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## On naturality of some construction of connections

Dedicated to Professor Ivan Kolář on the occasion of his 85-th birthday.

ABSTRACT. Let F be a bundle functor on the category of all fibred manifolds and fibred maps. Let  $\Gamma$  be a general connection in a fibred manifold pr :  $Y \to M$  and  $\nabla$  be a classical linear connection on M. We prove that the well-known general connection  $\mathcal{F}(\Gamma, \nabla)$  in  $FY \to M$  is canonical with respect to fibred maps and with respect to natural transformations of bundle functors.

**Introduction.** We assume that any manifold considered in the paper is Hausdorff, second countable, finite dimensional, without boundary and smooth (i.e. of class  $C^{\infty}$ ). All maps between manifolds are assumed to be smooth (of class  $C^{\infty}$ ). A general connection in a fibred manifold pr :  $Y \to M$  is a map

$$\Gamma: TM \times_M Y \to TY$$

such that

$$\Gamma(-,y): T_x M \to T_y Y$$
 is linear and  $T_y \operatorname{pr} \circ \Gamma(-,y) = \operatorname{id}_{T_x M}$ 

for any  $y \in Y_x$  and  $x \in M$ .

General connections  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma_1$  in fibred manifolds pr :  $Y \to M$  and pr<sub>1</sub> :  $Y_1 \to M_1$  (respectively) are called to be *f*-related with respect to

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a fibred map  $f: Y \to Y_1$  with the base map  $f: M \to M_1$  if

$$Tf \circ \Gamma(v, y) = \Gamma_1(Tf(v), f(y))$$

for any  $v \in T_x M$ ,  $y \in Y_x$  and  $x \in M$ .

A classical linear connection on a manifold M is a general connection  $\nabla$ in the tangent bundle  $TM \to M$  of M such that  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla$  are  $a_t$ -related for any  $t \in \mathbf{R}_+$ , where  $a_t : TM \to TM$  is the fiber multiplication by t. It is well known that such  $\nabla$  defines a linear connection

$$\nabla: \mathcal{X}(M) \times \mathcal{X}(M) \to \mathcal{X}(M)$$

in the usual sense of [1] (and vice versa). One can see that if classical linear connections  $\nabla$  on M and  $\nabla^1$  on  $M_1$  are f-related (i.e. Tf-related) for a map  $f: M \to M_1$ , then  $\nabla_X Z$  and  $\nabla^1_{X_1} Z_1$  are f-related if X and  $X_1$  are and Z and  $Z_1$  are.

We have the well-known canonical constructions on connections.

**Example 0.1.** Let  $\nabla$  be a classical linear connection on a manifold M and let  $v \in T_{x_o}M$  be a vector tangent to M at a point  $x_o \in M$ . Denote by  $\hat{v}$  the constant vector field on  $T_{x_o}M$  determined by v, i.e.  $\hat{v}(w) := \frac{d}{d\tau|_0}(w + \tau v)$ ,  $w \in T_{x_o}M$ . Then on some neighborhood of  $x_o$  we have the vector field

(1) 
$$v^{[\nabla, x_o]} := (\mathcal{E}xp_{\nabla, x_o})_* \hat{v}$$

the image of  $\hat{v}$  by the geodesic exponent  $\mathcal{E}xp_{\nabla,x_o}: (T_{x_o}M, 0) \to (M, x_o)$  of  $\nabla$  at  $x_o$ .

**Example 0.2.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a general connection in a fibred manifold  $\mathrm{pr}: Y \to M$  and  $\nabla$  be a classical linear connection on M. Let  $y_o \in Y_{x_o}, x_o \in M$ . Let  $v \in T_{x_o}M$ . Then on some neighborhood of  $y_o$  we have the projectable vector field

(2) 
$$v^{[\Gamma,\nabla,y_o]} := \left(v^{[\nabla,x_o]}\right)^{\Gamma},$$

where  $X^{\Gamma} = \Gamma(X, -)$  is the  $\Gamma$ -horizontal lift of a vector field X on M to Y.

**Example 0.3.** Let  $F : \mathcal{FM}_{m,n} \to \mathcal{FM}$  be a bundle functor on the category  $\mathcal{FM}_{m,n}$  of fibred manifolds with *n*-dimensional fibres and *m*-dimensional bases and (locally defined) fibred diffeomorphisms. Let  $\Gamma : TM \times_M Y \to TY$  be a general connection in a  $\mathcal{FM}_{m,n}$ -object pr :  $Y \to M$  and  $\nabla$  be a classical linear connection on M. Then we have a map  $\mathcal{F}(\Gamma, \nabla) : TM \times_M FY \to TFY$  defined by

$$\mathcal{F}(\Gamma, \nabla)(v, z) := \mathcal{F}v^{[\Gamma, \nabla, y_o]}(z) \,, \quad z \in F_{y_o}Y \,, \ v \in T_{x_o}M \,, \ y_o \in Y_{x_o} \,, \ x_o \in M \,,$$

where  $\mathcal{F}X$  denotes the flow lift of a projectable vector field X in  $Y \to M$ to FY by means of F. Then  $\mathcal{F}(\Gamma, \nabla)$  is a general connection in  $FY \to M$ . One can see that it is the composition of  $\mathcal{F}(\Gamma, \Lambda)$  from Item 45.4 in [2] with exponential extension of  $\nabla$  into r-th order linear connection  $\Lambda(\nabla)$ . Clearly, the construction of  $\mathcal{F}(\Gamma, \nabla)$  is  $\mathcal{FM}_{m,n}$ -canonical, i.e. we have the corresponding  $\mathcal{FM}_{m,n}$ -natural operator in the sense of [2]. More precisely, we have:

**Proposition 0.4.** Let  $F : \mathcal{FM}_{m,n} \to \mathcal{FM}$  be a bundle functor. Let  $\mathrm{pr} : Y \to M$  and  $\mathrm{pr}_1 : Y_1 \to M_1$  be  $\mathcal{FM}_{m,n}$ -objects. Let  $f : Y \to Y_1$  be a (locally defined) fibred diffeomorphism with the base map  $\underline{f} : M \to M_1$ . Let  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on M and  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on  $M_1$ . Assume that  $\check{\nabla}$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  are  $\underline{f}$ -related. Let  $\check{\Gamma}$  be a general connection in  $\mathrm{pr} : Y \to M$  and  $\check{\Gamma}$  be a general connection in  $\mathrm{pr}_1 : Y_1 \to M_1$ . Assume that connections  $\check{\Gamma}$  and  $\check{\Gamma}$  are f-related. Then the general connections  $\mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})$  and  $\mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})$  are Ff-related.

The purpose of the note is to prove that given a bundle functor  $F : \mathcal{FM} \to \mathcal{FM}$  on the category  $\mathcal{FM}$  of all fibred manifolds and fibred maps, the construction of  $\mathcal{F}(\Gamma, \nabla)$  is  $\mathcal{FM}$ -canonical. More precisely, we will prove:

**Theorem 0.5.** Let  $F : \mathcal{FM} \to \mathcal{FM}$  be a bundle functor. Let  $\operatorname{pr} : Y \to M$ and  $\operatorname{pr}_1 : Y_1 \to M_1$  be fibred manifolds. Let  $f : Y \to Y_1$  be a fibred map with the base map  $\underline{f} : M \to M_1$ . Let  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on M and  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on  $M_1$ . Assume that  $\check{\nabla}$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  are  $\underline{f}$ -related. Let  $\check{\Gamma}$  be a general connection in  $\operatorname{pr} : Y \to M$  and  $\check{\Gamma}$  be a general connection in  $\operatorname{pr}_1 : Y_1 \to M_1$ . Assume that connections  $\check{\Gamma}$  and  $\check{\Gamma}$  are f-related. Then the general connections  $\mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})$  and  $\mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})$  are Ff-related.

We also deduce that the construction of  $\mathcal{F}(\Gamma, \nabla)$  is canonical with respect to F. More precisely, we will prove:

**Theorem 0.6.** Let  $F, F_1 : \mathcal{FM}_{m,n} \to \mathcal{FM}$  be bundle functors and  $\mu : F \to F_1$  be a  $\mathcal{FM}_{m,n}$ -natural transformation. Let  $\mathrm{pr} : Y \to M$  be a  $\mathcal{FM}_{m,n}$ object. Let  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on M. Let  $\check{\Gamma}$  be a general
connection in  $\mathrm{pr} : Y \to M$ . Then the general connections  $\mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})$  and  $\mathcal{F}_1(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})$  are  $\mu_Y$ -related.

## 1. Some preparatory lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1.** Let  $m, m_1$  be non-negative integers and p be an integer such that  $0 \le p \le \min\{m, m_1\}$ . Let  $v = (v^1, \ldots, v^m) \in T_0 \mathbf{R}^m = \mathbf{R}^m$  be a vector. Let  $\iota : \mathbf{R}^m \to \mathbf{R}^{m_1}$  be given by  $\iota(x^1, \ldots, x^m) = (x^1, \ldots, x^p, 0, \ldots, 0)$ . Let  $\check{\nabla}$ be a classical linear connection on  $\mathbf{R}^m$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on  $\mathbf{R}^{m_1}$ . Assume that  $\check{\nabla}$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  are  $\iota$ -related. Suppose  $\gamma = (\gamma^1, \ldots, \gamma^m)$  is the  $\check{\nabla}$ -geodesic such that  $\gamma(0) = 0$  and  $\gamma'(0) = v = (v^1, \ldots, v^m)$ . Then  $\check{\gamma} := \iota \circ \gamma = (\gamma^1, \ldots, \gamma^p, 0, \ldots, 0)$  is the  $\check{\nabla}$ -geodesic such that  $\check{\gamma}(0) = \iota(0)$  and  $\check{\gamma}'(0) = T\iota(v) = (v^1, \ldots, v^p, 0, \ldots, 0)$ . **Proof.** If m = 0 or  $m_1 = 0$  or p = 0, then  $\iota = 0$ . Then  $\check{\gamma} = 0$ , and then it is  $\check{\nabla}$ -geodesic. So, we may additionally assume that  $m, m_1, p$  are positive integers. Let  $\check{\Gamma}^{\rho}_{\alpha\beta}$  be the Christofell symbols of  $\check{\nabla}$  with respect to the usual coordinates on  $\mathbf{R}^m$  and  $\check{\Gamma}^s_{qr}$  be the Christofell symbols of  $\check{\nabla}$  with respect to the usual coordinates on  $\mathbf{R}^{m_1}$ . Since  $\check{\nabla}$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  are  $\iota$ -related, then:

(3) 
$$\begin{split} & \tilde{\Gamma}_{ij}^{s}(x^{1},...,x^{p},0,...,0) = 0 \text{ for } i, j = 1,...,p \text{ and } s = p + 1,...,m_{1}; \\ & \check{\Gamma}_{ij}^{k}(x^{1},...,x^{m}) = \check{\Gamma}_{ij}^{k}(x^{1},...,x^{p},0,...,0) \text{ for } i, j, k = 1,...,p; \\ & \check{\Gamma}_{qr}^{k}(x^{1},...,x^{m}) = 0 \text{ for } k = 1,...,p, \ q = p + 1,...,m, r = 1,...,m; \\ & \check{\Gamma}_{qr}^{k}(x^{1},...,x^{m}) = 0 \text{ for } k = 1,...,p, \ q = 1,...,m, \ r = p + 1,...,m. \end{split}$$

Indeed, we can see that  $T\iota \circ \partial \rho = \partial_{\rho} \circ \iota$  for  $\rho = 1, \ldots, p$  and = 0 for  $\rho = p + 1, \ldots, m$ . Then

$$T\iota((\check{\nabla}_{\partial_{\alpha}}\partial_{\beta})_{|(x^{1},\ldots,x^{m})}) = \sum_{\rho=1}^{p} \check{\Gamma}_{\alpha\beta}^{\rho}(x^{1},\ldots,x^{m})\partial_{\rho|(x^{1},\ldots,x^{p},0,\ldots,0)}$$

and (since  $\check{\nabla}$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  are  $\iota$ -related)

$$T\iota((\check{\nabla}_{\partial_{\alpha}}\partial_{\beta})_{|(x^{1},\dots,x^{m})}) = \check{\nabla}_{\partial_{\alpha}}\partial_{\beta|(x^{1},\dots,x^{p},0,\dots,0)}$$
$$= \sum_{\rho=1}^{m_{1}} \check{\Gamma}^{\rho}_{\alpha\beta}(x^{1},\dots,x^{p},0,\dots,0)\partial_{\rho|(x^{1},\dots,x^{p},0,\dots,0)}$$

if  $\alpha, \beta = 1, \ldots, p$  and  $T\iota((\check{\nabla}_{\partial_{\alpha}}\partial_{\beta})|_{(x^1,\ldots,x^m)}) = 0$  for other  $\alpha, \beta = 1, \ldots, m$ . Then considering the coefficients on  $\partial_{\rho(x^1,\ldots,x^p,0,\ldots,0)}$ , we get (3).

Since  $\gamma$  is a  $\check{\nabla}$ -geodesic, then

$$\frac{d^2\gamma^{\rho}}{dt^2} = -\sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^{m} \check{\Gamma}^{\rho}_{\alpha_{\beta}}(\gamma) \frac{d\gamma^{\alpha}}{dt} \frac{d\gamma^{\beta}}{dt} , \quad \rho = 1, \dots, m .$$

Consequently, denoting  $\check{\gamma} = (\check{\gamma}^1, \dots, \check{\gamma}^{m_1})$ , we get

$$\frac{d^2 \check{\gamma}^s}{dt^2} = -\sum_{q,r=1}^{m_1} \check{\Gamma}^s_{qr}(\check{\gamma}) \frac{d\check{\gamma}^q}{dt} \frac{d\check{\gamma}^r}{dt} \text{ for } s = 1, \dots, m_1$$

Indeed, if  $s = p + 1, ..., m_1$ , then both sides of the above equations are equal to 0, and if s = 1, ..., p, then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 \breve{\gamma}^s}{dt^2} &= \frac{d^2 \gamma^s}{dt^2} = -\sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^m \check{\Gamma}^s_{\alpha\beta}(\gamma) \frac{d\gamma^\alpha}{dt} \frac{d\gamma^\beta}{dt} = -\sum_{q,r=1}^p \check{\Gamma}^s_{qr}(\gamma) \frac{d\gamma^q}{dt} \frac{d\gamma^r}{dt} \\ &= -\sum_{q,r=1}^p \check{\Gamma}^s_{qr}(\breve{\gamma}) \frac{d\breve{\gamma}^q}{dt} \frac{d\breve{\gamma}^r}{dt} = -\sum_{q,r=1}^{m_1} \check{\Gamma}^s_{qr}(\breve{\gamma}) \frac{d\breve{\gamma}^q}{dt} \frac{d\breve{\gamma}^r}{dt} \,, \end{aligned}$$

as well. The lemma is complete.

**Lemma 1.2.** Let  $m, m_1$  be non-negative integers and p be an integer such that  $0 \le p \le \min\{m, m_1\}$ . Let  $v = (v^1, \ldots, v^m) \in T_0 \mathbf{R}^m = \mathbf{R}^m$  be a vector. Let  $\iota : \mathbf{R}^m \to \mathbf{R}^{m_1}$  be given by  $\iota(x^1, \ldots, x^m) = (x^1, \ldots, x^p, 0, \ldots, 0)$ . Let  $\check{\nabla}$ be a classical linear connection on  $\mathbf{R}^m$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on  $\mathbf{R}^{m_1}$ . Assume that  $\check{\nabla}$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  are  $\iota$  related. Then the vector fields  $v^{[\check{\nabla}, 0]}$ and  $(T\iota(v))^{[\check{\nabla}, \iota(0)]}$  are  $\iota$ -related.

**Proof.** Similarly as in Lemma 1.1, we may additionally assume that m,  $m_1$ , p are positive integers.

Consider a point  $x \in \mathbf{R}^m$  near 0. Then  $x = \mathcal{E}xp_{\check{\nabla},0}(w)$ , where  $w \in T_0\mathbf{R}^m$  is the point. Then

$$v_{|x}^{[\check{\nabla},0]} = \frac{d}{d\tau}_{|\tau=0} \gamma_{\tau}(1) \,,$$

where  $\gamma_{\tau}$  is the  $\nabla$ -geodesic such that  $\gamma_{\tau}(0) = 0$  and  $\gamma'_{\tau}(0) = w + \tau v$  for any small  $\tau \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then (by Lemma 1.1)  $\check{\gamma}_{\tau} := \iota \circ \gamma_{\tau}$  is the  $\check{\nabla}$ -geodesic such that  $\check{\gamma}_{\tau}(0) = \iota(0)$  and  $\check{\gamma}'_{\tau}(0) = T\iota(w + \tau v) = T\iota(w) + \tau T\iota(v)$ . Hence

$$T\iota\left(v_{|x}^{[\nabla,0]}\right) = T\iota\left(\frac{d}{d\tau}_{|\tau=0}\gamma_{\tau}(1)\right) = \frac{d}{d\tau}_{|\tau=0}\breve{\gamma}_{\tau}(1) = (T\iota(v))_{|\iota(x)}^{[\nabla,\iota(0)]}$$

for any small  $\tau$ . The lemma is complete.

**Lemma 1.3.** Let  $m, m_1, n, n_1$  be non-negative integers and p, q be integers such that  $0 \leq p \leq \min\{m, m_1\}$  and  $0 \leq q \leq \min\{n, n_1\}$ . Let  $v = (v^1, \ldots, v^m) \in T_0 \mathbf{R}^m = \mathbf{R}^m$  and  $y_o = (0, 0) \in (\mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^n)_0 = \mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $\iota : \mathbf{R}^m \to \mathbf{R}^{m_1}$  be given by  $\iota(x^1, \ldots, x^m) = (x^1, \ldots, x^p, 0, \ldots, 0)$  and  $\kappa : \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^{n_1}$  be given by  $\kappa(y^1, \ldots, y^n) = (y^1, \ldots, y^q, 0, \ldots, 0)$ . Let  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on  $\mathbf{R}^m$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on  $\mathbf{R}^m$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection in the trivial bundle  $\mathrm{pr} : \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^m$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  be a general connection in the trivial bundle  $\mathrm{pr} : \mathbf{R}^{m_1} \times \mathbf{R}^{n_1} \to \mathbf{R}^{m_1}$ . Assume that connections  $\check{\Gamma}$  and  $\check{\Gamma}$  are  $(\iota \times \kappa, \iota)$ -related. Then the vector fields  $v^{[\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla}, y_o]}$  and  $(T\iota(v))^{[\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla},\iota\times\kappa(y_o)]}$  are  $\iota \times \kappa$ -related.

**Proof.** Let  $(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^n$ . Then  $v_{|(x,y)}^{[\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla},y_o]} \in \check{\Gamma}_{(x,y)}$ . Then (since  $\check{\Gamma}$  and  $\check{\Gamma}$  are  $(\iota \times \kappa, \iota)$ -related)

$$T_{(x,y)}(\iota \times \kappa) \big( v_{|(x,y)}^{[\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla},y_o]} \big) \in \check{\Gamma}_{(\iota(x),\kappa(y))}.$$

Moreover, using Lemma 1.2 and the property defining the  $\dot{\Gamma}$  -horizontal lift, we get

$$T \operatorname{pr}_{1} \circ T_{(x,y)}(\iota \times \kappa) \left( v_{|(x,y)}^{[\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla},y_{o}]} \right) = T\iota \circ T \operatorname{pr} \left( v_{|(x,y)}^{[\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla},y_{o}]} \right)$$
$$= T\iota \left( v_{|x}^{[\check{\nabla},0]} \right) = (T\iota(v))_{|\iota(x)}^{[\check{\nabla},\iota(0)]}.$$

Hence

$$T(\iota \times \kappa) \circ v_{|(x,y)}^{[\Gamma,\nabla,y_o]} = ((T\iota(v))^{[\nabla,\iota(0)]})_{|(\iota(x),\kappa(y))}^{\check{\Gamma}}$$
$$= (T\iota(v))^{[\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla},\iota\times\kappa(y_o)]} \circ (\iota \times \kappa)(x,y) \,.$$

The lemma is complete.

**Lemma 1.4.** Let  $m, m_1$  be non-negative integers and p be an integer such that  $0 \le p \le \min\{m, m_1\}$ . Let  $\iota : \mathbf{R}^m \to \mathbf{R}^{m_1}$  be given by  $\iota(x^1, \ldots, x^m) = (x^1, \ldots, x^p, 0, \ldots, 0)$ . Let  $X = \sum_{i=1}^m X^i \partial_i$  be a vector field on  $\mathbf{R}^m$  and  $X_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{m_1} X_1^j \partial_j$  be a vector field on  $\mathbf{R}^{m_1}$ . Assume that X and  $X_1$  are  $\iota$ -related. Let  $\{\varphi_t\}$  be the flow of X and  $\{\psi_t\}$  be the flow of  $X_1$ . Then  $\iota \circ \varphi_t = \psi_t \circ \iota$  for all sufficiently small t.

**Proof.** We know that:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\varphi_t^i(x^1,\ldots,x^m)) = X^i(\varphi_t(x^1,\ldots,x^m)) \text{ and } \varphi_0^i(x^1,\ldots,x^m) = x^i$$

for i = 1, ..., m;

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\psi_t^j(x^1,\dots,x^{m_1})) = X_1^j(\psi_t(x^1,\dots,x^{m_1})) \text{ and } \psi_0^j(x^1,\dots,x^{m_1}) = x^j$$

for  $j = 1, ..., m_1$ .

By the assumption that X and  $X_1$  are  $\iota$ -related, we have:

$$X^{i}(x^{1},...,x^{m}) = X^{i}_{1}(x^{1},...,x^{p},0,...,0) \text{ for } i = 1,...,p;$$
  
$$X^{j}_{1}(x^{1},...,x^{p},0,...,0) = 0 \text{ for } j = p+1,...,m_{1}.$$

Then (because of the well-known uniqueness result of systems of ordinary differential equations) we derive:

$$\varphi_t^k(x^1, \dots, x^m) = \varphi_t^k(x^1, \dots, x^p, 0, \dots, 0) = \psi_t^k(x^1, \dots, x^p, 0, \dots, 0)$$

for k = 1, ..., p;

$$\psi_t^k(x^1, \dots, x^p, 0, \dots, 0) = 0$$
 for  $k = p + 1, \dots, m_1$ 

The lemma is complete.

**Lemma 1.5.** Let  $m, m_1, n, n_1$  be non-negative integers and p, q be integers such that  $0 \le p \le \min\{m, m_1\}$  and  $0 \le q \le \min\{n, n_1\}$ . Let  $\iota : \mathbf{R}^m \to \mathbf{R}^{m_1}$ be given by  $\iota(x^1, \ldots, x^m) = (x^1, \ldots, x^p, 0, \ldots, 0)$  and  $\kappa : \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^{n_1}$  be given by  $\kappa(y^1, \ldots, y^n) = (y^1, \ldots, y^q, 0, \ldots, 0)$ . Let X be a vector field on  $\mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^n$  and  $X_1$  be a vector field on  $\mathbf{R}^{m_1} \times \mathbf{R}^{n_1}$ . Assume that X and  $X_1$ are  $\iota \times \kappa$ -related. Let  $\{\varphi_t\}$  be the flow of X and  $\{\psi_t\}$  be the flow of  $X_1$ . Then  $(\iota \times \kappa) \circ \varphi_t = \psi_t \circ (\iota \times \kappa)$  for all sufficiently small t.

**Proof.** This lemma is the obvious modification of Lemma 1.4 for  $(m + n, m_1 + n_1, p + q)$  playing the role of  $(m, m_1, p)$ . The lemma is complete.  $\Box$ 

 $\square$ 

**Lemma 1.6.** Let  $F : \mathcal{FM} \to \mathcal{FM}$  be a bundle functor. Let  $m, m_1, n, n_1$ be non-negative integers and p, q be integers such that  $0 \le p \le \min\{m, m_1\}$ and  $0 \le q \le \min\{n, n_1\}$ . Let  $\iota : \mathbf{R}^m \to \mathbf{R}^{m_1}$  be given by  $\iota(x^1, \ldots, x^m) = (x^1, \ldots, x^p, 0, \ldots, 0)$  and  $\kappa : \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^{n_1}$  be given by  $\kappa(y^1, \ldots, y^n) = (y^1, \ldots, y^q, 0, \ldots, 0)$ . Let  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on  $\mathbf{R}^m$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on  $\mathbf{R}^{m_1}$ . Assume that  $\check{\nabla}$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  are  $\iota$ -related. Let  $\check{\Gamma}$  be a general connection in the trivial bundle  $\operatorname{pr} : \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^m$  and  $\check{\Gamma}$  be a general connection in the trivial bundle  $\operatorname{pr}_1 : \mathbf{R}^{m_1} \times \mathbf{R}^{n_1} \to \mathbf{R}^{m_1}$ . Assume that connections  $\check{\Gamma}$  and  $\check{\Gamma}$  are  $\iota \times \kappa$ -related. Let  $y_o = (0,0) \in \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $v \in T_0 \mathbf{R}^m$  and  $z \in F_{y_o}(\mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^n)$ . Then

$$TF(\iota \times \kappa)(\mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma}, \check{\nabla})(v, z)) = \mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma}, \check{\nabla})(T\iota(v), F(\iota \times \kappa)(z)).$$

**Proof.** By Lemma 1.3, vector fields  $v^{[\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla},y_o]}$  and  $(T\iota(v))^{[\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla},\iota\times\kappa(y_o)]}$  are  $\iota\times\kappa$ -related. Let  $\{\varphi_t\}$  be the flow of  $v^{[\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla},y_o]}$  and  $\{\psi_t\}$  be the flow of  $(T\iota(v))^{[\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla},\iota\times\kappa(y_o)]}$ . By Lemma 1.5,  $(\iota\times\kappa)\circ\varphi_t = \psi_t\circ(\iota\times\kappa)$  for all sufficiently small reals t. Then

$$TF(\iota \times \kappa)(\mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma}, \check{\nabla})(v, z)) = TF(\iota \times \kappa) \left(\frac{d}{dt}_{|t=0} F\varphi_t(z)\right)$$
$$= \frac{d}{dt}_{|t=0} F((\iota \times \kappa) \circ \varphi_t)(z)$$
$$= \frac{d}{dt}_{|t=0} F(\psi_t \circ (\iota \times \kappa))(z)$$
$$= \frac{d}{dt}_{t=0} F(\psi_t)(F(\iota \times \kappa)(z))$$
$$= \mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma}, \check{\nabla})(T\iota(v), F(\iota \times \kappa)(z)).$$

The lemma is complete.

**Lemma 1.7.** Let  $F : \mathcal{FM} \to \mathcal{FM}$  be a bundle functor. Let  $\operatorname{pr} : Y \to M$  and  $\operatorname{pr}_1 : Y_1 \to M_1$  be fibred manifolds. Let  $f : Y \to Y_1$  be a fibred map with the base map  $\underline{f} : M \to M_1$ . Assume that f and  $\underline{f}$  are of constant rank. Let  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on M and  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on M and  $\check{\nabla}$  be a general connection on  $M_1$ . Assume that  $\check{\nabla}$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  are  $\underline{f}$ -related. Let  $\check{\Gamma}$  be a general connection in  $\operatorname{pr} : Y \to M$  and  $\check{\Gamma}$  be a general connection in  $\operatorname{pr}_1 : Y_1 \to M_1$ . Assume that connections  $\check{\Gamma}$  and  $\check{\Gamma}$  are f-related. Let  $v \in T_{x_o}M$  and  $z \in F_{y_o}Y$ ,  $y_o \in Y_{x_o}$ ,  $x_o \in M$ . Then

$$TFf(\mathcal{F}(\Gamma, \nabla)(v, z)) = \mathcal{F}(\Gamma, \nabla)(T\underline{f}(v), Ff(z)).$$

**Proof.** The lemma is clear if f is a (locally defined) fibred diffeomorphism, see Proposition 0.4. Then (by the rank theorem) we can additionally assume that  $\text{pr}: Y = \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^n \to M = \mathbf{R}^m$ ,  $\text{pr}_1: Y_1 = \mathbf{R}^{m_1} \times \mathbf{R}^{n_1} \to M_1 = \mathbf{R}^{m_1}$ 

are the trivial bundles,  $y_o = (0,0) \in \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $x_o = 0 \in \mathbf{R}^m$  and  $f = \iota \times \kappa$ . Then the lemma immediately follows from Lemma 1.6.

2. The construction of  $\mathcal{F}(\Gamma, \nabla)$  is canonical with respect to  $\mathcal{FM}$ . We have the following theorem corresponding to Theorem 0.5.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $F : \mathcal{FM} \to \mathcal{FM}$  be a bundle functor. Let  $\mathrm{pr} : Y \to M$ and  $\mathrm{pr}_1 : Y_1 \to M_1$  be fibred manifolds. Let  $f : Y \to Y_1$  be a fibred map with the base map  $\underline{f} : M \to M_1$ . Let  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on M and  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on  $M_1$ . Assume that  $\check{\nabla}$  and  $\check{\nabla}$  are  $\underline{f}$ -related. Let  $\check{\Gamma}$  be a general connection in  $\mathrm{pr} : Y \to M$  and  $\check{\Gamma}$  be a general connection in  $\mathrm{pr}_1 : Y_1 \to M_1$ . Assume that connections  $\check{\Gamma}$  and  $\check{\Gamma}$  are f-related. Then the general connections  $\mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})$  and  $\mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})$  are Ff-related.

**Proof.** Let  $v \in T_{x_o}M$  and  $z \in F_{y_o}Y$ ,  $y_o \in Y_{x_o}$ ,  $x_o \in M$ . There is a sequence  $y_n \in Y_{x_n}$  with  $x_n \in M$  such that  $y_n \to y_o$  if  $n \to \infty$ ,  $x_n \to x_o$  if  $n \to \infty$ , f is of constant rank on some neighborhood of  $y_n$  and  $\underline{f}$  is of constant rank on some neighborhood of  $y_n$  and  $\underline{f}$  is of constant rank on some neighborhoods of  $y_o$  such that  $V_1 \to V_2 \to \ldots$  and  $\bigcap V_n = \{y_o\}$ . Let rank<sub>y</sub>(f) denote the rank of  $T_yf$ . Let  $\tilde{y}_n \in V_n$  be a point such that rank $\tilde{y}_n(f) \ge \operatorname{rank}_y(f)$  for all  $y \in V_n$ . Let  $U_n \subset V_n$  be an open neighborhood of  $\tilde{y}_n$  such that  $f_{|U_n|}$  is of constant rank rank $\tilde{y}_n(f)$ . Let  $x_n \in \operatorname{pr}(U_n)$  be such that  $\operatorname{rank}_{x_n}(\underline{f}) \ge \operatorname{rank}_x(\underline{f})$  for all  $x \in \operatorname{pr}(U_n)$ . Then choose an arbitrary point  $y_n \in Y_{x_n} \cap U_n$ .) Moreover, there is a sequence  $z_n \in F_{y_n}Y$  such that  $z_n \to z$  and there is a sequence  $v_n \in T_{x_n}M$  such that  $v_n \to v$ . By Lemma 1.7,

$$TFf(\mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})(v_n,z_n)) = \mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})(T\underline{f}(v_n),Ff(z_n)).$$

Putting  $n \to \infty$ , we get

$$TFf(\mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})(v,z)) = \mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})(Tf(v),Ff(z)).$$

The theorem is complete.

3. The construction of  $\mathcal{F}(\Gamma, \nabla)$  is canonical with respect to F. We have the following theorem corresponding to Theorem 0.6.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $F, F_1 : \mathcal{FM}_{m,n} \to \mathcal{FM}$  be bundle functors and  $\mu : F \to F_1$  be a  $\mathcal{FM}_{m,n}$ -natural transformation. Let  $\mathrm{pr} : Y \to M$  be a  $\mathcal{FM}_{m,n}$ object. Let  $\check{\nabla}$  be a classical linear connection on M. Let  $\check{\Gamma}$  be a general
connection in  $\mathrm{pr} : Y \to M$ . Then the general connections  $\mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})$  and  $\mathcal{F}_1(\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla})$  are  $\mu_Y$ -related.

**Proof.** Let  $v \in T_{x_o}M$  and  $z \in F_{y_o}Y$ ,  $y_o \in Y_{x_o}$ ,  $x_o \in M$ .

Let  $\{\varphi_t\}$  be the flow of  $v^{[\check{\Gamma},\check{\nabla},y_o]}$ . Since  $\mu$  is a natural transformation, then

$$\mu_Y \circ F\varphi_t = F_1\varphi_t \circ \mu_Y$$

That is why  $T\mu_Y \circ \mathcal{F}(\check{\Gamma}, \check{\nabla})(v, z) = \mathcal{F}_1(\check{\Gamma}, \check{\nabla})(v, \mu_Y(z))$ . The theorem is complete.

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