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## On lifting of 2-vector fields to $r$ -jet prolongation of the tangent bundle

**ABSTRACT.** If  $m \geq 3$  and  $r \geq 1$ , we prove that any natural linear operator  $A$  lifting 2-vector fields  $\Lambda \in \Gamma(\bigwedge^2 TM)$  (i.e., skew-symmetric tensor fields of type  $(2, 0)$ ) on  $m$ -dimensional manifolds  $M$  into 2-vector fields  $A(\Lambda)$  on  $r$ -jet prolongation  $J^r TM$  of the tangent bundle  $TM$  of  $M$  is the zero one.

**Introduction.** All manifolds considered in this paper are assumed to be finite dimensional and smooth. Maps between manifolds are assumed to be smooth (of  $C^\infty$ ).

Let  $\mathcal{M}f_m$  be the category of  $m$ -dimensional manifolds and their submersions and  $\mathcal{VB}$  be the category of vector bundles and their vector bundle homomorphisms.

The  $r$ -jet prolongation of the tangent bundle over  $m$ -manifolds is the (vector bundle) functor  $J^r T : \mathcal{M}f_m \rightarrow \mathcal{VB}$  sending any  $m$ -manifold  $M$  into the vector bundle  $J^r TM$  of  $r$ -jets  $j_x^r X$  at points  $x \in M$  of vector fields  $X$  on  $M$  and every  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -map  $\varphi : M \rightarrow N$  into  $J^r T\varphi : J^r TM \rightarrow J^r TN$  given by  $J^r T\varphi(j_x^r X) = j_{\varphi(x)}^r (T\varphi \circ X \circ \varphi^{-1})$ .

An  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -natural linear operator  $A : \bigwedge^2 T \rightsquigarrow \bigwedge^2 T(J^r T)$  is an  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -invariant family of  $\mathbf{R}$ -linear regular operators (functions)

$$A : \Gamma\left(\bigwedge^2 TM\right) \rightarrow \Gamma\left(\bigwedge^2 T(J^r TM)\right)$$

for  $m$ -manifolds  $M$ , where  $\Gamma(\bigwedge^2 TN)$  is the vector space of 2-vector fields (i.e., skew-symmetric tensor fields of type  $(2, 0)$ ) on a manifold  $N$ . The invariance of  $A$  means that if  $\Lambda \in \Gamma(\bigwedge^2 TM)$  and  $\Lambda_1 \in \Gamma(\bigwedge^2 TM_1)$  are  $\varphi$ -related (i.e.,  $\bigwedge^2 T\varphi \circ \Lambda = \Lambda_1 \circ \varphi$ ) for a  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -map  $\varphi : M \rightarrow M_1$ , then  $A(\Lambda)$  and  $A(\Lambda_1)$  are  $J^r T\varphi$ -related.

The main result of the present note can be written as follows.

**Theorem 0.1.** *If  $m \geq 3$  and  $r \geq 1$ , then any natural linear operator  $A$  lifting 2-vector fields  $\Lambda \in \Gamma(\bigwedge^2 TM)$  on  $m$ -manifolds  $M$  into 2-vector fields  $A(\Lambda) \in \Gamma(\bigwedge^2 T(J^r TM))$  on  $J^r TM$  is the zero one.*

The general concept of natural operators can be found in the fundamental monograph [2]. Natural operators lifting 2-vector fields can be applied in investigations of Poisson structures. That is why, they are studied in many papers, see e.g. [1, 3].

From now on, the usual coordinates on  $\mathbf{R}^m$  will be denoted by  $x^1, \dots, x^m$ . The usual canonical vector fields on  $\mathbf{R}^m$  will be denoted by  $\partial_1, \dots, \partial_m$ .

**1. Some lemmas.** The proof of Theorem 0.1 will occupy the rest of the note. We start with several lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $m \geq 3$  and  $r \geq 1$  be integers. Consider an  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -natural linear operator  $A : \bigwedge^2 T \rightsquigarrow \bigwedge^2 T(J^r T)$ . Assume that  $A((x^1)^q \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r \partial_1} = 0$  for  $q = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then  $A = 0$ .*

**Proof.** To prove that  $A = 0$ , it is sufficient to show that  $A(\Lambda)|_{j_x^r Y} = 0$  for any  $m$ -manifold  $M$ , any  $x \in M$ , any  $Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$  and any  $\Lambda \in \Gamma(\bigwedge^2 TM)$ .

Of course, we may (without loss of generality) assume  $Y|_x \neq 0$ . Then by the invariance of  $A$  with respect to charts and the Frobenius theorem we may assume  $M = \mathbf{R}^m$ ,  $x = 0$  and  $Y = \partial_1$ . Since  $A$  is linear, we may assume that  $\Lambda = f Z_1 \wedge Z_2$ , where  $f : \mathbf{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are constant vector fields on  $\mathbf{R}^m$ . Moreover, we may assume that  $\partial_1, Z_1, Z_2$  are  $\mathbf{R}$ -linearly independent. Then, because of the invariance of  $A$  with respect to linear isomorphisms, we may assume that  $Z_1 = \partial_2$  and  $Z_2 = \partial_3$ . Then by the multi-linear Peetre theorem (Theorem 19.9 in [2]) we may assume that  $f = (x_1)^{\alpha_1} (x_2)^{\alpha_2} (x_3)^{\alpha_3} \dots (x_m)^{\alpha_m}$  is an arbitrary monomial.

Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$  be arbitrary non-negative integers. There exists a 0-preserving  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -map  $\varphi = (x^1, \varphi^2(x^2), x^3, \dots, x^m)$  preserving  $x^1, x^3, \dots, x^m$ ,  $\partial_1$ ,  $\partial_3$  and sending (the germ at 0 of)  $\partial_2$  into (the germ at 0 of)  $\partial_2 + (x^2)^{\alpha_2} \partial_2$ . Then by the invariance of  $A$  with respect to  $\varphi$ , from the assumption  $A((x^1)^{\alpha_1} \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r \partial_1} = 0$ , we get

$$A((x^1)^{\alpha_1} \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3 + (x^1)^{\alpha_1} (x^2)^{\alpha_2} \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r \partial_1} = 0.$$

Then  $A((x^1)^{\alpha_1} (x^2)^{\alpha_2} \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r \partial_1} = 0$ . Furthermore, there exists an  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -map  $\psi = (x^1, x^2, \psi^3(x^3, \dots, x^m), \dots, \psi^m(x^3, \dots, x^m))$  preserving 0,  $x^1$ ,

$x^2$ ,  $\partial_1$ ,  $\partial_2$  and sending the germ at 0 of  $\partial_3$  into the germ at 0 of  $\partial_3 + (x^3)^{\alpha_3} \dots (x^m)^{\alpha_m} \partial_3$ . Then by the invariance of  $A$  with respect to  $\psi$ , from the equality  $A((x^1)^{\alpha_1} (x^2)^{\alpha_2} \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r \partial_1} = 0$ , we get

$$A((x^1)^{\alpha_1} (x^2)^{\alpha_2} \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3 + (x^1)^{\alpha_1} (x^2)^{\alpha_2} (x^3)^{\alpha_3} \dots (x^m)^{\alpha_m} \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r \partial_1} = 0.$$

Then  $A((x^1)^{\alpha_1} (x^2)^{\alpha_2} (x^3)^{\alpha_3} \dots (x^m)^{\alpha_m} \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r \partial_1} = 0$ . The lemma is complete.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.2.** (Lemma 42.4 in [2]) *Let  $N$  be a  $n$ -manifold and  $x_o \in N$  be a point. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be vector fields on a manifold  $N$  such that  $X|_{x_o} \neq 0$  and  $j_{x_o}^r(X) = j_{x_o}^r(Y)$ . Then there exists an  $\mathcal{M}f_n$ -map  $\varphi$  such that  $j_{x_o}^{r+1}(\varphi) = j_{x_o}^{r+1}(\text{id})$  and  $(\varphi)_*Y = X$  on some neighborhood of  $x_o$ .*

**Lemma 1.3.** *Let  $m \geq 3$  and  $r \geq 1$  be integers. Consider an  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -natural linear operator  $A : \bigwedge^2 T \rightsquigarrow \bigwedge^2 T(J^r T)$ . Assume that  $A((x^1)^q \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r \partial_1} = 0$  for  $q = 0, 1, 2, \dots, r$ . Then  $A = 0$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $q \geq r+1$  be an integer. Since  $j_0^r \partial_2 = j_0^r(\partial_2 + (x^1)^q \partial_2)$ , then (by Lemma 1.2) there exists an  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -map

$$\varphi = (\varphi^1(x^1, x^2), \varphi^2(x^1, x^2), x^3, \dots, x^m)$$

preserving  $\partial_3$ , sending the germ at 0 of  $\partial_2$  into the germ at 0 of  $\partial_2 + (x^1)^q \partial_2$  and such that  $j_{x_o}^{r+1} \varphi = j_{x_o}^{r+1}(\text{id})$ . Then  $\varphi$  preserves  $j_0^r \partial_1$ . Using the invariance of  $A$  with respect to  $\varphi$ , from assumption  $A(\partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r \partial_1} = 0$ , we get  $A(\partial_2 \wedge \partial_3 + (x^1)^q \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r \partial_1} = 0$ . So,  $A((x^1)^q \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r \partial_1} = 0$ . Then  $A((x^1)^q \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r \partial_1} = 0$  for any  $q = 0, 1, \dots$ . So,  $A = 0$  because of Lemma 1.1. The lemma is complete.  $\square$

Let  $\mathcal{J}^r(X^C)$  be the flow lift of a vector field  $X$  on  $M$  to  $J^r TM$  and  $\mathcal{J}^r(X^V)$  be the vertical lift of  $X$  to  $J^r TM$  given by

$$\mathcal{J}^r(X^V)|_{j_x^r Y} = \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0} (j_x^r Y + t j_x^r X).$$

**Lemma 1.4.** *Let  $X$  be a vector field on a manifold  $M$  such that  $X|_{x_o} = 0$  for some point  $x_o \in M$ . Let  $\rho = j_{x_o}^r Y \in J^r T_{x_o} M$ . Then*

$$\mathcal{J}^r(X^C)|_\rho = -\frac{d}{d\tau}|_{\tau=0} (\rho + \tau j_{x_o}^r([X, Y])) = -\mathcal{J}^r([X, Y]^V)_\rho,$$

where the bracket is the usual one on vector fields.

**Proof.** Let  $\{\varphi_t\}$  be the flow of  $X$ . Then  $\{J^r T \varphi_t\}$  is the flow of  $\mathcal{J}^r(X^C)$  and  $\varphi_t(x_o) = x_o$  for any sufficiently small  $t$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}^r(X^C)|_\rho &= \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0} J^r T \varphi_t(j_{x_o}^r(Y)) = \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0} j_{x_o}^r((\varphi_t)_* Y) \\ &= -\frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0} j_{x_o}^r((\varphi_{-t})_* Y) = -\frac{d}{d\tau}|_{\tau=0} (\rho + \tau j_{x_o}^r([X, Y])). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 1.5.** *For any  $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$ , the collection consisting of*

$$v_i(\lambda) := \mathcal{J}^r((\partial_i)^C)_{|j_0^r(\lambda\partial_1)} \text{ and } V_j^\alpha(\lambda) := \mathcal{J}^r((x^\alpha\partial_j)^V)_{|j_0^r(\lambda\partial_1)}$$

for all  $i, j = 1, \dots, m$  and  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \in (\mathbf{N} \cup \{0\})^m$  with  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \leq r$  is the basis in  $T_{j_0^r(\lambda\partial_1)} J^r T \mathbf{R}^m$ . Of course,  $x^\alpha := (x^1)^{\alpha_1} \cdot \dots \cdot (x^m)^{\alpha_m}$ .

**Proof.** We have  $V_j^\alpha(\lambda) = \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0} (j_0^r(\lambda\partial_1) + tj_0^r(x^\alpha\partial_j))$ . So, the lemma is clear.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.6.** *Let  $m \geq 3$  and  $r \geq 1$  be integers. Consider an  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -natural linear operator  $A : \bigwedge^2 T \rightsquigarrow \bigwedge^2 T(J^r T)$ . Denote  $v_i := v_i(1)$  and  $V_i^\alpha := V_i^\alpha(1)$ . Then, given  $q = 0, 1, \dots, r-1$ , we have*

$$A((x^1)^q \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)_{|j_0^r(\partial_1)} = a^{(q)} v_2 \wedge v_3$$

for some (unique) real number  $a^{(q)}$ . Moreover, we have

$$A((x^1)^r \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)_{|j_0^r(\partial_1)} = av_2 \wedge v_3 + bv_2 \wedge V_3^{(r,0,\dots,0)} - bv_3 \wedge V_2^{(r,0,\dots,0)}$$

for some (unique) real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Proof.** Let  $q \in \{0, 1, \dots, r\}$ . Because of Lemma 1.5, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} A((x^1)^q \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)_{|j_0^r(\lambda\partial_1)} &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} a^{i,j}(\lambda) v_i(\lambda) \wedge v_j(\lambda) \\ &+ \sum_{i,j,\alpha} b_{\alpha}^{i,j}(\lambda) v_i(\lambda) \wedge V_j^\alpha(\lambda) + \sum_{(i,\alpha) < (j,\beta)} c_{\alpha,\beta}^{i,j}(\lambda) V_i^\alpha(\lambda) \wedge V_j^\beta(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

for some (unique) real numbers  $a^{i,j}(\lambda), b_{\alpha}^{i,j}(\lambda), c_{\alpha,\beta}^{i,j}(\lambda)$  smoothly depending on  $\lambda$  (and depending on  $q$ ), where  $\sum_{i,j,\alpha}$  is the sum over all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and all  $\alpha \in (\mathbf{N} \cup \{0\})^m$  with  $|\alpha| \leq r$ , and  $\sum_{(i,\alpha) < (j,\beta)}$  is the sum over all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in (\mathbf{N} \cup \{0\})^m$  with  $|\alpha| \leq r$  and  $|\beta| \leq r$  and  $(i, \alpha) < (j, \beta)$ . Here  $(\mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}) \times (\mathbf{N} \cup \{0\})^m$  is ordered lexicographically, i.e.,  $(i, \alpha) \leq (j, \beta)$  iff  $i < j$  or  $(i = j \text{ and } \alpha_1 < \beta_1)$  or  $(i = j, \alpha_1 = \beta_1 \text{ and } \alpha_2 < \beta_2)$  or ... or  $(i = j, \alpha_1 = \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_{m-1} = \beta_{m-1}, \alpha_m \leq \beta_m)$ .

If  $\alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_m \geq 1$ , using the invariance of  $A$  with respect to  $(x^1, tx^2, \dots, tx^m)$ , we get  $t^2 b_{\alpha}^{i,j}(\lambda) = t^s b_{\alpha}^{i,j}(\lambda)$  for some integer  $s < 2$ . Hence  $b_{\alpha}^{i,j}(\lambda) = 0$  if  $\alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_m \geq 1$ . If  $\alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_m = 0$  and  $(i, j) \notin \{(2, 3), (3, 2)\}$ , then (applying the invariance of  $A$  with respect to  $(x^1, tx^2, \tau x^3, x^4, \dots, x^m)$ ) we get  $b_{(\alpha_1, 0, \dots, 0)}^{i,j}(\lambda) = 0$ . By almost the same arguments, if  $\alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_m + \beta_2 + \dots + \beta_m \geq 1$  or  $(i, j) \neq (2, 3)$ , then  $c_{\alpha,\beta}^{i,j}(\lambda) = 0$ .

Similarly, by the invariance of  $A$  with respect to  $(x^1, tx^2, \tau x^3, x^4, \dots, x^m)$ , if  $(i, j) \neq (2, 3)$ , then  $a^{i,j}(\lambda) = 0$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} A((x^1)^q \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)_{|j_0^r(\lambda \partial_1)} &= a(\lambda) v_2(\lambda) \wedge v_3(\lambda) \\ &+ \sum_{l=0}^r b_l(\lambda) v_2(\lambda) \wedge V_3^{(l,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda) + \sum_{l=0}^r c_l(\lambda) v_3(\lambda) \wedge V_2^{(l,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda) \\ &+ \sum_{l_1, l_2=0}^r d_{l_1, l_2}(\lambda) V_2^{(l_1,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda) \wedge V_3^{(l_2,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

for the (unique) real numbers  $a(\lambda), b_l(\lambda), c_l(\lambda), d_{l_1, l_2}(\lambda)$  smoothly depending on  $\lambda$  (and depending on  $q$ ).

Since  $[\partial_2 + x^2 \partial_3, \partial_3] = 0$ , there exists an  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -map

$$\varphi = (x^1, \varphi^2(x^2, x^3), \varphi^3(x^2, x^3), x^4, \dots, x^m)$$

preserving 0 and  $x^1$  and  $\partial_1$  and (the germ at 0 of)  $\partial_3$  and sending (the germ at 0 of)  $\partial_2$  into (the germ at 0 of)  $\partial_2 + x^2 \partial_3$ . One can easily see that such  $\varphi$  preserves (the germ at 0 of)  $(x^1)^q \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3$  (as  $\partial_2 \wedge \partial_3 = (\partial_2 + x^2 \partial_3) \wedge \partial_3$ ),  $j_0^r(\lambda \partial_1)$ ,  $v_2(\lambda)$  (as  $\mathcal{J}^r((x^2 \partial_3)^C)_{|j_0^r(\lambda \partial_1)} = 0$  because of Lemma 1.4),  $v_3(\lambda)$ ,  $V_3^{(l,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda)$  and  $V_2^{(r,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda)$ , and it sends  $V_2^{(l,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda)$  into  $V_2^{(l,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda) + V_3^{(l,1,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda)$  for  $l = 0, 1, \dots, r-1$ . Then using the invariance of  $A$  with respect to  $\varphi$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{l=0}^{r-1} c_l(\lambda) v_3(\lambda) \wedge V_3^{(l,1,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda) \\ &+ \sum_{l_1=0}^{r-1} \sum_{l_2=0}^r d_{l_1, l_2}(\lambda) V_3^{(l_1,1,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda) \wedge V_3^{(l_2,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $c_l(\lambda) = 0$  for  $l = 0, \dots, r-1$  and  $d_{l_1, l_2} = 0$  for  $l_1 = 0, \dots, r-1$  and  $l_2 = 0, \dots, r$ . Quite similarly, replacing 2 by 3 and vice-versa, we get  $b_l(\lambda) = 0$  for  $l = 0, \dots, r-1$  and  $d_{l_1, l_2}(\lambda) = 0$  for  $l_2 = 0, \dots, r-1$  and  $l_1 = 0, \dots, r$ . Moreover,  $b_r(\lambda) = -c_r(\lambda)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} A((x^1)^q \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)_{|j_0^r(\lambda \partial_1)} &= a(\lambda) v_2(\lambda) \wedge v_3(\lambda) \\ &+ b(\lambda) v_2(\lambda) \wedge V_3^{(r,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda) - b(\lambda) v_3(\lambda) \wedge V_2^{(r,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda) \\ &+ c(\lambda) V_2^{(r,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda) \wedge V_3^{(r,0,\dots,0)}(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

for the (unique) real numbers  $a(\lambda), b(\lambda), c(\lambda)$  smoothly depending on  $\lambda$  (and depending on  $q$ ). Then, using the invariance of  $A$  with respect to  $(tx^1, x^2, \dots, x^m)$ , we get  $\frac{1}{t^q} b(t\lambda) = \frac{1}{t^r} b(\lambda)$  and  $\frac{1}{t^q} c(t\lambda) = \frac{1}{t^{2r}} c(\lambda)$ . Then  $c(\lambda) = 0$  for  $q = 0, \dots, r$ , and  $b(\lambda) = 0$  for  $q = 0, \dots, r-1$ . The lemma is complete.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.7.** *Let  $m \geq 3$  and  $r \geq 1$  be integers. Consider an  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -natural linear operator  $A : \bigwedge^2 T \rightsquigarrow \bigwedge^2 T(J^r T)$ . Then  $A(\partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r(\partial_1)} = 0$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $j_0^r(\partial_2 + (x^1)^{r+1}\partial_2) = j_0^r(\partial_2)$ , then (by Lemma 1.2) there exists an  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -map

$$\varphi = (\varphi^1(x^1, x^2), \varphi^2(x^1, x^2), x^3, \dots, x^m)$$

preserving 0 and  $\partial_3$  and sending the germ at 0 of  $\partial_2$  into the germ at 0 of  $\partial_2 + (x^1)^{r+1}\partial_2$  and such that  $j_0^{r+1}\varphi = j_0^{r+1}(\text{id})$ . Then  $\varphi$  preserves  $v_3$ ,  $j_0^r(\partial_1)$  and it sends  $v_2$  into  $v_2 + (r+1)V_2^{(r,0,\dots,0)}$ . Then by the invariance of  $A$  with respect to  $\varphi$  and Lemma 1.6, we get

$$A((x^1)^{r+1}\partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r(\partial_1)} = (r+1)a^{(0)}V_2^{(r,0,\dots,0)} \wedge v_3.$$

Similarly, replacing 2 on 3 and vice-versa, we easily get

$$A((x^1)^{r+1}\partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r(\partial_1)} = (r+1)a^{(0)}v_2 \wedge V_3^{(r,0,\dots,0)}.$$

Then  $a^{(0)} = 0$ . The lemma is complete.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.8.** *Let  $m \geq 3$  and  $r \geq 1$  be integers. Consider an  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -natural linear operator  $A : \bigwedge^2 T \rightsquigarrow \bigwedge^2 T(J^r T)$ . Then  $A(f(x^1, x^2)\partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r(\partial_1)} = 0$  for any smooth map  $f : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  with  $j_0^r(f) = 0$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $f : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be such that  $j_0^r(f) = 0$ . Since  $j_0^r(\partial_2 + f(x^1, x^2)\partial_2) = j_0^r(\partial_2)$ , then (by Lemma 1.2) there exists an  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -map

$$\psi = (\psi^1(x^1, x^2), \psi^2(x^1, x^2), x^3, \dots, x^m)$$

preserving 0 and  $\partial_3$ , and sending the germ at 0 of  $\partial_2$  into the germ at 0 of  $\partial_2 + f(x^1, x^2)\partial_2$  and such that  $j_0^{r+1}(\psi) = j_0^{r+1}(\text{id})$  (then  $\psi$  preserves  $j_0^r(\partial_1)$ ). Then using Lemma 1.7 and the invariance of  $A$  with respect to  $\psi$  from  $A(\partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r(\partial_1)} = 0$ , we get  $A(\partial_2 \wedge \partial_3 + f(x^1, x^2)\partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r(\partial_1)} = 0$ . So,  $A(f(x^1, x^2)\partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r(\partial_1)} = 0$ .  $\square$

## 2. Proof of the main result.

**Proof of Theorem 0.1.** Let  $m \geq 3$  and  $r \geq 1$  be integers. Consider an  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -natural linear operator  $A : \bigwedge^2 T \rightsquigarrow \bigwedge^2 T(J^r T)$ . We are going to prove that  $A = 0$ . Because of Lemma 1.3 it is sufficient to prove that  $A((x^1)^q\partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r(\partial_1)} = 0$  for  $q = 0, \dots, r$ .

Let  $q \in \{0, \dots, r\}$ . By Lemma 1.7, we may assume that  $q \geq 1$ . Since  $j_0^r(\partial_2 + (x^1)^{r+1}\partial_2) = j_0^r(\partial_2)$ , then (by Lemma 1.2) there exists an  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -map

$$\varphi = (\varphi^1(x^1, x^2), \varphi^2(x^1, x^2), x^3, \dots, x^m)$$

preserving 0 and  $\partial_3$ , and sending the germ at 0 of  $\partial_2$  into the germ at 0 of  $\partial_2 + (x^1)^{r+1}\partial_2$  and such that  $j_0^{r+1}\varphi = j_0^{r+1}(\text{id})$ . Then  $\varphi$  preserves  $\partial_3$ ,  $v_3$ ,  $j_0^r(\partial_1)$ ,  $V_2^{(r,0,\dots,0)}$ ,  $V_3^{(r,0,\dots,0)}$ , and it sends  $v_2$  into  $v_2 + (r+1)V_2^{(r,0,\dots,0)}$  (to see

this we propose to use Lemma 1.4) and it sends the germ at 0 of  $(x^1)^q \partial_2$  into the germ at 0 of  $(x^1)^q \partial_2 + f(x^1, x^2) \partial_2$  for some  $f : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  with  $j_0^r(f) = 0$ .

If  $q \leq r-1$ , then by the invariance of  $A$  with respect to  $\varphi$  and Lemma 1.6 and Lemma 1.8, we get

$$0 = A(f(x^1, x^2) \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r(\partial_1)} = (r+1)a^{(q)}V_2^{(r,0,\dots,0)} \wedge v_3.$$

Then  $a^{(q)} = 0$ , and then  $A((x^1)^q \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r(\partial_1)} = 0$ .

If  $q = r$ , then by the invariance of  $A$  with respect to  $\varphi$  and Lemma 1.6 and Lemma 1.8, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= A(f(x^1, x^2) \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r(\partial_1)} \\ &= (r+1)aV_2^{(r,0,\dots,0)} \wedge v_3 + b(r+1)V_2^{(r,0,\dots,0)} \wedge V_3^{(r,0,\dots,0)}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $a = 0$  and  $b = 0$ , and then  $A((x^1)^r \partial_2 \wedge \partial_3)|_{j_0^r(\partial_1)} = 0$ .

Hence  $A = 0$  because of Lemma 1.3 and Theorem 0.1 is complete.  $\square$

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