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**On the First Order Natural Operators Transforming 1-forms  
on Manifold to the Tangent Bundle**

O operatorach naturalnych pierwszego rzędu transformujących  
1-formy na rozmaitości do wiązki stycznej

**Abstract.** In this paper all first order natural operators transforming 1-forms on a manifold to tangent bundle, are determined. Fundamental operators of this type are a complete lift and a vertical lift of a 1-form. All first order natural operators form a 3-parameter family with coefficients being smooth functions of one variable.

The aim of this paper is to determine all first order natural operators transforming 1-forms on a manifold to the tangent bundle.

We deduce that the fundamental operator here are a complete lift and a vertical lift of a 1-form.

In the paper we use an invariant function theorem developed by I. Kolář , [2].

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1. Let  $M$  be a smooth  $n$ -dimensional manifold. We denote by  $p_M : TM \rightarrow M$  a tangent bundle and by  $q_M : T^*M \rightarrow M$  a cotangent bundle.

A classical field of 1-forms  $\omega$  on the manifold  $M$  can be interpreted as a linear map  $\omega : TM \rightarrow R$  with respect to the vector bundle structure  $p_M : TM \rightarrow M$ . If a 1-form  $\omega$  has in a local chart  $(U, x^i)$  on  $M$  the local expression  $\omega = b_i(x)dx^i$ , then the linear map  $\omega : TM \rightarrow R$  in a local induced chart  $(p_M^{-1}(U), x^i, X^i)$  on  $TM$  is of the form  $\omega = b_i(x)X^i$ .

Consider the tangent map  $T\omega : TTM \rightarrow TR = R \times R$ . The second component of the tangent map  $\Omega = pr_2 \circ T\omega$ , where  $pr_2 : R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a projection on the second factor, defines a linear map  $\Omega = pr_2 \circ T\omega : TTM \rightarrow R$  with respect to the vector bundle structure  $p_{TM} : TTM \rightarrow TM$ .

**Definition 1.** A field of 1-forms  $\Omega$  on  $TM$  defined by the second component of the tangent map  $T\omega$ , i.e.

$$(1.1) \quad \Omega = pr_2 \circ T\omega : TTM \rightarrow R$$

is called a complete lift of a field of 1-forms  $\omega$  on  $M$ .

**Definition 2.** A field of 1-forms  $\Omega$  on  $TM$  defined as the image of a field of 1-forms  $\omega$  on  $M$  under a dual map  $p_M^*$  of the projection  $p_M : TM \rightarrow M$ , i.e.

$$(1.2) \quad \Omega = p_M^* \omega = \omega \circ Tp_M : TTM \rightarrow R$$

is called a vertical lift of a field of 1-forms  $\omega$  on  $M$ .

If a field of 1-forms  $\omega$  on  $M$  has in a local chart  $(U, x^i)$  a local expression  $\omega = b_i(x) dx^i$ , then the complete lift  $\Omega = \omega^c$  and the vertical lift  $\Omega = \omega^v$  in the local induced chart  $p_M^{-1}(U), x^i, X^i$  on  $TM$  are of the form

$$(1.3) \quad \omega^c = b_{ij} X^i dx^j + b_i dX^i$$

$$(1.4) \quad \omega^v = b_i dx^i.$$

If  $\tau_M : TTM \rightarrow TTM$  is a canonical involution, then we have a field of 1-forms  $\omega^c \circ \tau_M$  on  $TM$

$$(1.5) \quad \omega^c \circ \tau_M = b_{ji} X^i dx^j + b_i dX^i$$

We need the following invariant function theorem developed by I. Kolář, [2].

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f : R^n \times \cdots \times R^n \times R^{n_1} \times \cdots \times R^{n_k} \rightarrow R$  be a smooth and  $k$ -times  $l$ -times  $Gl(n, R)$  invariant map. Then there exists a smooth function  $\varphi : R^{k+l} \rightarrow R$  such that

$$(1.6) \quad f(x_i, y^p)_{\substack{i=1, \dots, l \\ p=1, \dots, k}} = \varphi((x_i, y^p))_{\substack{i=1, \dots, l \\ p=1, \dots, k}}$$

We will use the following

**Lemma 2.** Every  $Gl(n, R)$  invariant smooth map  $G : R^n \times R^n \times R^{n_1} \times \cdots \times R^{n_k} \rightarrow R$  is of the form

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{aligned} G(y^i, X^i, b_i, b_{ij}) &= \\ &= \psi(y^i b_i, X^i b_i, y^i y^j b_{ij}, y^i X^j b_{ij}, X^i y^j b_{ij}, X^i X^j b_{ij}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\psi : R^6 \rightarrow R$  is a smooth function.

**Proof.** Consider any  $Gl(n, R)$  invariant smooth map  $\tilde{G} : R^n \times R^n \times R^{n_1} \times R^{n_k} \rightarrow R$  such that  $\tilde{G} = G \circ \otimes$ , i.e.

$$(1.8) \quad \tilde{G}(y^i, X^i, b_i, u_i, v_i) = G(y^i, X^i, b_i, u_i, v_i).$$

By the invariant function theorem there exists a smooth function  $\varphi : R^6 \rightarrow R$  such that

$$(1.9) \quad \tilde{G}(y^i, X^i, b_i, u_i, v_i) = \varphi(y^i b_i, y^i u_i, y^i v_i, X^i b_i, X^i u_i, X^i v_i).$$

Taking into account the invariance with respect to  $u_i \mapsto k \cdot u_i$ ,  $v_i \mapsto \frac{1}{k} \cdot v_i$  for  $k \in R \setminus \{0\}$ , we obtain the relation

$$(1.10) \quad \varphi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \varepsilon, \omega) = \varphi(\alpha, k \cdot \beta, \frac{1}{k} \cdot \gamma, \delta, k \cdot \varepsilon, \frac{1}{k} \cdot \omega).$$

By the invariant function theorem for  $n=1$ , there exists a smooth function  $\psi : R^4 \rightarrow R$  depending on two parameters  $\alpha, \delta$  such that

$$(1.11) \quad \varphi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \varepsilon, \omega) = \psi(\alpha, \delta, \beta \cdot \gamma, \beta \cdot \omega, \varepsilon \cdot \gamma, \varepsilon \cdot \omega).$$

Thus, we obtain

$$(1.12) \quad G(y^i, X^i, b_i, u_i \cdot v_j) = \psi(y^i b_i, X^i b_i, y^i y^j u_i v_j, y^i X^j u_i v_j, X^i y^j u_i v_j, X^i X^j u_i v_j).$$

This proves the lemma, if we put  $b_{ij} = u_i \cdot v_j$ .

**2.** In this part we determine all first order natural operators transforming 1-forms on manifold  $M$  to the tangent bundle  $TM$ .

**Theorem 3.** All first order natural operators  $F : T^*M \rightarrow T^*TM$  set up a 3-parameter family of the form

$$(2.1) \quad F : b_i dx^i \mapsto a(b_k X^k)[b_i dx^i] + b(b_k X^k)[b_i, X^j dx^i + b_i dX^i] + c(b_k X^k)[b_{ij} X^j dx^i + b_i dX^i],$$

where  $a, b, c$  are three arbitrary smooth functions of one variable.

**Proof.** Any map  $F : T^*M \rightarrow T^*TM$  in local coordinates  $(x^i)$  on  $M$  and  $(x^i, X^i)$  on  $TM$  is of the form

$$(2.2) \quad F : b_i(x) dx^i \mapsto e_i(x^k, X^k) dx^i + g_i(x^k, X^k) dX^i.$$

The first order natural operators  $F : T^*M \rightarrow T^*TM$  are in bijection with natural transformations  $F : J^1 T^*M \rightarrow T^*TM$  and  $L_n^2$ -equivariant maps of standard fibres  $F : (J^1 T^*R^n)_0 \rightarrow (T^*TR^n)_0$ .

The group  $L_n^2$  acts on the standard fibre  $S = (J^1 T^*R^n)_0$  in the form

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{b}_i &= b_j \tilde{a}_i^j \\ \bar{b}_{ij} &= b_{kl} \tilde{a}_i^k \tilde{a}_j^l + b_k \tilde{a}_{ij}^k. \end{aligned}$$

We denote by  $(\tilde{a}_j^i, \tilde{a}_{jk}^i)$  the coordinates of the inverse element  $a^{-1}$  of an element  $a \in L_n^2$  with coordinates  $(a_j^i, a_{jk}^i)$ .

The group  $L_n^2$  acts on the standard fibre  $W = (T^*TR^n)_0$  by formula

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{X}^i &= a_j^i X^j \\ \bar{e}_i &= e_j \tilde{a}_i^j + g_k \tilde{a}_{li}^k a_j^l X^j \\ \bar{g}_i &= g_j \tilde{a}_i^j. \end{aligned}$$

Any map  $F : (J^1 T^* R^n)_0 \rightarrow (T^* TR^n)_0$  in coordinates  $(b_i, b_{ij})$  and  $(X^i, e_i, g_i)$  is of the form

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} e_i &= e_i(X^i, b_i, b_{ij}) \\ g_i &= g_i(X^i, b_i, b_{ij}). \end{aligned}$$

Our aim is to find a general form of an  $L_n^2$ -equivariant smooth maps  $e_i : R^n \times R^{n*} \times \otimes^2 R^{n*} \rightarrow R^{n*}$  and  $g_i : R^n \times R^{n*} \times \otimes^2 R^{n*} \rightarrow R^{n*}$ .

We define an  $L_n^1$ -invariant smooth map  $G : R^n \times R^n \times R^{n*} \times \otimes^2 R^{n*} \rightarrow R$  by formula

$$(2.6) \quad G(y^i, X^i, b_i, b_{ij}) = g_i(X^i, b_i, b_{ij}) \cdot y^i.$$

Considering equivalence with respect to homotheties  $y^i \mapsto ky^i$  of  $L_n^1$ -invariant map  $G = g_i y^i$  of the form (1.7), we get

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \psi(ky^i b_i, X^i b_i, k^2 y^i b_{ij}, ky^i X^j b_{ij}, kX^i y^j b_{ij}, X^i X^j b_{ij}) &= \\ &= k \cdot \psi(y^i b_i, X^i b_i, y^i y^j b_{ij}, y^i X^j b_{ij}, X^i y^j b_{ij}, X^i X^j b_{ij}). \end{aligned}$$

From this, the map  $\psi$  is linear in  $y^i b_i$ ,  $y^i X^j b_{ij}$ ,  $X^i y^j b_{ij}$  and is independent of  $y^i y^j b_{ij}$ , where coefficients are three arbitrary smooth functions  $p, q, r$  of two variables depending on  $b_i X^i$  and  $b_{ij} X^i X^j$ .

Thus, every  $L_n^1$ -invariant map  $g_i : R^n \times R^{n*} \times \otimes^2 R^{n*} \rightarrow R^{n*}$  is of the form

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} g_i(X^k, b_k, b_{kl}) &= p(b_k X^k, b_{kl} X^k X^l) b_i + q(b_k X^k, b_{kl} X^k X^l) b_{ij} X^j + \\ &+ r(b_k X^k, b_{kl} X^k X^l) b_{ji} X^j \end{aligned}$$

with arbitrary smooth function  $p, q, r$  of two variables. In the same way, we obtain  $L_n^1$ -invariant map  $e_i : R^n \times R^{n*} \times \otimes^2 R^{n*} \rightarrow R^{n*}$  of the form

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} e_i(X^k, b_k, b_{kl}) &= a(b_k X^k, b_{kl} X^k X^l) b_i + b(b_k X^k, b_{kl} X^k X^l) b_{ij} X^j + \\ &+ c(b_k X^k, b_{kl} X^k X^l) b_{ji} X^j \end{aligned}$$

with arbitrary smooth functions  $a, b, c$  of two variables.

We will consider  $L_n^2$ -equivariance of the map  $F : (J^1 T^* R^n)_0 \rightarrow (T^* TR^n)_0$ . If the map  $F$  is  $L_n^2$ -equivariant, then for every vector  $A = (A_j^i, A_{jk}^i)$  of the Lie algebra  $l_n^2$  of  $L_n^2$  the corresponding fundamental vector fields  $A_s$  on  $S = (J^1 T^* R^n)_0$  and  $A_w$  on  $W = (T^* TR^n)_0$  must be  $F$ -related. This gives the following system of partial differential equations for maps  $g_i$  and  $e_i$  with parameters  $A_j^i, A_{jk}^i$ :

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} -A_i^j g_j &= \frac{\partial p}{\partial u^2} (-b_k A_{lm}^k X^l X^m) b_i - p A_i^j b_j + \\ &+ \frac{\partial q}{\partial u^2} (-b_k A_{lm}^k X^l X^m) b_{ij} X^j - q b_{kl} A_i^k X^l - q b_k A_{ij}^k X^j + \\ &+ \frac{\partial r}{\partial u^2} (-b_k A_{lm}^k X^l X^m) b_{ji} X^j - r b_{kl} A_i^l X^k - r b_k A_{ji}^l X^j, \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} -A_i^j e_j - A_{ji}^k X^j g_k &= \frac{\partial a}{\partial u^2} (-b_k A_{lm}^k X^l X^m) - a A_i^j b_j + \\ &+ \frac{\partial b}{\partial u^2} (-b_k A_{lm}^k X^l X^m) b_{ij} X^j - b b_{kl} A_i^k X^l - b b_k A_{ij}^k X^j + \\ &+ \frac{\partial c}{\partial u^2} (-b_k A_{lm}^k X^l X^m) b_{ji} X^j - c b_{kl} A_i^l X^k - c b_k A_{ji}^l X^j. \end{aligned}$$

First, we consider the differential equation (2.10). Setting  $A_j^i = 0$  in (2.10), we obtain

$$(2.12) \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial u^2} = 0 \quad , \quad \frac{\partial q}{\partial u^2} = 0 \quad , \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial u^2} = 0$$

$$(2.13) \quad q + r = 0 \quad .$$

By means of (2.12), we get that smooth functions  $p, q, r$  of two variables are independent of the second variable. Thus, the map  $g_i : R^n \times R^{n*} \times \otimes^2 R^{n*} \rightarrow R^{n*}$  is of the form

$$(2.14) \quad g_i(X^k, b_k, b_{kl}) = p(b_k X^k) b_i - q(b_k X^k) b_{ij} X^j - q(b_k X^k) b_{ji} X^j$$

Now, setting  $A_j^i = 0$  in (2.11) and using (2.13), we obtain

$$(2.15) \quad \frac{\partial a}{\partial u^2} = 0 \quad , \quad \frac{\partial b}{\partial u^2} = 0 \quad , \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial u^2} = 0$$

$$(2.16) \quad p = b + c \quad , \quad q = 0 \quad .$$

By means of (2.15), we get that smooth functions  $a, b, c$  of two variables are independent of the second variable. Thus, the maps  $e_i : R^n \times R^{n*} \times \otimes^2 R^{n*} \rightarrow R^{n*}$  and  $g_i : R^n \times R^{n*} \times \otimes^2 R^{n*} \rightarrow R^{n*}$  are of the form

$$(2.17) \quad e_i(X^k, b_k, b_{kl}) = a(b_k X^k) b_i + b(b_k X^k) b_{ij} X^j + c(b_k X^k) b_{ji} X^j \\ g_i(X^k, b_k, b_{kl}) = [b(b_k X^k) + c(b_k X^k)] b_i \quad .$$

Finally, using (2.17) in (2.2), we obtain the 3-parameter system of natural operators of the form (2.1). This proves theorem.

The geometrical interpretation of the 3-parameter system (2.1) of first order natural operators  $F : T^*M \rightarrow T^*TM$  is

$$F : \omega \mapsto a(b_i X^i) \cdot \omega^v + b(b_i X^i) \cdot \omega^c + c(b_i X^i) \cdot \omega^c \circ \tau_M$$

where  $\omega^v$  and  $\omega^c$  are the vertical lift and the complete lift of  $\omega$ .

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## STRESZCZENIE

W pracy wyznacza się wszystkie operatory naturalne pierwszego rzędu transformujące 1-formy na różnorodności do wiązki stycznej. Podstawowymi operatorami tego typu są podniesienie zupełne i podniesienia wertykalne 1-formy. Wszystkie operatory naturalne pierwszego rzędu stanowią 3-parametrową rodzinę ze współczynnikami będącymi funkcjami gladkimi jednej zmiennej.

