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## The vertical prolongation of the projectable connections

ABSTRACT. We prove that any first order  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -natural operator transforming projectable general connections on an  $(m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2)$ -dimensional fibred-fibred manifold  $p = (p, \underline{p}): (p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}) \rightarrow (p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M})$  into general connections on the vertical prolongation  $VY \rightarrow M$  of  $p: Y \rightarrow M$  is the restriction of the (rather well-known) vertical prolongation operator  $\mathcal{V}$  lifting general connections  $\bar{\Gamma}$  on a fibred manifold  $Y \rightarrow M$  into  $\mathcal{V}\bar{\Gamma}$  (the vertical prolongation of  $\bar{\Gamma}$ ) on  $VY \rightarrow M$ .

The aim of this paper is to describe all  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -natural operators transforming projectable general connections on an  $(m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2)$ -dimensional fibred-fibred manifolds into general connections on the vertical prolongation  $VY \rightarrow M$  of  $p: Y \rightarrow M$ . The similar problem for the case of fibred manifolds was solving in [7]. In the paper [1], authors described natural operators transforming connections on fibred manifolds  $Y \rightarrow M$  into connections on  $VY \rightarrow M$ .

A fibred-fibred manifold is a fibred surjective submersion

$$p = (p, \underline{p}): (p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}) \rightarrow (p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M})$$

between two fibred manifolds  $p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}$  and  $p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M}$  covering  $p: \underline{Y} \rightarrow \underline{M}$  such that the restrictions of  $p$  to the fibres are submersions. Equivalently, the fibred-fibred manifold is a fibred square  $p = (p, p_Y, p_M, \underline{p})$ , i.e. a commutative square diagram with arrows being surjective submersions

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$p: Y \rightarrow M$ ,  $p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}$ ,  $p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M}$  and  $\underline{p}: \underline{Y} \rightarrow \underline{M}$  such that the system  $(p, p_Y): Y \rightarrow M \times_M \underline{Y}$  of maps  $p$  and  $p_Y$  is a submersion, [2], [6].

If  $p^1 = (p^1, \underline{p}^1): (p_{Y^1}^1: Y^1 \rightarrow \underline{Y}^1) \rightarrow (p_{M^1}^1: M^1 \rightarrow \underline{M}^1)$  is another fibred-fibred manifold, then a fibred-fibred map  $f: Y \rightarrow Y^1$  is the system  $f = (f, f_1, f_2, \underline{f})$  of four maps  $f: Y \rightarrow Y^1$ ,  $f_1: \underline{Y} \rightarrow \underline{Y}^1$ ,  $f_2: M \rightarrow M^1$  and  $\underline{f}: \underline{M} \rightarrow \underline{M}^1$  such that the relevant cubic diagram is commutative.

A fibred-fibred manifold  $p = (p, \underline{p}): (p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}) \rightarrow (p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M})$  is of the dimension  $(m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2)$  if  $\dim Y = m_1 + m_2 + n_1 + n_2$ ,  $\dim M = m_1 + m_2$ ,  $\dim \underline{Y} = m_1 + n_1$  and  $\dim \underline{M} = m_1$ . All fibred-fibred manifolds of the dimension  $(m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2)$  and their all local fibred-fibred diffeomorphisms form the local admissible category over manifolds in the sense of [3], which we denote by  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ . Any  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -object is locally isomorphic to the trivial fibred square  $\mathbb{R}^{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$  with vertices  $\mathbb{R}^{m_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{m_2} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^{m_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{m_2}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^{m_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^{m_1}$  and arrows being obvious projections.

The vertical functor  $V: \mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2} \rightarrow \mathcal{FM}$  (on  $(m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2)$ -dimensional fibred-fibred manifolds) is the usual vertical functor  $V: \mathcal{FM} \rightarrow \mathcal{FM}$  on fibred manifolds, where  $\mathcal{FM}$  is the category of all fibred manifolds and their morphisms. More precisely,  $V: \mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2} \rightarrow \mathcal{FM}$  is the functor assigning to any  $(m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2)$ -dimensional fibred-fibred manifold  $p = (p, \underline{p}): (p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}) \rightarrow (p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M})$  the vertical bundle  $VY \rightarrow Y$  of the corresponding fibred manifold  $p: Y \rightarrow M$  and to any  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -map  $f = (f, f_1, f_2, \underline{f})$  between  $(m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2)$ -dimensional fibred-fibred manifolds  $p = (p, \underline{p}): (p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}) \rightarrow (p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M})$  and  $p^1 = (p^1, \underline{p}^1): (p_{Y^1}^1: Y^1 \rightarrow \underline{Y}^1) \rightarrow (p_{M^1}^1: M^1 \rightarrow \underline{M}^1)$  the vertical prolongation  $Vf: VY \rightarrow VY^1$  of the corresponding fibred map  $f = (f, f_2)$  between corresponding fibred manifolds  $p: Y \rightarrow M$  and  $p^1: Y^1 \rightarrow M^1$ . Obviously,  $V: \mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2} \rightarrow \mathcal{FM}$  is a bundle functor in the sense of [3].

A projectable general connection on a fibred-fibred manifold  $p = (p, \underline{p}): (p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}) \rightarrow (p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M})$  is a pair  $\Gamma = (\overline{\Gamma}, \underline{\Gamma})$  of general connections  $\overline{\Gamma}: Y \times_M TM \rightarrow TY$  and  $\underline{\Gamma}: \underline{Y} \times_M T\underline{M} \rightarrow T\underline{Y}$  on fibred manifolds  $p: Y \rightarrow M$  and  $\underline{p}: \underline{Y} \rightarrow \underline{M}$ , respectively, such that  $Tp_Y \circ \overline{\Gamma} = \underline{\Gamma} \circ (p_Y \times_{p_M} Tp_M)$ , [3], [5].

The vertical prolongation  $\mathcal{V}\Gamma$  of a projectable general connection  $\Gamma = (\overline{\Gamma}, \underline{\Gamma})$  on an  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -object  $p = (p, \underline{p}): (p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}) \rightarrow (p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M})$  is the vertical prolongation  $\mathcal{V}\overline{\Gamma}$  on  $VY \rightarrow M$  of the corresponding general connection  $\overline{\Gamma}$  on the corresponding fibred manifold  $p: Y \rightarrow M$ . (The vertical prolongation of a general connection  $\overline{\Gamma}$  on a fibred manifold  $Y \rightarrow M$  is the general connection  $\mathcal{V}\overline{\Gamma}$  on  $VY \rightarrow M$  as in Section 31.1 in [3]. The vertical prolongation of connections on fibred manifolds was also described in [4].)

The general concept of natural operator can be found in [3]. In particular, an  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -natural operator  $D$  transforming projectable general connections  $\Gamma = (\bar{\Gamma}, \underline{\Gamma})$  on an  $(m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2)$ -dimensional fibred-fibred manifold  $p = (p, \underline{p}): (p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}) \rightarrow (p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M})$  into general connections  $D(\Gamma)$  on  $VY \rightarrow M$  is a family of  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -invariant regular operators

$$D: \text{Con}_{\text{proj}}(Y \rightarrow M) \rightarrow \text{Con}(VY \rightarrow M)$$

for all  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -objects  $p = (p, \underline{p}): (p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}) \rightarrow (p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M})$ , where  $\text{Con}_{\text{proj}}(Y \rightarrow M)$  is the set of all projectable general connections on  $p = (p, \underline{p})$  and  $\text{Con}(VY \rightarrow M)$  is the set of all general connections on  $VY \rightarrow M$ . The  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -invariance means that if  $\Gamma \in \text{Con}_{\text{proj}}(Y \rightarrow M)$  and  $\Gamma^1 \in \text{Con}_{\text{proj}}(Y^1 \rightarrow M^1)$  are  $f$ -related by  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -map  $f: Y \rightarrow Y^1$  (i.e.  $Tf \circ \Gamma = \Gamma^1 \circ (f \times Tf_2)$ ), then  $D(\Gamma)$  and  $D(\Gamma^1)$  are  $Vf$ -related (i.e.  $TVf \circ D(\Gamma) = D(\Gamma^1) \circ (f \times Tf_2)$ ). The regularity for  $D$  means that  $D$  transforms smoothly parametrized families of connections into smoothly parametrized families of connections.

Thus (by the canonical character of the vertical prolongation of projectable general connections) the family  $\mathcal{V}$  of operators

$$\mathcal{V}: \text{Con}_{\text{proj}}(Y \rightarrow M) \rightarrow \text{Con}(VY \rightarrow M), \quad \mathcal{V}(\Gamma) := \mathcal{V}\bar{\Gamma}$$

for all  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -objects  $p = (p, \underline{p}): (p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}) \rightarrow (p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M})$  is an  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -natural operator.

One can verify that  $\mathcal{V}$  is the first order operator (it means that if  $\Gamma, \Gamma^1 \in \text{Con}_{\text{proj}}(Y \rightarrow M)$  have the same 1-jets  $j_x^1(\Gamma) = j_x^1(\Gamma^1)$  at  $x \in M$ , then it holds  $\mathcal{V}(\Gamma) = \mathcal{V}(\Gamma^1)$  over  $x$ ).

**Theorem 1.** *The operator  $\mathcal{V}$  is the unique first order  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -natural operator transforming projectable general connections on  $(m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2)$ -dimensional fibred-fibred manifolds  $p = (p, \underline{p}): (p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}) \rightarrow (p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M})$  into general connections on  $VY \rightarrow M$ .*

For  $j = 1, \dots, m_2$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n_2$  we put  $[j] := m_1 + j$  and  $\langle s \rangle := n_1 + s$ .

Let  $x^i, x^{[j]}, y^q, y^{\langle s \rangle}$  be the usual coordinates on the trivial fibred square  $\mathbb{R}^{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\Gamma = (\bar{\Gamma}, \underline{\Gamma})$  be a projectable general connection on an  $(m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2)$ -dimensional fibred-fibred manifold  $p = (p, \underline{p}): (p_Y: Y \rightarrow \underline{Y}) \rightarrow (p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M})$  and let  $y_0 \in Y$  be a point. Then there exists an  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -chart  $\psi$  on  $Y$  satisfying conditions  $\psi(y_0) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$  and  $j_{(0,0,0,0)}^1 \psi_* \Gamma = j_{(0,0,0,0)}^1 \tilde{\Gamma}$ , where*

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\Gamma} = & \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} dx^i \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \sum_{j=1}^{m_2} dx^{[j]} \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{[j]}} \\
& + \sum_{i_1, i_2=1}^{m_1} \sum_{q=1}^{n_1} A_{i_1 i_2}^q x^{i_1} dx^{i_2} \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial y^q} + \sum_{i_1, i_2=1}^{m_1} \sum_{s=1}^{n_2} B_{i_1 i_2}^s x^{i_1} dx^{i_2} \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{<s>}} \\
(1) \quad & + \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \sum_{j=1}^{m_2} \sum_{s=1}^{n_2} C_{ij}^s x^i dx^{[j]} \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{<s>}} + \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \sum_{j=1}^{m_2} \sum_{s=1}^{n_2} D_{ji}^s x^{[j]} dx^i \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{<s>}} \\
& + \sum_{j_1, j_2=1}^{m_2} \sum_{s=1}^{n_2} E_{j_1 j_2}^s x^{[j_1]} dx^{[j_2]} \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{<s>}}
\end{aligned}$$

for some real numbers  $A_{i_1 i_2}^q$ ,  $B_{i_1 i_2}^s$ ,  $C_{ij}^s$ ,  $D_{ji}^s$  and  $E_{j_1 j_2}^s$  satisfying

$$(2) \quad A_{i_1 i_2}^q = -A_{i_2 i_1}^q, \quad B_{i_1 i_2}^s = -B_{i_2 i_1}^s, \quad C_{ij}^s = -D_{ji}^s, \quad E_{j_1 j_2}^s = -E_{j_2 j_1}^s$$

for  $i, i_1, i_2 = 1, \dots, m_1$ ,  $j, j_1, j_2 = 1, \dots, m_2$ ,  $q = 1, \dots, n_1$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n_2$ .

**Proof.** Choose a projectable torsion-free classical linear connection  $\nabla$  on  $p_M: M \rightarrow \underline{M}$ , i.e. a torsion-free classical linear connection  $\nabla$  on  $M$  such that there exists a unique classical linear connection  $\underline{\nabla}$  on  $\underline{M}$  which is  $p_M$ -related with  $\nabla$ . By Lemma 4.2 [5], there exists an  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -chart  $\psi$  on  $Y$  covering a  $\nabla$ -normal fiber coordinate system on  $M$  with the center  $x_0 = p(y_0)$  such that  $\psi(y_0) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$  and such that  $j_{(0,0,0,0)}^1(\psi_*\Gamma) = j_{(0,0,0,0)}^1\tilde{\Gamma}$ , where  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  means (1) for some real numbers:  $A_{i_1 i_2}^q$ ,  $B_{i_1 i_2}^s$ ,  $C_{ij}^s$ ,  $D_{ji}^s$  and  $E_{j_1 j_2}^s$  satisfying the condition (2) for  $i, i_1, i_2 = 1, \dots, m_1$ ,  $j, j_1, j_2 = 1, \dots, m_2$ ,  $q = 1, \dots, n_1$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n_2$ .  $\square$

Using Lemma 1, one can prove Theorem 1 as follows.

**Proof.** Let  $D$  be an  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$ -natural operator of the first order. Put  $\nabla(\Gamma) := D(\Gamma) - \mathcal{V}(\Gamma): VY \rightarrow T^*M \otimes V(VY)$ . It is sufficient to prove that it holds  $\nabla(\Gamma) = 0$ . Because of Lemma 1, the first order of  $\Delta$  and invariance of  $\nabla$  with respect to charts of the fibred-fibred manifold, it is sufficient to prove that  $\langle \Delta(\Gamma)|_v, u \rangle = 0$  for any  $u \in T_{(0,0)}(\mathbb{R}^{m_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{m_2})$ , any  $v \in (V\mathbb{R}^{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2})_{(0,0,0,0)}$  and any projectable general connection  $\Gamma$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2}$  of the form (1) for any real numbers  $A_{i_1 i_2}^q$ ,  $B_{i_1 i_2}^s$ ,  $C_{ij}^s$ ,  $D_{ji}^s$  and  $E_{j_1 j_2}^s$  satisfying (2) for  $i, i_1, i_2 = 1, \dots, m_1$ ,  $j, j_1, j_2 = 1, \dots, m_2$ ,  $q = 1, \dots, n_1$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n_2$ . Using the invariance of  $\Delta$  with respect to the base homotheties  $(tx^i, tx^{[j]}, y^q, y^{<s>})$  for  $t > 0$ , we obtain the condition of homogeneity of the form

$$\langle \Delta(\Gamma^t)|_v, u \rangle = t \langle \Delta(\Gamma)|_v, u \rangle,$$

where  $\Gamma^t$  means  $\Gamma$  with the coefficients  $t^2 A_{i_1 i_2}^q$ ,  $t^2 B_{i_1 i_2}^s$ ,  $t^2 C_{ij}^s$ ,  $t^2 D_{ji}^s$ ,  $t^2 E_{j_1 j_2}^s$  instead of  $A_{i_1 i_2}^q$ ,  $B_{i_1 i_2}^s$ ,  $C_{ij}^s$ ,  $D_{ji}^s$ ,  $E_{j_1 j_2}^s$ .

By the homogeneous function theorem this type of homogeneity yields directly that  $\langle \Delta(\Gamma)|_v, u \rangle = 0$ .  $\square$

In case of  $m_1 = m$ ,  $n_1 = n$ ,  $m_2 = 0$ ,  $n_2 = 0$  we have  $\mathcal{F}^2\mathcal{M}_{m,0,n,0} = \mathcal{FM}_{m,n}$ , the category of the  $(m, n)$ -dimensional fibred manifolds and their local fibre diffeomorphisms. In this case, the projectable general connections are the general connections.

**Corollary 1.** *The operator  $\mathcal{V}$  is a unique  $\mathcal{FM}_{m,n}$ -natural operator of the first order transforming the general connections on an  $(m, n)$ -dimensional fibred manifold  $p: Y \rightarrow M$  into the general connections on  $VY \rightarrow M$ .*

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