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## CARTAN'S METHOD OF SPECIALIZATION OF FRAMES\*)

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### PREFACE

The general theory of spaces with connection is now well known. The theory of pseudogroups has been also thoroughly studied. These two theories are based on the papers of E. CARTAN. Nevertheless, a great part of Cartan's results has not been revised, namely the theory of submanifolds of spaces with connection. Cartan introduced as the main tool of his studies his method of the specialization of the frames leading to the complete solution of the equivalence problem in the following sense: Be given a Lie group  $G$ , its Lie subgroup  $H$ , the homogeneous space  $G/H$ , a manifold  $M$  with  $\dim M < \dim G/H$  and two embeddings  $V, W: M \rightarrow G/H$ ; we have to decide whether there is an element  $g \in G$  such that  $V = gW$ . This problem may be formulated more generally replacing the space  $G/H$  by a principal fibre bundle with a connection. In the classical differential geometry, the equivalence problem is often solved by means of the specialization of the frames (Frenet formulas for a curve etc.), but the general description of this procedure is given only in E. Cartan's papers in a rather unsatisfactory manner. Many Cartan's results are devoted to the theory of deformations which has been substantially completed by his successors. Nevertheless, the general definition of the deformation remains unclear. In many papers on local differential geometry, the frames are specialized (roughly speaking) as follows. Geometrically, i.e. intuitively, we estimate the equations of the considered submanifold, and we differentiate them quite precisely. But then: instead of  $\omega$ 's, we write some  $e$ 's, and, according to some customs, some functions are said to be equal to one or to zero. In existence questions, we calculate the rangs of some matrices, and we declare that the investigated manifolds depend on  $A$  functions of  $B$  variables. It is necessary to say that the dependence of a solution on these functions has been made precise by KURANISHI; nevertheless, the theory of systems of exterior equations on the principal fibre bundles of frames is not quite clear. The worst thing,

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however, is to say that some function may be made equal to some constant by a suitable change of the frames assuming certain global properties of solutions of differentiable equations given only locally.

In this paper, I am very far of solving of all mentioned problems. I merely present a theory of spaces with Cartan's connection, define generally the developments of the curves and the notion of the deformation, and, in the last chapter, I try to give a more clear description of the specialization of the frames. The first chapter is devoted to an example, namely the theory of surfaces in 3-dimensional affine spaces treated in a more general way.

## 1. SURFACES IN AFFINE SPACES

**1.1.** Let us consider the  $n$ -dimensional affine space  $A^n$ . The *frame*

$$(1.1) \quad F = (M, e_1, \dots, e_n)$$

of this space is an ordered set consisting of a point  $M$  and  $n$  linearly independent vectors  $e_i$ ; the set of all frames may be made into an  $(n + n^2)$ -dimensional manifold  $\mathcal{F}$ . Let us denote by  $\pi' : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow A^n$  the map given by

$$(1.2) \quad \pi'(M, e_1, \dots, e_n) = M.$$

Further, consider the group  $GA(n, \mathbf{R}) \subset GL(n + 1, \mathbf{R})$ , its elements being the matrices of the form

$$(1.3) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \alpha^1 & a_1^1 & a_2^1 & \dots & a_n^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \alpha^n & a_1^n & a_2^n & \dots & a_n^n \end{pmatrix}, \quad a \in GL(n, \mathbf{R}), \alpha^i \in \mathbf{R}.$$

The group  $GA(n, \mathbf{R})$  is called the *real affine group*. The group  $GA(n, \mathbf{R})$  acts freely on  $\mathcal{F}$  on the right according to the rule

$$(1.4) \quad F' = FA,$$

$FA$  being the usual product of the matrices  $F$  and  $A$ .

In the group  $GA(n, \mathbf{R})$ , we have two important subgroups. One of them,  $GA_0(n, \mathbf{R})$ , consists of the elements of the form

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}, \quad a \in GL(n, \mathbf{R});$$

it is isomorphic to the group  $GL(n, \mathbf{R})$ . The second one consists of the matrices

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \alpha & e_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad e_0 \in GL(n, \mathbf{R}) \text{ being the identity.}$$

This so-called group of translations  $T(n, \mathbf{R})$  is isomorphic to the additive group  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . The letter  $\mathbf{R}$  in  $GL(n, \mathbf{R})$  etc. will be often omitted.

Consider the sequence

$$(1.7) \quad e \rightarrow T(n) \xrightarrow{\alpha} GA(n) \xrightarrow{\beta} GA_0(n) \rightarrow e,$$

where  $e$  is the identity of the group  $GA(n)$ ,  $\alpha$  is the injection and

$$(1.8) \quad \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \alpha & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}.$$

The sequence (1.7) is exact.  $\gamma : GA_0(n) \rightarrow GA(n)$  being the natural injection,  $\beta\gamma$  is the identical automorphism of the group  $GA_0(n)$ , and the sequence (1.7) admits the splitting. The group  $GA(n)$  is the semidirect product of the groups  $T(n)$  and  $GA_0(n)$  in the following sense: To each element  $A \in GA(n)$ , there is a uniquely determined couple of elements  $t \in T(n)$ ,  $A_0 \in GA_0(n)$  such that

$$(1.9) \quad A = tA_0.$$

**1.2.** Be given an affine space  $A^n$ . Let  $D$  be a domain of the space  $\mathbf{R}^m$ ,  $m < n$ . A manifold of the space  $A^n$  is an imbedding  $V : D \rightarrow A^n$ . We could consider an  $m$ -dimensional manifold instead of  $D$ , but our definition is quite sufficient because we are interested in the local theory only. Be given another manifold  $W : D \rightarrow A^n$ . Our problem is to determine whether the manifolds  $V$  and  $W$  are equivalent, i.e. to determine if there is an affine collineation  $\mathcal{A} : A^n \rightarrow A^n$  such that the diagram

$$(1.10) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & V & A^n \\ D & \swarrow & \downarrow \mathcal{A} \\ & W & A^n \end{array}$$

is commutative. First of all, we need to know how to determine the manifolds  $V$  and  $W$ . In the differential geometry, we use the following procedure (we restrict ourselves to the manifold  $V$ ).

Let us consider the principal fibre bundle  $P = A^n \times \mathcal{F}$  with the structure group  $GA(n)$  acting by the rule

$$(1.11) \quad (M, F) \cdot A = (M, FA); \quad M \in A^n, F \in \mathcal{F}, A \in GA(n).$$

Let us denote by  $\pi : P \rightarrow A^n$  the projection. We are going to construct the usual map  $\varphi : P \rightarrow G$  such that

$$(1.12) \quad \varphi(pA) = \varphi(p) \cdot A \quad \text{for each } p \in P, A \in GA(n).$$

Let  $F_0 \in \mathcal{F}$  be a fixed frame of the space  $A^n$ , and consider the point  $p = (M, F) \in P$ . Then there is one and only one element  $t \in T(n)$  such that

$$(1.13) \quad \pi'(F_0 t) = M.$$

Further, there is one and only one element  $A \in GA(n)$  such that

$$(1.14) \quad F = F_0 t A.$$

We set

$$(1.15) \quad \varphi(M, F) = A,$$

the condition (1.12) being satisfied. The map  $\varphi$  depends on the frame  $F_0$ . Let us choose another frame  $F_1$  such that

$$(1.16) \quad F_0 = F_1 t_1 B_1; \quad t_1 \in T(n), \quad B_1 \in GA_0(n).$$

We have  $\pi'(F_1 t_1) = \pi'(F_0)$  and  $\pi'(F_1 t_1 t) = \pi'(F_0 t) = M$ . We may write

$$(1.17) \quad F = F_1 t_1 t A' \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi'(M, F) = A'.$$

From (1.14), (1.16) and (1.17), we obtain

$$(1.18) \quad A' = t^{-1} B_1 t A.$$

Let us return to our fixed frame  $F_0$ . Consider the reduction  $Q \subset P$  to the group  $GA_0(n)$  constructed as follows:

$$(1.19) \quad (M, F) \in Q \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \pi'(F) = M.$$

Let  $q = (M, F) \in Q$ . Then there is one and only one element  $A \in GA(n)$  such that

$$(1.20) \quad F = F_0 A.$$

We have the uniquely determined decomposition

$$(1.21) \quad A = t A_0; \quad t \in T(n), \quad A_0 \in GA_0(n);$$

of course,  $\varphi(q) = A_0$ . The elements of the matrix  $A$  are global coordinates on  $Q$ , elements of the matrix  $t$  are global coordinates on the base space  $A^n$  and the elements of the matrix  $A_0$  are global coordinates in the fibre of the bundle  $Q(A^n, GA_0(n))$  over the point  $\pi'(F_0 t)$ . We have also global coordinates on  $P$ , see (1.14). The elements of the matrix  $t \in T(n)$  are the coordinates of the point  $\pi'(F_0 t)$ , the elements of the matrix  $A \in GA(n)$  being the coordinates of the frame  $F$  in the fibre over the point  $\pi'(F_0 t)$ .

The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{ga}(n)$  of the group  $GA(n)$  is isomorphic to the additive group of the matrices of the form

$$(1.22) \quad r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ r^1 & r_1^1 & \dots & r_n^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ r^n & r_1^n & \vdots & r_n^n \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $[r, s] = rs - sr$ . The subalgebras  $\mathfrak{t}(n)$  and  $\mathfrak{ga}_0(n)$  consist of the matrices of the form

$$(1.23) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ r^1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ r^n & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & r_1^1 & \dots & r_n^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & r_1^n & \dots & r_n^n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{resp.};$$

of course,

$$(1.24) \quad \mathfrak{ga}(n) = \mathfrak{ga}_0(n) \oplus \mathfrak{t}(n).$$

In the equation (1.14), let us decompose the element  $A$  into the product of the elements of  $T(n)$  and  $GA_0(n)$ , i.e. let us write

$$(1.25) \quad F = F_0 t t_1 A_1; \quad t, t_1 \in T(n), \quad A_1 \in GA_0(n).$$

The frame  $F$  over the point  $\pi'(F_0 t)$  belongs to  $Q$  if and only if  $t_1 = e$ . Let us consider the Lie algebra

$$(1.26) \quad \mathfrak{l} = \mathfrak{ga}_0(n) \oplus \mathfrak{t}(n) \oplus \mathfrak{t}(n).$$

On  $P$ , let us construct the 1-forms

$$(1.27) \quad \omega_1 = A_1^{-1} dA_1, \quad \omega_2 = A_1^{-1} t_1^{-1} t^{-1} dt t_1 A_1, \quad \omega_3 = A_1^{-1} t_1^{-1} dt_1 A_1,$$

$\omega_1$  being  $\mathfrak{ga}_0(n)$ -valued,  $\omega_2$  and  $\omega_3$  being  $\mathfrak{t}(n)$ -valued. The form

$$(1.28) \quad \omega^* = \omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3$$

is an  $\mathfrak{l}$ -valued 1-form on  $P$ . It is easy to prove

**Theorem 1.1.** *The form  $\omega^*$  is a connection on  $P$  satisfying the structure equation*

$$(1.29) \quad d\omega^* = -\omega^* \wedge \omega^*.$$

The restriction of  $\omega^*$  to  $Q$  is the 1-form with values in  $\mathfrak{ga}_0(n) \oplus \mathfrak{t}(n) = \mathfrak{ga}(n)$ , it is a so-called *Cartan's connection*. We have

$$(1.31) \quad d\omega = -\omega \wedge \omega.$$

In the global coordinates on  $Q$  determined by the equation (1.20), we have

$$(1.32) \quad \omega = A^{-1} dA,$$

and we may write  $dF = F_0 dA$ , i.e.

$$(1.33) \quad dF = F\omega.$$

Now, we are able to describe how to determine a manifold  $V: D \rightarrow A^n$ , this procedure being usual in the classical differential geometry. Let us choose a lift

$$(1.34) \quad v: D \rightarrow Q$$

of the map  $V$ , i.e. a map (1.34) such that the diagram

$$(1.35) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & & Q \\ & \nearrow v & \downarrow \pi \\ D & & A^n \\ & \searrow V & \end{array}$$

commutes. Let  $\omega|_v$  be the restriction of the form  $\omega$  to  $v(D)$ . The form

$$(1.36) \quad \omega_v = V_* \pi_* \omega|_v$$

is a  $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ -valued 1-form on  $D$  satisfying the equation

$$(1.37) \quad d\omega_v = -\omega_v \wedge \omega_v.$$

We may write  $\omega_v$  as

$$(1.38) \quad \omega_v = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \omega_v^1 & \omega_v^1 & \dots & \omega_v^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \omega_v^n & \omega_v^n & \dots & \omega_v^n \end{pmatrix},$$

$\omega_v^i$  and  $\omega_v^j$  being real-valued 1-forms on  $D$ ; because of the regularity of the map  $V: D \rightarrow A^n$ , there are  $m$  linearly independent forms among the forms  $\omega_v^1, \dots, \omega_v^n$ , i.e.

$$(1.39) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{there are integers } i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_m; \quad i_k = 1, \dots, n; \\ \text{such that } \omega_v^{i_1} \wedge \omega_v^{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_v^{i_m} \neq 0. \end{array}$$

The following existence theorem (stated here without proof) is fundamental.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Be given a domain  $D \subset R^m$  and a  $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ -valued 1-form  $\tau$  on  $D$  satisfying the relations of the type (1.37) and (1.39). Further, be given points*

$u \in D$  and  $q \in Q$ . Then there is a neighbourhood  $D' \subset D$  of the point  $u$  and a map  $v : D' \rightarrow Q$  such that

$$(1.40) \quad \omega_v = \tau, \quad v(u) = q.$$

The conditions (1.40) determine the map  $v$  uniquely.

Let us replace the lift (1.34) by another lift  $v' : D \rightarrow Q$ , and let us determine its form  $\omega_{v'}$ . Consider the map  $A : D \rightarrow GA(n)$  such that the lift  $v$  is given by the relation

$$(1.41) \quad F(u) = F_0 A(u) \quad \text{for } u \in D;$$

see (1.20). We have

$$(1.42) \quad \omega_v = A^{-1}(u) dA(u).$$

Further, be given the map  $B : D \rightarrow GA_0(n)$  in such a way that the lift  $v'$  is given by the equation

$$(1.43) \quad F'(u) = F_0 A(u) B(u) \quad \text{for } u \in D.$$

Obviously,

$$(1.44) \quad \omega_{v'} = B^{-1}(u) \omega_v B(u) + B^{-1}(u) dB(u).$$

This result is not surprising,  $\omega$  being the form of a connection.

Let us state the following

**Definition.** Be given two manifolds  $V, W : D \rightarrow A^n$ . These manifolds are called equivalent if there are lifts  $v, \mu : D \rightarrow Q$  of these maps  $V$  and  $W$  resp. such that we have

$$(1.45) \quad \omega_v = \omega_\mu \quad \text{on } D.$$

It is easy to prove the following two theorems.

**Theorem 1.3.** Be given two manifolds  $V, W : D \rightarrow A^n$  and arbitrary lifts  $v, \mu : D \rightarrow Q$  of the maps  $V$  and  $W$  resp. The manifolds  $V, W$  are equivalent if and only if there is a map  $B : D \rightarrow GA_0(n)$  such that

$$\omega_\mu = B^{-1}(u) \omega_v B(u) + B^{-1}(u) dB(u), \quad u \in D.$$

**Theorem 1.4.** Be given two manifolds  $V, W : D \rightarrow A^n$ . Let  $P_V = V(D) \times \mathcal{F}$  be the restriction of the bundle  $P$  to the part  $V(D)$  of the base space  $A^n$ ; let  $P_W, Q_V, Q_W$  have analogous significations. Let  $\omega_V^*$  ( $\omega_W^*$ ) be the restriction of the form  $\omega^*$  (1.28) to  $P_V$  ( $P_W$ ). The manifolds  $V$  and  $W$  are equivalent if and only if there is



a bundle isomorphism  $f : P_V \rightarrow P_W$  with the following properties: (1) If the map  $f' : A^n \rightarrow A^n$  is induced by the map  $f$ , the diagram

$$(1.46) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} P_V & \xrightarrow{f} & P_W \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ A^n & \xrightarrow{f'} & A^n \\ & \swarrow & \searrow \\ & V & W \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & & D \end{array}$$

commutes. (2)  $f(Q_V) = Q_W$ . (3) We have

$$(1.47) \quad f_* \omega_W^* = \omega_V^* .$$

The notion of equivalence is geometrically obvious:

**Theorem 1.5.** *The manifolds  $V, W : D \rightarrow A^n$  are equivalent if and only if there is an affine collineation  $\mathcal{A} : A^n \rightarrow A^n$  such that the diagram*

$$(1.48) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A^n & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{A}} & A^n \\ & \swarrow & \searrow \\ & V & W \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & & D \end{array}$$

is commutative.

**1.3.** In this section, let us speak more generally.

**Definition.** The space  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega)$  is a principal fibre bundle  $P(M, G)$  with a given connection  $\omega$  and a given reduction  $Q$  to the group  $H \subset G$ .

**Definition.** Be given two spaces

$$(1.49) \quad \mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega), \quad \mathfrak{S}' = \mathfrak{S}'(P', M', G, Q', H, \omega') ;$$

let  $M$  and  $M'$  be diffeomorphic. The diffeomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow M'$  is called an equivalence if there is a lift  $F : P \rightarrow P'$  of  $f$  such that (1)  $F$  is a fibre preserving isomorphism, (2)  $F(Q) = Q'$ , (3)  $F_* \omega' = \omega$ .

The main problem is to determine, for two given spaces  $\mathfrak{S}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}'$ , all equivalences. Let us restrict ourselves to a less complicated problem: to determine if a given diffeomorphism is an equivalence. In the praxis (praxis = classical differential geometry), we have usually the following situation: Be given the spaces (1.49) and a diffeomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow M'$ . Further, be given the sections  $\sigma : M \rightarrow Q$  and  $\sigma' : M' \rightarrow Q'$ . Let  $\omega|_\sigma$  be the restriction of the form  $\omega$  to  $\sigma(M)$ ; let  $\omega'|_{\sigma'}$  have the

analogous meaning. Knowing the  $\mathfrak{g}$ -valued 1-forms  $\omega_\sigma = \sigma_*\omega|_\sigma$ ,  $\omega_{\sigma'} = \sigma'_*\omega|_{\sigma'}$  on  $M$  and  $M'$  resp., we have to determine whether  $f$  is an equivalence.

It is quite clear that this problem may be reformulated analytically as follows: The diffeomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow M'$  is an equivalence if and only if there is a map  $h : M \rightarrow H$  such that

$$(1.50) \quad f_*\omega_{\sigma'} = \text{ad}(h^{-1})\omega_\sigma + h^{-1}dh.$$

We have to solve the existence question for the map  $h$ .

The difficulties in solving this problem arise from the huge amount of possible maps  $h : M \rightarrow H$ . It would be very useful to restrict somewhat the possible candidates  $h$ . But this is exactly what is the subject of the Cartan's method of the specialization of the frames. This method may be described (very roughly speaking) as follows: Be given the spaces (1.49) and a diffeomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow M'$ . Successively, we construct the reductions  $Q \supset Q_1 \supset \dots \supset Q_Z$ ,  $Q' \supset Q'_1 \supset \dots \supset Q'_Z$  of the bundles  $P$  and  $P'$  resp. to the groups  $H \supset H_1 \supset \dots \supset H_Z$  possessing the following property:  $f$  is an equivalence if and only if there is a lift  $F_i : Q_i \rightarrow Q'_i$  of the map  $f$  such that (1)  $F_i$  is a fibre preserving isomorphism between the bundles  $Q_i(M, H_i)$  and  $Q'_i(M', H_i)$ , (2) if  $\omega_{Q_i}$  ( $\omega_{Q'_i}$ ) is the restriction of the form  $\omega$  ( $\omega'$ ) to the manifold  $Q_i$  ( $Q'_i$ ), we have  $F_{i*}\omega_{Q'_i} = \omega_{Q_i}$ . In the optimal case,  $H_Z = e$  and  $Q_Z, Q'_Z$  are simply the sections of the bundles  $P$  and  $P'$  resp. In this case, we have just one bundle isomorphism  $F_Z : Q_Z \rightarrow Q'_Z$ , and  $F_{Z*}\omega_{Q'_Z} = \omega_{Q_Z}$  if and only if  $f : M \rightarrow M'$  is an equivalence. To find out an effective solution of our problem, we have to solve the following one: Be given a section  $\sigma : M \rightarrow Q$  of the bundle  $P(M, G)$ ; we have to determine a map  $h_1 : M \rightarrow H$  such that the section  $\sigma(u)h_1(u)$ ;  $u \in M$ ; is situated in  $Q_1$ . Later on, we shall see that we are able (speaking once more very roughly) to reduce this problem to a problem of the following type: Be given a Lie group  $G$  and its Lie subgroup  $H$ ;  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{h}$  be the corresponding Lie algebras. In  $\mathfrak{g}$ , be given two linear subspaces  $K, L$  such that  $\dim K = \dim L$  and  $K, L \supset \mathfrak{h}$ . We have to determine at least one solution of the equation  $\text{ad}(h)K = L$ ,  $h \in H$ , and all solutions of the equation  $\text{ad}(h)K = K$ ,  $h \in H$ .

**1.4.** Let us try to realize this program in a very simple situation: the local equivalence problem for surfaces in a 3-dimensional affine space.

First of all, let us formulate quite precisely our problem. Let  $A^3$  be a 3-dimensional affine space; let us consider the previously introduced principal fibre bundle  $P(A^3, GA(3))$  with the reduction  $Q$  (1.19) to the group  $GA_0(3)$ . Let  $D \subset \mathbf{R}^2$  be a domain, and let  $V, W : D \rightarrow A^3$  be two surfaces. Let us choose the lifts  $\nu, \mu : D \rightarrow Q$  of these maps in such a way that the diagram

$$(1.51) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} & & Q & & \\ & \swarrow \mu & & \searrow \nu & \\ & & D & & \\ & \swarrow & & \searrow & \\ \pi \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \pi \\ A^3 & \swarrow W & & \searrow V & A^3 \end{array}$$

is commutative. Let  $\omega^*$  be the connection form on  $P$ , let  $\omega$  be its restriction to  $Q$ . We know the forms  $\omega_\nu = \nu_*\omega|_{\nu(D)}$ ,  $\omega_\mu = \mu_*\omega|_{\mu(D)}$ ;  $\omega_\nu$  and  $\omega_\mu$  are  $\mathfrak{ga}(3)$ -valued 1-forms on  $D$  satisfying the structure equations

$$(1.52) \quad d\omega_\nu = -\omega_\nu \wedge \omega_\nu, \quad d\omega_\mu = -\omega_\mu \wedge \omega_\mu$$

and the conditions of the type (1.39). We have to decide whether the surfaces  $V$  and  $W$  are equivalent.

Let us consider, first of all, the surface  $V: D \rightarrow A^3$  with the corresponding lift  $\nu: D \rightarrow Q$ . The form  $\omega_\nu$  is

$$(1.53) \quad \omega_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \omega_\nu^1 & \omega_{\nu 1}^1 & \omega_{\nu 2}^1 & \omega_{\nu 3}^1 \\ \omega_\nu^2 & \omega_{\nu 1}^2 & \omega_{\nu 2}^2 & \omega_{\nu 3}^2 \\ \omega_\nu^3 & \omega_{\nu 1}^3 & \omega_{\nu 2}^3 & \omega_{\nu 3}^3 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\omega_\nu^i, \omega_{\nu i}^j$  are  $\mathbf{R}$ -valued 1-forms on  $D$ . Without loss of generality, we may suppose that

$$(1.54) \quad \omega_\nu^1 \wedge \omega_{\nu 1}^2 \neq 0.$$

Let us denote by  $K$  the linear subspace of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{ga}(3)$  spanned by the elements of the form

$$(1.55) \quad r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ r^1 & r_1^1 & r_2^1 & r_3^1 \\ r^2 & r_1^2 & r_2^2 & r_3^2 \\ 0 & r_1^3 & r_2^3 & r_3^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $H_1 \subset GA_0(3)$  be the group consisting of the elements of the form

$$(1.56) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_1^1 & a_2^1 & a_3^1 \\ 0 & a_1^2 & a_2^2 & a_3^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_3^3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad a_3^3 \begin{vmatrix} a_1^1 & a_2^1 \\ a_1^2 & a_2^2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0.$$

Let us denote by  $P_V(Q_V)$  the restriction of the bundle  $P(Q)$  to the base space  $V(D)$ . The lift  $\varrho: D \rightarrow Q_V$  of the map  $V: D \rightarrow A^3$  is called the *tangent lift* if the corresponding form  $\omega_\varrho$  is  $K$ -valued. We have the following

**Theorem 1.6.** *There exists the reduction  $Q_1$  of the bundle  $Q_V(V(D), GA_0(3))$  to the group  $H_1$  with this property: The lift  $\varrho: D \rightarrow Q_V$  of the map  $V: D \rightarrow A^3$  is tangent if and only if  $\varrho(D) \subset Q_1$ .*

Proof. First of all, let us produce a tangent lift. Consider the given lift  $v : D \rightarrow Q_V$  with the corresponding form  $\omega_v$  (1.53). A fixed frame  $F_0$  of the space  $A^3$  being given, there is a map  $A : D \rightarrow GA(3)$  such that

$$(1.57) \quad v(u) = F_0 A(u) \quad \text{for } u \in D.$$

Obviously,

$$(1.58) \quad \omega_v = A^{-1}(u) dA(u).$$

Be given a map  $B : D \rightarrow GA_0(3)$ . Then

$$(1.59) \quad \varrho(u) = v(u) B(u) = F_0 A(u) B(u) \quad \text{for } u \in D$$

is a lift  $\varrho : D \rightarrow Q_V$ ; the corresponding form  $\omega_\varrho$  is

$$(1.60) \quad \omega_\varrho = B^{-1}(u) \omega_v B(u) + B^{-1}(u) dB(u).$$

Of course,  $B^{-1}(u) dB(u) \in \mathfrak{ga}_0(3)$ . If we use the notation

$$(1.61) \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_1^1 & b_2^1 & b_3^1 \\ 0 & b_1^2 & b_2^2 & b_3^2 \\ 0 & b_1^3 & b_2^3 & b_3^3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{b}_1^1 & \tilde{b}_2^1 & \tilde{b}_3^1 \\ 0 & \tilde{b}_1^2 & \tilde{b}_2^2 & \tilde{b}_3^2 \\ 0 & \tilde{b}_1^3 & \tilde{b}_2^3 & \tilde{b}_3^3 \end{pmatrix},$$

we get

$$(1.62) \quad \omega_\varrho^3 = \tilde{b}_1^3 \omega_v^1 + \tilde{b}_2^3 \omega_v^2 + \tilde{b}_3^3 \omega_v^3.$$

Because of (1.54), there are functions  $\alpha, \beta : D \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that

$$(1.63) \quad \omega_v^3 = \alpha \omega_v^1 + \beta \omega_v^2.$$

Choosing  $B(u)$  in such a way that the conditions

$$(1.64) \quad \tilde{b}_1^3 + \alpha \tilde{b}_3^3 = \tilde{b}_2^3 + \beta \tilde{b}_3^3 = 0$$

are satisfied,  $\omega_\varrho$  is  $K$ -valued, and this is the desired construction of a tangent lift.

Next, suppose that the lift  $\omega_v$  is tangent, i.e.  $\alpha, \beta : D \rightarrow 0 \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then  $\omega_\varrho$  is  $K$ -valued if and only if  $\tilde{b}_1^3 = \tilde{b}_2^3 = 0$ , i.e.  $b_1^3 = b_2^3 = 0$ , i.e.  $B \in H_1$ . Q.E.D.

Be given a surface  $V : D \rightarrow A^3$  and its tangent lift  $v : D \rightarrow Q_1$ . Then we have  $\omega_v^3 = 0$ ; the structure equation (1.52<sub>1</sub>) yields

$$(1.65) \quad d\omega_v^3 = \omega_v^{12} \wedge \omega_{v12}, \quad \text{where } \omega_v^{12} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_v^1 \\ \omega_v^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \omega_{v12} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_{v1}^3 \\ \omega_{v2}^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let us denote by  $M(2)$  the set of symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrices. From the Cartan's lemma, it follows the existence of the map  $S_v : D \rightarrow M(2)$  such that

$$(1.66) \quad \omega_{v12} = S_v \omega_v^{12}.$$

Let us determine the dependence of the function  $s_v : D \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ,

$$(1.67) \quad s_v = \det S_v,$$

on the tangent lift  $v$ . Instead of the lift  $v$ , let us consider the lift  $q$  (1.59) with

$$(1.68) \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_1^1 & b_2^1 & b_3^1 \\ 0 & b_1^2 & b_2^2 & b_3^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3^3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{b}_1^1 & \tilde{b}_2^1 & \tilde{b}_3^1 \\ 0 & \tilde{b}_1^2 & \tilde{b}_2^2 & \tilde{b}_3^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \tilde{b}_3^3 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(1.69) \quad \begin{pmatrix} b_1^1 & b_2^1 \\ b_1^2 & b_2^2 \end{pmatrix} = \beta \in GL(2), \quad \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{b}_1^1 & \tilde{b}_2^1 \\ \tilde{b}_1^2 & \tilde{b}_2^2 \end{pmatrix} = \beta^{-1}, \quad \tilde{b}_3^3 b_3^3 = 1.$$

Using (1.60), we obtain

$$(1.70) \quad \omega_{e12} = \tilde{b}_3^3 \cdot {}^t \beta \omega_{v12}, \quad \omega_v^{12} = \beta \omega_e^{12}.$$

Substituting into the equation  $\omega_{e12} = S_e \omega_e^{12}$ , we get

$$(1.71) \quad S_e = \tilde{b}_3^3 \cdot {}^t \beta S_v \beta,$$

i.e.

$$(1.72) \quad s_e = (\tilde{b}_3^3)^2 \cdot (\det \beta)^2 \cdot s_v.$$

Because of (1.71) and (1.72), we may formulate the following definitions: Be given a surface  $V : D \rightarrow A^3$ . The point  $u \in D$  is called (1) *hyperbolic*, (2) *elliptic*, (3) *parabolic*, (4) *planar* if for an arbitrary lift  $v : D \rightarrow Q_1$  (1)  $s_v > 0$ , (2)  $s_v < 0$ , (3)  $\text{rang } S_v = 1$ , (4)  $\text{rang } S_v = 0$ . In the following, we restrict ourselves to surfaces with the points of the same type; in this sense, we speak about (1) hyperbolic, (2) elliptic, (3) parabolic, (4) planar surfaces. If the surface has points of different types we could divide it into parts; however, this may lead to complications.

It is not very difficult to prove the following lemma: Let the surface  $V : D \rightarrow A^3$  be (1) hyperbolic, (2) elliptic, (3) parabolic, (4) planar. Let us choose a tangent lift  $v : D \rightarrow Q_1$ . Then there are maps  $\beta : D \rightarrow GL(2)$ ,  $\tilde{b}_3^2 : D \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that the matrix  $S_e$  given by the equation (1.71) has the form

$$(1.73) \quad \begin{aligned} (1) \quad S_e &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & (2) \quad S_e &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ (3) \quad S_e &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & (4) \quad S_e &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

All the solutions  $\tilde{b}_3^3, \beta$  of the equation  $S_\rho \cong \tilde{b}_3^3 \cdot {}^t\beta S_\rho \beta$ ,  $S_\rho$  being one of the matrices (1.73), are

$$(1.74) \quad (1) \quad b_1^2 = b_2^1 = 0, (\tilde{b}_3^3)^{-1} = b_3^3 = b_1^1 b_2^2 \neq 0; b_1^1, b_2^2 \text{ arbitrary}$$

or

$$b_1^1 = b_2^2 = 0, (b_1^1)^2 = (b_2^2)^2 = b_3^3;$$

$$(2) \quad \beta = c\gamma, \text{ where } 0 \neq c \in \mathbf{R}, \gamma \in O(2); b_3^3 = \pm c;$$

$$(3) \quad b_2^1 = 0, b_3^3 = (b_1^1)^2; b_1^1, b_1^2, b_2^2 \text{ arbitrary};$$

$$(4) \quad b_3^3 \text{ and } \beta \text{ arbitrary.}$$

Let us consider the subgroups  $H_{2h}, H_{2l}, H_{2p}$  of the group  $H_1$  formed by the elements  $B$  (1.68) satisfying (1), (2) or (3) of (1.74) resp. In the space  $K \subset \mathfrak{ga}(3)$  (1.55), let us consider the subspace (1)  $K_{1h}$ , (2)  $K_{1l}$ , (3)  $K_{1p}$ , (4)  $K_{1pl}$  spanned by the elements of the form (1.55) where

$$(1.75) \quad (1) \quad r_1^3 = r^2, r_2^3 = r^1,$$

$$(2) \quad r_1^3 = r^1, r_2^3 = r^2,$$

$$(3) \quad r_1^3 = r^1, r_2^3 = 0,$$

$$(4) \quad r_1^3 = r_2^3 = 0.$$

The tangent lift  $v: D \rightarrow Q_1$  of a surface  $V: D \rightarrow A^3$  is called asymptotic if the corresponding form  $\omega_v$  takes values in the set  $K_1 = K_{1h} \cup K_{1l} \cup K_{1p} \cup K_{1pl}$ . We have (almost) proved

**Theorem 1.7.** *Be given a (1) hyperbolic, (2) elliptic, (3) parabolic surface  $V: D \rightarrow A^3$ . Then there is a reduction (1)  $Q_{2h}$ , (2)  $Q_{2l}$ , (3)  $Q_{2p}$  of the bundle  $Q_1(V(D), H_1)$  to the group (1)  $H_{2h}$ , (2)  $H_{2l}$ , (3)  $H_{2p}$  with this property: The lift  $q: D \rightarrow Q_1$  of the map  $V: D \rightarrow A^3$  is asymptotic if and only if  $q(D)$  is situated in (1)  $Q_{2h}$ , (2)  $Q_{2l}$ , (3)  $Q_{2p}$ . Each tangent lift of a planar surface is asymptotic.*

In what follows, let us restrict ourselves to hyperbolic surfaces  $V: D \rightarrow A^3$ . In this case, the asymptotic lifts  $v: D \rightarrow Q$  are situated in the reduction  $Q_{2h}$  of the bundle  $Q$  to the group  $H_{2h}$ , this group being the set of elements of the form

$$(1.76) \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_1^1 & 0 & b_3^1 \\ 0 & 0 & b_2^2 & b_3^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_1^1 b_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_2^1 & b_3^1 \\ 0 & b_1^2 & 0 & b_3^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_1^2 b_2^1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The set of the elements of the form (1.76<sub>1</sub>) is a subgroup, let us denote it by  $H_{2h}^+$ .

The restriction of the form  $\omega$  to  $Q_{2h}$  is  $K_{2h}$ -valued,  $K_{2h}$  being spanned by the elements of the type

$$(1.77) \quad r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ r^1 & r_1^1 & r_2^1 & r_3^1 \\ r^2 & r_1^2 & r_2^2 & r_3^2 \\ 0 & r^2 & r^1 & r_3^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now, let  $V: D \rightarrow A^3$  be a hyperbolic surface and  $v: D \rightarrow Q_{2h}$  be an asymptotic lift of  $V$ ; let us consider it in the form (1.57). Be given a map  $B: D \rightarrow H_{2h}^+$ . According to (1.60), we get

$$(1.78) \quad \omega_{e_1}^1 + \omega_{e_2}^2 - \omega_{e_3}^3 = \omega_{v_1}^1 + \omega_{v_2}^2 - \omega_{v_3}^3 - 2b_2^2(b_3^3)^{-1} \omega_v^1 - 2b_3^1(b_3^3)^{-1} \omega_v^2.$$

Let us denote by  $K_3 \subset K_{2h}$  the linear subspace spanned by the elements (1.77) satisfying the condition

$$(1.79) \quad r_1^1 + r_2^2 = r_3^3.$$

Further, denote by  $H_3 \subset H_{2h}$  the group of elements (1.76) such that

$$(1.80) \quad b_3^1 = b_3^2 = 0;$$

let  $H_3^+ = H_3 \cap H_{2h}^+$ . The lift  $v: D \rightarrow Q_{2h}$  is called the *Darboux's lift* if the corresponding form  $\omega_v$  is  $K_3$ -valued. The equation (1.78) shows how to get a Darboux's lift from an asymptotic one. It is merely a matter of computation to prove

**Theorem 1.8.** *To each hyperbolic surface  $V: D \rightarrow A^3$ , there exists the reduction  $Q_3$  of the bundle  $Q_2(V(D), H_{2h})$  to the group  $H_3$  with the following property: The lift  $\varrho: D \rightarrow Q_2$  of the map  $V$  is a Darboux's lift if and only if  $\varrho(D)$  is situated in  $Q_3$ .*

The bundle  $Q_3$  is sufficiently small, nevertheless, let us try to reduce it once more. Let  $V: D \rightarrow A^3$  be a hyperbolic surface and  $v: D \rightarrow Q_3$  be a Darboux's lift of the map  $V$ . We have

$$(1.81) \quad \omega_v^3 = 0; \quad \omega_{v_1}^3 = \omega_v^2, \quad \omega_{v_2}^3 = \omega_v^1; \quad \omega_{v_1}^1 + \omega_{v_2}^2 - \omega_{v_3}^3 = 0.$$

The exterior differentiation of the equations (1.81<sub>2,3</sub>) yields

$$(1.82) \quad \omega_{v_1}^2 \wedge \omega_v^1 = \omega_{v_2}^1 \wedge \omega_v^2 = 0,$$

see (1.52<sub>1</sub>). This shows the existence of the functions  $k_v, l_v: D \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that

$$(1.83) \quad \omega_{v_1}^2 = k_v \omega_v^1, \quad \omega_{v_2}^1 = l_v \omega_v^2.$$

Let  $\varrho: D \rightarrow Q_3$  (1.59) be another Darboux's lift; at this moment, let us suppose  $B(D) \subset H_3^+$ . From (1.60), we get

$$(1.84) \quad \omega_e^1 = \tilde{b}_1^1 \omega_v^1, \quad \omega_e^2 = \tilde{b}_2^2 \omega_v^2; \quad \omega_{e_2}^1 = \tilde{b}_1^1 b_2^2 \omega_{v_2}^1, \quad \omega_{e_1}^2 = \tilde{b}_2^2 b_1^1 \omega_{v_1}^2$$

and

$$(1.85) \quad k_\varrho = (b_1^1)^2 \tilde{b}_2^2 k_\nu, \quad l_\varrho = (b_2^2)^2 \tilde{b}_1^1 l_\nu.$$

Now, we have to consider an arbitrary map  $B : D \rightarrow H_3$ . Let us denote

$$(1.86) \quad e_{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in H_3.$$

It is easy to see that  $H_3^+ \cdot e_{-1} = H_3 - H_3^+$ . Therefore, it is sufficient to consider the Darboux's lift  $v_{-1} : D \rightarrow Q_3$  (1.59), where  $B(D) = e_{-1}$ . Because of  $(e_{-1})^{-1} = e_{-1}$ , we get

$$(1.87) \quad k_{v_{-1}} = l_\nu, \quad l_{v_{-1}} = k_\nu.$$

We have just proved that the following definition has sense: The surface  $V : D \rightarrow A^3$  is called *D-general* if it is hyperbolic and we have

$$(1.88) \quad k_\nu l_\nu \neq 0$$

for a Darboux's lift  $v : D \rightarrow Q_3$  of the map  $V$ .

Let  $K_4 \subset K_3$  be the linear space consisting of the elements of the form

$$(1.89) \quad r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ r^1 & r_1^1 & r^2 & r_3^1 \\ r^2 & r_1^1 & r_2^2 & r_3^2 \\ 0 & r^2 & r_1^1 & r_1^1 + r_2^2 \end{pmatrix};$$

further, let  $H_4 \subset H_3$  be the group consisting of the elements  $e \in GA(3)$  and  $e_{-1}$  (1.86). The Darboux's lift  $v$  is called *canonical* if the corresponding form  $\omega_\nu$  is  $K_4$ -valued. We have (almost) shown how to construct a canonical lift to a given Darboux's lift of a D-general surface. Now we have

**Theorem 1.9.** *To each D-general surface  $V : D \rightarrow A^3$ , there exists the reduction  $Q_4$  to the bundle  $Q_3(V(D), H_3)$  to the group  $H_4$  with the following property: The lift  $D \rightarrow Q_3$  of the map  $V : D \rightarrow A^3$  is canonical if and only if  $\varrho(D) \subset Q_4$ .*

Of course, the reduction  $Q_4$  consists of two sections of the bundle  $Q_3$ . We orient the surface by declaring one of them for the positive one (the other being negative).

Be given a D-general surface  $V : D \rightarrow A^3$ ; let  $v : D \rightarrow Q_4$  be a canonical lift of the map  $V$  and  $\omega_\nu$  be its associated form. Let us denote by  $\mu : D \rightarrow Q_4$  the other canonical lift. It is easy to see that

$$(1.90) \quad \omega_\mu^1 = \omega_\nu^2, \quad \omega_\mu^2 = \omega_\nu^1, \quad \omega_{\mu^1}^1 = \omega_{\nu^2}^2, \quad \omega_{\mu^2}^2 = \omega_{\nu^1}^1, \quad \omega_{\mu^3}^1 = \omega_{\nu^3}^2, \quad \omega_{\mu^3}^2 = \omega_{\nu^3}^1.$$



Taking in regard the structure equations (1.52<sub>1</sub>), the equations

$$(1.91) \quad \omega_{v_1}^2 = \omega_v^1, \quad \omega_{v_2}^1 = \omega_v^2, \quad \omega_{v_3}^3 = \omega_{v_1}^1 + \omega_{v_2}^2$$

yield

$$(1.92) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega_v^1 \wedge (\omega_{v_2}^2 - 2\omega_{v_1}^1) + \omega_v^2 \wedge \omega_{v_3}^2 &= 0, \\ \omega_v^1 \wedge \omega_{v_3}^2 + \omega_v^2 \wedge \omega_{v_3}^1 &= 0, \\ \omega_v^1 \wedge \omega_{v_3}^1 + \omega_v^2 \wedge (\omega_{v_1}^1 - 2\omega_{v_2}^2) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and we have analogous equations for the lift  $\mu$ . It follows the existence of the functions  $A_v, B_v, C_v, D_v, E_v : D \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that

$$(1.93) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega_{v_1}^1 &= A_v \omega_v^1 + B_v \omega_v^2, \\ \omega_{v_2}^2 &= C_v \omega_v^1 + D_v \omega_v^2, \\ \omega_{v_3}^2 &= (D_v - 2B_v) \omega_v^1 + E_v \omega_v^2, \\ \omega_{v_3}^1 &= E_v \omega_v^1 + (A_v - 2C_v) \omega_v^2. \end{aligned}$$

The passage to the lift  $\mu$  yields

$$(1.94) \quad A_\mu = D_v, \quad B_\mu = C_v, \quad C_\mu = B_v, \quad D_\mu = A_v, \quad E_\mu = E_v.$$

From the structure equations, we get

$$(1.95) \quad d\omega_v^1 = B_v \omega_v^1 \wedge \omega_v^2, \quad d\omega_v^2 = -C_v \omega_v^1 \wedge \omega_v^2$$

and analogous equations for  $\mu$ . This solves completely the equivalence problem for D-general surfaces as may be seen from the following

**Theorem 1.10.** *Be given two surfaces  $V, W : D \rightarrow A^3$ ; the surface  $V$  be D-general. If the surfaces  $V$  and  $W$  are equivalent, the surface  $W$  is D-general, too. Let now  $V$  and  $W$  be D-general surfaces. Let us construct the canonical lifts  $\nu, \mu$  of the surfaces  $V$  and  $W$  resp. (for each surface, we choose one of the lifts) and the associated  $\mathbf{R}$ -valued 1-forms  $\omega_\nu^1, \omega_\nu^2, \omega_\mu^1, \omega_\mu^2$  on  $D$  and the functions  $A_\nu, D_\nu, E_\nu, A_\mu, D_\mu, E_\mu : D \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ . The surfaces  $V$  and  $W$  are equivalent if and only if*

$$(1.96) \quad \omega_\nu^1 = \omega_\mu^1, \quad \omega_\nu^2 = \omega_\mu^2; \quad A_\nu = A_\mu, \quad D_\nu = D_\mu, \quad E_\nu = E_\mu$$

or

$$\omega_\nu^1 = \omega_\mu^2, \quad \omega_\nu^2 = \omega_\mu^1; \quad A_\nu = D_\mu, \quad D_\nu = A_\mu, \quad E_\nu = E_\mu.$$

**1.5.** In this section, let us prove an existence theorem. The vector space  $K_4$  is spanned by all elements of the form (1.89), and we have  $\dim K = 6$ ; the numbers  $r^1, r^2, r_1^1, r_2^2, r_3^1, r_3^2$  are the coordinates of the element  $r$ . Be given a D-general surface

$V : D \rightarrow A^3$  and its canonical lifts  $v, \mu : D \rightarrow Q_4$ . Let  $\tau_u$  be the tangent vector space of the domain  $D$  at the point  $u$ , and let us introduce the notation

$$(1.97) \quad \alpha_v(u) = \omega(dv(\tau_u)), \quad \alpha_\mu(u) = \omega(d\mu(\tau_u));$$

$\alpha_v(u)$  and  $\alpha_\mu(u)$  are planes in  $K_4$ . The equations of these planes are

$$(1.98) \quad \begin{aligned} r_1^1 &= A_v(u) r^1 + B_v(u) r^2, & r_2^2 &= C_v(u) r^1 + D_v(u) r^2, \\ r_3^2 &= \{D_v(u) - 2B_v(u)\} r^1 + E_v(u) r^2, \\ r_3^1 &= E_v(u) r^1 + \{A_v(u) - 2C_v(u)\} r^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(1.99) \quad \begin{aligned} r_1^1 &= D_v(u) r^1 + C_v(u) r^2, & r_2^2 &= B_v(u) r^1 + A_v(u) r^2, \\ r_3^2 &= \{A_v(u) - 2C_v(u)\} r^1 + E_v(u) r^2, \\ r_3^1 &= E_v(u) r^1 + \{D_v(u) - 2B_v(u)\} r^2 \end{aligned}$$

resp. Let us denote by  $\mathcal{P}$  the set of all planes  $\alpha$  of the space  $K_4$  such that the intersection of  $\alpha$  with the space  $r^1 = r^2 = 0$  consists of the zero vector only. Each plane  $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}$  is given by the equations

$$(1.100) \quad \begin{aligned} r_1^1 &= Kr^1 + Lr^2, & r_2^2 &= Mr^1 + Nr^2, \\ r_3^2 &= Pr^1 + Qr^2, & r_3^1 &= Rr^1 + Sr^2, \end{aligned}$$

and we have a 1-1-correspondence  $\mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^8$ . Let  $\mathcal{R} \subset \mathbf{R}^8$  be the 5-dimensional vector subspace determined by the equations

$$(1.101) \quad P - N + 2L = 0, \quad Q = R, \quad S - K + 2M = 0.$$

Introduce the 1-1-correspondence  $\iota : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  associating to the plane

$$(1.102) \quad \begin{aligned} r_1^1 &= Kr^1 + Lr^2, & r_2^2 &= Mr^1 + Nr^2, \\ r_3^2 &= (N - 2L) r^1 + Qr^2, & r_3^1 &= Qr^1 + (K - 2M) r^2 \end{aligned}$$

the plane

$$(1.103) \quad \begin{aligned} r_1^1 &= Nr^1 + Mr^2, & r_2^2 &= Lr^1 + Kr^2, \\ r_3^2 &= (K - 2M) r^1 + Qr^2, & r_3^1 &= Qr^1 + (N - 2L) r^2; \end{aligned}$$

obviously,  $\iota^2\alpha = \alpha$ . Let  $\mathcal{R}\iota$  be the set of all couples  $(\alpha, \beta)$ ;  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{R}$ ; such that  $\iota\alpha = \beta$ . From the equations (1.98) and (1.99), we get the following

**Theorem 1.11.** *A D-general surface  $V : D \rightarrow A^3$  determines uniquely a map  $V^0 : D \rightarrow \mathcal{R}\iota$ .*

The function  $\varphi : \mathcal{R}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is called *admissible* if there is a non-constant function  $\Phi_\varphi : \mathbf{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that

$$(1.104) \quad \Phi_\varphi(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = \Phi_\varphi(x_4, x_3, x_2, x_1, x_5) \quad \text{for } x_i \in \mathbf{R}$$

and

$$(1.105) \quad \varphi(\alpha, \iota\alpha) = \Phi_\varphi(K, L, M, N, Q),$$

the plane  $\alpha$  being given by (1.102). We have the following

**Theorem 1.12.** *Be given an admissible function  $\varphi : \mathcal{R}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ . Then there are D-general surfaces  $V : D \rightarrow A^3$  such that  $V^0(D) \subset \varphi^{-1}(0)$ .*

*Proof.* Let the surface  $V : D \rightarrow A^3$  be D-general with  $V^0(D) \subset \varphi^{-1}(0)$ ; let  $v : D \rightarrow Q_4$  be its canonical lift. There are functions  $A, \dots, E$  such that

$$(1.106) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega_1^1 &= A\omega^1 + B\omega^2, & \omega_2^2 &= C\omega^1 + D\omega^2, \\ \omega_3^3 &= (D - 2B)\omega^1 + E\omega^2, & \omega_4^4 &= E\omega^1 + (A - 2C)\omega^2; \\ \Phi(A, B, C, D, E) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The exterior differentiation of the equations (1.106) yields

$$(1.107) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega^1 \wedge dA + \omega^2 \wedge dB + (1 - E - AB + BC)\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2 &= 0, \\ \omega^1 \wedge dC + \omega^2 \wedge dD + (E - 1 - BC + CD)\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2 &= 0, \\ \omega^1 \wedge (dD - 2dB) + \omega^2 \wedge dE + \\ &+ (2C - A - 2BD + 4B^2 + AE + CE)\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2 = 0, \\ \omega^1 \wedge dE + \omega^2 \wedge (dA - 2dC) + \\ &+ (D - 2B + 2AC - 4C^2 - DE - BE)\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2 = 0; \end{aligned}$$

$$(1.108) \quad \Phi_1 dA + \Phi_2 dB + \Phi_3 dC + \Phi_4 dD + \Phi_5 dE = 0,$$

where  $\Phi_i = \partial\Phi(A, \dots, E)/\partial x_i$ . The polar determinant of the system (1.106) + (1.107) is

$$(1.109) \quad \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \omega^1 & \omega^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega^1 & \omega^2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2\omega^1 & 0 & \omega^1 & \omega^2 \\ \omega^2 & 0 & -2\omega^2 & 0 & \omega^1 \\ \Phi_1 & \Phi_2 & \Phi_3 & \Phi_4 & \Phi_5 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= -(\Phi_2 + 2\Phi_4)(\omega^1)^4 + (\Phi_1 + 2\Phi_3)(\omega^1)^3\omega^2 + 3\Phi_5(\omega^1)^2(\omega^2)^2 +$$

$$+ (2\Phi_2 + \Phi_4)\omega^1(\omega^2)^3 - (2\Phi_1 + \Phi_3)(\omega^2)^4.$$

The function  $\Phi$  being non-constant, we have  $\Delta \neq 0$ . The system (1.106) + (1.107) is in involution and its solutions depend on five functions of one variable in the usual sense. Q.E.D.

## 2. GENERAL THEORY OF SPACES WITH CONNECTION

**2.1.** We recall here some fundamental definitions. The *principal fibre bundle*  $P(M, G)$  consists of manifolds  $P, M$  and a Lie group  $G$  such that (1)  $G$  acts freely on  $P$  on the right, and we write  $R_g p = pg$  for  $p \in P, g \in G$ ; (2)  $M = P/G$ , and the canonical projection  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$  is differentiable; (3)  $P$  is locally trivial. We may choose an open covering  $\{U_\alpha\}$  of the base space  $M$  and the corresponding set of diffeomorphisms  $\varphi_\alpha : \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha) \rightarrow G$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad \varphi_\alpha(pg) = \varphi_\alpha(p)g \quad \text{for } p \in \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha), g \in G.$$

Define the maps  $\psi_{\beta\alpha} : U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \rightarrow G$  by the relations

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \psi_{\beta\alpha}(u) &= \varphi_\beta(p) \cdot (\varphi_\alpha(p))^{-1}; \quad u \in U_\alpha \cap U_\beta; \\ p &\in \pi^{-1}(u) \quad \text{being an arbitrary point;} \end{aligned}$$

$\psi_{\beta\alpha}(u)$  does not depend on the choice of the point  $p \in \pi^{-1}(u)$ . The functions  $\psi_{\beta\alpha}$  are the transition functions, and we have

$$(2.3) \quad \psi_{\gamma\alpha}(u) = \psi_{\gamma\beta}(u) \psi_{\beta\alpha}(u) \quad \text{for } u \in U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \cap U_\gamma.$$

Let  $A \in \mathfrak{g}$  be an element of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of the Lie group  $G$ . The associated *fundamental vector field*  $A^*$  on  $P$  is defined as follows: Let  $p \in P$ , and let us consider the map  $\mu_p : G \rightarrow P$  defined by  $\mu_p(g) = pg$ ; we have

$$(2.4) \quad A_p^* = (\mu_p)_* A \equiv (d\mu_p)_e A,$$

$e \in G$  being the identity.

Let  $P(M, G)$  be a principal fibre bundle and  $\varrho$  a representation of  $G$  on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ . A *pseudotensorial  $r$ -form on  $P$  of type  $(\varrho, V)$*  is a  $V$ -valued  $r$ -form  $\varphi$  on  $P$  such that

$$(2.5) \quad R_{g*} \varphi = \varrho(g^{-1}) \varphi,$$

i.e.

$$(2.6) \quad \varphi(R_{g*} X_1, \dots, R_{g*} X_r) = \varrho(g^{-1}) \varphi(X_1, \dots, X_r) \quad \text{for each } g \in G.$$

Such a form is called *tensorial* if

$$(2.7) \quad \varphi(X_1, \dots, X_r) = 0 \quad \text{whenever at least one of the vectors } X_i \text{ is vertical.}$$

If  $V = \mathfrak{g}$  and  $\varrho$  is the adjoint representation  $\text{ad} : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g})$ , the pseudotensorial form of type  $(\varrho, V)$  is called of *type ad G*.

In this terminology, the *connection* on  $P(M, G)$  is a pseudotensorial  $\mathfrak{g}$ -valued 1-form on  $P$  of type  $\text{ad } G$  such that  $\omega(A^*) = A$  for each vector  $A \in \mathfrak{g}$  ( $A^*$  being the fundamental field associated to  $A$ ). Obviously, we get  $X = 0$  from  $\omega(X) = 0$ . Let us denote by  $hX(vX)$  the horizontal (vertical) part of the vector  $X$  tangent to  $P$ .

On the principal bundle  $P(M, G)$  with a connection  $\omega$ , the pseudotensorial forms have following properties (see [1], p. 76, Proposition 5.1): If  $\varphi$  is a pseudotensorial  $r$ -form on  $P$  of type  $(\varrho, V)$ , then (a) the form  $\varphi h$  defined by

$$(2.8) \quad (\varphi h)(X_1, \dots, X_r) = \varphi(hX_1, \dots, hX_r)$$

is a tensorial form of type  $(\varrho, V)$ ; (b)  $d\varphi$  is a pseudotensorial  $(r + 1)$ -form of type  $(\varrho, V)$ ; (c) the form  $D\varphi = (d\varphi)h$ , the so-called *exterior covariant derivative* of  $\varphi$ , is a tensorial  $(r + 1)$ -form of type  $(\varrho, V)$ .

The form  $D\omega = \Omega$  is a tensorial  $\mathfrak{g}$ -valued 2-form of type  $\text{ad } G$ , and it is called the *curvature form* of the connection  $\omega$ . We have the following structure equation

$$(2.9) \quad d\omega(X, Y) = -\frac{1}{2}[\omega(X), \omega(Y)] + \Omega(X, Y);$$

see [1], p. 77, Theorem 5.2.

The fundamental subject of our investigations is given by the following

**Definition.** The space with a connection  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega)$  consists of (1) a principal fibre bundle  $P(M, G)$ , (2) a reduction  $Q$  of the bundle  $P(M, G)$  to a Lie subgroup  $H \subset G$ , (3) a connection  $\omega$  on  $P(M, G)$ . Be given two spaces with connection

$$(2.10) \quad \mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega), \quad \mathfrak{S}' = \mathfrak{S}'(P', M', G, Q', H, \omega').$$

The map  $f : P \rightarrow P'$  is called the equivalence between  $\mathfrak{S}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}'$  if (1)  $f$  is a bundle isomorphism, (2)  $f(Q) = Q'$ , (3)  $f_*\omega' = \omega$ .

Our main task is to solve the following problem: Be given the spaces (2.10) and a diffeomorphism  $f_0 : M \rightarrow M'$ . We have to decide whether there is a lift  $f : P \rightarrow P'$  of the map  $f_0$ ,  $f$  being an equivalence.

**2.2.** Be given a space with a connection  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega)$ . Let us denote by

$$(2.11) \quad \iota_H : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$$

the natural homomorphism. For  $h \in H$ , define

$$(2.12) \quad \text{ad}(h) : \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$$

in the natural manner: Let  $v \in \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$ , and let  $v' \in \iota_H^{-1}(v)$  be an arbitrary vector; then

$$(2.13) \quad \text{ad}(h)v = \iota_H(\text{ad}(h)v'), \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \text{ad}(h)(\iota_H v') = \iota_H(\text{ad}(h)v').$$

This is obviously a good definition;  $\text{ad} : H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h})$  is a representation.

On  $Q$ , let us define the forms

$$(2.14) \quad \varphi(X) = \iota_H(\omega(X)),$$

$$(2.15) \quad \Phi(X, Y) = \iota_H(\Omega(X, Y)).$$

It is easy to prove

**Theorem 2.1.** *The form  $\varphi(X) [\Phi(X, Y)]$  is a  $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$ -valued tensorial 1-form (2-form) of type  $\text{ad} H$  defined on the bundle  $Q(M, H)$ .*

The form  $\Phi(X, Y)$  is the torsion form of the space  $\mathfrak{S}$ . From the structure equation (2.9), we get

**Theorem 2.2.** *On  $Q(M, H)$ , we have*

$$(2.16) \quad d\varphi(X, Y) = -\frac{1}{2}\iota_H[\omega(X), \omega(Y)] + \Phi(X, Y).$$

We get a more interesting situation in the case of a reductive algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  with the decomposition

$$(2.17) \quad \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h} + N; \quad \text{ad}(H)N = N, \quad [\mathfrak{h}, N] \subset N.$$

In this case, we identify  $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$  with  $N$ . Let us denote by

$$(2.18) \quad \iota_H : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow N, \quad \iota_N : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$$

the natural projections. On  $Q$ , we may write

$$(2.19) \quad \omega(X) = \omega'(X) + \varphi(X), \quad \text{where} \quad \omega'(X) = \iota_N \omega(X) \in \mathfrak{h},$$

and  $\varphi(X)$  is defined by the equation (2.14). It is well known that  $\omega'(X)$  is a connection on  $Q(M, H)$ ; see [1], p. 83, Proposition 6.4. Hence a connection  $\omega$  on  $P(M, G)$  induces a connection  $\omega'$  on  $Q(M, H)$  and a tensorial  $N$ -valued 1-form  $\varphi(X)$  of type  $\text{ad} H$  on the same bundle  $Q$ . Conversely, we have

**Theorem 2.3.** *Be given a principal fibre bundle  $P(M, G)$  and its reduction  $Q(M, H)$ . Let  $G$  be reductive with the decomposition (2.17). On  $Q(M, H)$ , be given a connection  $\omega'$  and a tensorial  $N$ -valued 1-form  $\varphi$  of type  $\text{ad} H$ . Then there is a unique connection  $\omega$  on  $P(M, G)$  such that*

$$(2.20) \quad \omega(X) = \omega'(X) + \varphi(X) \quad \text{on} \quad Q.$$

Proof. Let  $p \in P$  and  $X \in T_p(P)$ . Let us choose  $q \in Q$  in such a way that  $\pi(p) = \pi(q)$ ; let  $p = qg$ ,  $g \in G$ . Further, let us choose  $Y \in T_q(Q)$  in such a way that  $X = R_{g*}Y + A^*$ ,  $A^*$  being vertical. Let  $A \in \mathfrak{g}$  be the vector such that the value of the associated fundamental field at the point  $p$  is just  $A^*$ . Then we set

$$(2.21) \quad \omega(X) = \text{ad}(g^{-1})(\omega'(Y) + \varphi(Y)) + A.$$

It is easy to show that  $\omega$  is uniquely determined, and that it is a connection. Q.E.D.

The preceding theorem is a direct generalization of Proposition 3.1 in [1], p. 127.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega)$  be a space, and let  $G/H$  be reductive with the decomposition (2.17). Let  $\omega'$  be the induced connection on  $Q(M, H)$ , let  $\varphi$  be the form (2.14). Further, let  $\Omega(\omega')$  be the curvature form of the connection  $\omega(\omega')$ . Then*

$$(2.22) \quad \Omega(X, Y) = \Omega'(X, Y) + (D_{\omega'}\varphi)(X, Y) + \frac{1}{2}[\varphi(X), \varphi(Y)] \quad \text{on } Q.$$

Here,  $D_{\omega'}$  denotes the operator of the covariant exterior differentiation with respect to  $\omega'$ .

Proof. It is sufficient to consider two cases. (1)  $X$  is vertical. The curvature form being tensorial, we have  $\Omega(X, Y) = \Omega'(X, Y) = 0$  on  $Q$ . Further,  $(D_{\omega'}\varphi)(X, Y) = d\varphi(h_{\omega'}X, h_{\omega'}Y) = 0$ ,  $h_{\omega'}X$  being the horizontal part of the vector  $X$  in the connection  $\omega'$ ; in our case,  $h_{\omega'}(X) = 0$ . Finally,  $\omega(X) = \omega'(X) + \varphi(X) \in \mathfrak{h}$ , i.e.  $\varphi(X) = 0$ . (2)  $X$  and  $Y$  are horizontal with respect to the connection  $\omega'$ . Because  $h_{\omega'}(h_{\omega'}Z) = h_{\omega'}Z$  for each  $Z$ , we have  $\Omega(h_{\omega'}X, h_{\omega'}Y) = \Omega(X, Y)$ . The structure equation (2.9) yields

$$d\omega'(h_{\omega'}X, h_{\omega'}Y) + d\varphi(h_{\omega'}X, h_{\omega'}Y) = -\frac{1}{2}[\varphi(X), \varphi(Y)] + \Omega(X, Y),$$

the left hand side being equal to  $\Omega'(X, Y) + (D_{\omega'}\varphi)(X, Y)$ . Q.E.D.

This theorem is a generalisation of Proposition 3.2 in [1] p. 128. Comparing the  $\mathfrak{h}$ - and  $N$ -components in the structure equation (2.9) and using (1.19), we get

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let the situation be the same as in Theorem 2.4. On  $Q$ , we have*

$$(2.23) \quad d\varphi(X, Y) = -\frac{1}{2}[\omega'(X), \varphi(Y)] - \frac{1}{2}[\varphi(X), \omega'(Y)] + (D_{\omega'}\varphi)(X, Y),$$

$$(2.24) \quad \Phi(X, Y) = (D_{\omega'}\varphi)(X, Y) + \frac{1}{2}\iota_H[\varphi(X), \varphi(Y)].$$

**2.3.** Let us try to express our results in the local coordinate systems. Be given a space  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega)$ . Consider the coordinate neighbourhood  $U \subset M$  with the local coordinates  $(u^A) = (u^1, \dots, u^n)$ . Let  $e_1, \dots, e_{r+s}$  be a basis in  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $e_1, \dots, e_r$  is a basis in  $\mathfrak{h}$ . Use the following indices:

$$(2.25) \quad \begin{aligned} i, j, \dots &= 1, \dots, r + s; & a, b, \dots &= 1, \dots, r; \\ \alpha, \beta, \dots &= r + 1, \dots, r + s. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$(2.26) \quad [e_i, e_j] = \sum_{k=1}^{r+s} c_{ij}^k e_k$$

and

$$(2.27) \quad c_{ab}^\alpha = 0.$$

The connection on  $P$  is given by the form

$$(2.28) \quad \omega = \sum_{i=1}^{r+s} \omega^i e_i,$$

and the structure equation is

$$(2.29) \quad d\omega^i = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^{r+s} c_{jk}^i \omega^j \wedge \omega^k + \Omega^i,$$

$\Omega = \sum_{i=1}^{r+s} \Omega^i e_i$  being the curvature form; see [1], p. 78. Let  $I_{r+1}, \dots, I_{r+s}$  be a basis

in  $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$  such that the homomorphism (2.11) is expressed by

$$(2.30) \quad \iota_H \left( \sum_{a=1}^r x^a e_a + \sum_{\alpha=r+1}^{r+s} y^\alpha e_\alpha \right) = \sum_{\alpha=r+1}^{r+s} y^\alpha I_\alpha.$$

This means that we have

$$(2.31) \quad \varphi = \sum_{\alpha=r+1}^{r+s} \omega^\alpha I_\alpha, \quad \Phi = \sum_{\alpha=r+1}^{r+s} \Omega^\alpha I_\alpha$$

on  $Q$ . The forms  $\varphi$  and  $\Phi$  being tensorial on  $Q$ , the forms  $\omega^\alpha, \Omega^\alpha$  are tensorial, too. In the coordinate neighbourhood  $Q \cap \pi^{-1}(U)$ , we may write

$$(2.32) \quad \omega^\alpha = \sum_{A=1}^n a_A^\alpha(u^1, \dots, u^n; q) du^A,$$

$$(2.33) \quad \Omega^\alpha = \sum_{A,B=1}^n a_{AB}^\alpha(u^1, \dots, u^n; q) du^A \wedge du^B, \quad a_{BA}^\alpha + a_{BA}^\alpha = 0$$

in the following sense: Let

$$(2.34) \quad q \in Q, \quad \pi(q) = (u^1, \dots, u^n), \quad X \in T_q(Q), \quad \pi_* X = \sum_{A=1}^n x^A \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial u^A} \Big|_u,$$

$$(2.34) \quad \omega^\alpha(X) = \sum_{A=1}^n a_A^\alpha(u^1, \dots, u^n; q) x^A,$$

and analogously for  $\Omega^\alpha$ .



From (2.16), we get

$$(2.35) \quad d\omega^\alpha = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{r+s} c_{ij}^\alpha \omega^i \wedge \omega^j + \Omega^\alpha; \quad \alpha = r+1, \dots, r+s;$$

on  $Q$ . We may explain these equations as follows: Let us consider a coordinate neighbourhood  $D$  on  $Q$  such that  $\pi(D) \subset U$  and each point  $q \in D$  has the coordinates  $(u^1, \dots, u^n, q^1, \dots, q^t)$ , the point  $\pi(q) \in U$  having the coordinates  $(u^1, \dots, u^n)$ . In the domain  $D$ , we may write

$$(2.36) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega^a &= \sum_{A=1}^n b_A^a(u, q) du^A + \sum_{K=1}^t f_K^a(o, q) dq^K; \quad a = 1, \dots, r; \\ \omega^\alpha &= \sum_{A=1}^n a_A^\alpha(u, q) du^A; \quad \alpha = r+1, \dots, r+s; \\ \Omega^\alpha &= \sum_{A=1}^n a_{AB}^\alpha(u, q) du^A \wedge du^B; \quad \alpha = r+1, \dots, r+s. \end{aligned}$$

On  $Q$ , the 2-forms

$$(2.37) \quad d\omega^\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{r+s} c_{ij}^\alpha \omega^i \wedge \omega^j; \quad \alpha = r+1, \dots, r+s;$$

are (at least formally) linear combinations of the forms  $du^A \wedge du^B$ ,  $du^A \wedge dq^K$ ,  $dq^L \wedge dq^L$ ; the equation (2.35) shows that (2.37) are linear combinations of the forms  $du^A \wedge du^B$  only. In other words, we have

$$(2.38) \quad \frac{\partial a_A^\alpha(u, q)}{\partial q^K} + \sum_{a=1}^r \sum_{\beta=r+1}^{r+s} c_{a\beta}^\alpha f_K^a(u, q) a_A^\beta(u, q) = 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha = r+1, \dots, r+s;$$

$$A = 1, \dots, n; \quad K = 1, \dots, t.$$

Thus we have explained the (somewhat confused) considerations due to E. Cartan, Oeuvres, III. 1, pp. 701 and 757.

**2.4.** Let  $GL(n) = GL(n, \mathbf{R})$  be the group of non-singular matrices  $A = (a_i^j)$ ;  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ ; the element  $a_i^j$  standing in the  $i$ -th column and the  $j$ -th row. The multiplication is given by

$$(2.39) \quad (a_i^j)(b_i^j) = (c_i^j), \quad \text{where } c_i^j = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^j b_i^k.$$

The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$  of the group  $GL(n)$  is the vector space of all matrices of the type  $n \times n$  with

$$(2.40) \quad [R, S] = RS - SR \quad \text{for } R, S \in \mathfrak{gl}(n).$$

It is well known that

$$(2.41) \quad \text{ad}(A)R = ARA^{-1} \quad \text{for } A \in GL(n), R \in \mathfrak{gl}(n).$$

(1) Spaces with affine connection. Be given a manifold  $M$ ;  $\dim M = n$ . Let  $m \in M$  be a point. The *affine frame*  $F$  at  $m$  is a set

$$(2.42) \quad F = (e_0, e_1, \dots, e_n)$$

of the vectors of the vector space  $T_m(M)$  such that the vectors  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  are linearly independent. Introducing in the obvious way the differentiable structure into the set of all affine frames of the manifold  $M$ , we get a manifold denoted by  $P$ .  $F$  being formed by the vectors of the space  $T_m(M)$ , we set  $\pi(F) = m$ , this defining the map  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$ .

Let  $GA(n)$  be the affine group, i.e. the subgroup of  $GL(n+1)$  consisting of the elements

$$(2.43) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \alpha^1 & a_1^1 & \dots & a_n^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \alpha^n & a_1^n & \dots & a_n^n \end{pmatrix}, \quad a \in GL(n).$$

The group  $GA(n)$  operates freely on  $P$  on the right according to the rule

$$(2.44) \quad R_A F = FA,$$

$FA$  being the usual product of the matrices  $F$  and  $A$ ; thus we get the principal fibre bundle  $P(M, GA(n))$ . Let  $Q$  be the manifold of all frames (2.42) such that  $e_0 = 0$ . Let us denote by  $GA_0(n) \subset GA(n)$  the group consisting of all elements (2.43) such that  $\alpha^1 = \dots = \alpha^n = 0$ , this group is isomorphic to  $GL(n)$ . It is obvious that  $Q$  is a reduction of the bundle  $P$  to the group  $GA_0(n)$ .  $\omega$  being a connection on  $P$ , the space

$$\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, GA(n), Q, GA_0(n), \omega)$$

is called the *space with affine connection*.

Let  $T(n)$  be the group of translations, i.e. the group of elements (2.43) where  $a \in GL(n)$  is the identity. The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{ga}(n)$  consists of all matrices of the form

$$(2.45) \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ r^1 & r_1^1 & \dots & r_n^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ r^n & r_1^n & \dots & r_n^n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Obviously,

$$(2.46) \quad \mathfrak{ga}(n) = \mathfrak{ga}_0(n) \oplus \mathfrak{t}(n),$$

$\mathfrak{ga}(n)$  being reductive with the decomposition (2.46); we use the identification  $\mathfrak{ga}(n)/\mathfrak{ga}_0(n) = \mathfrak{t}(n)$ . The connection  $\omega$  being given by

$$(2.47) \quad \omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \omega^1 & \omega_1^1 & \dots & \omega_n^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \omega^n & \omega_1^n & \dots & \omega_n^n \end{pmatrix},$$

$\omega^i, \omega_j^i$  being  $\mathbf{R}$ -valued 1-forms on  $P$ . Let  $\varphi$  be the form on  $Q$  defined by (2.14); obviously,

$$(2.48) \quad \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \omega^1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \omega^n & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

On  $Q(M, GA_0(n))$ , we get the so-called *linear connection* given by the form

$$(2.49) \quad \omega' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_1^1 & \dots & \omega_n^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & \omega_1^n & \dots & \omega_n^n \end{pmatrix}.$$

The curvature form on  $P$  is

$$(2.50) \quad \Omega = d\omega + \omega \wedge \omega.$$

The curvature form of the linear connection  $\omega'$  is

$$(2.51) \quad \Omega' = d\omega' + \omega' \wedge \omega'.$$

Using Theorem 2.5, let us calculate the torsion form. Obviously,

$$[\varphi(X), \varphi(Y)] = \varphi(X)\varphi(Y) - \varphi(Y)\varphi(X) = 0.$$

Further,

$$\begin{aligned} & [\omega'(X), \varphi(Y)] + [\varphi(X), \omega'(Y)] = \\ & = \omega'(X)\varphi(Y) - \varphi(Y)\omega'(X) + \varphi(X)\omega'(Y) - \omega'(Y)\varphi(X) = \\ & = 2(\omega' \wedge \varphi)(X, Y) + 2(\varphi \wedge \omega')(X, Y), \end{aligned}$$

but we have  $\varphi \wedge \omega' = 0$ . The equation (2.23) reduces to

$$(2.52) \quad d\varphi + \omega' \wedge \varphi = \Phi.$$

The forms  $\Omega'$  and  $\Phi$  are tensorial 2-forms on  $Q$ , the first one being  $\mathfrak{ga}_0(n)$ -valued, the second one  $\mathfrak{t}(n)$ -valued. The forms  $\omega^1, \dots, \omega^n$  generating the  $\mathcal{F}(Q)$ -module of tensorial 1-forms of type  $\text{ad } H$  on  $Q$  ( $\mathcal{F}(Q)$  is the ring of functions on  $Q$ ), the elements of the matrices  $\Omega'$  and  $\Phi$  are 2-forms from the  $\mathcal{F}(Q)$ -module generated by the 2-forms  $\omega^i \wedge \omega^j$ .

(2) Spaces with projective connection. Be given a manifold  $M$ ,  $\dim M = n$ . Let  $m \in M$  be a fixed point and  $T_m = T_m(M)$  the tangent space at  $m$ . The *analytic point* of the space  $T_m$  is a couple  $(\varepsilon, e)$ ;  $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $e \in T_m$ ; the couple  $(0, \theta)$  being excluded.

The analytic points  $(\varepsilon_1, e_1), \dots, (\varepsilon_r, e_r)$  are linearly dependent if there are numbers  $k_1, \dots, k_r \in \mathbf{R}$  such that

$$(2.53) \quad k_1 \varepsilon_1 + \dots + k_r \varepsilon_r = 0 \in \mathbf{R}, \quad k_1 e_1 + \dots + k_r e_r = 0 \in T_m.$$

In the space  $T_m$ , there are  $n + 1$  linearly independent analytic points: it is sufficient to consider any linearly independent vectors  $e'_1, \dots, e'_n \in T_n$  and the analytic points  $(0, e'_1), \dots, (0, e'_n), (1, e'_n)$ . If  $(\varepsilon_0, e_0), \dots, (\varepsilon_n, e_n)$  are linearly independent and  $(\varepsilon, e)$  is an analytic point, there is a unique set of numbers  $k_0, \dots, k_n \in \mathbf{R}$  such that

$$(2.54) \quad (\varepsilon, e) = k_0(\varepsilon_0, e_0) + \dots + k_n(\varepsilon_n, e_n)$$

The *analytic frame*  $E$  at the point  $m \in M$  is any ordered set  $(\varepsilon_0, e_0), \dots, (\varepsilon_n, e_n)$  of linearly independent analytic points. Two analytic frames  $E, E'$  at the point  $m$  are called equivalent if there is a  $k \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $(\varepsilon_i, e_i) = k(\varepsilon'_i, e'_i)$  for  $i = 0, \dots, n$ . The *geometric frame* is the class of equivalent analytic frames.

Let  $P$  be the manifold (with the obvious differentiable structure) of all geometric frames of the manifold  $M$ ; we have the natural projection  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$ . Let us denote by  $SL(n + 1) \subset GL(n + 1)$  the group of all matrices  $A \in GL(n + 1)$  with  $\det A = \pm 1$ . The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}(n + 1)$  is formed by all  $(n + 1) \times (n + 1)$  matrices  $R$  satisfying the condition  $\text{trace } R = 0$ . The group  $SL(n + 1)$  operates freely on  $P$  on the right as follows: Let  $F \in P$ ,  $\pi(F) = m$ . Let us choose an analytic frame  $E \in F$ ,

$$(2.55) \quad E = ((\varepsilon_0, e_0), \dots, (\varepsilon_n, e_n)),$$

and set  $R_A E = EA$ , where  $EA$  is the obviously defined matrix product. The analytic frame  $EA$  is the element of some geometric frame, this frame being denoted by  $R_A F = FA$ . Let  $Q$  be the submanifold of the manifold  $P$  consisting of all geometric frames containing an analytic frame of the type (2.55) with  $e_0 = 0 \in T_m$ . The manifold  $Q$  is a reduction of the bundle  $P(M, SL(n + 1))$  to the group  $SL_0(n + 1)$  consisting of the elements of the form

$$(2.56) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} a_0^0 & a_1^0 & \dots & a_n^0 \\ 0 & a_1^1 & \dots & a_1^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & a_1^n & \dots & a_n^n \end{pmatrix} \in SL(n + 1).$$

The space

$$\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, SL(n + 1), Q, SL_0(n + 1), \omega)$$

is the *space with projective connection*. Let us write

$$(2.57) \quad \omega = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_0^0 & \omega_1^0 & \dots & \omega_n^0 \\ \omega_0^1 & \omega_1^1 & \dots & \omega_n^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \omega_0^n & \omega_1^n & \dots & \omega_n^n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{trace } \omega = 0.$$

The group  $SL_0(n+1)$  is not reductive in  $SL(n+1)$ . The vector space  $W = \mathfrak{sl}(n+1)/\mathfrak{sl}_0(n+1)$  may be identified with the space of all matrices of the form

$$(2.58) \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ r_0^1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ r_0^n & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$(2.59) \quad \iota_W \begin{pmatrix} r_0^0 & r_1^0 & \dots & r_n^0 \\ r_0^0 & r_1^1 & \dots & r_n^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ r_0^n & r_1^n & \dots & r_n^n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ r_0^1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ r_0^n & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Writing the elements (2.56) and (2.58) in the form

$$(2.60) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} a_0^0 & \alpha \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ r & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

we get

$$(2.61) \quad \text{ad}(A)R = \iota_W(ARA^{-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ (a_0^0)^{-1} ar & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let us apply Theorem 2.2 to our situation. We have

$$(2.62) \quad [\omega(X), \omega(Y)] = \omega(X)\omega(Y) - \omega(Y)\omega(X) = 2(\omega \wedge \omega)(X, Y).$$

If we write the form  $\omega$  (2.57) as

$$(2.63) \quad \omega = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_0^0 & \omega^0 \\ \omega_0 & \psi \end{pmatrix},$$

we have

$$\omega \wedge \omega = \begin{pmatrix} \omega^0 \wedge \omega_0 & \omega_0^0 \wedge \omega^0 + \omega^0 \wedge \psi \\ \omega_0 \wedge \omega_0^0 + \psi \wedge \omega_0 & \omega_0 \wedge \omega^0 + \psi \wedge \psi \end{pmatrix},$$

and the equation (2.16) reduces to

$$(2.64) \quad d\omega_0 + \omega_0 \wedge \omega_0^0 + \psi \wedge \omega_0 = \Phi_0,$$

i.e.

$$(2.65) \quad d\omega_0^i + \omega_0^i \wedge \omega_0^0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \omega_k^i \wedge \omega_0^k = \Phi_0^i; \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

The torsion form  $\Phi_0$  belongs to the  $\mathcal{F}(Q)$ -module generated by the 2-forms  $\omega_0^i \wedge \omega_0^j$ ;  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ .

**2.5.** Be given a space  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega)$ . Let  $\{U_\alpha\}$  be an open covering of the base space  $M$ ; let  $\varphi_\alpha : \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha) \rightarrow G$  be maps such that  $\varphi_\alpha(pg) = \varphi_\alpha(p)g$  for each  $p \in \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha)$ ,  $g \in G$ . Let  $\psi_{\beta\alpha} : U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \rightarrow G$  be the associated transition functions. The  $H$ -set over  $u \in M$  is each set  $S \subset \pi^{-1}(u)$  such that  $SH = S$ ,  $SH$  denoting the set of all points  $sh$ ,  $s \in S$ ,  $h \in H$ . Let  $S \subset \pi^{-1}(u)$ ,  $u \in U_\alpha$ , be a given  $H$ -set; let us choose a point  $s \in S$  and define the maps

$$(2.66) \quad \Phi_\alpha\{S\} = \varphi_\alpha(s) H(\varphi_\alpha(s))^{-1} \subset G,$$

$$(2.67) \quad \Phi_\alpha\{S\} = \text{ad}(\varphi_\alpha(s)) \mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}.$$

The use of  $\{\cdot\}$  instead of  $(\cdot)$  indicates that there is *no* given point map  $S \rightarrow \Phi_\alpha\{S\}$  or  $S \rightarrow \Phi_\alpha\{S\}$  resp.  $\Phi_\alpha\{S\}$  is obviously a subgroup of the group  $G$ , and its Lie algebra is  $\Phi_\alpha\{S\}$ . It is easy to see that the maps (2.66) and (2.67) do not depend on the choice of the point  $s \in S$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *If  $u \in U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$  and  $S \subset \pi^{-1}(u)$  is an  $H$ -set, we have*

$$(2.68) \quad \Phi_\beta\{S\} = \psi_{\beta\alpha}(u) \cdot \Phi_\alpha\{S\} \cdot (\psi_{\beta\alpha}(u))^{-1},$$

$$(2.69) \quad \Phi_\beta\{S\} = \text{ad}(\psi_{\beta\alpha}(u)) \cdot \Phi_\alpha\{S\}.$$

An arc in the space  $\mathfrak{S}$  is simply a map  $\mu : (-1, 1) \rightarrow M$ . Let us define the development of the arc  $\mu$  at the point  $\mu(0)$ . Let  $x : (-1, 1) \rightarrow Q$  be the lift of the map  $\mu$ , i.e.  $\pi(x(t)) = \mu(t)$  for each  $t \in (-1, 1)$ . The following is well known: The horizontal lift  $y(t)$  of the arc  $\mu(t)$  passing through the point  $x(0)$  is given by

$$(2.70) \quad y(t) = x(t)g(t), \quad t \in (-1, 1),$$

$g(t)$  being the solution of the differential equation

$$(2.71) \quad \frac{dg(t)}{dt} \cdot g^{-1}(t) = -\omega\left(\frac{dx(t)}{dt}\right)$$

determined by the initial condition

$$(2.72) \quad g(0) = e.$$

Let  $\mu(0) \in U_\alpha$ . Then the development of the arc  $\mu$  is defined by

$$(2.73) \quad \mu_\alpha^*(t) = \varphi_\alpha(x(0)) \cdot g^{-1}(t) \cdot H \cdot g(t) \cdot \varphi_\alpha^{-1}(x(0))$$

or by

$$(2.74) \quad \mu_\alpha^*(t) = \text{ad}(\varphi_\alpha(x(0))) \cdot \text{ad}(g^{-1}(t)) \cdot \mathfrak{h}$$

resp.

**Theorem 2.7.** *The developments  $\mu_\alpha^*$ ,  $\mu_x^*$  are well defined, i.e., they do not depend on the special choice of the lift  $x : (-1, 1) \rightarrow Q$ . If  $\mu(0) \in U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$ , we have*

$$(2.75) \quad \mu_\beta^*(t) = \psi_{\beta\alpha}(\mu(0)) \cdot \mu_\alpha^*(t) \cdot \psi_{\beta\alpha}^{-1}(\mu(0)),$$

$$(2.76) \quad \mu_\beta^*(t) = \text{ad}(\psi_{\beta\alpha}(\mu(0))) \cdot \mu_\alpha^*(t).$$

*Proof.* The relations (2.75) and (2.76) are obvious. Let  $x' : (-1, 1) \rightarrow Q$  be another lift of the arc  $\mu$ ; we have the map  $h : (-1, 1) \rightarrow H$  such that  $x'(t) = x(t) h(t)$  for each  $t \in (-1, 1)$ . The lift (2.70) of the arc  $\mu$  being horizontal, any other horizontal lift is given by  $y(t) \cdot g$ , where  $g \in G$  is any fixed element. Thus the horizontal lift  $y' : (-1, 1) \rightarrow Q$  passing through the point  $x'(0)$  is given by

$$(2.77) \quad y'(t) = x'(t) \cdot g'(t), \quad \text{where } g'(t) = h^{-1}(t) g(t) h(0).$$

But this means  $\mu_\alpha^*(t) = \mu_x'^*(t)$ ,  $\mu_\alpha^*(t) = \mu_x'^*(t)$ . Q.E.D.

The following theorem has only an analytic signification, but it is of great importance for what follows.

**Theorem 2.8.** *Be given a Lie group  $G$  and a map  $A : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ . Let the map  $g : (-1, 1) \rightarrow G$  be the solution of the differential equation*

$$(2.78) \quad \frac{dg(t)}{dt} \cdot g^{-1}(t) = -A(t)$$

*determined by the initial condition*

$$(2.79) \quad g(0) = e \in G.$$

*Let  $V_0 \in \mathfrak{g}$  be a fixed vector. Define the map  $V : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  by*

$$(2.80) \quad V(t) = \text{ad}(g^{-1}(t)) V_0.$$

*Then  $V(0) = V_0$  and*

$$(2.81) \quad \frac{dV(0)}{dt} = [A(0), V_0],$$

$$(2.82) \quad \frac{d^2V(0)}{dt^2} = \left[ \frac{dA(0)}{dt}, V_0 \right] + [A(0), [A(0), V_0]].$$

*Proof.* During the proof, we shall often use the Leibniz's formula; see [1], p. 11. Let us choose an arbitrary map  $y : (-1, 1) \rightarrow G$  satisfying the conditions  $y(0) = e$  and

$$(2.83) \quad \frac{dy(0)}{ds} = V_0.$$

The function  $z : (-1, 1) \times (-1, 1) \rightarrow G$  be defined by

$$(2.84) \quad z(t, s) = g^{-1}(t) \cdot y(s) \cdot g(t).$$

Obviously,  $z(t, 0) = e$  and

$$(2.85) \quad V(t) = \frac{\partial z(t, 0)}{\partial s}.$$

From (2.84), we get  $g(t) z(t, s) = y(s) g(t)$ ; the differentiation with respect to  $s$  yields

$$(2.86) \quad g(t) V(t) = V_0 g(t)$$

at the point  $s = 0$ . Differentiating with respect to  $t$  and using the supposition (2.78), i.e.

$$(2.87) \quad \frac{dg(t)}{dt} = -A(t) g(t),$$

we get

$$(2.88) \quad -A(t) g(t) V(t) + g(t) \frac{dV(t)}{dt} = -V_0 A(t) g(t);$$

for  $t = 0$ , we get

$$\frac{dV(0)}{dt} = A(0) V_0 - V_0 A(0),$$

i.e. (2.81). A further differentiation of the equation (2.88) and the substitution  $t = 0$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2V(0)}{dt^2} &= \frac{dA(0)}{dt} V_0 - V_0 \frac{dA(0)}{dt} + V_0 A(0) A(0) - 2 A(0) V_0 A(0) + \\ &+ A(0) A(0) V_0 = \left[ \frac{dA(0)}{dt}, V_0 \right] + A(0)[A(0), V_0] - [A(0), V_0] A(0), \end{aligned}$$

i.e. (2.82). Q.E.D.

Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over reals, let  $\dim V = n$ . Denote by  $V^{[p]}$  the *Stiefel manifold* of all  $p$ -frames in  $V$ , a  $p$ -frame being an ordered set of  $p$  linearly independent vectors of  $V$ . Further, denote by  $V^{(p)}$  the *Grassmann manifold* of all  $p$ -dimensional subspaces in  $V$ . The linear group  $GL(p)$  acts freely on  $V^{[p]}$  on the right as follows: if  $e = [e_1, \dots, e_p] \in V^{[p]}$  and  $A \in GL(p)$ , then we get  $eA \in V^{[p]}$  as the obvious matrix product of  $e$  and  $A$ . Of course,  $V^{(p)} = V^{[p]}/GL(p)$ , and there is the natural map  $V^{[p]} \rightarrow V^{(p)}$  associating to each  $p$ -frame  $e$  the  $p$ -space determined by the vectors  $e_1, \dots, e_p$ .

**Definition.** Let  $O \subset \mathbf{R}^m$  be a domain and  $o \in O$  be its fixed point. (1) Be given maps  $f, g : O \rightarrow V^{[p]}$ . We say that  $f$  and  $g$  belong to the same  $t$ -jet at the point  $o$



if  $j_o^t(tf) = j_o^t(tg)$  where the natural map  $\iota : V^{[p]} \rightarrow V \times V \times \dots \times V$  ( $p$ -times) is defined by  $\iota e = (e_1, \dots, e_p)$ . (2) Be given maps  $F, F' : O \rightarrow V^{(p)}$ . The maps  $F$  and  $F'$  are said to belong to the same  $t$ -jet at the point  $o$  if there are sections  $f, f' : D \rightarrow V^{[p]}$ ;  $D \subset V^{(p)}$  being some neighbourhood of the points  $F(o)$  and  $G(o)$ , such that  $j_o^t(fF) = j_o^t(f'F')$ . (3) Let  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega)$  be a given space. Be given maps  $f, g : O \rightarrow M$ . We say that  $f$  and  $g$  belong to the same  $\mathfrak{S}$ -jet of order  $t$  at the point  $o$ , and we write  $\mathfrak{S}j_o^t(f) = \mathfrak{S}j_o^t(g)$ , if the following is true: Let  $\varrho : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$  be an arbitrary map such that  $\varrho(-1, 1) \subset O$  and  $\varrho(0) = o$ . By means of  $\varrho$ , we get the maps  $\mu = f\varrho, \nu = g\varrho : (-1, 1) \rightarrow M$ . Let us denote by  $\mu^*, \nu^* : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^{(\dim H)}$  the developments of the arcs  $\mu, \nu$  at the point 0. Then  $j_o^t(\mu^*) = j_o^t(\nu^*)$ .

Be given a space  $\mathfrak{S}$  and maps  $f, g : (-1, 1) \rightarrow M$ . If  $j_o^t(f) = j_o^t(g)$ , we have  $\mathfrak{S}j_o^t(f) = \mathfrak{S}j_o^t(g)$ . However, the converse is not true: the most simple example is that of a space  $\mathfrak{S}$  with  $H = G$ ; for any two maps  $f, g : (-1, 1) \rightarrow M$  satisfying  $f(0) = g(0)$ , we have  $\mathfrak{S}j_o^t(f) = \mathfrak{S}j_o^t(g)$  for each  $t$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** *Be given a space  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega)$  and maps  $f, g : (-1, 1) \rightarrow M$  such that  $f(0) = g(0)$ . Let  $x, y : (-1, 1) \rightarrow Q$  be the lifts of the maps  $f$  and  $g$  resp. such that  $z_0 = x(0) = y(0)$ . Define the maps  $A, B : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  by the equations*

$$(2.89) \quad A(t) = \omega \left( \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \right), \quad B(t) = \omega \left( \frac{dy(t)}{dt} \right).$$

Then (1)  $\mathfrak{S}j_o^1(f) = \mathfrak{S}j_o^1(g)$ , (2)  $\mathfrak{S}j_o^2(f) = \mathfrak{S}j_o^2(g)$  if and only if (1)

$$(2.90) \quad [A(0) - B(0), \mathfrak{h}] \subset \mathfrak{h},$$

(2) we have (2.90) and

$$(2.91) \quad \left[ \frac{dA(0)}{dt} - \frac{dB(0)}{dt}, v \right] + [A(0) - B(0), [A(0), v]] - [B(0), [A(0) - B(0), v]] \in \mathfrak{h}$$

for each  $v \in \mathfrak{h}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{U_\alpha\}$  be the usual open covering of the base space  $M$  with the homeomorphisms  $\varphi_\alpha : \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha) \rightarrow G$ . The developments  $\mathbf{f}_\alpha^*, \mathbf{g}_\alpha^* : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^{(\dim H)}$  are given by

$$(2.92) \quad \mathbf{f}_\alpha^*(t) = \text{ad}(\varphi_\alpha(z_0)) \text{ad}(g^{-1}(t)) \mathfrak{h}, \quad \mathbf{g}_\alpha^*(t) = \text{ad}(\varphi_\alpha(z_0)) \text{ad}(h^{-1}(t)) \mathfrak{h},$$

where  $g(t)$  is the solution of the equations (2.78), (2.79) and  $h(t)$  is the solution of analogous equations

$$(2.93) \quad \frac{dh(t)}{dt} \cdot h^{-1}(t) = -B(t), \quad h(0) = e \in G.$$

Looking for the contact of the maps  $\mathfrak{f}_\alpha^*$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha^*$ , we may as well restrict ourselves to the investigation of the contact of the maps  $F, G : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^{(\dim H)}$  given by the equations

$$(2.94) \quad F(t) = K(t) \mathfrak{h}, \quad G(t) = L(t) \mathfrak{h},$$

where

$$(2.95) \quad \tilde{K}(t) = \text{ad}(g^{-1}(t)), \quad L(t) = \text{ad}(h^{-1}(t)).$$

Let  $E_0 = (e_1, \dots, e_{\dim H})$  be a fixed basis in  $\mathfrak{h}$ . Then

$$(2.96) \quad V(t) = K(t) E_0, \quad W(t) = L(t) E_0$$

are basis of the spaces  $F(t)$  and  $G(t)$  resp. The general basis of the space  $G(t)$  is

$$(2.97) \quad W'(t) = W(t) S(t) = L(t) E_0 S(t),$$

where  $S : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}L(\dim H)$  is a map. Of course,

$$(2.98) \quad \begin{aligned} \underbrace{\frac{dV(t)}{dt}} &= \frac{dK(t)}{dt} E_0, & \frac{d^2V(t)}{dt^2} &= \frac{d^2K(t)}{dt^2} E_0, \\ \underbrace{\frac{dW'(t)}{dt}} &= \frac{dL(t)}{dt} E_0 S(t) + L(t) E_0 \frac{dS(t)}{dt}, \\ \underbrace{\frac{d^2W'(t)}{dt^2}} &\approx \underbrace{\frac{d^2L(t)}{dt^2}} E_0 S(t) + 2 \frac{dL(t)}{dt} E_0 \frac{dS(t)}{dt} + L(t) E_0 \frac{d^2S(t)}{dt^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us use the following notation: if  $\varepsilon = (e_1, \dots, e_\varepsilon)$ ,  $e_\varepsilon \in \mathfrak{g}$ , and  $v \in \mathfrak{g}$ , then  $[v, \varepsilon] = ([v, e_1], \dots, [v, e_\varepsilon])$ . From Theorem 2.8 and (2.96)–(2.98), we get

$$(2.99) \quad V(0) = E_0, \quad \frac{dV(0)}{dt} = [A(0), E_0],$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{d^2V(0)}{dt^2}} = \left[ \frac{dA(0)}{dt}, E_0 \right] + [A(0), [A(0), E_0]],$$

$$(2.100) \quad W'(0) \approx E_0 S_0, \quad \frac{dW'(0)}{dt} = [B(0), E_0] S_0 + E_0 S_1,$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{d^2W'(0)}{dt^2}} = \left[ \frac{dB(0)}{dt}, E_0 \right] S_0 + [B(0), [B(0), E_0]] S_0 + 2[B(0), E_0] S_1 + E_0 S_2,$$

where

$$(2.101) \quad S_0 \approx \zeta(t) \in GL(\dim H), \quad S_1 = \frac{dS(0)}{dt}, \quad S_2 = \frac{d^2S(0)}{dt^2}.$$

The condition  $\mathfrak{S}_{j_0^2}(f) = \mathfrak{S}_{j_0^2}(g)$  is equivalent to the existence of matrices (2.101) such that

$$(2.102) \quad V(0) = W'(0), \quad \frac{dV(0)}{dt} = \frac{dW'(0)}{dt}, \quad \frac{d^2V(0)}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2W'(0)}{dt^2}.$$

From (2.102<sub>1</sub>), we get that  $S_0$  is the identity of the group  $GL(\dim H)$ , this group acting freely on the Stiefel manifold  $\mathfrak{h}^{\dim H}$ . If (2.102<sub>2</sub>) is satisfied, there is a matrix  $S_1$  of the type  $\dim H \times \dim H$  such that

$$(2.103) \quad [A(0) - B(0), E_0] = E_0 S_1.$$

This means that we have  $[A(0) - B(0), e_i] \in \mathfrak{h}$  for each vector  $e_i \in E_0$ , i.e. (2.90). Conversely, let us suppose (2.90).  $[A(0) - B(0), E_0]$  is the set of  $\dim H$  vectors in  $\mathfrak{h}$ , and there is a matrix  $S$  such that (2.103) is satisfied. The condition (2.102<sub>3</sub>) is – see (2.103) – equivalent to the existence of a matrix  $S_2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \frac{dA(0)}{dt}, E_0 \right] + [A(0), [A(0), E_0]] &= \left[ \frac{dB(0)}{dt}, E_0 \right] + \\ &+ [B(0), [B(0), E_0]] + 2[A(0) - B(0), [B(0), E_0]] + E_0 S_2, \end{aligned}$$

and it is quite easy to see that this is equivalent to (2.91). Q.E.D.

It is natural to present the following

**Definition.** Be given spaces  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega)$  and  $\mathfrak{S}' = \mathfrak{S}'(P', M', G, Q', H, \omega')$ . A diffeomorphism  $f: M \rightarrow M'$  is called the deformation of order  $r$  if there is a lift  $F: P \rightarrow P'$  of  $f$ , this lift being a bundle isomorphism and satisfying the following conditions: (1)  $F(Q) = Q'$ . (2) Denote by  $\omega^* = F_*\omega'$  the induced connection on  $P$ , and let us write  $\mathfrak{S}^* = \mathfrak{S}^*(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega^*)$ . Let  $u \in M$  be an arbitrary point and  $\nu: (-1, 1) \rightarrow M$  an arbitrary map such that  $\nu(0) = u$ . Let  $\varphi: (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^{(\dim H)}$  be the development of the arc  $\nu$  with respect to the connection  $\omega$ ; analogously, let  $\varphi^*$  be the development of the arc  $\nu$  with respect to the connection  $\omega^*$ . Then  $j_0^r(\varphi) = j_0^r(\varphi^*)$ .

The proof of the following theorem is very similar to that of Theorem 2.9.

**Theorem 2.10.** *Be given spaces  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega)$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}' = \mathfrak{S}'(P', M', G, Q', H, \omega')$  and a diffeomorphism  $f: M \rightarrow M'$ . The map is a deformation of the (1) first, (2) second order if and only if there is a bundle isomorphism  $F: P \rightarrow P'$  such that  $F$  is a lift of  $f$ ,  $F(Q) = Q'$  and (1)*

$$(2.104) \quad [\omega(X) - \omega^*(X), \mathfrak{h}] \subset \mathfrak{h} \quad \text{on } Q,$$

(2) we have (2.104) and, on  $Q$ ,

$$(2.105) \quad [\omega(X) - \omega^*(X), [\omega(X), v]] - [\omega^*(X), [\omega(X) - \omega^*(X), v]] \in \mathfrak{h}$$

for each vector  $v \in \mathfrak{h}$ .

Here,  $\omega^* = F_*\omega'$ . In the case of  $\mathfrak{h}$  reductive in  $\mathfrak{g}$ , the condition (2.104) is equivalent to the condition

$$(2.106) \quad \varphi(X) = \varphi^*(X) \quad \text{on } Q.$$

### 3. SPECIALIZATION OF FRAMES

**3.1.** Our fundamental problem may be formulated as follows:

**Problem I.** Be given spaces

$$(3.1) \quad \mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega), \quad \mathfrak{S}' = \mathfrak{S}'(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega');$$

we have to decide whether there is a bundle isomorphism

$$(3.2) \quad F : P \rightarrow P$$

with the following properties: (1) the diagram

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{F} & P \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ M & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & M \end{array}$$

is commutative; (2)  $F(Q) = Q$ ; (3)  $F_*\omega' = \omega$ .

Very often, this problem has the following formulation:

**Problem II.** Be given spaces (3.1) and local sections

$$(3.4) \quad v : M \rightarrow Q, \quad v' : M \rightarrow Q.$$

Thus we get  $\mathfrak{g}$ -valued 1-forms

$$(3.5) \quad \omega_v = v_*\omega, \quad \omega_{v'} = v'_*\omega'$$

on  $M$ . We have to decide whether there is a (local) map

$$(3.6) \quad h : M \rightarrow H$$

such that

$$(3.7) \quad \omega_{v'} = \text{ad}(h^{-1})\omega_v + h^{-1}dh$$

on  $M$ .

If the map (3.6) satisfies (3.7), let us define the map  $F : P \rightarrow P$  as follows: Let  $p \in P$ ,  $\pi(p) = m$ . Then there is a uniquely determined element  $g \in G$  such that  $p = v(m)hg$ . We set

$$(3.8) \quad F(p) = v'(m)g.$$

The map  $F$  is a bundle isomorphism satisfying the conditions (1)–(3) of our Problem I. Thus both the problems are equivalent. In what follows, we shall try to present an algorithm leading, in the general case (what is general is to be explained later on), to the solution of Problem II.

Be given spaces (3.1). From now on, let us suppose that

$$(3.9) \quad \dim M < \dim \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}.$$

First of all, let us study the space  $\mathfrak{S}$ . Let  $m_0 \in M$  be a fixed point and  $U \subset M$  its neighbourhood such that the local sections (3.4) are defined over it. Let  $T_{v(m_0)}(Q)$  be the tangent vector space of the manifold  $Q$  at the point  $v(m_0)$ . Introduce the notation

$$(3.10) \quad K_{v(m_0)} = \omega(T_{v(m_0)}(Q)).$$

Obviously,

$$(3.11) \quad K_{v(m_0)} \supset \mathfrak{h}, \quad \dim K_{v(m_0)} = \dim \mathfrak{h} + \dim M.$$

Further, introduce the notation

$$(3.12) \quad L_{v(m_0)} = \iota_H(K_{v(m_0)}) \subset \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h},$$

$\iota_H : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$  being the natural homomorphism (2.11). From (3.11<sub>2</sub>) and (3.9), we get

$$(3.13) \quad \dim L_{v(m_0)} = \dim M < \dim \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}.$$

Let  $h_0 \in H$  be a fixed element. Then

$$(3.14) \quad K_{v(m_0)h_0} = \text{ad}(h_0^{-1})K_{v(m_0)},$$

and we have

$$(3.15) \quad L_{v(m_0)h_0} = \text{ad}(h_0^{-1})L_{v(m_0)},$$

ad being the representation (2.12).

Let  $H_{v(m_0)}$  be the set of all  $h \in H$  such that

$$(3.16) \quad K_{v(m_0)h} = K_{v(m_0)}.$$

The set  $H_{v(m_0)}$  is obviously a Lie subgroup of the group  $H$ . Let  $q \in Q$  be an arbitrary point such that  $\pi(q) = m_0$ ; let us suppose that  $q = v(m_0)\varkappa$ ,  $\varkappa \in H$ . If  $K_q = \omega(T_q(Q))$ , we have

$$(3.17) \quad K_q = \text{ad}(\varkappa^{-1})K_{v(m_0)}.$$

Defining  $H_q$  analogously as the Lie group of all elements  $h \in H$  such that  $K_{qh} = K_q$ , we have

$$(3.18) \quad H_q = \varkappa^{-1}H_{v(m_0)}\varkappa.$$

Recalling the known formulas

$$(3.19) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \text{ad}(\exp tY)X|_{t=0} = [Y, X], \quad \text{ad}(\exp Y)X = \exp(\text{ad} Y)X;$$

see [2], pp. 227–228; we get

**Theorem 3.1.** *Be given Lie groups  $H \subset G$  with the Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $K$  be a linear space such that  $\mathfrak{h} \subset K \subset \mathfrak{g}$ . Let*

$$(3.20) \quad H_K = \{h \in H \mid \text{ad}(h)K = K\}, \quad \mathfrak{h}_K = \{v \in \mathfrak{h} \mid [v, K] \subset K\}.$$

*Then  $H_K$  is a Lie group and  $\mathfrak{h}_K$  its Lie algebra.*

It follows that the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_{v(m_0)}$  of the group  $H_{v(m_0)}$  is the Lie algebra of all vectors  $v \in \mathfrak{h}$  such that

$$(3.21) \quad [v, K_{v(m_0)}] \subset K_{v(m_0)}.$$

From (3.18), we get

$$(3.22) \quad \mathfrak{h}_q = \text{ad}(\varkappa^{-1})\mathfrak{h}_{v(m_0)}.$$

Let us summarize the preceding results in

**Theorem 3.2.** *Be given a space  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega)$  and a fixed point  $m_0 \in M$ . To each point  $q \in Q$ ,  $\pi(q) = m_0$ , let us associate the space*

$$(3.23) \quad K_q = \omega(T_q(Q)), \quad \mathfrak{h} \subset K_q \subset \mathfrak{g};$$

*the space*

$$(3.24) \quad K_{qh} = \text{ad}(h^{-1})K_q$$

*being associated to the point  $qh \in Q$ ,  $h \in H$ . Further, to the point  $q$ , we associate the Lie group  $H_q \subset H$  consisting of the elements  $k \in H$  such that  $\text{ad}(k)K_q = K_q$ ; the*

Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_q$  of  $H_q$  is the set of the vectors  $v \in \mathfrak{h}$  such that  $[v, K_q] \subset K_q$ . We have

$$(3.25) \quad H_{qh} = h^{-1}H_qh, \quad \mathfrak{h}_{qh} = \text{ad}(h^{-1})\mathfrak{h}_q.$$

Let us introduce the notation  $L_q = \iota_H K_q$ ,  $\iota_H : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$  being the natural homomorphism. According to (2.14), we have

$$(3.26) \quad L_q = \varphi(T_q(Q)).$$

Further,

$$(3.27) \quad L_{qh} = \text{ad}(h^{-1})L_q,$$

$\text{ad}(h^{-1}) : \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$  being the map (2.12). Of course,  $\dim L_q = \dim M$ .

**3.2.** Denote by  $Z$  the manifold of all spaces  $K$  such that  $\mathfrak{h} \subset K \subset \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\dim K = \dim \mathfrak{h} + \dim M$ . Analogously, denote by  $Z'$  the manifold of all subspaces  $L \subset \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$  such that  $\dim L = \dim M$ . The manifolds  $Z$  and  $Z'$  are clearly diffeomorphic, the natural identification being given by the map  $K \rightarrow \iota_H(K)$ .

Let  $K_0 \in Z$  be a fixed space. In the space  $\mathfrak{g}$ , let us choose a vector basis

$$(3.28) \quad e_1, \dots, e_r, e_{r+1}, \dots, e_{r+s}, e_{r+s+1}, \dots, e_{r+s+t}$$

such that  $e_1, \dots, e_r$  is a basis of the space  $\mathfrak{h}$  and  $e_1, \dots, e_{r+s}$  a basis of the space  $K_0$ . We have  $\dim \mathfrak{h} = r$ ,  $\dim M = s$ . Introducing in  $\mathfrak{g}$  the coordinates  $x^1, \dots, x^{r+s+t}$  by the relation

$$(3.29) \quad e = \sum_{i=1}^{r+s+t} x^i e_i,$$

$$(3.30) \quad x^{r+s+1} = \dots = x^{r+s+t} = 0$$

are the equations of the space  $K_0$ . Any system of  $t$  linearly independent linear equations in  $x^i$  determines a subspace  $K$  of the dimension  $r + s$ ;  $\mathfrak{h} \subset K$  if and only if the system consists of linear equations in  $x^{r+1}, \dots, x^{r+s+t}$  only. Each space  $K \in Z$  is thus given by the equations

$$(3.31) \quad \sum_{\alpha=1}^s b_\alpha^v x^{r+\alpha} + \sum_{\mu=1}^t b_\mu^v x^{r+s+\mu} = 0; \quad v = 1, \dots, t.$$

Clearly, there is a neighbourhood  $O$  of the space  $K_0$  in  $Z$  such that each space  $K \in O$  is given by the system (3.31) with  $\text{rang}(b_\mu^v) = t$ , i.e. by a set of the form

$$(3.32) \quad x^{r+s+\mu} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^s a_\alpha^\mu x^{r+\alpha}; \quad \mu = 1, \dots, t.$$

This system is determined uniquely by the spaces  $K_0, K$  and the basis (3.28). The numbers  $a_z^\mu$  are thus the coordinates in the neighbourhood  $O$ , and we get

$$(3.33) \quad \dim Z = \dim Z' = st = \dim M \cdot (\dim \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} - \dim M).$$

Let  $K_0 \in Z$  be our fixed space; let us determine  $\dim \mathfrak{h}_{K_0}$ , the space  $\mathfrak{h}_{K_0}$  being defined by the equation (3.20<sub>2</sub>). The multiplication in the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  be given by

$$(3.34) \quad [e_i, e_j] = \sum_{k=1}^{r+s+t} c_{ij}^k e_k, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, r+s+t.$$

$\mathfrak{h}$  being a Lie subalgebra, we have

$$(3.35) \quad [e_\varrho, e_\sigma] = \sum_{\tau=1}^r c_{\varrho\sigma}^\tau e_\tau; \quad \varrho, \sigma = 1, \dots, r;$$

i.e.

$$(3.36) \quad c_{\varrho\sigma}^{r+\alpha} = c_{\varrho\sigma}^{r+s+\mu} = 0; \quad \varrho, \sigma = 1, \dots, r; \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, s; \quad \mu = 1, \dots, t.$$

Let  $v \in \mathfrak{h}, w \in K_0$ , i.e.

$$(3.37) \quad v = \sum_{\varrho=1}^r v^\varrho e_\varrho, \quad w = \sum_{\sigma=1}^r w^\sigma e_\sigma + \sum_{\alpha=1}^s w^{r+\alpha} e_{r+\alpha}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} [v, w] &= \sum_{\tau=1}^r \sum_{\varrho=1}^r v^\varrho \left( \sum_{\sigma=1}^r c_{\varrho\sigma}^\tau w^\sigma + \sum_{\alpha=1}^s c_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^\tau w^{r+\alpha} \right) e_\tau + \\ &+ \sum_{\varrho=1}^r \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^s c_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+\beta} v^\varrho w^{r+\alpha} e_{r+\beta} + \sum_{\varrho=1}^r \sum_{\alpha=1}^s \sum_{\mu=1}^t c_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} v^\varrho w^{r+\alpha} e_{r+s+\mu}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $[v, w] \in K_0$  for each vector  $w \in K_0$ , we have

$$(3.38) \quad \sum_{\varrho=1}^r c_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} v^\varrho = 0; \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, s; \quad \mu = 1, \dots, t.$$

The system (3.38) is the system of equations of the space  $\mathfrak{h}_{K_0} \subset \mathfrak{h}$ . According to (3.35), we have

**Theorem 3.3.** *Be given Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$  and a space  $K_0$  such that  $\mathfrak{h} \subset K_0 \subset \mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $Z$  be the manifold of all spaces  $K$  such that  $\mathfrak{h} \subset K \subset \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\dim K = \dim K_0$ . Let  $\mathfrak{h}_{K_0}$  be the Lie algebra consisting of the vectors  $v \in \mathfrak{h}$  such that  $[v, K_0] \subset K_0$ . Then*

$$(3.39) \quad \dim \mathfrak{h}_{K_0} \geq \dim \mathfrak{h} - \dim Z.$$



Let us introduce the notation

$$(3.40) \quad \mathcal{D}(K) \equiv \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{h} \subset K \subset \mathfrak{g}) = \dim \mathfrak{h} - \dim \mathfrak{h}_K;$$

$$(3.41) \quad \mathcal{D} = \max \mathcal{D}(K), \quad K \in Z.$$

The space  $K \in Z$  is called *regular* if  $\mathcal{D}(K) = \mathcal{D}$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *The set of regular spaces  $K \in Z$  is open.*

*Proof.* Let  $K_0 \in Z$  be a regular space. In  $\mathfrak{g}$ , let us choose a basis (3.28) with the described properties. The space  $K$  (3.32) is determined by the vectors

$$(3.42) \quad e_\varrho; \quad \varrho = 1, \dots, r;$$

$$f_{r+\alpha} = e_{r+\alpha} + \sum_{\mu=1}^t a_\alpha^\mu e_{r+s+\mu}; \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, s.$$

Let  $w \in K$ , i.e.

$$(3.43) \quad w = \sum_{\sigma=1}^r w^\sigma e_\sigma + \sum_{\alpha=1}^s w^{r+\alpha} f_{r+\alpha}.$$

If  $v \in \mathfrak{h}$  is given by (3.37<sub>1</sub>), we have

$$(3.44) \quad [v, w] = \sum_{\varrho=1}^r \sum_{\alpha=1}^s v^\varrho w^{r+\alpha} \left( \sum_{\beta=1}^s d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+\beta} e_{r+\beta} + \sum_{\mu=1}^t d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} e_{r+s+\mu} \right) \bmod \mathfrak{h},$$

where

$$(3.45) \quad d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+\beta} = c_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+\beta} + \sum_{\mu=1}^t a_\alpha^\mu c_{r+s+\mu}^{r+\beta},$$

$$d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} = c_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} + \sum_{\nu=1}^t a_\alpha^\nu c_{\varrho, r+s+\nu}^{r+s+\mu}.$$

Now,

$$[v, w] = \sum_{\varrho=1}^r \sum_{\alpha=1}^s v^\varrho w^{r+\alpha} \sum_{\beta=1}^s d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+\beta} f_{r+\beta} \equiv$$

$$\equiv \sum_{\varrho=1}^r \sum_{\alpha=1}^s v^\varrho w^{r+\alpha} \sum_{\mu=1}^t \left( d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} - \sum_{\beta=1}^s d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+\beta} a_\beta^\mu \right) e_{r+s+\mu} \bmod \mathfrak{h}.$$

The equations of the space  $\mathfrak{h}_K$  are

$$\sum_{\varrho=1}^r \left( d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} - \sum_{\beta=1}^s d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+\beta} a_\beta^\mu \right) v^\varrho = 0; \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, s; \quad \mu = 1, \dots, t;$$

i.e.

$$(3.46) \quad \sum_{\varrho=1}^r (c_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} + \sum_{\nu=1}^t a_{\alpha}^{\nu} c_{\varrho, r+s+\nu}^{r+s+\mu} - \sum_{\beta=1}^s a_{\beta}^{\mu} c_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+\beta} - \sum_{\beta=1}^s \sum_{\nu=1}^t a_{\beta}^{\mu} a_{\alpha}^{\nu} c_{\varrho, r+s+\nu}^{r+\beta}) v^{\varrho} = 0 :$$

$$\alpha = 1, \dots, s ; \quad \mu = 1, \dots, t .$$

For  $K_0 = K$ , i.e.  $a_{\alpha}^{\mu} = 0$ , we get (3.40). Choosing a sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the rang of the system (3.46) with  $|a_{\alpha}^{\nu}| < \varepsilon$  is not less than that of the system (3.38). On the other hand, it is not greater, the space  $K_0$  being regular. Q.E.D.

**3.3.** We shall say that the spaces  $K, K' \in Z$  are situated in the same *orbit* if there is an  $h \in H$  such that

$$(3.47) \quad K' = \text{ad}(h) K .$$

Let us denote by  $\{K\}$  the orbit determined by the space  $K \in Z$ ; in the case (3.47), we have  $\{K\} = \{K'\}$ . Quite analogously, the spaces  $L, L' \in Z'$  are situated in the same orbit if there is an  $h \in H$  such that

$$(3.48) \quad L' = \text{ad}(h) L ;$$

introduce again the notation  $\{L\}$  for the orbit determined by the space  $L$ . It is easy to see that  $\{K\} = \{K'\}$  if and only if  $\{t_H(K)\} = \{t_H(K')\}$ .

Investigating a given space  $\mathfrak{S}$ , we have to determine the system of all orbits in the manifold  $Z$ . Because the dimensions of the orbits may differ, this system is often very complicated, and it is difficult to formulate general theorems.

Let us start with the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , its subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  and a space  $K_0$ ,  $\mathfrak{h} \subset K_0 \subset \mathfrak{g}$ , and let us consider the basis (3.28). Each space  $K \in Z$  situated in some neighbourhood  $O$  of the space  $K_0 \in Z$  is given by the equations (3.32), the numbers  $a_{\alpha}^{\mu}$  being the coordinates in  $O$ ; the space  $K$  is given by the vectors (3.42).

Let  $K \in Z$  and let  $v \in \mathfrak{h}$  be a fixed non-zero vector. Consider the system of spaces

$$(3.49) \quad K(v, t) = \text{ad}(\exp tv) K ,$$

where  $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$  and  $\delta > 0$  is small. Obviously,  $K(v, 0) = K$  for each vector  $v \in \mathfrak{h}$ . The space (3.49) is determined by the vectors  $e_{\varrho}$ ;  $\varrho = 1, \dots, r$ ; and

$$(3.50) \quad g_{r+\alpha}(v, t) = \text{ad}(\exp tv) f_{r+\alpha} ; \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, s ;$$

$f_{r+\alpha}$  being the vector (3.42). Again, we have  $g_{r+\alpha}(v, 0) = f_{r+\alpha}$ . We may write

$$(3.51) \quad g_{r+\alpha}(v, t) = f_{r+\alpha} + t h_{r+\alpha}(v) + O(t^2) ,$$

where

$$(3.52) \quad h_{r+\alpha}(v) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \text{ad}(\exp tv) \right|_{t=0} \cdot f_{r+\alpha} = [v, f_{r+\alpha}] ;$$

the last equation being the consequence of (3.19). Let us determine the equations of the space  $K(v, t)$ . Restricting  $\delta$  in such a way that  $K(v, t) \in O$  for each  $|t| < \delta$ , these equations are of the form

$$(3.53) \quad x^{r+s+\mu} = \sum_{\beta=1}^s (a_{\beta}^{\mu} + t b_{\beta}^{\mu}(v) + O(t^2)) x^{r+\beta} \quad \mu = 1, \dots, t;$$

our task is to determine  $b_{\beta}^{\mu}(v)$ . Because of (3.44), we have

$$(3.54) \quad h_{r+\alpha}(v) = \sum_{\varrho=1}^r v^{\varrho} \left( \sum_{\beta=1}^s d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+\beta} e_{r+\beta} + \sum_{\mu=1}^t d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} e_{r+s+\mu} \right) \text{ mod } \mathfrak{h},$$

$d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+\beta}$  and  $d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu}$  being determined by the relations (3.45). The vector (3.51) has the coordinates

$$(3.55) \quad \begin{aligned} x^{\varrho} & ; \quad \varrho = 1, \dots, r; \\ x^{r+\beta} & = \delta_{r+\alpha}^{r+\beta} + t \sum_{\varrho=1}^r v^{\varrho} d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+\beta} + O(t^2); \quad \beta = 1, \dots, s; \\ x^{r+s+\mu} & = a_{\alpha}^{\mu} + t \sum_{\varrho=1}^r v^{\varrho} d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} + O(t^2); \quad \mu = 1, \dots, t; \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta_{r+\alpha}^{r+\beta}$  is the Kronecker's delta. Substituting into (3.53), we get

$$(3.56) \quad b_{\alpha}^{\mu}(v) = \sum_{\varrho=1}^r v^{\varrho} (d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} - \sum_{\beta=1}^s a_{\beta}^{\mu} d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+\beta}),$$

$b_{\alpha}^{\mu}(v)$  being just the left hand side of the equation (3.46).

On  $O$ , the vector fields  $\partial/\partial a_{\alpha}^{\mu}$ ;  $\alpha = 1, \dots, s$ ;  $\mu = 1, \dots, t$ ; are the basis of the vector fields. Let us consider the vector fields

$$(3.57) \quad V_{\varrho} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^s \sum_{\mu=1}^t (d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} - \sum_{\beta=1}^s a_{\beta}^{\mu} d_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+\beta}) \frac{\partial}{\partial a_{\alpha}^{\mu}}; \quad \varrho = 1, \dots, r;$$

on  $O$ . Let  $\Theta_K \subset T_K(O)$  be the linear subspace spanned by the vectors (3.57).

**Theorem 3.5.** *We have*

$$(3.58) \quad \dim \Theta_K = \mathcal{D}(K),$$

the number  $\mathcal{D}(K)$  being defined by (3.40).

Using the known results on a Lie group acting on a manifold — see [1], Proposition 4.1, p. 42 — we get

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $K_0 \in Z$  be a regular space. Then there exists its neighbourhood  $O \subset Z$  with the following properties: (1)

$$(3.59) \quad \dim \Theta_K = \mathcal{D} \quad \text{for } K \in O.$$

(2) The subspaces  $\Theta_K$  are an involutive distribution on  $O$ . (3) Let  $K_1 \in Z$  be a fixed space and  $V \subset O$  be the integral manifold of dimension  $\mathcal{D}$  of the distribution  $\Theta_K$  passing through the space  $K_1$ , then  $V = O \cap \{K_1\}$ ,  $\{K_1\}$  being the orbit of the space  $K_1$ .

The following theorem is a simple consequence of the preceding one.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $K_0 \in Z$  be a regular space. Then there exist its neighbourhood  $O \subset Z$  and a manifold  $W \subset O$  with the following properties: (1)  $K_0 \in W$ ,  $\dim W = \dim Z - \mathcal{D}$  (2) If  $K \in O$ , there is one and only one point  $K_W \in W$  such that  $\{K\} = \{K_W\}$ .

The manifold  $W$  may be any manifold through the space  $K_0$  satisfying  $T_{K_0}(W) \cap \Theta_{K_0} = 0$ ; of course, we might be pressed to restrict our manifold  $O$ . If  $O/\Theta_K$  has the usual meaning, the manifolds  $W$  and  $O/\Theta_K$  are diffeomorphic.

Let us consider the coordinates in  $\mathfrak{g}$  introduced above. The space  $\Theta_{K_0}$  at a regular point  $K_0$  is determined by the vectors

$$(3.60) \quad V_\varrho = \sum_{\alpha=1}^s \sum_{\mu=1}^t c_{\varrho, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial a_\alpha^\mu} \Big|_{K_0}; \quad \varrho = 1, \dots, r;$$

$\mathcal{D}$  of them are linearly independent; let us choose the numeration in such a way that

$$(3.61) \quad V_A = \sum_{\alpha=1}^s \sum_{\mu=1}^t c_{A, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial a_\alpha^\mu} \Big|_{K_0}; \quad A = 1, \dots, \mathcal{D}$$

are linearly independent. Choose the numbers

$$(3.62) \quad r_{B\mu}^\alpha; \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, s; \quad \mu = 1, \dots, t; \quad B = 1, \dots, \mathcal{D};$$

such that (1) the rang of the matrix of type  $ts \times \mathcal{D}$  formed, in the obvious sense, by the elements (3.62) is equal to  $\mathcal{D}$ , (2) we have

$$(3.63) \quad \sum_{\alpha=1}^s \sum_{\mu=1}^t r_{B\mu}^\alpha c_{A, r+\alpha}^{r+s+\mu} \neq 0; \quad A, B = 1, \dots, \mathcal{D}.$$

Then the space determined by the equations

$$(3.64) \quad \sum_{\alpha=1}^s \sum_{\mu=1}^t r_{B\mu}^\alpha a_\alpha^\mu = 0; \quad B = 1, \dots, \mathcal{D};$$

is an example of the manifold  $W$  of Theorem 3.7. In other words: There is a neighbourhood  $O \subset Z$  of the space  $K_0$  such that to each  $K \in O$  there exists a unique space  $K_W$  (3.32) such that its coordinates  $a_\alpha^\mu$  satisfy (3.64) and we have  $\{K\} = \{K_W\}$ .

3.4. Be given a space  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(M, P, G, Q, H, \omega)$ . Let  $m_0 \in M$  be a fixed point and  $U \subset M$  a neighbourhood of the point  $m_0$ . Further, be given a section  $v : U \rightarrow Q$ . Let us write

$$(3.65) \quad K_{v(m)} = \omega(T_{v(m)}(Q)).$$

Obviously,  $K_m \in Z$ . Analogously, we get the space

$$(3.66) \quad K_{v'(m)} = \omega(T_{v'(m)}(Q))$$

for each other section  $v' : U \rightarrow Q$ . If

$$(3.67) \quad v'(m) = v(m) h(m),$$

$h : U \rightarrow H$  being a given map, we have

$$(3.68) \quad K_{v'(m)} = \text{ad}(h^{-1}(m)) K_{v(m)}.$$

Thus  $\{K_{v'(m)}\} = \{K_{v(m)}\}$  for each  $m \in U$ .

Suppose that space  $K_{m_0}$  is regular. According to Theorem 3.4, there exists a neighbourhood  $U' \subset U$  of the point  $m_0$  such that, for each point  $m \in U'$ , the space  $K_m$  is regular, too. In what follows, we restrict ourselves to the case

$$(3.69) \quad \mathcal{D} = \dim Z,$$

the case  $\mathcal{D} < \dim Z$  being not too much complicated. According to Theorem 3.7, there exists a neighbourhood  $U'' \subset U'$  of the point  $m_0$  such that

$$(3.70) \quad \{K_{v(m)}\} = \{K_{v(m_0)}\} \quad \text{for each point } m \in U''.$$

In other words, there is a neighbourhood  $U''$  of the point  $m_0$  and a map  $h : U'' \rightarrow H$  such that

$$(3.71) \quad K_{v(m_0)} = \text{ad}(h^{-1}(m)) K_{v(m)} \quad \text{for } m \in U''.$$

The section  $\mu : U'' \rightarrow Q$  given by the equation  $\mu(m) = v(m) h(m)$  has the property that

$$(3.72) \quad K_{\mu(m_0)} = K_{\mu(m)} \quad \text{for } m \in U''.$$

**Theorem 3.8.** *Be given a space  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(P, M, G, Q, H, \omega)$ , a fixed point  $m_0 \in M$ , its neighbourhood  $U \subset M$  and a section  $v : U \rightarrow Q$ . Suppose that we have*

$$(3.73) \quad \dim \mathfrak{h} - \dim \mathfrak{h}_{v(m_0)} = \dim Z$$

for the space  $K_{v(m_0)} = \omega(T_{v(m_0)}(Q))$ ; here,  $Z$  is the manifold of spaces  $K$  such that  $\mathfrak{h} \subset K \subset \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\dim K = \mathfrak{h} + \dim M$ ;  $H_{v(m_0)}$  is the Lie group of all solutions  $h \in H$

of the equation  $K_{v(m_0)} = \text{ad}(h) K_{v(m_0)}$ ,  $\mathfrak{h}_{v(m_0)}$  is its Lie algebra consisting of all vectors  $v \in \mathfrak{h}$  satisfying  $[v, K_{v(m_0)}] \subset K_{v(m_0)}$ . Then there is a neighbourhood  $U' \subset U$  of the point  $m_0$  and a map  $k : U' \rightarrow H$  such that, for the section

$$(3.74) \quad \mu(m) = v(m) k(m), \quad m \in U',$$

we have

$$(3.75) \quad K_{v(m_0)} = K_{\mu(m_0)} = K_{\mu(m)} \quad \text{for } m \in U'.$$

Let  $Q(U', H)$  be the restriction of the bundle  $Q(M, H)$  to the base space  $U' \subset M$ . Then there is one and only one reduction  $Q_{v(m_0)}(U', H_{v(m_0)})$  of the bundle  $Q(U', H)$  to the group  $H_{v(m_0)}$  with the following property: For the section  $\sigma : U' \rightarrow Q$ , we have  $\sigma(U') \subset Q_{v(m_0)}$  if and only if  $K_{v(m_0)} = K_{\sigma(m)}$  for each  $m \in U'$ .

Be given spaces

$$(3.76) \quad \mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(M, P, G, Q, H, \omega), \quad \mathfrak{S}' = \mathfrak{S}'(M, P, G, Q, H, \omega'),$$

a fixed point  $m_0 \in M$ , its neighbourhood  $U \subset M$  and the local sections  $v, v' : U \rightarrow Q$ . We are going to study Problem II. All considerations being local, we shall often diminish our neighbourhood  $U$  without mentioning it; let  $M = U$ . Let us repeat Problem II: The forms

$$(3.77) \quad \omega_v = v_* \omega, \quad \omega_{v'} = v'_* \omega'$$

being given, we have to decide whether there exists a map

$$(3.78) \quad h : M \rightarrow H$$

such that

$$(3.79) \quad \omega_{v'} = \text{ad}(h^{-1}) \omega_v + h^{-1} dh.$$

Let us suppose that the spaces

$$(3.80) \quad K_{m_0} = \omega(T_{v(m_0)}(Q)), \quad K'_{m_0} = \omega'(T_{v'(m_0)}(Q))$$

are regular and satisfy the equation (3.73). Applying Theorem 3.8, we see the existence of the sections  $\mu, \mu' : U \rightarrow Q$  such that

$$(3.81) \quad \omega(T_{\mu(m)}(Q)) = K_{m_0}, \quad \omega'(T_{\mu'(m)}(Q)) = K'_{m_0} \quad \text{for } m \in U.$$

If there is a map (3.78) satisfying (3.79), we have

$$(3.82) \quad K'_{m_0} = \text{ad}(h^{-1}(m)) K_{m_0} \quad \text{for each } m \in U.$$

Especially, there is an  $h_0 = h(m_0)$  such that

$$(3.83) \quad K'_{m_0} = \text{ad}(h_0^{-1}) K_{m_0}.$$

Let us consider an  $h_0$  satisfying (3.83), and let us write

$$(3.84) \quad h(m) = k(m) h_0 .$$

From (3.82), we get

$$(3.85) \quad K'_{m_0} = \text{ad}(h_0^{-1}) \text{ad}(k^{-1}(m)) K_{m_0}, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad K_{m_0} = \text{ad}(k^{-1}(m)) K_{m_0} .$$

But this means  $k(m) \in H_K$ , where  $K = K_{m_0}$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *Be given spaces (3.76), a fixed point  $m_0 \in M$  and sections  $v, v' : M \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$ . On  $M$ , consider the  $\mathfrak{g}$ -valued 1-forms (3.77). Suppose the existence of a map (3.78) satisfying (3.79). Finally, suppose that the spaces (3.80) are regular and that they satisfy equations of the type (3.73). Then there is a neighbourhood  $U \subset M$  of the point  $m_0$  and sections  $\mu, \mu' : U \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$  satisfying (3.81). Let  $l : U \rightarrow H$  be a map such that*

$$(3.86) \quad \omega_{\mu'} = \text{ad}(l^{-1}(m)) \omega_{\mu} + l^{-1}(m) dl(m) ;$$

here,  $\omega_{\mu} = \mu_* \omega$ ,  $\omega_{\mu'} = \mu'_* \omega'$ . Let  $h_0$  be an arbitrary solution of the equation (3.83). Then there is a map  $k : U \rightarrow H_K$ ,  $K = K_{m_0}$ , such that

$$(3.87) \quad l(m) = k(m) h_0 \quad \text{for} \quad m \in U .$$

This theorem makes the equivalence problem less difficult: Instead of the study of all the maps  $U \rightarrow H$ , we have to produce one solution of the equation (3.83), the group  $H_K$  of the solutions of the equation  $K_{m_0} = \text{ad}(h) K_{m_0}$ , and afterwards we have to study the maps  $U \rightarrow H_K$  only. In all concrete cases, we are led by this general procedure; Theorem 3.9 makes it more precise.

**3.5.** Let us consider once more our example, i.e. the equivalence problem for surfaces in affine 3-spaces. The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{ga}(3)$  of the affine group  $GA(3)$  is isomorphic to the additive group of matrices of the form

$$(3.88) \quad r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ r^1 & r_1^1 & r_2^1 & r_3^1 \\ r^2 & r_1^2 & r_2^2 & r_3^2 \\ r^3 & r_1^3 & r_2^3 & r_3^3 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $[r, s] = rs - sr$ . A general element of the group  $GA(3)$  is, of course,

$$(3.89) \quad a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a^1 & a_1^1 & a_2^1 & a_3^1 \\ a^2 & a_1^2 & a_2^2 & a_3^2 \\ a^3 & a_1^3 & a_2^3 & a_3^3 \end{pmatrix};$$

further, we have

$$(3.90) \quad \text{ad}(a)r = ara^{-1}.$$

The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{ga}_0(3) \subset \mathfrak{ga}(3)$  is formed by the elements (3.88) satisfying  $r^1 = r^2 = r^3 = 0$ . Considering a surface in the space  $A^3$ , we have  $\dim \mathfrak{g} = 12$ ,  $\dim \mathfrak{h} = 9$ ,  $\dim M = 2$ . Thus the manifold  $Z$  consists of all spaces  $K$  satisfying  $\mathfrak{h} \subset K \subset \mathfrak{g}$  and  $\dim K = 11$ . Each space  $K \in Z$  is given by one equation of the type  $\alpha_1 r^1 + \alpha_2 r^2 + \alpha_3 r^3 = 0$ ; without loss of generality, we may suppose

$$(3.91) \quad r^3 = \alpha_1 r^1 + \alpha_2 r^2.$$

We have to produce all vectors

$$(3.92) \quad v = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v_1^1 & v_2^1 & v_3^1 \\ 0 & v_1^2 & v_2^2 & v_3^2 \\ 0 & v_1^3 & v_2^3 & v_3^3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{h}$$

such that  $[v, K] \subset K$ . We have

$$(3.93) \quad [v, r] = vr - rv = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ s^1 & s_1^1 & s_2^1 & s_3^1 \\ s^2 & s_1^2 & s_2^2 & s_3^2 \\ s^3 & s_1^3 & s_2^3 & s_3^3 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$s^i = v_1^i r^1 + v_2^i r^2 + v_3^i r^3; \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

(3.91) being satisfied and  $s^3 = \alpha_1 s^1 + \alpha_2 s^2$  for each  $r^1, r^2$ , we get the equations

$$(3.94) \quad \begin{aligned} v_1^3 + \alpha_1(v_3^3 - v_1^1) - \alpha_2 v_2^2 - (\alpha_1)^2 v_3^1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2 v_3^2 &= 0, \\ v_2^3 - \alpha_1 v_2^1 + \alpha_2(v_3^3 - v_2^2) - \alpha_1 \alpha_2 v_3^1 - (\alpha_2)^2 v_3^2 &= 0; \end{aligned}$$

(3.94) are the equations of the space  $\mathfrak{h}_K \subset \mathfrak{h}$ . This equations are always linearly independent, and we have  $\dim \mathfrak{h}_K = 7$ . Because of  $\dim Z = 2 = \dim \mathfrak{h} - \dim \mathfrak{h}_K$ , each space  $K \in Z$  is regular, and we may apply Theorem 3.8. But we may say even more. The manifold  $Z$  is connected and, according to Theorem 3.4, there is just one orbit equal to  $Z$ . We may therefore choose an arbitrary fixed space  $K_0 \in Z$ , and, according to Theorem 3.8, concentrate ourselves to the reduction of the considered bundle to the group  $H_{K_0}$ . As usual,  $K_0$  is given by the equation  $r^3 = 0$ . Then  $\mathfrak{h}_K$  is given by the equations  $v_1^3 = v_2^3 = 0$ ; the space  $K_0$  becomes the set of elements (1.55) and the group  $H_K$  is just the group  $H_1$  consisting of the elements (1.56). Theorem 1.6 is a special case of Theorem 3.8.



Next, we investigate the manifold  $Z_1$  of spaces  $L$  such that  $\mathfrak{h}_K \subset L \subset \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\dim L = \dim \mathfrak{h}_K + \dim M = 9$ . There are only some technical difficulties in doing this. Applying successively Theorems 3.4, 3.7 and 3.8, we get the full classification of surfaces and Theorems 1.7, 1.8 and 1.9. It would be instructive to accomplish this.

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