

## SUBTANGENT-LIKE STATISTICAL MANIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. Subtangent-like statistical manifolds are introduced and characterization theorems for them are given. The special case when the conjugate connections are projectively (or dual-projectively) equivalent is considered.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

A statistical manifold is a Riemannian manifold, whose each point is a probability space. It connects information geometry, affine differential geometry and Hessian geometry. Information geometry is a branch of mathematics that applies the techniques of differential geometry to the field of probability theory. This is done by taking probability distributions for a statistical model as the points of a Riemannian manifold, forming a statistical manifold. The Fisher information metric provides the Riemannian metric. Information geometry can be applied in various areas, where parametrized distributions play a role such as in statistical inference, time series and linear systems, quantum systems, neuronal networks, machine learning, statistical mechanics, biology, mathematical finance, etc. In [1], [2], [3], [8], [9] the statistical manifolds are studied from the point of view of information geometry and it is given a new description of the statistical distributions by using the obtained geometric structures. The *statistical manifold* was introduced by S. Amari [1] as being a triple  $(M, \nabla, g)$  consisting of a smooth manifold  $M$ , a non-degenerate metric  $g$  on it and a torsion-free affine connection  $\nabla$  with the property that  $\nabla g$  is symmetric. With it we can associate another torsion-free affine connection  $\nabla^*$  defined by the relation

$$(1.1) \quad X(g(Y, Z)) = g(\nabla_X Y, Z) + g(Y, \nabla_X^* Z)$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , called the *conjugate* (or the *dual*) connection of  $\nabla$  with respect to  $g$ . In this case,  $\nabla^* g$  is also symmetric ( $\nabla^* g = -\nabla g$ ), therefore,  $(M, \nabla^*, g)$  is a statistical manifold, too. It's easy to see that the conjugate of the conjugate connection of  $\nabla$  coincides with  $\nabla$ , i.e.,  $(\nabla^*)^* = \nabla$ .

Starting from this, different notions of generalized connections were also defined. These were contained in the following general formulation, namely, two connections

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are conjugate in a larger sense if there exists a  $(0, 3)$ -tensor field  $C$  on  $M$  satisfying

$$(1.2) \quad X(g(Y, Z)) = g(\nabla_X Y, Z) + g(Y, \nabla_X^* Z) + C(X, Y, Z)$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . A simple condition on  $C$  is implied by the symmetry of  $\nabla g$ , that is,  $g((\nabla^*)^*_X Y - \nabla_X Y, Z) = C(X, Y, Z) - C(X, Z, Y)$  [4]. For a certain tensor field  $C$ , some particular cases were stated in [4], [11], [12], [13] defining that  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^*$  are said to be

1. *generalized conjugate* [11], [12] with respect to  $g$  by a 1-form  $\eta$  if

$$X(g(Y, Z)) = g(\nabla_X Y, Z) + g(Y, \nabla_X^* Z) - \eta(X)g(Y, Z);$$

2. *semi-conjugate* [11], [13] with respect to  $g$  by a 1-form  $\eta$  if

$$X(g(Y, Z)) = g(\nabla_X Y, Z) + g(Y, \nabla_X^* Z) + \eta(Z)g(X, Y);$$

3. *dual semi-conjugate* [4] with respect to  $g$  by a 1-form  $\eta$  if

$$X(g(Y, Z)) = g(\nabla_X Y, Z) + g(Y, \nabla_X^* Z) - \eta(X)g(Y, Z) - \eta(Y)g(X, Z).$$

The motivation of studying the first types of conjugate connections comes for the first ones from Weyl geometry [10]. The second ones naturally appear in affine hypersurface theory [13] and the last ones establish the connection between them [4]. One important feature of generalized connections is their invariance under gauge transformations [4].

In [16], K. Takano studied the statistical manifolds with an almost complex structure. In what follows, we shall study the interference of an almost sub-tangent structure on a statistical manifold. Recall that the almost tangent structures were introduced by R. S. Clark and M. Bruckheimer [5], [6] and independently, by H. A. Eliopoulos [14]. An *almost tangent structure* on a  $2n$ -dimensional smooth manifold  $M$  is an endomorphism  $J$  of the tangent bundle  $TM$  of constant rank, satisfying

$$(1.3) \quad \ker J = \text{Im } J.$$

The pair  $(M, J)$  is called the *almost tangent manifold*. The name is motivated by the fact that (1.3) implies the nilpotence  $J^2 = 0$  exactly as the natural tangent structure of tangent bundles. It is known that the most important  $G$ -structures of the first type are those defined by linear operators satisfying certain algebraic relations. Note that the almost tangent structures define a class of conjugate  $G$ -structures on  $M$ , a group  $G$  for a representative structure consisting of all matrices of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ B & A \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $A, B$  are matrices of order  $n \times n$  and  $A$  is non-singular.

In addition, if we assume that  $J$  is integrable, i.e.,

$$(1.4) \quad N_J(X, Y) := [JX, JY] - J[JX, Y] - J[X, JY] + J^2[X, Y] = 0$$

then  $J$  is called the *tangent structure* and  $(M, J)$  is called *tangent manifold*.

Basic facts following directly from the definition are stated in [17]:

- (i) the distribution  $\text{Im } J (= \ker J)$  defines a foliation denoted by  $V(M)$  and called the the *vertical distribution*.

**Example 1.1.** [7]  $M = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $J_e(x, y) = (0, x)$  is a tangent structure with  $\ker J_e$  the  $Y$ -axis, hence the name. The subscript  $e$  comes from "Euclidean".

(ii) there exists an atlas on  $M$  with local coordinates  $(x, y) = (x^i, y^i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  such that  $J = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} \otimes dx^i$ , i.e.,

$$(1.5) \quad J \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}, \quad J \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} \right) = 0.$$

We call  $(x, y)$  *canonical coordinates* and the change of canonical coordinates  $(x, y) \rightarrow (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$  is given by

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{cases} \tilde{x}^i = \tilde{x}^i(x) \\ \tilde{y}^i = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^i}{\partial x^a} y^a + B^i(x). \end{cases}$$

It results the description in terms of  $G$ -structures. Namely, a tangent structure is a  $G$ -structure with

$$(1.7) \quad G = \left\{ C = \begin{pmatrix} A & O_n \\ B & A \end{pmatrix} \in GL(2n, \mathbb{R}) ; A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}), B \in gl(n, \mathbb{R}) \right\}$$

and  $G$  is the invariance group of matrix  $J = \begin{pmatrix} O_n & O_n \\ I_n & O_n \end{pmatrix}$ , i.e.,  $C \in G$  if and only if  $C \cdot J = J \cdot C$ .

The natural almost tangent structure  $J$  of  $M = TN$  is an example of tangent structure having exactly the expression (1.5) if  $(x^i)$  are the coordinates on  $N$  and  $(y^i)$  are the coordinates in the fibers of  $TN \rightarrow N$ . Also,  $J_e$  in Example 1.1 has the above expression (1.5) with  $n = 1$ , whence it is integrable.

If the condition 1.3 is weakened, requiring that only  $J$  squares to 0, we call  $J$  an *almost sub-tangent structure*. In this case,  $\text{Im } J \subset \ker J$  and for a non-degenerate metric  $g$  on  $M$ ,  $\ker J$  is the Lagrangian distribution for the almost symplectic structure  $\omega_{JJ}(X, Y) := g(X, JY) - g(JX, Y)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . In this context we introduce the analogue notion of a holomorphic statistical manifold, namely, the special statistical manifold and give a construction of strong special statistical manifolds.

## 2. SUBTANGENT-LIKE STATISTICAL MANIFOLDS

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold,  $g$  a non-degenerate metric and  $J$  an almost sub-tangent structure on  $M$ .

**Definition 2.1.** We say that  $(M, g, J)$  is an almost sub-tangent-like manifold if there exists an endomorphism of the tangent bundle  $J^*$  satisfying

$$(2.1) \quad g(JX, Y) + g(X, J^*Y) = 0$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

In this case,  $(J^*)^2 = 0$ ,  $(J^*)^* = J$  and  $J^*$  is called an *conjugate* (or the *dual*) almost sub-tangent structure of  $J$ .

If  $J$  and  $J^*$  are two conjugate almost subtangent structures, then  $J - J^*$  and  $J + J^*$ , respectively, are symmetric and skew-symmetric with respect to  $g$ . Also,  $JJ^* + J^*J$  is symmetric with respect to  $g$ .

**Example 2.1.** Regarding the Example 1.1 (i), we get the metric  $g = \text{diag}(1, -1)$  and then  $(\mathbb{R}^2, g, J_e)$  is an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold with

$$J_e^*(x, y) = (y, 0)$$

or equivalently

$$J_e^* \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) = 0, \quad J_e^* \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}.$$

**Definition 2.2.** We say that  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  is an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold if  $(M, \nabla, g)$  is statistical manifold and  $(M, g, J)$  is an almost subtangent-like manifold. Moreover, if  $\nabla J = 0$ , we drop the adjective almost.

From (2.1), we get that  $\text{Im } J^* \subset \ker J^* \perp_g \text{Im } J \subset \ker J$ .

Note that on a subtangent-like statistical manifold  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$ , the linear connection  $\nabla$  restricts to the distribution  $\ker J$ , which means that for  $Y \in \ker J$ , it follows  $\nabla_X Y \in \ker J$  for any  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

Concerning the conjugate structures of an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold, we can state the following result

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  be an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold,  $\nabla^*$  the conjugate connection of  $\nabla$  and  $J^*$  a conjugate almost subtangent structure of  $J$ . Then*

1.  $(M, \nabla^*, g, J^*)$  is an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold;
2.  $g((\nabla_X J)Y, Z) + g(Y, (\nabla_X^* J^*)Z) = 0$  for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ ;
3. if  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  is a subtangent-like statistical manifold, then  $(M, \nabla^*, g, J^*)$  is a subtangent-like statistical manifold, too.

*Proof.* 1. From the previous considerations. 2. From a direct computation. 3. From 1 and 2.  $\square$

### 3. $J$ -CONJUGATE CONNECTIONS AND THE STATISTICAL STRUCTURE

Let  $g$  be a non-degenerate metric on  $M$ ,  $\nabla$  an affine connection,  $\nabla^*$  its conjugate w.r.t.  $g$ ,  $J$  an almost subtangent structure and  $J^*$  its conjugate w.r.t.  $g$ .

Define the  $J$ -conjugate connections of  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^*$  by

$$\nabla^{(J)} := \nabla - J \circ \nabla J, \quad \nabla^{*(J)} := \nabla^* - J \circ \nabla^* J$$

and the  $J^*$ -conjugate connections of  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^*$  by

$$\nabla^{(J^*)} := \nabla - J^* \circ \nabla J^*, \quad \nabla^{*(J^*)} := \nabla^* - J^* \circ \nabla^* J^*.$$

W.r.t.  $g$ , the conjugate connection of  $\nabla^{(J)}$  is  $\nabla^{*(J^*)}$  and the conjugate connection of  $\nabla^{(J^*)}$  is  $\nabla^{*(J)}$ , i.e.,

$$(\nabla^{(J)})^* = \nabla^{*(J^*)}, \quad (\nabla^{(J^*)})^* = \nabla^{*(J)}.$$

The following propositions establish properties of the  $J$ -(and  $J^*$ -)conjugate connections of an affine connection and its dual and provide necessary and sufficient conditions for these connections to give rise to statistical or almost subtangent-like statistical manifolds.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $(M, \nabla, g)$  be a statistical manifold and  $J$  an almost subtangent structure. Then  $(M, \nabla^{(J)}, g)$  is a statistical manifold if and only if  $\nabla_X JY - \nabla_Y JX \in \ker J$  and  $g(X, (\nabla_Z J)Y) = g(Z, (\nabla_X J)Y)$  for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .*

*Proof.* Notice that

$$(\nabla_X^{(J)}g)(Y, Z) = (\nabla_X g)(Y, Z) + g(J(\nabla_X JY), Z) + g(Y, J(\nabla_X JZ))$$

and the relation between the torsion of  $\nabla^{(J)}$  and the torsion of  $\nabla$  is

$$T_{\nabla^{(J)}}(X, Y) = T_{\nabla}(X, Y) - J(\nabla_X JY - \nabla_Y JX)$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . □

In particular, if  $J$  is a subtangent structure, then  $(M, \nabla^{(J)}, g)$  is a statistical manifold.

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  be an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold,  $\nabla^*$  the conjugate connection of  $\nabla$  and  $J^*$  a conjugate almost subtangent structure of  $J$ .*

1. (a)  *$(M, \nabla^{(J)}, g, J)$  is an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold if and only if  $\nabla_X JY - \nabla_Y JX \in \ker J$  and  $g(X, (\nabla_Z J)Y) = g(Z, (\nabla_X J)Y)$  for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .*
- (b) *If  $(M, \nabla^{(J)}, g, J)$  is an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold, then  $(M, (\nabla^{(J)})^*, g, J^*)$  is an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold or equivalent,  $(M, \nabla^{*(J^*)}, g, J^*)$  is almost subtangent-like statistical manifold.*
2. (a)  *$(M, \nabla^{(J^*)}, g, J^*)$  is an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold if and only if  $\nabla_X J^*Y - \nabla_Y J^*X \in \ker J^*$  and  $g(X, (\nabla_Z J^*)Y) = g(Z, (\nabla_X J^*)Y)$  for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .*
- (b) *If  $(M, \nabla^{(J^*)}, g, J^*)$  is an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold, then  $(M, (\nabla^{(J^*)})^*, g, J)$  is an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold or equivalent,  $(M, \nabla^{*(J)}, g, J)$  is an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold.*

*Proof.* (a) follows from Proposition 2.3 and (b) from Proposition 2.3 and the observation that  $(\nabla^{(J^*)})^* = \nabla^{*(J)}$ . □

#### 4. SPECIAL STATISTICAL MANIFOLDS

An analogue of the notion of *holomorphic statistical manifold* defined in [15] can be here considered, namely, the *special statistical manifold* (s.s.m.).

#### 4.1. Weak special statistical manifold

**Definition 4.1.** We say that the subtangent-like statistical manifold  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  is weak s.s.m. if the 2-form  $\omega_J(X, Y) := g(X, JY)$  is  $\nabla$ -parallel.

A necessary and sufficient condition for a subtangent-like statistical manifold to be weak s.s.m. is given in the following proposition

**Proposition 4.2.** *The subtangent-like statistical manifold  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  is weak s.s.m. if and only if*

$$(\nabla_X g) \circ (J \times I) = -g \circ (\nabla_X J \times I)$$

for any  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

*Proof.* Computing  $(\nabla_X \omega_J)(Y, Z) = -(\nabla_X g)(JY, Z) - g((\nabla_X J)Y, Z)$  for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and from the condition  $\nabla \omega_J = 0$ , we get the required relation.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.3.** *Under the hypothesis above,*

1.  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  is weak s.s.m. if and only if  $(M, \nabla, g, J^*)$  is weak s.s.m..
2.  $(M, \nabla^*, g, J)$  is weak s.s.m. if and only if  $(M, \nabla^*, g, J^*)$  is weak s.s.m..

*Proof.* It is a consequence of the previous relations.  $\square$

#### 4.2. Strong special statistical manifold

**Definition 4.4.** We say that the subtangent-like statistical manifold  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  is strong s.s.m. if the 2-form  $\omega_{JJ}(X, Y) := g(X, JY) - g(JX, Y)$  is  $\nabla$ -parallel.

A necessary and sufficient condition for a subtangent-like statistical manifold to be strong s.s.m. is given in the following proposition

**Proposition 4.5.** *The subtangent-like statistical manifold  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  is strong s.s.m. if and only if*

$$(\nabla_X g) \circ (I \times J) - (\nabla_X g) \circ (J \times I) = g \circ (\nabla_X J \times I) - g \circ (I \times \nabla_X J),$$

*Proof.* Follows from Proposition 4.2.  $\square$

Consider  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold,  $\nabla^*$  the conjugate connection of  $\nabla$  and  $J^*$  a conjugate almost subtangent structure of  $J$  and define

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_{JJ^*}(X, Y) &:= g(X, JY) - g(J^*X, Y), \\ \omega_{J^*J}(X, Y) &:= g(X, J^*Y) - g(JX, Y), \\ \omega_{J^*J^*}(X, Y) &:= g(X, J^*Y) - g(J^*X, Y).\end{aligned}$$

A simple computation shows that on a subtangent-like statistical manifold  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$ , the relation between  $\omega_J, \omega_{J^*}$  and the 2-forms are defined above

$$\omega_{JJ}(X, Y) = \omega_J(X, Y) - \omega_J(Y, X),$$

$$\omega_{JJ^*} = 2\omega_J, \quad \omega_{J^*J} = 2\omega_{J^*}, \quad \omega_{J^*J^*} = -\omega_{JJ}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X \omega_{JJ^*})(Y, Z) &= -(\nabla_X \omega_{J^*J})(Z, Y), \\ (\nabla_X^* \omega_{JJ^*})(Y, Z) &= -(\nabla_X^* \omega_{J^*J})(Z, Y), \\ (\nabla_X \omega_{JJ^*})(Y, Z) + (\nabla_X^* \omega_{JJ^*})(Y, Z) &= -g((\nabla_X J^*)Y + (\nabla_X^* J^*)Y, Z) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

**Proposition 4.6.** *Under the hypothesis above,*

1.  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  is strong s.s.m. if and only if  $(M, \nabla, g, J^*)$  is strong s.s.m..
2.  $(M, \nabla^*, g, J)$  is strong s.s.m. if and only if  $(M, \nabla^*, g, J^*)$  is strong s.s.m..

*Proof.* It is a consequence of the fact that  $\omega_{JJ} = -\omega_{J^*J^*}$ . □

Remark that the notion of weak s.s.m. implies the strong s.s.m., but conversely it's not always true. The notions are equivalent if and only if

$$(\nabla_X \omega_J)(Y, Z) = (\nabla_X \omega_J)(Z, Y),$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

Now using the 2-form  $\omega_{JJ}$ , we can associate to any affine connection  $\nabla$  another affine connection  $\nabla^*$  such that  $\omega_{JJ}$  is  $\nabla^*$ -parallel

$$(4.1) \quad \omega_{JJ}(Y, \nabla_X^* Z) = \omega_{JJ}(Y, \nabla_X Z) + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla_X \omega_{JJ})(Y, Z),$$

$X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . Indeed, from the skew-symmetry of  $\omega_{JJ}$ , we get

$$(\nabla_X^* \omega_{JJ})(Y, Z) = -\frac{1}{2}[(\nabla_X \omega_{JJ})(Y, Z) + (\nabla_X \omega_{JJ})(Z, Y)] = 0.$$

Therefore, this procedure gives a way to construct strong special statistical manifolds.

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  be an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold and  $J^*$  a conjugate almost subtangent structure of  $J$ . If  $(\nabla_{\bar{J}X} g)(Y, Z) = g((\nabla_Y \bar{J})X, Z)$  for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , where  $\bar{J} := J + J^*$ , then the affine connection  $\nabla^*$  defined by relation (4.1) is the conjugate connection of  $\nabla$ . In this case,  $(M, \nabla^*, g, J)$  is a strong special statistical manifold.*

*Proof.* Replacing  $\omega_{JJ}$  in (4.1) and considering the symmetry of  $\nabla g$ , we obtain the required relation. □

## 5. PROJECTIVELY EQUIVALENT STATISTICAL MANIFOLDS

Geometrically, two torsion-free affine connections are projectively equivalent if they have the same geodesics as unparameterized curves. Thus, they determine a class of equivalence on a given manifold called the *projective structure*.

We say that two affine connections  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^*$  on  $M$  are

1. *projectively equivalent* if there exists a 1-form  $\eta$  on  $M$  such that

$$(5.1) \quad \nabla_X^* Y = \nabla_X Y + \eta(X)Y + \eta(Y)X$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

2. *dual-projectively equivalent* if there exists a 1-form  $\eta$  on  $M$  such that

$$(5.2) \quad \nabla_X^* Y = \nabla_X Y - g(X, Y)\eta^{\sharp g},$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , where  $g(\eta^{\sharp g}, X) = \eta(X)$ ,  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

Note that if two connections are projectively equivalent or dual-projectively equivalent, their conjugate connections may not be projectively or dual-projectively equivalent, respectively.

**Proposition 5.1.** *If  $(M, \nabla, g)$  is a statistical manifold and  $\nabla^*$  is the conjugate connection of  $\nabla$ , then  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^*$  are  $\eta$ -projective equivalent or  $\eta$ -dual-projective equivalent if and only if  $\eta \otimes I = I \otimes \eta$ .*

*Proof.* Replacing the expression of  $\nabla^*$  in 1.1 and taking into account that  $\nabla g$  is symmetric, we obtain the required relation.  $\square$

Remark that if  $\eta \otimes I = I \otimes \eta$ , then for any endomorphism  $J$  of the tangent bundle,  $\eta \otimes J = (\eta \circ J) \otimes I$  and  $J \otimes \eta = I \otimes (\eta \circ J)$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** *Let  $(M, \nabla, g)$  be a statistical manifold and  $\nabla^*$  the conjugate connection of  $\nabla$ . Consider  $\omega$  a 2-form on  $M$ .*

1. *If  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^*$  are  $\eta$ -projective equivalent, then  $\nabla \omega = \nabla^* \omega + 4\eta \otimes \omega$ .*
2. *If  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^*$  are  $\eta$ -dual-projective equivalent, then*

$$(\nabla_X \omega)(Y, Z) = (\nabla_X^* \omega)(Y, Z) - g(X, Y)\omega(\eta^{\sharp g}, Z) - g(X, Z)\omega(Y, \eta^{\sharp g})$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

*Proof.* From the previous proposition.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.3.** *Let  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  be an almost subtangent-like statistical manifold and  $\nabla^*$  the conjugate connection of  $\nabla$ .*

1. *If  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^*$  are  $\eta$ -projective equivalent, then  $\nabla J = \nabla^* J$  and  $\nabla \eta = \nabla^* \eta + 2\eta \otimes \eta$ .*
2. *If  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^*$  are  $\eta$ -dual-projective equivalent, then*

$$(\nabla_X J)Y = (\nabla_X^* J)Y - g(X, Y)J(\eta^{\sharp g}) + g(X, JY)\eta^{\sharp g}$$

and

$$(\nabla_X \eta)Y = (\nabla_X^* \eta)Y - g(X, Y)\eta(\eta^{\sharp g})$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

*Proof.* From the previous propositions.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.4.** *Let  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  be a special almost subtangent-like statistical manifold,  $\nabla^*$  the conjugate connection of  $\nabla$  and  $\omega_J$  the 2-form defined by  $(g, J)$ .*

1. *If  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^*$  are  $\eta$ -projective equivalent, then  $\nabla J = \nabla^* J$ ,  $\nabla \eta = \nabla^* \eta + 2\eta \otimes \eta$  and  $0 = \nabla^* \omega_J + 4\eta \otimes \omega$ .*



2. If  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^*$  are  $\eta$ -dual-projective equivalent, then

$$\begin{aligned}(\nabla_X J)Y &= (\nabla_X^* J)Y - g(X, Y)J(\eta^{\sharp g}) + g(X, JY)\eta^{\sharp g}, \\(\nabla_X \eta)Y &= (\nabla_X^* \eta)Y - g(X, Y)\eta(\eta^{\sharp g}), \\0 &= (\nabla_X^* \omega_J)(Y, Z) - g(X, JY)\eta(Z) - g(JX, Z)\eta(Y)\end{aligned}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

*Proof.* From the previous propositions and from the fact that  $\eta \otimes J^* = (\eta \circ J^*) \otimes I$  and  $J \otimes \eta = I \otimes (\eta \circ J)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 5.1.** To the class of pairs  $(\nabla, \nabla^*)$  which are solutions of the nonlinear system

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{aligned}\nabla J &= \nabla^* J \\ \nabla \eta &= \nabla^* \eta + 2\eta \otimes \eta \\ \nabla \omega &= \nabla^* \omega + 4\eta \otimes \omega\end{aligned}$$

for  $J, \eta$  and  $\omega$  apriori given, for  $\omega_J(X, Y) = g(X, JY)$ , the  $\eta$ -projective equivalent conjugate connections on the special almost subtangent-like statistical manifold  $(M, \nabla, g, J)$  belong.

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