

ON THE TORSION ON GAUGE-LIKE PROLONGATIONS OF PRINCIPAL BUNDLES

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ABSTRACT. Every fiber product preserving bundle functor F on the category \mathcal{FM}_m defines the gauge-like prolongation $W^F P$ of a principal bundle P , that coincides with the r -th principal prolongation $W^r P$ in the special case $F = J^r$. For a large class of such functors we introduce the torsion of connections on $W^F P$ and we deduce some its properties analogous to the case of $W^r P$.

The r -th principal (or gauge-natural) prolongation $W^r P \rightarrow M$ of a principal bundle $P \rightarrow M$ is a fundamental structure for both the theory of geometric object fields, [2], [9], and the gauge theories of mathematical physics, [3]. In [5] we introduced the torsion of a connection Γ on $W^r P$ to be the covariant exterior differential of the canonical one-form θ_r of $W^r P$. On the other hand, the Lie algebroid $L(W^r P)$ coincides with the r -th jet prolongation $J^r(LP)$ of the Lie algebroid LP of P , [11]. In [8], we considered the algebroid form $\gamma: TM \rightarrow J^r LP$ of Γ , we introduced the torsion of γ by using the truncated bracket of $J^r LP$ and we deduced that both approaches to the torsion are naturally equivalent.

In the present paper we study a more general setting of this problem. In [1], the authors constructed a principal bundle $W^F P \rightarrow M$ for every fiber product preserving bundle functor F on the category \mathcal{FM}_m of fibered manifolds with m -dimensional bases and fibered morphisms with local diffeomorphisms as base maps. In the case of the functor J^r of r -th jet prolongation, we have $W^{J^r} P = W^r P$, so that $W^F P$ will be called a gauge-like prolongation of P . We are going to clarify that geometrically remarkable results concerning torsion appear in the case of a subfunctor $E \subset J^1 \circ F$. In this situation, we can use our results on the generalized G -structures on $W^F P$, i.e. the reductions of $W^1(W^F P)$, [4].

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In Section 1 we first summarize the basic properties of $W^F P$. Then we construct a canonical map relating the gauge-like prolongation of the iteration of two functors with the iteration of the gauge-like prolongations. In Proposition 1 we determine the Lie algebroid version of this map. In Section 2 we study the reductions Q of $W^1 P$ (called generalized G -structures in [4]) from our point of view. In Proposition 2 we deduce that both approaches to the torsion on Q are naturally equivalent. Special attention is paid to the additional properties of semiprolongable generalized G -structures. Proposition 3 describes a relation between the prolongability of generalized G -structures and the existence of torsion-free connections analogous to the case of classical G -structures. In Section 3 we specify some fiber product preserving bundle functors on \mathcal{FM}_m , the gauge-like prolongations of which are of the form studied in Section 2. We also point out that some further functors can be reduced to this case by using a suitable natural equivalence.

All manifolds and maps are assumed to be infinitely differentiable. Unless otherwise specified, we use the terminology and notations from the book [9]. In particular, we write $P^r M$ for the r -th order frame bundle of a manifold M and G_m^r for the r -th jet group in dimension m . Under a connection we always mean a principal connection.

1. Gauge-like prolongations of principal bundles. We denote by T^A the Weil functor determined by a Weil algebra A , [9], [7]. A fundamental result reads that the product preserving bundle functors on the category $\mathcal{M}f$ of all manifolds are in bijection with the Weil functors and the natural transformations $h_M: T^{A_1} M \rightarrow T^{A_2} M$ are in bijection with the algebra homomorphisms $h: A_1 \rightarrow A_2$, [7]. In the special case of $\mathbb{D}_k^r = J_0^r(\mathbb{R}^k, \mathbb{R})$, $T^{\mathbb{D}_k^r} = T_k^r$ is the classical functor of (k, r) -velocities.

In [10], the authors deduced that the fiber product preserving bundle functors on \mathcal{FM}_m of base order r are in bijection with the triples (A, H, t) of a Weil algebra A , a group homomorphism $H: G_m^r \rightarrow \text{Aut } A$ and an equivariant algebra homomorphism $t: \mathbb{D}_m^r \rightarrow A$, where $\text{Aut } A$ is the group of all algebra automorphisms of A and we take into account $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{D}_m^r) = G_m^r$. One constructs the functor $F = (A, H, t)$ as follows. For every manifold N , we have an induced action H_N of G_m^r on $T^A N$,

$$H_N(g, z) = H(g)_N(z), \quad g \in G_m^r, \quad z \in T^A N,$$

where $H(g)_N: T^A N \rightarrow T^A N$ is the map determined by $H(g): A \rightarrow A$. The value of F on the product fibered manifold $M \times N \rightarrow M$, $\dim M =$

m , is the associated bundle

$$(1) \quad F(M \times N) = P^r M[T^A N, H_N].$$

Every local diffeomorphism $f: M \rightarrow \bar{M}$ and every map $\varphi: N \rightarrow \bar{N}$ determine the product \mathcal{FM}_m -morphism $f \times \varphi: M \times N \rightarrow \bar{M} \times \bar{N}$. By naturality, the map $T^A \varphi: T^A N \rightarrow T^A \bar{N}$ is G_m^r -equivariant. Further, $P^r f: P^r M \rightarrow P^r \bar{M}$ is a principal bundle morphism. Then we define $F(f \times \varphi): F(M \times N) \rightarrow F(\bar{M} \times \bar{N})$ to be the morphism of associated bundles

$$(2) \quad F(f \times \varphi) = (P^r f, T^A \varphi): P^r M[T^A N, H_N] \rightarrow P^r \bar{M}[T^A \bar{N}, H_{\bar{N}}].$$

For an arbitrary fibered manifold $p: Y \rightarrow M$, FY is the subbundle of $P^r M[T^A Y, H_Y]$ of all elements $\{u, Z\}$, $u \in P^r M \subset T_m^r M$, $Z \in T^A Y$ satisfying

$$(3) \quad t_M(u) = T^A p(Z),$$

where $t_M: T_m^r M \rightarrow T^A M$ is the map induced by $t: \mathbb{D}_m^r \rightarrow A$. Since t is equivariant, (3) is independent of the choice of the representatives u and Z of the equivalence class $\{u, Z\} \in FY$. For another fibered manifold $\bar{p}: \bar{Y} \rightarrow \bar{M}$ and an \mathcal{FM}_m -morphism $f: Y \rightarrow \bar{Y}$ over $\underline{f}: M \rightarrow \bar{M}$, $(P^r f, T^A f)$ maps FY into $F\bar{Y}$. Then one defines Ff to be its restriction and corestriction. In the case of J^r , we have $A = \mathbb{D}_m^r$, $H = \text{id}_{G_m^r}$, $t = \text{id}_{\mathbb{D}_m^r}$ and (3) expresses, in fact, the classical relation

$$(4) \quad J^r Y = \{X \in J^r(M, Y); p_*(X) = j_x^r \text{id}_M\},$$

where x is the source of $X = j_x^r f$ and $p_*(X) = j_x^r(p \circ f) \in J^r(M, M)$.

Consider a principal bundle $P(M, G)$. First we recall $W^r P = P^r M \times_M J^r P$, [9]. This is a principal bundle over M , whose structure group is the group semidirect product $W_m^r G = G_m^r \rtimes T_m^r G$ with the composition

$$(5) \quad (g_1, C_1)(g_2, C_2) = (g_1 \circ g_2, (C_1 \circ g_2) \bullet C_2),$$

where \bullet denotes the induced group composition in $T_m^r G$. In [1], the authors defined

$$(6) \quad W^F P = P^r M \times_M FP.$$

Analogously to (5), one constructs the group semidirect product

$$W_H^A G = G_m^r \rtimes_H T^A G$$

with the composition

$$(7) \quad (g_1, C_1)(g_2, C_2) = (g_1 \circ g_2, H(g_2^{-1})_G(C_1) \bullet C_2),$$

where \bullet denotes the induced group composition in $T^A G$. In the case of $W_m^r G$, $H(g_2^{-1})_G(C_1) = C_1 \circ g_2$, so that (7) generalizes (5). Then

$W^F P$ is a principal bundle over M with structure group $W_H^A G$ with respect to the following action, [1]. The right action of G on P can be interpreted as an \mathcal{FM}_m -morphism

$$\varrho: P \times_M (M \times G) \rightarrow P.$$

Applying F , we obtain

$$F\varrho: FP \times_M P^r M[T^A G, H_G] \rightarrow FP.$$

For $(g, X) \in G_m^r \times T^A G$ and $(u, Y) \in P^r M \times_M FP$, one defines

$$(8) \quad (u, Y)(g, X) = (u \circ g, F\varrho(Y, \{u \circ g, X\})).$$

In the case of $W^r P$, (8) coincides with the right action of $W_m^r G$ on $W^r P$ described in [9].

We remark that a basic geometric property of $W^F P$ is that for every bundle $D \rightarrow M$ associated to P , $FD \rightarrow M$ is a bundle associated to $W^F P$, [1].

Further, F determines a natural transformation $\tilde{t}_Y: J^r Y \rightarrow FY$. Every element $X \in J^r Y$ is of the form $j_x^r s$. We interpret the local section s of Y as a local \mathcal{FM}_m -morphism \tilde{s} of the trivial fibered manifold $\text{id}_M: M \rightarrow M$ into Y and we set

$$(9) \quad \tilde{t}_Y(X) = (F\tilde{s})(x) \in FY.$$

In the product case, $J^r(M \times N) = P^r M[T_m^r N]$, $F(M \times N) = P^r M[T^A N]$ and $\tilde{t}_{M \times N}$ is of the form $\tilde{t}_{M \times N} = (\text{id}_{P^r M}, t_N)$ with $t_N: T_m^r N \rightarrow T^A N$.

In particular, we have $\tilde{t}_{TM}: J^r TM \rightarrow FTM$. Write $q: LP \rightarrow TM$ for the anchor map, so that $Fq: FLP \rightarrow FTM$. In [6], we deduced that the Lie algebroid of $W^F P$ is

$$(10) \quad L(W^F P) = J^r TM \times_{FTM} FLP.$$

In the special case $F = J^r$, we reobtain

$$L(W^r P) = J^r TM \times_{J^r TM} J^r LP = J^r LP.$$

Consider two such functors F_1 and F_2 of base orders r and s . Then the base order of $F_2 \circ F_1$ is $r + s$. Using $(\tilde{t}_2)_{P^r M}: J^s P^r M \rightarrow F_2 P^r M$, we construct a map

$$(11) \quad W^{F_2 \circ F_1} P \rightarrow W^{F_2}(W^{F_1} P)$$

as follows. The classical inclusion $P^{r+s} M \hookrightarrow W^s(P^r M) = P^s M \times_M J^s P^r M$ is described in [9]. So we have

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} W^{F_2 \circ F_1} P &= P^{r+s} M \times_M F_1 F_1 P \hookrightarrow P^s M \times_M J^s P^r M \times_M F_2 F_1 P \\ &\rightarrow P^s M \times_M F_2 P^r M \times_M F_2 F_1 P \\ &\rightarrow P^s M \times_M F_2(W^{F_1} P) = W^{F_2}(W^{F_1} P). \end{aligned}$$

According to [1], this is a principal bundle morphism. If t_2 is injective, (11) is an injection.

To construct the corresponding Lie algebroid homomorphism, we start with a general formula. Consider two principal bundles $P_1 \rightarrow M_1$ and $P_2 \rightarrow M_2$ over m -manifolds and a \mathcal{PB} -morphism $f: P_1 \rightarrow P_2$ over a local diffeomorphism $\underline{f}: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$. Write $Lf: LP_1 \rightarrow LP_2$ for the induced algebroid morphism. Using trivializations, one finds easily that the algebroid morphism $LW^F f: LW^F P_1 \rightarrow LW^F P_2$ is

$$(13) \quad J^r T \underline{f} \times_{FT \underline{f}} FLf: J^r TM_1 \times_{FTM_1} FLP_1 \rightarrow J^r TM_2 \times_{FTM_2} FLP_2.$$

Further, the algebroid form of the injection $P^{r+s}M \hookrightarrow W^s P^r M$ is

$$J^{r+s}TM \hookrightarrow J^s TM \times_{J^s TM} J^s J^r TM,$$

where we consider both the jet projection $\pi_s^{r+s}: J^{r+s}TM \rightarrow J^s TM$ and the canonical injection $J^{r+s}TM \hookrightarrow J^s J^r TM$. According to [1], $(\tilde{t}_2)_{P^r M}: J^s P^r M \rightarrow F_2 P^r M$ induces a principal bundle morphism

$$W^s P^r M = P^s M \times_M J^s P^r M \rightarrow P^s M \times_M F_2 P^r M = W^{F_2} P^r M.$$

One verifies easily that its algebroid form

$$(14) \quad J^s TM \times_{J^s TM} J^s J^r TM \rightarrow J^s TM \times_{F_2 TM} F_2 J^r TM$$

is determined by $(\tilde{t}_2)_{J^r TM}: J^s J^r TM \rightarrow F_2 J^r TM$. So we have

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} L(W^{F_2 \circ F_1} P) &= J^{r+s} TM \times_{F_2 F_1 TM} F_2 F_1 LP \\ &\hookrightarrow J^s J^r TM \times_{F_2 F_1 TM} F_2 F_1 LP \\ &\rightarrow (J^s TM \times_{F_2 TM} F_2 J^r TM) \times_{F_2 F_1 TM} F_2 F_1 LP \\ &= J^s TM \times_{F_2 TM} F_2 (LW^{F_1} P) = L(W^{F_2}(W^{F_1} P)). \end{aligned}$$

Using (12)–(15), we deduce

Proposition 1. *The algebroid homomorphism*

$$(16) \quad L(W^{F_2 \circ F_1} P) \rightarrow L(W^{F_2}(W^{F_1} P))$$

corresponding to (11) is the composition of all arrows in (15).

2. Reductions of $W^1 P$. First we summarize our results from [8] on the torsion of connections on $W^r P$ in the case $r = 1$. We consider the principal bundle $W^1 P = P^1 M \times_M J^1 P$ with structure group $W_m^1 G = G_m^1 \times T_m^1 G$ and the canonical one-form $\theta_1: TW^1 P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathfrak{g}$. For a connection Γ on $W^1 P$, the torsion is defined to be the covariant exterior differential $D_\Gamma \theta_1$. This can be interpreted as a map

$$(17) \quad \{D_\Gamma \theta_1\}: W^1 P \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathfrak{g}) \otimes \Lambda^2 \mathbb{R}^{m*}.$$

On the other hand, we have $L(W^1P) = J^1(LP)$. Since the bracket $\llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket$ of LP is a first order differential operator, it induces the so-called truncated bracket

$$\llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket_1: J^1LP \times_M J^1LP \rightarrow LP,$$

[8]. If we pass to the algebroid form $\gamma: TM \rightarrow J^1LP$ of Γ , we introduce $\tau\gamma: TM \times_M TM \rightarrow LP$ by

$$(18) \quad \tau\gamma(Z_1, Z_2) = \llbracket \gamma Z_1, \gamma Z_2 \rrbracket_1, \quad (Z_1, Z_2) \in TM \times_M TM.$$

This is a section of $LP \otimes \Lambda^2 T^*M$, what is a fiber bundle associated to W^1P with standard fiber $(\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathfrak{g}) \otimes \Lambda^2 \mathbb{R}^{m*}$. So the frame form of $\tau\gamma$ is a map

$$(19) \quad \{\tau\gamma\}: W^1P \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathfrak{g}) \otimes \Lambda^2 \mathbb{R}^{m*}.$$

In [8], we deduced

$$(20) \quad \{D_\Gamma \theta_1\} = \frac{1}{2} \{\tau\gamma\}.$$

Remark. The coordinate formula for $\tau\gamma$ can be found in [8]. We find remarkable that this formula implies directly the following assertion. If Γ_1 and Γ_2 are two torsion-free connections on W^1P over the same connection on P , then every connection of the pencil $t\Gamma_1 + (1-t)\Gamma_2$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, is also torsion-free.

Consider a reduction $Q \subset W^1P$ to a subgroup $H \subset W_m^1G$. In [4], Q is said to be a generalized G -structure. Write $\theta_Q: TQ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathfrak{g}$ or $\llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket_Q: LQ \times_M LQ \rightarrow LP$ for the restriction of θ_1 or $\llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket_1$, respectively, and $i_Q: Q \rightarrow W^1P$ for the injection. A connection Γ on Q is canonically extended into a connection $\bar{\Gamma}$ on W^1P . Clearly, we have

$$(21) \quad D_\Gamma \theta_Q = i_Q^*(D_{\bar{\Gamma}} \theta_1).$$

Further, for the algebroid form $\gamma: TM \rightarrow LQ$ of Γ , we define

$$\tau\gamma(Z_1, Z_2) = \llbracket \gamma Z_1, \gamma Z_2 \rrbracket_Q, \quad (Z_1, Z_2) \in TM \times_M TM.$$

Analogously to (19), we have its frame form

$$\{\tau\gamma\}: Q \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathfrak{g}) \otimes \Lambda^2 \mathbb{R}^{m*}$$

satisfying

$$(22) \quad \{\tau\gamma\} = \{\tau\bar{\gamma}\} \circ i_Q.$$

Then (20)–(22) imply

Proposition 2. *Both approaches to the torsion of connections on Q are related by*

$$(23) \quad \{D_\Gamma \theta_Q\} = \frac{1}{2} \{\tau\gamma\}: Q \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathfrak{g}) \otimes \Lambda^2 \mathbb{R}^{m*}.$$

Further we need the basic facts concerning the prolongation of generalized G -structures. We define the second nonholonomic prolongation $\tilde{W}^2P = W^1(W^1P)$. By [4], $\tilde{W}^2P = \tilde{P}^2M \times_M \tilde{J}^2P$, where \tilde{P}^2M is the second nonholonomic frame bundle of M and $\tilde{J}^2P = J^1(J^1P)$. The second semiholonomic prolongation $\bar{W}^2P \subset \tilde{W}^2P$ can be defined as $\bar{P}^2M \times_M \bar{J}^2P$. We have $W^1Q \subset \tilde{W}^2P$ and $\beta: W^1Q \rightarrow Q$ is always surjective. According to [4], Q is called semiprolongable or prolongable, if the restriction of β to $W^1Q \cap \bar{W}^2P$ or $W^1Q \cap W^2P$ is also surjective, respectively. Write $Q_0 = \beta Q$ and $H_0 = \beta H$. In [4], we deduced

Lemma. *Q is semiprolongable, if and only if $Q \subset W^1(Q_0)$ or, equivalently, the values of θ_Q lie in $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathfrak{h}_0$.*

Thus, if Q is semiprolongable, then (23) holds with the additional property that the values lie in $(\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathfrak{h}_0) \otimes \Lambda^2 \mathbb{R}^{m*}$.

For every $X \in W^1P$, $X = (u, U)$, we have $U \circ u \in T_m^1P$. Hence X is identified with an m -dimensional subspace $\lambda(X) \subset TP$. So every $Z \in \tilde{W}^2P$ is identified with $\lambda(Z) \subset TW^1P$. According to Proposition 5 of [4], $Z \in \bar{W}^2P$ satisfies

$$(24) \quad Z \in W^2P \quad \text{if and only if} \quad d\theta_1 \mid \lambda(Z) = 0.$$

This implies an assertion analogous to the classical theory of G -structures. Write $\pi: Q \rightarrow M$, $\pi_1: Q \rightarrow P^1M$ and $\pi_2: W^1Q \rightarrow J^1Q$ for the canonical projections.

Proposition 3. *Let Q be semiprolongable. If Q admits a torsion-free connection, then Q is prolongable. Conversely, if Q is prolongable, then for every $x \in M$ there exists a neighbourhood U and a torsion-free connection on $\pi^{-1}(U)$.*

Proof. Let $\Gamma: Q \rightarrow J^1Q$ be a torsion-free connection. By (24), the rule

$$X \mapsto (\pi_1(X), \Gamma(X)), \quad X \in Q$$

is a section $Q \rightarrow W^1Q \cap W^2P$, so that Q is prolongable. Conversely, let $\Sigma: Q \rightarrow W^1Q \cap W^2P$ be a section. For every section $\varrho: U \rightarrow Q$, the map $\pi_2 \circ \Sigma \circ \varrho: U \rightarrow J^1Q$ is canonically extended into a connection on $\pi^{-1}(U)$. This connection is torsion-free due to the fact that θ_1 is a pseudo-tensorial form, [9, p.155]. \square

3. Torsions on certain gauge-like prolongations. If E is a fiber product preserving bundle functor on \mathcal{FM}_m satisfying $E \subset J^1 \circ F$, then $W^E P$ is a reduction of $W^1(W^F P)$ to a subgroup $K \subset W_m^1(W_H^A G)$. Write $E_0 = \beta E \subset F$ and $K_0 = \beta K \subset W_H^A G$. In general, we have $\theta_{EP}: T(EP) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathfrak{m}_H^A G$. If EP is semiprolongable, then the values of θ_{EP} lie in $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathfrak{k}_0$. The simplest case of such situation is $\beta E = F$. We are going to present some examples.

Example 1. We start with the functor \tilde{J}^r of r -th nonholonomic jet prolongation of fibered manifolds, $\tilde{J}^r Y = J^1(\tilde{J}^{r-1} Y)$. More generally, our approach can be applied to an arbitrary functor S of r -th jet prolongation of fibered manifolds. In accordance with [7], this means a fiber product preserving bundle functor on \mathcal{FM}_m satisfying $J^r \subset S \subset \tilde{J}^r$. In particular, J^r can be reduced to this situation by means of the canonical inclusion $J^r \subset J^1 \circ J^{r-1}$. A further well known example is the r -th semiholonomic prolongation $\bar{J}^r \subset J^1 \circ \bar{J}^{r-1}$. Clearly, the semiprolongability condition is satisfied in the last two cases.

Example 2. Another example of our type is the composition $J^r \circ F$ for arbitrary F . More generally, we can consider every composition $S \circ F$ with S from Example 1.

Some further functors can be studied in this way by using a suitable natural equivalence.

Example 3. In [1] it is deduced that for every fiber product preserving bundle functor E on \mathcal{FM}_m and every vertical Weil functor V^B there exists a canonical natural equivalence

$$(25) \quad \varkappa: V^B \circ E \approx E \circ V^B.$$

If $E \subset J^1 \circ F$, then $\varkappa(V^B \circ E) \subset J^1 \circ (F \circ V^B)$. Hence we have the situation of Section 2. In addition, one deduces that $\beta E = F$ implies $\beta(\varkappa(V^B \circ E)) = F \circ V^B$ by using the standard Weil algebra manipulations from [1].

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