

Parallelism of Weil Bundles

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Abstract

Let M be a smooth manifold, A a Weil algebra and M^A the associated Weil bundle. We use the structure of $C^\infty(M^A, A)$ -module on the set $\mathfrak{X}(M^A)$ of vector fields on M^A for to give the equivalence of parallelism of the A -manifold M^A .

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1 Preliminaries

A Weil algebra or a local algebra (in the sense of André Weil) is a unitary commutative real algebra of finite dimension with unique maximal ideal of codimension 1.

Let A be a Weil algebra and let \mathfrak{m} be its unique maximal ideal. We have

$$A = \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathfrak{m}.$$

The first projection

$$A = \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathfrak{m} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is a surjective homomorphism of algebras, called augmentation and the unique integer $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\mathfrak{m}^k \neq (0)$ and $\mathfrak{m}^{k+1} = (0)$ is the order of A .

We have, as examples of Weil algebras:

Example 1 :

1. $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R} \oplus (0)$ is a Weil algebra of order 0.
2. The algebra of dual numbers, $\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{R}[T]/(T^2)$, is a Weil algebra of order 1.
3. $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{R}[T]/(T^3)$ is a Weil algebra of order 2. More generally, the algebra of truncated polynomials

$$A = \mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_n]/(X_1, \dots, X_n)^{k+1}$$

is a Weil algebra of order k .

4. If M is a smooth manifold of dimension n , the space, $J_x^k(M, \mathbb{R})$, of jets at $x \in M$ of order k , is a Weil algebra of dimension \mathbb{C}_{n+k}^k and of order k .
5. If A is a Weil algebra with maximal ideal \mathfrak{m}_A and of order h and B a Weil algebra with maximal ideal \mathfrak{m}_B and of order l , then the tensor product $A \otimes B$ is a Weil algebra of maximal ideal $\mathfrak{m}_{A \otimes B} = \mathfrak{m}_A \otimes B + A \otimes \mathfrak{m}_B$ and of order $h + l$. Thus, $\mathbb{D} \otimes \mathbb{D} = \mathbb{R}[T_1, T_2]/(T_1^2, T_2^2)$ is a Weil algebra of order 2.

Remark 1 The tensor product of two algebras of truncated polynomials is not a truncated polynomials algebra. This is the case for $\mathbb{D} \otimes \mathbb{D}$.

If M is a smooth manifold, $C^\infty(M)$ the algebra of real functions on M and A a Weil algebra with maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} , a near point of $x \in M$ of kind A is a homomorphism of algebras

$$\xi : C^\infty(M) \longrightarrow A$$

such that $[\xi(f) - f(x)] \in \mathfrak{m}$ for every $f \in C^\infty(M)$ [10].

Let M_x^A denote the set of near points of x of kind A and

$$M^A = \bigcup_{x \in M} M_x^A.$$

The set M^A is a smooth manifold of dimension $\dim M \times \dim A$: its the manifold of near points of M of kind A or simply the Weil bundle over M of kind A .

Example 2 : For any smooth manifold M , $M^{\mathbb{R}} = M$.

1. For any smooth manifold M , the map

$$TM \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Alg}}(C^\infty(M), \mathbb{D}), v \longmapsto \xi_v,$$

defined by

$$\xi_v(f) = f(p) + v(f) \cdot \varepsilon$$

if $v \in T_p M$, identifies $TM = J_0^1(\mathbb{R}, M)$ at $M^{\mathbb{D}}$. We verify that v is a tangent vector at $p \in M$ if only if ξ_v is a near point of $p \in M$ of kind \mathbb{D} .

2. If $A = \mathbb{R}[X]/(X^3)$, $M^A = J_0^2(\mathbb{R}, M)$. More generally, if A is the algebra of truncated polynomials

$$\mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_s]/(X_1, \dots, X_s)^{k+1},$$

then $M^A = J_0^k(\mathbb{R}^s, M)$ is the set of jets at 0 of order k of differentiable applications from \mathbb{R}^s in M .

3. The application $\xi \longmapsto \xi(\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}})$ identifies \mathbb{R}^A to A .
4. If V is a real vector space of finite dimension, if $(e_i)_{i=1, \dots, r}$ is a basis of V and if $(e_i^*)_{i=1, \dots, r}$ is a dual basis of the basis $(e_i)_{i=1, \dots, r}$, then

$$V^A \longrightarrow V \otimes A, \xi \longmapsto \sum_{i=1}^r e_i \otimes \xi(e_i^*)$$

is a canonical isomorphism of A -modules.

When M and N are two manifolds, and when

$$h : M \longrightarrow N$$

is a differentiable application of class C^∞ , then the application

$$h^A : M^A \longrightarrow N^A, \xi \longmapsto h^A(\xi),$$

such that for all $g \in C^\infty(N)$,

$$[h^A(\xi)](g) = \xi(g \circ h),$$

is differentiable of class C^∞ . When h is a diffeomorphism, it is even h^A .

Furthermore, if $\varphi : A \longrightarrow B$ is a homomorphism of Weil algebras, for any smooth manifold M , the application

$$\varphi_M : M^A \longrightarrow M^B, \xi \longmapsto \varphi \circ \xi$$

is differentiable. In particular, the augmentation

$$A \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

defined for any smooth manifold M , the projection

$$M^A \longrightarrow M,$$

which associates to each near point of $x \in M$, its origin x .

2 Parallelism of Weil bundles

In what follows M is a smooth manifold of dimension n , A a Weil algebra with unit 1_A , $C^\infty(M)$ the algebra of real functions of class C^∞ on M , $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ the $C^\infty(M)$ -module of vector fields on M , TM the tangent bundle of M and

$$\pi_M : TM \longrightarrow M$$

the canonical projection.

If (U, φ) is a local chart of M with local coordinates (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) , the application,

$$U^A \longrightarrow A^n, \xi \longmapsto (\xi(x_1), \xi(x_2), \dots, \xi(x_n)),$$

is a bijection from U^A to a open of A^n . The manifold M^A is modeled on A^n , i.e M^A is a A -manifold of dimension n .

The set, $C^\infty(M^A, A)$ of the functions of class C^∞ on M^A with values in A , is a commutative A -algebra with unit. By identifying \mathbb{R}^A at A , for $f \in C^\infty(M)$, the application

$$f^A : M^A \longrightarrow A, \xi \longmapsto \xi(f),$$

is of class C^∞ . Futher the application

$$C^\infty(M) \longrightarrow C^\infty(M^A, A), f \longmapsto f^A,$$

is a injective homomorphism of algebras and we have:

$$(f + g)^A = f^A + g^A; \quad (\lambda \cdot f)^A = \lambda \cdot f^A; \quad (f \cdot g)^A = f^A \cdot g^A$$

with $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, f and g belonging to $C^\infty(M)$.

When $(a_\alpha)_{\alpha=1,2,\dots,\dim(A)}$ is a basis of A and when $(a_\alpha^*)_{\alpha=1,2,\dots,\dim(A)}$ is a dual basis of the basis $(a_\alpha)_{\alpha=1,2,\dots,\dim(A)}$, the application

$$\sigma : C^\infty(M^A, A) \longrightarrow A \otimes C^\infty(M^A), \varphi \longmapsto \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\dim(A)} a_\alpha \otimes (a_\alpha^* \circ \varphi),$$

is an isomorphism of A -algebras. This isomorphism does not depend on the chosen basis and the application

$$\gamma : C^\infty(M) \longrightarrow A \otimes C^\infty(M^A), f \longmapsto \sigma(f^A),$$

is a morphism of algebras.

We note $\mathfrak{X}(M^A)$, the set of all vector fields on M^A . The following assertions are then equivalent [4]:

1. $X : C^\infty(M^A) \longrightarrow C^\infty(M^A)$ is a vector field on M^A ;
2. $X : C^\infty(M) \longrightarrow C^\infty(M^A, A)$ is a linear application satisfying

$$X(fg) = X(f) \cdot g^A + f^A \cdot X(g)$$

for all f and g in $C^\infty(M)$.

Then, when

$$\theta : C^\infty(M) \longrightarrow C^\infty(M)$$

is a vector field over M , the application

$$\theta^A : C^\infty(M) \longrightarrow C^\infty(M^A, A), f \longmapsto [\theta(f)]^A,$$

is a vector field on M^A : the vector field θ^A is the prolongation to M^A of the vector field θ .

When X is a vector field on M^A , considered as derivation from $C^\infty(M)$ to $C^\infty(M^A, A)$, then there exists a unique derivation [4],

$$\tilde{X} : C^\infty(M^A, A) \longrightarrow C^\infty(M^A, A)$$

such that:

1. \tilde{X} is A -linear;
2. $\tilde{X} [C^\infty(M^A)] \subset C^\infty(M^A)$;
3. $\tilde{X}(f^A) = X(f)$ for any $f \in C^\infty(M)$.

The set $\mathfrak{X}(M^A)$ of vector fields on M^A is in these conditions, a $C^\infty(M^A, A)$ -module and a Lie algebra over A [4].

Theorem 1 [10]. *If M is a smooth manifold and if A and B are two Weil algebras, then the application*

$$(M^A)^B \longrightarrow M^{A \otimes B}, \eta \longmapsto (id_A \otimes \eta) \circ \gamma$$

is a diffeomorphism.

In particular, we have an isomorphism of manifolds between TM^A and $(TM)^A$.

For $x \in M$, $T_x M$ denotes the tangent space at x to M .

We recall that the manifold M is parallelizable if its tangent bundle TM is trivial i.e there is a diffeomorphism

$$\sigma : TM \longrightarrow M \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

such that the following diagramm

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TM & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & M \times \mathbb{R}^n \\ & \searrow & \downarrow pr_1 \\ & \pi_M & M \end{array}$$

commutes and that for all $x \in M$ the restriction

$$\sigma|_{T_x M} : T_x M \longrightarrow \{x\} \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

is a isomorphism of vector spaces.

When (U, φ) is a local chart of M with the local coordinates (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) , the application

$$\psi : TU^A \longrightarrow U^A \times A^n, \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \cdot \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)^A |_{\xi} \longmapsto (\xi, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

is a diffeomorphism of A -manifolds satisfying $pr_1 \circ \psi = \pi_{M^A}$.

Thus the local parallelism of M^A expressed in terms of existence of a diffeomorphism of A -manifolds whose restriction in each tangent space is an isomorphism of A -modules.

The aim of this work is to give the equivalence of parallelism of M^A in terms of A -manifolds. We recall that when M is a smooth manifold, the basic algebra of M is $C^\infty(M)$. Since $\mathfrak{X}(M^A)$ is a $C^\infty(M^A, A)$ -module, considered as the set of derivations from $C^\infty(M)$ to $C^\infty(M^A, A)$, and is a Lie algebra over A , and as M^A is a A -manifold, this means that the basic algebra of M^A is $C^\infty(M^A, A)$ and not $C^\infty(M^A)$.

Proposition 2 *The manifold M^A is parallelizable if only if there is a diffeomorphism of A -manifolds*

$$H : TM^A \longrightarrow M^A \times A^n$$

such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TM^A & \xrightarrow{H} & M^A \times A^n \\ & \searrow & \downarrow pr_1 \\ & \pi_{M^A} & M^A \end{array}$$

commutes and that for every $\xi \in M^A$, the restriction

$$H|_{T_\xi M^A} : T_\xi M^A \longrightarrow \{\xi\} \times A^n$$

is an isomorphism of A -modules.

Proof. / \implies As the manifold is parallelizable, there exists a diffeomorphism

$$TM^A \xrightarrow{\sigma} M^A \times \mathbb{R}^{n \cdot \dim A}$$

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TM^A & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & M^A \times \mathbb{R}^{n \cdot \dim A} \\ & \searrow & \downarrow pr_1 \\ & \pi_{M^A} & M^A \end{array}$$

commutes i.e $pr_1 \circ \sigma = \pi_{M^A}$, and that for every $\xi \in M^A$, the restriction

$$\sigma|_{T_\xi M^A} : T_\xi M^A \longrightarrow \{\xi\} \times \mathbb{R}^{n \cdot \dim A}$$

is an isomorphism of vector spaces.

Let

$$h : A^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \cdot \dim A}$$

be an isomorphism of vector spaces. By transport of structure, we equip $\mathbb{R}^{n \cdot \dim A}$ of a structure of A -module defined on A^n . Thus h becomes an isomorphism of A -modules. In the same way,

$$\sigma|_{T_\xi M^A} : T_\xi M^A \longrightarrow \{\xi\} \times \mathbb{R}^{n \cdot \dim A}$$

becomes an isomorphism of A -modules. Asking $H = (id_{M^A} \times h^{-1}) \circ \sigma$. For every $\xi \in M^A$, we deduce that the restriction

$$H|_{T_\xi M^A} : T_\xi M^A \longrightarrow \{\xi\} \times A^n$$

is an isomorphism of A -modules.

Since σ is differentiable on a open of $\mathbb{R}^{2n \cdot \dim A}$, it is the same for H : thus the differentiability of H carried on open of A^n .

\Leftarrow / The sufficient condition is obvious. ■

The description of the parallelism of M^A is the following:

Theorem 3 *If M is a smooth manifold of dimension n and if M^A is the Weil bundle of M of kind A , then the following assertions are equivalent:*

1. *The manifold M^A is parallelizable;*

2. There are n vector fields X_1, \dots, X_n on M^A such that for every $\xi \in M^A$, the vectors $X_1(\xi), \dots, X_n(\xi)$ provide a basis of $T_\xi M^A$;
3. The $C^\infty(M^A, A)$ -module, $\mathfrak{X}(M^A)$, of vector fields on M^A is a free $C^\infty(M^A, A)$ -module of rank n .

Proof. Show $1/ \iff 2/$

$1/ \implies 2/$ As the manifold M^A est parallelizable, then there exists a diffeomorphism of A -manifolds

$$H : TM^A \longrightarrow M^A \times A^n$$

such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TM^A & \xrightarrow{H} & M^A \times A^n \\ & \searrow & \downarrow pr_1 \\ & \pi_{M^A} & M^A \end{array}$$

commutes and for every $\xi \in M^A$, the restriction

$$H|_{T_\xi M^A} : T_\xi M^A \longrightarrow \{\xi\} \times A^n$$

is an isomorphism of A -modules.

For all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, let $a_i = (0, 0, \dots, 1_A, 0, \dots, 0)$ where 1_A is to i -th place. Obviously (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) is a basis of the A -module A^n . For all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, the applications

$$\sigma_i : M^A \longrightarrow M^A \times A^n, \xi \longmapsto (\xi, a_i)$$

and

$$X_i = H^{-1} \circ \sigma_i : M^A \longrightarrow TM^A$$

are differentiable. Moreover

$$X_i : M^A \longrightarrow TM^A$$

is a section of the tangent bundle, since for $\xi \in M^A$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\pi_{M^A} \circ X_i)(\xi) &= (pr_1 \circ H) [(H^{-1} \circ \sigma_i)(\xi)] \\ &= (pr_1 \circ H) [H^{-1}(\xi, a_i)] \\ &= pr_1(\xi, a_i) \\ &= \xi. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\pi_{M^A} \circ X_i = id_{M^A}.$$

We conclude that X_i is a vector field on M^A .

For any $\xi \in M^A$, as $(\xi, a_i)_{i=1,2,\dots,n}$ is a basis of the A -module $\{\xi\} \times A^n$, then $[H^{-1}(\xi, a_i)]_{i=1,2,\dots,n}$ is a basis of the A -module $T_\xi M^A$. We conclude that the vectors $X_1(\xi), \dots, X_n(\xi)$ form a basis of the A -module $T_\xi M^A$.

2/ \implies 1/ Assume that there are n vector fields X_1, \dots, X_n on M^A such that for $\xi \in M^A$, $(X_1(\xi), \dots, X_n(\xi))$ is a basis of $T_\xi M^A$.

The application

$$\varphi : M^A \times A^n \longrightarrow TM^A, (\xi, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \longmapsto \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \cdot X_i(\xi)$$

is an diffeomorphism of A -manifolds and

$$\varphi|_{\{\xi\} \times A^n} : \{\xi\} \times A^n \longrightarrow T_\xi M^A, (\xi, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \longmapsto \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i X_i(\xi)$$

is an isomorphism of A -modules and its reciprocal

$$\varphi^{-1} : TM^A \longrightarrow M^A \times A^n, \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i X_i(\xi) \longmapsto (\xi, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

is such that

$$pr_1 \circ \varphi^{-1} = pr_1 \circ H = \pi_{M^A}.$$

Then concludes that the manifold M^A is parallelizable.

Show 2/ \iff 3/

2/ \implies 3/ Assume that there are n vector fields X_1, \dots, X_n on M^A such that for $\xi \in M^A$, $(X_1(\xi), \dots, X_n(\xi))$ is a basis of $T_\xi M^A$.

The vector fields X_1, \dots, X_n are linearly independent. Indeed, if, $g_1, \dots, g_n \in C^\infty(M^A, A)$ are such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n g_i \cdot X_i = 0,$$

then for all $\xi \in M^A$, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n g_i(\xi) \cdot X_i(\xi) = 0.$$

As $(X_1(\xi), \dots, X_n(\xi))$ is a basis of $T_\xi M^A$, then $g_i(\xi) = 0$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. As ξ is arbitrary, we concludes that $g_i = 0$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

The family X_1, \dots, X_n generates $\mathfrak{X}(M^A)$, in fact, if $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M^A)$ and $\xi \in M^A$, we have:

$$Y(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \cdot X_i(\xi)$$

with the $\lambda_i \in A$.

The application

$$M^A \xrightarrow{Y} TM^A \xrightarrow{H} M^A \times A^n \xrightarrow{pr_2} A^n \xrightarrow{pr_i} A, \xi \longmapsto \lambda_i,$$

is differentiable. Asking $f_i = pr_i \circ pr_2 \circ H \circ Y$, we have $f_i(\xi) = \lambda_i$ and

$$\begin{aligned} Y(\xi) &= \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\xi) \cdot X_i(\xi) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i \cdot X_i \right) (\xi). \end{aligned}$$

As ξ is arbitrary, then

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i \cdot X_i.$$

Thus X_1, \dots, X_n is a basis of the $C^\infty(M^A, A)$ -module $\mathfrak{X}(M^A)$. We concludes that $\mathfrak{X}(M^A)$ is a free $C^\infty(M^A, A)$ -module of rank n .

3/ \implies 2/ Assume that $\mathfrak{X}(M^A)$ is a free $C^\infty(M^A, A)$ -module of rank n . Let (X_1, \dots, X_n) a basis of the $C^\infty(M^A, A)$ -module $\mathfrak{X}(M^A)$.

If $\alpha_1(\xi), \dots, \alpha_n(\xi)$ are elements of A such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i(\xi) \cdot X_i(\xi) = 0$$

for all $\xi \in M^A$, and for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, let

$$f_i : M^A \longrightarrow A, \xi \longmapsto \alpha_i(\xi).$$

For $\eta \in M^A$, there exists $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M^A)$ such that $Y(\eta) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\eta) \cdot X_i(\eta)$. As Y is differentiable in a neighborhood of η , it is even f_i in a neighborhood of η .

Since η is arbitrary, we deduce that the f_i are differentiable. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i(\xi) \cdot X_i(\xi) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\xi) \cdot X_i(\xi) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i \cdot X_i \right) (\xi) \end{aligned}$$

for any $\xi \in M^A$. As the vector fields X_1, \dots, X_n form a basis of the $C^\infty(M^A, A)$ -module $\mathfrak{X}(M^A)$, then

$$f_1 = \dots = f_n = 0$$

i.e. that for all $\xi \in M^A$, the $\alpha_i(\xi) = 0$. It is concluded that the family $(X_1(\xi), \dots, X_n(\xi))$ is free for all $\xi \in M^A$.

Moreover, for $v \in T_\xi M^A$, there exists a vector field $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M^A)$ such that $Y(\xi) = v$. Since

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i \cdot X_i$$

where each $f_i \in C^\infty(M^A, A)$, then,

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\xi) \cdot X_i(\xi).$$

Thus, the family $(X_1(\xi), \dots, X_n(\xi))$ generates the A -module $T_\xi M^A$.

Then concludes that at every $\xi \in M^A$, the vectors $X_1(\xi), \dots, X_n(\xi)$ form a basis of the A -module $T_\xi M^A$. ■

Corollary 4 *If M is a parallelizable manifold, then the manifold M^A is parallelizable.*

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