

On natural vector bundle morphisms

$$T_A \circ \otimes_s^q \rightarrow \otimes_s^q \circ T_A \text{ over } \text{id}_{T_A}$$

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Abstract. Some properties and applications of natural vector bundle morphisms $T_A \circ \otimes_s^q \rightarrow \otimes_s^q \circ T_A$ over id_{T_A} are presented.

1. Introduction. Let $T_A : \mathcal{M}f \rightarrow \mathcal{F}\mathcal{M}$ be a Weil functor. For any vector bundle (E, M, π) with the standard fibre V , the bundle $(T_A E, T_A M, T_A \pi)$ is a well-defined vector bundle since T_A is product-preserving. One can consider the following vector bundles:

$$\begin{aligned} \otimes_s^q \pi : \otimes_s^q E &\rightarrow M, \\ T_A(\otimes_s^q \pi) : T_A(\otimes_s^q E) &\rightarrow T_A M, \\ \otimes_s^q(T_A \pi) : \otimes_s^q T_A E &\rightarrow T_A M. \end{aligned}$$

Let $S : M \rightarrow \otimes_s^q E$ be a tensor field of type (q, s) and $\Phi : T_A(\otimes_s^q E) \rightarrow \otimes_s^q T_A E$ a vector bundle morphism over $\text{id}_{T_A M}$; then $\tilde{S} := \Phi \circ T_A S$ is a tensor field of the same type on $(T_A E, T_A M, T_A \pi)$. When Φ comes from a natural vector bundle morphism $T_A \circ \otimes_s^q \rightarrow \otimes_s^q \circ T_A$ over $\text{id}_{T_A M}$ and $E = TM$ the tangent bundle of a manifold M , one can define some interesting natural operators $\otimes_s^q \circ T \rightsquigarrow (\otimes_s^q \circ T)T_A$ (see [4]) by using the canonical flow natural equivalence $\kappa : T_A \circ T \rightarrow T \circ T_A$ (see [7] for the case $q = 1$).

The main result of this paper is Proposition 3.1 that reduces the research of natural vector bundle morphisms $T_A \circ \otimes_s^q \rightarrow \otimes_s^q \circ T_A$ over id_{T_A} to that of equivariant linear maps $T_A(\otimes_s^q V) \rightarrow \otimes_s^q(T_A V)$.

2. Weil functor

2.1. Weil algebra

DEFINITION 2.1. A *Weil algebra* is a finite-dimensional quotient of the algebra of germs $\mathcal{E}_p = C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^p, \mathbb{R})$ ($p \in \mathbb{N}^*$).

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We denote by \mathcal{M}_p the ideal of germs vanishing at 0; \mathcal{M}_p is the maximal ideal of the local algebra \mathcal{E}_p .

EXAMPLE 2.1. (1) \mathbb{R} is a Weil algebra since it is canonically isomorphic to the quotient $\mathcal{E}_p/\mathcal{M}_p$.

(2) $J_0^r(\mathbb{R}^p, \mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{E}_p/\mathcal{M}_p^{r+1}$ is a Weil algebra.

2.2. Covariant description of a Weil functor $T_A : \mathcal{M}f \rightarrow \mathcal{FM}$. We write $\mathcal{M}f$ for the category of finite-dimensional differential manifolds and mappings of class C^∞ ; furthermore, \mathcal{FM} is the category of fibred manifolds and fibred manifold morphisms.

Let $A = \mathcal{E}_p/I$ be a Weil algebra and consider a manifold M . In the set of $\varphi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^p, M)$ such that $\varphi(0) = x$, one defines an equivalence relation \mathcal{R}_x by: $\varphi \mathcal{R}_x \psi$ if and only if $[h]_x \circ [\psi]_0 - [h]_x \circ [\varphi]_0 \in I$ for any $[h]_x \in C_x^\infty(M, \mathbb{R})$.

The equivalence class of φ is denoted by $j_A\varphi$ and is called the A -velocity of φ at 0; the class $j_A\varphi$ depends only on the germ of φ at 0. The quotient set is denoted by $(T_A M)_x$ and the disjoint union of $(T_A M)_x$, $x \in M$, by $T_A M$.

The mapping $\pi_{A,M} : T_A M \rightarrow M$, $j_A\varphi \mapsto \varphi(0)$, defines a bundle structure on $T_A M$ and for any differentiable mapping $f : M \rightarrow N$, one defines a bundle morphism $T_A f : T_A M \rightarrow T_A N$ (over f) by $T_A f(j_A\varphi) = j_A(f \circ \varphi)$.

The correspondence $T_A : \mathcal{M}f \rightarrow \mathcal{FM}$ is a product-preserving bundle functor ([4]).

EXAMPLE 2.2. If $A = J_0^r(\mathbb{R}^p, \mathbb{R})$, then T_A is equivalent to the functor T_p^r of (p, r) -velocities, and if $A = \mathcal{E}_1/\mathcal{M}_1^2$, then $T_A = T$, the tangent functor.

2.3. The canonical flow natural equivalence $\kappa : T_A \circ T \rightarrow T \circ T_A$. Let T_A, T_B be two Weil functors with $A = \mathcal{E}_p/I, B = \mathcal{E}_q/J$; let M be a manifold. For any $\zeta = j_A\varphi \in T_A T_B M$, there is a differentiable mapping $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^q \rightarrow M$ such that $\varphi(z) = j_B\Phi_z$ in a neighbourhood of $0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$ (see [4]). By this result, one can define a natural equivalence

$$\kappa : T_A \circ T_B \rightarrow T_B \circ T_A$$

as follows:

$$\kappa_M(\zeta) = j_B\eta,$$

where $\eta : \mathbb{R}^q \rightarrow T_A M$, $t \mapsto j_A\Phi^t$. In particular, for $T_B = T$, we obtain the canonical flow natural equivalence $\kappa : T_A \circ T \rightarrow T \circ T_A$ associated to the bundle functor T_A .

3. Natural vector bundle morphisms $T_A \circ \otimes_s^q \rightarrow \otimes_s^q \circ T_A$ **over** id_{T_A} . In this section, $A = \mathcal{E}_p/I$ is a Weil algebra with $\mathcal{M}_p \supset I \supset \mathcal{M}_p^{r+1}$, r minimal; $(q, s) \in \mathbb{N}^2$; V is a finite-dimensional real vector space.

3.1. Preliminaries. We write \mathcal{VB} for the subcategory of \mathcal{FM} of vector bundles and vector bundle morphisms; \mathcal{D} is the subcategory of \mathcal{VB} of vector bundles with the standard fibre V and morphisms of vector bundles which are isomorphisms on fibres.

Let us consider the following vector spaces:

$$\begin{aligned} T_A(\otimes_s^q V) &:= T_A((\otimes^s V^*) \otimes (\otimes^q V)), \\ \otimes_s^q(T_A(V)) &:= (\otimes^s (T_A V)^*) \otimes (\otimes^q T_A V). \end{aligned}$$

If φ is a linear automorphism of V , one can consider the following linear automorphisms:

$$\begin{aligned} T_A(\otimes_s^q \varphi) &:= T_A(\otimes^s ({}^t \varphi^{-1}) \otimes (\otimes^q \varphi)), \\ \otimes_s^q(T_A \varphi) &:= \otimes^s ({}^t (T_A \varphi)^{-1}) \otimes (\otimes^q T_A \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

respectively on $T_A(\otimes_s^q V)$ and $\otimes_s^q(T_A(V))$.

Finally, consider the functors $T_A \circ \otimes_s^q : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{VB}$ and $\otimes_s^q \circ T_A : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{VB}$ defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} T_A \circ \otimes_s^q((E, M, \pi)) = (T_A(\otimes_s^q E), T_A M, T_A(\otimes_s^q \pi)), \\ T_A \circ \otimes_s^q((\bar{f}, f)) = (T_A \bar{f}, T_A(\otimes_s^q f)), \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \otimes_s^q \circ T_A((E, M, \pi)) = (\otimes_s^q(T_A E), T_A M, \otimes_s^q(T_A \pi)), \\ \otimes_s^q \circ T_A((\bar{f}, f)) = (T_A \bar{f}, \otimes_s^q(T_A f)). \end{cases}$$

3.2. Natural vector bundle morphisms $T_A \circ \otimes_s^q \rightarrow \otimes_s^q \circ T_A$ over id_{T_A} . Let us consider the representation $\rho_{q,s,V} : GL(V) \rightarrow GL(\otimes_s^q V)$ given by $\rho_{q,s,V}(u) = \otimes_s^q(u)$. Let $\lambda_V : GL(V) \times V \rightarrow V$, $(u, x) \mapsto u(x)$, denote the canonical linear action; the map $T_A \lambda_V : T_A GL(V) \times T_A V \rightarrow T_A V$ is also a linear action, so there is a unique representation $j_V : T_A GL(V) \rightarrow GL(T_A V)$ defined by $j_V(j_A \varphi)(j_A \eta) = T_A \lambda_V(j_A \varphi, j_A \eta)$. The representation $j_{\otimes_s^q V} \circ T_A \rho_{q,s,V} : T_A GL(V) \rightarrow GL(T_A(\otimes_s^q V))$ will be denoted $(\rho_{q,s,V})_1$; $(\rho_{q,s,V})_1$ induces a left action of $T_A GL(V)$ on $T_A(\otimes_s^q V)$ defined by $\tilde{g} \cdot T = (\rho_{q,s,V})_1(\tilde{g})(T)$. The representations $\rho_{q,s,T_A V}$ and j_V also induce a left action of $T_A GL(V)$ on $\otimes_s^q T_A V$ defined by $\tilde{g} \cdot \tilde{T} = \rho_{q,s,T_A V}(j_V(\tilde{g}))(\tilde{T})$. The particular case $T_A = J_p^1$ (the bundle functor of $(p, 1)$ -velocities) is treated in [1].

DEFINITION 3.1. A linear map $\bar{\tau} : T_A(\otimes_s^q V) \rightarrow \otimes_s^q(T_A V)$ is said to be *equivariant* if it is $T_A GL(V)$ -equivariant with respect to the previous actions, i.e.

$$\rho_{q,s,T_A V}(j_V(\tilde{g})) \circ \bar{\tau} = \bar{\tau} \circ (\rho_{q,s,V})_1(\tilde{g})$$

for all $\tilde{g} \in T_A GL(V)$.

DEFINITION 3.2. A *natural vector bundle morphism* $\tau : T_A \circ \otimes_s^q \rightarrow \otimes_s^q \circ T_A$ over id_{T_A} is a system of base-preserving vector bundle morphisms, $\tau_E :$

$T_A(\otimes_s^q E) \rightarrow \otimes_s^q(T_A E)$, for every \mathcal{D} -object E , such that $\otimes_s^q(T_A f) \circ \tau_E = \tau_F \circ T_A(\otimes_s^q f)$ for each \mathcal{D} -morphism $f : E \rightarrow F$.

PROPOSITION 3.1. *There is a bijective correspondence between the set of all natural vector bundle morphisms $\tau : T_A \circ \otimes_s^q \rightarrow \otimes_s^q \circ T_A$ over id_{T_A} and the set of all equivariant linear maps $T_A(\otimes_s^q V) \rightarrow \otimes_s^q(T_A V)$.*

Proof. Let $\varphi : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times V$ be a local trivialisation of a vector bundle (E, M, π) and put

$$(1) \quad \tau_E |_{[T_A(\otimes_s^q \pi)]^{-1}(T_A U)} = (\otimes_s^q T_A \varphi^{-1}) \circ (\text{id}_{T_A U} \times \bar{\tau}) \circ T_A(\otimes_s^q \varphi).$$

1° *The right hand side of (1) does not depend on φ :* Indeed, let $\varphi_1 : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times V$ be another local trivialisation such that $(\varphi_1 \circ \varphi^{-1})(x, t) = (x, a(x) \cdot t)$; one has

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\otimes_s^q \varphi_1) \circ (\otimes_s^q \varphi^{-1})(x, T) = (x, \rho_{q,s,V}(a(x)) \cdot T), \\ (T_A \varphi_1 \circ T_A \varphi^{-1})(\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) = (\tilde{x}, j_V(T_A a(\tilde{x})) \cdot \tilde{t}), \\ T_A(\otimes_s^q \varphi_1) \circ T_A(\otimes_s^q \varphi^{-1})(\tilde{x}, \tilde{T}) = (\tilde{x}, (\rho_{q,s,V})_1(T_A a(\tilde{x})) \cdot \tilde{T}), \\ \otimes_s^q(T_A \varphi_1) \circ \otimes_s^q(T_A \varphi)^{-1}(\tilde{x}, T_1) = (\tilde{x}, \rho_{q,s,T_A V}(j_V(T_A a(\tilde{x})))) \cdot T_1). \end{array} \right.$$

2° *τ is a natural vector bundle morphism:* Indeed, let $f : E \rightarrow E'$ be a \mathcal{D} -morphism over \bar{f} , $\varphi : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times V$ a local trivialisation of E , and $\varphi' : (\pi')^{-1}(U') \rightarrow U' \times V$ a local trivialisation of E' such that $\bar{f}(U) \subset U'$. Let us put $(\varphi' \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})(x, t) = (\bar{f}(x), b(x) \cdot t)$. For any $(\tilde{x}, \tilde{T}) \in T_A(\otimes_s^q \varphi) \circ (T_A(\otimes_s^q \pi))^{-1}(T_A U)$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\otimes_s^q(T_A \varphi')) \circ \otimes_s^q(T_A f) \circ \tau_E \circ T_A(\otimes_s^q \varphi^{-1})(\tilde{x}, \tilde{T}) \\ = (T_A \bar{f}(\tilde{x}), \rho_{q,s,T_A V}(j_V(T_A b(\tilde{x})))) \cdot \bar{\tau}(\tilde{T}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\otimes_s^q T_A \varphi') \circ \tau_{E'} \circ T_A(\otimes_s^q f) \circ T_A(\otimes_s^q \varphi^{-1})(\tilde{x}, \tilde{T}) \\ = (T_A \bar{f}(\tilde{x}), \bar{\tau} \circ (\rho_{q,s,V})_1(T_A b(\tilde{x})) \cdot \tilde{T}); \end{aligned}$$

but $\bar{\tau}$ is equivariant, hence $\otimes_s^q(T_A f) \circ \tau_E = \tau_{E'} \circ T_A(\otimes_s^q f)$. Furthermore, $\tau_{V \rightarrow \text{pt}} = \bar{\tau}$, where pt is a one-point manifold.

3° The map $\Psi : \bar{\tau} \mapsto \tau$ is obviously injective. The surjection can be shown as follows: given a natural vector bundle morphism $\tau : T_A \circ \otimes_s^q \rightarrow \otimes_s^q \circ T_A$ over id_{T_A} , define $\bar{\tau} : T_A(\otimes_s^q V) \rightarrow \otimes_s^q(T_A V)$ by $\bar{\tau} = \tau_{V \rightarrow \text{pt}}$.

(i) For a linear automorphism φ of V , we have $\otimes_s^q(T_A \varphi) \circ \bar{\tau} = \bar{\tau} \circ T_A(\otimes_s^q \varphi)$: Indeed, φ is a \mathcal{D} -morphism over id_{pt} , so $\otimes_s^q(T_A \varphi) \circ \tau_{V \rightarrow \text{pt}} = \tau_{V \rightarrow \text{pt}} \circ T_A(\otimes_s^q \varphi)$.

(ii) $\tau_{\mathbb{R}^m \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m} = \text{id}_{T_A \mathbb{R}^m} \times \bar{\tau}$: Indeed, the projection $\text{pr}_2 : \mathbb{R}^m \times V \rightarrow V$, $(x, t) \mapsto t$, is a \mathcal{D} -morphism (over $\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \text{pt}$), hence

$$T_A(\text{pr}_2) = \text{pr}_2 : T_A \mathbb{R}^m \times T_A V \rightarrow T_A V$$

is also a \mathcal{D} -morphism. Moreover

$$\otimes_s^q(\text{pr}_2) = \text{pr}_2 : \mathbb{R}^m \times (\otimes_s^q V) \rightarrow \otimes_s^q V,$$

then

$$T_A(\otimes_s^q(\text{pr}_2)) = \text{pr}_2 : T_A \mathbb{R}^m \times T_A(\otimes_s^q V) \rightarrow T_A(\otimes_s^q V).$$

The relation $\otimes_s^q(T_A(\text{pr}_2)) \circ \tau_{\mathbb{R}^m \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m} = \tau_{V \rightarrow \text{pt}} \circ T_A(\otimes_s^q(\text{pr}_2))$ can be written $\text{pr}_2 \circ \tau_{\mathbb{R}^m \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m} = \bar{\tau} \circ \text{pr}_2$, hence $\tau_{\mathbb{R}^m \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m} = \text{id}_{T_A \mathbb{R}^m} \times \bar{\tau}$.

(iii) $\bar{\tau}$ is equivariant: Taking $f(x, t) = (x, a(x) \cdot t)$, where $a : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow GL(V)$ is C^∞ , the relation

$$\otimes_s^q(T_A f) \circ \tau_{\mathbb{R}^p \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p} = \tau_{\mathbb{R}^p \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p} \circ T_A(\otimes_s^q f)$$

is equivalent to

$$\rho_{q,s,T_A V}(j_V(T_A a(\tilde{x}))) \circ \bar{\tau} = \bar{\tau} \circ (\rho_{q,s,V})_1(T_A a(\tilde{x})),$$

for $\tilde{x} \in T_A \mathbb{R}^p$. But for $\tilde{g} = j_A g \in T_A GL(V)$, one can write $\tilde{g} = T_A a(\tilde{x})$ with $a = g$ and $\tilde{x} = j_A(\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^p})$.

(iv) $\Psi(\bar{\tau}) = \tau$: Indeed, each local trivialisation $\varphi : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times V$ of a vector bundle (E, M, π) is a \mathcal{D} -morphism over id_U , hence

$$\otimes_s^q(T_A \varphi) \circ \tau_{E|U} = \tau_{U \times V \rightarrow U} \circ T_A(\otimes_s^q \varphi) = (\text{id}_{T_A U} \times \bar{\tau}) \circ T_A(\otimes_s^q \varphi),$$

by (ii), i.e. $\tau_{E|U} = \Psi(\bar{\tau})_{E|U}$, according to (1). ■

4. Equivariant linear maps $T_A(\otimes_s^q V) \rightarrow \otimes_s^q(T_A V)$

4.1. *The case $q = s = 0$.* An equivariant linear map $\bar{\tau} : T_A(\otimes_0^0 V) \rightarrow \otimes_0^0(T_A V)$ is simply a linear form $\bar{\tau} : T_A \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ since $(\rho_{0,0,V})_1(\tilde{g}) = \text{id}_{T_A \mathbb{R}}$ and $\rho_{0,0,T_A V}(j_V(\tilde{g})) = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}$. Moreover, each linear form $i \in A^*$ defines an equivariant linear map $\bar{\tau} : T_A(\otimes_0^0 V) \rightarrow \otimes_0^0(T_A V)$ by $\bar{\tau} = i$.

4.2. *The case $q = 1, s = 0$.* A linear map $\bar{\tau} : T_A V \rightarrow T_A V$ is equivariant if and only if $j_V(\tilde{g}) \circ \bar{\tau} = \bar{\tau} \circ j_V(\tilde{g})$ for any $\tilde{g} \in T_A GL(V)$. For a fixed element $c \in A$, one can define an equivariant linear map $\bar{\tau}_c : T_A V \rightarrow T_A V$ by

$$\bar{\tau}_c(u) = c \cdot u = T_A(\cdot)(c, u),$$

where $\cdot : \mathbb{R} \times V \rightarrow V$ is the multiplication map; moreover, $\bar{\tau}_c$ is a module endomorphism over id_A .

PROPOSITION 4.1. *Equivariant linear maps $T_A V \rightarrow T_A V$ are $\bar{\tau}_c, c \in A$.*

Proof. Let $T_A : \mathcal{M}f \rightarrow \mathcal{F}M$ be a Weil functor and $\tilde{T}_A : \mathcal{V}\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}M$ the product-preserving gauge bundle functor on $\mathcal{V}\mathcal{B}$ defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{T}_A(E, M, \pi) = (T_A E, M, \pi_{A,M} \circ T_A \pi), \\ \tilde{T}_A(\bar{f}, f) = (\bar{f}, T_A f). \end{cases}$$

There is a bijective correspondence between the set of natural vector bundle morphisms $T_A \rightarrow T_A$ over id_{T_A} and the set of natural transformations $\tilde{T}_A \rightarrow$

\widetilde{T}_A over id_{T_A} , by definition. Furthermore, the pair (A', V') associated to \widetilde{T}_A is (A, A) . According to Theorem 2 of [5], natural transformations $\widetilde{T}_A \rightarrow \widetilde{T}_A$ over id_{T_A} correspond to module endomorphisms $A \rightarrow A$ over id_A ; the induced equivariant linear maps $T_A V \rightarrow T_A V$ are exactly the maps $\bar{\tau}_c, c \in A$. ■

REMARK 4.1. More generally, for $q \in \mathbb{N}$ and $s = 0$, one can construct some equivariant linear maps $T_A(\otimes_0^q V) \rightarrow \otimes_0^q(T_A V)$ by using [2] for example. For $(q, s) \in \mathbb{N}^2$, one can use [2] and the result below to construct some equivariant linear maps $T_A(\otimes_s^q V) \rightarrow \otimes_s^q(T_A V)$.

PROPOSITION 4.2. *Let $\bar{\tau} : T_A(\otimes_0^q V) \rightarrow \otimes_0^q(T_A V)$ be an equivariant linear map. Then there is an equivariant linear map $\tau : T_A(\otimes_s^q V) \rightarrow \otimes_s^q(T_A V)$ ($s \in \mathbb{N}$) defined by*

$$\tau(j_A \varphi)(j_A \eta_1, \dots, j_A \eta_s) = \bar{\tau}(j_A(\varphi * (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_s))),$$

where $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \otimes_s^q V, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_s : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow V$ are C^∞ and

$$\varphi * (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_s) : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \otimes_0^q V, \quad z \rightarrow \varphi(z)(\eta_1(z), \dots, \eta_s(z)).$$

Proof. See [1] for $T_A = T_p^1$. ■

5. Applications

5.1. *Prolongations of functions.* Let (E, M, π) be a vector bundle; sections of $\otimes_0^0 E = M \times \mathbb{R}$ are smooth functions on M . With such a function f , one can associate the prolongation

$$i \circ T_A f : T_A M \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

where $i : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is linear. In particular, assume that $A = \mathcal{E}_p / \mathcal{M}_p^{r+1} = J_0^r(\mathbb{R}^p, \mathbb{R})$; then the dual basis $\{e_\alpha^*; |\alpha| \leq r\}$ of $\{e_\alpha = j_0^r(z^\alpha); |\alpha| \leq r\}$ induces the prolongations of functions: $f^{(\alpha)} = e_\alpha^* \circ T_A f, |\alpha| \leq r$ (see [6] for $T_A = T_1^r$).

5.2. *Prolongations of vector fields.* Assume that $E = TM$ is the tangent bundle of M and let $\kappa : T_A T \rightarrow TT_A$ be the canonical flow natural equivalence associated to T_A ([4]). For a natural vector bundle morphism $\tau : T_A \rightarrow T_A$ and a smooth vector field $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$,

$$\kappa_M \circ \tau_{TM} \circ T_A X$$

is a smooth vector field on $T_A M$. If τ comes from $c \in A$, one can write

$$\kappa_M \circ \tau_{TM} \circ T_A X = (\text{af}(c) \circ \mathcal{T}_A)_M$$

where $\text{af}(c) : TT_A \rightarrow TT_A$ is the natural affiner given by $[\text{af}(c)]_M = \kappa_M \circ \tau_{TM} \circ \kappa_M^{-1}$ and $\mathcal{T}_A : T \rightsquigarrow TT_A$ the canonical flow operator induced by T_A . This means in particular that all linear natural operators $: T \rightsquigarrow TT_A$ can be found with natural vector bundle morphisms $T_A \circ \otimes_0^1 \rightarrow \otimes_0^1 \circ T_A$.

5.3. Prolongations of tensor fields of type (q, s) . One can use Proposition 4.2 to find natural vector bundle morphisms $\tau : T_A \circ \otimes_s^q \rightarrow \otimes_s^q \circ T_A$. For a smooth tensor field $\varphi : M \rightarrow \otimes_s^q TM$,

$$\otimes_s^q(\kappa_M) \circ \tau_{TM} \circ T_A\varphi$$

is a tensor field of the same type (see [7] for $q = 1$). One defines in this way a natural operator

$$A : \otimes_s^q \circ T \rightsquigarrow (\otimes_s^q \circ T)T_A$$

by $A_M(\varphi) = \otimes_s^q(\kappa_M) \circ \tau_{TM} \circ T_A\varphi$.

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