# Courant Algebroid Relations and T-duality 

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## Theorem (DF, Marotta, Szabo [4])

Let $g_{1}$ be a Riemannian metric on $M_{1}$. If $\mathcal{L}_{X} g=\mathcal{L}_{X} F=0$, $\forall X \in \mathcal{F}_{2}$, then TFAE
(1) $K_{1}^{\perp} \cap \Phi\left(K_{2}\right) \subseteq K_{1}$.
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Thanks you for listening! Questions?
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