

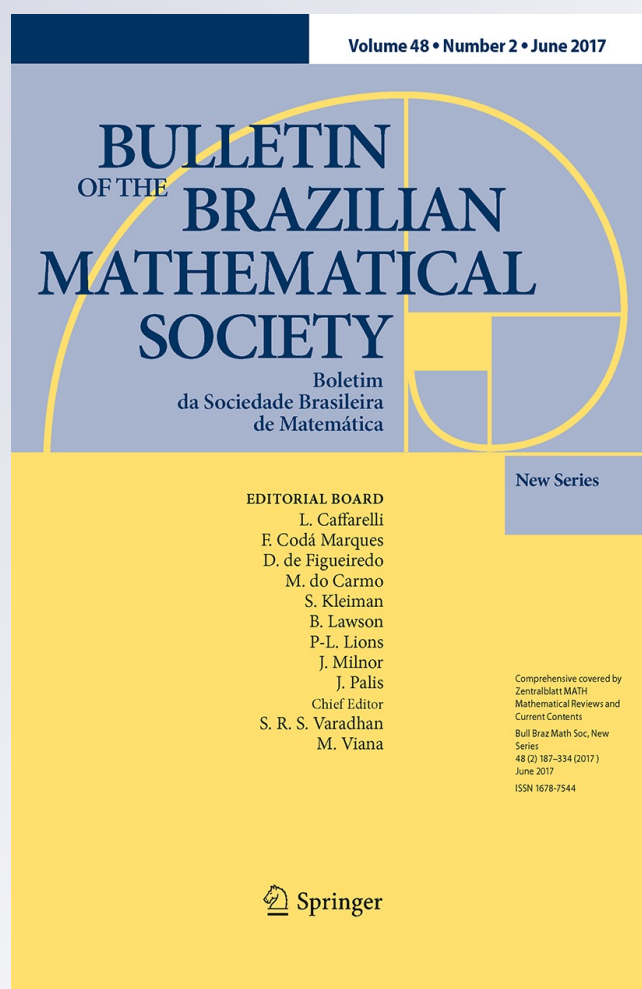
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**Abstract** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a complex foliation by Riemann surfaces defined by a trivial (in the differentiable sense) fibration  $\pi : M \rightarrow B$  but for which the complex structure on each fibre  $\pi^{-1}(t)$  may depend on  $t$ . Let  $\sigma : B \rightarrow M$  be a section of  $\pi$  contained in a  $\mathcal{F}$ -relatively compact subset of  $M$ . We prove: for any  $\mathcal{F}$ -relatively compact open set  $U$  containing  $\Sigma = \sigma(B)$  and any integer  $s \geq 0$ , there exists a function  $U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  of class  $C^s$  nonconstant on any leaf of  $(U, \mathcal{F})$ , meromorphic along the leaves and whose set of poles is exactly  $\Sigma$ .

**Keywords** Complex foliation · Leafwise · Dolbeault cohomology ·  $\mathcal{F}$ -meromorphic function

## 1 Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be a differentiable manifold of dimension  $2m + n$  endowed with a dimension  $2m$  orientable foliation  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Definition 1.1** We say that  $\mathcal{F}$  is *complex* if it can be defined by an open cover  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}$  of  $M$  and diffeomorphisms  $\phi_i : \Omega_i \times \mathcal{O}_i \rightarrow U_i$  (where  $\Omega_i$  is an open polydisc in  $\mathbb{C}^m$  and  $\mathcal{O}_i$  is an open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) such that, for any pair  $(i, j)$  with  $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$ , the coordinate change  $\phi_{ij} = \phi_j^{-1} \circ \phi_i : \phi_i^{-1}(U_i \cap U_j) \rightarrow \phi_j^{-1}(U_i \cap U_j)$  is of the form  $(z', t') = \left( \phi_{ij}^1(z, t), \phi_{ij}^2(t) \right)$  with  $\phi_{ij}^1(z, t)$  holomorphic in  $z$  for  $t$  fixed.

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An open set  $U$  of  $M$  like one of the cover  $\mathcal{U}$  in Definition 1.1 is called *adapted* to the foliation. Any leaf of  $\mathcal{F}$  is a complex manifold of dimension  $m$ . The notion of complex foliation is a natural generalization of the notion of holomorphic foliation on a complex manifold. A manifold  $M$  with a complex foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  will be denoted  $(M, \mathcal{F})$ .

Let  $(M, \mathcal{F})$  and  $(M', \mathcal{F}')$  be two complex foliations. A *morphism* from  $(M, \mathcal{F})$  to  $(M', \mathcal{F}')$  is a differentiable map  $f : M \rightarrow M'$  which sends every leaf  $F$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  into a leaf  $F'$  of  $\mathcal{F}'$  such that the restriction map  $F \xrightarrow{f} F'$  is holomorphic.

We say that a morphism  $f : (M, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow (M', \mathcal{F}')$  is an *isomorphism* of complex foliations (*automorphism* of  $(M, \mathcal{F})$ ) if  $(M, \mathcal{F}) = (M', \mathcal{F}')$  if  $f$  is a diffeomorphism whose restriction to any leaf  $F \rightarrow F'$  [where  $F' = f(F)$ ] is a biholomorphism. We say that two complex foliations  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}'$  on  $M$  are *conjugated* if there exists an isomorphism  $f : (M, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow (M, \mathcal{F}')$ . Automorphisms of  $\mathcal{F}$  form a group denoted  $G(\mathcal{F})$ .

### 1.2 Examples

- i) Any complex manifold  $M$  of dimension  $m$  is a complex foliation of dimension  $m$ . Its automorphism group is exactly the automorphism group of the complex manifold  $M$ .
- ii) Any holomorphic foliation (on a complex manifold  $M$ ) is a complex foliation.
- iii) Let  $B$  be a differentiable manifold and  $M$  an open set of  $\mathbb{C}^m \times B$ . For  $t \in B$ ,  $M_t = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^m : (z, t) \in M\}$  is an open set of  $\mathbb{C}^m$  called the *section* of  $M$  along  $t$ . The connected components of the sections of  $M$  are leaves of a complex foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  of dimension  $m$  called the complex *canonical* foliation of  $M$ .
- iv) Let  $F$  be a complex manifold and  $B$  a differentiable one. Any locally trivial fibration  $F \hookrightarrow M \rightarrow B$  whose cocycle takes values in the complex automorphism group  $\text{Aut}(F)$  of  $F$  is a complex foliation, the fibres being the leaves. If the fibration is trivial *i.e.*  $M = F \times B$ , we say that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a *complex product foliation*. In that case all the leaves are holomorphically equivalent. Suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a complex foliation on  $M = F \times B$  whose leaves are the factors  $F \times \{t\}$  but the complex structure may depend on  $t$ ; then we say that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a *differentiable product*.
- v) Let  $\rho_1 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\rho_2 : \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be functions of class  $C^1$  satisfying the following conditions:
  - $\rho_1(-t) = \rho_1(t)$  and  $\rho_2(-t) = \rho_2(t)$ ;
  - $\rho_1(1) = 0$  and  $\rho_1 < 0$  on  $] -1, +1[$ ;
  - $\rho_1$  is strictly increasing on  $[1, +\infty[$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \rho_1(t) = 1$ ;
  - $\rho_2$  is strictly decreasing on  $]0, +\infty[$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \rho_2(t) = 1$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +0+} \rho_2(t) = +\infty$ .

Let  $M$  be the open set of  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $M = \{(z, t) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R} : \rho_1(t) < |z| < \rho_2(t)\}$  equipped with its canonical complex foliation  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then the leaves are:  $\mathbb{C}$  if  $t = 0$ , open discs for  $t \neq 0$  and  $|t| < 1$ , two punctured discs if  $|t| = 1$  and the others are annulus.

On the open set  $N = \{(z, t) \in M : t > 1\}$  the complex foliation  $\mathcal{F}_N$  is a differentiable product. Two leaves are never isomorphic; each one has a complex structure coded by the ratio  $\varepsilon(t) = \frac{\rho_2(t)}{\rho_1(t)}$ . Since  $\varepsilon(t) \neq \varepsilon(t')$  for  $t \neq t'$ , any automorphism of  $\mathcal{F}_N$  must be the identity on the transversal. Then the automorphism group  $G(\mathcal{F}_N)$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  is generated by the group  $C^\infty(]1, +\infty[, \mathbb{S}^1)$  and the map  $(z, t) \mapsto \left(\frac{\rho_1(t)\rho_2(t)}{z}, t\right)$  which preserves each annulus.

**Question 1.3** *Does the odd sphere  $\mathbb{S}^{2n+1}$  support a codimension one complex foliation?*

Of course, yes for  $\mathbb{S}^3$  (any orientable foliation by surfaces is a complex one). In higher dimension I already asked this question in 1995 during a lecture I gave in the seminar *Géométrie dynamique* at Université de Lille 1. A construction of such foliation on the sphere  $\mathbb{S}^5$  was announced by [Meersseman and Verjovsky \(2002\)](#). But recently they have discovered that the manifold supporting this foliation is in fact a bundle over the circle with fibre a projective Fermat surface [cf. [Meersseman and Verjovsky \(2011\)](#)]. Even the authors have failed to answer the question for  $\mathbb{S}^5$  their example is highly non trivial and interesting. But the question now remains open.

## 2 The $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}$ -Cohomology

Let  $(M, \mathcal{F})$  be a complex foliation of dimension  $m$ . Let  $A^{p,q}(\mathcal{F})$  be the space of foliated differential forms of type  $(p, q)$  that is, differential forms on  $M$  which can be written in local coordinates adapted to the foliation  $(z, t) = (z_1, \dots, z_m, t_1, \dots, t_n)$  (the foliation is defined by the differential system  $dt_1 = \dots = dt_n = 0$ ):

$$\alpha = \sum \alpha_{j_1 \dots j_p k_1 \dots k_q}(z, t) dz_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{j_p} \wedge d\bar{z}_{k_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\bar{z}_{k_q}$$

where the coefficients  $\alpha_{j_1 \dots j_p k_1 \dots k_q}$  are functions of class  $C^s$  and  $C^\infty$  along the leaves (with  $s \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ ). Let  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}} : A^{p,q}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow A^{p,q+1}(\mathcal{F})$  be the Cauchy-Riemann operator along the leaves defined by:

$$\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}\alpha = \sum \left( \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\partial \alpha_{j_1 \dots j_p k_1 \dots k_q}}{\partial \bar{z}_k}(z, t) d\bar{z}_k \wedge dz_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{j_p} \wedge d\bar{z}_{k_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\bar{z}_{k_q} \right)$$

where  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_k} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \right\}$  with  $z_k = x_k + iy_k$ . It satisfies  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}^2 = 0$ , hence we have a differential complex  $0 \rightarrow A^{p,0}(\mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}} A^{p,1}(\mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}} \dots \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}} A^{p,m-1}(\mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}} A^{p,m}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow 0$  called the  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}$ -complex of  $(M, \mathcal{F})$ ; its homology  $H_{\mathcal{F}}^{p,q}(M)$  is called the *foliated Dolbeault cohomology* (or the  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}$ -cohomology) of the complex foliation  $(M, \mathcal{F})$ . It is locally trivial *i.e.* we have a:

**Lemma 2.1** *Foliated Dolbeault–Grothendieck Lemma. Let  $x \in M$ . Then there exists an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  adapted to the foliation such that, for every  $p = 0, \dots, m$ ,  $H_{\mathcal{F}}^{p,q}(U) = 0$  for  $q \geq 1$ .*

The proof is a straightforward adaptation to the parametric case of the classical one.

One can describe the cohomology  $H_{\mathcal{F}}^{p*}(M)$  by using a sheaf which is analogous to the sheaf of germs of holomorphic  $p$ -forms on a complex manifold. A  $p$ -form  $\alpha$  is said to be  $\mathcal{F}$ -holomorphic, if it is foliated, of type  $(p, 0)$  and satisfies  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}\alpha = 0$ . Locally, a  $\mathcal{F}$ -holomorphic  $p$ -form can be written:  $\alpha = \sum \alpha_{j_1 \dots j_p}(z, t) dz_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{j_p}$  with  $\alpha_{j_1 \dots j_p}$  holomorphic on  $z$ .

Let  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^p$  be the sheaf of germs of  $\mathcal{F}$ -holomorphic  $p$ -forms on  $M$  and  $\mathcal{A}^{p,q}(\mathcal{F})$  be the sheaf of germs of differential forms of type  $(p, q)$  on  $\mathcal{F}$ ;  $\mathcal{A}^{p,q}(\mathcal{F})$  is a fine sheaf. Lemma 2.1 implies the:

**Proposition 2.2** *The sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^p \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}^{p,0}(\mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}} \dots \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}} \mathcal{A}^{p,m}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow 0$  is a fine resolution of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^p$ . So we have  $H^q(M, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^p) = H_{\mathcal{F}}^{p,q}(M)$ , for  $p, q = 0, 1, \dots, m$ .*

If  $n \geq 1$ , this resolution is not elliptic; it is only elliptic along the leaves. Hence the cohomology  $H^*(M, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^p)$  is not necessarily finite dimensional even if the manifold  $M$  is compact.

Any isomorphism of complex foliations  $(M, \mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{f} (M', \mathcal{F}')$  induces an isomorphism  $f^* : H^*(M', \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}'}^p) \rightarrow H^*(M, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^p)$ . In particular  $H^*(M, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^p)$  depends only on the complex conjugacy class of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

For  $p = 0$ , we denote  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}$  the sheaf  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^0$ ; its sections over an open set  $U$  of  $M$  are  $\mathcal{F}$ -holomorphic functions on  $U$ ; they form a complex vector space which we will denote by  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^0(U)$  and simply  $\mathcal{H}(U)$  in case the codimension of  $\mathcal{F}$  is zero, that is,  $M$  is a complex manifold and the foliation has just one leaf,  $M$  itself.

Let  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . An open set  $U$  of  $M$  (with the induced foliation) is said to be  $p$ -acyclic, if  $H^q(U, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^p) = 0$  for any  $q \geq 1$ . An open cover  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}$  is  $p$ -acyclic if, for any multi-index  $(i_0, \dots, i_k)$  of  $I$ , the open set  $U_{i_0 \dots i_k} = U_{i_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_k}$  is  $p$ -acyclic. We can easily see by Lemma 2.1 that such open cover exists and, in addition, can be chosen locally finite. By Leray's Theorem (cf. [Gm]),  $H^*(M, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^p) = H^*(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^p)$  for any locally finite  $p$ -acyclic open cover  $\mathcal{U}$ .

We have two ways for computing the  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}$ -cohomology of  $\mathcal{F}$ : using foliated differential forms of type  $(p, q)$  and the  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}$  operator or a locally finite  $p$ -acyclic open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  adapted to the foliation and Čech method. Both of the two points of view will be interesting for our purpose.

Let us start with a simple example. Let  $F$  be a complex manifold of dimension  $m$  and  $B$  a differentiable manifold. We denote by  $C^s(B)$  the complex vector space of complex  $C^s$  (with  $s \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ ) functions on  $B$ . The following proposition is easy to prove.

**Proposition 2.3** *Suppose that the complex foliation is defined by a locally trivial fibration  $F \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\pi} B$  (the cocycle is with values in the biholomorphism group of the complex manifold  $F$ ). Then:*

$$H_{\mathcal{F}}^{p*}(M) = H^{p*}(F) \otimes C^s(B)$$

where  $H^{p*}(F)$  is the Dolbeault cohomology of the complex manifold  $F$ . In particular,  $H_{\mathcal{F}}^{p*}(M) = 0$  for  $* \geq 1$  if the fibre  $F$  is a Stein manifold.

### 2.4 Open Questions

Some questions inspired by the classical complex analysis are natural. Let  $M$  be a differentiable manifold with a complex foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  of dimension  $m$ .

Question 1. Suppose that every leaf is closed (in the topological sense as a subset of  $M$ ) and Stein that is, it can be embedded in some  $\mathbb{C}^N$ . Is  $H_{\mathcal{F}}^{0q}(M) = 0$  for  $q \geq 1$ ?

A weak version of this question is obtained by imposing an extra hypothesis on the foliated manifold  $(M, \mathcal{F})$ .

Question 2. Suppose that every leaf is closed and Stein and that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a complete Riemannian foliation (the normal bundle  $TM/T\mathcal{F}$  admits a Riemannian metric invariant along the leaves). Is  $H_{\mathcal{F}}^{0q}(M) = 0$  for  $q \geq 1$ ?

In fact, by a localization procedure, question 2 can be reduced essentially to the following one.

Question 3. Suppose that  $M$  is a differentiable product  $F \times B$  where  $F$  is a Stein manifold and  $B$  is a ball of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; each leaf  $F \times \{t\}$  is diffeomorphic to  $F$  but has a complex structure which may depend on  $t \in B$  and is Stein. Is  $H_{\mathcal{F}}^{0q}(M) = 0$  for  $q \geq 1$ ?

For a study of foliated Dolbeault cohomology and its explicit calculus on some complex foliations with a more complicated dynamics see [El Kacimi Alaoui and Slimène \(2010\)](#). Also results on the  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem along the leaves can be found for instance in [Gigante and Tomassini \(1995\)](#).

### 2.5 Zeros and Poles

Suppose that the dimension of  $\mathcal{F}$  is 1 that is, the leaves are Riemann surfaces. Let  $U$  be an open set of  $M$  with the induced complex foliation  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Let  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a  $\mathcal{F}$ -holomorphic function and let  $Z$  be the set of its zeros. The restriction of  $f$  to any leaf  $F$  is a holomorphic function; then, if  $f : F \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is not identically zero,  $Z \cap F$  is a discrete set of  $F$ . So in a neighborhood of a point of  $Z \cap F$  where  $f$  does not vanish identically,  $Z \cap F$  is ‘transverse’ to  $F$ .

We say that a function  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -meromorphic, if its restriction to any leaf is a meromorphic function. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the set of poles of  $f$ ; then, similarly to the case of zeros, the intersection of  $\mathcal{P}$  with any leaf is a discrete set of  $F$  [see [El Kacimi Alaoui \(2010\)](#)].

### 2.6 Statement of the Main Result

From now on  $\mathcal{F}$  will be a complex foliation by Riemann surfaces on a differentiable manifold  $M$ .

**Main Theorem.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is defined by a differentiable trivial fibration  $\pi : M \rightarrow B$ . Let  $\Sigma : B \rightarrow M$  be a section of  $\pi$  contained in a  $\mathcal{F}$ -relatively compact subset of  $M$ . Then for any relatively compact open set  $U$  containing  $\Sigma = \sigma(B)$  and any integer  $s \geq 0$ , there exists a function  $U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  of class  $C^s$  nonconstant on any leaf of  $(U, \mathcal{F})$ , meromorphic along the leaves and whose set of poles is exactly  $\Sigma$ .

This result is a weak parametric version of Mittag–Leffler Theorem. A strong version was already established in [El Kacimi Alaoui \(2010\)](#) in case the leaves are noncompact, simply connected or with  $\mathbb{Z}$  as common fundamental group.

The remaining part of the paper will be devoted to the proof of the Main Theorem stated above. It will result in a series of lemmas and propositions for which some of our proofs are inspired from methods developed in [Forster \(1981\)](#). The main difficulty here is the control step by step of the transverse regularity and this is far to be a trivial job.

Without lost of generality we may suppose that  $n = 1$  and  $B$  is an open interval  $I$  of the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  (containing the origin) or the circle  $\mathbb{S}^1$ . We choose to treat the case  $B = I$ . All leaves are noncompact and diffeomorphic. Let  $M_0$  be a leaf of  $\mathcal{F}$ ; there exists a diffeomorphism  $\Phi : M \rightarrow M_0 \times I$  such that, for any  $t \in I$ ,  $M_t = \Phi^{-1}(M_0 \times \{t\})$  is a leaf of  $\mathcal{F}$  that is, if  $M_0 \times I$  is equipped with the foliation  $\mathcal{F}_0$  whose leaves are  $M_0 \times \{t\}$  with  $t \in I$ , the two foliated manifolds  $(M, \mathcal{F})$  and  $(M_0 \times I, \mathcal{F}_0)$  are differentiably isomorphic.

A  $\mathcal{F}$ -open set (resp. a  $\mathcal{F}$ -closed set) of  $M$  is an open set of the type  $U_0 \times I$  (resp. a closed set of the type  $F_0 \times I$ ) where  $U_0$  is open in  $M_0$  (resp.  $F_0$  is closed in  $M_0$ ). A  $\mathcal{F}$ -open cover is a cover of  $M$  by  $\mathcal{F}$ -open sets. The unions and finite intersections of  $\mathcal{F}$ -open sets are also  $\mathcal{F}$ -open sets. A subset  $E$  of  $M$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -connected if, for any  $t \in I$ ,  $E_t$  is connected; it is  $\mathcal{F}$ -compact (resp.  $\mathcal{F}$ -relatively compact) if there exists a compact (resp. relatively compact) set  $K_0$  of  $M_0$  such that  $E \subset K_0 \times I$ . Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}$  and  $\mathcal{V} = \{V_i\}$  two  $\mathcal{F}$ -open covers indexed by the same set; the notation  $\mathcal{V} \ll \mathcal{U}$  means that, for any  $i$ ,  $V_i$  is contained in  $U_i$  and is  $\mathcal{F}$ -relatively compact in this set.

Let  $\Gamma$  denote the common fundamental group of the leaves. The case where  $\Gamma$  is trivial or isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$  was studied in [El Kacimi Alaoui \(2010\)](#). So we will suppose that  $\Gamma$  is non Abelian; then the universal covering of each leaf is the upper half plane  $\mathbb{H} = \{z = x + iy : y > 0\}$ . If  $E$  is a subset of  $M$ ,  $E_t$  will be its intersection with  $M_t$ .

### 3 Spaces of $\mathcal{F}$ -Holomorphic Functions

Let  $U \subset \mathbb{C} \times I$  be an  $\mathcal{F}$ -open set and  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^s(U)$  be the space of functions  $U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  of class  $C^s$  and  $\mathcal{F}$ -holomorphic; the space of basic functions (constant on the leaves) is a subspace of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^s(U)$  and is canonically isomorphic to the space  $C^s(I)$  of functions of class  $C^s$  on the interval  $I$ . For any function  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^s(U)$ , any measurable subset  $E \subset U$ , any  $t \in I$  and  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, s\}$ , we set:

$$J_k(f, E_t) = \left( \int_{E_t} \left| \frac{\partial^k f}{\partial t^k} \right|^2 dzd\bar{z} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and:

$$N_k(f, E) = \sup_{(z,t) \in E} \left| \frac{\partial^k f}{\partial t^k}(z, t) \right|.$$



We denote by  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  the space of functions  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^s(U)$  such that, for any  $k = 0, \dots, s$ :

$$\sup_{t \in I} J_k(f, U_t) < +\infty$$

We equip this space with the norm:

$$\|f\|_{2,U}^s = \max_{k=0,\dots,s} \left\{ \sup_{t \in I} J_k(f, U_t) \right\}$$

for which it will be complete as we shall show.

Now, we consider the functions  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^s(U)$  satisfying the condition:

$$N_k(f, U) < +\infty$$

for any  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, s\}$ . These functions form a vector space  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}(U)$  which can be equipped with the norm:

$$\|f\|_{\infty,U}^s = \max_{k=0,\dots,s} N_k(f, U).$$

By the usual methods one can easily prove that it is complete.

One can observe that, if the measures of the  $U_t$  are uniformly bounded, we have  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}(U) \subset \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$ .

The space  $\mathcal{B}^s$  of basic functions of class  $C^s$  whose derivatives up to the order  $s$  are bounded equipped with the norm:

$$\|\phi\|_{\infty}^s = \max_{k=0,\dots,s} \left\{ \sup_{t \in I} \left| \frac{d^k \phi}{dt^k} \right| \right\}$$

is a Banach algebra. Note that  $\mathcal{B}^s$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}(U)$  while it is not one of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  except if the measures of the sections  $U_t$  (with  $t \in I$ ) are uniformly bounded. But both of the spaces  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}(U)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  are  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -modules. Let:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^b(U) = \bigcap_{s \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}(U), \quad \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^2(U) = \bigcap_{s \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{B} = \bigcap_{s \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{B}^s.$$

These are Fréchet spaces whose topologies are respectively defined by the countable families of norms considered above:

$$\{\| \cdot \|_{\infty,U}^s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}}, \quad \{\| \cdot \|_{2,U}^s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}} \quad \text{and} \quad \{\| \cdot \|_{\infty}^s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}}.$$

Now we suppose  $U = B = B_0 \times I$  where  $B_0$  is the open ball centered at  $a$  of radius  $r > 0$  of the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . Any function  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^s(U)$  admits an expansion:

$$f(z, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(t)(z - a)^n$$

where the coefficients  $f_n$  are functions in  $t \in I$  given by the integral Cauchy formula:

$$f_n(t) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma_t} \frac{f(z, t)}{(z - a)^{n+1}} dz.$$

Here  $\{\gamma_t\}$  is a differentiable family of circles centered at  $a$  and  $\gamma_t \subset B_r$ . This shows that  $f_n \in \mathcal{B}^s$  if  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  or  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}(U)$  and that the sequence (indexed by  $N$ ):

$$f_N(z, t) = \sum_{n=0}^N f_n(t)(z - a)^n$$

converges to  $f$  both in the spaces  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}(U)$ . The spaces  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}(U)$  are free modules over the Banach algebra  $\mathcal{B}^s$  with basis  $\{\phi_n(z)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  where  $\phi_n(z) = (z - a)^n$ .

A simple computation shows that the  $L^2$ -norm  $\|\phi_n\|_2$  of  $\phi_n$  (considered as a function in the ball  $B_0$ ) is:

$$\|\phi_n\|_2 = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}r^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n+1}}$$

from which we deduce that, for any  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have:

$$\|f_n \phi_n\|_{2,B}^s = \|f_n\|_{\infty}^s \frac{\sqrt{\pi}r^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n+1}}.$$

Then:

$$\|f\|_{2,B}^s \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|f_n\|_{\infty}^s \frac{\sqrt{\pi}r^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n+1}}.$$

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$  be an open set and  $r > 0$ . We set  $D_r = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : B_0(z, r) \subset D\}$ ,  $U = D \times I$  and  $U_r = D_r \times I$ . (Here  $B_0(z, r)$  is the open ball centered at  $z$  with radius  $r$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ .) Then, for any function  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$ , we have:*

$$\|f\|_{\infty,U_r}^s \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}r} \|f\|_{2,U}^s.$$

*Proof* Let  $(a, t) \in U_r$ . Then, on  $B = B_0 \times I$ , we have  $f(z, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(t)(z - a)^n$ . So  $f(a, t) = f_0(t)$  and then, for any  $k = 0, \dots, s$ , we have:

$$\left| \frac{d^k f}{dt^k}(a, t) \right|^2 = \left| \frac{d^k f_0}{dt^k}(t) \right|^2 \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi r}} J_k(f, B_t)^2 \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi r}} J_k(f, D_t)^2.$$

Taking the upper bound of this quantity over  $t \in I$  and the maximum on  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, s\}$ , we obtain the following relations:

$$\|f\|_{\infty, U_r}^s = \sup_{U_r} \left| \frac{d^k f}{dt^k}(a, t) \right| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi r}} \|f\|_{2, U}^s$$

which are exactly the desired inequalities. ◇

**Corollary 3.2** *The space  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  equipped with the norm  $\| \cdot \|_{2,U}^s$  is complete.*

### 4 Proof of the Main Theorem

For brevity, we will agree to the following definition: a submodule  $A$  of the  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -module  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  is of *finite cotype* [(FC)-submodule for short] if the quotient  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -module  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)/A$  is finitely generated (or of *finite type*).

**Lemma 4.1** *Let  $D_0$  and  $D'_0$  be two open sets of  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $D'_0$  is contained an relatively compact in  $D_0$ . We set  $U = D_0 \times I$  and  $U' = D'_0 \times I$ . Let  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then there exists a closed (FC)-submodule  $A$  of the  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -module  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  such that:*

$$\|f\|_{2,U'}^s \leq \varepsilon \|f\|_{2,U}^s \quad \text{for any function } f \in A.$$

*Proof* Since  $\overline{U'}$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -compact in  $U$ , there exist  $r > 0$  and finitely many points  $a_1, \dots, a_u$  in  $D$  such that:

- (i)  $B_0(a_j, r) \times I \subset U$  for  $j = 1, \dots, u$ . ( $B_0(a_j, r)$  is the ball of radius  $r$  centered at  $a_j$ .)
- (ii)  $U' \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^u B_0(a_j, \frac{r}{2}) \times I$ .

Let  $n$  be an integer such that  $u \leq 2^{n+1}\varepsilon$ . Let  $A$  be the set of functions  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  whose restriction to any transversal  $\{a_j\} \times I$  is zero up to the order  $n$ . Then  $A$  is a closed (FC)-submodule of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$ ; the number of generators of the quotient  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -module  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)/A$  is less or equal to  $n \cdot u$ . Let  $f \in A$ ; in a neighborhood of  $\{a_j\} \times I$  we have:

$$f(z, t) = \sum_{\ell=n}^{\infty} f_{\ell}(z - a_j)^{\ell}.$$

Let  $\rho \leq r$ ; for any  $k = 0, \dots, s$ :

$$J_k(f, B_0(a_j, \rho))^2 = \sum_{\ell=n}^{\infty} \frac{\pi \rho^{2\ell+2}}{\ell + 1} \left| \frac{d^\ell f}{d t^\ell} \right|^2$$

thus:

$$\begin{aligned} J_k \left( f, B_0 \left( a_j, \frac{r}{2} \right) \right)^2 &= \sum_{\ell=n}^{\infty} \frac{\pi r^{2\ell+2}}{r^{2\ell+2}(\ell + 1)} \left| \frac{d^\ell f}{d t^\ell} \right|^2 \\ &\leq 2^{-2(n+1)} \sum_{\ell=n}^{\infty} \frac{\pi r^{2\ell+2}}{\ell + 1} \left| \frac{d^\ell f}{d t^\ell} \right|^2 \\ &\leq 2^{-2(n+1)} (J_k(f, B_0(a_j, r)))^2. \end{aligned}$$

So, using the properties (i) and (ii):

$$\begin{aligned} J_k(f, U_t) &\leq \sum_{j=1}^u J_k(f, B_0(a_j, r)) \\ &\leq u \cdot 2^{-n-1} J_k(f, U_t) \\ &\leq \varepsilon J_k(f, U_t) \end{aligned}$$

Taking the upper bound on  $t \in I$  and the maximum on  $k = 0, 1, \dots, s$  of the two sides of this inequality, we obtain:

$$\|f\|_{2,U'}^s \leq \varepsilon \|f\|_{2,U}^s,$$

which gives the desired inequality. ◇

We have already observed that  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  is a module over the Banach algebra  $\mathcal{B}^s$ . Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$ ; for any  $t \in I$ , we set:

$$\langle f, g \rangle_t = \sum_{k=0}^s \int_{U_t} \frac{\partial^k f}{\partial t^k} \cdot \frac{\partial^k \bar{g}}{\partial t^k} d\mu_t.$$

For fixed  $t \in I$ ,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_t$  is a Hermitian product on  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U_t)$  for which it is a Hilbert space. The following lemma is almost immediate to establish.

**Lemma 4.2** *Let  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f$  and  $g$  be two functions in  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$ . The function  $\lambda : I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  which associates to each  $t \in I$  the complex number  $\langle f, g \rangle_t$  belongs to  $\mathcal{B}^0$ . Moreover there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that, for  $f, g \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$ , we have:*

$$\|\lambda\|_{\infty} \leq C \|f\|_{2,U}^s \cdot \|g\|_{2,U}^s$$

that is, the family of Hermitian forms  $(f, g) \mapsto \langle f, g \rangle_t$  is continuous.

We say that two functions  $f, g \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  are *orthogonal* if  $\langle f, g \rangle_t = 0$  for any  $t \in I$ . Of course, any orthonormal system is a free system over the ring  $\mathcal{B}^s$ . Let  $A \subset \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$ ; the *orthogonal* of  $A$  is the subset:

$$A^\perp = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U) : \langle f, g \rangle_t = 0 \text{ for any } g \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U) \text{ and any } t \in I \right\}.$$

Since for any fixed  $g \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  the map  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U) \mapsto \langle f, g \rangle_t \in \mathcal{B}^0$  is  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -linear and continuous,  $A^\perp$  is a closed submodule of the  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -module  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$ .

### 4.3 Orthogonal projections in $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$

Let  $V$  be a closed  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -submodule of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$ . Then there exists a continuous  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -linear map  $P : \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U) \rightarrow V$  such that:

- (i) For any  $g \in V, \|f - P(f)\|_{2,U}^s \leq \|f - g\|_{2,U}^s$  that is,  $P(f)$  realizes the minimal “distance” from  $f$  to  $V$ .
- (ii) For any  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  and any  $v \in V$  we have:  $\langle f - P(f), v \rangle_t = 0$  for any  $t \in I$ .
- (iii) If  $V$  is non trivial the norm  $\|P\|_{2,U}^s$  of  $P$  is equal to 1.

The map  $P$  is called the *orthogonal projection* from  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  on  $V$ . The proof of its existence is a slight adaptation of the classical one on a Hilbert space.

*Proof* (i) Let  $\varepsilon$  be a positive real number and  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$ . Let:

$$\delta_s = \inf_{v \in V} \|f - v\|_{2,U}^s.$$

Then there exists a sequence  $(v_n)$  in  $V$  such that  $\lim \|f - v_n\|_{2,U}^s = 0$  that is:

$$(\|f - v_n\|_{2,U}^s)^2 \leq \delta^2 + \varepsilon^2$$

for  $n$  sufficiently large and also  $J_k(f - v_n, U_t)^2 \leq \delta^2 + \varepsilon^2$  for any  $t \in I$  and any  $k = 0, 1, \dots, s$ . Let  $t \in I$ . By the parallelogram identity we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & J_k((f - v_n) - (f - v_p), U_t)^2 + J_k((f - v_n) + (f - v_p), U_t)^2 \\ &= 2\{J_k((f - v_n), U_t)^2 + J_k((f - v_p), U_t)^2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$J_k(v_n - v_p, U_t)^2 = 2 \left\{ J_k(f - v_n, U_t)^2 + J_k(f - v_p, U_t)^2 - 2J_k \left( f - \frac{v_n + v_p}{2}, U_t \right)^2 \right\}.$$

Since:

$$J_k \left( f - \frac{v_n + v_p}{2}, U_t \right)^2 \geq \delta^2$$

we obtain the inequality  $J_k(v_n - v_p, U_t)^2 \leq \varepsilon^2$ . Taking the upper bound over all  $t \in I$ , the maximum over  $k = 0, \dots, s$ , and the square roots we get  $\|v_n - v_p\|_{2,U}^s \leq \varepsilon$  which shows that  $(v_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $V$  with respect to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{2,U}^s$ ; since  $V$  is complete, this sequence converges to an element  $v \in V$ .

The uniqueness is a consequence of the fact that the construction of the projection is unique for each fixed  $t \in I$  in the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U_t)$ . We set  $P(f) = v$ . For the same reason we deduce the property (ii) and the inequality  $\|P(f)\|_{2,U_t}^s \leq 1$  which implies assertion (iii) because  $P$  is the identity on  $V$ .  $\diamond$

### 4.4 Orthogonal Decomposition

This is an important consequence of the existence of orthogonal projections: *for any closed submodule  $V$  of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  we have an orthogonal decomposition:  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U) = V \oplus V^\perp$ .*

A  $\mathcal{F}$ -presheaf of vector spaces  $\mathcal{E}$  on  $M$  is a presheaf which associates to any  $\mathcal{F}$ -open set  $U$  a vector space  $\mathcal{E}(U)$  with the same conditions of restriction as for a presheaf in the usual sense. It is a  $\mathcal{F}$ -sheaf if, in addition, it possesses the property of gluing local sections on  $\mathcal{F}$ -open covers to global ones. A  $\mathcal{F}$ -sheaf is *fine* if it is fine in the usual sense for  $\mathcal{F}$ -open covers. Let us give some:

### 4.5 Examples

- (i) For any  $\mathcal{F}$ -open set  $U$ , we associate the space  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}(U)$  of functions on  $U$  of class  $C^s$  which are  $\mathcal{F}$ -holomorphic with locally bounded derivatives  $\frac{\partial^k f}{\partial t^k}$  up to the order  $s$  (locally bounded means bounded on subsets  $K_0 \times I$  where  $K_0$  is a compact set of  $M_0$ ). Then we obtain a  $\mathcal{F}$ -sheaf  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}$  on  $M$ .
- (ii) For any  $\mathcal{F}$ -open set  $U$ , we associate the space  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(U)$  of functions on  $U$  which are of class  $C^s$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$ -holomorphic and such that the quantities  $J_k(f, U_t)$  previously defined are bounded for  $k = 0, \dots, s$ . So we obtain a  $\mathcal{F}$ -presheaf  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}$  on  $M$ .
- (iii) For any  $\mathcal{F}$ -open set  $U$ , we associate the space  $A_{b,s}^0(U)$  (resp.  $A_{b,s}^1(U)$ ) of functions  $f$  [resp. foliated  $(0, 1)$ -forms] on  $U$  which are of class  $C^s, C^\infty$  along the leaves and whose transverse derivatives  $\frac{\partial^s f}{\partial t^s}$  up to the order  $s$  are locally bounded. Then we obtain a  $\mathcal{F}$ -sheaf  $\mathcal{A}_{b,s}^0$  (resp.  $\mathcal{A}_{b,s}^1$ ).

Let  $U = \{U_i\}$  be a locally finite  $\mathcal{F}$ -open cover of  $M = M_0 \times I$ . Let  $p : M_0 \times I \rightarrow M_0$  be the first projection and denote by  $\bar{U}_i$  the open set  $p(U_i)$ . Let  $\bar{\rho}_i$  be a  $C^\infty$ -partition of 1 on  $M_0$  associated to the open cover  $\bar{U} = \{\bar{U}_i\}$  and set  $\rho_i = \bar{\rho}_i \circ p$ . For any  $i$  and any  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ , the function  $\bar{\rho}_i$  is an element of  $A_{b,s}^0(M)$  and the family  $\{\rho_i\}$  is a

$C^\infty$ -partition of unity associated to the  $\mathcal{F}$ -open cover  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}$ . Using this partition of unity  $\{\rho_i\}$  one can easily prove that the two  $\mathcal{F}$ -sheaves  $\mathcal{A}_{b,s}^0$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{b,s}^1$  are fine.

### 4.6 Cohomology with Values in a $\mathcal{F}$ -Sheaf

The definition is the same as in the classical case. Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a  $\mathcal{F}$ -sheaf on  $M$  and  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}$  a  $\mathcal{F}$ -open cover. For any integer  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  we denote by  $C^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E})$  the vector space of families  $\{c_{i_0 \dots i_q}\}$  where  $c_{i_0 \dots i_q}$  is an element of  $\mathcal{E}(U_{i_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_q})$  (which, by convention, is zero if the intersection  $U_{i_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_q}$  is empty). As usual, we define a linear operator  $\delta : C^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow C^{q+1}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E})$  by:

$$(\delta c)_{i_0 \dots i_{q+1}} = \sum_{i=0}^{q+1} (-1)^i c_{i_0 \dots \hat{i} \dots i_{q+1}}.$$

This operator satisfies the relation  $\delta^2 = 0$ ; thus we obtain a differential complex:

$$0 \rightarrow C^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow{\delta} \dots \xrightarrow{\delta} C^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow{\delta} C^{q+1}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow{\delta} \dots$$

whose cohomology is denoted  $H^*(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E})$ . If  $\mathcal{U}'$  is a  $\mathcal{F}$ -open cover finer than  $\mathcal{U}$  we have a morphism induced by restriction  $H^*(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow H^*(\mathcal{U}', \mathcal{E})$ . The cohomology  $H^*(M, \mathcal{E})$  of  $M$  with values in the  $\mathcal{F}$ -sheaf will be, by definition, the inductive limit of  $H^*(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E})$  over  $\mathcal{F}$ -open covers. The cohomology  $H^*(M, \mathcal{E})$  satisfies all the usual known properties, for instance we have the:

### 4.7 Leray's Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}$  be an acyclic  $\mathcal{F}$ -open cover that is, for any intersection  $U_{i_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_q}$ , we have  $H^q(U_{i_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_q}, \mathcal{E}) = 0$  for any  $q \geq 1$ . Then  $H^*(M, \mathcal{E}) = H^*(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E})$ .

For the proof see [Godement \(1959\)](#). We can easily show that, if  $\mathcal{E}$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -fine, then  $H^q(M, \mathcal{F}) = 0$  for  $q \geq 1$ . We have also the:

### 4.8 Abstract de Rham Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  a  $\mathcal{F}$ . Suppose that  $F$  admits a resolution  $: 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{E}^0 \xrightarrow{D_0} \mathcal{E}^1 \xrightarrow{D_1} \dots$  where each  $\mathcal{E}^q$  is a fine  $\mathcal{F}$ -sheaf. Then the cohomology  $H^*(M, \mathcal{E})$  is naturally isomorphic to the cohomology of the differential complex:  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^0(M) \xrightarrow{D_0} \mathcal{E}^1(M) \xrightarrow{D_1} \dots$  where, for each  $q$ ,  $\mathcal{E}^q(M)$  is the space of global sections of the  $\mathcal{F}$ -sheaf  $\mathcal{E}^q$ .

These two theorems will be of interest for our purpose. We can first remark that the  $\mathcal{F}$ -sheaf  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}$  admits a fine resolution:

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{b,s}^0 \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}} \mathcal{A}_{b,s}^1 \longrightarrow 0.$$

Hence:

$$H^*(M, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}) = A_{b,s}^1(M) / \text{Im} \left( A_{b,s}^0(M) \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}} A_{b,s}^1(M) \right)$$

where  $A_{b,s}^0(M)$  and  $A_{b,s}^1(M)$  are the spaces of global sections respectively of the  $\mathcal{F}$ -sheaves  $\mathcal{A}_{b,s}^0$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{b,s}^1$ .

Let  $\mathcal{U}^* = \{U_i^*\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$  be a finite family of  $\mathcal{F}$ -open sets such that each one of them is equivalent to  $\mathbb{D} \times I$  (where  $\mathbb{D}$  is the open unit disc in  $\mathbb{C}$ ) by a trivialization  $\varphi_i : \mathbb{D} \times I \longrightarrow U_i^*$  of the foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  restricted to  $U_i^*$ . Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$  be an other family of  $\mathcal{F}$ -open sets such that  $U_i \subset U_i^*$  for any  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . We shall introduce norms on the spaces  $C^*(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$ . Let  $\eta = \{f_i\} \in C^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$  and  $\zeta = \{f_{ij}\} \in C^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$ ; we set:

$$\|\eta\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s = \sum_{i=1}^n \|f_i\|_{2,U_i}^s \quad \text{and} \quad \|\zeta\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s = \sum_{i,j} \|f_{ij}\|_{2,U_{ij}}^s.$$

The 0-cocycles and the 1-cocycles constitute closed spaces  $Z^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$  and  $Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$  respectively of  $C^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$  and  $C^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$ .

For each  $i = 1, \dots, n$  let  $V_i$  be a relatively compact  $\mathcal{F}$ -open set of  $U_i$  and denote by  $\mathcal{V}$  the  $\mathcal{F}$ -open cover  $\{V_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$ . For any  $\zeta \in C^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$ , we have  $\|\zeta\|_{2,\mathcal{V}}^s < +\infty$ . Applying Lemma 4.1, we easily prove that, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a closed (FC)-submodule  $A$  in the  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -module  $Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$  such that:

$$\|\zeta\|_{2,\mathcal{V}}^s \leq \varepsilon \|\zeta\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s \quad \text{for any } \zeta \in A.$$

**Lemma 4.9** *We take the same  $\mathcal{F}$ -open covers  $\mathcal{U}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  as before and we consider a fourth one  $\mathcal{W} = \{W_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$ . We suppose that  $\mathcal{W} \ll \mathcal{V} \ll \mathcal{U} \ll \mathcal{U}^*$ . Then, for any  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a constant  $C_s > 0$  such that, for any  $\xi \in Z^1(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$ , there exists  $\zeta \in Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$  and  $\eta \in C^0(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$  with  $\zeta = \xi + \delta\eta$  on  $\mathcal{W}$  and:*

$$\max \left( \|\zeta\|_{2,\mathcal{V}}^s, \|\eta\|_{2,\mathcal{W}}^s \right) \leq C_s \|\xi\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s.$$

*Proof* Let  $\xi = \{f_{ij}\} \in Z^1(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$ . Then, using a same method proving Theorem 3.1, we easily establish that  $\xi \in Z^1(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{A}_{b,s}^0)$ . We have observed in Sect. 4.5. iii) that the  $\mathcal{F}$ -sheaf  $\mathcal{A}_{b,s}^0$  of functions of class  $C^s$  whose transverse derivatives up to the order  $s$  are locally bounded is fine; hence  $H^1(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{A}_{b,s}^0) = 0$ . Then there exists  $\{g_i\} \in C^0(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{A}_{b,s}^0)$  such that:

$$f_{ij} = g_j - g_i \quad \text{on } V_i \cap V_j.$$



Since  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}} f_{ij} = 0$ , we have  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}} g_i = \bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}} g_j$  on  $V_i \cap V_j$ ; hence the collection of  $(0, 1)$ -forms  $\{\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}} g_i\}$  defines a foliated  $(0, 1)$ -form  $\omega$  on the union  $|\mathcal{V}| = V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_n$  such that  $\omega|_{V_i} = \bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}} g_i$ . Because  $|\mathcal{V}|$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -relatively compact in  $|\mathcal{V}|$ , there exists a function  $\psi \in A_{b,s}^0(M)$ , basic for the fibration  $(z, t) \in M = M_0 \times I \mapsto z \in M_0$  and such that:

$$\text{supp}(\psi) \subset |\mathcal{V}| \quad \text{and} \quad \psi|_{|\mathcal{V}|} = 1.$$

Then  $\psi\omega$  can be considered as an element of  $A_{b,s}^1(|\mathcal{U}^*|)$ . Since, by Ahlfors-Bers Theorem [Ahlfors and Bers \(1960\)](#), for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , the  $\mathcal{F}$ -open set  $U_i^*$  is isomorphic to the product  $\mathbb{D} \times I$ , by [Proposition 2.3](#) there exists a function  $h_i \in A_{b,s}^0(U_i^*)$  such that  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}} h_i = \psi\omega|_{U_i^*}$ . But:

$$\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}} h_i = \bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}} h_j \quad \text{on} \quad U_i^* \cap U_j^*;$$

thus  $F_{ij} = h_j - h_i \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}(U_i^* \cap U_j^*)$ . Denote by  $\zeta$  the cocycle  $\{F_{ij}\}$ ; since  $\mathcal{U} \ll \mathcal{U}^*$ ,  $\zeta \in Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$ . On  $W_i$  we have  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}} h_i = \psi\omega = \omega = \bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}} g_i$ ,  $h_i - g_i \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}(W_i)$  and also  $h_i - g_i \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}(W_i)$  that is, the 0-cochain  $\eta = \{h_i - g_i\}$  is in  $C^0(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$ . So we easily see that, on  $W_i \cap W_j$ :

$$F_{ij} - f_{ij} = (h_j - g_j) - (h_i - g_i) \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \zeta - \xi = \delta\eta \quad \text{on} \quad \mathcal{W}$$

which is exactly the desired relation.

Now, let:

$$E = Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}) \times Z^1(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}) \times C^0(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}).$$

Equipped with norm  $\|(\zeta, \xi, \eta)\|_E^s = \|\zeta\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s + \|\xi\|_{2,\mathcal{V}}^s + \|\eta\|_{2,\mathcal{W}}^s$ ,  $E$  is a Banach space. The subspace:

$$L = \{(\zeta, \xi, \eta) \in E : \zeta = \xi + \delta\eta \quad \text{on} \quad \mathcal{W}\}$$

is closed and then is a Banach space. Since the map:

$$\pi : (\zeta, \xi, \eta) \in L \mapsto \xi \in Z^1(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$$

is continuous and surjective, it is also open (by the Open Map Theorem). Hence there exists a constant  $C_s > 0$  such that, for any  $\xi \in Z^1(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$ , there exists  $(\zeta, \xi, \eta) \in L$  satisfying  $\pi((\zeta, \xi, \eta)) = \xi$  and:

$$\|(\zeta, \xi, \eta)\|_E^s \leq C_s \|\xi\|_{2,\mathcal{V}}^s.$$

The constant  $C_s$  satisfies the desired inequality. ◇

**Lemma 4.10** *Let the hypotheses be like in Lemma 4.9. There exists a finitely generated  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -submodule  $S \subset Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$  satisfying the following property: for any  $\xi \in Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$ , there exists  $\sigma \in S$  and  $\eta \in C^0(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$  such that:*

$$\sigma = \xi + \delta\eta \text{ on } \mathcal{W}.$$

*This means that the image of the natural  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -linear map  $H^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}) \rightarrow H^1(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -submodule.*

*Proof* Let  $C_s$  be the constant given in Lemma 4.9 and set  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2C_s}$ . By the Lemma 4.1 there exists a closed (FC)-submodule  $A \subset Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$  such that:

$$\|\xi\|_{2,\mathcal{V}}^s \leq \varepsilon \|\xi\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s \text{ for any } \xi \in A.$$

Let  $S$  be the orthogonal of  $A$  in  $Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$  [which is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -submodule because  $A$  is a (FC)-submodule] that is:

$$Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}) = A \oplus S.$$

Let  $\xi \in Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$ . Since  $\mathcal{V} \ll \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\xi$  is in fact in  $Z^1(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$ ; let  $\tau = \|\xi\|_{2,\mathcal{V}}^s < +\infty$ . By Lemma 4.9, there exists  $\zeta_0 \in Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$  and  $\eta_0 \in C^0(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$  such that:

$$\zeta_0 = \xi + \delta\eta_0 \text{ on } \mathcal{W}$$

with the inequalities  $\|\zeta_0\|_{2,\mathcal{V}}^s \leq C_s\tau$  and  $\|\eta_0\|_{2,\mathcal{V}}^s \leq C_s\tau$ . On the other hand,  $\zeta_0$  decomposes into a sum:

$$\zeta_0 = \xi_0 + \sigma_0 \text{ with } \xi_0 \in A \text{ and } \sigma_0 \in S.$$

Now we shall construct elements:

$$\zeta_k \in Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}), \quad \eta_k \in C^0(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s}), \quad \xi_k \in A \text{ and } \sigma_k \in S$$

with:

- (i)  $\zeta_k = \xi_{k-1} + \delta\eta_k$  on  $\mathcal{W}$ ;
- (ii)  $\zeta_k = \xi_k + \sigma_k$  (orthogonal decomposition);
- (iii)  $\|\zeta_k\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s \leq \frac{C_s\tau}{2^k}$  and  $\|\eta_k\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s \leq \frac{C_s\tau}{2^k}$ .

Suppose that these elements are constructed up to the rank  $k$ . Since  $\zeta_k = \xi_k + \sigma_k$  we have by the orthogonal decomposition:

$$\|\xi_k\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s \leq \|\zeta_k\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s \leq \frac{C_s\tau}{2^k}.$$

This gives:

$$\|\xi_k\|_{2,\mathcal{V}}^s \leq \varepsilon \|\xi_k\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s \leq \frac{\varepsilon C_s \tau}{2^k} \leq \frac{\tau}{2^{k+1}}.$$

By Lemma 4.9 there exists  $\zeta_{k+1} \in Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$  and  $\eta_{k+1} \in C^0(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$  such that:

$$\zeta_{k+1} = \xi_k + \delta\eta_{k+1} \quad \text{on } \mathcal{W}.$$

and

$$\max \left( \|\zeta_{k+1}\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s, \|\eta_{k+1}\|_{2,\mathcal{W}}^s \right) \leq \frac{C_s \tau}{2^{k+1}}.$$

The element  $\zeta_{k+1}$  admits an orthogonal decomposition:

$$\zeta_{k+1} = \xi_{k+1} + \sigma_{k+1} \quad \text{with } \xi_{k+1} \in A \text{ and } \sigma_{k+1} \in S.$$

Then we have constructed, up to the rank  $k + 1$ , the sequences  $(\xi_k)$ ,  $(\zeta_k)$ ,  $(\eta_k)$  and  $(\sigma_k)$  with the desired properties. By  $\zeta_0 = \xi + \delta\eta_0$  and the points (i) and (ii) we have (up to rank  $k$ ):

$$(*) \quad \xi_k + \sum_{\ell=0}^k \sigma_\ell = \xi + \delta \left( \sum_{\ell=0}^k \eta_\ell \right) \quad \text{on } \mathcal{W}.$$

From (ii) and (iii) we deduce that:

$$\max \left( \|\xi_\ell\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s, \|\sigma_\ell\|_{2,\mathcal{U}}^s, \|\eta_\ell\|_{2,\mathcal{W}}^s \right) \leq \frac{C_s \tau}{2^k}.$$

Thus  $\lim_k \xi_k = 0$  and the series  $\sum_{k=0}^\infty \sigma_k$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^\infty \eta_k$  converge respectively to elements  $\sigma \in S$  and  $\eta \in C^0(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{2,s})$ . In fact, by Theorem 3.1:

$$\sigma \in S \cap Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}) \text{ and } \eta \in C^0(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}).$$

From (\*) we obtain  $\sigma = \xi + \delta\eta$  on  $\mathcal{W}$ . This ends the proof of the lemma. ◇

**Theorem 4.11** *Suppose that  $M' = M'_0 \times I$  and  $M'' = M''_0 \times I$  are  $\mathcal{F}$ -open sets of  $M$  and that  $M'_0$  is contained and relatively compact in  $M''_0$ . Then the image of the natural morphism  $H^1(M'', \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}) \rightarrow H^1(M', \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$  induced by the restriction is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -module.*

*Proof* Let  $\mathcal{U}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$  four  $\mathcal{F}$ -open covers as in Lemma 4.10 and such that:

- (i)  $M' \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n W_i =: M_1$  and is relatively compact in  $M_2 := \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i \subset M''$ ;
- (ii) the  $U_i^*$ ,  $U_i$  and  $W_i$  are isomorphic to  $\mathbb{D} \times I$ .

By Lemma 4.10, the image of the morphism  $H^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}) \rightarrow H^1(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -module. On the other hand, the  $\mathcal{F}$ -open covers  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$  are acyclic; then by Leray's theorem,  $H^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}) = H^1(M_2, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$  and  $H^1(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}) = H^1(M_1, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$ . Then the result follows from the canonical factorization:

$$H^1(M'', \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}) \rightarrow H^1(M_2, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}) \rightarrow H^1(M_1, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}) \rightarrow H^1(M', \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}).$$

The theorem is then proved. ◇

**Corollary 4.12** *Suppose that all leaves are compact (they are all diffeomorphic to a compact Riemann surface of genus  $g \geq 2$ ). Then  $H^1(M, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -module.*

**Question 4.13** *Suppose that all leaves are compact. Is the  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -module  $H^1(M, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$  free? If this is the case, is its dimension equal  $g$ ?*

Now we have amassed all that is necessary to prove the Main Theorem. It is immediate to see that it follows from the following one.

**Theorem 4.14** *Let  $M' = M'_0 \times I$  be a  $\mathcal{F}$ -open set of  $M$  with  $M'_0$  relatively compact and strictly contained in  $M_0$ . Then for any  $a \in M'_0$ , there exists a  $\mathcal{F}$ -meromorphic function  $f : M' \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  nonconstant on any leaf, with set of poles  $\{a\} \times I$  and  $\mathcal{F}$ -holomorphic on  $M' \setminus \{a\} \times I$ .*

Let us first recall a result on modules of finite type illustrated in the following lemma. Its proof can be found for instance in [Atiyah and McDonald \(1969\)](#) (Proposition 2.4 p. 21).

**Lemma 4.15** *Let  $E$  be a finitely generated module over a ring  $R$ ,  $\mathfrak{a}$  an ideal of  $R$  and  $\theta$  an  $R$ -endomorphism of  $E$  such that  $\theta(E) \subset \mathfrak{a}E$ . Then there exists  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathfrak{a}$  such that  $\theta^n + a_1\theta^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}\theta + a_n = 0$ .*

*Proof of Theorem 4.14* Let  $U_1$  be a  $\mathcal{F}$ -open neighborhood of  $\{a\} \times I$  isomorphic to  $\mathbb{D} \times I$  by a diffeomorphism (which is a biholomorphism on the leaves)  $\varphi_1 : U_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{D} \times I$  sending  $\{a\} \times I$  on  $\{0\} \times I$ ; by restricting the open set  $U_1$  if necessary we can assume that the transverse derivatives (up to the order  $s$ ) of  $\varphi_1$  are bounded. Denote by  $U_2$  the open set  $M \setminus \{a\} \times I$ . Then  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_1, U_2\}$  is a  $\mathcal{F}$ -open cover of  $M$ . For each  $j \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , the function  $\frac{1}{\varphi^{(\cdot,0)^j}}$  is in  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}(U_1 \cap U_2)$  and represents a cocycle  $\zeta_j \in Z^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$ . By Lemma 4.10 the image of the  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -morphism:

$$H^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s}) \rightarrow H^1(\mathcal{U} \cap M', \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$$

is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -module  $E$ . Applying Lemma 4.15 to the  $\mathcal{B}^s$ -module  $E$ , the ring  $R = \mathcal{B}^s$ , its ideal  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathcal{B}^s$  and the morphism  $\theta : g \in E \mapsto \zeta_1 g \in E$  one can find elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{B}^s$  such that:  $\theta^n + a_1\theta^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}\theta + a_n = 0$ . The

value of the morphism  $\Theta = \theta^n + a_1\theta^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}\theta + a_n$  at the constant function  $\chi = 1$  gives a cocycle:

$$\Theta(\chi) = \theta^n(\chi) + a_1\theta^{n-1}(\chi) + \dots + a_{n-1}\theta(\chi) + a_n(\chi)$$

which is cohomologous to zero. This means that there exist elements  $c_1, \dots, c_{n+1} \in \mathcal{B}^s$  and a 0-cochain  $\eta = \{f_1, f_2\} \in C^0(\mathcal{U} \cap M', \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{F}}^{b,s})$  such that:

$$c_1\zeta_1 + \dots + c_{n+1}\zeta_{n+1} = \delta\eta \quad \text{on } \mathcal{U} \cap M'$$

that is:

$$c_1\zeta_1 + \dots + c_{n+1}\zeta_{n+1} = f_2 - f_1 \quad \text{on } U_1 \cap U_2 \cap M'.$$

The desired  $\mathcal{F}$ -meromorphic function on  $M'$  is defined by:  $c_1\zeta_1 + \dots + c_{n+1}\zeta_{n+1} + f_1$  on  $U_1 \cap M'$  and  $f_2$  on  $U_2 \cap M'$ . ◇

**Corollary 4.16** *We take the same hypotheses as previously and suppose that  $M'$  is not the whole manifold  $M$ . Then there exists a  $\mathcal{F}$ -holomorphic function  $f : M' \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  which is not constant on any leaf of any connected component of  $M'$ .*

*Proof* Let  $M'' = M''_0 \times I$  be a  $\mathcal{F}$ -open set of  $M$  where  $M''_0$  is a relatively compact open set of  $M_0$  containing  $M'_0$  in which the latter is relatively compact. We apply then the preceding theorem by taking  $a \in M''_0 \setminus M'_0$ . ◇

## 5 Examples

In this section we give examples of differentiably trivial fibrations but far to be even locally trivial in the complex sense.

### 5.1 Leaves are Simply Connected

Let  $\pi : M \rightarrow B$  be a differentiably trivial fibration whose fibers are holomorphically equivalent to the unit disc  $\mathbb{D}$  (or the half plane  $\mathbb{H}$ ). Then, by Ahlfors–Bers Theorem (Ahlfors and Bers 1960) it is isomorphic to the product  $\mathbb{D} \times B$  as a complex foliation. As this case is not interesting for us here we shall give an example with parabolic leaves that is, each leaf is individually isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$  but the complex foliation we obtain is not equivalent to a complex product.

Denote by  $P^1(\mathbb{C})$  the complex projective space of dimension one. Let  $I = ]0, 1[$  and  $\phi : I \rightarrow P^1(\mathbb{C})$  be a  $C^k$ -map which is not  $C^{k+1}$ . Let  $M = P^1(\mathbb{C}) \times I \setminus \mathcal{G}$  where  $\mathcal{G}$  is the graph of  $\phi$ . This is a differentiable trivial fibration over  $I$  all of whose fibers are isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$  and the complex structure on the fibers varies in a  $C^\infty$  way in the transverse direction. We obtain a complex foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  whose leaves are the fibers of the trivial fibration  $\pi : M \rightarrow I$  where  $\pi$  is the restriction to  $M$  of the second projection  $(z, t) \in P^1(\mathbb{C}) \times I \mapsto t \in I$ .

The complex foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $M$  constructed above is not  $C^{k+1}$ -equivalent to the complex product  $\mathbb{C} \times I$ .

Indeed, suppose that there exists a  $C^{k+1}$ -diffeomorphism  $\Psi : \mathbb{C} \times I \rightarrow M$  which is holomorphic between the fibers. In the coordinates on  $M$  given by its inclusion in  $P^1(\mathbb{C}) \times I$ , this map  $\Psi$  is necessarily of the form:

$$\Psi(z, t) = \left( t, \frac{a(t)z + b(t)}{c(t)z + d(t)} \right)$$

(where, for each fixed  $t \in I$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} a(t) & b(t) \\ c(t) & d(t) \end{pmatrix}$  is a matrix in  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ ) because any holomorphic embedding of  $\mathbb{C}$  in  $P^1(\mathbb{C})$  is given by a Moëbius map. From the fact that  $\Psi$  is  $C^{k+1}$  we see that the functions  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are  $C^{k+1}$  on  $t$ . Then  $\phi$  is also  $C^{k+1}$  because:

$$\phi(t) = \Psi(\infty, t) = \frac{a(t)}{b(t)}.$$

### 5.2 Leaves are Annulus

The following example is more or less the one given in Sect. 1.2 for the open set  $N$  (Example v). Let  $I = ]0, +\infty[$  and  $\tilde{M} = \mathbb{H} \times I$ . We have an action  $\Phi$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$  on  $\tilde{M}$  given by :

$$\Phi(k, (z, t)) = (t^k z, t).$$

This action is free and proper; moreover it is holomorphic on each leaf  $\mathbb{H} \times \{t\}$  of the product complex foliation  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ . Then it defines a complex foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on the quotient  $M = \tilde{M}/\Phi$  which is differentiably isomorphic to the product  $(\mathbb{H}/\Phi_t) \times I$  where  $\Phi_t$  is the loxodromy  $\Phi_t(z) = tz$ . The complex foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  is not a locally trivial fibration. Indeed, because each leaf  $(\mathbb{H}/\Phi_t) \times \{t\}$  is an annulus whose complex structure is coded by the ratio  $t$ , two different leaves  $\mathbb{H}/\Phi_t \times \{t\}$  and  $\mathbb{H}/\Phi_{t'} \times \{t'\}$  with  $t \neq t'$  cannot be holomorphically equivalent.

### 5.3 Remark

In Example 5.1 the leaves are simply connected (all parabolic) and in Example 5.2 they have  $\mathbb{Z}$  as common fundamental group. In these two cases it was proved in El Kacimi Alaoui (2010) that the first foliated Dolbeault cohomology group  $H_{\mathcal{F}}^{0,1}(M)$  is trivial. This permits to give a more stronger foliated version of Mittag–Leffler Theorem.

### 5.4 Fundamental Group of Leaves is Non Abelian

Let  $\tilde{M} = \mathbb{H} \times I$ . For any  $t \in I$  let  $\phi_t$  be the Moëbius transformation of  $\mathbb{H}$  defined by:

$$\phi_t(z) = \frac{z + 1}{tz + (1 + t)}.$$

The family of matrices  $\Theta_t$  (indexed by  $t$ ) in the group  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  corresponding to the family  $\phi_t$  is:

$$\Theta_t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ t & (1 + t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Easy calculations show that, on the interval  $I = ] - \frac{1}{2}, 0[$ :

- The matrices  $\Theta_t$  and  $\Theta_{t'}$  have different eigenvalues for  $t \neq t'$ ; then  $\Theta_t$  and  $\Theta_{t'}$  are not conjugated in  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ .
- Each  $\phi_t$  has a unique fixed point  $z_0(t)$  in  $\mathbb{H}$ .
- The family  $\{z_0(t)\}_{t \in I}$  is the graph  $\mathcal{G}$  in  $\mathbb{H} \times I$  of a  $C^\infty$ -function  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ .

Let  $a$  be a point in  $\mathbb{H}$  different from  $z_0(t)$  for any  $t \in I$ . For each  $t \in I$ , let  $\mathcal{O}_t(a)$  be the orbit of  $a$  under the action of  $\phi_t$ . Let:

$$\tilde{M} = \mathbb{H} \times I \setminus \left\{ \mathcal{G} \cup \left( \bigcup_{t \in I} \mathcal{O}_t(a) \right) \right\}.$$

For each  $t \in I$ ,  $\tilde{M}$  is a  $\phi_t$ -invariant open set of  $\mathbb{H} \times I$  and then it supports the action  $\Psi$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$  defined by:

$$\Psi(k, (z, t)) = (\phi_t^k(z), t).$$

This action is free and proper; so the quotient  $M = \tilde{M} / \Psi$  is a manifold diffeomorphic to a product  $M_0 \times I$  (where  $M_0$  is a noncompact Riemann surface) with a complex foliation  $\mathcal{F}$ . Each leaf  $L_t$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  is the quotient of:

$$\mathbb{H} \setminus (\mathcal{O}_t(a) \cup \{z_0(t)\})$$

by the automorphism  $\phi_t$ . Because the matrices  $\Theta_t$  and  $\Theta_{t'}$  are not conjugated for  $t \neq t'$ , the two leaves  $L_t$  and  $L_{t'}$  are not holomorphically equivalent. Then the foliation is not a locally trivial fibration in the complex sense.

In this example all leaves are diffeomorphic. Then they have the same fundamental group: the free non Abelian group generated by a countable infinite set.

### 5.5 All Leaves are Compact

Let  $\varphi : \omega \mapsto \omega' = \frac{a\omega+b}{c\omega+d}$  be a non trivial biholomorphism of  $\mathbb{H}$  [where  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is an element of  $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ ]. The map:

$$\Phi : (p, (z, \omega)) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{H} \mapsto (e^{-ip\varphi(\omega)}z, \omega) \in \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{H}$$

is a free and proper holomorphic action of  $\mathbb{Z}$  on  $\widehat{M} = \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{H}$ . It preserves the foliation  $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}$  whose leaves are the factors  $\mathbb{C}^* \times \{\omega\}$  (in fact the action  $\Phi$  preserves each leaf individually). The quotient space  $M = \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{H}/\Phi$  is a complex manifold of dimension 2. The induced complex foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $M$  has dimension 1 and all its leaves are elliptic curves  $\mathbb{T}_\omega$ ; the complex structure of each  $\mathbb{T}_\omega$  depends on  $\omega \in \mathbb{H}$ . Two leaves  $\mathbb{T}_\omega$  and  $\mathbb{T}_{\omega'}$  are isomorphic if, and only if, there exists a matrix  $B \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$  such that  $\varphi(\omega') = B\varphi(\omega)$ . The complex equivalence class of a leaf is then a countable set. Hence this foliation is not a locally trivial complex fibration even if it is a differentiable product.

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