### PARA-HYPERHERMITIAN STRUCTURES ON TANGENT BUNDLES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we construct a family of almost para-hyperhermitian structures on the tangent bundle of an almost para-hermitian manifold and study its integrability. Also, necessary and sufficient conditions are provided in order that these structures to become para-hyper-Kähler.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The almost paraquaternionic structures, also named almost para-hypercomplex structures or almost quaternionic structures of second kind, have been introduced by P. Libermann in 1954 under the latter name [30] as a triple of endomorphisms of the tangent bundle  $\{J_1, J_2, J_3\}$ , in which  $J_1$  is almost complex and  $J_2, J_3$  are almost product structures satisfying relations of anti-commutation. Then the paraquaternionic structures were studied under various contexts by many authors (see, e.g., [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28, 31, 42, 43]). An almost parahyperhermitian structure on a manifold consists in an almost para-hypercomplex structure and a compatible semi-Riemannian metric necessarily of neutral signature. If all three structures involved in the definition of an almost para-hyperhermitian structure are parallel with respect to the Levi-Civita connection of the compatible metric, one arrives to the concept of para-hyper-Kähler structure, which is also referred in literature as neutral hyper-Kähler or hypersymplectic structure [8, 12, 13, 17, 21].

The paraquaternionic structures are of great interest in theoretical physics, because they arise in a natural way both in string theory and integrable systems

[6, 11, 16, 22, 32, 35] and, consequently, to find new classes of manifolds endowed with such a kind of structures is an interesting topic. Kamada [29] proves that any primary Kodaira surface admits para-hyper-Kähler structures, whose compatible metrics can be chosen to be flat or nonflat. On the other hand, an integrable para-hyperhermitian structure has been constructed in [27] on Kodaira-Thurston properly elliptic surfaces and also on the Inoe surfaces modeled on  $Sol_4^1$ . In higher dimensions, para-hyperhermitian structures on a class of compact quotients of 2-step nilpotent Lie groups was found in [19]. A procedure to construct para-hyperhermitian structures on  $R^{4n}$  with complete and not necessarily flat associated metrics is given in [5]. Also, some examples of integrable almost para-hyperhermitian structures which admit compatible linear connections with totally-skew symmetric torsion are given in [28]. Recently, in [25], a natural parahyperhermitian structure has been constructed on the tangent bundle of an almost para-hermitian manifold and on the circle bundle over a manifold with a mixed 3-structure. The main purpose of this paper is to generalize this construction to obtain an entire class of such structures; we also investigate its integrability and obtain necessary and sufficient conditions for these structures to become parahyper-Kähler.

#### 2. Preliminaries on almost para-hyperhermitian manifolds

An almost product structure on a smooth manifold M is a tensor field P of type (1,1) on M,  $P \neq \pm Id$ , such that:

(1) 
$$P^2 = Id$$

where Id is the identity tensor field of type (1,1) on M.

An almost para-hermitian structure on a differentiable manifold M is a pair (P,g), where P is an almost product structure on M and g is a semi-Riemannian metric on M satisfying:

(2) 
$$g(PX, PY) = -g(X, Y),$$

for all vector fields X, Y on M.

In this case, (M, P, g) is said to be an almost para-hermitian manifold. It is easy to see that the dimension of M is even. Moreover, if  $\nabla P = 0$ , then (M, P, g) is said to be a para-Kähler manifold.

An almost complex structure on a smooth manifold M is a tensor field J of type (1,1) on M such that:

$$J^2 = -Id.$$

An almost para-hypercomplex structure on a smooth manifold M is a triple  $H = (J_{\alpha})_{\alpha = \overline{1,3}}$ , where  $J_1$  is an almost complex structure on M and  $J_2$ ,  $J_3$  are almost product structures on M, satisfying:

(4) 
$$J_2 J_1 = -J_1 J_2 = J_3.$$

In this case (M, H) is said to be an almost para-hypercomplex manifold.

A semi-Riemannian metric g on (M, H) is said to be compatible or adapted to the almost para-hypercomplex structure  $H = (J_{\alpha})_{\alpha = \overline{1,3}}$  if it satisfies:

(5) 
$$g(J_{\alpha}X, J_{\alpha}Y) = \epsilon_{\alpha}g(X, Y), \forall \alpha = \overline{1,3}$$

for all vector fields X, Y on M, where  $\epsilon_1 = 1, \epsilon_2 = \epsilon_3 = -1$ . Moreover, the pair (g, H) is called an almost para-hyperhermitian structure on M and the triple (M, g, H) is said to be an almost para-hyperhermitian manifold. It is clear that any almost para-hyperhermitian manifold is of dimension  $4m, m \ge 1$ , and any adapted metric is necessarily of neutral signature (2m, 2m). If  $\{J_1, J_2, J_3\}$  are parallel in respect to the Levi-Civita connection of g, then the manifold is called para-hyper-Kähler.

An almost para-hypercomplex manifold (M, H) is called a para-hypercomplex manifold if each  $J_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha = 1, 2, 3$ , is integrable, that is, if the corresponding Nijenhuis tensors:

(6) 
$$N_{\alpha}(X,Y) = [J_{\alpha}X, J_{\alpha}Y] - J_{\alpha}[X, J_{\alpha}Y] - J_{\alpha}[J_{\alpha}X, Y] - \epsilon_{\alpha}[X, Y]$$

 $\alpha = 1, 2, 3$ , vanish for all vector fields X, Y on M. In this case H is said to be a para-hypercomplex structure on M. Moreover, if g is a semi-Riemannian metric adapted to the para-hypercomplex structure H, then the pair (g, H) is said to be a

para-hyperhermitian structure on M and (M, g, H) is called a para-hyperhermitian manifold. We note that the existence of para-hyperhermitian structures on compact complex surfaces has been recently investigated in [15].

# 3. A NATURAL ALMOST PARA-HYPERHERMITIAN STRUCTURE ON THE TANGENT BUNDLE OF AN ALMOST PARA-HERMITIAN MANIFOLD

Let (M, P, g) be an almost para-hermitian manifold and TM be the tangent bundle, endowed with the Sasakian metric:

$$G(X,Y) = (g(KX,KY) + g(\pi_*X,\pi_*Y)) \circ \pi$$

for all vector fields X, Y on TM, where  $\pi$  is the natural projection of TM onto Mand K is the connection map (see [18]).

We remark that for each  $u \in T_x M$ ,  $x \in M$ , we have a direct sum decomposition:

$$T_uTM = T_u^hTM \oplus T_u^vTM$$

where  $T_u^h TM = KerK|_{T_uTM}$  is called the horizontal subspace of  $T_uTM$  and  $T_u^v TM = Ker\pi_*|_{T_uTM}$  is called the vertical subspace of  $T_uTM$ . Moreover, the elements of  $T_u^h TM$  are called horizontal vectors at u and the elements of  $T_u^v TM$  are said to be vertical vectors at u.

We can see that if  $u, X \in T_x M$  and  $X_u^h$  (resp.  $X_u^v$ ) denotes the horizontal lift (resp. vertical lift) of X to  $T_u TM$  then:

$$\pi_* X_u^h = X, \ \pi_* X_u^v = 0, \ K X_u^h = 0, \ K X_u^v = X.$$

Remark 3.1. If A is a vector field along  $\pi$  (i.e. a map  $A: TM \to TM$  such that  $\pi \circ A = \pi$ ) and  $A^h$  (resp.  $A^v$ ) denotes the horizontal lift (resp. vertical lift) of A (that is:  $A^h: u \mapsto A^h_u = A(u)^h_u$  and  $A^v: u \mapsto A^v_u = A(u)^v_u$ ), then any horizontal (vertical) vector field X on TM can be written as  $X = A^h$  ( $X = A^v$ ) for a unique vector A along  $\pi$ . If A, B are vector fields along  $\pi$ , then, by generalizing the well-known Dombrowski's lemma [18], Ii [26] has shown that the brackets of the horizontal and vertical lifts are given by:

(7) 
$$[A^h, B^h]_u = (\nabla_{A^h} B)^h_u - (\nabla_{B^h} A)^h_u - (R(A(u), B(u))u)^v_u,$$

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(8) 
$$[A^h, B^v] = (\nabla_{A^h} B)^v - (\nabla_{B^v} A)^h,$$

(9) 
$$[A^{v}, B^{v}] = (\nabla_{A^{v}}B)^{v} - (\nabla_{B^{v}}A)^{v}$$

where the covariant derivative of a vector field C along  $\pi$  in the direction of  $\xi \in T_u TM$ ,  $u \in TM$ , is defined as the tangent vector to M at  $x = \pi(u)$  given by:

$$\nabla_{\xi} C = (K \circ dC)(\xi).$$

We can also remark that every tensor field T of type (1,1) on M is a vector field along  $\pi$ . Moreover we have:

(10) 
$$\nabla_{A^v} T = T \circ A,$$

and, if T is parallel,

(11) 
$$\nabla_{A^h} T = 0.$$

We note that the identity map  $id : u \mapsto u$  on TM is a parallel tensor field of type (1,1) on M. Moreover, if  $|| \cdot ||^2$  is the function  $u \mapsto ||u||^2 = g(u, u)$  on TM, then we have:

(12) 
$$A^{h}||\cdot||^{2} = 0, \ A^{v}||\cdot||^{2} = 2g(A, id).$$

*Remark* 3.2. If (M, P, g) is an almost para-hermitian manifold, then we can define three tensor fields  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  on TM by the equalities:

(13) 
$$\begin{cases} J_1 X^h = X^v \\ J_1 X^v = -X^h \end{cases}$$

(14) 
$$\begin{cases} J_2 X^h = (PX)^v \\ J_2 X^v = (PX)^h \end{cases},$$

(15) 
$$\begin{cases} J_3 X^h = (PX)^h \\ J_3 X^v = -(PX)^v \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that  $J_1$  is an almost complex structure and  $J_2, J_3$  are almost product structures. We also have the following result (see [25]).

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**Theorem 3.3.** Let (M, P, g) be an almost para-hermitian manifold. Then  $H = (J_{\alpha})_{\alpha=\overline{1,3}}$  is an almost para-hypercomplex structure on TM which is para-hyperhermitian with respect to the Sasakian metric G. Moreover H is integrable if and only if (M, P) is a flat para-Kähler manifold.

In the next Section, following the same techniques as in [7, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41], we deform the almost para-hyperhermitian structure given above in order to obtain an entire family of structures of this kind on the tangent bundle of an almost para-hermitian manifold.

## 4. A family of almost para-hyperhermitian structure on the tangent bundle of a para-hermitian manifold

**Lemma 4.1.** Let (M, P, g) be an almost para-hermitian manifold and let  $J_1$  be a tensor field of type (1,1) on TM, defined by:

(16) 
$$\begin{cases} J_1 X_u^h = a(t) X_u^v + b(t) g(X, u) u^v + c(t) g(X, Pu) (Pu)^v \\ J_1 X_u^v = m(t) X_u^h + n(t) g(X, u) u^h + p(t) g(X, Pu) (Pu)^h \end{cases}$$

for all vectors  $X \in T_{\pi(u)}M$ ,  $u \in T_xM$ ,  $x \in M$ , where  $t = ||u||^2$  and a, b, c, m, n, pare differentiable real functions. Then  $J_1$  defines an almost complex structure if and only if

(17) 
$$am + 1 = 0, an(a + tb) - b = 0, ap(a - tc) - c = 0.$$

*Proof.* The conditions follows from the property  $J_1^2 = -Id$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** Let (M, P, g) be an almost para-hermitian manifold and let  $J_2$  be a tensor field of type (1,1) on TM, defined by:

(18) 
$$\begin{cases} J_2 X_u^h = a(t)(PX)_u^v - b(t)g(X, Pu)u^v - c(t)g(X, u)(Pu)^v \\ J_2 X_u^v = q(t)(PX)_u^h - r(t)g(X, Pu)u^h - s(t)g(X, u)(Pu)^h \end{cases}$$

for all vectors  $X \in T_{\pi(u)}M$ ,  $u \in T_xM$ ,  $x \in M$ , where  $t = ||u||^2$  and a, b, c, q, r, sare differentiable real functions. Then  $J_2$  defines an almost product structure if and only if

(19) 
$$aq - 1 = 0, \ ar(a - tc) - c = 0, \ as(a + tb) - b = 0.$$

*Proof.* The conditions follows from the property  $J_2^2 = Id$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** Let (M, P, g) be an almost para-hermitian manifold. Then there exists an infinite class of almost para-hypercomplex structures on TM.

*Proof.* We define a tensor field  $J_3$  of type (1,1) on TM by  $J_3 = J_2J_1$ , where  $J_1, J_2$  are given by (16) and (18), such that (17) and (19) are satisfied. We can easily see now that  $H = (J_\alpha)_{\alpha=\overline{1,3}}$  is an almost para-hypercomplex structure on TM.

**Proposition 4.4.** Let (M, P, g) be an almost para-hermitian manifold, let  $H = (J_{\alpha})_{\alpha=\overline{1,3}}$  be the almost para-hypercomplex structure on TM given above and let  $\tilde{G}$  be a semi-Riemannian metric on TM defined by:

(20) 
$$\begin{cases} \widetilde{G}(X^{h}, Y^{h}) = \alpha(t)g(X, Y) + \beta(t)g(X, u)g(Y, u) + \gamma(t)g(X, Pu)g(Y, Pu) \\ \widetilde{G}(X^{v}, Y^{v}) = \delta(t)g(X, Y) + \varepsilon(t)g(X, u)g(Y, u) + \theta(t)g(X, Pu)g(Y, Pu) \\ \widetilde{G}(X^{h}, Y^{v}) = 0 \end{cases}$$

for all vectors  $X, Y \in T_{\pi(u)}M$ ,  $u \in T_xM$ ,  $x \in M$ , where  $t = ||u||^2$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \varepsilon, \theta$ are smooth real functions. Then  $\widetilde{G}$  is adapted to the almost para-hypercomplex structure  $H = (J_{\alpha})_{\alpha=\overline{1,3}}$  if only if:

(21) 
$$\begin{cases} \beta + \gamma = 0\\ \delta a^2 - \alpha = 0\\ a^2 \varepsilon (a + tb)^2 + b\alpha (2a + tb) - \beta a^2 = 0\\ a^2 \theta (a - tc)^2 + c\alpha (2a - tc) + \beta a^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* The conditions (21) are obtained by direct computations using the property (5).

**Corollary 4.5.** There exists an infinite class of almost para-hyperhermitian structures on the tangent bundle of an almost para-hermitian manifold.

#### 5. The study of the integrability

Let (M, P, g) be a para-Kähler manifold. A plane  $\Pi \subset T_p M$ ,  $p \in M$ , is called para-holomorphic if it is left invariant by the action of P, that is  $P\Pi \subset \Pi$ . The para-holomorphic sectional curvature is defined as the restriction of the sectional

curvature to para-holomorphic non-degenerate planes. A para-Kähler manifold is said to be a paracomplex space form if its para-holomorphic sectional curvatures are equal to a constant, say k. It is well-known that a para-Kähler manifold (M, P, g)is a paracomplex space form, denoted M(k), if and only if its curvature tensor is:

$$R(X,Y)Z = \frac{k}{4} \{g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y + g(Y,PZ)PX - g(X,PZ)PY - 2g(X,PY)PZ]\}$$
(22)
$$-g(X,PZ)PY - 2g(X,PY)PZ]\}$$

for all vector fields X, Y, Z on M.

From the above section we deduce that the tangent bundle of a paracomplex space form M(k) can be endowed with a class of almost para-hypercomplex structure  $H = (J_{\alpha})_{\alpha = \overline{1,3}}$  given by:

(23) 
$$\begin{cases} J_1 X_u^h = a X_u^v + bg(X, u)u^v + cg(X, Pu)(Pu)^v \\ J_1 X_u^v = -\frac{1}{a} X_u^h + \frac{b}{a(a+tb)}g(X, u)u^h + \frac{c}{a(a-tc)}g(X, Pu)(Pu)^h \end{cases}$$

(24) 
$$\begin{cases} J_2 X_u^h = a(PX)_u^v - bg(X, Pu)u^v - cg(X, u)(Pu)^v \\ J_2 X_u^v = \frac{1}{a}(PX)_u^h - \frac{c}{a(a-tc)}g(X, Pu)u^h - \frac{b}{a(a+tb)}g(X, u)(Pu)^h \end{cases}$$

(25) 
$$\begin{cases} J_3 X_u^h = (PX)_u^h \\ J_3 X_u^v = -(PX)_u^v + \frac{b+c}{a-tc}g(X, Pu)u^v + \frac{b+c}{a+tb}g(X, u)(Pu)^v, \end{cases}$$

where a, b, c are differentiable real functions such that  $\frac{1}{a}, \frac{b}{a(a+tb)}, \frac{c}{a(a-tc)}$  are well defined and also differentiable real functions.

**Theorem 5.1.** Let M(k) be a paracomplex space form. Then the almost parahypercomplex structure  $H = (J_{\alpha})_{\alpha = \overline{1,3}}$  given above is integrable if and only if

(26) 
$$4b(a - 2ta') - 8aa' + k = 0, \ 4ac + k = 0.$$

*Proof.* First of all we remark that if two of the structures  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  are integrable, then the third structure is also integrable because the corresponding Nijenhuis tensors are related by:

$$2N_{\alpha}(X,Y) = N_{\beta}(J_{\gamma}X,J_{\gamma}Y) + N_{\gamma}(J_{\beta}X,J_{\beta}Y) - J_{\beta}N_{\gamma}(J_{\beta}X,Y) -J_{\beta}N_{\gamma}(X,J_{\beta}Y) - J_{\gamma}N_{\beta}(J_{\gamma}X,Y) - J_{\gamma}N_{\beta}(X,J_{\gamma}Y) +\epsilon_{\gamma}N_{\beta}(X,Y) + \epsilon_{\beta}N_{\gamma}(X,Y)$$

$$(27)$$

for any even permutation  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of (1,2,3), where  $\epsilon_1 = 1, \epsilon_2 = \epsilon_3 = -1$ .

Secondly, is well-known that an almost complex structure on a manifold is integrable if and only if the distribution of the complex tangent vector fields of type (1,0), denoted by  $\mathcal{X}^{(1,0)}$ , is involutive, i.e. it satisfies  $[\mathcal{X}^{(1,0)}, \mathcal{X}^{(1,0)}] \subset \mathcal{X}^{(1,0)}$ . Now, using (6), (7)-(12) and (22), we obtain for any vector fields A, B along  $\pi$ , satisfying  $g(A, id) = g(B, id) = g(A, P \circ id) = g(B, P \circ id) = 0$  on TM:

(28) 
$$[A^h - iaA^v, B^h - iaB^v]_u = (\nabla_{A^h} B - \nabla_{B^h} A)^h_u - ia(\nabla_{A^h} B - \nabla_{B^h} A)^v_u,$$

(29)  

$$[A^{h} - iaA^{v}, (id)^{h} - i(a+tb)(id)^{v}]_{u} = -[(\nabla_{(id)^{h}}A)^{h}_{u} - ia(\nabla_{(id)^{h}}A)^{v}_{u}] + i(a+tb)[(\nabla_{(id)^{v}}A)^{h}_{u} - ia(\nabla_{(id)^{v}}A)^{v}_{u}] - ia[A^{h}_{u} - i\frac{kt}{4} + a(a+tb) - 2a't(a+tb)) - aA^{v}_{u}],$$

$$[A^{h} - iaA^{v}, (P \circ id)^{h} - i(a - tc)(P \circ id)^{v}]_{u} = -[(\nabla_{(P \circ id)^{h}}A)_{u}^{h} - ia(\nabla_{(P \circ id)^{h}}A)_{u}^{v}] + i(a - tc)[(\nabla_{(P \circ id)^{v}}A)_{u}^{h} - ia(\nabla_{(P \circ id)^{v}}A)_{u}^{v}] - ia[(PA)_{u}^{h} - i\frac{-\frac{kt}{4} + a(a - tc))}{a}(PA)_{u}^{v}],$$
(30)

$$[(id)^{h} - i(a+tb)(id)^{v}, (P \circ id)^{h} - i(a-tc)(P \circ id)^{v}]_{u} = i(a-tc)[(P \circ id)^{h}_{u} - i\frac{kt + (a+tb)(a-tc) - 2t(a+tb)(a-tc)'}{a-tc}(P \circ id)^{v}_{u}]$$
(31) 
$$-i(a+tb)[(\nabla_{(id)^{v}}P \circ id)^{h} - i(a-tc)(\nabla_{(id)^{v}}P \circ id)^{v}],$$

(32) 
$$[(id)^h - i(a+tb)(id)^v, (id)^h - i(a+tb)(id)^v]_u = 0,$$

(33) 
$$[(P \circ id)^h - i(a - tc)(P \circ id)^v, (P \circ id)^h - i(a - tc)(P \circ id)^v]_u = 0.$$

Consequently,  $J_1$  is integrable if and only if the next three relations are satisfied:

(34) 
$$\frac{\frac{k}{4}t + a(a+tb) - 2a't(a+tb)}{a} = a,$$

(35) 
$$\frac{-\frac{k}{4}t + a(a-tc)}{a} = a,$$

(36) 
$$\frac{kt + (a+tb)(a-tc) - 2t(a+tb)(a-tc)'}{a-tc} = a - tc.$$

Thirdly, an almost product structure on a manifold is integrable if and only the eigendistributions  $\mathcal{X}^+$  and  $\mathcal{X}^-$  corresponding to the eigenvalues 1 and -1 respectively, are integrable. We similarly obtain that  $J_2$  is integrable if and only if the same three relations hold.

Finally, because the last of the above three relations is involved by the first two, the conclusion follows immediately.  $\hfill \Box$ 

Example 5.2. If M is a flat paracomplex space form, then we set

$$a = A, \ b = 0, \ c = 0,$$

where A is an arbitrary non-zero real constant, and we can easily see that the conditions (26) are satisfied and  $a, b, c, \frac{1}{a}, \frac{b}{a(a+tb)}, \frac{c}{a(a-tc)}$  are clearly differentiable, being constants. Consequently, the almost para-hypercomplex structure  $H = (J_{\alpha})_{\alpha=\overline{1,3}}$ given above is integrable.

Example 5.3. If M(k) is a non-flat paracomplex space form, then we set

$$a = \sqrt[4]{k^2(t^2 + A^2 + 1)},$$
  
$$b = \frac{\sqrt[4]{k^2(t^2 + A^2 + 1)}(4t - sgn\{k\}\sqrt{t^2 + A^2 + 1})}{4(A^2 + 1)},$$

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$$c=\frac{-k}{4\sqrt[4]{k^2(t^2+A^2+1)}}$$

where A is an arbitrary real constant, and we can easily verify that the conditions (26) are satisfied and the functions  $a, b, c, \frac{1}{a}, \frac{b}{a(a+tb)}, \frac{c}{a(a-tc)}$  are differentiable. Consequently, the almost para-hypercomplex structure  $H = (J_{\alpha})_{\alpha=\overline{1,3}}$  given above is integrable.

Remark 5.4. From Proposition 4.4 we have a class of compatible semi-Riemannian metric on the tangent bundle of a paracomplex space form M(k), given by

$$(37) \qquad \begin{cases} \widetilde{G}(X^{h}, Y^{h}) = \alpha g(X, Y) + \beta g(X, u)g(Y, u) - \beta g(X, Pu)g(Y, Pu) \\ \widetilde{G}(X^{v}, Y^{v}) = \frac{\alpha}{a^{2}}g(X, Y) + \frac{\beta a^{2} - b\alpha(2a + tb)}{a^{2}(a + tb)^{2}}g(X, u)g(Y, u) \\ + \frac{-\beta a^{2} - c\alpha(2a - tc)}{a^{2}(a - tc)^{2}}g(X, Pu)g(Y, Pu) \\ \widetilde{G}(X^{h}, Y^{v}) = 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta$  are differentiable real functions. From Theorem 5.1 we may state now the following result.

**Corollary 5.5.** There exists an infinite class of para-hyperhermitian structures on the tangent bundle of a paracomplex space form.

**Theorem 5.6.** Let M(k) be a paracomplex space form. Then the almost parahyperhermitian structure  $(\tilde{G}, H = (J_{\alpha})_{\alpha = \overline{1,3}})$  on TM defined by (23), (24), (25) and (37) is para-hyper-Kähler if and only if M is flat and

(38) 
$$a = C_1, \ \alpha = C_2, \ b = c = \beta = 0,$$

where  $C_1, C_2$  are real constants,  $C_1 \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* If M is flat and the relations (38) hold, then it is clear that  $(TM, \tilde{G}, H = (J_{\alpha})_{\alpha = \overline{1,3}})$  is a para-hyper-Kähler manifold.

Conversely, if  $(TM, \tilde{G}, H = (J_{\alpha})_{\alpha = \overline{1,3}})$  is a para-hyper-Kähler manifold then each  $J_{\alpha}$  is integrable and the fundamentals 2-forms  $\omega_{\alpha}$ , given by:

(39) 
$$\omega_{\alpha}(X,Y) = \widetilde{G}(J_{\alpha}X,Y),$$

for all vector fields X, Y on TM, are closed for all  $\alpha \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

For any vector fields A and B along  $\pi$ , satisfying  $g(A, id) = g(B, id) = g(A, P \circ id) = g(B, P \circ id) = 0$  on TM, using (7)-(12), we obtain:

(40)  

$$(d\omega_{1})(A^{h}, B^{v}, id^{v}) = A^{h}\widetilde{G}(J_{1}B^{v}, id^{v}) - B^{v}\widetilde{G}(J_{1}A^{h}, id^{v}) + id^{v}\widetilde{G}(J_{1}A^{h}, B^{v}) + \widetilde{G}(J_{1}id^{v}, [A^{h}, B^{v}]) - \widetilde{G}(J_{1}B^{v}, [A^{h}, id^{v}]) + \widetilde{G}(J_{1}A^{h}, [B^{v}, id^{v}]) = \left[2\left(\frac{\alpha}{a}\right)'t + \left(\frac{\alpha}{a} - \frac{\alpha + t\beta}{a + tb}\right)\right]g(X, Y)$$

and

$$(d\omega_{1})(A^{h}, B^{v}, (P \circ id)^{v}) = A^{h}\widetilde{G}(J_{1}B^{v}, (P \circ id)^{v}) - B^{v}\widetilde{G}(J_{1}A^{h}, (P \circ id)^{v}) + (P \circ id)^{v}\widetilde{G}(J_{1}A^{h}, B^{v}) + \widetilde{G}(J_{1}(P \circ id)^{v}, [A^{h}, B^{v}]) - \widetilde{G}(J_{1}B^{v}, [A^{h}, (P \circ id)^{v}]) + \widetilde{G}(J_{1}A^{h}, [B^{v}, (P \circ id)^{v}]) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{a} - \frac{\alpha + t\beta}{a - tc}\right)g(X, PY).$$

But, because  $\omega_1$  is closed, from (40) and (41) we obtain:

(42) 
$$\frac{\alpha}{a} = \frac{\alpha + t\beta}{a + tb} = \frac{\alpha + t\beta}{a - tc} = C,$$

where C is a real constant.

On another hand  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  being integrable, from Theorem 5.1 we deduce that the functions a, b, c also satisfy the conditions (26). The conclusion follows now easily since  $a, b, c, \alpha, \beta, \frac{1}{a}, \frac{b}{a(a+tb)}, \frac{c}{a(a-tc)}$  must be differentiable functions satisfying (26) and (42).

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