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Let $\pi : E \rightarrow M$ be a fibre bundle. Let J^1E be the first prolongation of E , i.e. J^1E is the set of 1-jets of all local cross-sections of E . Let us recall (see for example [1], [4]) that a connection on E is a global cross-section $\Gamma : E \rightarrow J^1E$, that is a distribution of horizontal tangent subspaces Γ_u , where $T_uE = T_uE_x \oplus \Gamma_u$, $u \in E$, $\pi u = x$. In this paper we find some relations between forms and connections on E . Our considerations are in the category C^∞ .

1. Let M be a differentiable manifold. Let $L(M)$ or $\Lambda(M)$ or $S(M)$ be the algebra of all forms or of all antisymmetric or of all symmetric forms, respectively, on M . Let $\psi : TM \rightarrow TM$ or $\varphi : \wedge^{r+1}TM \rightarrow TM$ be a vector bundle morphism or an antisymmetric vector bundle morphism, respectively. Let ω or ε be a form or an antisymmetric form, respectively, of degree p on M . Let f be a function on M . Put

$$D_\psi f = 0, \quad d_\varphi f = 0,$$

$$(D_\psi \omega)(X_1, \dots, X_p) = \sum_{i=1}^p \omega(X_1, \dots, \psi X_i, \dots, X_p),$$

$$(d_\varphi \varepsilon)(X_1, \dots, X_{r+p}) = \sum_{\sigma \in S} \text{sgn } \sigma \varepsilon[\varphi(X_{\sigma_1}, \dots, X_{\sigma(r+1)}), \dots, X_{\sigma(r+p)}]$$

where S is the set of all such permutations of the set $\{1, \dots, r+p\}$ that $\sigma_1 < \dots < \sigma(r+1)$; $\sigma(r+2) < \dots < \sigma(r+p)$.

Let us recall the following properties.

Lemma 1. *The mapping $D_\psi : \omega \rightarrow D_\psi \omega$ is a differentiation of degree 0 on algebras $L(M)$, $\Lambda(M)$, $S(M)$.*

Lemma 2. *The mapping $d_\varphi : \omega \rightarrow d_\varphi \omega$ is a differentiation of degree r on $\Lambda(M)$, that is*

$$d_\varphi(\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2) = d_\varphi \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 + (-1)^{pr} \omega_1 \wedge d_\varphi \omega_2,$$

If ω is semi-basic then $D_v\omega = 0$ and $D_h\omega = p\omega$.

An antisymmetric p -form on E will be said to be quasi-semi-basic if $i_Y\omega$ is semi-basic for any $Y \in VTE$. Locally, ω is quasi-semi-basic if and only if

$$(3) \quad \omega = a_{i_1 \dots i_p} dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_p} + a_{i_1 \dots i_{p-1} \alpha} dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_{p-1}} \wedge dy^\alpha.$$

By the definition of D_h, D_v we have $D_v(dx^i) = 0, D_v(dy^\alpha) = dy^\alpha - a_i^\alpha dx^i, D_h(dx^i) = dx^i, D_h(dy^\alpha) = a_i^\alpha dx^i$. This gives

Proposition 5. *If ω is quasi-semi-basic but not semi-basic then $D_v\omega$ and $D_h\omega$ are quasi-semi-basic but not semi-basic.*

Recall (see for example [1], [4]) that the curvature form of Γ is an antisymmetric 2-morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &: TE \otimes TE \rightarrow TE \\ \Phi(X_u, Y_u) &= v([hX, hY]), \end{aligned}$$

where $[hX, hY]$ is the Lie bracket of such fields X, Y on E that $X_u \in X, Y_u \in Y, u \in E$. Locally

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} \Phi &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial a_k^\alpha}{\partial y^\beta} a_j^\beta - \frac{\partial a_j^\alpha}{\partial y^\beta} a_k^\beta + \frac{\partial a_k^\alpha}{\partial x^j} - \frac{\partial a_j^\alpha}{\partial x^k} \right) dx^j \wedge dx^k \right] \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} A_{jk}^\alpha dx^j \wedge dx^k \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

The mapping d_Φ is an antidifferentiation of the first degree and

$$(5) \quad d_\Phi(dx^i) = 0, \quad d_\Phi(dy^\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} A_{jk}^\alpha dx^j \wedge dx^k.$$

Proposition 6. *Let Φ be the curvature form of the connection Γ . Then $d_\Phi d_\Phi = 0$.*

Proof. The mapping d_Φ being an antidifferentiation of $\Lambda(E)$ with the property $d_\Phi f = 0$ for any function f on E , it is determined by its action on $\Lambda^1(E)$. Using (5) we get our assertion.

Denote $H_u = \{\Phi(X, Y) : X, Y \in T_u E\}$.

Proposition 7. *Let ω be a $(p-1)$ -form on E . Let $i_Y\omega = 0$ for any vector tangent field, the value of which lie in the spaces H_u . Then $d_\Phi\omega = 0$.*

Proof. $d_\Phi\omega(X_1, \dots, X_{p+1}) = \sum_{\sigma \in S} \text{sgn } \sigma \omega(\Phi(X_{s_1}, X_{s_2}), X_{s_3}, \dots, X_{s_{p+1}}) =$
 $= \sum_{\sigma \in S} \text{sgn } \sigma i_{\Phi(X_{s_1}, X_{s_2})} \omega(X_{s_3}, \dots, X_{s_{p+1}})$. This completes our proof.

Quite analogously, if $i_Y\omega = 0$ for any horizontal tangent vector Y then $\omega \in \text{Ker } D_h$.

Let d denote the exterior differentiation on $\Lambda(E)$. Then $\bar{d} = D_v d - d D_v$ is an antidifferentiation of degree 1 on $\Lambda(E)$. By Proposition 3 we get

$$(6) \quad h^* \bar{d} = -h^* d D_v.$$

Proposition 8. Let ω be a p -form on E . Then

$$h^*(\bar{d}\omega) = -h^*d_\phi\omega.$$

Proof. $h^*dD_v\omega(X_1, \dots, X_{p+1}) = dD_v\omega(hX_1, \dots, hX_{p+1}) =$
 $= -\sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} D_v\omega([hX_i, hX_j], hX_1, \dots, \widehat{hX_i}, \dots, \widehat{hX_j}, \dots, hX_{p+1}) =$
 $= -\sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \omega(v[hX_i, hX_j], hX_1, \dots, \widehat{hX_i}, \dots, \widehat{hX_j}, \dots, hX_{p+1}) =$
 $= \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i-1+j-2} \omega(\phi(hX_i, hX_j), hX_1, \dots, \widehat{hX_i}, \dots, \widehat{hX_j}, \dots, hX_{p+1}) =$
 $= d_\phi\omega(hX_1, \dots, hX_{p+1}) = h^*d_\phi\omega(X_1, \dots, X_{p+1})$, where the symbol $\widehat{}$ indicates that a vector \hat{X} is dropped. The relation (6) completes our proof.

Proposition 9. If the form $D_v\omega$ is closed then $\bar{d}\omega$ is Γ -vertical. If the form ω is closed then $D_v\omega$ is closed if and only if $\bar{d}\omega = 0$.

Proof follows from the definition of \bar{d} .

3. In the sequel we are going to study in detail some relations between bilinear forms and connections on E . Let $\omega = a_{ij}dx^i \otimes dx^j + a_{\alpha i}dy^\alpha \otimes dx^i + a_{i\alpha}dx^i \otimes dy^\alpha + a_{\alpha\beta}dy^\alpha \otimes dy^\beta$ be a bilinear form on E . Then $D_h\omega$ is quasi-semi-basic. Let $Y = b^\alpha(\partial/\partial y^\alpha)$ be a vertical tangent field. Then

$$i_Y\omega = a_{\alpha i}b^\alpha dx^i + a_{\alpha\beta}b^\alpha dy^\beta, \quad h^*(i_Y\omega) = (a_{\alpha i} + a_{\alpha\beta}a_i^\beta) b^\alpha dx^i.$$

The form ω will be said to be associated with a connection Γ on E if $h^*i_Y\omega = 0$ for any vertical tangent vector Y . Locally, a bilinear form ω is associated with a connection Γ on E if and only if

$$(7) \quad a_{\alpha i} + a_{\alpha\beta}a_i^\beta = 0.$$

Let ${}^\omega T_u = \{X \in T_u E : i_Y \omega(X) = 0 \text{ for any } Y \in T_u E_m, \pi u = m\}$. The bilinear form ω on E will be called connecting if the distribution of the tangent subspaces ${}^\omega T_u$ determines a connection on E . If ω is connecting then the connection of the tangent subspaces ${}^\omega T_u$ will be denoted by ${}^\omega \Gamma$.

As $\dim \{i_Y \omega : Y \in T_u E_m\} \leq \dim E_m$, we have $\dim {}^\omega T_u \geq \dim M$. Then the mapping $u \rightarrow {}^\omega T_u$ is a connection if and only if the assertion

$$(Z \in T_u E_m \wedge Z \in {}^\omega T_u) \Rightarrow Z = 0$$

is true for any $u \in E$. Locally, let $Z = c^\alpha(\partial/\partial y^\alpha)$. Then $Z \in {}^\omega T_u$ if and only if $i_Y \omega(Z) = 0$ for any $Y \in T_u E_m$, i.e. if and only if $a_{\alpha\beta}c^\alpha = 0$. Then ω is connecting if and only if $\det(a_{\alpha\beta}) \neq 0$, i.e. if and only if the restriction of ω to vertical tangent vectors is a regular form. This yields

Proposition 10. *Let ω be connecting. Then ω is associated with a connection Γ if and only if $\Gamma = {}^o\Gamma$.*

Let us recall that if ω is quasi-semi-basic then it is not connecting. If ω is a 2-form (i.e. antisymmetric of the second order) then it can be connecting only if $\dim E_x$ is even.

Proposition 11. *Let ω be a connecting 2-form on E . Then the connection ${}^o\Gamma$ is integrable if and only if*

$$h^*(L_Y\omega - i_Y d\omega) = 0$$

for any vertical tangent field Y .

Proof. By definition ${}^o\Gamma$ is integrable if and only if $h^*(di_Y\omega) = 0$ for any vertical tangent field Y . The known relation $L_Y = i_Y d + di_Y$ completes our proof.

Let ω or Γ be a bilinear form or a connection, respectively, on E . Denote by $\omega_{10}, \omega_{20}, \omega_{12}, \omega_{21}$ the following forms:

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_{10}(X, Y) &= \omega(hX, Y), & \omega_{20}(X, Y) &= \omega(vX, Y), \\ \omega_{01}(X, Y) &= \omega(X, hY), & \omega_{02}(X, Y) &= \omega(X, vY), \\ \omega_{12}(X, Y) &= \omega(hX, vY), & \omega_{21}(X, Y) &= \omega(vX, hY).\end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3. *Let ω or Γ be a bilinear form or a connection, respectively, on E . Then*

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned}\omega_{10} &= h^*\omega + \omega_{12}, & \omega_{20} &= v^*\omega + \omega_{21}, \\ \omega_{01} &= h^*\omega + \omega_{21}, & \omega_{02} &= v^*\omega + \omega_{12}, \\ D_h\omega &= \omega_{10} + \omega_{01}, & D_v\omega &= \omega_{20} + \omega_{02}, \\ D_h\omega - D_v\omega &= 2(h^*\omega - v^*\omega), & \omega &= h^*\omega + D_v D_h\omega + v^*\omega, \\ D_v D_h\omega &= \omega_{12} + \omega_{21}, & D_v D_v\omega &= D_v\omega + 2v^*\omega, \\ D_h D_h\omega &= D_h\omega + 2h^*\omega.\end{aligned}$$

Proof. $\omega_{10}(X, Y) = \omega(hX, hY + vY) = \omega(hX, hY) + \omega(hX, vY) = h^*\omega(X, Y) + \omega_{12}(X, Y)$. The other relations can be proved analogously.

Proposition 12. *A bilinear form ω is associated with a connection Γ if and only if $\omega_{21} = 0$.*

Proof. Let $\omega_{21} = 0$. Then $h^*i_Y\omega(X) = i_Y\omega(hX) = \omega(Y, hX) = \omega_{21}(Y, X) = 0$ for any vertical tangent vector Y . Let ω be associated with Γ . Then $\omega_{21}(Y, X) = \omega(vY, hX) = h^*i_{vY}\omega(X) = 0$.

Corollary. *The forms $\omega_{02}, \omega_{10}, \omega_{12}, h^*\omega, v^*\omega$ are associated with Γ .*

Lemma 4. *Let ω be either antisymmetric or symmetric. Then $\omega_{21} = 0$ if and only if $\omega_{12} = 0$.*

Proof is obvious.

Proposition 13. *Let ω be either antisymmetric or symmetric. Then ω is associated with a connection Γ if and only if $D_h\omega$ is semi-basic.*

Proof. $\omega_{21}(Y, X) = \omega(vY, hX) = D_h\omega(vY, X) = i_{vY}D_h\omega(X)$. Then the definition of the semi-basic form and Proposition 12 complete our proof.

Proposition 14. *Let ω be either antisymmetric or symmetric. Then ω is associated with Γ if and only if $i_Z\omega$ is semi-basic for any horizontal vector Z .*

Proof. $\omega_{12}(X, Y) = \omega(hX, vY) = i_{hX}\omega(vY)$. Proposition 12 and Lemma 4 complete the proof.

By the relation (8) we get

Proposition 15. *Let ω be either antisymmetric or symmetric and associated with Γ . Then*

$$D_hD_v\omega = 0, \quad D_v\omega = 2v^*\omega, \quad D_h\omega = 2h^*\omega, \quad \omega = h^*\omega + v^*\omega.$$

Corollary. *If ω is associated with Γ , Γ -vertical and either antisymmetric or symmetric then $D_v^n\omega = 2^n\omega$.*

Lemma 5. *Let ω or Γ be a bilinear form or a connection, respectively, on E . Then*

$$(\omega - h^*\omega)_{21} = (D_v\omega)_{21} = (D_h\omega)_{21} = (\omega_{20})_{21} = (\omega_{01})_{21} = \omega_{21}.$$

Proof. $(\omega - h^*\omega)_{21}(X, Y) = (\omega - h^*\omega)(vX, hY) = \omega(vX, hY) = \omega_{21}(X, Y)$. The other relations can be proved analogously.

Corollary of Lemma 5 and Proposition 12. *Let ω or Γ be a bilinear form or a connection respectively on E . Then the forms ω , $\omega - h^*\omega$, $D_v\omega$, $D_h\omega$, ω_{20} , ω_{01} are associated with Γ if and only if one of them is associated with Γ .*

Proposition 16. *Let ω be a bilinear connecting form on E . Let Γ be a connection on E . Then the forms $\omega - h^*\omega$, $D_v\omega$, ω_{20} , ω_{02} , $v^*\omega$ determined by Γ are connecting and $\Gamma = \omega_{02}\Gamma = v^*\omega\Gamma$.*

Proof. Let locally $\omega = a_{ij}dx^i \otimes dx^j + a_{\alpha i}dy^\alpha \otimes dx^i + a_{i\alpha}dx^i \otimes dy^\alpha + a_{\alpha\beta}dy^\alpha \otimes dy^\beta$. Let

$$\Omega \in \{D_v\omega, \omega_{20}, \omega_{02}, \omega - h^*\omega, v^*\omega\}.$$

Then $\Omega = C_{ij}dx^i \otimes dx^j + C_{\alpha i}dy^\alpha \otimes dx^i + C_{i\alpha}dx^i \otimes dy^\alpha + ca_{\alpha\beta}dy^\alpha \otimes dy^\beta$ where $c \neq 0$ is a constant. As $\det(ca_{\alpha\beta}) \neq 0$ we conclude that Ω is connecting. By Proposition 10 and Corollary of Proposition 12, $\Gamma = \omega_{20}\Gamma = v^*\omega\Gamma$.

Proposition 17. Let ω be a bilinear connecting form on E . Let $\omega - h^*\omega$, $D_v\omega$, ω_{20} be determined by ${}^\omega\Gamma$. Then

$${}^\omega\Gamma = \omega - h^*\omega\Gamma = D_v\omega\Gamma = \omega_{20}\Gamma .$$

Proof. The form ω is associated with ${}^\omega\Gamma$. Therefore by Lemma 5 and Proposition 12 the forms $\omega - h^*\omega$, $D_v\omega$, ω_{20} are associated with ${}^\omega\Gamma$. Then Propositions 16 and 10 complete our proof.

Proposition 18. Let ω be a connecting 2-form on E . Then a connection Γ on E is integrable if and only if $d_\phi\omega$ is semi-basic.

Proof. Let us recall that Γ is integrable if and only if the curvature form Φ of Γ vanishes, i.e. if $A_{jk} = 0$. Let $\omega = \frac{1}{2}a_{ij}dx^i \wedge dx^j + a_{\alpha i}dy^\alpha \wedge dx^i + \frac{1}{2}a_{\alpha\beta}dy^\alpha \wedge dy^\beta$. Then $d_\phi\omega = a_{\alpha i}A_{jk}^\alpha dx^j \wedge dx^k \wedge dx^i + a_{\alpha\beta}A_{jk}^\alpha dx^j \wedge dx^k \wedge dy^\beta$ is semibasic if and only if $a_{\alpha\beta}A_{jk}^\alpha = 0$. As $\det(a_{\alpha\beta}) \neq 0$, it holds $a_{\alpha\beta}A_{jk}^\alpha = 0$ if and only if $A_{jk}^\alpha = 0$.

Remark. Using the local expression of $d_\phi\omega$ we obtain: If ω is a connecting 2-form and Γ is a connection on E then $d_\phi\omega$ is semi-basic if and only if $d_\phi\omega = 0$.

Let Ω be a ternary form on E . Let Γ be a connection on E . Denote by Ω_{112} the form determined by

$$\Omega_{112}(X, Y, Z) = \Omega(hX, hY, vZ) .$$

Lemma 6. Let ω be a connecting 2-form on E . Let Γ be a connection on E . Let Φ be the curvature form of Γ . Then $d_\phi\omega = 0$ if and only if $(d_\phi\omega)_{112} = 0$.

Proof. Locally, $(d_\phi\omega)_{112} = -a_{\alpha\beta}A_{jk}^\alpha a_i^\beta dx^j \wedge dx^k \wedge dx^i + a_{\alpha\beta}A_{jk}^\alpha dx^j \wedge dx^k \wedge dy^\beta$. This yields our assertion.

Proposition 19. Let ω be a 2-form on E . Then

$$(d(v^*\omega))_{112} = -(d_\phi\omega)_{112}$$

for any connection Γ on E .

Proof. $(dv^*\omega)_{112}(X, Y, Z) = dv^*\omega(hX, hY, vZ) = hX(v^*\omega(hY, vZ)) - hY(v^*\omega(hX, vZ)) + vZ(v^*\omega(hX, hY)) - v^*\omega([hX, hY], vZ) + v^*\omega([X, vZ], hY) - v^*\omega([hY, vZ], hX) = -\omega(v[hX, hY], vZ) = -(d_\phi\omega)_{112}(X, Y, Z)$.

Corollary of Proposition 18, 19 and Lemma 6. Let ω be a connecting 2-form on E . Then a connection Γ is integrable if and only if $(dv^*\omega)_{112} = 0$.

Proposition 20. Let ω be a connecting 2-form on E . Then the connection ${}^\omega\Gamma$ is integrable if and only if

$$(dd_v\omega)_{112} = 0 .$$

Proof. The form ω is associated with ${}^\omega\Gamma$. Therefore $d_v\omega = 2v^*\omega$. The previous corollary completes our proof.

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