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NATURAL OPERATORS LIFTING VECTOR FIELDS TO BUNDLES  
OF WEIL CONTACT ELEMENTS

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*Abstract.* Let  $A$  be a Weil algebra. The bijection between all natural operators lifting vector fields from  $m$ -manifolds to the bundle functor  $K^A$  of Weil contact elements and the subalgebra of fixed elements  $SA$  of the Weil algebra  $A$  is determined and the bijection between all natural affinors on  $K^A$  and  $SA$  is deduced. Furthermore, the rigidity of the functor  $K^A$  is proved. Requisite results about the structure of  $SA$  are obtained by a purely algebraic approach, namely the existence of nontrivial  $SA$  is discussed.

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## INTRODUCTION

A Weil algebra  $A$  is a local commutative  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebra with identity, the nilpotent ideal  $\mathfrak{n}$  of which has a finite dimension as a vector space and  $A/\mathfrak{n} = \mathbb{R}$ . We call the *order* of  $A$  the minimum  $\text{ord}(A)$  of the integers  $r$  satisfying  $\mathfrak{n}^{r+1} = 0$  and the *width* of  $A$   $w(A) = \dim(\mathfrak{n}/\mathfrak{n}^2)$ .

One can assume that Weil algebras are finite dimensional factor  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebras of the algebra  $\mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]$  of real polynomials in several indeterminates. That is, a Weil algebra  $A$  has the form  $\mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]/\mathfrak{i}$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}^{r+1} \subset \mathfrak{i} \subset \mathfrak{m}$  for some  $r$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} = \langle t^1, \dots, t^k \rangle$  being the maximal ideal of  $\mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]$  ( $\mathfrak{i}$  with this property is called the *Weil ideal*). We consider only the case  $w(A) \geq 1$  and the minimal number of indeterminates, i.e.  $k = w(A)$  (then  $\mathfrak{i} \subset \mathfrak{m}^2$ ). Of course, such an expression of the Weil algebra is not unique. Really,  $\mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]/\mathfrak{i} \cong \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]/\mathfrak{j}$  if and only if there is  $G \in \text{Aut } \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]$ ,  $G(\mathfrak{i}) = \mathfrak{j}$ .

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Alternatively, one can assume that Weil algebras are finite dimensional factor  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebras of the algebra of germs  $\mathcal{E}_k = C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^k, \mathbb{R})$ , see [7, Proposition 35.5]. The fact that ideals in  $\mathcal{E}_k$  can be generated by some polynomials induces the corresponding ideal  $\mathfrak{i}$  in  $\mathcal{E}_k$  for every Weil ideal  $\mathfrak{i}$  in  $\mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]$ .

Let  $A = \mathcal{E}_k/\mathfrak{i}$  be a Weil algebra and  $M$  an  $m$ -manifold. Two maps  $g, h: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow M$ ,  $g(0) = h(0) = x$  are said to be *A-equivalent* if  $\alpha \circ g - \alpha \circ h \in \mathfrak{i}$  for every germ  $\alpha$  of a smooth function on  $M$  at  $x$ . Such an equivalence class will be denoted by  $j^A g$  and called an *A-velocity* on  $M$ . The point  $x = g(0)$  is said to be the *target* of  $j^A g$ . Denote by  $T^A M$  the set of all *A-velocities* on  $M$  and by  $T_x^A M$  the set of all *A-velocities* on  $M$  with the target  $x$ .  $T^A$  is a bundle functor on the category of all manifolds, see [7], and  $T^A M$  is called the *Weil bundle*.

The theory of Weil bundles is a powerful tool for many problems in differential geometry. The important problem how a vector field on an  $m$ -manifold  $M$  can induce canonically a vector field on  $T^A M$  has been solved completely by I. Kolář in [6] with the aid of the concept of natural operators. We remark that the best known example of a Weil bundle is the bundle  $T_k^r M$  of  $k$ -dimensional velocities of order  $r$  on  $M$ , in particular, for  $r = k = 1$  the tangent bundle on  $M$ .

Let  $\text{reg } T^A M \subset T^A M$  be the open subbundle of so-called *regular A-velocities* on  $M$ , i.e. if  $A = \mathcal{E}_k/\mathfrak{i}$ , then  $j^A g \in \text{reg } T^A M \subset T^A M$  if and only if  $g: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow M$  is of rank  $k$  at 0. The *contact element of type A* on  $M$  determined by  $X \in \text{reg } T^A M$  is the equivalence class  $\text{Aut } A_M(X) := \{\varphi(X); \varphi \in \text{Aut } A\}$ , see [5]. We denote by  $K^A M$  the set of all contact elements of type  $A$  on  $M$ . Quite recently, R. Alonso proved in [1] that  $K^A M$  has a differentiable manifold structure and  $\text{reg } T^A M \rightarrow K^A M$  is a principal fiber bundle with structure group  $\text{Aut } A$ .  $K^A M$  is a generalization of higher order contact elements bundle  $K_k^r M = \text{reg } T_k^r M / G_k^r$  introduced by C. Ehresmann in [3].

In this paper, we study the problem how a vector field on an  $m$ -manifold  $M$  can induce canonically a vector field on  $K^A M$ . This problem is reflected in the concept of natural operators  $\mathcal{A}: T|_{\mathcal{M}_{f_m}} \rightsquigarrow TK^A$  in the sense of [7]. For  $m \geq w(A) + 2$  we construct explicitly a bijection between all natural operators  $\mathcal{A}: T|_{\mathcal{M}_{f_m}} \rightsquigarrow TK^A$  and the subalgebra  $SA = \{a \in A; \varphi(a) = a \text{ for all } \varphi \in \text{Aut } A\}$  of fixed elements of a Weil algebra  $A$ . This main result of the paper is stated in Section 2. In addition, the classification of natural affinors on  $K^A$  is established and a rigidity theorem for  $K^A$  is presented also in Section 2. Section 1 gives a purely algebraic description of  $A$  and can be read independently.

All manifolds and maps are assumed to be of class  $C^\infty$ .

**1.1. Homogeneous Weil algebras.**

We recall some known algebraic facts and formulate the definition of a homogeneous Weil algebra. First of all, the algebra  $\mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]$  is Noetherian. Thus every ideal  $\mathfrak{i}$  in  $\mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]$  has a finite set of generators.

Every element  $P \in \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]$  can be written in the form of a finite sum  $P = P_0 + P_1 + \dots + P_j + \dots$ , where  $P_j$  is either zero or a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $j$ .  $P_j$  is called the *homogeneous component of degree  $j$*  of  $P$ . An ideal  $\mathfrak{i}$  in  $\mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]$  is said to be *homogeneous* if the relation  $P \in \mathfrak{i}$  implies that all homogeneous components of  $P$  are in  $\mathfrak{i}$ . An ideal  $\mathfrak{i}$  in  $\mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]$  is homogeneous if and only if  $\mathfrak{i}$  possesses homogeneous generators, see [15, Theorem VII.2.7]. In general,  $G \in \text{Aut } \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]$  does not preserve the homogeneity of ideals, see Example (ix). (Nevertheless, linear automorphisms preserve the homogeneity of ideals.)

Let  $A$  be a Weil algebra. If there is an expression of  $A$  as  $A \cong \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]/\mathfrak{i}$ , where  $\mathfrak{i}$  is a homogeneous Weil ideal, we call  $A$  a *homogeneous Weil algebra*.

**Examples.**

- (i) For  $k = 1$ , every Weil algebra  $A = \mathbb{R}[t]/\mathfrak{i}$  is homogeneous. In this case,  $\mathfrak{i}$  is a principal ideal and a monomial of the lowest degree in  $\mathfrak{i}$  can be taken as its generator.
- (ii)  $\mathbb{D}_k^r$  are homogeneous,  $\mathbb{D}_k^r$  being the Weil algebras of functors of  $k$ -dimensional velocities of order  $r$ . Indeed,  $\mathbb{D}_k^r = \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]/\mathfrak{m}^{r+1}$  and a power of the maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  is generated by homogeneous polynomials.
- (iii)  $\tilde{\mathbb{D}}_k^r$  are homogeneous,  $\tilde{\mathbb{D}}_k^r$  being the Weil algebras of functors of nonholonomic  $k$ -dimensional velocities of order  $r$ . Of course, we can realize  $\tilde{\mathbb{D}}_k^r$  as the factor algebra of  $\mathbb{D}_{r,k}^r$  in the following way  $\tilde{\mathbb{D}}_k^r \cong \mathbb{R}[t_1^1, \dots, t_r^k] / \langle \langle t_1^1, \dots, t_1^k \rangle^2, \dots, \langle t_r^1, \dots, t_r^k \rangle^2 \rangle$  and the ideal has homogeneous generators. (Let us notice that  $\tilde{\mathbb{D}}_k^r \cong \mathbb{D}_k^1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{D}_k^1$  and the use of example (vii) is possible, too.)
- (iv)  $\bar{\mathbb{D}}_k^r$  are homogeneous,  $\bar{\mathbb{D}}_k^r$  being the Weil algebras of functors of semiholonomic  $k$ -dimensional velocities of order  $r$ . The proof is rather long, see [9].
- (v) The first author introduced Weil algebras  $\overset{\omega}{\mathbb{D}}_k^r$  of functors of  $\omega$ -holonomic  $k$ -dimensional velocities of order  $r$ , which include nonholonomic and semiholonomic velocities as special cases. They are homogeneous, see also [9].
- (vi)  $\mathbb{Q}_k^r$  are homogeneous,  $\mathbb{Q}_k^r$  being the Weil algebras of functors of  $k$ -dimensional quasivelocities of order  $r$ . For the proof, it suffices to take the expression of  $\mathbb{Q}_k^r$  in the form  $\mathbb{Q}_k^r = \mathbb{D}_{k(2^r-1)}^r/\mathfrak{i}$ , where the ideal  $\mathfrak{i}$  has homogeneous generators described in [13, Proposition 5].

- (vii) If  $A$  and  $B$  are homogeneous Weil algebras, then  $A \otimes B$  is homogeneous. Indeed, if  $A = \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]/\mathfrak{i}$  and  $B = \mathbb{R}[t^{k+1}, \dots, t^{k+l}]/\mathfrak{j}$ , then  $A \otimes B \cong R[t^1, \dots, t^{k+l}]/\langle \mathfrak{i}, \mathfrak{j} \rangle$  where  $\langle \mathfrak{i}, \mathfrak{j} \rangle$  is the least ideal in  $R[t^1, \dots, t^{k+l}]$  which contains  $\mathfrak{i}$  and  $\mathfrak{j}$  and its generators are homogeneous ditto generators  $\mathfrak{i}$  and  $\mathfrak{j}$ .
- (viii) If  $A$  is a homogeneous Weil algebra and  $\mathfrak{n}$  the ideal of all its nilpotent elements, then  $q$ -th underlying Weil algebras  $A_q = A/\mathfrak{n}^{q+1}$ , [5], are homogeneous for all  $q = 1, \dots, r-1$ , as for  $A = \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]/\mathfrak{i}$  we have  $A_q \cong \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]/\mathfrak{i} + \mathfrak{m}^{q+1}$ .
- (ix) Let  $A = \mathbb{R}[s, t]/\langle s^2 + 2st^2 + t^4 \rangle + \mathfrak{m}^5$ . We demonstrate that  $A$  is homogeneous. First, we prove the nonhomogeneity of  $\mathfrak{i} = \langle s^2 + 2st^2 + t^4 \rangle + \mathfrak{m}^5$ . As  $s^2 + 2st^2 + t^4 \in \mathfrak{i}$ , we assume  $s^2 \in \mathfrak{i}$ . Then  $s^2 \in PQ + \mathfrak{m}^4$ , where  $P = P(s, t)$  is some polynomial in  $s, t$  and  $Q = s^2 + 2st^2$ . Hence  $s^2 = (k_1 + k_2s + k_3t + k_4s^2 + \dots)(s^2 + 2st^2) + \dots = k_1s^2 + 2k_1st^2 + \dots$ . Thus  $k_1 = 1$  and  $2k_1 = 0$ . This is a contradiction, so  $s^2 \notin \mathfrak{i}$  and  $\mathfrak{i}$  is nonhomogeneous. We take  $G \in \text{Aut } \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]$  in this way:  $\bar{s} = s + t^2$ ,  $\bar{t} = t$ . Then  $G(\mathfrak{i}) = \langle \bar{s}^2 \rangle + \mathfrak{m}^5$  and this is a homogeneous ideal in  $\mathbb{R}[\bar{s}, \bar{t}]$ . Hence  $A$  is homogeneous.

If  $H: A \rightarrow B$  is a homomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebras, then  $H$  induces the induced homomorphism  $\bar{H}: A/\mathfrak{i} \rightarrow B/\mathfrak{j}$  if and only if  $H(\mathfrak{i}) \subset \mathfrak{j}$ . Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is evident that for a homogeneous Weil ideal  $\mathfrak{i}$ , the homomorphism  $H_\tau: \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]$ ,  $H_\tau: P(t^1, \dots, t^k) \mapsto P(\tau t^1, \dots, \tau t^k)$ , induces the homomorphism  $\bar{H}_\tau: \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]/\mathfrak{i} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]/\mathfrak{i}$ , and  $\bar{H}_\tau$  is an element of  $\text{Aut } A$  for  $\tau \neq 0$ ,  $A = \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]/\mathfrak{i}$ .

Let  $SA = \{a \in A; \varphi(a) = a \text{ for all } \varphi \in \text{Aut } A\}$  be the subalgebra of fixed elements of a Weil algebra  $A$ . We find easily the following assertion.

**Proposition 1.** *If  $A$  is a homogeneous Weil algebra, then  $SA$  is the trivial subalgebra  $\mathbb{R} \cdot 1$ .*

*Proof.* We take an arbitrary  $\tau \in \mathbb{R} - \{-1, 0, 1\}$ . Then only constants possess the property  $\bar{H}_\tau(a) = a$ . □

## 1.2. Nonhomogeneous Weil algebras.

**Example** of a nonhomogeneous Weil algebra with trivial subalgebra of fixed elements.

Let  $A = \mathbb{R}[s, t]/\langle s^2 + t^3 \rangle + \mathfrak{m}^4$ . We demonstrate that  $A$  is nonhomogeneous and  $SA = \mathbb{R} \cdot 1$ .

In the first instance, we presume the homogeneity of  $A$ . This means that there is  $G \in \text{Aut } \mathbb{R}[s, t]$  such that  $G(\mathfrak{i}) = \mathfrak{j}$ , where  $\mathfrak{i} = \langle s^2 + t^3 \rangle + \mathfrak{m}^4$  and  $\mathfrak{j}$  is generated by homogeneous polynomials  $P_1, \dots, P_L$ . We can assume that the matrix of the linear part of  $G$  is the identity matrix. (If not, we compose  $G$  with a linear automorphism.)

Since  $G^{-1}(\mathfrak{m}^3) \subset \mathfrak{m}^3$  and  $s^2 + t^3 \in \mathfrak{i} - \mathfrak{m}^3$ ,  $\mathfrak{j} \not\subset \mathfrak{m}^3$ . Thus there is a homogeneous generator of  $\mathfrak{j}$  with degree 2 and we can suppose that it is  $P_1$ . We have  $G^{-1}(P_1) \in P_1 + \mathfrak{m}^3$  and  $G^{-1}(P_1) \in QR + \mathfrak{m}^4$ , where  $Q = Q(s, t)$  is some polynomial in  $s, t$  and  $R = s^2 + t^3$ . It follows that  $P_1 = as^2$ . Thus, we assume  $P_1 = s^2$  hereafter. We have  $G^{-1}(P_1) \in (s + \mathfrak{m}^2)^2$ , i.e.  $G^{-1}(P_1) = s^2 + k_1s^3 + k_2s^2t + k_3s^4 + \dots$ . We have also  $G^{-1}(P_1) \in QR + \mathfrak{m}^4$  as above, i.e.  $G^{-1}(P_1) = (l_1 + l_2s + l_3t + l_4s^2 + \dots)(s^2 + t^3) + \dots = l_1s^2 + l_1t^3 + \dots$ . Thus  $l_1 = 1$  and  $l_1 = 0$ . This is a contradiction, hence  $A$  is nonhomogeneous.

The elements of  $A$  have the form

$$k_1 + k_2s + k_3t + k_4s^2 + k_5st + k_6t^2 + k_7st^2$$

with all monomials of the fourth or higher order vanishing, in addition to  $s^3$ ,  $s^2t$  and  $s^2 + t^3$ . We shall describe the automorphisms of  $A$ . The starting point for their identification is the form

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{s} &= As + Bt + Cs^2 + Dst + Et^2 + Fst^2, \\ \bar{t} &= Gs + Ht + Is^2 + Jst + Kt^2 + Lst^2. \end{aligned}$$

The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ G & H \end{pmatrix}$  of the linear part of an automorphism must be regular. We must now satisfy the conditions  $\bar{s}^3 = 0$ ,  $\bar{s}^2\bar{t} = 0$ , and  $\bar{s}^2 + \bar{t}^3 = 0$ . The condition  $\bar{s}^3 = 0$  gives  $3AB^2st^2 + B^3t^3 = 0$ . It follows that  $B = 0$ . Then  $\bar{s}^2\bar{t} = 0$  gives no new nontrivial relation. For the condition  $\bar{s}^2 + \bar{t}^3 = 0$ , we obtain  $A^2s^2 + (2AE + 3GH^2)st^2 + H^3t^3 = 0$  and it follows that  $A^2 = H^3$  and  $2AE + 3GH^2 = 0$ . It is impossible that  $A = H = 0$ , hence  $A = \tau^3$ ,  $H = \tau^2$  for some  $\tau \neq 0$  and  $G = -\frac{2}{3}\tau E$ .

Hence the automorphisms have the following form

$$(1A) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{s} &= \tau^3s + Cs^2 + Dst + Et^2 + Fst^2, \\ \bar{t} &= -\frac{2}{3\tau}Es + \tau^2t + Is^2 + Jst + Kt^2 + Lst^2. \end{aligned}$$

We choose the automorphism  $\varphi$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{s} &= 8s, \\ \bar{t} &= 4t \end{aligned}$$

and it is not difficult to find that only constants possess the property  $\varphi(a) = a$ .

Now, it is not surprising that the following upgrade of Proposition 1 is possible by a relatively slight generalization. Let  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k \in \mathbb{R}$ . We take as the homomorphism  $H_{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k} : \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]$ ,  $H_{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k} : P(t^1, \dots, t^k) \mapsto P(\tau_1t^1, \dots, \tau_k t^k)$ .

**Proposition 2.** If  $A = \mathbb{R}[t^1, \dots, t^k]/\mathfrak{i}$  is a Weil algebra with  $w(A) = k$  and if there exist some  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k \in \mathbb{R} - [-1, 1]$  (or  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k \in (-1, 1) - \{0\}$ ) such that  $H_{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k}(\mathfrak{i}) \subset \mathfrak{i}$ , then  $SA$  is the trivial subalgebra  $\mathbb{R} \cdot 1$ .

*Proof.* The idea is the same as in the proof of Proposition 1. □

**Exercise 1.** We leave it to the reader to prove that  $A = \mathbb{R}[s, t]/\langle s^2 + t^3, s^3 + t^4 \rangle + \mathfrak{m}^5$  is an example of a Weil algebra with these properties:

- ( $\alpha$ )  $A$  is nonhomogeneous,
- ( $\beta$ ) there are no  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in \mathbb{R} - [-1, 1]$  (or  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in (-1, 1) - \{0\}$ ) such that  $H_{\tau_1, \tau_2}(\langle s^2 + t^3, s^3 + t^4 \rangle + \mathfrak{m}^5) \subset \langle s^2 + t^3, s^3 + t^4 \rangle + \mathfrak{m}^5$ ,
- ( $\gamma$ )  $A$  has trivial subalgebra of fixed elements.

**Example** of a nonhomogeneous Weil algebra with a nontrivial subalgebra of fixed elements.

Let  $A = \mathbb{R}[s, t]/\langle st^2 + s^4, s^2t + t^5 \rangle + \mathfrak{m}^6$ . We demonstrate that  $SA \not\supseteq \mathbb{R} \cdot 1$ . (Then the nonhomogeneity of  $A$  is a consequence of this fact.) The elements of  $A$  have the form

$$k_1 + k_2s + k_3t + k_4s^2 + k_5st + k_6t^2 + k_7s^3 + k_8s^2t + k_9st^2 + k_{10}t^3 + k_{11}t^4$$

with all monomials of the sixth or higher order vanishing, in addition to  $s^5, s^3t, s^2t^2, st^3, st^2 + s^4$  and  $s^2t + t^5$ . We shall describe the automorphisms of  $A$ . The starting point for their identification is the form

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{s} &= As + Bt + Cs^2 + Dst + Et^2 + Fs^3 + Gs^2t + Hst^2 + It^3 + Jt^4, \\ \bar{t} &= Ks + Lt + Ms^2 + Nst + Ot^2 + Ps^3 + Qs^2t + Rst^2 + St^3 + Tt^4. \end{aligned}$$

The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ K & L \end{pmatrix}$  of the linear part of an automorphism must be regular. We must now satisfy the conditions  $\bar{s}^5 = 0, \bar{s}^3\bar{t} = 0, \bar{s}^2\bar{t}^2 = 0, \bar{s}\bar{t}^3 = 0, \bar{s}\bar{t}^2 + \bar{s}^4 = 0$ , and  $\bar{s}^2\bar{t} + \bar{t}^5 = 0$ . The condition  $\bar{s}^5 = 0$  gives  $B^5t^5 = 0$ . It follows that  $B = 0$ . The condition  $\bar{s}^3\bar{t} = 0$  gives  $A^3Ks^4 = 0$ . It follows that  $K = 0$ . Then  $\bar{s}^2\bar{t}^2 = 0$  gives no new nontrivial relation. The condition  $\bar{s}\bar{t}^3 = 0$  gives  $EL^3t^5 = 0$ . It follows that  $E = 0$ . For the condition  $\bar{s}\bar{t}^2 + \bar{s}^4 = 0$  we obtain  $AL^2st^2 + IL^2t^5 + A^4s^4 = 0$  and it follows that  $L^2 = A^3$  and  $I = 0$ . Finally, for the condition  $\bar{s}^2\bar{t} + \bar{t}^5 = 0$ , we obtain  $A^2Ls^2t + A^2Ms^4 + L^5t^5 = 0$  and it follows that  $A^2 = L^4$  and  $M = 0$ . The conditions  $L^2 = A^3$  and  $A^2 = L^4$  give  $A = 1$  and  $L = \pm 1$ .

Hence the automorphisms have the following form

$$(2A) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{s} &= s + Cs^2 + Dst + Fs^3 + Gs^2t + Hst^2 + Jt^4, \\ \bar{t} &= \pm t + Nst + Ot^2 + Ps^3 + Qs^2t + Rst^2 + St^3 + Tt^4. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we solve the equation

$$\begin{aligned} & k_1 + k_2\bar{s} + k_3\bar{t} + k_4\bar{s}^2 + k_5\bar{s}\bar{t} + k_6\bar{t}^2 + k_7\bar{s}^3 + k_8\bar{s}^2\bar{t} + k_9\bar{s}\bar{t}^2 + k_{10}\bar{t}^3 + k_{11}\bar{t}^4 \\ & = k_1 + k_2s + k_3t + k_4s^2 + k_5st + k_6t^2 + k_7s^3 + k_8s^2t + k_9st^2 + k_{10}t^3 + k_{11}t^4 \end{aligned}$$

for  $k_i, i = 1, \dots, 11$ , using (2A). We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & k_1 + k_2(s + Cs^2 + Dst + Fs^3 +Gs^2t +Hst^2 +Jt^4) \\ & + k_3(\pm t + Nst + Ot^4 + Ps^3 + Qs^2t + Rst^2 + St^3 + Tt^4) \\ & + k_4(s^2 + 2Cs^3 + 2Ds^2t + 2Fs^4 + C^2s^4) \\ & + k_5(\pm st + Ns^2t + Ost^2 + Ps^4 \pm Cs^2t \pm Dst^2 \pm Jt^5) \\ & + k_6(t^2 \pm 2Nst^2 \pm 2Ot^3 \pm 2St^4 \pm 2Tt^5 + O^2t^4 + 2OSt^5) \\ & + k_7(s^3 + 3Cs^4) + k_8(\pm s^2t) + k_9st^2 \\ & + k_{10}(\pm t^3 + 3Ot^4 + 3St^5 \pm 3O^2t^5) + k_{11}(t^4 \pm 4Ot^5) \\ & = k_1 + k_2s + k_3t + k_4s^2 + k_5st + k_6t^2 + k_7s^3 + k_8s^2t + k_9st^2 + k_{10}t^3 + k_{11}t^4 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the coefficients standing at powers of  $s$  and  $t$ , we find that  $k_2 = k_3 = k_4 = k_5 = k_6 = k_7 = k_8 = k_{10} = k_{11} = 0$  and  $k_1, k_9$  are arbitrary real coefficients. This means that

$$(3) \quad SA = \{k_1 + k_9st^2; k_1, k_9 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

and we have obtained the description of the subalgebra of fixed elements. Naturally,  $SA$  is nontrivial, i.e.  $SA \not\subseteq \mathbb{R} \cdot 1$ . This proves our claim.

**Proposition 3.** *There are Weil algebras with nontrivial subalgebras of fixed elements.*

## 2. THE CLASSIFICATION THEOREMS

### 2.1. (a)-lifts and $\langle a \rangle$ -lifts. Affinors $\text{af}(a)$ and $\text{Af}(a)$ .

Let  $X: M \rightsquigarrow TM$  be a vector field on an  $m$ -manifold  $M$ . Given a natural bundle  $F$  over  $m$ -manifolds, one general operator  $T \rightarrow TF$  is the *flow operator*  $\mathcal{F}$ , which is defined by

$$\mathcal{F}_M(X) := \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_0 F(F1_s^X),$$

where  $F1_s^X$  means the flow of a vector field  $X$ . The vector field  $\mathcal{F}_M(X)$  on  $FM$  is called the *complete lift* of  $X$  to  $FM$ .



Let  $A$  be a Weil algebra and  $a \in A$ . Then  $a$  determines the following action on  $TT^A \mathbb{R}^m : (p_1, \dots, p_m, v_1, \dots, v_m) \mapsto (p_1, \dots, p_m, av_1, \dots, av_m)$ . This implies that the action of any  $a \in A$  on  $TT^A M$  is a natural affinator  $\text{af}_M(a) : TT^A M \rightarrow TT^A M$ , see [2], [4]. The vector field  $X^{(a)}$  on  $T^A M$  defined as

$$X^{(a)} := \text{af}_M(a) \circ \mathcal{T}_M^A(X)$$

is called the  $(a)$ -lift of  $X$  to  $T^A M$ . This lift was introduced by I. Kolář in [6], cf. also [4]. Immediately,  $X^{(1)}$  is the complete lift.

So, let  $a \in SA$ .  $\pi : \text{reg } T^A M \rightarrow K^A M$  is a principal fiber bundle with structure group  $\text{Aut } A$ . Let  $u \in TK^A M$ . Choose  $v \in T(\text{reg } T^A M)$  with  $T\pi(v) = u$  and put

$$\text{Af}_M(a)(u) := T\pi(\text{af}_M(a)(v)).$$

We prove that our definition is correct. Let  $w \in T(\text{reg } T^A M)$  be another vector with  $T\pi(w) = u$ . Let  $w_t, v_t \in \text{reg } T^A M$  be the curves representing  $w$  and  $v$ , respectively. Since  $\pi$  is a submersion, we can assume  $\pi(w_t) = \pi(v_t)$ . Then there exists a smoothly parametrized family  $\varphi_t \in \text{Aut}(A)$  such that  $w_t = \varphi_t(v_t)$ . We define a vector field  $Y$  on  $T^A M$  by  $Y_y = \text{af}_M(a)(d/dt|_0 \varphi_t(y))$ , where  $y \in T^A M$ . Then  $Y$  is an absolute vector field on  $T^A M$  and the flow  $F_s = F_s^Y$  of  $Y$  belongs to  $\text{Aut}(A)$ . Thus,  $T\pi(\text{af}_M(a)(d/dt|_0 \varphi_t(v_0))) = T\pi(Y_{v_0}) = T\pi(d/ds|_0 F_s(v_0)) = d/ds|_0 (\pi \circ F_s(v_0)) = 0$  as  $\pi \circ F_s = \pi$  and  $T\pi(\text{af}_M(a)(w)) = T\pi(\text{af}_M(a)(d/dt|_0 \varphi_t(v_t))) = T\pi(\text{af}_M(a)(T\varphi_0(v))) + T\pi(\text{af}_M(a)(d/dt|_0 \varphi_t(v_0))) = T\pi(T\varphi_0 \circ \text{af}_M(\varphi_0^{-1}(a))(v)) = T\pi(\text{af}_M(a)(v))$  as  $T\varphi_0 \circ \text{af}_M(\varphi_0^{-1}(a)) \circ T\varphi_0^{-1} = \text{af}_M(a)$ ,  $\varphi_0^{-1}(a) = a$  and  $\pi \circ \varphi_0^{-1} = \pi$ . Hence the definition is correct.

The family  $\text{Af}(a) = \{\text{Af}_M(a)\}$  is a natural affinator on  $K^A$  depending linearly on  $a \in SA$ . If  $a = 1$ ,  $\text{Af}(1)$  is the identity natural affinator on  $K^A$  and  $\text{Af}_M(1)$  is the identity map on  $TK^A M$ .

The vector field  $X^{(a)}$  on  $K^A M$  defined as

$$X^{(a)} := \text{Af}_M(a) \circ \mathcal{K}_M^A(X)$$

is called the  $\langle a \rangle$ -lift of  $X$  to  $K^A M$ . The correspondence  $\mathcal{A}^{(a)} : T|_{\mathcal{M}f_m} \rightarrow TK^A$ ,  $X \rightarrow X^{(a)}$  is a linear natural operator depending linearly on  $a \in SA$ . If  $a = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{A}^{(a)}$  is the flow operator  $\mathcal{K}^A$  and  $X^{(1)}$  is the complete lift.

**Exercise 2.** Verify that another equivalent way how to define correctly  $X^{(a)}$  for  $a \in SA$  is the following. Let  $u \in K^A M$ . Choose  $v \in \text{reg } T^A M$  with  $\pi(v) = u$  and put  $X|_u^{(a)} := T\pi(X|_v^{(a)})$ .

## 2.2. Liftings of vector fields to $K^A$ .

The first main result of this paper is the following classification theorem.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $A$  be a Weil algebra,  $m \geq w(A) + 2$ . Then for every natural operator  $\mathcal{A}: T|_{\mathcal{M}f_m} \rightsquigarrow TK^A$  there exists uniquely determined  $a \in SA$  such that  $\mathcal{A} = \text{Af}(a) \circ \mathcal{K}^A$ .*

*Proof.* *Step 1. The choice of  $\sigma$ .*

We denote by  $t^1, \dots, t^k$  and  $x^1, \dots, x^m$  the coordinates on  $\mathbb{R}^k$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , respectively,  $k = w(A)$ . Since  $m \geq k + 2$ , we have the embedding  $\tilde{\sigma}: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\tilde{\sigma}(t^1, \dots, t^k) = (0, t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Then  $j^A \tilde{\sigma}$  has 0 as the target and it is regular, i.e.  $j^A \tilde{\sigma} \in \text{reg } T_0^A \mathbb{R}^m$ . It follows  $\sigma = i(j^A \tilde{\sigma}) \in K_0^A \mathbb{R}^m$ .

*Step 2.  $\mathcal{A}$  is determined by  $\mathcal{A}(\partial/\partial x^1)|_\sigma$ .*

Consider a natural operator  $\mathcal{A}: T|_{\mathcal{M}f_m} \rightsquigarrow TK^A$ . We prove that  $\mathcal{A}$  is uniquely determined by  $\mathcal{A}(\partial/\partial x^1)|_\sigma$ . Every vector field  $X$  with non-zero value at  $x$  can be expressed in a suitable local coordinate system centered at  $x$  as the constant vector field  $\partial/\partial x^1$ . In addition, the well-known fact following from the theory of natural operators is that  $\mathcal{A}$  is uniquely determined by  $\mathcal{A}(\partial/\partial x^1)|_{K_0^A \mathbb{R}^m}$ . We need to show that the orbit through  $\sigma \in K_0^A \mathbb{R}^m$  with respect to the diffeomorphisms  $\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  preserving  $\text{germ}_0(\partial/\partial x^1)$  forms a dense subset in  $K_0^A \mathbb{R}^m$ . We consider an arbitrary map  $\gamma: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\gamma(t^1, \dots, t^k) = (\gamma^1(t), \dots, \gamma^m(t))$  such that  $\gamma(0) = 0$  and the map  $p \circ \gamma: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-1}$  is of rank  $k$  at 0 (where  $p: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-1}$ ,  $p(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (x^2, \dots, x^m)$ , is the canonical projection). Since all  $\pi(j^A \gamma)$  with such a  $\gamma$  form a dense subset in  $K_0^A \mathbb{R}^m$ , it is sufficient to verify that  $\pi(j^A \gamma)$  is in the mentioned orbit. We deduce this as follows. Since  $k \geq 1$  and  $m \geq k + 1$ , we have a diffeomorphism  $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\varphi(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (x^1 + \gamma^1(x^2, \dots, x^{k+1}), x^2, \dots, x^m)$ . Evidently,  $\varphi$  preserves  $\text{germ}_0(\partial/\partial x^1)$  and  $K^A \varphi \circ \pi(j^A(\tilde{\sigma})) = \pi(j^A(\varphi \circ \tilde{\sigma})) = \pi(j^A(\gamma_1(t), t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0))$ . On the other hand, since  $p \circ \gamma$  is of rank  $k$  near  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^k$ , there is a diffeomorphism  $\psi: \mathbb{R}^{m-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-1}$  such that  $p \circ \gamma = \psi \circ (t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0)$  near  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^k$ . Then  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}} \times \psi$  preserves  $\text{germ}_0(\partial/\partial x^1)$  and sends  $\pi(j^A(\gamma_1(t), t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0))$  into  $\pi(j^A(\gamma))$ . Hence  $\pi(j^A \gamma)$  is in the orbit.

*Step 3.  $\mathcal{A}$  is sum of a vertical operator and a multiple of the flow operator.*

We prove that  $\mathcal{A} = \alpha \mathcal{A}^{(1)} + \mathcal{V}$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and some  $\Pi$ -vertical operator  $\mathcal{V}: T|_{\mathcal{M}f_m} \rightsquigarrow TK^A$ , where  $\Pi$  is the bundle functor projection of  $K^A$ . Let  $\alpha^i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$  be the coordinates of the vector  $Z = T\Pi(\mathcal{A}(\partial/\partial x^1)|_\sigma)$ . For  $\tau \neq 0$ , we take the  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -maps  $c_\tau: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $c_\tau(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (\tau x^1, \dots, x^m)$ . The maps  $c_\tau$  preserve  $\sigma$ , send  $\partial/\partial x^1$  into  $\tau \partial/\partial x^1$  and send  $Z$  into  $\bar{Z}$ , the coordinates of which are  $\tau \alpha^1, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^m$ . Hence  $\bar{Z} = T\Pi(\mathcal{A}(\tau \partial/\partial x^1)|_\sigma)$ . For  $\tau \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain  $T\Pi(\mathcal{A}(0)|_\sigma)$ , but  $\mathcal{A}(0)$  is an absolute operator and, consequently, a  $\Pi$ -vertical operator. Thus,  $\alpha^2 = \dots = \alpha^m = 0$ . As the (first) coordinate of the vector  $T\Pi(\mathcal{A}^{(1)}(\partial/\partial x^1)|_\sigma)$  equals 1,  $V := \mathcal{A} - \alpha^1 \mathcal{A}^{(1)}$  is  $\Pi$ -vertical.

*Step 4. The expression of the flow of  $\mathcal{V}(\partial/\partial x^1)$ .*

In view of the previous step of the proof, we shall investigate only the  $\Pi$ -vertical operator  $\mathcal{V}$  from now on. We study the flow  $F_s = F1_s^{\mathcal{V}(\partial/\partial x^1)}$  of  $\mathcal{V}(\partial/\partial x^1)$ , and it suffices to study  $F_s(\sigma)$  for small  $s$  thanks to the step 2. We can write  $F_s(\sigma) = \pi(j^A(\tilde{\sigma} + \tilde{\sigma}_s))$ , where  $\tilde{\sigma}_s: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is some family of maps smoothly parametrized by  $s$ , with  $\tilde{\sigma}_s(0) = 0$  and  $\tilde{\sigma}_0(t) = 0$ . For  $\tau \neq 0$ , we take the  $\mathcal{M}f_m$ -maps  $b_\tau: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $b_\tau(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (x^1, \dots, x^{k+1}, \tau x^{k+2}, \dots, \tau x^m)$ . The maps  $b_\tau$  preserve  $\sigma$  and  $\partial/\partial x^1$ . Hence  $b_\tau$  preserve also  $F_s(\sigma)$ , which means that  $F_s(\sigma) = \pi(j^A(b_\tau \circ (\tilde{\sigma} + \tilde{\sigma}_s)))$ . For  $\tau \rightarrow 0$  we get  $F_s(\sigma) = \pi(j^A(\tilde{\sigma}_s^1, t^1 + \tilde{\sigma}_s^2, \dots, t^k + \tilde{\sigma}_s^{k+1}, 0, \dots, 0))$ , where  $s$  is so small that  $j^A(\tilde{\sigma}_s^1, t^1 + \tilde{\sigma}_s^2, \dots, t^k + \tilde{\sigma}_s^{k+1}, 0, \dots, 0) \in \text{reg } T^A \mathbb{R}^m$ .

*Step 5. The invariance of  $\underline{i}$  with respect to  $(\varrho_s)^*$ .*

Let  $\varrho_s: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $\varrho_s(t^1, \dots, t^k) = (t^1 + \tilde{\sigma}_s^2, \dots, t^k + \tilde{\sigma}_s^{k+1})$ ,  $(\varrho_s)^*: \mathcal{E}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_k$  be the pullback of  $\varrho_s$  and  $A = \mathcal{E}_k/\underline{i}$  the Weil algebra in question. We prove that  $(\varrho_s)^*(\underline{i}) \subset \underline{i}$ . We consider a map  $\eta: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\text{germ}_0(\eta) \in \underline{i}$ . Since  $m \geq k + 2$ , we have a diffeomorphism  $\chi: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\chi(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (x^1, \dots, x^{k+1}, x^{k+2} + \eta(x^2, \dots, x^{k+1}), x^{k+3}, \dots, x^m)$ . Clearly,  $\chi$  preserves  $\partial/\partial x^1$  and  $\chi$  preserves  $\sigma$  as  $\text{germ}_0(\eta) \in \underline{i}$ . Hence  $\chi$  preserve also  $F_s(\sigma)$ . Furthermore,  $\chi(\tilde{\sigma}_s^1, t^1 + \tilde{\sigma}_s^2, \dots, t^k + \tilde{\sigma}_s^{k+1}, 0, \dots, 0) = (\tilde{\sigma}_s^1, t^1 + \tilde{\sigma}_s^2, \dots, t^k + \tilde{\sigma}_s^{k+1}, \eta \circ \varrho_s, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Then we have  $F_s(\sigma) = \pi(j^A(\tilde{\sigma}_s^1, t^1 + \tilde{\sigma}_s^2, \dots, t^k + \tilde{\sigma}_s^{k+1}, 0, \dots, 0)) = \pi(j^A(\tilde{\sigma}_s^1, t^1 + \tilde{\sigma}_s^2, \dots, t^k + \tilde{\sigma}_s^{k+1}, \eta \circ \varrho_s, 0, \dots, 0))$ . Then there is some  $\varphi \in \text{Aut } A$  such that  $\varphi(j^A(\tilde{\sigma}_s^1, t^1 + \tilde{\sigma}_s^2, \dots, t^k + \tilde{\sigma}_s^{k+1}, 0, \dots, 0)) = j^A((\tilde{\sigma}_s^1, t^1 + \tilde{\sigma}_s^2, \dots, t^k + \tilde{\sigma}_s^{k+1}, \eta \circ \varrho_s, 0, \dots, 0))$ . This means that  $j^A(0) = j^A(\eta \circ \varrho_s)$  and that is why  $\text{germ}_0(\eta \circ \varrho_s) \in \underline{i}$ , in other words  $(\varrho_s)^*(\underline{i}) \subset \underline{i}$ .

*Step 6. The expression of the flow of  $\mathcal{V}(\partial/\partial x^1)$  anew.*

Let  $[(\varrho_s)^*]: A \rightarrow A$  be the quotient homomorphism.  $A$  is finite dimensional and  $(\varrho_s)^{-1}$  exists near  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^k$  if  $s$  is small. Thus  $[(\varrho_s)^*] \in \text{Aut}(A)$  and  $[(\varrho_s)^*]^{-1} = [((\varrho_s)^{-1})^*]$ . Hence  $F_s(\sigma) = \pi([( (\varrho_s)^* ]^{-1}(j^A(\tilde{\sigma}_s^1, t^1 + \tilde{\sigma}_s^2, \dots, t^k + \tilde{\sigma}_s^{k+1}, 0, \dots, 0))) = \pi(j^A(\tilde{\sigma}_s^1 \circ (\varrho_s)^{-1}, t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0)) = \pi(j^A(\eta_s, t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0))$ , where  $\eta_s: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is some family, smoothly parametrized by  $s$ , with  $\eta_s(0) = 0$  and  $\eta_0(t) = 0$ .

*Step 7.  $[\text{germ}_0(\eta_s)]_{\underline{i}}$  belongs to  $SA$ .*

Let us denote  $a_s = [\text{germ}_0(\eta_s)]_{\underline{i}}$ . We take a diffeomorphism  $\tilde{\varphi}: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  preserving  $0$  such that  $\underline{i}$  is invariant with respect to the pullback  $\tilde{\varphi}^*: \mathcal{E}^k \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^k$ . Let  $\varphi = [\tilde{\varphi}^*]: A \rightarrow A$  be its quotient map. Then  $\varphi^{-1} = [(\tilde{\varphi}^{-1})^*]$  and  $\varphi \in \text{Aut } A$ . Let  $\Phi: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\Phi(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (x^1, \tilde{\varphi}^1(x^2, \dots, x^{k+1}), \dots, \tilde{\varphi}^k(x^2, \dots, x^{k+1}), x^{k+2}, \dots, x^m)$ . Evidently,  $\Phi(0) = 0$  and  $\Phi$  preserves  $\partial/\partial x^1$ .  $\Phi$  preserves also  $\sigma$  as  $K^A \Phi(\sigma) = \pi(j^A(\Phi \circ \tilde{\sigma})) = \pi(\varphi^{-1}(j^A(\Phi \circ \tilde{\sigma}))) = \pi(j^A(\Phi \circ \tilde{\sigma} \circ \tilde{\varphi}^{-1})) = \pi(j^A(0, t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0))$ . Hence  $\Phi$  preserves  $F_s(\sigma)$ . Now  $F_s(\sigma) = \pi(j^A(\Phi \circ (\eta_s, t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0))) = \pi(j^A(\eta_s, \tilde{\varphi}^1, \dots, \tilde{\varphi}^k, 0, \dots, 0)) = \pi(\varphi^{-1}(j^A(\eta_s, \tilde{\varphi}^1, \dots, \tilde{\varphi}^k, 0, \dots, 0))) = \pi(j^A(\eta_s \circ \tilde{\varphi}^{-1}, t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0))$ . Hence there is some  $\psi \in \text{Aut } A$  such that  $\psi(j^A(\eta_s, t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0)) = j^A(\eta_s \circ \tilde{\varphi}^{-1}, t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0)$ . It follows that  $\psi(j^A \eta_s) = j^A(\eta_s \circ$

$\tilde{\varphi}^{-1}$ ). In addition, we obtain  $\psi(j^A t^1) = j^A t^1, \dots, \psi(j^A t^k) = j^A t^k$ , i.e.  $\psi$  is nothing but the identity. Thus,  $j^A \eta_s = j^A(\eta_s \circ \tilde{\varphi}^{-1})$ , which means that  $\varphi(a_s) = a_s$  for any  $\varphi \in \text{Aut } A$ . Thus  $a_s \in SA$ .

*Step 8.  $\mathcal{A}$  equals  $\mathcal{A}^{(a)}$ .*

Let  $\tilde{\eta}: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\tilde{\eta} := d/ds|_0 \eta_s$ ,  $a := d/ds|_0 a_s$ . Then  $a = [\text{germ}_0(\tilde{\eta})]_{\mathbb{1}} \in SA$ . We have  $\mathcal{V}(\partial/\partial x^1)|_\sigma = d/ds|_0 F_s(\sigma) = d/ds|_0 (\pi(j^A(\eta_s, t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0))) = d/ds|_0 (\pi(j^A(s\tilde{\eta}, t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0))) = A^{(a)}(\partial/\partial x^1)|_\sigma$ . Hence  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}^{(a)}$  as in the steps 2 and 3.

*Step 9.  $a$  is uniquely determined.*

To prove that  $a$  is uniquely determined it suffices to show that  $\mathcal{A}^{(a)} = 0$  implies  $a = 0$ . Let  $A^{(a)} = 0$ ,  $a \in SA$ . There exists  $\eta: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a = [\text{germ}_0(\eta)]_{\mathbb{1}}$ . Let  $\varphi_s$  be the flow of  $(\partial/\partial x^1)^{(a)}$ . Then  $\varphi_s(\sigma) = \pi(j^A(s\eta, t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0))$ . For sufficiently small  $s_0 \neq 0$ , we have  $\varphi_{s_0}(\sigma) = \sigma$  as  $\mathcal{A}^{(a)} = 0$ . We obtain  $\varphi(j^A(0, t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0)) = j^A(s_0\eta, t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0)$  for some  $\varphi \in \text{Aut } A$ . Thus,  $j^A \eta = j^A 0$ . Hence  $a = 0$ .  $\square$

### 2.3. Natural affinors on $K^A$ .

The second main result of this paper is the following classification theorem.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $A$  be a Weil algebra,  $m \geq w(A) + 2$ . Then for every natural affinor  $\mathcal{Q}$  on  $K^A$  there exists uniquely determined  $a \in SA$  such that  $\mathcal{Q} = \text{Af}(a)$ .*

*Proof.* Using  $\mathcal{Q}$  we define natural operator  $\mathcal{Q} \circ A^{(1)}: T \rightsquigarrow TK^A$ . Then there exists a uniquely determined  $a \in SA$  such that  $\mathcal{Q} \circ \mathcal{A}^{(1)} = \mathcal{A}^{(1)} = \text{Af}(a) \circ \mathcal{A}^{(1)}$ . Let  $\tilde{\sigma}$  and  $\sigma$  be as in the proof of Theorem 1. Clearly,  $(\partial/\partial x^1)^{(1)}|_{j^A(\tilde{\sigma})} \in TT^A \mathbb{R}^m$  has dense orbit. Then  $\varrho := (\partial/\partial x^1)^{(1)}|_\sigma \in TK^A \mathbb{R}^m$  has dense orbit, too. But  $\mathcal{Q}(\varrho) = \text{Af}(a)(\varrho)$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{Q} = \text{Af}(a)$ .  $\square$

### 2.4. Corollaries.

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $A$  be a Weil algebra,  $m \geq w(A) + 2$  and  $SA = \mathbb{R} \cdot 1$ . Then every natural operator  $T|_{\mathcal{M}f_m} \rightsquigarrow TK^A$  is a constant multiple of the flow operator.*

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $A$  be a homogeneous Weil algebra and  $m \geq w(A) + 2$ . Then every natural operator  $T|_{\mathcal{M}f_m} \rightsquigarrow TK^A$  is a constant multiple of the flow operator.*

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $m \geq k_1 + \dots + k_l + 2$ . Then every natural operator  $T|_{\mathcal{M}f_m} \rightarrow TK^A$ , where  $A$  is the Weil algebra of the functor  $T_{k_1}^{r_1} \circ \dots \circ T_{k_l}^{r_l}$ , is a constant multiple of the flow operator.*

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $A$  be a Weil algebra,  $m \geq w(A) + 2$ . Then every canonical vector field on  $K^A$  is the zero vector field.*

**Corollary 5.** *Let  $A$  be a Weil algebra,  $m \geq w(A) + 2$  and  $SA = \mathbb{R} \cdot 1$ . Then every natural affnor on  $K^A$  is a constant multiple of the identity affnor.*

**Corollary 6.** *Let  $A$  be a homogeneous Weil algebra and  $m \geq w(A) + 2$ . Then every natural affnor on  $K^A$  is a constant multiple of the identity affnor.*

**Corollary 7.** *Let  $m \geq k_1 + \dots + k_l + 2$ . Then every natural affnor on  $K^A$ , where  $A$  is the Weil algebra of the functor  $T_{k_1}^{r_1} \circ \dots \circ T_{k_l}^{r_l}$ , is a constant multiple of the identity affnor.*

**Proofs.** Corollary 1 follows from Theorem 1 immediately. Corollary 2 follows from Corollary 1 and Proposition 1. Corollary 3 follows from Corollary 2, because the Weil algebra of the functor  $T_{k_1}^{r_1} \circ \dots \circ T_{k_l}^{r_l}$  is homogeneous as in examples (ii) and (vii). Corollary 4 follows from Theorem 1 immediately. Corollary 5 follows from Theorem 2 immediately. Corollary 6 follows from Corollary 5 and Proposition 1. Corollary 7 follows from Corollary 6.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** Up to now, only the special case  $l = 1$  of Corollary 3 has been known, see [7, Proposition 44.4]. As well, up to now, only the special case  $l = 1$ , of Corollary 7 has been known, see [8].

## 2.5. The rigidity of $K^A$ .

Corollary 4 shows that the group of all automorphisms  $K^A \rightarrow K^A$  is discrete. Modifying the steps 4, 5 and 6 of the proof of Theorem 1 we can obtain the following strict result.

**Theorem 3 (Rigidity Theorem).** *Let  $A$  be a Weil algebra,  $m \geq w(A) + 1$ . Then every natural transformation  $\mathcal{C}: K^A \rightarrow K^A$  is the identity one.*

**Proof.** Define  $\sigma = \pi(j^A(\tilde{\sigma})) \in K_0^A \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\tilde{\sigma}: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\tilde{\sigma}(t^1, \dots, t^k) = (t^1, \dots, t^k, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Since  $K_0^A \mathbb{R}^m$  is the orbit of  $\sigma$ , it suffices to show that  $\mathcal{C}(\sigma) = \sigma$ .

We can write  $\mathcal{C}(\sigma) = \pi(j^A(\xi))$ , where  $\xi: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is of rank  $k$  at 0 and  $\xi(0) = 0$ . Applying (if needed) a linear isomorphism  $\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  preserving  $\sigma$  to both sides of the equality  $\mathcal{C}(\sigma) = \pi(j^A(\xi))$ , we can assume that  $\varrho: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $\varrho = (\xi^1, \dots, \xi^k)$  is an embedding. Then similarly as in Step 4 of the proof of Theorem 1 we can write  $\mathcal{C}(\sigma) = \pi(j^A(\xi^1, \dots, \xi^k, 0, \dots, 0))$ . Similarly as in Step 5,  $(\varrho)^*(\mathfrak{i}) \subset \mathfrak{i}$ . Then similarly as in Step 6 we have  $\mathcal{C}(\sigma) = \pi([\varrho^*]^{-1}(j^A(\xi^1, \dots, \xi^k, 0, \dots, 0))) = \sigma$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.** In Corollary 4 we can assume that  $m \geq w(A) + 1$ . Indeed, if  $m \geq w(A) + 1$ , then every one-parameter group of natural automorphisms  $K^A \rightarrow K^A$  is trivial thanks to the Rigidity Theorem.

**Remark 3.** Up to now, only the special case of Rigidity Theorem for  $A = \mathbb{D}_k^r$  has been known, see [8] (see also [10] for  $A = \mathbb{D}_k^1$ ).

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