G|\mathcal{D}^\alpha = G|\mathcal{D}^\alpha$ is nondegenerate, and let $g$ be the corresponding transversal covariant metric on $T$. We want to compute $L_a g$. For this, we first note that $L_a g$ must be a covariant transversal vector field, since $g = g_a \theta^a \otimes \theta^b$ and $L_a \theta^a \in \mathcal{D}^\alpha$. So, we compute $(L_a \tilde{g})|T$, since it suffices to compute $L_a g$. We have:

$$(L_a \tilde{g})(\theta^a, \theta^b) = (L_a G_\perp)(\theta^a, \theta^b)$$

$$(C_a G_\perp + V^a_\perp \lrcorner X_\beta)(\theta^a, \theta^b)$$

$$(C_a G_\perp)(\theta^a, \theta^b) \quad \text{since} \quad \theta^a \in \mathcal{D}^\alpha$$

$$(C_a \tilde{g})(\theta^a, \theta^b) \quad \text{by (94)}$$

and so, defining $L_a g$ as:

$$(L_a g)(Q_a, Q_b) = g_{a \beta} g_{b \alpha} (L_a \tilde{g})(\theta^a, \theta^b)$$

we conclude that $L_a g = -C_a g$. Notice that if $G$ is a covariant metric on $M$, such that $G(\mathcal{D}, T) = 0$, then the definition (97) of $L_a g$ is equivalent to:

$$(L_a g)(Q_a, Q_b) = (L_a G)(Q_a, Q_b)$$

(98)
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