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# NEW EXAMPLES OF COMPACT COSYMPLECTIC SOLVMANIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we present new examples of (2n + 1)-dimensional compact cosymplectic manifolds which are not topologically equivalent to the canonical examples, i.e., to the product of the (2m + 1)-dimensional real torus and the r-dimensional complex projective space, with  $m, r \ge 0$  and m+r = n. These new examples are compact solvmanifolds and they are constructed as suspensions with fibre the 2n-dimensional real torus. In the particular case n = 1, using the examples obtained, we conclude that a 3-dimensional compact flat orientable Riemannian manifold with non-zero first Betti number admits a cosymplectic structure. Furthermore, if the first Betti number is equal to 1 then such a manifold is not topologically equivalent to the global product of a compact Kähler manifold with the circle  $S^1$ .

### 1. Introduction

It is well-known that the odd-dimensional counterpart of Kähler manifolds are cosymplectic manifolds. Let us recall that an almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on a manifold M is cosymplectic if it is integrable and the 1-form  $\eta$ and the fundamental 2-form of the structure are closed (see [1]).

The canonical example of compact cosymplectic manifold is given by the product of a compact Kähler manifold with the circle  $S^1$  (see [2]). Thus, the natural examples of (2n + 1)-dimensional compact cosymplectic manifolds are the products of the (2m + 1)-dimensional real torus  $\mathbb{T}^{2m+1}$  and the *r*-dimensional complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^r$ , with  $m, r \geq 0$  and m + r = n. In fact, a compact cosymplectic manifold has topological properties similar to the product of a compact Kähler manifold with the circle  $S^1$  (see [2] and [3]). In particular, in [5], the authors prove that a (2n + 1)-dimensional compact cosymplectic manifold with positive constant  $\varphi$ -sectional curvature is diffeomorphic to the product manifold  $\mathbb{C}P^n \times S^1$ .

However, in [3] the authors give an example of 3-dimensional compact cosymplectic manifold which is not topologically equivalent to a global product of a compact Kähler manifold with the circle  $S^1$ . This fact yields a good motivation for studying the cosymplectic manifolds.

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The purpose of this paper is to show some examples of (2n+1)-dimensional compact cosymplectic manifolds which are not topologically equivalent to the natural examples  $\mathbb{T}^{2m+1} \times \mathbb{C}P^r$ , with  $m, r \geq 0$  and m + r = n. These new examples are constructed as suspensions with fibre a compact Kähler manifold of representations defined by Hermitian isometries and, moreover, we have:

- (1) All the examples are compact solvmanifolds, that is, they are compact homogeneous spaces of the form  $\Gamma \setminus G$ , where G is a connected simply connected solvable non-nilpotent Lie group and  $\Gamma$  is a discrete cocompact subgroup.
- (2) Using the examples obtained we conclude that a 3-dimensional compact flat orientable Riemannian manifold with non-zero first Betti number admits a cosymplectic structure. Furthermore, if the first Betti number is equal to 1 then such a manifold is not topologically equivalent to the global product of a compact Kähler manifold with S<sup>1</sup>. In fact, the example given in [3] is a 3-dimensional compact flat cosymplectic manifold with first Betti number equal to 1.

All the manifolds considered in this paper are assumed to be connected and of class  $C^{\infty}$ .

### 2. Suspensions with fibre a compact Kähler manifold of representations defined by Hermitian isometries

Let  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be an almost contact metric structure on M. Then we have

 $\varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \qquad \eta(\xi) = 1, \qquad g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y),$ 

for  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , I being the identity transformation and  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  the Lie algebra of vector fields on M.

The fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  of M is defined by

$$\Phi(X,Y) = g(X,\varphi Y),$$

for  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . The almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be [1]: *integrable* if  $N_{\varphi} = 0, N_{\varphi}$  being the Nijenhuis tensor of  $\varphi$ ; *cosymplectic* if it is integrable and  $d\eta = 0, d\Phi = 0$ .

Now, let N be a 2n-dimensional compact Kähler manifold with Hermitian structure (J, h). Consider an Hermitian isometry  $f : N \to N$ , i.e., f is a diffeomorphism and

$$(2.1) f_* \circ J = J \circ f_* \quad , \quad f^*h = h.$$

We define the action A of  $\mathbb{Z}$  on the product manifold  $N \times \mathbb{R}$  by

(2.2) 
$$A(n, (x, z)) = (f^n(z), z - n),$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $(x, z) \in N \times \mathbb{R}$ . This action is free and properly discontinuous. Thus, the orbit space  $(N \times \mathbb{R})/A$  of the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -action is a (2n + 1)-dimensional compact manifold and the canonical projection  $p': N \times \mathbb{R} \to M$  is a covering map. Moreover, we can define a fibration  $\tau$  of M on  $S^1 = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  by  $\tau([(x, z)]) = [z]$ , for all  $(x, z) \in N \times \mathbb{R}$ . It is clear that the fibers of  $\tau$  are diffeomorphic to N.

Denote by  $\varrho : \mathbb{Z} \to Diff(N)$  the representation of  $\mathbb{Z}$  on the group of the diffeomorphisms of N, Diff(N), given by  $\varrho(k) = f^k$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then the manifold M is called the suspension with fibre N of the representation  $\varrho$  (see [4]).

Next, we shall obtain a cosymplectic structure on M (see [3]).

We consider on  $N \times I\!\!R$  the cosymplectic structure  $(\bar{\varphi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  given by

(2.3) 
$$\bar{\varphi} = J \circ (pr_1)_*, \quad \bar{\xi} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad \bar{\eta} = pr_2^*(dt), \quad \bar{g} = pr_1^*(h) + pr_2^*(dt^2),$$

where  $pr_1 : N \times \mathbb{R} \to N$  and  $pr_2 : N \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  are the canonical projections onto the first and second factor, respectively and t is the usual coordinate on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Since f is an Hermitian isometry, using (2.1), (2.2) and (2.3), we deduce that the cosymplectic structure  $(\bar{\varphi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  is invariant under the action A of  $\mathbb{Z}$  on  $N \times \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, it induces a cosymplectic structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on M (see [3]).

### Remark 2.1.

- (1) If the Hermitian isometry f is the identity then  $M = N \times S^1$  and  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is the usual cosymplectic structure on M.
- (2) If the Riemannian manifold (N, h) is flat then it is clear that the Riemannian manifold (M, g) is also flat.

### 3. The examples

In this Section, using the construction of Section 2, we shall obtain some examples of (2n+1)-dimensional compact cosymplectic solvmanifolds. For this purpose, we shall consider two Kähler structures on the 2n-dimensional real torus  $\mathbb{T}^{2n}$ .

**CASE A:** Let (J, h) be the natural Kähler structure on the 2*n*-dimensional real torus  $\mathbb{T}^{2n}$  given by

$$JX_i = -Y_i,$$
  $JY_i = X_i,$   $h = \sum_{j=1}^n (\alpha_j \otimes \alpha_j + \beta_j \otimes \beta_j),$ 

for all  $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ , where  $\{X_1, \ldots, X_n, Y_1, \ldots, Y_n\}$  is the canonical global basis of vector fields on  $\mathbb{T}^{2n}$  and  $\{\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n, \beta_1, \ldots, \beta_n\}$  is its dual basis of 1-forms.

**Case A1:** We consider the diffeomorphism  $\widetilde{f}_1 : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  defined by

 $\widetilde{f}_1(x_1,\ldots,x_n,y_1,\ldots,y_n)=(y_1,\ldots,y_n,-x_1,\ldots,-x_n),$ 

for all  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n, y_1, \ldots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . It is easy to prove that  $\widetilde{f}_1$  induces an Hermitian isometry  $f_1 : (\mathbb{T}^{2n}, J, h) \to (\mathbb{T}^{2n}, J, h)$ .

Suppose that  $M_1(n)$  is the suspension with fibre  $\mathbb{T}^{2n}$  of the representation  $\varrho_1 : \mathbb{Z} \to Diff(\mathbb{T}^{2n})$  given by  $\varrho_1(k) = (f_1)^k$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . A direct computation shows that the fundamental group of  $M_1(n), \pi_1(M_1(n))$ , is the semidirect product

(3.1) 
$$\pi_1(M_1(n)) = \mathbb{Z}^{2n} \times_{\psi_1} \mathbb{Z},$$

where  $\psi_1 : \mathbb{Z} \to Aut(\mathbb{Z}^{2n})$  is the homomorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}$  on the automorphism group of  $\mathbb{Z}^{2n}$ ,  $Aut(\mathbb{Z}^{2n})$ , defined by  $\psi_1(k) = ((\widetilde{f_1})_{|\mathbb{Z}^{2n}})^{-k}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

From (3.1), we deduce that the commutator subgroup  $[\pi_1(M_1(n)), \pi_1(M_1(n))]$ of  $\pi_1(M_1(n))$  is

$$[\pi_1(M_1(n)), \pi_1(M_1(n))] = = \{ (p_1, \dots, p_n, q_1, \dots, q_n, 0) \in \mathbb{Z}^{2n+1} / (p_1 + q_1, \dots, p_n + q_n) \in (2\mathbb{Z})^n \}.$$

This implies that the first integral homology group  $H_1(M_1(n), \mathbb{Z})$  is  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} \bigoplus_{j=1}^{n} \oplus_{j=1}^{n} \oplus_{j=1}^{$ 

Next, we shall describe the manifold  $M_1(n)$  as a compact solvmanifold.

For this purpose, we consider the vector field  $\widetilde{\zeta}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  defined by

(3.2) 
$$\widetilde{\zeta} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{3\pi}{2} \left( y_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} \right)$$

The vector field  $\tilde{\zeta}$  is an infinitesimal automorphism of the usual Kähler structure  $(\tilde{J}, \tilde{h})$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ , i.e.,  $\mathfrak{L}_{\tilde{\zeta}}\tilde{J} = 0$  and  $\mathfrak{L}_{\tilde{\zeta}}\tilde{h} = 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{L}$  being the Lie derivative operator on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . In fact, if  $\tilde{\psi} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{2n} \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  is the flow of  $\tilde{\zeta}$ , we have that

 $(3.3) \quad \widetilde{\psi}(z, (x_1, \ldots, x_n, y_1, \ldots, y_n)) =$ 

$$= \left(x_1 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}z\right) + y_1 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}z\right), \dots, x_n \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}z\right) + y_n \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}z\right), \\ y_1 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}z\right) - x_1 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}z\right), \dots, y_n \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}z\right) - x_n \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}z\right)\right)$$

Thus, the diffeomorphism

$$\widetilde{\psi}(1): I\!\!R^{2n} \to I\!\!R^{2n}$$

given by  $\widetilde{\psi}(1)(x_1,\ldots,x_n,y_1,\ldots,y_n) = \widetilde{\psi}(1,(x_1,\ldots,x_n,y_1,\ldots,y_n))$  is just the map  $\widetilde{f}_1^{-1}$ . Furthermore, if on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  we consider the structure of additive Lie group then, for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , the diffeomorphism  $\widetilde{\psi}(z) : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . Consequently, the map  $\widetilde{\psi}$  induces a Lie group homomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}$  into the automorphism group of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ ,  $Aut(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$ , which we also denote by  $\widetilde{\psi}$ .

Now, let  $\mathbb{R}^{2n} \times_{\widetilde{\psi}} \mathbb{R}$  be the semidirect product defined by the homomorphism  $\widetilde{\psi} : \mathbb{R} \to Aut(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$ . From (3.3), we deduce that a basis for the left invariant vector fields on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n} \times_{\widetilde{\psi}} \mathbb{R}$  is given by

$$X_{i} = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}z\right)\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} - \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}z\right)\frac{\partial}{\partial y_{i}}, \quad Y_{i} = \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}z\right)\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} + \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}z\right)\frac{\partial}{\partial y_{i}},$$
$$Z = \frac{\partial}{\partial z},$$

for all  $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$ . Then, for all  $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$ ,

(3.4) 
$$[X_i, Z] = \frac{3\pi}{2} Y_i, \qquad [Y_i, Z] = -\frac{3\pi}{2} X_i,$$

and the other brackets being zero. Using (3.4), we conclude that  $\mathbb{R}^{2n} \times_{\widetilde{\psi}} \mathbb{R}$  is a (2n+1)-dimensional simply connected solvable non-nilpotent Lie group.

On the other hand, since  $\widetilde{\psi}(k)_{|Z^{2n}} = \psi_1(k)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we obtain that the fundamental group  $\pi_1(M_1(n))$  of  $M_1(n)$  is a discrete subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n} \times_{\widetilde{\psi}} \mathbb{R}$ .

Finally, it is easy to prove that the compact solvmanifold  $\pi_1(M_1(n)) \setminus (\mathbb{R}^{2n} \times_{\widetilde{\psi}} \mathbb{R})$  is diffeomorphic to the suspension  $M_1(n)$ .

**Case A2:** Now, we consider the diffeomorphism  $\widetilde{f}_2 : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  defined by

$$\widehat{f}_2(x_1,...,x_n,y_1,...,y_n) = (-x_1,...,-x_n,-y_1,...,-y_n),$$

for all  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n, y_1, \ldots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . Then, the diffeomorphim  $\widetilde{f}_2$  induces an Hermitian isometry  $f_2: (\mathbb{T}^{2n}, J, h) \to (\mathbb{T}^{2n}, J, h)$ .

We denote by  $M_2(n)$  the suspension with fibre  $\mathbb{T}^{2n}$  of the representation  $\varrho_2$ :  $\mathbb{Z} \to Diff(\mathbb{T}^{2n})$  given by  $\varrho_2(k) = (f_2)^k$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The fundamental group of  $M_2(n), \pi_1(M_2(n))$ , is the semidirect product

(3.5) 
$$\pi_1(M_2(n)) = \mathbb{Z}^{2n} \times_{\psi_2} \mathbb{Z},$$

where  $\psi_2 : \mathbb{Z} \to Aut(\mathbb{Z}^{2n})$  is the homomorphism defined by  $\psi_2(k) = ((\widetilde{f_2})_{|Z^{2n}})^{-k}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

From (3.5), we deduce that the commutator subgroup of  $\pi_1(M_2(n))$  is

$$[\pi_1(M_2(n)), \pi_1(M_2(n))] = (2\mathbb{Z})^{2n} \times \{0\}$$

and the first integral homology group  $H_1(M_2(n), \mathbb{Z})$  is  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \stackrel{2n)}{\cdots} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

Using the vector field  $2\tilde{\zeta}$  (see (3.2)) and the fact that  $f_2 = (f_1)^2$ , by a similar device to used for the manifold  $M_1(n)$ , we obtain that  $M_2(n)$  is also a compact solvmanifold.

**CASE B:** Let  $\{X_1, \ldots, X_n, Y_1, \ldots, Y_n\}$  be the canonical global basis of vector fields on  $\mathbb{T}^{2n}$  and  $\{\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n, \beta_1, \ldots, \beta_n\}$  its dual basis of 1-forms. Denote by  $\alpha'_i$  and  $\beta'_i$  the 1-forms on  $\mathbb{T}^{2n}$  given by

$$\alpha'_i = \alpha_i + \cos\frac{\pi}{3}\beta_i, \qquad \qquad \beta'_i = -\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\beta_i,$$

for all  $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ . If  $\{X'_1, \ldots, X'_n, Y'_1, \ldots, Y'_n\}$  is the dual basis of vector fields of the basis of 1-forms  $\{\alpha'_1, \ldots, \alpha'_n, \beta'_1, \ldots, \beta'_n\}$  then we consider on  $\mathbb{T}^{2n}$  the Kähler structure (J', h') defined by

$$J'X'_i = -Y'_i, \qquad J'Y'_i = X'_i, \qquad h' = \sum_{j=1}^n (\alpha'_j \otimes \alpha'_j + \beta'_j \otimes \beta'_j).$$

**Case B1:** The diffeomorphism  $\widetilde{f'_1} : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  defined by

$$f'_1(x_1,\ldots,x_n,y_1,\ldots,y_n) = (-y_1,\ldots,-y_n,x_1+y_1,\ldots,x_n+y_n),$$

for all  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n, y_1, \ldots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ , induces an Hermitian isometry  $f'_1 : (\mathbb{T}^{2n}, J', h') \rightarrow (\mathbb{T}^{2n}, J', h')$ .

Denote by  $M'_1(n)$  the suspension with fibre  $\mathbb{T}^{2n}$  of the representation  $\varrho'_1 : \mathbb{Z} \to Diff(\mathbb{T}^{2n})$  given by  $\varrho'_1(k) = (f'_1)^k$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We have that the fundamental group of  $M'_1(n), \pi_1(M'_1(n))$ , is the semidirect product

(3.6) 
$$\pi_1(M_1'(n)) = \mathbb{Z}^{2n} \times_{\psi_1'} \mathbb{Z},$$

where  $\psi'_1 : \mathbb{Z} \to Aut(\mathbb{Z}^{2n})$  is the homomorphism defined by  $\psi'_1(k) = ((\widetilde{f'_1})_{|Z^{2n}})^{-k}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

From (3.6), we deduce that the commutator subgroup of  $\pi_1(M'_1(n))$  is

$$[\pi_1(M'_1(n)), \pi_1(M'_1(n))] = \mathbb{Z}^{2n} \times \{0\}.$$

This implies that the first integral homology group  $H_1(M'_1(n), \mathbb{Z})$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Next, we shall describe the manifold  $M'_1(n)$  as a compact solvmanifold.

Let  $(\widetilde{J}', \widetilde{h}')$  be the induced Kähler structure on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  by the Kähler structure (J', h') of  $\mathbb{T}^{2n} = \mathbb{R}^{2n}/\mathbb{Z}^{2n}$ . Then, the vector field  $\widetilde{\zeta}'$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  given by

(3.7) 
$$\widetilde{\zeta}' = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \left( \left( \frac{4}{3} y_i + \frac{2}{3} x_i \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - \left( \frac{4}{3} x_i + \frac{2}{3} y_i \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} \right)$$

in an infinitesimal automorphism of the structure  $(\widetilde{J'}, \widetilde{h'})$ . In fact, if  $\widetilde{\psi'} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{2n} \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  is the flow of  $\widetilde{\zeta'}$  we have that

(3.8) 
$$\widetilde{\psi}'(z, (x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n)) =$$
  
=  $(x_1\theta(z+1) + y_1\theta(z), \dots, x_n\theta(z+1) + y_n\theta(z),$   
 $- x_1\theta(z) - y_1\theta(z-1), \dots, -x_n\theta(z) - y_n\theta(z-1))$ 

where  $\theta : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is the map defined by  $\theta(z) = \frac{4}{3} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \sin(\frac{\pi}{3}z)$ , for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus, the diffeomorphism

$$\widetilde{\psi}'(1): I\!\!R^{2n} \to I\!\!R^{2n}$$

given by  $\tilde{\psi}'(1)(x_1,\ldots,x_n,y_1,\ldots,y_n) = \tilde{\psi}'(1,(x_1,\ldots,x_n,y_1,\ldots,y_n))$  is just the map  $(\tilde{f}'_1)^{-1}$ . Moreover, for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , the diffeomorphism  $\tilde{\psi}'(z) : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . Consequently, the map  $\tilde{\psi}'$  induces a Lie group homomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}$  into the automorphism group of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ ,  $Aut(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$ , which we also denote by  $\tilde{\psi}'$ .

Now, let  $\mathbb{R}^{2n} \times_{\widetilde{\psi}'} \mathbb{R}$  be the semidirect product defined by the homomorphism  $\widetilde{\psi}' : \mathbb{R} \to Aut(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$ . From (3.8), we deduce that a basis for the left invariant vector fields is given by

$$X'_{i} = \theta(z+1)\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} - \theta(z)\frac{\partial}{\partial y_{i}}, \quad Y'_{i} = \theta(z)\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} - \theta(z-1)\frac{\partial}{\partial y_{i}}, \quad Z' = \frac{\partial}{\partial z},$$

for all  $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$ . Then, for all  $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$ ,

(3.9) 
$$[X'_i, Z'] = \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} (\frac{4}{3}Y'_i - \frac{2}{3}X'_i), \qquad [Y'_i, Z'] = \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} (\frac{2}{3}Y'_i - \frac{4}{3}X'_i),$$

and the other brackets being zero. Using (3.9), we conclude that  $\mathbb{R}^{2n} \times_{\widetilde{\psi}'} \mathbb{R}$  is a (2n + 1)-dimensional simply connected solvable non-nilpotent Lie group.

On the other hand, since  $\widetilde{\psi}'(k)|_{Z^{2n}} = \psi'_1(k)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we obtain that the fundamental group  $\pi_1(M'_1(n))$  of  $M'_1(n)$  is a discrete subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n} \times_{\widetilde{\psi}'} \mathbb{R}$ .

Finally, it is easy to prove that the compact solvmanifold  $\pi_1(M'_1(n)) \setminus (\mathbb{R}^{2n} \times_{\widetilde{\psi}'} \mathbb{R})$  is diffeomorphic to the suspension  $M'_1(n)$ .

**Case B2:** We consider the diffeomorphism  $\widetilde{f}'_2 : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  defined by

$$\widetilde{f}_2'(x_1,\ldots,x_n,y_1,\ldots,y_n)=(-x_1-y_1,\ldots,-x_n-y_n,x_1,\ldots,x_n),$$

for all  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n, y_1, \ldots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . Then, the diffeomorphism  $\widetilde{f'_2}$  induces an Hermitian isometry  $f'_2: (\mathbb{T}^{2n}, J', h') \to (\mathbb{T}^{2n}, J', h')$ .

We denote by  $M'_2(n)$  the suspension with fibre  $\mathbb{T}^{2n}$  of the representation  $\varrho'_2$ :  $\mathbb{Z} \to Diff(\mathbb{T}^{2n})$  given by  $\varrho'_2(k) = (f'_2)^k$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The fundamental group of  $M'_2(n)$ ,  $\pi_1(M'_2(n))$ , is the semidirect product

(3.10) 
$$\pi_1(M'_2(n)) = \mathbb{Z}^{2n} \times_{\psi'_2} \mathbb{Z},$$

where  $\psi'_2 : \mathbb{Z} \to Aut(\mathbb{Z}^{2n})$  is the homomorphism defined by  $\psi'_2(k) = ((\widetilde{f'_2})|_{Z^{2n}})^{-k}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

From (3.10), we deduce that the commutator subgroup of  $\pi_1(M'_2(n))$  is

$$[\pi_1(M'_2(n)), \pi_1(M'_2(n))] =$$
  
= { $(p_1, \dots, p_n, q_1, \dots, q_n, 0) \in \mathbb{Z}^{2n+1}/(p_1 - q_1, \dots, p_n - q_n) \in (3\mathbb{Z})^n$ }

Thus, the first integral homology group  $H_1(M'_2(n), \mathbb{Z})$  is  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \stackrel{n)}{\cdots} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3$ .

Similarly to the case B1, since  $f'_2 = (f'_1)^2$ , if we consider the vector field  $2\tilde{\zeta}'$  (see (3.7)) on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ , we obtain that  $M'_2(n)$  is also a compact solvmanifold.

From (3.1), (3.5), (3.6) and (3.10), we deduce that the fundamental group of the manifolds  $M_i(n)$ ,  $M'_i(n)$  (i = 1, 2) is not abelian. Therefore, using Remark 2.1 and the results obtained in this Section, we conclude that

**Theorem 3.1.** The manifolds  $M_1(n), M_2(n), M'_1(n)$  and  $M'_2(n)$  are (2n + 1)-dimensional compact flat cosymplectic solvmanifolds which are not topologically equivalent to the compact cosymplectic manifolds  $\mathbb{T}^{2m+1} \times \mathbb{C}P^r$ , with  $m, r \geq 0$  and m + r = n.

Moreover, in the particular case n = 1, we have

**Theorem 3.2.** Let M be a 3-dimensional compact flat orientable Riemannian manifold and  $b_1(M)$  its first Betti number.

- i) If  $b_1(M) \neq 0$  then M admits a cosymplectic structure.
- ii) If  $b_1(M) = 1$  then M is not topologically equivalent to the global product of a compact Kähler manifold with  $S^1$ .

**Proof.** Two 3-dimensional compact flat orientable Riemannian manifolds are diffeomorphic if their first integral homology groups are isomorphic (see [6]). Moreover, if M is a 3-dimensional compact flat orientable Riemannian manifold and  $b_1(M) \neq 0$  then the first integral homology group of M is  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3$  or  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  (see [6]). Consequently, M is either diffeomorphic to  $M_1(1)$ , or to  $M_2(1)$ , or to  $M'_1(1)$ , or to  $M'_2(1)$ , or to the 3-dimensional real torus  $\mathbb{T}^3$ . This implies that M admits a cosymplectic structure (see Theorem 3.1), which proves i).

Now, if  $b_1(M) = 1$  then M is either diffeomorphic to  $M_1(1)$ , or to  $M_2(1)$ , or to  $M'_1(1)$ , or to  $M'_2(1)$ . Thus, if M is homeomorphic to the global product of a 2-dimensional compact Kähler manifold N with  $S^1$  then the first Betti number of N is zero. Hence N would be diffeomorphic to the 2-dimensional unit sphere  $S^2$ which yields a contradiction with the fact that the fundamental group of M is not abelian (see (3.1), (3.5), (3.6) and (3.10)).

### Remark 3.1.

- (1) If M is a compact cosymplectic manifold and  $b_p(M)$  is the  $p^{th}$  Betti number of  $M, 0 \leq p \leq dimM$ , then  $b_p(M) \neq 0$  (see [2] and [3]). In particular,  $b_1(M) \neq 0$ .
- (2) In [3], the authors obtain an example of 3-dimensional compact cosymplectic manifold which is not topologically equivalent to the global product of a compact Kähler manifold with  $S^1$ . Such a manifold is just the 3-dimensional compact flat cosymplectic solvmanifold  $M_1(1)$ .

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