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## LIFTINGS OF 1-FORMS TO SOME NON PRODUCT PRESERVING BUNDLES

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**ABSTRACT.** The work is devoted to the question how to construct geometrically a 1-form on some non product preserving bundles by means of a 1-form on an original manifold  $M$ . First we will deal with liftings of 1-forms to higher order cotangent bundles. Then we will be concerned with liftings of 1-forms to the bundles which arise as a composition of the cotangent bundle with the tangent or cotangent bundle.

**KEYWORDS.** Higher order cotangent bundle, natural operator, lifting

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of this paper is to study geometrical constructions of 1-forms on some non product preserving bundles by means of 1-forms on an original manifold  $M$ . Roughly speaking, the word geometrical means that the constructions in question can be defined independently of coordinate changes. Using a more general point of view, geometrical constructions are in fact natural differential operators of certain type, cf. [4]. If  $F$  is an arbitrary natural bundle, then the natural operators transforming 1-forms on a manifold  $M$  into 1-forms on  $FM$  will be denoted by  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*F$ . In other words, natural operators of such a type are sometimes called liftings.

By the general theory, every product preserving bundle  $F$  can be expressed as a Weil bundle  $T^A$  corresponding to certain Weil algebra  $A$ , [4]. Mikulski has in [8] determined all natural operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*T^A$  for every Weil bundle  $T^A$ . If  $F$  does not preserve products, then we have no general description of all natural operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*F$ . The simplest example of a non product preserving bundle is the classical cotangent bundle  $T^*$ . In [2] we have studied liftings of various kinds of tensor fields to the cotangent bundle and we have classified here all natural operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*T^*$  transforming 1-forms to the cotangent bundle. In particular, we have proved that the pull-back and the classical Liouville 1-form are the only 1-forms on  $T^*M$  which can be geometrically constructed from a 1-form on  $M$ . Further, Mikulski has in [7] studied linear natural operators transforming 1-forms to the higher order tangent bundle  $T^{(r)}$  which is defined by  $T^{(r)}M = (T^rM)^*$ ,  $T^rM = J^r(M, \mathbb{R})_0$ . This paper is devoted to liftings of 1-forms to the higher order cotangent bundle  $T^{r*}$  and also to the bundles  $T^*T$ ,  $TT^*$  and  $T^*T^*$ , where  $T$  is the tangent bundle. Except classification

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theorems we will also study some related geometrical questions. Using such a point of view, this paper is a continuation of [2].

All manifolds and maps are assumed to be infinitely differentiable.

## 2. LIFTINGS OF 1-FORMS TO HIGHER ORDER COTANGENT BUNDLES

The  $r$ -th order cotangent bundle is defined as the space  $T^{r*}M = J^r(M, \mathbb{R})_0$  of all  $r$ -jets of smooth functions  $\varphi : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the target  $0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Every local diffeomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is then extended into a vector bundle morphism  $T^{r*}f : T^{r*}M \rightarrow T^{r*}N$  defined by  $j_x^r \varphi \mapsto j_{f(x)}^r (\varphi \circ f^{-1})$ , where  $f^{-1}$  is constructed locally. Obviously,  $T^{r*}$  does not preserve products and for  $r = 1$  we obtain the classical cotangent bundle  $T^*$ . The aim of this section is to study how an arbitrary 1-form on  $M$  can induce a 1-form on  $T^{r*}M$ , i.e. to study natural operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*T^{r*}$ . Denote by  $(x^i, u_i, \dots, u_{i_1 \dots i_r})$  the canonical coordinates on  $T^{r*}M$  and by  $G_m^r$  the group of all invertible  $r$ -jets from  $\mathbb{R}^m$  into  $\mathbb{R}^m$  with the source and the target zero. Then the coordinates on  $G_m^r$  will be denoted by  $(a_j^i, a_{jk}^i, \dots, a_{j_1 \dots j_r}^i)$ , while the coordinates of an inverse element will be denoted by a tilde.

Let  $\omega = \omega_i dx^i$  be an arbitrary 1-form on  $M$  and denote by  $\pi^* \omega$  its pull-back to  $T^{r*}M$  with respect to the vector bundle projection  $\pi : T^{r*}M \rightarrow M$ . Moreover, we have a canonical projection  $\pi_r : T^{r*}M \rightarrow T^*M$ , so that the classical Liouville 1-form  $\lambda_M = u_i dx^i$  on  $T^*M$  induces the 1-form  $\pi_r^* \lambda_M$  on  $T^{r*}M$ . Now we prove

**Proposition 1.** *All natural operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*T^{r*}$  transforming 1-forms on  $M$  into 1-forms on  $T^{r*}M$  are of the form*

$$(1) \quad \omega \mapsto c_1 \pi^* \omega + c_2 \pi_r^* \lambda_M$$

with any  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* The proof is based on the canonical equivalence between natural operators in question and equivariant maps between corresponding standard fibres, [4]. Using such a point of view,  $r$ -th order natural operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*T^{r*}$  are in a bijection with the  $G_m^{r+1}$ -equivariant maps

$$(2) \quad (J^r T^*)_0 \mathbb{R}^m \oplus (T^{r*})_0 \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow (T^* T^{r*})_0 \mathbb{R}^m.$$

The canonical coordinates on the standard fibre  $(J^r T^*)_0 \mathbb{R}^m$  will be denoted by  $(\omega_i, \omega_{i,j}, \dots, \omega_{i,j_1 \dots j_r})$  and the coordinates on  $(T^{r*})_0 \mathbb{R}^m$  are  $(u_i, u_{ij}, \dots, u_{i_1 \dots i_r})$ . Moreover, the coordinate expression

$$\Omega = \alpha_i dx^i + \beta^i du_i + \beta^{ij} du_{ij} + \dots + \beta^{i_1 \dots i_r} du_{i_1 \dots i_r}$$

of a 1-form on  $T^{r*}M$  defines the coordinates  $(\alpha_i, \beta^i, \beta^{ij}, \dots, \beta^{i_1 \dots i_r})$  on the standard fibre  $(T^* T^{r*})_0 \mathbb{R}^m$ . In this way the coordinate form of (2) is

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_i &= \alpha_i(\omega_i, \omega_{ij}, \dots, \omega_{i,j_1 \dots j_r}, u_i, u_{ij}, \dots, u_{i_1 \dots i_r}), \\ \beta^i &= \beta^i(\omega_i, \omega_{ij}, \dots, \omega_{i,j_1 \dots j_r}, u_i, u_{ij}, \dots, u_{i_1 \dots i_r}), \\ &\dots \\ \beta^{i_1 \dots i_r} &= \beta^{i_1 \dots i_r}(\omega_i, \omega_{ij}, \dots, \omega_{i,j_1 \dots j_r}, u_i, u_{ij}, \dots, u_{i_1 \dots i_r}). \end{aligned}$$

By the homotheties  $\tilde{a}_j^i = k\delta_j^i$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} k\alpha_i &= \alpha_i(k\omega_i, k^2\omega_{ij}, \dots, k^{r+1}\omega_{i,j_1\dots j_r}, ku_i, k^2u_{ij}, \dots, k^r u_{i_1\dots i_r}), \\ \frac{1}{k}\beta^i &= \beta^i(k\omega_i, k^2\omega_{ij}, \dots, k^{r+1}\omega_{i,j_1\dots j_r}, ku_i, k^2u_{ij}, \dots, k^r u_{i_1\dots i_r}), \\ &\dots \\ \frac{1}{k^r}\beta^{i_1\dots i_r} &= \beta^{i_1\dots i_r}(k\omega_i, k^2\omega_{ij}, \dots, k^{r+1}\omega_{i,j_1\dots j_r}, ku_i, k^2u_{ij}, \dots, k^r u_{i_1\dots i_r}). \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides of  $\beta^{i_1\dots i_s}$  by  $k^s$  and then setting  $k \rightarrow 0$  we obtain  $\beta^{i_1\dots i_s} = 0$  for all  $s = 1, \dots, r$ . Moreover, by the theorem on homogeneous functions from [4] we have that  $\alpha_i$  are linear in  $\omega_i$  and in  $u_i$  and independent of all remaining coordinates. Up till now, we have deduced

$$\alpha_i = c_1\omega_i + c_2u_i, \quad \beta^i = 0, \dots, \beta^{i_1\dots i_r} = 0$$

which is the coordinate form of (1). Next, one evaluates easily the following transformation laws:  $\bar{u}_i = \tilde{a}_i^j u_j$  and  $\bar{\omega}_i = \tilde{a}_i^j \omega_j$ . Moreover, since all  $\beta^i = 0$ , then the transformation law of  $\alpha_i$  can be expressed in the simple form  $\bar{\alpha}_i = \tilde{a}_i^j \alpha_j$ . Then the full equivariance of  $\alpha_i$  reads that  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are arbitrary real numbers. We have also proved that all  $r$ -th order natural operators are reduced to the zero order ones. Finally, by the consequences of the Peetre theorem, [4], every natural operator in question has a finite order.  $\square$

*Remark 1.* We remark that W. Mikulski has in [6] classified all natural operators transforming vector fields to the  $r$ -th order cotangent bundle. Moreover, we have in [3] also determined all natural operators transforming  $(0, 2)$ -tensor fields to this bundle and we have discussed here some related geometrical questions.

### 3. LIFTINGS OF 1-FORMS TO THE COTANGENT BUNDLE OF A TANGENT BUNDLE

First we will be concerned with the question how a 1-form on a smooth manifold  $M$  can induce a 1-form on  $T^*TM$ . Denote by  $(x^i, y^i = dx^i, p_i dx^i + q_i dy^i)$  the canonical coordinates on  $T^*TM$ . If  $q_M : T^*M \rightarrow M$  is the bundle projection, then  $q_{TM} : T^*TM \rightarrow TM$ . Moreover, denoting by  $p_M : TM \rightarrow M$  the tangent bundle projection and  $s_M : TT^*M \rightarrow T^*TM$  the canonical isomorphism of Tulczyjev and Modugno and Stefani, [4], then the composition  $v_{T^*M} := p_{T^*M} \circ s_M^{-1} : T^*TM \rightarrow T^*M$  is given by  $(x^i, y^i, p_i, q_i) \mapsto (x^i, q_i)$ . If  $A \in T^*TM$ , then the contraction  $I_1 := (q_{TM}(A), v_{T^*M}(A))$  defines an invariant function on  $T^*TM$ , in coordinates

$$(3) \quad I_1 = q_i y^i.$$

Quite analogously, the contraction with a 1-form  $\omega = \omega_i dx^i$  defines another function

$$(4) \quad I_2 = \omega_i y^i.$$

Then the exterior differentials

$$(5) \quad \Omega_1 := dI_1 = q_i dy^i + y^i dq_i$$

and

$$(6) \quad \Omega_2 := dI_2 = \omega_i dy^i + \omega_{i,j} y^i dx^j$$

are 1-forms on  $T^*TM$ . The well-known canonical involution  $\kappa_M : TTM \rightarrow TTM$  of the iterated tangent bundle defines an analogous mapping

$$\iota_{TT^*TM} := Ts_M \circ \kappa_{T^*M} \circ T(s_M^{-1}) : TT^*TM \rightarrow TT^*TM,$$

$\iota_{TT^*TM}(x^i, y^i, p_i, q_i, dx^i, dy^i, dp_i, dq_i) = (x^i, dx^i, p_i, q_i, y^i, dy^i, dp_i, dq_i)$ . Considering a 1-form on  $T^*TM$  as a linear mapping  $TT^*TM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we can define another 1-form on  $T^*TM$  by

$$(7) \quad \Omega_3 := \Omega_2 \circ \iota_{TT^*TM} = \omega_i dy^i + \omega_{i,j} y^j dx^i.$$

Moreover, let  $\lambda_M = q_i dx^i$  be the canonical Liouville 1-form on  $T^*M$  and let  $\lambda_{TM} = p_i dx^i + q_i dy^i$  be Liouville 1-form on  $T^*TM$ . Then we define

$$(8) \quad \Omega_4 := \lambda_{TM} - dI_1 = p_i dx^i - y^i dq_i.$$

Finally, we will denote by  $\Omega_5 = \omega_i dx^i$  and  $\Omega_6 = q_i dx^i$  the 1-forms on  $T^*TM$  which are defined by the pull-back of  $\omega$  and  $\lambda_M$ , respectively. Now we prove

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $\dim M \geq 2$ . Then all natural operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*(T^*T)$  transforming 1-forms on  $M$  into 1-forms on  $T^*TM$  are of the form*

$$(9) \quad \omega \mapsto c_1(I_1, I_2)\Omega_1 + \cdots + c_6(I_1, I_2)\Omega_6$$

where  $c_1, \dots, c_6 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are arbitrary smooth functions.

*Proof.* Consider first the first order natural operators. Then it suffices to find all  $G_m^3$ -equivariant smooth maps

$$(J^1T^*)_0\mathbb{R}^m \oplus (T^*T)_0\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow (T^*T^*T)_0\mathbb{R}^m.$$

The action of  $G_m^3$  on  $(J^1T^*)_0\mathbb{R}^m$  is

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{\omega}_i &= \tilde{a}_i^j \omega_j, \\ \bar{\omega}_{i,j} &= \tilde{a}_i^k \tilde{a}_j^\ell \omega_{k,\ell} + \tilde{a}_{i,j}^k \omega_k \end{aligned}$$

and the action of the same group on  $(T^*T)_0\mathbb{R}^m$  is

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{y}^i &= a_j^i y^j, \\ \bar{q}_i &= \tilde{a}_i^j q_j, \\ \bar{p}_i &= \tilde{a}_i^j p_j + \tilde{a}_{\ell i}^j a_k^\ell q_j y^k. \end{aligned}$$

Next, the coordinate expression of a 1-form  $\Omega = \alpha_i dx^i + \beta_i dy^i + \gamma^i dp_i + \delta^i dq_i$  on  $T^*TM$  defines the coordinates  $(\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma^i, \delta^i)$  on the standard fibre  $(T^*T^*T)_0\mathbb{R}^m$  with the following action of the group  $G_m^3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\alpha}_i &= \tilde{a}_i^j \alpha_j + \tilde{a}_{ji}^k \tilde{y}^j \beta_k + a_{km}^j \tilde{a}_i^m \gamma^k \bar{p}_j + a_{k\ell m}^j \tilde{a}_i^m \tilde{a}_n^\ell \gamma^k q_j \bar{y}^n + \\
 &\quad + a_{k\ell}^j \tilde{a}_n^\ell \bar{y}^n \gamma^k \bar{q}_j + a_{km}^j \tilde{a}_i^m \delta^k \bar{q}_j, \\
 (12) \quad \bar{\beta}_i &= \tilde{a}_i^j \beta_j + a_{k\ell}^j \tilde{a}_i^\ell \gamma^k \bar{q}_j, \\
 \bar{\gamma}^i &= a_j^i \gamma^j, \\
 \bar{\delta}^i &= a_j^i \delta^j + a_{k\ell}^i \tilde{a}_m^\ell \gamma^k \bar{y}^m.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\omega_{i,j}$  are neither symmetric nor antisymmetric in  $i$  and  $j$ , it will be useful to introduce a new couple of coordinates by  $S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_{i,j} + \omega_{j,i})$  and  $R_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_{i,j} - \omega_{j,i})$ . Then  $\omega_{i,j} = S_{ij} + R_{ij}$  and  $S_{ij}$  are symmetric and  $R_{ij}$  are antisymmetric in  $i$  and  $j$ . Using (10) we directly compute the transformation law of  $S_{ij}$  and  $R_{ij}$  on the kernel of the jet projection  $G_m^2 \rightarrow G_m^1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (13) \quad \bar{S}_{ij} &= S_{ij} + \tilde{a}_{ij}^k \omega_k, \\
 \bar{R}_{ij} &= R_{ij}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In what follows we will use the following auxiliary assertions.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $f : (J^1T^*)_0\mathbb{R}^m \oplus (T^*T)_0\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be an  $G_m^2$ -equivariant smooth mapping and let  $\dim M \geq 2$ . Then it holds*

$$f^i = \varphi(q_i y^i, \omega_i y^i) y^i$$

where  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an arbitrary smooth function.

*Proof of Lemma 1.* We have to determine all  $G_m^2$ -equivariant maps of the form  $f^i = f^i(y^i, p_i, q_i, \omega_i, \omega_{i,j})$ . Replace  $\omega_{i,j}$  with  $S_{ij}$  and  $R_{ij}$ , so that  $f^i = f^i(y^i, p_i, q_i, \omega_i, S_{ij}, R_{ij})$ . By the tensor evaluation theorem from [4] and using the fact that  $R_{ij} y^i y^j = 0$  we obtain  $f^i = \varphi(p_i y^i, q_i y^i, \omega_i y^i, S_{ij} y^i y^j) y^i$ . Then the equivariance on the kernel  $G_m^2 \rightarrow G_m^1$  yields

$$\varphi(p_i y^i, q_i y^i, \omega_i y^i, S_{ij} y^i y^j) = \varphi((p_i + \tilde{a}_{i\ell}^k q_k y^\ell) y^i, q_i y^i, \omega_i y^i, (S_{ij} + \tilde{a}_{ij}^k \omega_k) y^i y^j).$$

Put  $\omega = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$  and  $q = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Then

$$\varphi(p_i y^i, y^2, y^1, S_{ij} y^i y^j) = \varphi((p_i + \tilde{a}_{i\ell}^2 y^\ell) y^i, y^2, y^1, (S_{ij} + \tilde{a}_{ij}^1) y^i y^j).$$

If  $\tilde{a}_{ij}^2 \neq 0$  and  $\tilde{a}_{ij}^1 = 0$ , then we see that  $\varphi$  is independent of  $p_i y^i$ . Analogously,  $\tilde{a}_{ij}^1 \neq 0$  proves the independence of  $\varphi$  on  $S_{ij} y^i y^j$  and the proof of Lemma 1 is finished.

Quite analogously we can prove

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $f : (J^1T^*)_0\mathbb{R}^m \oplus (T^*T)_0\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m*}$  be an  $G_m^2$ -equivariant smooth mapping and let  $\dim M \geq 2$ . Then it holds*

$$f_i = \varphi_1(q_i y^i, \omega_i y^i) q_i + \varphi_2(q_i y^i, \omega_i y^i) \omega_i + \varphi_3(q_i y^i, \omega_i y^i) R_{ij} y^j$$

where  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3 : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are arbitrary smooth functions.

Now we come back to the proof of Proposition 2. By Lemma 1,  $\gamma^i = \gamma(I_1, I_2) y^i$ . Similarly to the proof of Lemma 1 we deduce that  $\delta^i = \delta(I_1, I_2, p_i y^i, S_{ij} y^i y^j) y^i$ . By equivariances on the kernel of the jet projection  $G_m^2 \rightarrow G_m^1$  we have  $\delta^i = \delta(I_1, I_2) y^i$  and also  $\gamma(I_1, I_2) = 0$ . Consider now  $\beta_i = \beta_i(y^i, p_i, q_i, \omega_i, \omega_{i,j})$ . Since  $\gamma^i = 0$ , then the transformation law of  $\beta_i$  is of the tensorial character  $\bar{\beta}_i = \tilde{a}_i^j \beta_j$ . By Lemma 2,  $\beta_i = \beta_1(I_1, I_2) q_i + \beta_2(I_1, I_2) \omega_i + \beta_3(I_1, I_2) R_{ij} y^j$ . Further, assume  $\alpha_i$  in the form  $\alpha_i = k_1 p_i + k_2 S_{ij} y^j + \tilde{\alpha}_i(y^i, p_i, q_i, \omega_i, \omega_{i,j})$  with undetermined  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Using equivariance we prove that  $\beta_3 = 0, \beta_2 = k_2$  and  $\delta = k_1 - \beta_1$ . Then the full equivariance together with Lemma 2 reads  $\tilde{\alpha}_i = k_3 q_i + k_4 \omega_i + k_5 R_{ij} y^j$ . Up till now we have deduced  $\gamma^i = 0, \delta^i = (\beta_1 - k_1) y^i, \beta_i = \beta_1 q_i + k_2 \omega_i$  and  $\alpha_i = k_1 p_i + k_2 S_{ij} y^j + k_3 q_i + k_4 \omega_i + k_5 R_{ij} y^j$  which can be rewritten in the form

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} \gamma^i &= 0, \\ \delta^i &= \beta_1 y^i - k_1 y^i, \\ \beta_i &= \beta_1 q_i + k_2 \omega_i + k_3 \omega_i, \\ \alpha_i &= k_1 p_i + k_2 \omega_{i,j} y^j + k_3 \omega_{j,i} y^j + k_4 q_i + k_5 \omega_i. \end{aligned}$$

This is nothing else but the coordinate form of (9).

By [4], every natural operator in question has a finite order. Now we show that the second order natural operators are reduced to the first order ones (the proof for natural operators of the order  $r > 2$  is quite similar). The second order natural operators lead to the  $G_m^3$ -equivariant maps  $(J^2T^*)_0\mathbb{R}^m \oplus (T^*T)_0\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow (T^*T^*T)_0\mathbb{R}^m$ . It suffices to prove that all such maps are independent of  $\omega_{i,jk}$ . The transformation law of  $\omega_{i,jk}$  is

$$\bar{\omega}_{i,jk} = \tilde{a}_i^l \tilde{a}_j^m \tilde{a}_k^n \omega_{l,mn} + \tilde{a}_{ik}^l \tilde{a}_j^m \omega_{l,m} + \tilde{a}_i^l \tilde{a}_{jk}^m \omega_{l,m} + \tilde{a}_{ij}^l \tilde{a}_k^m \omega_{l,m} + \tilde{a}_{ijk}^l \omega_{l,m}.$$

Put  $S_{ijk} = \frac{1}{3}(\omega_{i,jk} + \omega_{j,ik} + \omega_{k,ij})$ ,  $R_{ijk} = \frac{1}{3}(\omega_{i,jk} - \omega_{j,ik})$  and  $T_{ijk} = \frac{1}{3}(\omega_{i,jk} - \omega_{k,ij})$ . Then  $\omega_{i,jk} = S_{ijk} + R_{ijk} + T_{ijk}$ ,  $S_{ijk}$  are symmetric in all indices and on the kernel of the jet projection  $G_m^3 \rightarrow G_m^1$  we have  $\bar{S}_{ijk} = S_{ijk} + \tilde{a}_{ijk}^l \omega_{l,m}$ ,  $\bar{R}_{ijk} = R_{ijk}$  and  $\bar{T}_{ijk} = T_{ijk}$ . In the case of the second order natural operators the map  $f$  from Lemma 1 should be replaced with  $f : (J^2T^*)_0\mathbb{R}^m \oplus (T^*T)_0\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , so that we have additional coordinates  $\omega_{i,jk}$ . Now we show that the function  $\varphi$  from Lemma 1 does not depend on  $\omega_{i,jk}$ . First, replace  $\omega_{i,jk}$  with  $S_{ijk}, R_{ijk}$  and  $T_{ijk}$ . Since  $S_{ijk}$  are symmetric in all indices, the equivariance on the kernel of the jet projection  $G_m^3 \rightarrow G_m^1$  yields that  $f^i$  are independent of  $S_{ijk}$ . Moreover, since  $R_{ijk} y^i y^j y^k = 0$  and  $T_{ijk} y^i y^j y^k = 0$ , the tensor evaluation theorem leads to the same form of  $f^i$  as in the case of the first order operators. The proof that the map  $f$  from Lemma 2 is independent of  $\omega_{i,jk}$  is quite similar. This completes the proof of Proposition 2.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *All natural operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*(T^*T)$  are linear.*

In what follows we will use the concept of a natural 1-form in the sense of the following definition.

**Definition 1.** A natural 1-form on  $T^*T$  is a system of 1-forms  $\Omega_M : T^*TM \rightarrow T^*T^*TM$  for every  $m$ -manifold  $M$  satisfying  $T^*T^*Tf \circ \Omega_M = \Omega_N \circ T^*Tf$  for all local diffeomorphisms  $f : M \rightarrow N$ .

**Definition 2.** A natural operator  $A : T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*F$  is called absolute, if  $A_M\omega_M = A_M O_M$  for every  $\omega_M : M \rightarrow T^*M$ , where  $O_M$  means the zero section.

In this way natural 1-forms on  $T^*TM$  are exactly the values of absolute natural operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*(T^*T)$ .

**Corollary 2.** *All natural 1-forms on  $T^*TM$  are of the form*

$$(15) \quad c_1(I_1)\Omega_1 + c_2(I_1)\Omega_4 + c_3(I_1)\Omega_6$$

where the 1-forms  $\Omega_1$ ,  $\Omega_4$  and  $\Omega_6$  were defined above and  $c_1, c_2, c_3 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are arbitrary smooth functions of the invariant (3).

*Remark 2.* It is well-known that if  $F$  is a Weil bundle, then all natural operators  $T \rightsquigarrow TF$  transforming vector fields on  $M$  into vector fields on  $FM$  can be constructed from the complete lift  $\mathcal{F}$  by applying all natural transformations  $TF \rightarrow TF$  over the identity of  $F$ , [4]. The complete lift  $\mathcal{F}$  of a vector field is defined as its flow prolongation. We have proved in [1] that the same holds also for the bundle  $F = T^*T$ , which does not preserve products. The 1-form  $\Omega_3 = \omega_i dy^i + \omega_{i,j} y^j dx^i$  can be also considered as a 1-form on  $TM$  and is sometimes called the complete lift of  $\omega = \omega_i dx^i$  to  $TM$ . Using pull-back with respect to the projection  $T^*TM \rightarrow TM$ , we can consider  $\Omega_3$  as the complete lift of  $\omega$  to  $T^*TM$ . In this situation we can pose a question what would we obtain after applying all natural transformations  $T^*(T^*T) \rightarrow T^*(T^*T)$  over the identity of  $T^*T$  to the complete lift of  $\omega$  to  $T^*T$ . Using all natural transformations  $TTT^* \rightarrow TT^*T$  from [1] we easily determine the following equations of all natural transformations  $T^*T^*T \rightarrow T^*T^*T$  over the identity of  $T^*T$ :  $\alpha_i = D\alpha_i + Gp_i + Hp_i + K\beta_i + Lq_i$ ,  $\beta_i = D\beta_i + Gq_i$ ,  $\gamma^i = D\gamma^i$ ,  $\delta^i = D\delta^i - Hy^i + K\gamma^i$ . Applying this to the complete lift  $\Omega_3$ , we obtain all 1-forms from the list (9), except  $\Omega_2 = \omega_i dy^i + \omega_{i,j} y^j dx^j$ . Notice that the 1-form  $\Omega_2$  is the only nonabsolute closed 1-form on  $T^*TM$ .

*Remark 3.* The problem of finding all natural operators transforming 1-forms to the bundles  $TT^*$  and  $T^*T^*$  can be reduced to Proposition 2. This is a simple consequence of well-known natural equivalences  $s : TT^* \rightarrow T^*T$  and  $t : TT^* \rightarrow T^*T^*$ , [4]. Denoting by  $(x^i, u_i, s^i = dx^i, t_i = du_i)$  the coordinates on  $TT^*M$  and by  $(x^i, v_i, a_i dx^i + b^i dv_i)$  the coordinates on  $T^*T^*M$ , the equations of  $s$  are  $(y^i = s^i, p_i = t_i, q_i = u_i)$  and the equations of  $t$  are  $(v_i = u_i, a_i = t_i, b^i = -s^i)$ .

*Remark 4.* Let  $F$  be a natural bundle and let  $\{A_1, \dots, A_p\}$  be a basis of the vector space of all linear natural operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*F$ . Using the pull-back with respect to  $T^*FM \rightarrow FM$ , we can consider  $\{A_1, \dots, A_p\}$  as a set of linear natural

operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*(T^*F)$  transforming 1-forms on  $M$  into 1-forms on  $T^*FM$ . Further, let  $\{B_1, \dots, B_q\}$  be a basis of the vector space of all absolute natural operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*(T^*F)$ . Then  $\mathcal{S} := \{A_1, \dots, A_p, B_1, \dots, B_q\}$  is certain set of linear natural operators transforming 1-forms to the bundle  $T^*F$ . In particular, if  $F = T$ , then all natural operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*(T^*T)$  are linear and the basis of all such linear operators is exactly the set  $\mathcal{S}$  constructed above. Obviously, the 1-forms  $\Omega_2, \Omega_3$  and  $\Omega_5$  can be easily defined also on the tangent bundle (cf. [5] and [8]), so that  $A_1 = \Omega_2, A_2 = \Omega_3$  and  $A_3 = \Omega_5$ . By Corollary 2,  $B_1 = \Omega_1, B_2 = \Omega_4$  and  $B_3 = \Omega_6$ . In this notation we do not distinguish between the operator and its value. It is our belief that such a construction of linear natural operators  $T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*(T^*F)$  has a general character and can be used for other natural bundles  $F$ . But this does not work for all natural bundles, the cotangent bundle  $F = T^*$  being the simplest example. In this case all linear natural operators  $A_i : T^* \rightsquigarrow T^*T^*$  are zero order only, so that the set  $\mathcal{S}$  does not describe all natural operators of this type.

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