

12. The Stable Jet Range of Differential Complexes

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1. Let M be an n -dimensional smooth manifold with countable basis. A topological space W is called an inductive vector bundle over M if there is an increasing sequence of finite-dimensional smooth vector bundles W_k ($k=0, 1, \dots$) over M , W_k being a subbundle of W_{k+1} , such that $\lim \dim W_k = \infty$ and $W = \varinjlim W_k$ (inductive limit space). Then W becomes a fibre space over M . We can naturally define the space of smooth cross-sections $\Gamma(W)$ which has a module structure over the algebra \mathcal{E} of smooth functions on M . We endow $\Gamma(W)$ with a nuclear topology such that, if M is compact, $\Gamma(W)$ coincides with the inductive limit space $\varinjlim \Gamma(W_k)$ where each $\Gamma(W_k)$ is assumed to have the C^∞ -topology. Two inductive vector bundles W and W' are called isomorphic if $\Gamma(W) \cong \Gamma(W')$ as topological vector spaces and \mathcal{E} -modules.

We say that a sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \Sigma^0 \xrightarrow{d} \Sigma^1 \xrightarrow{d} \Sigma^2 \xrightarrow{d} \dots$$

is a differential complex over M if i) each Σ^p is an \mathcal{E} -submodule of some $\Gamma(W^p)$, ii) d is continuous and $d \circ d = 0$, iii) $\text{supp } dL \subset \text{supp } L$ where $\text{supp } L$ means the support of $L \in \Sigma^p$.

2. Suppose that finite-dimensional smooth vector bundles E and F over M be given. Note that the jet bundles $J^k(E)$ of E ($k=0, 1, 2, \dots$) have the canonical surjective maps $\lambda^k: J^{k+1}(E) \rightarrow J^k(E)$. Hence we obtain the injective maps

$$(\lambda^k)^*: \text{Hom}(J^k(E), F) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(J^{k+1}(E), F)$$

($k=0, 1, 2, \dots$), and thus the inductive vector bundle

$$C^1(E, F) = \varinjlim \text{Hom}(J^k(E), F)$$

is constructed. The cross-section space of $C^1(E, F)$ is regarded as the space of the differential operators from $\Gamma(E)$ to $\Gamma(F)$.

More generally, set

$$C^p(E, F) = \varinjlim \text{Hom}(\wedge^p J^k(E), F), \quad p=1, 2, \dots$$

$$C^0(E, F) = \overline{F},$$

and write $C^p[E, F] = \Gamma(C^p(E, F))$ for $p=0, 1, \dots$.

Proposition. *Each $C^p[E, F]$ is canonically identified with the space of continuous multilinear alternating mappings from $\Gamma(E) \times \dots \times \Gamma(E)$ (p times) to $\Gamma(F)$ satisfying the condition*

$$\text{supp } L(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_p) \subset \text{supp } \xi_1 \cap \dots \cap \text{supp } \xi_p.$$

3. Our main concern is to study the cohomological structure of a