

h-PRINCIPLES FOR FOLIATIONS

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1. CODIMENSION > 1

Classical *h*-principles hold in codimension > 1 .

- The open case was first discussed in Haefliger's *Feuilletages sur les varietés ouvertes* (<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/0040938370900406>).
- The closed case was proven by Thurston: *The theory of foliations of codimension greater than one* (<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2FBF02566730>).
- Yasha has a proof using wrinkling in *Wrinkling of smooth mappings III, Foliations of codimension greater than one* (<http://www-users.mat.umk.pl/~tmna/files/v11n2-09.pdf>).
- A detailed proof in the special case of codimension 2 foliations on a 4-manifold appears in Mitsumatsu and Vogt's *Thurston's h-principle for 2-dimensional Foliations of Codimension Greater than One* (<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1509.06881v1.pdf>).

2. CODIMENSION 1

It also holds in codimension 1.

- Proved by Thurston in *Existence of Codimension-One Foliations* (<https://www.jstor.org/stable/1971047>). The special case of dimension 3 is done in Thurston's *A local construction of foliations for three-manifolds* and supposedly easier.

3. HAEFLIGER'S CLASSIFYING SPACE

Formal foliations turn out to be sections of a bundle with fiber $B\Gamma_q^r$, called Haefliger's classifying space.

- The original reference is Haefliger's *Homotopy and integrability* (<http://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2FBFb0068615>).
- Segal gave a different model more geometric model in *Classifying spaces related to foliations* (<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/0040938378900046>).

4. MATHER-THURSTON THEORY

The application of *h*-principles for foliations to the study of diffeomorphisms (or homeomorphism) groups is called Mather-Thurston theory. There does not seem to be a complete exposition of it.

- The input is information about the homology of compactly-supported diffeomorphism groups of \mathbb{R}^n . These theorems were proven in a sequence of papers by Mather: *Integrability in codimension 1* for \mathbb{R}^1 (<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2FBF02566122>), *Loops and foliations* for \mathbb{R}^n , *The vanishing of the homology of certain groups of homeomorphisms* for homeomorphisms (<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/004093837190022X>).
- The general manifold case is due to Thurston, *Foliations and groups of diffeomorphisms* (<http://www.ams.org/journals/bull/1974-80-02/S0002-9904-1974-13475-0/home.html>).