

NONCOMMUTATIVE INTEGRABILITY AND ACTION–ANGLE VARIABLES IN CONTACT GEOMETRY

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We introduce a notion of the noncommutative integrability within a framework of contact geometry.

1. Introduction

In Hamiltonian mechanics solving by quadratures is closely related to the regularity of dynamics that is described in the Arnold–Liouville theorem. A Hamiltonian system on $2n$ -dimensional symplectic manifold M is called *integrable* if it has n -smooth Poisson-commuting, almost everywhere independent integrals f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n . Regular compact connected invariant manifolds of the system are Lagrangian tori. Moreover, in a neighborhood of any torus, there exist canonical action–angle coordinates $(\varphi, I) = (\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n, I_1, \dots, I_n)$, integrals f_i depend only on actions I and the flow is translation in φ coordinates [1].

Therefore, an integrable Hamiltonian system can be considered as a toric Lagrangian fibration $\pi : M \rightarrow W$ (see Duistermaat [11]). This approach is reformulated to contact manifolds (M, \mathcal{H}) by Banyaga and Molino [2]. Instead of a toric Lagrangian fibration, one consider an invariant toric fibration transversal to the contact distribution \mathcal{H} , such that intersection of tori and \mathcal{H} is a Lagrangian distribution with respect to the conformal class of the symplectic structure on \mathcal{H} (see Section 5).

Slightly different notion of a contact integrability is given recently by Khesin and Tabachnikov [19]. They defined integrability in terms of the existence of an invariant foliation \mathcal{F} , called a co-Legendrian foliation (here we refer to \mathcal{F} as a pre-Legendrian foliation). \mathcal{F} is transversal to \mathcal{H} , $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{H}$ is a Legendrian foliation of M with an additional property that on every

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leaf F of \mathcal{F} , the foliation $\mathcal{G}|_F$ has a holonomy invariant transverse smooth measure.¹ It turns out that this condition implies the existence of a global contact form α (see [19]) and \mathcal{G} is a α -complete Legendrian foliation studied by Libermann [27] and Pang [32]. Recall that a foliation \mathcal{F} is α -complete if for any pair f_1, f_2 of first integrals of \mathcal{F} (where f_i may be a constant), the Jacobi bracket $[f_1, f_2]$ is also a first integral of \mathcal{F} (eventually a constant).

Due to the presence of symmetries, many Hamiltonian systems have more than n noncommuting integrals. Illustrative examples are G -invariant geodesic flows on homogeneous spaces [4, 16]. An appropriate framework for the study of these systems is noncommutative integrability introduced by Nehoroshev [31] and Mishchenko and Fomenko [30] (see also [4, 16, 21, 36]). Here, we recall the Nehoroshev formulation: a Hamiltonian system on $2n$ -dimensional symplectic manifold M is *noncommutatively integrable* if it has $2n - r$ almost everywhere independent integrals $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{2n-r}$ and f_1, \dots, f_r commute with all integrals

$$\{f_i, f_j\} = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2n - r, \quad j = 1, \dots, r.$$

Regular compact connected invariant manifolds of the system are isotropic tori. In a neighborhood of a regular torus, there exist canonical *generalized action-angle coordinates* such that integrals $f_i, i = 1, \dots, r$ depend only on actions and the flow is translation in angle coordinates.

One of the basic examples of contact manifolds are unit co-sphere bundles $SQ \subset T^*Q$ of Riemannian manifolds (Q, g) . The restriction of a geodesic flow to SQ is a contact flow of the Reeb vector field of the associated contact form. It is clear that noncommutatively integrable geodesic flows, considered as Reeb vector flows, have a geometrical structure that need to be described by a noncommutative variant of integrability.

We introduce an appropriate concept of a contact noncommutative integrability.

In the first part of the paper (Sections 3 and 4), foliations on contact manifolds (M, \mathcal{H}) are considered. We refer to a foliation \mathcal{F} as *pre-isotropic* if it is transversal to \mathcal{H} and $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{H}$ is an isotropic subbundle of \mathcal{H} .

Let \mathcal{F} be a pre-isotropic foliation containing the Reeb vector field Z on a co-oriented contact manifold (M, α) . The foliation \mathcal{F} is α -complete if and only if \mathcal{E} is completely integrable, where $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{F}^\perp$ is the *pseudo-orthogonal distribution* of \mathcal{F} and we have a flag of foliations $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{E}$. Furthermore, each leaf of \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{F} has an affine structure (Theorem 3.2).

Thus, if \mathcal{F} has compact leaves, they are tori. Locally, in an invariant neighborhood of any leaf, the foliation \mathcal{F} can be seen as a fibration over some base manifold. Also, affine translations provide an Abelian Lie algebra of contact transformations with orbits that coincide with \mathcal{F} .

¹Throughout the paper we use the same notation for foliations and their integrable distributions of tangent spaces.

Next, we consider a pre-isotropic foliation \mathcal{F} on a contact manifold (M, \mathcal{H}) with the mentioned properties of α -complete pre-isotropic foliations: \mathcal{F} is defined via submersion $\pi : M \rightarrow W$ and it is given an Abelian Lie algebra of contact symmetries \mathcal{X} with orbits equal to \mathcal{F} . We refer to a triple $(M, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X})$ as a *complete pre-isotropic contact structure*.

For a given complete pre-isotropic structure $(M, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X})$, locally, there always exists an invariant contact form α such that \mathcal{F} is α -complete (Theorem 4.1). Note, if \mathcal{F} has the maximal dimension (i.e., it is pre-Legendrian) and fibers of π are connected, $(M, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X})$ is a *regular completely integrable contact structure* studied by Banyaga and Molino [2]. The analysis above lead us to the following definition (Section 5).

Let X be a contact vector field. We shall say that a contact equation

$$(1.1) \quad \dot{x} = X$$

is *contact noncommutatively integrable* if there is an Abelian Lie algebra of contact symmetries \mathcal{X} , an open dense set $M_{\text{reg}} \subset M$, and a submersion $\pi : M_{\text{reg}} \rightarrow W$ such that

- (i) The contact vector field X is tangent to the fibers of π ;
- (ii) $(M_{\text{reg}}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X})$ is a complete pre-isotropic contact structure.

Analogous to the Mishchenko–Fomenko–Nehoroshev theorem, we prove that in a neighborhood of any invariant torus, there exist canonical generalized contact action–angle coordinates and (1.1) is a translation in angle variables, where frequencies depend only on actions and in which the contact distribution \mathcal{H} is presented by the canonical 1-form α_0 (Theorem 5.1).

For the co-oriented case, we also formulate the statement involving only integrals of a motion (Theorem 5.2): a contact equation (1.1) is noncommutatively integrable if it possesses a collection of first integrals $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{2n-r}$, that are all in involution with the constant functions and with the first r integrals:

$$[1, f_i] = 0, \quad [f_i, f_j] = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2n - r, \quad j = 1, \dots, r.$$

Note that, besides integrable geodesic flows on homogeneous spaces restricted to the unit co-sphere bundles [4, 16], a natural class of examples of contact flows integrable in a noncommutative sense are the Reeb flows on K -contact manifolds (M^{2n+1}, α) where the rank of the manifold is less than $n + 1$ (see Yamazaki [35] and Lerman [23]).

Finally in Section 6, we consider a complete pre-isotropic contact structure (M, α, \mathcal{X}) of the *Reeb type*, i.e., \mathcal{H} is defined by a global \mathcal{X} -invariant form α and the Reeb vector field of α is π -vertical. Note that $(M, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X})$ can be a complete pre-isotropic structure with a global \mathcal{X} -invariant contact form α , which is not of the Reeb type (see Proposition 6.1). On the other hand, the invariant foliation \mathcal{F} of a complete pre-isotropic contact structure (M, α, \mathcal{X}) of the Reeb type is α -complete (Proposition 6.2). We describe the transition

functions between the contact action–angle coordinates (Proposition 6.3) and prove the statement on the existence of global action–action variables in the case when $\pi : M \rightarrow W$ is a trivial principal \mathbb{T}^{r+1} -bundle (Theorem 6.1).

2. Contact manifolds and the Jacobi bracket

In the definitions and notations, we mostly follow Libermann and Marle [25].

A *contact form* α on a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional manifold M is a Pfaffian form satisfying $\alpha \wedge (d\alpha)^n \neq 0$. By a *contact manifold* (M, \mathcal{H}) we mean a connected $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional manifold M equipped with a nonintegrable *contact* (or *horizontal*) *distribution* \mathcal{H} , locally defined by a contact form: $\mathcal{H}|_U = \ker \alpha|_U$, U is an open set in M .

Two contact forms α and α' define the same contact distribution \mathcal{H} on U if and only if $\alpha' = a\alpha$ for some nowhere vanishing function a on U . The condition $\alpha \wedge (d\alpha)^n \neq 0$ implies that the form $d\alpha|_x$ is nondegenerate (symplectic) structure restricted to \mathcal{H}_x . The conformal class of $d\alpha|_x$ is invariant under the change $\alpha' = a\alpha$. If \mathcal{V} is a linear subspace of \mathcal{H}_x , then we have well-defined orthogonal complement $\text{orth}_{\mathcal{H}} \mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{H}_x$ with respect to $d\alpha|_x$, as well as the notion of the *isotropic* ($\mathcal{V} \subset \text{orth}_{\mathcal{H}} \mathcal{V}$), *coisotropic* ($\mathcal{V} \supset \text{orth}_{\mathcal{H}} \mathcal{V}$) and the *Lagrange* subspaces ($\mathcal{V} = \text{orth}_{\mathcal{H}} \mathcal{V}$) of \mathcal{H}_x .

A *contact diffeomorphism* between contact manifolds (M, \mathcal{H}) and (M', \mathcal{H}') is a diffeomorphism $\phi : M \rightarrow M'$ such that $\phi_* \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}'$. If a local 1-parameter group of a vector field X is made of contact diffeomorphisms, X is called an *infinitesimal automorphism* of a contact structure (M, \mathcal{H}) or a *contact vector field*. Locally, if $\mathcal{H} = \ker \alpha$, then $\mathcal{L}_X \alpha = \lambda \alpha$, for some smooth function λ .

The existence of a global contact form α is equivalent to the coorientability of \mathcal{H} [15]. From now on we consider a *co-oriented* (or *strictly*) *contact manifold* (M, α) . The *Reeb vector field* Z is a vector field uniquely defined by

$$i_Z \alpha = 1, \quad i_Z d\alpha = 0.$$

The tangent bundle TM and the cotangent bundle T^*M are decomposed into

$$(2.1) \quad TM = \mathcal{Z} \oplus \mathcal{H}, \quad T^*M = \mathcal{Z}^0 \oplus \mathcal{H}^0,$$

where $\mathcal{Z} = \mathbb{R}Z$ is the kernel of $d\alpha$, \mathcal{Z}^0 and $\mathcal{H}^0 = \mathbb{R}\alpha$ are the annihilators of \mathcal{Z} and \mathcal{H} , respectively. The sections of \mathcal{Z}^0 are called *semi-basic forms*.

According to (2.1), we have decompositions of vector fields and 1-forms

$$(2.2) \quad X = (i_X \alpha)Z + \hat{X}, \quad \eta = (i_Z \eta)\alpha + \hat{\eta},$$

where \hat{X} is horizontal and $\hat{\eta}$ is semi-basic.

The mapping $\alpha^\flat : X \mapsto -i_X d\alpha$ carries X onto a semi-basic form. The restriction of α^\flat to horizontal vector fields is an isomorphism whose inverse will be denoted by α^\sharp . The mapping

$$(2.3) \quad \Phi : \mathcal{N} \longrightarrow C^\infty(M), \quad \Phi(X) = i_X \alpha$$

establish the isomorphism between the vector space \mathcal{N} of infinitesimal contact automorphisms onto the set $C^\infty(M)$ of smooth functions on M , with the inverse (see [24, 25])

$$\Phi^{-1}(f) = fZ + \alpha^\sharp(\widehat{df}).$$

The vector field $X_f = \Phi^{-1}(f)$ is called the *contact Hamiltonian vector field* and

$$(2.4) \quad \dot{x} = X_f$$

contact Hamiltonian equation corresponding to f . Note that

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_f}\alpha = df(Z)\alpha$$

and X_f is an *infinitesimal automorphism of α* ($\mathcal{L}_{X_f}\alpha = 0$) if and only if df is semi-basic. Note that $\Phi(Z) = 1$, i.e., $Z = X_1$.

The mapping (2.3) is a Lie algebra isomorphism, where on \mathcal{N} we have the usual bracket and the *Jacobi bracket* on $C^\infty(M)$ defined by $[f, g] = \Phi[X_f, X_g]$:

$$X_{[f,g]} = [X_f, X_g], \quad X_{[1,f]} = [Z, X_f].$$

Note that df is semi-basic, if and only if $[1, f] = [Z, X_f] = 0$.

Together with the Jacobi bracket, we have the associated *Jacobi bi-vector field* Λ :

$$\Lambda(\eta, \xi) = d\alpha(\alpha^\sharp\hat{\eta}, \alpha^\sharp\hat{\xi}).$$

Let $\Lambda^\sharp : T^*M \rightarrow TM$ be the morphism defined by $\langle \Lambda^\sharp_x(\eta_x), \xi_x \rangle = \Lambda_x(\eta_x, \xi_x)$, for all $x \in M$, $\eta_x, \xi_x \in T^*_xM$. Then X_f may be written as $X_f = fZ + \Lambda^\sharp(df)$.

It can be easily checked that

$$[f, g] = d\alpha(X_f, X_g) + f\mathcal{L}_Zg - g\mathcal{L}_Zf = \Lambda(df, dg) + f\mathcal{L}_Zg - g\mathcal{L}_Zf.$$

The derivation of functions along the contact vector field X_f can be described by the use of the Jacobi bracket

$$(2.5) \quad \mathcal{L}_{X_f}g = [f, g] + g\mathcal{L}_Zf.$$

Thus, if df and dg are semi-basic, we have the following important property of the Jacobi bracket $[f, g]$.

Lemma 2.1. *Suppose that df and dg are semi-basic. Then*

$$[f, g] = d\alpha(X_f, X_g) = \Lambda(df, dg)$$

and the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) f and g are in involution: $[f, g] = 0$, i.e., Hamiltonian contact vector fields X_f and X_g commute: $[X_f, X_g] = 0$.
- (ii) g is the integral of the contact vector field X_f : $\mathcal{L}_{X_f}g = 0$.
- (iii) f is the integral of the contact vector field X_g : $\mathcal{L}_{X_g}f = 0$.

Moreover, if \mathcal{Z} is a simple foliation, i.e., there exists a surjective submersion $\pi : M \rightarrow P$ and the distribution \mathcal{Z} consist of vertical spaces of the submersion: $\mathcal{Z} = \ker \pi_*$, then the base manifold P has a nondegenerate Poisson structure $\{\cdot, \cdot\}$ such that $[f, g] = \pi^*\{\bar{f}, \bar{g}\}$, $f = \bar{f} \circ \pi$, $g = \bar{g} \circ \pi$ [6, 25].

3. α -Complete pre-isotropic foliations

Let \mathcal{F} be a foliation on a co-oriented contact manifold (M^{2n+1}, α) . The *pseudo-orthogonal distribution* \mathcal{F}^\perp is defined by

$$\mathcal{F}^\perp = \mathcal{Z} \oplus \Lambda^\sharp(\mathcal{F}^0).$$

where \mathcal{F}^0 is the annihilator of \mathcal{F} . It is locally generated by the Reeb vector field Z and the contact Hamiltonian vector fields, that correspond to the first integrals of \mathcal{F} .

A foliation \mathcal{F} is said to be α -complete if for any pair f_1, f_2 of first integrals of \mathcal{F} (where f_i may be a constant), the bracket $[f_1, f_2]$ is also a first integral of \mathcal{F} (eventually a constant).

Theorem 3.1 (Libermann [26]). *A foliation \mathcal{F} on (M^{2n+1}, α) containing the Reeb vector field Z is α -complete if and only if the pseudo-orthogonal subbundle \mathcal{F}^\perp is integrable, defining a foliation that is also α -complete and $(\mathcal{F}^\perp)^\perp = \mathcal{F}$. Then for any pair of integrals f, g of \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{F}^\perp , respectively, we have $[f, g] = 0$.*

Let p be the rank of \mathcal{F}^0 and f_1, \dots, f_p be a set of independent integrals of \mathcal{F} in an open set U . Since $\ker \Lambda_x^\sharp = \mathbb{R}\alpha_x$, $\dim \mathcal{F}_x^\perp$ is equal to $p + 1$ or p , depending the forms $\alpha, df_1, \dots, df_p$ are linearly independent or not. In the later case, the form induced by α on the leaf passing through x vanishes at x . Conversely, if $\alpha|_{\mathcal{F}} = 0$, i.e., $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{H}$, then $\dim \mathcal{F}^\perp = p$.

A foliation \mathcal{G} is *pseudo-isotropic* if $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{H}$ [27].² Then α is a section of \mathcal{G}^0 , the distribution \mathcal{G}^\perp has the constant rank p and \mathcal{G}^\perp is a vector bundle. A *Legendre foliation* is a pseudo-isotropic foliation of maximum rank n . Then $\dim \mathcal{G}^0 = \dim \mathcal{G}^\perp = n + 1$.

By the analogy with a pre-isotropic embedding (see Lerman [22]), we introduce:

Definition 3.1. A foliation \mathcal{F} is *pre-isotropic* if

- (i) \mathcal{F} is transversal to \mathcal{H} .
- (ii) $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{H}$ is an isotropic subbundle of \mathcal{H} .

Lemma 3.1. *Condition (ii) is equivalent to the condition that $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{H}$ is a pseudo-isotropic foliation.*

²Submanifolds $G \subset M$ that are integral manifolds of \mathcal{H} are also called isotropic submanifolds, e.g., see [14]. Here we keep Libermann's notation.

Proof. Let (f_1, \dots, f_p) be a set of local integrals of \mathcal{F} and let X, Y be sections of \mathcal{G} . Then $\alpha, df_1, \dots, df_p$ are linearly independent and we have

$$\begin{aligned} df_i(X) &= df_i(Y) = \alpha(X) = \alpha(Y) = 0, \\ df_i([X, Y]) &= \mathcal{L}_X \mathcal{L}_Y f_i - \mathcal{L}_Y \mathcal{L}_X f_i = 0, \\ d\alpha(X, Y) &= \mathcal{L}_X \alpha(Y) - \mathcal{L}_Y \alpha(X) - \alpha([X, Y]) = -\alpha([X, Y]). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, \mathcal{G} is an isotropic subbundle of \mathcal{H} if and only if it is integrable. \square

Theorem 3.2. *Let \mathcal{F} be a pre-isotropic foliation containing the Reeb vector field Z .*

(i) *We have the flag of distributions $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E})$:*

$$(3.1) \quad \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{E} = \mathcal{G}^\perp = \mathcal{F}^\perp.$$

On the contrary, if \mathcal{F} is a foliation containing the Reeb vector field Z and (3.1) holds, then \mathcal{F} is a pre-isotropic foliation.

(ii) *The foliation \mathcal{F} (or \mathcal{G}) is α -complete, if and only if \mathcal{E} is completely integrable. Assume \mathcal{E} is integrable and let f_1, \dots, f_p and $y_1, \dots, y_r, 2n-p = r$ be any sets of local integrals of \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{E} , respectively. Then:*

$$[f_i, y_j] = 0, \quad [y_j, y_k] = 0, \quad [f_i, 1] = 0, \quad [y_i, 1] = 0.$$

(iii) *Each leaf of an α -complete pre-isotropic foliation \mathcal{F} as well as each leaf of the corresponding pseudo-isotropic foliation \mathcal{G} has an affine structure.*

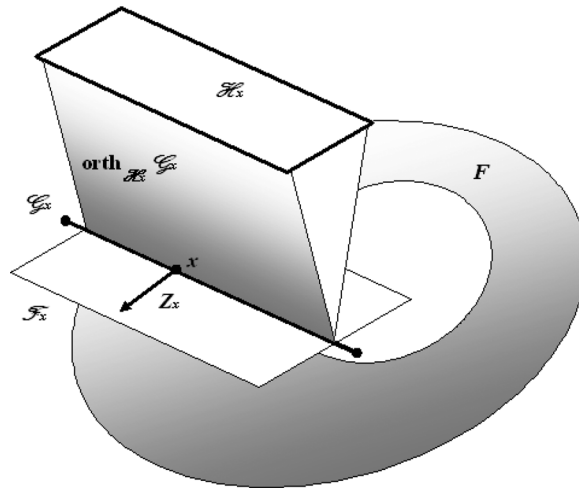


Figure 1. Illustration of Theorem 3.2: a torus F is a leaf through x .

Proof. (i) Let $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{H}$ be isotropic. We have $\mathcal{G}^0 = \langle \mathcal{F}^0, \alpha \rangle$ and $\ker \Lambda^\# = \mathbb{R}\alpha$. Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}^\perp &= \mathcal{G}^\perp = \mathcal{Z} \oplus \Lambda^\#(\mathcal{G}^0) = \mathcal{Z} \oplus \Lambda^\#(\mathcal{G}^0 \cap \mathcal{Z}^0) \\ &= \mathcal{Z} \oplus \alpha^\#(\mathcal{G}^0 \cap \mathcal{Z}^0) = \mathcal{Z} \oplus \text{orth}_{\mathcal{H}} \mathcal{G} \supset \mathcal{Z} \oplus \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F}. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) This item follows directly from Theorem 1 and the fact that integrals of \mathcal{E} are also integrals of \mathcal{F} . Note that df_i and dy_j are semi-basic and X_{f_i}, X_{y_j} are infinitesimal automorphisms of α .

(iii) Let U be an open set where we have defined commuting integrals y_1, \dots, y_r of $\mathcal{E}|_U$. Since $\mathcal{E}^\perp = \mathcal{F}$, the distribution $\mathcal{F}|_U$ is generated by a contact commuting vector fields $Z, X_{y_1}, \dots, X_{y_r}$:

$$[Z, X_{y_i}] = 0, \quad [X_{y_i}, X_{y_j}] = 0.$$

The distribution $\mathcal{G}|_U$ is generated by their horizontal parts $\hat{X}_{y_1}, \dots, \hat{X}_{y_r}$ which also commute. Indeed, since \mathcal{G} is integrable $[\hat{X}_{y_i}, \hat{X}_{y_j}]$ is a section of \mathcal{G} , in particular it is horizontal. Further

$$\begin{aligned} (3.2) \quad 0 &= [X_{y_i}, X_{y_j}] = [y_i Z + \hat{X}_{y_i}, y_j Z + \hat{X}_{y_j}] \\ &= [y_i Z, y_j Z] + [\hat{X}_{y_i}, \hat{X}_{y_j}] + y_i [Z, \hat{X}_{y_j}] + y_j [\hat{X}_{y_i}, Z] \\ &\quad - \mathcal{L}_{\hat{X}_{y_j}}(y_i)Z + \mathcal{L}_{\hat{X}_{y_i}}(y_j)Z. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, since $\mathcal{L}_Z y_i = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (3.3) \quad 0 &= [Z, X_{y_i}] = [Z, y_i Z + \hat{X}_{y_i}] = [Z, y_i Z] + [Z, \hat{X}_{y_i}] \\ &= \mathcal{L}_Z(y_i)Z + [Z, \hat{X}_{y_i}] = [Z, \hat{X}_{y_i}]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, taking the horizontal part in (3.2) we get

$$[\hat{X}_{y_i}, \hat{X}_{y_j}] = 0.$$

Thus, locally we have parallelism both on $\mathcal{F} = \langle Z, \hat{X}_{y_1}, \dots, \hat{X}_{y_r} \rangle$ and $\mathcal{G} = \langle \hat{X}_{y_1}, \dots, \hat{X}_{y_r} \rangle$. Now, let U' be an open set ($U \cap U' \neq \emptyset$) and let y'_1, \dots, y'_r be commuting integrals of $\mathcal{E}|_{U'}$. Then, on $U \cap U'$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} y'_i &= \varphi_i(y_1, \dots, y_r), \quad i = 1, \dots, r \\ dy'_i &= \sum_j \frac{\partial \varphi_i}{\partial y_j} dy_j. \end{aligned}$$

From the definition $\hat{X}_{y'_i} = \alpha^\#(\widehat{dy'_i}) = \alpha^\#(dy'_i - (i_Z dy'_i)\alpha) = \alpha^\#(dy'_i)$, we get the fiber-wise linear transformation

$$\hat{X}_{y'_i} = \sum_j \frac{\partial \varphi_i}{\partial y_j} \hat{X}_{y'_j}, \quad i = 1, \dots, r,$$

which shows that the parallelism of \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{F} is independent of the chart. \square

If \mathcal{F} has the maximal dimension $n + 1$ then \mathcal{F} is pre-Legendrian, while \mathcal{G} is a Legendrian foliation. The existence of an affine structure is already known for α -complete Legendre foliations [19, 26, 27, 32]. This imposes restrictions on the topology of the leaves. In particular, compact leaves of \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{F} are tori.

Of particular interest is the case when \mathcal{F} is a simple foliation, i.e., the leaves of the foliation are fibers of the submersion. We will study such a situation in the next section.

4. Complete pre-isotropic contact structures

In this section, a contact structure does not need to be co-oriented.

Let (M, \mathcal{H}) be a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional contact manifold and let

$$(4.1) \quad \pi : M \rightarrow W$$

be a proper submersion on p -dimensional manifold W , $p \geq n$. Define the distribution \mathcal{F} as the kernel of $\pi_* : TM \rightarrow TW$, i.e., the leaves of \mathcal{F} are fibers of π .

Definition 4.1. We shall say that $(M, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X})$ is a *complete pre-isotropic contact structure* if

- (i) \mathcal{F} is pre-isotropic, i.e., it is transversal to \mathcal{H} and $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{H}$ is an isotropic subbundle of \mathcal{H} , or, equivalently \mathcal{G} is a foliation.
- (ii) \mathcal{X} is an Abelian Lie algebra of infinitesimal contact automorphisms of \mathcal{H} , which has the fibers of π as orbits.

In the case $p = n$ (and connected fibers), we have a *regular completely integrable contact structure* $(M, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X})$ studied in Banyaga and Molino [2].

Suppose \mathcal{F} is an α -complete foliation with compact leaves (according to the presence of the affine structure, the leaves are tori). Locally, in a neighborhood U of any fixed torus F the foliation is simple. There is a surjective submersion $\pi : U \rightarrow W = U/\mathcal{F}$, $\mathcal{F} = \ker \pi_*$. We can define an Abelian Lie algebra \mathcal{X} of infinitesimal automorphisms of \mathcal{H} by $Z, X_{y_1}, \dots, X_{y_r}$ where, y_1, \dots, y_r are integrals of $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{F}^\perp$. Thus, we have well-defined complete pre-isotropic contact structure $(U, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X})$.

On the contrary, we also have:

Theorem 4.1. *Let $(M, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X})$ be a complete pre-isotropic contact structure related to the submersion (4.1). Every point of M has an open, \mathcal{X} -invariant neighborhood U on which the contact structure can be represented by a local contact form α_U such that:*

- (i) α_U is invariant by all elements of \mathcal{X} ;
- (ii) the restriction of \mathcal{F} to U is α_U -complete.

Proof. (i) The proof of item (i) is a modification of the proof given in [2] for a regular completely integrable contact structure. From the definition,

for every point x_0 of M , there exist $X \in \mathcal{X}$ transverse to \mathcal{H}_{x_0} . The vector field X is then transverse to \mathcal{H} in some neighborhood U_2 of x_0 . Let α_0 be a contact form defining \mathcal{H} in $U_1 \subset U_2$. Then $\alpha_0(X) \neq 0$ on U_1 and define $\alpha = \alpha_0/\alpha_0(X)$.

Since \mathcal{X} is Abelian, we have $i_{[Y,X]}\alpha = 0$, $Y \in \mathcal{X}$. Also, $i_X\alpha = 1$ and $\mathcal{L}_Y\alpha = \lambda\alpha$, for some function λ defined in U_1 . Thus

$$0 = i_{[Y,X]}\alpha = \mathcal{L}_Y i_X\alpha - i_X \mathcal{L}_Y\alpha = \mathcal{L}_Y 1 - i_X(\lambda\alpha) = -\lambda,$$

i.e., Y is an infinitesimal automorphism of α . Since α is invariant by \mathcal{X} and the orbits of \mathcal{X} are the fibers of the submersion (4.1), the form α is well-defined on $U = \pi^{-1}(\pi(U_1))$ as well.

(ii) The foliation $\mathcal{F}|_U$ is α -complete if and only if $\mathcal{E}|_U = \mathcal{F}^\perp|_U$ is an integrable distribution.

From the identity

$$0 = \mathcal{L}_X\alpha = i_X d\alpha + di_X\alpha = i_X d\alpha$$

we get that X is the Reeb vector field of α on U . Denote $Z = X$.

Let $X_1, \dots, X_r \in \mathcal{X}$ be vector fields such that Z, X_1, \dots, X_r span the foliation $\mathcal{F}|_U$. Therefore, the corresponding contact Hamiltonians

$$y_i = \Phi(X_i) = i_{X_i}\alpha$$

are independent functions on U . Besides, y_i are π -vertical:

$$0 = i_{[X,X_i]}\alpha = \mathcal{L}_X i_{X_i}\alpha - i_{X_i} \mathcal{L}_X\alpha = \mathcal{L}_X y_i,$$

for all $X \in \mathcal{X}$.

The corank of the distribution $\mathcal{E}|_U$ is $r = 2n - p$. It is integrable and has y_1, \dots, y_r as independent integrals. Indeed, by definition we have

$$(4.2) \quad \mathcal{E}_U = \langle X_f \mid f = \bar{f} \circ \pi, \bar{f} \in C^\infty(\pi(U)) \rangle.$$

Since $f = \bar{f} \circ \pi$ and y_i are π -vertical we have, in particular, $\mathcal{L}_Z f = \mathcal{L}_Z y_i = 0$ (the differential df and dy_i are semi-basic on U). Now, by using $\mathcal{L}_{X_{y_i}} f = 0$ and Lemma 2.1 we get

$$(4.3) \quad \mathcal{L}_{X_f} y_i = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, r.$$

The relations (4.2) and (4.3) prove the claim. □

5. Noncommutative contact integrability

Let us consider a contact vector field X and a *contact equation*

$$(5.1) \quad \dot{x} = X$$

on a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional contact manifold (M, \mathcal{H}) .

First, recall a general definition of non-Hamiltonian integrability (e.g., see [3, 20, 36]), slightly adopted with respect to the notations above. Equation

(5.1) is *(non-Hamiltonian) completely integrable* if there is an open dense subset $M_{\text{reg}} \subset M$ and a proper submersion

$$(5.2) \quad \pi : M_{\text{reg}} \rightarrow W$$

to a p -dimensional manifold W and an Abelian Lie algebra \mathcal{X} of symmetries such that:

- (i) the contact vector field X is tangent to the fibers of π ;
- (ii) the fibers of π are orbits of \mathcal{X} .

If (5.1) is completely integrable then M_{reg} is foliated on $(r+1)$ -dimensional tori with a quasi-periodic dynamics. In nonholonomic mechanics, usually, an additional time reparametrization is required (e.g., see [12, 17, 20]).

However, the above definition does not reflect the underlying contact structure.

Definition 5.1. We shall say that the contact equation (5.1) is *noncommutatively contact completely integrable* if, in addition, $(M_{\text{reg}}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X})$ is a complete pre-isotropic contact structure.

The regularity of the dynamics of integrable contact systems is described in the following statement.

Theorem 5.1. *Suppose that equation (5.1) is noncommutatively contact completely integrable by means of the submersion (5.2) and commuting symmetries \mathcal{X} . Let F be a connected component of the fiber $\pi^{-1}(w_0)$. Then F is diffeomorphic to a $r + 1$ -dimensional torus \mathbb{T}^{r+1} , $r = 2n - p$. There exists an open \mathcal{X} -invariant neighborhood U of F , an \mathcal{X} -invariant contact form α on U and a diffeomorphism $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^{r+1} \times D$,*

$$(5.3) \quad \phi(x) = (\theta, y, x) = (\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_r, y_1, \dots, y_r, x_1, \dots, x_{2s}), \quad s = n - r,$$

where $D \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ is diffeomorphic to $W_U = \pi(U)$, such that

- (i) $\mathcal{F}|_U$ is α -complete foliation with integrals $y_1, \dots, y_r, x_1, \dots, x_{2s}$, while the integrals of the pseudo-orthogonal foliation $\mathcal{E}|_U = \mathcal{F}|_U^\perp$ are y_1, \dots, y_r .
- (ii) α has the following canonical form

$$(5.4) \quad \alpha_0 = (\phi^{-1})^* \alpha = y_0 d\theta_0 + y_1 d\theta_1 + \dots + y_r d\theta_r + g_1 dx_1 + \dots + g_{2s} dx_{2s},$$

where y_0 is a smooth function of y and g_i are functions of (y, x) .

- (iii) the flow of X on invariant tori is quasi-periodic

$$(5.5) \quad (\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_r) \longmapsto (\theta_0 + t\omega_0, \theta_1 + t\omega_1, \dots, \theta_r + t\omega_r), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where frequencies $\omega_0, \dots, \omega_r$ depend only on y .

Definition 5.2. We refer to local coordinates (θ, y) stated in Theorem 5.1 as a *generalized contact action-angle coordinates*.

In the case when the contact manifold is co-oriented ($\mathcal{H} = \ker \alpha$) and we have the contact Hamiltonian equation (2.4), it is convenient to formulate noncommutative integrability in terms of the first integrals and the Jacobi bracket as well.

Theorem 5.2. *Suppose we have a collection of integrals $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{2n-r}$ of equation (2.4) with the contact Hamiltonian either $f = f_1$ or $f = 1$, where:*

$$(5.6) \quad [1, f_i] = 0, \quad [f_i, f_j] = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2n - r, \quad j = 1, \dots, r.$$

Let F be a compact connected component of the level set

$$\{x \mid f_1 = c_1, \dots, f_{2n-r} = c_{2n-r}\}$$

and assume

$$(5.7) \quad df_1 \wedge \dots \wedge df_{2n-r} \neq 0$$

on F . Then F is diffeomorphic to a $r + 1$ -dimensional torus \mathbb{T}^{r+1} . There exists a neighborhood U of F with local generalized action-angle coordinates (5.3) in which α has the form (5.4) and the dynamics is quasi-periodic (5.5).

Proof. Consider the mapping

$$\pi = (f_1, \dots, f_{2n-r}) : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n-r}.$$

From (5.7) there exists a neighborhood U of F such that $\pi|_U$ is a proper submersion to $\pi(U)$. Let \mathcal{F} be a foliation with leaves that are fibers of π . Since df_i are semi-basic 1-forms, (5.7) implies $df_1 \wedge \dots \wedge df_{2n-r} \wedge \alpha \neq 0$. Thus, \mathcal{F} is transversal to $\mathcal{H}|_U$ and the infinitesimal automorphisms of α

$$(5.8) \quad Z, X_{f_1}, \dots, X_{f_r}$$

are independent in U .

Further, from (2.5) and (5.6), we conclude

$$(5.9) \quad [Z, X_{f_i}] = 0, \quad [X_{f_i}, X_{f_j}] = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2n - r, \quad j = 1, \dots, r, \\ \mathcal{L}_Z f_i = 0, \quad L_{X_{f_j}} f_i = 0, \quad \mathcal{L}_{X_{f_i}} f_j = 0,$$

The relations (5.9) provide that the commuting vector fields (5.8) belong to \mathcal{F} . From the dimensional reason, they span \mathcal{F} . From (5.9) we also get that f_1, \dots, f_r are integrals of the pseudo-orthogonal distribution $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{F}^\perp$. When \mathcal{E} is integrable. On the other hand, $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{E}$ implies that the distribution $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{H}$ is isotropic (item (i) of Theorem 3.2).

Therefore, \mathcal{F} is a complete pre-isotropic foliation with commuting symmetries (5.8). Now, the statement follows from Theorem 5.1. \square

Proof of Theorem 5.1. Step 1 (local bi-fibrations). Since on each connected component of the fiber $\pi^{-1}(w_0)$, \mathcal{X} induces a transitive action of \mathbb{R}^{r+1} ($r = 2n - p$), the connected components of $\pi^{-1}(w_0)$ are $r + 1$ -dimensional tori \mathbb{T}^{r+1} (e.g., see Arnold [1]).

Let us fix some connected component F of $\pi^{-1}(w_0)$. Consider some \mathcal{X} -invariant connected neighborhood U of F and a \mathcal{X} -invariant contact form α defining the distribution $\mathcal{H}|_U = \ker \alpha$ such that the corresponding Reeb vector field Z belongs to \mathcal{X} (see the construction given in Theorem 4.1).

Let $y'_i = i_{X_i}\alpha$ be contact Hamiltonians of r independent contact vector fields $X_i \in \mathcal{X}$, $\mathcal{F}|_U = \langle Z, X_1, \dots, X_r \rangle$. The functions y'_1, \dots, y'_r are then integrals of the pseudo-orthogonal foliation as well (see the proof of Theorem 3). They are π -vertical, and by \bar{y}'_i we denote the corresponding functions on $W_U = \pi(U)$. Locally, for U small enough, the foliation $\mathcal{E}|_U$ is also a fibration ρ_U over an open set V_U diffeomorphic to a ball in \mathbb{R}^r with local coordinates $\bar{y}' = (\bar{y}'_1, \dots, \bar{y}'_r)$ (the using of \bar{y}'_i will be clear from the contexts). Therefore, we have a bi-fibration

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & U & \\
 \swarrow \pi_U & & \searrow \rho_U \\
 W_U & & V_U
 \end{array}$$

with pseudo-orthogonal fibers $\mathcal{F}|_U$ and $\mathcal{E}|_U$.

Let $\bar{x} = (\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{2s})$ be any collection of independent functions, where (\bar{y}', \bar{x}) are local coordinates on W_U . Let $x_a = \bar{x}_a \circ \pi_U$, $a = 1, \dots, 2s$. By the use of the methods developed by Arnold [1], it follows that locally we have a trivial toric fibration $U \cong \mathbb{T}^{r+1} \times W_U$ with coordinates

$$(\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_r, y'_1, \dots, y'_r, x_1, \dots, x_{2s}).$$

The angular variables $(\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_r)$ are chosen such that

$$Y_\nu = \partial/\partial\varphi_\nu = \sum_{\mu=0}^r \Lambda_{\nu\mu} X_\mu,$$

where the Reeb vector field Z of α is denoted by X_0 and the invertible matrix $(\Lambda_{\nu\mu}) \in GL(r+1)$ depends only on (y', x) .

Step 2 (description of α). By construction, the functions $y'_j = i_{X_j}\alpha$ are ρ_U -basic. Since $\mathcal{L}_{X_j}\alpha = 0$, the 1-forms

$$i_{X_j}d\alpha = -d(\alpha(X_j)) = -dy'_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, r$$

are also ρ_U -basic.³ Besides, $i_{X_0}d\alpha = i_Zd\alpha = 0$. Therefore

$$(5.10) \quad i_{Y_\nu}d\alpha = \sum_{\mu=0}^r \Lambda_{\nu\mu} i_{X_\mu}d\alpha = -\sum_{\mu=0}^r \Lambda_{\nu\mu} dy'_\mu, \quad \nu = 0, 1, \dots, r$$

³Let $\pi : M \rightarrow P$ be a surjective submersion. A 1-form ω is *semi-basic* if $i_X\omega = 0$ for all vertical vector fields X . It is *basic* if $\omega = \pi^*\mu$, where μ is a 1-form on P . In particular, a basic form is semi-basic as well [25].

are ρ_U -semi basic 1-forms. Here $y'_0 \equiv 1$. In particular, $d\alpha$ does not contain the terms with $d\varphi_\nu \wedge d\varphi_\mu$. So α takes the form

$$(5.11) \quad \alpha = \sum_{\nu=0}^r y_\nu d\varphi_\nu + \sum_{i=1}^r \tilde{f}_i dy'_i + \sum_{a=1}^{2s} \tilde{g}_a dx_a,$$

where $y_\nu = y_\nu(y', x)$, $\nu = 0, \dots, r$. Thus, it follows:

$$(5.12) \quad i_{Y_\nu} d\alpha = -dy_\nu + \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_i}{\partial \varphi_\nu} dy'_i + \sum_{a=1}^{2s} \frac{\partial \tilde{g}_a}{\partial \varphi_\nu} dx_a.$$

By combining (5.10), (5.12) and the fact that the matrix $(\Lambda_{\nu\mu})$ does not depend on φ , we obtain that \tilde{f}_i and \tilde{g}_a are linear in angular variables. Since they are periodic in φ_ν , they only depend on (y', x) and

$$(5.13) \quad i_{Y_\nu} d\alpha = -dy_\nu.$$

From (5.11) and (5.13) we find the Lie derivatives

$$\mathcal{L}_{Y_\nu} \alpha = i_{Y_\nu} d\alpha + di_{Y_\nu} \alpha = -dy_\nu + dy_\nu = 0, \quad \nu = 1, \dots, r$$

and conclude that α is invariant with respect to the angle coordinates vector fields $\partial/\partial\varphi_\nu = Y_\nu$.

Now, according to Lemma 5.1, the matrix $(\Lambda_{\nu\mu})$ depends only on y' -variables. Therefore, the 1-forms $i_{Y_\nu} d\alpha$ (see (5.10)) as well as the functions y_ν (see (5.13)) are ρ_U -basic. Note that $y_\nu = i_{Y_\nu} \alpha$ are contact Hamiltonians of the contact vector fields Y_ν .

Among y_ν there are r independent functions at every point in U . With eventually shrinking of U and a permutation of indexes, we can assume that y_1, \dots, y_r are independent and $y_0 = y_0(y_1, \dots, y_r)$ (i.e., $\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_r$ are new coordinates on V_U). As a result, the contact form reads

$$(5.14) \quad \alpha = \sum_{\nu=0}^r y_\nu d\varphi_\nu + \sum_{i=1}^r f_i(y, x) dy_i + \sum_{a=1}^{2s} g_a(y, x) dx_a.$$

Introducing the new angle variables

$$(5.15) \quad (\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_r) = (\varphi_0, \varphi_1 - f_1(y, x), \dots, \varphi_r - f_r(y, x)),$$

the form (5.14) becomes

$$\alpha = \sum_{i=0}^r y_i d\theta_i + \sum_{a=1}^{2s} g_a(y, x) dx_a + df,$$

where $f = f(y, x) = \sum_{i=1}^r y_i f_i(y, x)$ is a π_U -basic function. Due to the translation (5.15), the coordinate vector fields of θ and φ coincide: $\partial/\partial\theta_\nu = \partial/\partial\varphi_\nu = Y_\nu$.

Step 3 (Moser’s deformation, see, e.g., [2, 14]). Let

$$\alpha_0 = \sum_{\nu=0}^r y_\nu d\theta_\nu + \sum_{a=1}^{2s} g_a(y, x) dx_a.$$

and $Z = X_0$ be the Reeb vector field of α . It is π_U -vertical and we have

$$i_Z\alpha = i_Z\alpha_0 = 1, \quad i_Zd\alpha = i_Zd\alpha_0 = 0,$$

implying $\mathcal{L}_Z\alpha = \mathcal{L}_Z\alpha_0 = 0$.

Following [2], consider the vector field $Y = -fZ$, where f is the π_U -basic function defined above. The flow ϕ_t of Y is a complete flow that preserves the toric fibration. Define $\alpha_t = \alpha_0 + tdf$. Then we have

$$\mathcal{L}_Y\alpha_t = \mathcal{L}_Y\alpha_0 + t\mathcal{L}_Yh = \mathcal{L}_Y\alpha_0 = i_Yd\alpha_0 + d(i_Y\alpha_0) = -df = -\partial\alpha_t/\partial t.$$

Thus

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\phi_t^*\alpha_t) = \phi_t^*\left(\mathcal{L}_Y\alpha_t + \frac{\partial\alpha_t}{\partial t}\right) = 0,$$

which implies that $\phi_1^*\alpha_1 = \phi_1^*\alpha = \alpha_0$. Finally, the required change of variables is $\phi = \phi_{-1}$.

Step 3 (linearization). Since the system is non-Hamiltonian completely integrable, we have a quasi-periodic motion on invariant tori [3, 36]. The special form of a linearization, where frequencies only depend on y_1, \dots, y_r follows from Lemma 5.1 below. \square

Remark 5.1. The action functions $y_\nu = i_{Y_\nu}\alpha$ constructed above have an another interesting interpretation. Let $\gamma_\nu(T)$ be a cycle homologous to the trajectories of the field $\partial/\partial\theta_\nu$ restricted to any invariant torus T within U . Then it follows

$$(5.16) \quad y_\nu|_T = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\gamma_\nu(T)} \alpha.$$

Indeed, since $d\alpha|_T = 0$ (the tangent space of T splits into an isotropic horizontal part and $\mathbb{R}Z = \ker d\alpha$) the value of the integral (5.16) is the same for all $\gamma_\nu(T)$ in the same homology class. Then (5.16) simply follow from (5.4). In the opposite direction, we can use (5.16) as a definition of y_ν . By construction, the functions y_ν are π_U -vertical. As in the symplectic case (see Nehoroshev [31]), it can be proved that they are also ρ_U -vertical.

Remark 5.2. Let $Z = z_0(y)Y_0 + \dots + z_r(y)Y_r$ be the local expression of the Reeb vector field. It is uniquely determined from the conditions $i_Z\alpha_0 = 1$, $i_Zd\alpha_0 = 0$, i.e.,

$$(5.17) \quad z_0y_0 + \dots + z_r y_r = 1, \quad z_0dy_0 + \dots + z_r dy_r = 0.$$

If $z_0 = 0$ at some point $y = \tilde{y}$, then $z_1dy_1 + \dots + z_r dy_r = 0$ at \tilde{y} . Since dy_i , $i = 1, \dots, r$ are independent 1-forms, we get $z_1 = \dots = z_r = 0$ at \tilde{y} which

contradict (5.17). Therefore $z_0 \neq 0$ on V_U . Now, by solving (5.17) we get

$$z_0 = \frac{1}{y_1 \frac{\partial y_0}{\partial y_1} + \dots + y_r \frac{\partial y_0}{\partial y_r} - y_0}, \quad z_i = -\frac{1}{z_0} \frac{\partial y_0}{\partial y_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, r.$$

Therefore, typically, the flow of the Reeb vector field is quasi-periodic and everywhere dense in invariant tori. Also, typically, the induced pseudo-isotropic foliation $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{H}$ has noncompact invariant manifolds.

Remark 5.3. Consider the 1-form $\gamma = \sum_{a=1}^{2s} g_a(y, x) dx_a = \alpha_0 - \sum_{\nu=0}^r y_\nu d\theta_\nu$. Since $d\alpha_0$ has the maximal rank, according to Darboux’s theorem [25], there is a coordinate transformation $q_j = q_j(y, x), p_j = p_j(y, x), j = 1, \dots, s$ such that $\gamma = p_1 dq_1 + \dots + p_s dq_s$, i.e.,

$$\alpha_0 = y_0 d\theta_0 + y_1 d\theta_1 + \dots + y_r d\theta_r + p_1 dq_1 + \dots + p_s dq_s.$$

Lemma 5.1. *Let $(M, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X})$ be a complete pre-isotropic contact structure and let $U \subset M$ be an \mathcal{X} -invariant set endowed with an \mathcal{X} -invariant contact form α . Suppose*

(i) *The foliation $\mathcal{F}|_U = \ker \pi_*|_U$ is α -complete and there exist everywhere independent integrals $y_1, \dots, y_r : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, of the pseudo-orthogonal foliation $\mathcal{E}|_U = \mathcal{F}|_U^\perp$.*

(ii) *Let X be a contact vector field tangent to the fibers of π_U , commuting with \mathcal{X} .*

Then X can be written as a fiber-wise linear combination

$$X = f_0 Z + f_1 X_1 + \dots + f_r X_r,$$

where functions f_0, \dots, f_r depend only on y , Z is the Reeb vector field of α and $X_i = X_{y_i}$ are contact Hamiltonian vector fields of $y_i, i = 1, \dots, r$.

Proof. Under the assumption (i), Z, X_1, \dots, X_r are independent vector fields that generate α -complete pre-isotropic foliation $\mathcal{F}|_U$.

Next, we shall prove that X commute with Z . Firstly, note that Z commute with \mathcal{X} .⁴ Indeed, let $Y \in \mathcal{X}$. We have

$$(5.18) \quad \Phi([Y, Z]) = i_{[Y, Z]}\alpha = \mathcal{L}_Y i_Z \alpha - i_Z \mathcal{L}_Y \alpha = 0.$$

Since (2.3) is an isomorphism we get $[Y, Z] = 0$.

Secondly, note that any π -vertical vector field K (not need to be contact field) that commute with \mathcal{X} , commute with X as well. Indeed, any point in U has a π -invariant neighborhood U' where K can be written as a linear combination $\sum_{\nu=1}^r g_\nu Y_\nu$ where g_ν are π -basic functions and (Y_0, \dots, Y_r) is a

⁴Here we consider slightly more general situation then it is needed for Theorem 5.1, where, by construction of α , Z is already an element of \mathcal{X} . However, we shall use the above formulation for a proof of Proposition 6.2.

collection of vector fields in \mathcal{X} that generate $\mathcal{F}|_U$. Therefore

$$[X, K] = \sum_{\nu=0}^r [X, g_\nu Y_\nu] = \sum_{\nu=0}^r (g_\nu [X, Y_\nu] + dg_\nu(X)Y_\nu) = 0.$$

From the above considerations it follows that X commute with Z . Let $f = i_X \alpha$ be the contact Hamiltonian of X . Since $[Z, X_f] = 0$ we have $[1, f] = 0$ and df is a semi-basic form. Since X is π_U -vertical, we have $\mathcal{L}_{X_f} g = 0$, where g is any local integral of \mathcal{F} . It is clear that dg is semi-basic and applying Lemma 2.1 again, it follows $\mathcal{L}_{X_g} f = 0$. When f is an integral of the pseudo-orthogonal foliation $\mathcal{E}|_U$.

Under the assumptions of Lemma 5.1, integrals of $\mathcal{E}|_U$ are functions of y and we have $f = f(y)$. Let $f_i = \partial f / \partial y_i$, $i = 1, \dots, r$. The forms df, dy_1, \dots, dy_r are semi-basic, so

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \Phi^{-1}(f) = fZ + \alpha^\sharp(df) = fZ + \sum_{i=1}^r f_i \alpha^\sharp(dy_i) \\ &= fZ + \sum_{i=1}^r f_i (X_i - y_i Z) = f_0 Z + f_1 X_1 + \dots + f_r X_r, \end{aligned}$$

where $f_0 = f - (y_1 f_1 + \dots + y_r f_r)$. □

Remark 5.4. Let X be π_U -horizontal contact vector field. From the proof of the lemma, we see that commuting of X with \mathcal{X} is equivalent to the commuting with the Reeb vector field Z , i.e., with the condition that X is an infinitesimal automorphisms of α . Also, the condition that $\mathcal{F}|_U$ is α -complete is equivalent to the condition that Z is a section of $\mathcal{F}|_U$, see Proposition 6.2 given below.

5.1. Discrete systems. Khesin and Tabachnikov defined integrability of discrete

$$(5.1) \quad \Psi : M \rightarrow M,$$

and continuous contact systems (5.1) in terms of the existence of an invariant complete pre-Legendrian foliation \mathcal{F} , with additional property that on every leaf F of \mathcal{F} , the foliation $\mathcal{G}|_F$ has a holonomy invariant transverse smooth measure. It turns out that this condition implies the existence of a global contact form α and that \mathcal{G} is an α -complete Legendrian foliation [19].

As in [19], we can say that a discrete contact system (5.1) that preserves the contact form α is *integrable in a noncommutative sense* if it possesses an α -complete pre-isotropic invariant foliation \mathcal{F} . Also, following the lines of the proof of Lemma 3.5 [19], one can prove that α determines a holonomy invariant transverse smooth measure of the foliation $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{H}$ restricted to the leaves of \mathcal{F} .

5.2. Examples. For $s = 0$, Theorem 4 recover contact action–angle coordinates given by Banyaga and Molino [2]. If M is a compact manifold with a regular effective contact action of \mathbb{T}^{n+1} , then W is the sphere S^n and for $n \geq 3$, M is diffeomorphic to $\mathbb{T}^{n+1} \times S^n$ (see Lutz [28]).

Besides noncommutatively integrable geodesic flow restricted to the unit co-sphere bundles [4, 16], a natural class of examples of contact flows integrable in a noncommutative sense are the Reeb flows on K -contact manifolds (M^{2n+1}, α) where the rank of the manifold is less than $n + 1$ (see Yamazaki [35] and Lerman [23]).

The regular and almost regular contact manifolds studied by Boothby and Wang [6] and Thomas [33] provide the most degenerate examples with $\dim W = \dim M - 1$.

The billiard system within an ellipsoid in the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n is one of the basic examples of integrable mappings (e.g., see [9, 34]). Similarly, the billiard system inside an ellipsoid in the pseudo-Euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^{k, n-k}$ is completely integrable as well. Here, the billiard system is described by a symplectic transformation on the spaces of space-like and time-like geodesics, while it is a contact transformation on the space of light-like geodesics (for more details, see Khesin and Tabachnikov [18, 19]). The considered billiard systems are defined within ellipsoids with different semi-axis. Further properties of ellipsoidal billiards in the pseudo-Euclidean spaces have been studied in [10], where description of periodical trajectories has been derived, including the cases of symmetric ellipsoids. It can be proved that the billiard systems, both in \mathbb{R}^n and $\mathbb{R}^{k, n-k}$, within symmetric ellipsoids are completely integrable in the noncommutative sense (the geodesic flow on a symmetric ellipsoid is considered in [8]). In particular, the billiard maps restricted to the space of null geodesics are noncommutatively completely integrable contact transformations.

6. Complete pre-isotropic structures of the Reeb type

In this section, we consider some global properties of the fibration (4.1).

Proposition 6.1. *Let $(M, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X})$ be a complete pre-isotropic contact structure and assume that \mathcal{H} is co-oriented. Then there exists a global contact form α representing \mathcal{H} and invariant by elements of \mathcal{X} .*

Proof. We can cover W by open sets W_i such that we have contact 1-forms α_{U_i} invariant by \mathcal{X} on every $U_i = \pi^{-1}(W_i)$ (Theorem 3). Let $\bar{\lambda}_i$ be the partition of unity subordinate to covering $\{W_i\}$. Since \mathcal{H} is oriented, for all nonempty intersections $U_i \cap U_j$, we have smooth positive functions a_{ij} , $\alpha_{U_i} = f_{ij} \alpha_{U_j}|_{U_i \cap U_j}$.

Define the 1-form α by $\alpha = \sum_i \lambda_i \alpha_{U_i}$, $\lambda_i = \bar{\lambda}_i \circ \pi$. Then, on U_k we have

$$(6.1) \quad \alpha = a_k \alpha_{U_k},$$

where $a_k = \sum_{i, U_i \cap U_k \neq \emptyset} \lambda_i f_{ki} > 0$ is a π -basic function. When α is a contact form that define \mathcal{H} .

It remains to prove \mathcal{X} -invariance of α . Let $X \in \mathcal{X}$. Then $\mathcal{L}_X \lambda_i = 0$. Further, by construction, X preserve all local contact forms α_{U_i} . Thus

$$\mathcal{L}_X \alpha = \sum_i (\mathcal{L}_X \lambda_i) \alpha_{U_i} + \lambda_i \mathcal{L}_X \alpha_{U_i} = 0. \quad \square$$

Let Z be the Reeb vector field of the globally \mathcal{X} -invariant contact form α . Then, as in (5.18), we get $[Z, Y] = 0, Y \in \mathcal{X}$. However, it turns out that the foliation $\mathcal{F} = \ker \pi_*$ not need to be α -complete since Z not need be a section of \mathcal{F} .

Recall that a contact toric action on a co-oriented contact manifold (M, α) is of the *Reeb type* if the Reeb vector field corresponds to an element of the Lie algebra of the torus [5]. Similarly, we give the following definition.

Definition 6.1. Let (M, α) be a co-oriented contact manifold with a complete pre-isotropic contact structure defined by commuting infinitesimal automorphisms \mathcal{X} of α , such that the associated Reeb vector field Z is a section of $\mathcal{F} = \ker \pi_*$. We refer to a triple (M, α, \mathcal{X}) with the above property as a *complete pre-isotropic structure of the Reeb type*.

Proposition 6.2. *Let (M, α, \mathcal{X}) be a complete pre-isotropic structure of the Reeb type. Then the associated foliation $\mathcal{F} = \ker \pi_*$ is α -complete.*

Proof. Locally, every leaf F of \mathcal{F} has a π -invariant neighborhood U with local generalized contact action–angle coordinates (5.3) in which \mathcal{H} is represented by the contact form $\alpha_0 = \sum_\nu y_\nu d\theta_\nu + \sum_a g(y, x) dx_a$ and $\mathcal{F}|_U$ is α_0 -complete (Theorem 5.1). We need to prove that \mathcal{F} is complete with respect to the contact form α as well.

We have $\alpha|_U = \frac{1}{a} \cdot \alpha_0$ for some nonvanishing function $a : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. In what follows, by $Z^\alpha, Z^{\alpha_0}, X_f^\alpha, X_f^{\alpha_0}$ and $\Phi_\alpha, \Phi_{\alpha_0}$ we denote the Reeb vector fields, contact Hamiltonian vector fields and the isomorphisms (2.3) with respect to α and α_0 , respectively. They are related by

$$X_f^\alpha = \Phi_\alpha^{-1}(f) = \Phi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(af) = X_{af}^{\alpha_0}, \quad Z^\alpha = \Phi_\alpha^{-1}(1) = \Phi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(a) = X_a^{\alpha_0}$$

(see Proposition 13.7, [25]).

On the other hand, by the argument used in (5.18), with Φ replaced by Φ_α , we get $[Z^\alpha, X] = 0, X \in \mathcal{X}$. Therefore, we can apply Lemma 5.1 with $Z^\alpha = X_a^{\alpha_0}$ and α_0 , instead of X and α , concluding that a is a function of actions variables $y = (y_1, \dots, y_r)$ only.

Let f be an integral of \mathcal{F} . Since da and df are semi-basic, we get that the contact Hamiltonian vector field

$$\begin{aligned} X_f^\alpha &= \Phi_\alpha^{-1}(f) = \Phi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(af) \\ &= (af)Z^{\alpha_0} + \alpha_0^\sharp(adf + fda) = (af)Z^{\alpha_0} + a\alpha_0^\sharp(df) + f\alpha_0^\sharp(da) \\ &= afZ^{\alpha_0} + a(X_f^{\alpha_0} - fZ^{\alpha_0}) + f(X_a^{\alpha_0} - aZ^{\alpha_0}) \\ &= aX_f^{\alpha_0} + fZ^\alpha - afZ^{\alpha_0}, \end{aligned}$$

is a section of pseudo-orthogonal complement of \mathcal{F} with respect to α_0 . Thus, the pseudo-orthogonal complements of \mathcal{F} with respect to α and α_0 coincides. This completes the proof. \square

Remark 6.1. Let us return to the construction of an invariant contact form α given in Proposition 6.1. From the proof of Proposition 6.2, we obtain that $\mathcal{F} = \ker \pi_*$ is α -complete if the functions a_k defined by (6.1) depend only on actions variables. If this is not the case, suppose additionally that the Reeb vector field Z is transversal to \mathcal{F} at every point. Then we can consider the foliation $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ generated by \mathcal{X} and Z . It can be proved that $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ is α -complete. Note that if $n = p$, i.e., $(M, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X})$ is a regular completely integrable contact structure, then a_k depends only on action variables and \mathcal{F} is α -complete.

Let (M, α, \mathcal{X}) be a complete pre-isotropic structure of the Reeb type and assume the fibers of (4.1) are connected. Theorem 5.1 and Proposition 6.2 provide that $\pi : M \rightarrow W$ is a toric fibration. There is an open covering W_i of W and local trivializations $\phi_i : U_i = \pi^{-1}(W_i) \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^{r+1} \times D_i$,

$$\phi_i(x) = (\theta^i, y^i, x^i) = (\theta_0^i, \theta_1^i, \dots, \theta_r^i, y_1^i, \dots, y_r^i, x_1^i, \dots, x_{2s}^i), \quad s = n - r,$$

where $D_i \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ is an open set diffeomorphic to W_i , such that

- (i) the fibers of π are represented as the level sets of functions (y^i, x^i) , where the action variables y^i are integrals of the pseudo-orthogonal foliation $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{F}^\perp$ restricted to U_i ;
- (ii) α has the following canonical form:

$$\alpha_i = (\phi_i^{-1})^* \alpha = y_0^i d\theta_0^i + y_1^i d\theta_1^i + \dots + y_r^i d\theta_r^i + g_1^i dx_1^i + \dots + g_{2s}^i dx_{2s}^i,$$

where y_0^i is a smooth function of y^i and g_a^i are functions of (y^i, x^i) .

Proposition 6.3. *Suppose that the intersection of W_i and W_j , i.e., of U_i and U_j is connected. Then on $U_i \cap U_j$ we have the following transition formulas:*

$$(6.2) \quad \theta_\nu^j = \sum_{\mu=0}^r M_{\nu\mu}^{ij} (\theta_\mu^i + F_\mu^{ij}(y^i, x^i)),$$

$$(6.3) \quad y_\nu^j = \sum_{\mu=0}^r K_{\nu\mu}^{ij} y_\mu^i, \quad \nu = 0, \dots, r,$$

$$(6.4) \quad x_a^j = X_a^{ij}(y^i, x^i), \quad a = 1, \dots, 2s,$$

where matrixes $K^{ij} = (K_{\nu\mu}^{ij})$ and $M^{ij} = (M_{\nu\mu}^{ij})$ belong to $GL(r + 1, \mathbb{Z})$, $M = (K^T)^{-1}$, and functions $X_a^{ij}(y^i, x^i)$, $F_\nu^{ij}(y^i, x^i)$ satisfy

$$(6.5) \quad g_a^i = \sum_{b=1}^{2s} g_b^j \frac{\partial X_b^{ij}}{\partial x_a^i}, \quad \sum_{b=1}^{2s} g_b^j \frac{\partial X_b^{ij}}{\partial y_k^i} + \sum_{\nu=0}^r y_\nu^i \frac{\partial F_\nu^{ij}}{\partial y_k^i} = 0.$$

Proof. Since y^i and y^j (respectively, (y^i, x^i) and (y^j, x^j)) are integrals of the pseudo-orthogonal foliation \mathcal{E} (respectively, of \mathcal{F}) we have:

$$(6.6) \quad \theta_\nu^j = \Theta_\nu^{ij}(\theta^i, y^i, x^i), \quad y_k^j = Y_k^{ij}(y^i), \quad x_a^j = X_a^{ij}(y^i, x^i),$$

$\nu = 0, \dots, r, k = 1, \dots, r, a = 1, \dots, 2s$.

Let us fix some invariant torus $T = \pi^{-1}(w_0)$ within $U_i \cap U_j$ ($w_0 \in W_i \cap W_j$). From (5.16), we have

$$y_\nu^j|_T = \int_{\gamma_\nu^j(T)} \alpha = \sum_{\mu=0}^r K_{\nu\mu}^{ij} \int_{\gamma_\mu^i(T)} \alpha = \sum_{\mu=0}^r K_{\nu\mu}^{ij} y_\mu^i|_T,$$

where $K^{ij} \in GL(r + 1, \mathbb{Z})$ is a matrix which relates two different bases of cycles $(\gamma_0^j(T), \dots, \gamma_r^j(T))$ and $(\gamma_0^i(T), \dots, \gamma_r^i(T))$ defined in Remark 5.1. From (6.6) and the connectedness of $W_i \cap W_j$ the matrix K^{ij} is constant. This proves (6.3). Therefore

$$i_{\partial/\partial\theta_\nu^j} d\alpha = -dy_\nu^j = -\sum_{\mu} K_{\nu\mu}^{ij} dy_\mu^i = \sum_{\mu} K_{\nu\mu}^{ij} i_{\partial/\partial\theta_\mu^i} d\alpha,$$

implying that $\partial/\partial\theta_\nu^j - \sum_{\mu} K_{\nu\mu}^{ij} \partial/\partial\theta_\mu^i \in \ker d\alpha = \mathbb{R}Z$.

Let λZ be the difference of $\partial/\partial\theta_\nu^j$ and $\sum_{\mu} K_{\nu\mu}^{ij} \partial/\partial\theta_\mu^i$. Then

$$\lambda = \alpha(\lambda Z) = \alpha(\partial/\partial\theta_\nu^j - \sum_{\mu} K_{\nu\mu}^{ij} \partial/\partial\theta_\mu^i) = y_\nu^j - \sum_{\mu} K_{\nu\mu}^{ij} y_\mu^i = 0.$$

Thus, from (6.6), permuting the indexes i and j , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta_\nu^j} = \sum_{\mu} \frac{\partial\Theta_\mu^{ji}}{\partial\theta_\nu^j} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta_\mu^i} = \sum_{\mu} K_{\nu\mu}^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta_\mu^i},$$

leading to the fact that Θ_μ^{ji} is linear in θ_ν^j and that can be written into a form

$$\Theta_\mu^{ji} = \sum_\nu (K_{\nu\mu}^{ij} \theta_\nu^j + F_\nu^{ji}(y^j, x^j)).$$

From the above expression we get (6.2), where $\sum_{\lambda=0}^r K_{\lambda\mu}^{ij} M_{\lambda\nu}^{ij} = \delta_{\nu\mu}$.

Replacing (6.3) and the differentials of (6.2), (6.4) into the identity

$$(6.7) \quad \sum_{\nu=0}^r y_\nu^i d\theta_\nu^i + \sum_{a=1}^{2s} g_a^i(y^i, x^i) dx_a^i = \sum_{\lambda=0}^r y_\lambda^j d\theta_\lambda^j + \sum_{b=1}^{2s} g_b^j(y^j, x^j) dx_b^j,$$

and comparing the terms with dx_a^i and dy_k^i we get (6.5). \square

The study of toric fibrations within the symplectic geometry framework is based on the papers of Duistermaat [11] (Lagrangian fibration) and Dazord and Delzant [7] (isotropic fibrations). On the other side, Banyaga and Molino defined characteristic invariants of *regular* and *singular* completely integrable contact structures and proved a classification theorem: two completely integrable contact structures with the same invariants are isomorphic [2]. For contact toric actions and singular completely integrable contact structures, see also [5, 22, 29], respectively.

Here, we consider the existence of global contact action–angle coordinates by using the arguments already used in the paper.

The possibility of taking all matrices K^{ij} and M^{ij} equal to the identity reflects the fact that the fibration by the invariant tori is a principal \mathbb{T}^{r+1} -bundle. When this does not happen, it is said that we have nontrivial monodromy [11].

Let $W' \subset W$, $\dim W' = \dim W$ be a connected compact submanifold (with a smooth boundary) and consider the fibration $\pi : M' \rightarrow W'$, $M' = \pi^{-1}(W')$. It is obvious that the necessary condition for the existence of global contact action–angle variables is that $M' \rightarrow W'$ is a trivial principal bundle.

The following sufficient, but not necessary, conditions for $M' \rightarrow W'$ to be trivial are well known (e.g., see [13]):

- (i) If W' is simply connected then $\pi : M' \rightarrow W'$ is a principal \mathbb{T}^{r+1} bundle.
- (ii) In addition, if the second cohomology group $H^2(W', \mathbb{Z})$ vanish then the principal bundle is trivial and M' is diffeomorphic to $\mathbb{T}^{r+1} \times W'$.

Indeed, if W' is simply connected then the monodromy of the restricted fibration $\pi : M' \rightarrow W'$ is trivial providing that $\pi : M' \rightarrow W'$ is a principal \mathbb{T}^{r+1} bundle. For the second assertion, note that the Chern class of $\mathbb{T}^{r+1} = U(1) \times \cdots \times U(1)$ -bundle is equal to

$$c = c(L_0 \oplus \cdots \oplus L_r) = (1 + c_1(L_0)) \cdots (1 + c_1(L_r)),$$

where L_ν is the bundle associated to the ν th factor $U(1)$. They are all trivial in the case $H^2(M, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$. When, \mathbb{T}^{r+1} -bundle is also trivial.

Now we can formulate the following statement.

Theorem 6.1 (Global contact action–angle variables). *Let (M, α, \mathcal{X}) be a complete pre-isotropic structure of the Reeb type and let $W' \subset W$, $\dim W' = \dim W$ be a connected compact submanifold (with a smooth boundary) such that*

(i) $\pi : M' \rightarrow W'$ is a trivial principal \mathbb{T}^{r+1} bundle, $M' = \pi^{-1}(W')$.

(ii) *There exist everywhere independent functions $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{2s}$ defined in some neighborhood of W' satisfying:*

$$(6.8) \quad \langle dx_1, \dots, dx_{2s} \rangle \cap \mathcal{E}^0 = 0,$$

where $x_a = \bar{x}_a \circ \pi$ and $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{F}^\perp$ is the pseudo-orthogonal foliation of \mathcal{F} .

Then there exist global action–angle variables $(\theta_0, \dots, \theta_r, y_0, \dots, y_r)$ and functions $\bar{g}_1, \dots, \bar{g}_{2s} : W' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that the contact form α on M' reads

$$(6.9) \quad \alpha_0 = y_0 d\theta_0 + \dots + y_r d\theta_r + \pi^*(\bar{g}_1 d\bar{x}_1 + \dots + \bar{g}_{2s} d\bar{x}_{2s}).$$

Remark 6.2. Proposition 3 and Theorem 6 are contact analogs of Proposition 1 and Theorem 2' in Nehoroshev [31], respectively. In Theorem 2' [31], instead of the condition (i), the condition that W' is a simply connected manifold with vanishing of the second cohomology class $H^2(W', \mathbb{R})$ is used. A variant of the statement with noncompact invariant manifolds is proved in [13].

Proof. Since $\pi : M' \rightarrow W'$ is a trivial principal \mathbb{T}^{r+1} bundle, there exist global angles variables $(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_r)$. Repeating the arguments used in the proof of Theorem 5.1, we get that the coordinate vector fields $Y_\nu = \partial/\partial\varphi_\nu$ preserve α and we can define actions as their contact Hamiltonians:

$$y_\nu = \Phi(Y_\nu) = i_{Y_\nu} \alpha : M' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \nu = 0, \dots, r.$$

They are redundant integrals of the pseudo-orthogonal foliation that satisfy relations (5.17), where z_ν are the components of the Reeb vector field Z with respect to vector fields Y_ν . The functions y_ν are π -basic and let \bar{y}_ν be the corresponding functions on W' , $y_\nu = \bar{y}_\nu \circ \pi$. They are subjected to the constraints

$$(6.10) \quad \bar{z}_0 \bar{y}_0 + \dots + \bar{z}_r y_r = 1, \quad \bar{z}_0 d\bar{y}_0 + \dots + \bar{z}_r d\bar{y}_r = 0,$$

where $z_\nu = \pi \circ \bar{z}_\nu$.

Moreover, according to the assumption (6.8), in a neighborhood of any point $w_0 \in W'$, we can take r independent functions among \bar{y}_ν that are independent of $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_{2s}$ providing a local coordinate chart.

Let $\{W_i\}$ be a finite covering of W' such that on every W_i we can take local coordinates (\bar{y}^i, \bar{x}) , where $(\bar{y}_1^i, \dots, \bar{y}_r^i)$ is a subcollection of redundant actions $(\bar{y}_0, \dots, \bar{y}_r)$.

As in Theorem 5.1 we get that the contact form in $U_i = \pi^{-1}(W_i)$ reads

$$(6.11) \quad \alpha^i = \alpha_\theta + \pi^* \alpha_y^i + \pi^* \alpha_x^i,$$

where $\alpha_\theta = \sum_{\nu=0}^r y_\nu d\varphi_\nu$, $\alpha_y^i = \sum_{k=1}^r \bar{f}_k^i(\bar{y}^i, \bar{x}) d\bar{y}_k^i$, $\alpha_x^i = \sum_{a=1}^{2s} \bar{g}_a^i(\bar{y}^i, \bar{x}) d\bar{x}_a$.

Thus, on M' we have a unique decomposition $\alpha = \alpha_\theta + \pi^* \alpha_y + \pi^* \alpha_x$, locally given by (6.11). It is obvious that we can write α_x as $\alpha_x = \sum_{a=1}^{2s} \bar{g}_a d\bar{x}_a$, where $\bar{g}_a : W' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Next, consider the filtration

$$V_1 = W_1 \subset V_2 = W_1 \cup W_2 \subset \dots \subset V_N = W_1 \cup \dots \cup W_N = W'.$$

Applying Lemma 6.1 given below ($N - 1$) times we obtain functions $\bar{f}_0, \dots, \bar{f}_r : W' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, satisfying the identities

$$\bar{f}_0 d\bar{y}_0 + \bar{f}_1 d\bar{y}_1 + \dots + \bar{f}_r d\bar{y}_r = \bar{f}_1^i d\bar{y}_1^i + \dots + \bar{f}_r^i d\bar{y}_r^i$$

on every W_i .

Therefore, after globally defined transformation

$$(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_r) = (\varphi_0 - f_0, \varphi_1 - f_1, \dots, \varphi_r - f_r), \quad f_\nu = \bar{f}_\nu \circ \pi,$$

the form α becomes

$$\alpha = \sum_{\nu=0}^r y_\nu d\theta_\nu + \pi^* \sum_{a=1}^{2s} \bar{g}_a d\bar{x}_a + df,$$

where $f = \sum_{\nu} y_\nu f_\nu$ is a π -basic function. Now, as in Theorem 5.1, applying Moser's deformation for a compact manifold M' and family of forms $\alpha_t = \alpha_0 + td f$, we get the required statement. \square

Lemma 6.1. *Suppose that on W' we have an open set U with local coordinates $(\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_r)$ and an open set V endowed with 1-forms*

$$\gamma_U = F_1 d\bar{y}_1 + \dots + F_r d\bar{y}_r, \quad \gamma_V = G_1 d\bar{y}_0 + \dots + G_r d\bar{y}_r,$$

that are equal on the intersection $U \cap V$. Then there exist functions E_0, \dots, E_r defined on $U \cup V$ satisfying

$$\gamma_U = E_0 d\bar{y}_0 + \dots + E_r d\bar{y}_r|_U, \quad \gamma_V = E_0 d\bar{y}_0 + \dots + E_r d\bar{y}_r|_V.$$

Proof. The statement is trivial if $U \cap V = \emptyset$. Assume $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$. According to constraints (6.10), the form γ_U does not change under the addition of terms proportional to $\bar{z}_0 d\bar{y}_0 + \dots + \bar{z}_r d\bar{y}_r$. We are looking for a function $A : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that satisfies

$$(6.12) \quad A\bar{z}_0 = G_0, \quad F_1 + A\bar{z}_1 = G_1, \quad \dots \quad F_r + A\bar{z}_r = G_r$$

on $U \cap V$. Although it is overdetermined system, due to the condition that $\gamma_U = \gamma_V$ it has a unique solution. Indeed, on U we have $\bar{z}_0 \neq 0$ and $\partial\bar{y}_0/\partial\bar{y}_i = -\bar{z}_i/\bar{z}_0$ (see Remark 5.2). Therefore, the equality $\gamma_U = \gamma_V$ implies the following compatibility conditions

$$(6.13) \quad F_1 = -G_0 \frac{\bar{z}_1}{\bar{z}_0} + G_1, \dots, F_r = -G_0 \frac{\bar{z}_r}{\bar{z}_0} + G_r, \quad \bar{y} \in U \cap V.$$

From (6.13), we obtain that $A = G_0/\bar{z}_0 : U \cap V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a solution of (6.12). Now we take an arbitrary extension of A from $U \cap V$ to U and define

$$E_0|_U = A, E_0|_V = G_0, \quad E_i = F_i + A\bar{z}_i|_U, E_i = G_i|_V, \quad i = 1, \dots, r.$$

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