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GENERALIZED AFFINE DEVELOPMENTS

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ABSTRACT. The (affine) development of a smooth curve in a smooth manifold M with respect to an arbitrarily given affine connection in the bundle of affine frames over M is well known (cf. S.Kobayashi and K.Nomizu, Foundations of Differential Geometry, Vol.1). In this paper, we get the generalized affine development of a smooth curve x_t ($t \in [0, 1]$) in M into the affine tangent space at $x_0 (\in M)$ with respect to a given generalized affine connection in the bundle of affine frames over M.

1. Introduction

The (affine) development of a smooth curve in a smooth manifold M with respect to an arbitrarily given affine connection in the bundle of affine frames over M is well known (cf. [1, 2, 3]).

The purpose of this paper is to get the generalized affine development of a smooth curve x_t $(0 \le t \le 1)$ in a C^{∞} manifold M into the affine tangent space $A_{x_0}(M)$ with respect to a given generalized affine connection in the bundle of affine frames over M.

The main result in this paper is as follows.

Let L(M) and A(M) be the linear frame and the affine frame bundles over an *n*-dimensional C^{∞} manifold M respectively. Let $\tilde{\gamma} : L(M) \hookrightarrow$ A(M) be the homomorphism of L(M) into A(M) with the group homomorphism $\gamma : GL(n; R) \hookrightarrow A(n; R)$, $\bar{\omega}$ an arbitrarily given generalized affine connection in A(M), and $\tilde{\gamma}^* \bar{\omega} =: \omega + \varphi$ (ω is the connection (form) in L(M) corresponding to $\bar{\omega}$, and φ is the R^n -valued 1-form on L(M)which is corresponding to $\bar{\omega}$). Let $\tau = x_t$ ($0 \le t \le 1$) be a C^{∞} curve in M, and $\bar{\tau}_0^t$ the generalized affine parallel displacement of the affine

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tangent space $A_{x_t}(M)$ into $A_{x_0}(M)$ with respect to $\bar{\omega}$ in A(M). Then, the generalized affine development $\bar{C}_t = \bar{\tau}_0^t(x_t) \ (0 \le t \le 1)$ of the curve $\tau = x_t \ (0 \le t \le 1)$ in M into $A_{x_0}(M)$ is given as follows:

$$\bar{C}_t = \bar{\tau}_0^t(x_t) = \bar{\tau}_0^t(\dot{x}_t) - \tau_0^t(\dot{x}_t) \quad (0 \le t \le 1),$$

where $\dot{x}_t := dx_t/dt$ and τ_0^t is the linear parallel displacement along τ from x_t to x_0 with respect to ω in L(M) which is corresponding to $\bar{\omega}$ in A(M).

2. Preliminaries

In general, when we regard \mathbb{R}^n as an affine space, we denote it by A^n . The group $A(n; \mathbb{R}) (= GL(n; \mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ of all affine transformations of A^n is represented by the group of all matrices of the form

(2.1)
$$\tilde{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a & \xi \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $a = (a_j^i)_{i,j} \in GL(n; R)$ and $\xi = (\xi^i)$, $\xi \in R^n$, is a column vector. The element \tilde{a} maps a point η of A^n into $a\eta + \xi$. We have the following exact sequence:

(2.2)
$$0 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \stackrel{\alpha}{\hookrightarrow} A(n;\mathbb{R}) \stackrel{\beta}{\longrightarrow} GL(n;\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow 1.$$

The tangent space $T_x(M)$ of an *n*-dimensional smooth manifold M at $x \ (\in M)$, regarded as an affine space, is denoted by $A_x(M)$ and is called the *affine tangent space*. An *affine frame* of the manifold M at $x \ (\in M)$ consists of a point $p \in A_x(M)$ and a linear frame (X_1, \ldots, X_n) at x; it is denoted by $(X_1, \ldots, X_n; p)$. We denote by A(M) the set of all affine frames of M and define the projection $\tilde{\pi} : A(M) \to M$ by setting $\tilde{\pi}(\tilde{u}) =$ x for every affine frame \tilde{u} at x. Then, $A(M)(M, A(n; R), \tilde{\pi})$ is a principal fiber bundle over M with group A(n; R). We call $A(M)(M, A(n; R), \tilde{\pi})$ the *bundle of affine frames* over M.

Let L(M) be the bundle of linear frames over M. Corresponding to the group homomorphisms $\beta : A(n; R) \to GL(n; R)$ and $\gamma : GL(n; R) \hookrightarrow A(n; R)$, we have principal fiber bundle homomorphisms $\tilde{\beta} : A(M) \to L(M)$ and $\tilde{\gamma} : L(M) \hookrightarrow A(M)$. Namely, $\tilde{\beta} : A(M) \to L(M)$ maps $(X_1, \ldots, X_n; p)$ into (X_1, \ldots, X_n) , and $\tilde{\gamma} : L(M) \hookrightarrow A(M)$ maps (X_1, \ldots, X_n) into $(X_1, \ldots, X_n; 0_x)$, where $0_x \in A_x(M)$ is the point corresponding to the origin of $T_x(M)$. In particular, L(M) can be considered as a subbundle of A(M).

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A generalized affine connection of M is a connection in the principal fiber bundle A(M) of affine frames over M. We denote by \mathbb{R}^n the Lie algebra of the vector group \mathbb{R}^n . Corresponding to the exact sequence (2.2) of groups, we have the following exact sequence of the Lie algebras:

(2.3)
$$0 \hookrightarrow R^n \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{a}(n; R) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(n; R) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Therefore,

(2.4)
$$\mathfrak{a}(n;R) = \mathfrak{gl}(n;R) + R^n$$
 (semidirect sum).

Let $\bar{\omega}$ be the connection form of a generalized affine connection of M. Then $\tilde{\gamma}^*\bar{\omega}$ is an $\mathfrak{a}(n; R)$ -valued 1-form on L(M), where $\tilde{\gamma}^*\bar{\omega}$ is the pull back of $\bar{\omega}$ by $\tilde{\gamma}$. Let

(2.5)
$$\tilde{\gamma}^* \bar{\omega} = \omega + \varphi$$

be the decomposition corresponding to $\mathfrak{a}(n; R) = \mathfrak{gl}(n; R) + R^n$, so that ω is a $\mathfrak{gl}(n; R)$ -valued 1-form on L(M) and φ is an R^n -valued 1-form on L(M). Here φ is a tensorial 1-form on L(M) of type $(GL(n; R), R^n)$ ([2, §5 of Chapter II]), and hence corresponds to a tensor field of type (1,1) on M.

A generalized affine connection (form) $\bar{\omega}$ is called an *affine connection* (form) if, in (2.5), the \mathbb{R}^n -valued 1-form φ is the canonical 1-form θ on L(M), i.e.,

(2.6)
$$\theta(X) = u^{-1}(\pi_{\star}(X))$$
 for $X \in T_u(P)$, $(u \in L(M), P = (L(M))$.

From now on, we denote by $\tilde{\omega}$ and $\bar{\omega}$ affine connections (forms) and generalized affine connections (forms) in the principal fiber bundle A(M) of all affine frames over M respectively.

For later use, we introduce the following lemmas.

LEMMA 2.1. ([2, Proposition 3.1, p.127]) Let $\bar{\omega}$ be a generalized affine connection (form) on A(M) and let

$$\tilde{\gamma}^{\star}\bar{\omega} = \omega + \varphi,$$

where ω is $\mathfrak{gl}(n; R)$ -valued and φ is R^n -valued. Then

- (1) The correspondence between the set of all generalized affine connection forms on A(M) and the set of all pairs consisting of a connection form on L(M) and a tensorial 1-form on L(M) of type $(GL(n; R), R^n)$ given by $\bar{\omega} \to (\omega, \varphi)$ is 1: 1.
- (2) The homomorphism $\tilde{\beta} : A(M) \to L(M)$ maps horizontal subspaces in A(M) into horizontal subspaces in L(M).

The following lemma is an immediate consequence of Lemma 2.1.

LEMMA 2.2. ([2, Theorem 3.3, p.129]) The principal fiber bundle homomorphism $\tilde{\beta} : A(M) \to L(M)$ maps every affine connection on A(M) into a linear connection on L(M). Moreover, the map, which is defined by (1) of Lemma1.1, between the set of all affine connections in A(M) and the set of all linear connections in L(M) is a one-to-one correspondence.

3. Developments

3.1. Affine developments

Let $\tau = x_t$ $(0 \le t \le 1)$ be a smooth curve in M. The affine parallel displacement along τ is an affine transformation of the affine tangent space $A_{x_0}(M)$ at x_0 onto the affine tangent space $A_{x_1}(M)$ at x_1 defined by the given affine connection in A(M). Let $\tilde{\tau}_s^t$ be the affine parallel displacement along the curve τ from x_t to x_0 . A cross section of Minto the affine tangent bundle (associated with A(M)) is called a *point* field. Let p be a point field defined along τ so that p_{x_t} is an element of $A_{x_t}(M)$ for each t. Then $\tilde{\tau}_0^t(p_{x_t})$ describes a curve in $A_{x_0}(M)$. We identify the curve $\tau = x_t$ with the trivial point field along τ , that is, the point field corresponding to the zero vector field along τ . Then the affine development of the curve τ in M into the affine tangent space $A_{x_0}(M)$ is the curve $\tilde{\tau}_0^t(x_t)$ in $A_{x_0}(M)$, where $\tilde{\tau}_0^t$ is the affine parallel displacement $A_{x_t}(M) \to A_{x_0}(M)$ along τ (in the reversed direction) from x_t to x_0 . The following lemma is well known.

LEMMA 3.1. ([2, Proposition 4.1, p.131]) Given a curve $\tau = x_t$ $(0 \le t \le 1)$ in M, set $Y_t = \tau_0^t(\dot{x}_t)$, where τ_0^t is the parallel displacement with respect to the linear connection $(form) \omega$ $(\tilde{\gamma}^* \tilde{\omega} = \omega + \theta)$ along τ from x_t to x_0 and $\dot{x}_t = dx_t/dt$. Let \tilde{C}_t $(0 \le t \le 1)$ be the curve in $A_{x_0}(M)$ starting from the origin (that is $\tilde{C}_0 = x_0$) such that $d\tilde{C}_t/dt = Y_t$ for every t. Then \tilde{C}_t is the affine development of τ into $A_{x_0}(M)$.

Proof. Let u_0 be any point in L(M) such that $\pi(u_0) = x_0$ and u_t is the horizontal lift of x_t in L(M) with respect to the linear connection ω . Let \tilde{u}_t be the horizontal lift of x_t in A(M) with respect to the affine connection (form) $\tilde{\omega}$ such that $\tilde{u}_0 = u_0$. Since, by virtue of Lemma 2.1, the homomorphism $\tilde{\beta} : A(M) \to L(M) = A(M)/R^n$ maps \tilde{u}_t into u_t , there is a curve \tilde{a}_t in $R^n \subset A(n; R)$ such that $\tilde{u}_t = u_t \tilde{a}_t$ and \tilde{a}_0 is the

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identity. Then, since $\tilde{a}_t \in \mathbb{R}^n \subset A(n; \mathbb{R})$, we can put

(3.1)
$$\tilde{a}_t = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & \tilde{\xi}(t) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{a}_t^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & -\tilde{\xi}(t) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

for each t.

Here we shall find a necessary and sufficient condition for \tilde{a}_t in order that \tilde{u}_t be horizontal with respect to the affine connection (form) $\tilde{\omega}$. From Leibniz's formula, we get

(3.2)
$$\dot{\tilde{u}}_t = \dot{u}_t \tilde{a}_t + u_t \dot{\tilde{a}}_t.$$

We obtain by virtue of (3.2) and Lemma 2.1

(3.3)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\omega}(\dot{\tilde{u}}_t) &= Ad(\tilde{a}_t^{-1})(\tilde{\omega}(\dot{u}_t)) + \tilde{a}_t^{-1}\dot{\tilde{a}}_t \\ &= Ad(\tilde{a}_t^{-1})(\omega(\dot{u}_t) + \theta(\dot{u}_t)) + \tilde{a}_t^{-1}\dot{\tilde{a}}_t \\ &= Ad(\tilde{a}_t^{-1})(\theta(\dot{u}_t)) + \tilde{a}_t^{-1}\dot{\tilde{a}}_t, \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{\omega}$ is the affine connection (form) in A(M) and ω is the linear connection (form) in L(M) which is corresponding to $\tilde{\omega}$. Thus, by virtue of (3.1) and (3.3), we get the fact that \tilde{u}_t is horizontal with respect to the affine connection (form) $\tilde{\omega}$ if and only if

(3.4)
$$\theta(\dot{u}_t) = -\dot{\tilde{a}}_t \ \tilde{a}_t^{-1} = \tilde{a}_t \ (d\tilde{a}_t^{-1}/dt) = d\tilde{a}_t^{-1}/dt.$$

Now, in order to obtain the affine development, we assume that the curve $\tilde{u}_t = u_t \tilde{a}_t$ in A(M) is horizontal with respect to the affine connection $\tilde{\omega}$. Then from (3.1) and (3.4), we obtain

(3.5)
$$Y_t := \tau_0^t(\dot{x}_t) = (u_0 \circ u_t^{-1})(\dot{x}_t) = u_0(\theta(\dot{u}_t)) = -u_0(d\tilde{\xi}(t)/dt)$$

Since $\tilde{a}_t^{-1} \in A(n; R)$ and $u_t^{-1}(x_t) \in A^n$, we have from (3.1)

(3.6)
$$\tilde{C}_t = \tilde{\tau}_0^t(x_t) = \tilde{u}_0(\tilde{u}_t^{-1}(x_t)) \\ = u_0(\tilde{a}_t^{-1}(u_t^{-1}(x_t))) = u_0(u_t^{-1}(x_t) - \tilde{\xi}(t)) = -u_0(\tilde{\xi}(t)).$$

By the help of (3.5) and (3.6), we obtain $d\tilde{C}_t/dt = \tau_0^t(\dot{x}_t) = Y_t$.

3.2. Generalized affine developments

As in the subsection 3.1, let $\tau = x_t$ $(0 \le t \le 1)$ be a (piecewise differentiable) curve in M. The generalized affine parallel displacement along τ is a generalized affine transformation of the affine tangent space $A_{x_0}(M)$ at x_0 onto the affine tangent space $A_{x_1}(M)$ at x_1 defined by a given generalized affine connection in A(M). Let $\bar{\tau}_s^t$ be the generalized affine parallel displacement along the curve τ from x_t to x_s . In particular, $\bar{\tau}_0^t$ is the generalized affine parallel displacement $A_{x_t}(M) \to A_{x_0}(M)$

along τ (in the reversed direction) from x_t to x_0 . The generalized affine development of the curve τ in M into the affine tangent space $A_{x_0}(M)$ is the curve $\bar{\tau}_0^t(x_t)$ in $A_{x_0}(M)$. Now we obtain the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.2. Let $\bar{\omega}$ be an arbitrarily given generalized affine connection in A(M), and let $\tau = x_t$ $(0 \le t \le 1)$ be a smooth curve in M. Let $\bar{\tau}_0^t$ be the parallel displacement of $A_{x_t}(M)$ into $A_{x_0}(M)$ along τ with respect to the generalized affine connection (form) $\bar{\omega}$. Then the generalized affine development $\bar{C}_t = \bar{\tau}_0^t(x_t)$ $(0 \le t \le 1)$ of the curve $\tau = x_t$ $(0 \le t \le 1)$ in M into $A_{x_0}(M)$ is given as follows:

$$\bar{C}_t = \bar{\tau}_0^t(x_t) = \bar{\tau}_0^t(\dot{x}_t) - \tau_0^t(\dot{x}_t) \quad (0 \le t \le 1),$$

where $\dot{x}_t := dx_t/dt$ and τ_0^t is the linear parallel displacement along τ from x_t to x_0 with respect to ω in L(M) which is corresponding to $\bar{\omega}$ in A(M).

Proof. For the generalized affine connection $\bar{\omega}$ in A(M), $\tilde{\gamma}^*(\bar{\omega}) = \omega + \varphi$, where ω (resp. φ) is the linear connection (resp. R^n -valued 1form) on L(M) which is corresponding to $\bar{\omega}$. Let u_0 be any point in L(M) such that $\pi(u_0) = x_0$ and u_t is the horizontal lift of x_t in L(M)with respect to the linear connection ω . Let \bar{u}_t be the horizontal lift of x_t in A(M) with respect to the generalized affine connection (form) $\bar{\omega}$ such that $\bar{u}_0 = u_0$. Since, by virtue of Lemma 2.1, the homomorphism $\tilde{\beta} : A(M) \to L(M) = A(M)/R^n$ maps \bar{u}_t into u_t , there is a curve \bar{a}_t in $R^n \subset A(n; R)$ such that $\bar{u}_t = u_t \bar{a}_t$ and \bar{a}_0 is the identity. Then, since $\bar{a}_t \in R^n \subset A(n; R)$, we can put

(3.7)
$$\bar{a}_t = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & \bar{\xi}(t) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{a}_t^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & -\bar{\xi}(t) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

for each t.

Here we shall find a necessary and sufficient condition for \bar{a}_t in order that \bar{u}_t be horizontal with respect to the generalized affine connection (form) $\bar{\omega}$. From Leibniz's formula, we get

$$\dot{\bar{u}}_t = \dot{\bar{u}}_t \bar{\bar{a}}_t + u_t \dot{\bar{a}}_t.$$

We obtain by virtue of (3.8) and Lemma 2.1

(3.9)
$$\bar{\omega}(\dot{\bar{u}}_t) = Ad(\bar{a}_t^{-1})(\bar{\omega}(\dot{\bar{u}}_t)) + \bar{a}_t^{-1}\dot{\bar{a}}_t$$
$$= Ad(\bar{a}_t^{-1})(\omega(\dot{\bar{u}}_t) + \varphi(\dot{\bar{u}}_t)) + \bar{a}_t^{-1}\dot{\bar{a}}_t$$
$$= Ad(\bar{a}_t^{-1})(\varphi(\dot{\bar{u}}_t)) + \bar{a}_t^{-1}\dot{\bar{a}}_t.$$

Thus, by virtue of (3.7) and (3.9), we get the fact that \bar{u}_t is horizontal with respect to the generalized affine connection (form) $\bar{\omega}$ if and only if

(3.10)
$$\varphi(\dot{u}_t) = -\dot{\bar{a}}_t \ \bar{a}_t^{-1} = \bar{a}_t \ (d\bar{a}_t^{-1}/dt) = d\bar{a}_t^{-1}/dt.$$

Now, in order to obtain the generalized affine development, we assume that the curve $\bar{u}_t = u_t \bar{a}_t$ in A(M) is horizontal with respect to the generalized affine connection $\bar{\omega}$. Then we get

(3.11)
$$\bar{\tau}_0^t(\dot{x}_t) = (\bar{u}_0 \circ \bar{u}_t^{-1})(\dot{x}_t) = (u_0 \circ \bar{a}_t^{-1} \circ u_t^{-1})(\dot{x}_t).$$

Since $u_t^{-1}(\dot{x}_t) \in A^n$ and $\bar{a}_t^{-1} \in A(n; R)$, we get from (3.7)

(3.12)
$$\bar{a}_t^{-1}(u_t^{-1}(\dot{x}_t)) = u_t^{-1}(\dot{x}_t) - \bar{\xi}(t).$$

By virtue of (3.11) and (3.12), we obtain

(3.13)
$$\bar{\tau}_0^t(\dot{x}_t) = \tau_0^t(\dot{x}_t) - u_0(\bar{\xi}(t)).$$

On the other hand, we have

$$(3.14) \quad \bar{C}_t = \bar{\tau}_0^t(x_t) = \bar{u}_0(\bar{u}_t^{-1}(x_t)) = u_0(\bar{a}_t^{-1}(u_t^{-1}(x_t))) = u_0(\bar{a}_t^{-1}(0))).$$

We get from (3.7) and (3.14)

(3.15)
$$\bar{C}_t = -\bar{u}_0(\bar{\xi}(t)) = -u_0(\bar{\xi}(t)).$$

Therefore, by virtue of (3.13) and (3.15), the generalized affine development \bar{C}_t of a curve $\tau = x_t$ ($0 \le t \le 1$) in M into $A_{x_0}(M)$ is given as follows:

(3.16)
$$\bar{C}_t = \bar{\tau}_0^t(\dot{x}_t) - \tau_0^t(\dot{x}_t),$$

where $\bar{\tau}_0^t$ and τ_0^t are parallel displacements along τ from x_t to x_0 with respect to the generalized affine and the linear connections respectively.

From the proof of Theorem 3.2, we get the following corollary.

COROLLARY 3.3. Let $\bar{\omega}$ be an arbitrarily given generalized affine connection in A(M) such that $\tilde{\gamma}^* \bar{\omega} = \omega + \varphi$. Let $\tau = x_t$ $(0 \le t \le 1)$ be a smooth curve in M, and u_t a horizontal lift of $\tau = x_t$ in L(M) with respect to ω . Let \bar{u}_t be a smooth curve in A(M) such that $\tilde{\pi}(\bar{u}_t) = x_t$ and $\bar{u}_0 = u_0$. Then, \bar{u}_t is the horizontal lift of $\tau = x_t$ in A(M) with respect to $\bar{\omega}$ if and only if, for each t,

$$\bar{u}_t = u_t \bar{a}_t \ (\bar{a}_t \in R^n \subset A(n;R)) \text{ and } \varphi(\dot{u}_t) = d\bar{a}_t^{-1}/dt.$$

Proof. This is clear from (3.10) and Lemma 2.1.

The following corollary is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.2.

COROLLARY 3.4. Let $\bar{\omega}$ be an arbitrarily given generalized affine connection in A(M) such that $\tilde{\gamma}^* \bar{\omega} = \omega + \varphi$. Let \bar{C}_t be the generalized affine development of a curve $\tau = x_t$ ($0 \le t \le 1$) in M into $A_{x_0}(M)$. Then

- (i) if x
 _t is parallel along τ = x_t with respect to the generalized affine connection ω
 in A(M), then C
 _t = x
 t|{t=0} τ
 ^t₀(x
 _t),
 (ii) if x
 _t is parallel along τ = x_t with respect to the linear connection
- (ii) if \dot{x}_t is parallel along $\tau = x_t$ with respect to the linear connection ω in L(M), then $\bar{C}_t = \bar{\tau}_0^t(\dot{x}_t) \dot{x}_t|_{t=0}$.

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