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# DIRECT SUM FOR BASIC COHOMOLOGY OF CODIMENSION FOUR TAUT RIEMANNIAN FOLIATION

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ABSTRACT. We discuss the decomposition of degree two basic cohomology for codimension four taut Riemannian foliation according to the holonomy invariant transversal almost complex structure J, and show that Jis  $C^{\infty}$  pure and full. In addition, we obtain an estimate of the dimension of basic *J*-anti-invariant subgroup. These are the foliated version for the corresponding results of T. Draghici et al. [3].

## 1. Introduction

In order to study S. K. Donaldson's tamed to compatible question [2], T.-J. Li and W. Zhang [7] defined two subgroups  $H_J^+(M)$ ,  $H_J^-(M)$  of the real degree 2 de Rham cohomology group  $H^2(M; \mathbb{R})$  for a compact almost complex manifold (M, J). They are the sets of cohomology classes which can be represented by *J*-invariant and *J*-antiinvariant real 2-forms respectively. Later, T. Draghici, T.-J. Li and W. Zhang showed in [3] that in dimension four

$$H^2(M;\mathbb{R}) = H^+_I(M) \oplus H^-_I(M),$$

and they call such almost complex structure J to be  $C^{\infty}$ -pure and full. This is specifical for four dimension, since A. Fino and A. Tomassini's Example 3.3 in [4] gives a six dimensional almost complex manifold (M, J) with J being not  $C^{\infty}$ -pure, and higher dimensional non- $C^{\infty}$ -pure examples can be obtained by producting it with another almost complex manifold (see Remark 2.7 in [3]). It becomes nature to ask when will the almost complex structure be  $C^{\infty}$ -pure and full on higher dimension. This article lays the groundwork for the case in which the higher dimensional manifold admits a codimension four taut Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$ . The main result is Theorem 4.1 which basically says a transversal almost complex structure J on a codimension four taut Riemannian foliated

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manifold satisfying  $\theta(V)J = 0$ ,  $\forall V \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}$  is  $C^{\infty}$ -pure and full in the sense of Definition 4.

The structure of this article is the following: Section 2 are notions of transverse structures, basic forms, characteristic form and filtrations needed later. We consider the compatibility of transversal almost complex structure with a taut Riemannian metric in Section 3. After these preliminaries, basic *J*-(anti)invariant cohomology groups naturally come out and so is  $C^{\infty}$ -pureness and fullness of *J*. After some lemmas similar to those in [3], we are able to proof the decomposition of the real degree 2 de Rham cohomology group in Section 4. The last section provides bounds on the dimension of *J*-(anti)invariant cohomology groups.

## 2. Taut Riemannian foliation

Let's first recall some definitions and results in foliations, the below in this section is referred to [9]. Let M be a closed oriented smooth manifold of dimension n = p + q endowed with a codimension q foliation  $\mathcal{F}$ . The integrable subbundle  $T\mathcal{F} \subset TM$  is given by vectors tangent to plaques, then we further have the rank q normal bundle defined as the quotient bundle  $Q = TM/T\mathcal{F}$  and the projection

$$\pi: TM \to Q$$
$$Y \mapsto \pi(Y)$$

denoted by  $\overline{Y} = \pi(Y)$ .

Define the  $\Gamma T \mathcal{F}$ -action on  $\Gamma Q$  as

$$\theta(V)s = \overline{[V, Y_s]} \text{ for } V \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}, \ s \in \Gamma Q,$$

where  $Y_s \in \Gamma TM$  is any choice with  $\overline{Y}_s = s$ . It can be checked that the definition  $\theta(V)s$  is independent of the choice of  $Y_s$ .

Consider a Riemannian metric  $g = g_{T\mathcal{F}} \oplus g_{T\mathcal{F}^{\perp}}$  on M splitting TM orthogonally as  $TM = T\mathcal{F} \oplus T\mathcal{F}^{\perp}$ , which means there is a bundle map  $\sigma : Q \xrightarrow{\cong} T\mathcal{F}^{\perp} \subset TM$  splitting the exact sequence

$$0 \to T\mathcal{F} \to TM \to Q \to 0,$$

i.e., satisfying  $\pi \circ \sigma$ =identity. This induces a metric on Q by  $g_Q = \sigma^* g_{T\mathcal{F}^{\perp}}$ , then the splitting map  $\sigma : (Q, g_Q) \to (T\mathcal{F}^{\perp}, g_{T\mathcal{F}^{\perp}})$  is a metric isomorphism.

Suppose  $\nabla^M$  is the Levi-Civita connection induced by the Riemannian metric g on M. For  $s \in \Gamma Q$ , define

$$\nabla_X s = \begin{cases} \pi \left[ X, \sigma(s) \right] & \text{for } X \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}, \\ \pi \left( \nabla^M_X \sigma(s) \right) & \text{for } X \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}^{\perp}, \end{cases}$$

then  $\nabla$  is an adapted connection in Q, which means  $\nabla$  restricting along  $T\mathcal{F}$  is the partial Bott connection.

Consider the Q-valued bilinear form on  $T\mathcal{F}$ , i.e.,  $\alpha: T\mathcal{F} \otimes T\mathcal{F} \to Q$  given by

$$\alpha(U, V) = \pi \left( \nabla_U^M V \right) \quad \text{for } U, V \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}$$

A calculation shows for  $s \in \Gamma Q$ ,

(1) 
$$(\theta(Y)g_{T\mathcal{F}})(U,V) = -2g(Y,\alpha(U,V)).$$

The Weingarten map  $W(s): T\mathcal{F} \to T\mathcal{F}$  is defined by

$$g_Q(\alpha(U, V), s) = g(W(s)U, V).$$

Then  $\operatorname{Tr} W \in \Gamma Q^*$ , and it can be extended to a 1-form  $\kappa \in \Omega^1(M)$  by setting  $\kappa(V) = 0$  for  $V \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}$ , where we have used the identification  $T \mathcal{F}^{\perp} \cong Q$ . We call  $\kappa$  the mean curvature 1-form of  $\mathcal{F}$  on (M, g).

Recall that a Riemannian foliation is a foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  with a holonomy invariant transversal metric  $g_Q$  on Q, i.e.,

$$\theta(V)g_Q = 0, \ \forall \ V \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}.$$

The metric g on  $(M, \mathcal{F})$  is called bundle-like if the induced metric  $g_Q$  is holonomy invariant, i.e.,  $\theta(V)g_Q = 0$  for all  $V \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}$ , and a Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  is called taut if there exists a bundle-like metric for which the mean curvature 1-form  $\kappa = 0$ .

A differential form  $\alpha \in \Omega^r(M)$  is basic, if

$$i(V)\alpha = 0, \ \theta(V)\alpha, \forall V \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}.$$

Denote by  $\Omega_B^* = \Omega_B^*(\mathcal{F})$  the set of all basic forms, and the exterior differential  $d_B = d|_{\Omega_B}$ . By Cartan's magic formula, it can be checked that  $(\Omega_B^*, d_B)$  forms a sub-complex of the de Rham complex  $(\Omega^*, d)$ . The corresponding cohomology

$$H_B^*(\mathcal{F}) = H_B^*(\mathcal{F};\mathbb{R})$$

is called the basic cohomology of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

If  $T\mathcal{F}$  is oriented, the foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  with dimension p is then said to be tangentially oriented. The *p*-form  $\chi_{\mathcal{F}}$  defined by

$$\chi_{\mathcal{F}}(Y_1,\ldots,Y_p) = \det\left(g\left(Y_i,E_j\right)_{ij}\right), \forall Y_1,\ldots,Y_p \in \Gamma TM_i$$

is called the characteristic form of  $\mathcal{F}$ , where  $\{E_1, E_2, \ldots, E_p\}$  is a local oriented orthonormal frame of  $T\mathcal{F}$ .

Consider the multiplicative filtration of the de Rham complex  $\Omega^* = \Omega^*(M)$  as follows

$$F^{r}\Omega^{m} = \{ \alpha \in \Omega^{m} \mid i(V_{1}) \cdots i(V_{m-r+1})\alpha = 0 \text{ for } V_{1}, \dots, V_{m-r+1} \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F} \}.$$

Obviously,

$$F^0 \Omega^m = \Omega^m$$
 and  $F^{m+1} \Omega^m = 0.$ 

Furthermore, for the foliation  $(M, \mathcal{F})$ , we have

(2) 
$$F^{q+1}\Omega^m = 0 \quad (q = \operatorname{codim} \mathcal{F}).$$

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### 3. Holonomy invariant transversal almost complex structure

If the foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  is of even codimension, and there exists almost complex structure J on Q, i.e., an endomorphism  $J: Q \to Q$  such that  $J^2 = -Id_Q$ , then extend J onto TM by setting JX = 0 for  $X \in T\mathcal{F}$ . Such J is called the transversal almost complex structure.

**Lemma 3.1.** For an even codimensional Riemannian foliation  $(M, \mathcal{F})$  with a taut Riemannian metric  $g = g_{T\mathcal{F}} \oplus g_{T\mathcal{F}^{\perp}}$ , if there exists a transversal almost complex structure J satisfying  $\theta(V)J = 0$  for any  $V \in \Gamma T\mathcal{F}$  (we call such J to be holonomy invariant), then the new metric  $g_J$  defined by

$$g_J(X,Y) = \begin{cases} g_{T\mathcal{F}}(X,Y) & \text{for } X,Y \in \Gamma T\mathcal{F} \\ g_{T\mathcal{F}^{\perp}}(X,Y) + g_{T\mathcal{F}^{\perp}}(JX,JY) & \text{for } X,Y \in \Gamma T\mathcal{F}^{\perp} \end{cases}$$

is also taut.

*Proof.* Since  $\theta(V)J = 0$  for any  $V \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}$  and g is bundle-like,

$$(\theta(V)g_{J,Q})(s,s') = (\theta(V)g_Q)(s,s') + (\theta(V)g_Q)(Js,Js') = 0,$$

i.e.,  $g_J$  is also bundle-like.

For the tautness part, let  $e_1, \ldots, e_n$  be an orthonormal basis of  $T_x M$  such that  $e_1, \ldots, e_p \in T\mathcal{F}_x$  and  $e_{p+1}, \ldots, e_n \in T\mathcal{F}_x^{\perp}$ . Then by (1), we have the mean curvature 1-form  $\kappa$  for g,

$$\kappa(s)_x = \operatorname{Tr} W(s)_x$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^p g\left(W(s)e_i, e_i\right)$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^p g_Q\left(\alpha\left(e_i, e_i\right), s\right)$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^p \left(\theta(s)g_{T\mathcal{F}}\right)\left(e_i, e_i\right),$$

which shows that  $\kappa$  is independent of  $g_Q$ .

We denote by  $\kappa_J$  the mean curvature 1-form with respect to  $g_J$ . Since g is taut,  $\kappa$  vanishes, and so is  $\kappa_J$ , i.e.,  $g_J$  is also taut.

In the sequel, we still denote this  $g_J$  by g, and call the taut Riemannian metric g compatible with J. In this case, define the 2-form  $F(\cdot, \cdot) = g(J \cdot, \cdot)$ , then we have that for any  $V \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}$ ,

$$i(V)F = 0,$$

and

$$[\theta(V)F](s_1, s_2) = [\theta(V)g](Js_1, s_2) = 0, \ \forall \ s_1, s_2 \in Q.$$

Hence, F is a basic 2-form, and  $(\mathcal{F},g,J,F)$  is called a transversal almost Hermitian structure.

## 4. $C^{\infty}$ -pure and full

For an even codimensional Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on M endowed with a transversal almost complex structure J satisfying  $\theta(V)J = 0, \forall V \in T\mathcal{F}$ , denote by  $\Lambda_B^2$  the bundle of real basic 2-forms. Since  $\theta(V)J = 0, \forall V \in T\mathcal{F}$ , we have a well-defined action of J on  $\Lambda_B^2$  by:

$$J: \ \Lambda_B^2 \to \Lambda_B^2$$
$$\alpha(\cdot, \cdot) \mapsto \alpha(J \cdot, J \cdot).$$

Then by the formula:

$$\alpha(\cdot, \cdot) = \frac{\alpha(\cdot, \cdot) + \alpha(J \cdot, J \cdot)}{2} + \frac{\alpha(\cdot, \cdot) - \alpha(J \cdot, J \cdot)}{2},$$

we get a splitting

$$\Lambda_B^2 = \Lambda_J^+ \oplus \Lambda_J^-,$$

where  $\Lambda_J^+$  is the bundle of *J*-invariant basic 2-forms, and  $\Lambda_J^-$  is the bundle of *J*-anti-invariant basic 2-forms.

Let  $\Omega_B^2$  be the space of basic 2-forms on M,  $\Omega_J^+$  ( $\Omega_J^-$ ) the space of *J*-invariant (*J*-anti-invariant) basic 2-forms.

**Definition.** Let  $\mathcal{Z}_B^2$  be the space of basic closed 2-forms on M, and let  $\mathcal{Z}_J^{\pm} = \mathcal{Z}_B^2 \cap \Omega_J^{\pm}$ . Define

$$H_J^{\pm}(\mathcal{F}) = \left\{ \mathfrak{a} \in H_B^2(\mathcal{F}; \mathbb{R}) \mid \exists \alpha \in \mathcal{Z}_J^{\pm} \text{ such that } [\alpha] = \mathfrak{a} \right\},\$$

and the dimension of  $H_J^{\pm}(\mathcal{F})$  are denoted by  $h_J^{\pm}$  respectively.

It is obvious that

$$H^+_I(\mathcal{F}) + H^-_I(\mathcal{F}) \subseteq H^2_B(\mathcal{F};\mathbb{R}).$$

**Definition.** J is said to be  $C^{\infty}$ -pure if  $H_J^+(\mathcal{F}) \cap H_J^-(\mathcal{F}) = 0$ , and is said to be  $C^{\infty}$ -full if  $H_J^+(\mathcal{F}) + H_J^-(\mathcal{F}) = H_B^2(\mathcal{F}; \mathbb{R})$ . J is  $C^{\infty}$ -pure and full if  $H_J^+(\mathcal{F}) \oplus H_J^-(\mathcal{F}) = H_B^2(\mathcal{F}; \mathbb{R})$ .

The main result is the following:

**Theorem 4.1.** Given a codimension four taut Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on a closed smooth manifold M, if J is a transversal almost complex structure satisfying  $\theta(V)J = 0$  for any  $V \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}$ , then J is  $C^{\infty}$ -pure and full.

Remark 4.2. The condition that  $\theta(V)J = 0$  for any  $V \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}$  seems to be necessary. One of the reason is we need this condition to guarantee J preserves basic 2-forms. The other is that for a taut metric, we can easily construct a Jcompatible taut metric and the corresponding transversal fundamental 2-form will be a basic form.

Remark 4.3. For a K-contact manifold  $(M, \xi, \eta, \phi, g)$ , we have proved that  $\phi$  is  $C^{\infty}$ -pure and full [10]. For the characteristic foliation  $\mathcal{F}_{\xi}$ , g is taut and  $\theta(\xi)\phi = 0$ , so this can be considered as a special case of Theorem 4.1.

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In order to prove Theorem 4.1, we do some preparation. Let g be a bundlelike metric inducing  $g_Q$  on Q. Define the Hodge star operator:

$$\overline{*}: \Omega^r_B(\mathcal{F}) \to \Omega^{q-r}_B(\mathcal{F})$$

as follows:

$$\overline{*}\alpha = (-1)^{p(q-r)} * (\alpha \wedge \chi_{\mathcal{F}}).$$

The relation between  $\overline{*}$  and the Hodge star operator \* with respect to g is [9]

$$*\alpha = \overline{*}\alpha \wedge \chi_{\mathcal{F}},$$

where  $\chi_{\mathcal{F}}$  is the characteristic *p*-form of  $\mathcal{F}$  defined in Section 2.

The scalar product in  $\Omega_B^r(\mathcal{F})$  is defined by

$$\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle_B = \int_M \alpha \wedge \overline{*}\beta \wedge \chi_{\mathcal{F}},$$

which is just the restriction of the usual scalar product on  $\Omega^r(M)$  to the subspace  $\Omega^r_B(\mathcal{F})$  [9].

Define the formal adjoint  $\delta_B : \Omega^r_B(\mathcal{F}) \to \Omega^{r-1}_B(\mathcal{F})$  of  $d_B = d : \Omega^{r-1}_B(\mathcal{F}) \to \Omega^r_B(\mathcal{F})$  by

$$\langle d_B \alpha, \beta \rangle_B = \langle \alpha, \delta_B \beta \rangle_B.$$

It was shown in [6,9] that, on  $\Omega_B^r(\mathcal{F})$ 

$$\delta_B = (-1)^{q(r+1)+1} \overline{*} (d_B - \kappa \wedge) \overline{*}.$$

Define the basic Laplacian

$$\Delta_B = d_B \delta_B + \delta_B d_B,$$

then set

$$\mathcal{H}_B^r(\mathcal{F}) = \{ \text{the harmonic basic } r \text{-forms } \omega \mid \Delta_B \omega = 0 \}.$$

We have the following Theorem 7.22 in [9].

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a transversally oriented Riemannian foliation on a closed manifold (M,g). Assume g to be bundle-like with  $\kappa \in \Omega^1_B(\mathcal{F})$ . Then there is a decomposition into mutually orthogonal subspaces

$$\Omega_B^r \cong \operatorname{im} d_B \oplus \operatorname{im} \delta_B \oplus \mathcal{H}_B^r$$

with finite-dimensional  $\mathcal{H}_B^r$ .

Remark 4.5. The condition  $\kappa \in \Omega^1_B(\mathcal{F})$  can be removed by the basic decomposition of general mean curvature 1-form, see [8].

When the taut foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  has codimension q = 4, we have  $\overline{*}^2 = \text{id on } \Lambda^2 Q^*$ , so we get a decomposition

$$\Lambda^2 \mathbf{Q}^* = \Lambda^+ \mathbf{Q}^* \oplus \Lambda^- \mathbf{Q}^*,$$

where  $\Lambda^{\pm}$  are the  $\pm 1$ -eigenspace of  $\overline{*}$ . Suppose  $\Omega_B^{\pm}$  are the space of sections of  $\Lambda^{\pm}Q^*$ , and denote by  $\alpha^+$ ,  $\alpha^-$  the selfdual, anti-selfdual components of a basic

2-form  $\alpha$ . Furthermore, we have  $\Delta_B \overline{*} = \overline{*} \Delta_B$  (note that if  $\kappa \neq 0$ ,  $\Delta_B$  and  $\overline{*}$  do not commute). Hence,

(3) 
$$H^{2}(\mathcal{F},\mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{H}^{2}_{B}(\mathcal{F}) = \mathcal{H}^{+}_{B}(\mathcal{F}) \oplus \mathcal{H}^{-}_{B}(\mathcal{F}),$$

and we denote the dimension of  $\mathcal{H}^2_B(\mathcal{F})$ ,  $\mathcal{H}^+_B(\mathcal{F})$ ,  $\mathcal{H}^-_B(\mathcal{F})$  by  $b^2_B$ ,  $b^+_B$ ,  $b^-_B$  respectively.

For a codimension four transversal almost Hermitian manifold  $(M, \mathcal{F}, J, g, F)$ , we have the following relation

(4) 
$$\Lambda_J^+ = \mathbb{R}F \oplus \Lambda_{g_Q}^-, \Lambda_{g_Q}^+ = \mathbb{R}F \oplus \Lambda_J^-; \\ \Lambda_J^+ \cap \Lambda_{g_Q}^+ = \mathbb{R}F, \Lambda_J^- \cap \Lambda_{g_Q}^- = 0.$$

Hence, similar to [3], we have the following two lemmas:

**Lemma 4.6.** If  $\alpha \in \Omega_B^+$  and  $\alpha = \alpha_h + d\theta + \delta \Psi$  is its basic Hodge decomposition, then  $(d\theta)_B^+ = (\delta \Psi)_B^+$  and  $(d\theta)_B^- = -(\delta \Psi)_B^-$ . In particular, the basic 2-form

$$\alpha - 2(d\theta)_B^+ = \alpha_h$$

is harmonic and the 2-form

$$\alpha + 2(d\theta)_B^- = \alpha_h + 2d\theta$$

is closed.

**Lemma 4.7.** Let  $(M^{p+4}, \mathcal{F}, g, J, F)$  be a closed codimension four taut transversal almost Hermitian manifold. Then  $\mathcal{Z}_J^- \subset \mathcal{H}_{g_Q}^+$ , and  $\mathcal{Z}_J^- \subset H_J^-$  is bijective. Furthermore,  $H_J^- = \mathcal{Z}_J^- = \mathcal{H}_{g_Q}^{+,F^\perp}$ .

With the above preparation, we can present the proof of the main result.

Proof of Theorem 4.1. Let g be the J-compatible metric, and F be the basic 2-form. If  $\mathfrak{a} \in H_J^+(\mathcal{F}) \cap H_J^-(\mathcal{F})$ , let  $\alpha' \in \mathcal{Z}_J^+$ ,  $\alpha'' \in \mathcal{Z}_J^-$  be the representative for  $\mathfrak{a}$ . Then see page 39 in [9],

$$\mathrm{d}\chi_{\mathcal{F}} + \kappa \wedge \chi_{\mathcal{F}} = \varphi_0 \in F^2 \Omega^{p+1}.$$

Hence, on a codimension four foliation  $(M, \mathcal{F})$ , for basic 1-form  $\gamma$  and basic 2-form  $\alpha'', \gamma \wedge \alpha'' \wedge \phi_0 \in F^5\Omega^{p+1} = 0$  vanishes. Therefore, by integration by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_{M} \alpha' \wedge \alpha'' \wedge \chi_{\mathcal{F}} \\ &= \int_{M} (\alpha'' + d_{B}\gamma) \wedge \alpha'' \wedge \chi_{\mathcal{F}} \\ &= \int_{M} \alpha'' \wedge \alpha'' \wedge \chi_{\mathcal{F}} + \int_{M} d_{B}\gamma \wedge \alpha'' \wedge \chi_{\mathcal{F}} \\ &= \int_{M} \alpha'' \wedge \overline{*}\alpha'' \wedge \chi_{\mathcal{F}} + \int_{M} \gamma \wedge d_{B}\alpha'' \wedge \chi_{\mathcal{F}} + \int_{M} \gamma \wedge \alpha'' \wedge d\chi_{\mathcal{F}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \int_{M} |\alpha''|_{g}^{2} \operatorname{d} vol + \int_{M} \gamma \wedge \alpha'' \wedge (\phi_{0} - \kappa \wedge \chi_{\mathcal{F}})$$
$$= \int_{M} |\alpha''|_{g}^{2} \operatorname{d} vol.$$

Hence,  $\alpha'' = 0$ , i.e.,  $\mathfrak{a} = 0$ , that's to say  $H_J^+(\mathcal{F}) \cap H_J^-(\mathcal{F}) = 0$ .

The proof of fullness part is technically almost the same as the proof of Theorem 2.3 in [3].  $\hfill \Box$ 

D. Domínguez's remarkable theorem [1] says that for a Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on a closed manifold, there always exists a bundle-like metric for  $\mathcal{F}$  such that the mean curvature form  $\kappa$  is a basic 1-form. F. Kamber and Ph. Tondeur shows  $\kappa$  should be closed [5]. Furthermore, if  $[\kappa] \in H_B^1(\mathcal{F})$  is trivial, then by a suitable conformal change to  $g_{T\mathcal{F}}$ , the bundle-like metric g can be modified to be a taut metric [5]. Since we have an injective map

$$H^1_B(\mathcal{F}) \to H^1(M),$$

closed and simply connected Riemannian foliation is always taut [9]. Hence, we have the following corollary:

**Corollary 4.8.** For a codimension four Riemannian foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on a closed and simply connected smooth manifold M, if J is a transversal almost complex structure satisfying  $\theta(V)J = 0$  for any  $V \in \Gamma T \mathcal{F}$ , then J is  $C^{\infty}$ -pure and full.

## 5. Bounds on $h_J^{\pm}$

Under the condition of Theorem 4.1 and by (3), we have

$$h_J^+ + h_J^- = b_2^B = b_B^+ + b_B^-.$$

Furthermore, by relations (4), the following inequalities holds:

(5)

$$h_J^+ \geq b_B^-,\ h_J^- \leq b_B^+$$

This can be strengthened as follows:

**Lemma 5.1.** Let  $(M, \mathcal{F}, g, J, F)$  be a closed codimension four almost Hermitian taut Riemannian foliation. Assume that the harmonic part  $F_h$  of the transversal Hodge decomposition of F is not identically zero. Then

$$h_J^+ \ge b_B^- + 1, \ h_J^- \le b_B^+ - 1.$$

*Proof.* Let  $F = F_h + d\theta + \delta \Psi$  be the transversal Hodge decomposition of F, then  $F + 2(d\theta)^-$  is a closed *J*-invariant basic 2-form, and  $[F_h + 2d\theta] \in H_B^+ \cap H_B^-$  is nontrivial since  $F_h$  is not identically zero.

A more specific case is when F is closed, i.e., the manifold M in Lemma 5.1 is transversal almost Kähler, we let  $\omega = F$ .

**Theorem 5.2.** If  $(M, \mathcal{F}, g, J, \omega)$  is taut transversal almost Kähler of codimension four, then

$$h_J^+ \ge b_B^- + 1, \ h_J^- \le b_B^+ - 1.$$

*Proof.* Since g is taut,  $\overline{*}\Delta = \Delta \overline{*}$ . Hence,  $d\omega = 0$  and  $\omega \in \Omega_g^+$  induces that  $\delta_B \omega = 0$ , i.e.,  $\omega$  is basic harmonic itself.

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