

# New Properties of Berwald–Cartan Spaces<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract.** A manifold endowed with a regular Hamiltonian which is 2-homogeneous in momenta was called a *Cartan space*. The geometry of regular Hamiltonians as smooth functions on the cotangent bundle is mainly due to R. Miron and it is now systematically described in the monograph [4]. An interesting particular class of Cartan spaces is given by the so-called Berwald–Cartan spaces. In this paper some new properties of the Berwald–Cartan spaces are proved.

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## 1 Introduction

Analytical Mechanics and some theories in Physics brought into discussion regular Lagrangians and their geometry, [5]. A positive regular Lagrangian which is 2-homogeneous in velocities may be thought as the square of a fundamental Finsler function and its geometry is Finsler geometry. This geometry was developed since 1918 by P. Finsler, E. Cartan, L. Berwald and many others, see [2] and the most recent graduate text [1]. But in Mechanics and Physics there exists also regular Hamiltonians whose geometry is also useful. This geometry is mainly due to R. Miron, [3], and it is now systematically presented in the monograph [4]. A manifold endowed with a regular Hamiltonian which is 2-homogeneous in momenta was called a Cartan space. The notion of Cartan space was introduced by R. Miron in [3]. A particular and interesting class of Cartan spaces is given by the so-called Berwald–Cartan spaces, shortly *BC*-spaces. The geometry of the *BC*-spaces can be found in [4], Chs. 6-7. Our purpose is to prove some new properties of these spaces. A Cartan space is a pair  $(M, K)$  for  $M$  a smooth manifold and  $K$  a regular Hamiltonian which is 2-homogeneous in momenta. A *BC* space is defined as a Cartan space whose Chern–Rund connection coefficients of the canonical metrical connection do not depend on momenta, that is,  $H_{jk}^i(x, p) = H_{jk}^i(x)$ . For a Cartan space the pair  $(T_x^*M, K(x, p))$  for any fixed  $x \in M$  is a Minkowski space. We prove (Theorem 3.2) that for *BC* spaces the Minkowski spaces

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$(T_x^*M, K(x, p))$  are all linearly isometric to each other. Noticing that the functions  $H_{jk}^i(x)$  defines a symmetric linear connection  $\nabla$  on  $M$  we prove (Theorem 3.3) that  $\nabla$  is metrizable, that is, there exists a Riemannian metric on  $M$  whose Levi-Civita connection is  $\nabla$ . These proofs are presented in Section 3. Some preliminaries from the geometry of cotangent bundle are given in Section 1, and Section 2 contains necessary facts from the geometry of Cartan spaces.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional  $C^\infty$  manifold and  $\tau^* : T^*M \rightarrow M$  its cotangent bundle. If  $(x^i)$  are local coordinates on  $M$ , then  $(x^i, p_i)$  will be taken as local coordinates on  $T^*M$  with the momenta  $(p_i)$  provided by  $p = p_i dx^i$  where  $p \in T_x^*M$ ,  $x = (x^i)$  and  $(dx^i)$  is the natural basis of  $T_x^*M$ . The indices  $i, j, k, \dots$  will run from 1 to  $n$  and the Einstein convention on summation will be used. A change of coordinates  $(x^i, p_i) \rightarrow (\tilde{x}^i, \tilde{p}_i)$  on  $T^*M$  has the form

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}^i &= \tilde{x}^i(x^1, \dots, x^n), \quad \text{rank} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^i}{\partial x^j} \right) = n \\ \tilde{p}_i &= \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial \tilde{x}^i}(\tilde{x}) p_j, \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

where  $\left( \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial \tilde{x}^i} \right)$  is the inverse of the Jacobian matrix  $\left( \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^j}{\partial x^k} \right)$ .

Let  $\left( \partial_i := \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \partial^i := \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \right)$  be the natural basis in  $T_{(x,p)}T^*M$ . The change of coordinates (1.1) produces

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_i &= (\partial_i \tilde{x}^j) \tilde{\partial}_j + (\partial_i \tilde{p}_j) \tilde{\partial}^j, \\ \tilde{\partial}^i &= (\partial_j \tilde{x}^i) \partial^j. \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

The natural cobasis  $(dx^i, dp_i)$  from  $T_{(x,p)}^*T^*M$  transforms as follows.

$$d\tilde{x}^i = (\partial_j \tilde{x}^i) dx^j, \quad d\tilde{p}_i = \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial \tilde{x}^i} dp_j + \frac{\partial^2 x^j}{\partial \tilde{x}^i \partial \tilde{x}^k} p_j dx^k. \tag{1.3}$$

The kernel  $V_{(x,p)}$  of the differential  $d\tau^* : T_{(x,p)}T^*M \rightarrow T_xM$  is called the *vertical* subspace of  $T_{(x,p)}T^*M$  and the mapping  $(x, p) \rightarrow V_{(x,p)}$  is a regular distribution on  $T^*M$  called the *vertical distribution*. This is integrable with the leaves  $T_x^*M$ ,  $x \in M$  and is locally spanned by  $(\partial^i)$ . The vector field  $C^* = p_i \partial^i$  is called the Liouville vector field and  $\omega = p_i dx^i$  is called the Liouville 1-form on  $T^*M$ . Then  $d\omega$  is the canonical symplectic structure on  $T^*M$ . For an easier handling of the geometrical objects on  $T^*M$  it is usual to consider a supplementary distribution to the vertical distribution,  $(x, p) \rightarrow N_{(x,p)}$ , called the *horizontal distribution* and to report all geometrical objects on  $T^*M$  to the decomposition

$$T_{(x,p)}T^*M = N_{(x,p)} \oplus V_{(x,p)}. \tag{1.4}$$

The pieces produced by the decomposition (1.4) are called  $d$ -geometrical objects ( $d$  is for

distinguished) since their local components behave like geometrical objects on  $M$ , although they depend on  $x = (x^i)$  and momenta  $p = (p_i)$ .

The horizontal distribution is taken as being locally spanned by the local vector fields

$$\delta_i := \partial_i + N_{ij}(x, p)\partial^j, \quad (1.5)$$

and for a change of coordinates (1.1), the condition

$$\delta_i = (\partial_i \tilde{x}^j) \tilde{\delta}_j \text{ for } \tilde{\delta}_j := \tilde{\partial}_j + \tilde{N}_{jk}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{p}) \tilde{\partial}^k, \quad (1.6)$$

is equivalent with

$$\tilde{N}_{ij}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{p}) = \frac{\partial x^s}{\partial \tilde{x}^i} \frac{\partial x^r}{\partial \tilde{x}^j} N_{sr}(x, p) + \frac{\partial^2 x^r}{\partial \tilde{x}^i \partial \tilde{x}^j} p_r. \quad (1.7)$$

The horizontal distribution is called also a *nonlinear connection* on  $T^*M$  and the functions  $(N_{ij})$  are called the local coefficients of this nonlinear connection. It is important to note that any regular Hamiltonian on  $T^*M$  determines a nonlinear connection whose local coefficients verify  $N_{ij} = N_{ji}$ . The basis  $(\delta_i, \partial^i)$  is adapted to the decomposition (1.4). The dual of it is  $(dx^i, \delta p_i)$ , for  $\delta p_i = dp_i - N_{ji} dx^j$  and then  $\delta \tilde{p}_i = \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial \tilde{x}^i} \delta p_j$ .

### 3 Cartan spaces

A *Cartan structure* on  $M$  is a function  $K : T^*M \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with the following properties:

1.  $K$  is  $C^\infty$  on  $T^*M \setminus 0$  for  $0 = \{(x, 0), x \in M\}$ ,
2.  $K(x, \lambda p) = \lambda K(x, p)$  for all  $\lambda > 0$ ,
3. The  $n \times n$  matrix  $(g^{ij})$ , where  $g^{ij}(x, p) = \frac{1}{2} \partial^i \partial^j K^2(x, p)$ , is positive-definite at all points of  $T^*M \setminus 0$ .

We notice that in fact  $K(x, p) > 0$ , whenever  $p \neq 0$ .

**Definition 2.1.** *The pair  $(M, K)$  is called a Cartan space.*

**Example.** Let  $(\gamma_{ij}(x))$  be the matrix of the local coefficients of a Riemannian metric on  $M$  and  $(\gamma^{ij}(x))$  its inverse. Then  $K(x, p) = \sqrt{\gamma^{ij}(x) p_i p_j}$  gives a Cartan structure. Thus any Riemannian manifold can be regarded as a Cartan space. More examples can be found in Ch. 6 of [4].

We put  $p^i = \frac{1}{2} \partial^i K^2$  and  $C^{ijk} = -\frac{1}{4} \partial^i \partial^j \partial^k K^2$ . The properties of  $K$  imply

$$\begin{aligned} p^i &= g^{ij} p_j, \quad p_i = g_{ij} p^j, \quad K^2 = g^{ij} p_i p_j = p_i p^i, \\ C^{ijk} p_k &= C^{ikj} p_k = C^{kij} p_k = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

One considers the *formal Christoffel symbols*

$$\gamma_{jk}^i(x, p) := \frac{1}{2} g^{is} (\partial_k g_{js} + \partial_j g_{sk} - \partial_s g_{jk}) \quad (2.2)$$

and the contractions  $\gamma_{jk}^\circ(x, p) := \gamma_{jk}^i(x, p)p_i$ ,  $\gamma_{j\circ}^\circ := \gamma_{jk}^i p_i p^k$ . Then the functions

$$N_{ij}(x, p) = \gamma_{ij}^\circ(x, p) - \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{h\circ}^\circ(x, p) \partial^h g_{ij}(x, p), \quad (2.3)$$

verify (1.7). In other words, these functions define a nonlinear connection on  $T^*M$ . This nonlinear connection was discovered by R. Miron, [3]. Thus a decomposition (1.4) holds. From now on we shall use only the nonlinear connection given by (2.3).

A linear connection  $D$  on  $T^*M$  is said to be an  $N$ -linear connection if

1°  $D$  preserves by parallelism the distributions  $N$  and  $V$ ,

2°  $D\theta = 0$ , for  $\theta = \delta p_i \wedge dx^i$ .

One proves that an  $N$ -linear connection can be represented in the adapted basis  $(\delta_i, \partial^i)$  in the form

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\delta_j} \delta_i &= H_{ij}^k \delta_j, & D_{\delta_j} \partial^i &= -H_{kj}^i \partial^k, \\ D_{\partial^j} \delta_i &= V_i^{kj} \delta_k, & D_{\partial^j} \partial^i &= -V_h^{ij} \delta^k, \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

where  $V_i^{kj}$  is a  $d$ -tensor field and  $H_{ij}^k(x, p)$  behave like the coefficients of a linear connection on  $M$ . The functions  $H_{ij}^k$  and  $V_i^{kj}$  define operators of  $h$ -covariant and  $v$ -covariant derivatives in the algebra of  $d$ -tensor fields, denoted by  $|_k$  and  $|^k$ , respectively. For  $g^{ij}$  these are given by

$$\begin{aligned} g^{ij}|_k &= \delta_k g^{ij} + g^{sj} H_{sk}^i + g^{is} H_{sk}^j, \\ g^{ij}|^k &= \partial^k g^{ij} + g^{sj} V_s^{ik} + g^{is} V_s^{jk}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

An  $N$ -linear connection given in the adapted basis  $(\delta_i, \partial^j)$  as  $D\Gamma(N) = (H_{jk}^i, V_j^{ik})$  is called *metrical* if

$$g^{ij}|_k = 0, \quad g^{ij}|^k = 0. \quad (2.6)$$

One verifies that the  $N$ -linear connection  $CT(N) = (H_{jk}^i, C_i^{jk})$  with

$$\begin{aligned} H_{jk}^i &= \frac{1}{2} g^{is} (\delta_j g_{sk} + \delta_k g_{js} - \delta_s g_{jk}), \\ C_i^{jk} &= -\frac{1}{2} g_{is} (\partial^j g^{sk} + \partial^k g^{sj} - \partial^s g^{jk}) = g_{is} C^{sjk}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

is metrical and its  $h$ -torsion  $T_{jk}^i := H_{jk}^i - H_{kj}^i = 0$ ,  $v$ -torsion  $S_i^{jk} := C_i^{jk} - C_i^{kj} = 0$  and the deflection tensor  $\Delta_{ij} = N_{ij} - p_k H_{ij}^k = 0$ . Moreover, it is unique with these properties. This is called the canonical metrical connection of the Cartan space  $(M, K)$ . It has also the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} K|_j &= 0, & K|^j &= \frac{p^j}{K}, & K^2|_j &= 0, & K^2|^j &= 2p^j, \\ p_i|_j &= 0, & p_i|^j &= \delta_i^j, & p^i|_i &= 0, & p^i|^j &= g^{ij}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

Besides  $CT(N)$  one may consider on  $T^*M$  three other important  $N$ -linear connection which are partially or not at all metrical: Chern-Rund connection  $CR\Gamma(N) = (H_{jk}^i, 0)$ , the Hashiguchi connection  $H\Gamma(N) = (\partial^i N_{jk}, C_i^{kj})$  and the Berwald connection  $B\Gamma(N) = (\partial^i N_{jk}, 0)$ .

## 4 Berwald–Cartan spaces

Let  $C^n = (M, K)$  be a Cartan space with the canonical metrical connection  $CT(N) = (H_{jk}^i, C_i^{jk})$  given by (2.7).

**Definition 3.1.** *The Cartan space  $C^n$  is called a Berwald–Cartan space, shortly a BC-space, if the connection coefficients  $H_{jk}^i$  do not depend on momenta, that is,  $H_{jk}^i(x, p) = H_{jk}^i(x)$ .*

In [4], by direct methods or using the duality between Finsler and Cartan spaces given by the Legendre map, one proves

**Theorem 3.1.** *The following assertions are equivalent:*

- 1° *The Cartan space  $C^n$  is a BC-space,*
- 2° *The coefficients  $B_{jk}^i = \partial^i N_{jk}$  of the Berwald connection are functions of position only, that is  $B_{jk}^i(x, p) = B_{jk}^i(x)$ ,*
- 3° *The curvature  $P_j^i k^h := \hat{\partial}^h B_{jk}^i$  of the Berwald connection vanishes.*
- 4°  $C^{ijk}|_h = 0$ .

For the Cartan space  $C^n = (M, K)$ , the function  $K_x := K(x, \cdot) : T_x^*M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a Minkowski norm for every  $x \in M$ . Thus we have the Minkowski spaces  $(T_x^*M, K_x)$ ,  $x \in M$ . For BC spaces, the following theorem holds.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $(M, K)$  be a BC space. Whenever  $M$  is connected the Minkowski spaces  $(T_x^*M, K_x)$  are all linearly isometric to each other.*

**Proof.** Let  $\omega = \omega_i dx^i$  an 1-form and  $v = v^j \partial_j$  a vector field on  $M$ . Using the connection coefficients  $H_{jk}^i(x)$  we may define a covariant derivative of  $\omega$  in the direction of  $v$  as follows:  $\nabla_v \omega = v^k (\partial_k \omega_i - H_{ik}^j \omega_j) dx^i$ .

We restrict  $\omega$  to a curve  $c : t \rightarrow x(t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , on  $M$ , define the covariant derivative of  $\omega$  along  $c$  by  $\frac{\nabla \omega}{dt} = \left[ \frac{d\omega_i}{dt} - H_{ik}^j \omega_j \frac{dx^k}{dt} \right] dx^i$  and we say that  $\omega$  is parallel along  $c$  if  $\frac{\nabla \omega}{dt} = 0$ . Let us estimate  $\frac{dK^2(x(t), \omega(t))}{dt}$ . We write the equality  $K^2(x, p) = g^{ij}(x, p) p_j p_i$  for  $(x(t), \omega(t))$  and we obtain that along the curve  $c$ :  $\frac{dK^2}{dt} = \frac{dg^{ij}}{dt} \omega_i \omega_j + 2g^{ij} \omega_i \frac{d\omega_j}{dt}$ . But  $\frac{d}{dt}(g^{ij}) = (\delta_k g^{ij}) \frac{dx^k}{dt} + (\partial^k g^{ij}) \frac{\delta p_k}{dt}$  and using  $g^{ij}|_k = 0$  as well as the last equation (2.1) one gets:

$$\frac{dK^2}{dt} = 2g^{ij} \omega_i \left( \frac{d\omega_j}{dt} - H_{jk}^s \omega_s \frac{dx^k}{dt} \right).$$

From here we read

**Lemma 3.1.** *If the 1-form  $\omega$  is parallel along the curve  $c : t \rightarrow x(t)$ , then the function  $K(t) := K(x(t), \omega(t))$  is constant along the curve  $c$ .*

Let  $x, y$  be points of  $M$  joined by a curve  $c : [0, 1] \rightarrow M$  such that  $c(0) = x, c(1) = y$ . Let be  $\alpha \in T_x^*M$ . We consider the unique solution  $\omega = (\omega_i)$  of the system of linear ordinary differential equations  $\frac{d\omega_i}{dt} - H_{ik}^j \omega_j \frac{dx^k}{dt} = 0$  with the initial condition  $\omega(0) = \alpha$  and we associate to  $\alpha$  the element  $\alpha' = \omega(1)$  of  $T_y^*M$ . The mapping  $T_x^*M \rightarrow T_y^*M$  given by  $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha'$  is a linear isomorphism. By Lemma 3.1,  $K(x(t), \omega(t))$  has the same values at  $t = 0$  and  $t = 1$ . Hence  $K_x(\alpha) = K_y(\alpha')$ . This means that the Minkowski spaces  $(T_x^*M, K_x)$  and  $(T_y^*M, K_y)$  are linearly isometric for every  $x, y \in M$ , q.e.d.

Another interesting property of  $BC$ -spaces is as follows.

The connection coefficients  $H_{jk}^i(x, p) = H_{jk}^i(x)$  define a symmetric linear connection  $\nabla$  on  $M$  and it happens that this is *metrizable*, that is, there exists on  $M$  a Riemannian metric  $h$  such that  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection associated to it. This  $h$  is not unique.

We prove this fact by adapting an idea of Z.I. Szabó [6]. The duality with Finsler spaces is not used.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $C^n = (M, K)$  be a  $BC$ -space with  $M$  connected and  $\nabla$  the symmetric linear connection on  $M$  of local coefficients  $H_{jk}^i(x, p) = H_{jk}^i(x)$ . Then there exists a Riemannian metric  $h$  on  $M$  such that  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection of it.*

**Proof.** Let be the Minkowski space  $(T_{x_0}^*M, K_{x_0})$  for a fixed  $x_0 \in M$ . Then  $S_{x_0} = \{\omega \mid K_{x_0}(\omega) = 1\}$  is a compact subset of  $T_{x_0}^*M$ . Let  $G$  be the group of all linear isomorphisms of  $T_{x_0}^*M$  that preserve  $S_{x_0}$ . This  $G$  is a compact Lie group. It contains as a subgroup the holonomy group  $H_{x_0}$  defined by  $(H_{jk}^i(x))$  according to Lemma 3.1. In general,  $H_{x_0}$  is not compact.

Let  $\langle, \rangle$  be any inner product in  $T_{x_0}^*M$ . Define a new inner product on  $T_{x_0}^*M$  by

$$h_{x_0}(\varphi, \omega) = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(G)} \int_G \langle a\varphi, a\omega \rangle \mu_G, \quad \varphi, \omega \in T_{x_0}^*M, \quad (3.1)$$

for  $a \in G$ , where  $\mu_G$  denotes the bi-invariant Haar measure on  $G$ . It results  $h_{x_0}(b\varphi, b\omega) = h_{x_0}(\varphi, \omega)$  for every  $b \in G$  (from the properties of  $\mu_G$ ), that is  $h_{x_0}$  is  $G$ -invariant. In particular,  $h_{x_0}$  is  $H_{x_0}$ -invariant.

Let now any  $x \in M$  and a curve  $c : t \rightarrow c(t)$  joining  $x$  with  $x_0$ ,  $c(0) = x, c(1) = x_0$ . Denote by  $P_c : T_x^*M \rightarrow T_{x_0}^*M$  the parallel transport of covectors defined by  $H_{jk}^i(x)$ . For every  $\varphi \in T_x^*M$ ,  $P_c(\varphi) = \omega(1) \in T_{x_0}^*M$ , where  $\omega = (\omega_i)$  is the unique solution of the system of linear differential equations

$$\frac{d\omega_i}{dt} - H_{jk}^i \omega_j \frac{dx^k}{dt} = 0, \quad \text{with } \omega(0) = \varphi. \quad (3.2)$$

In the proof of Theorem 3.2 we have seen that  $P_c$  is a linear isometry of Minkowski spaces. We define an inner product on  $T_x^*M$  by

$$h_x(\varphi, \psi) = h_{x_0}(P_c\varphi, P_c\psi), \quad \varphi, \psi \in T_x^*M. \quad (3.3)$$

**Lemma 3.2.**  *$h_x$  does not depend on the curve  $c$ .*

Indeed, if  $\tilde{c}$  is another curve joining  $x$  and  $x_0$ , denote by  $c_-$  the reverse of  $c$  and

consider the loop  $\tilde{c} \circ c_-$ . Then  $P_{\tilde{c} \circ c_-} \in H_{x_0}$  and from the  $H_{x_0}$ -invariance of  $h_{x_0}$ , that is,  $h_{x_0}(P_{\tilde{c} \circ c_-}\varphi, P_{\tilde{c} \circ c_-}\psi) = h_{x_0}(\varphi, \psi)$  we get  $h_{x_0}(P_c\varphi, P_c\psi) = h_{x_0}(P_c\varphi, P_c\psi)$  as we claimed.

The mapping  $x \rightarrow h_x : T_x^*M \times T_x^*M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is smooth since  $P_c$  smoothly depends on  $x$ , according to a general result regarding the dependence of solution of system of differential equations by initial data. Thus we have constructed a Riemannian metric  $h$  in the cotangent bundle of  $M$ .

The connection coefficients  $(H_{jk}^i(x))$  define a linear connection  $\nabla$  in the cotangent bundle as follows:

$$\nabla : \mathcal{X}(M) \times \Gamma(T^*M) \rightarrow \Gamma(T^*M), (X, \omega) \rightarrow \nabla_X \omega = X^k \left( \frac{\partial \omega_i}{\partial x^k} - H_{ik}^j \omega_j \right) dx^i$$

and the operator  $\nabla_X$ ,  $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ , extends to the tensorial algebra of the cotangent bundle. For instance, if we regard  $h$  as a section in the vector bundle  $L_2^s(T^*M, \mathbb{R})$ , then we have

$$(\nabla_X h)(\varphi, \psi) = X(h(\varphi, \psi)) - h(\nabla_X \varphi, \psi) - h(\varphi, \nabla_X \psi). \quad (3.4)$$

**Lemma 3.3.**  $\nabla_X h = 0$ ,  $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ .

**Proof.** We choose a basis  $(\varphi_i(x))$  in  $T_x^*M$ . It suffices to show that  $(\nabla_X h)(\varphi_i(x), \varphi_j(x)) = 0$ . Let be the vector  $X = \left. \frac{dc}{dt} \right|_0$  tangent to a curve  $c$  starting from  $x \in M$  at  $t = 0$ . We parallel translate  $\varphi_i(x)$  along  $c$  and we obtain a field of basis  $\varphi_i(t)$  along  $c$ . The general formula

$$\frac{\nabla h}{dt}(\varphi, \psi) = \frac{dh(\varphi, \psi)}{dt} - h\left(\frac{\nabla \varphi}{dt}, \psi\right) - h\left(\varphi, \frac{\nabla \psi}{dt}\right),$$

gives

$$\frac{\nabla h}{dt}(\varphi_i(x), \varphi_j(x)) = \left. \frac{dh(\varphi_i, \varphi_j)}{dt} \right|_{t=0}$$

because of  $\frac{\nabla \varphi_i}{dt} = 0$ .

Now we show that  $h(\varphi_i(t), \varphi_j(t))$  does not depend on  $t$ .

Indeed,  $h_{c(t)}(\varphi_i(t), \varphi_j(t)) = h_{x_0}(P\varphi_i, P\varphi_j)$ , where  $P$  is the parallel translation from  $T_{c(t)}^*M$  to  $T_{x_0}^*M$ . This  $P$  may be thought as the composition of a parallel translation  $P_2$  from  $T_{c(t)}^*M$  to  $T_x^*M$  and of a parallel translation  $P_1$  from  $T_x^*M$  to  $T_{x_0}^*M$ . We have  $h_{c(t)}(\varphi_i(t), \varphi_j(t)) = h_{x_0}((P_2 \circ P_1)\varphi_i, (P_2 \circ P_1)\varphi_j) = h_{x_0}(P_1\varphi_i, P_2\varphi_j) = h_x(\varphi_i(x), \varphi_j(x))$ . Hence  $h_{c(t)}(\varphi_i(t), \varphi_j(t))$  does not depend on  $t$ , as we claimed.

This fact ends the proof of Lemma 3.3.

To end the proof of Theorem, we take the covariant part of  $h$  as a section in the vector bundle  $L_2^s(TM, \mathbb{R})$  and so we get a Riemannian metric on  $M$ , denoted with the same letter  $h$ .

The operator  $\nabla_X$  acts also on vector fields on  $M$  by the rule  $\nabla_X Y = X^k \left( \frac{\partial Y^i}{\partial x^k} + H_{jk}^i Y^j \right)$

for  $Y = Y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$  and  $(X, Y) \rightarrow \nabla_X Y$  gives a linear connection on  $M$  such that  $\nabla_X h = 0$ . As  $\nabla$  has no torsion, it coincides with the Levi-Civita connection of  $h$ , q.e.d.

**Remark.** An alternative way to prove Lemma 3.3 is to prove first that  $\frac{\nabla h}{dt}(\varphi, \psi) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(P_c \varphi, P_c \psi) - h(\varphi, \psi)}{t}$ , where  $P_c$  is the parallel translation from  $c(0)$  to  $c(t)$ .

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