

## On integrability conditions on the space of sections of jet-bundles

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### § 1. Introduction

Let  $N$  be a  $n$  dimensional differentiable manifold. We consider a differentiable bundle  $E(N)$  over  $N$  with projection  $\pi$  and the bundle  $E^r(N)$  of  $r$ -jets of local sections of  $E(N)$ . Let  $\Omega$  be an open set of  $E^r(N)$ . Then we let  $\Gamma_\sigma E$  be the space of  $C^r$  sections,  $s: N \rightarrow E(N)$  such that  $j^r s(N)$  is contained in  $\Omega$  equipped with  $C^r$  topology. We let  $\Gamma_\sigma E^r$  be the space of continuous sections:  $N \rightarrow E^r(N)$  whose image is contained in  $\Omega$ , equipped with compact-open topology (An element of  $\Gamma_\sigma E$  or  $\Gamma_\sigma E^r$  will be called  $\Omega$ -regular). Then there is a natural map  $j^r: \Gamma_\sigma E \rightarrow \Gamma_\sigma E^r$ . We discuss how the map  $j^r$  is close to a weak homotopy equivalence. This is related with the integrability of sections of  $E^r(N)$  up to homotopy.

**THEOREM.** *Let  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega'$  be open sets in  $E^r(N)$  with  $\Omega \supseteq \Omega'$ . Let  $\Omega - \Omega'$  is a finite union of regular submanifolds of  $\Omega$  with codimensions greater than  $n + \sigma$ .*

- (i) *If  $j^r: \Gamma_\sigma E \rightarrow \Gamma_\sigma E^r$  is a  $\tau$ -homotopy equivalence, then  $j^r: \Gamma_\sigma E \rightarrow \Gamma_\sigma E^r$  is a  $\min(\tau, \sigma)$ -homotopy equivalence.*
- (ii) *If  $j^r: \Gamma_\sigma E \rightarrow \Gamma_\sigma E^r$  induces the isomorphisms of  $i$  dimensional homotopy groups ( $0 \leq i \leq \tau$ ), then  $j^r: \Gamma_\sigma E \rightarrow \Gamma_\sigma E^r$  induces the isomorphisms of  $i$  dimensional homotopy groups ( $0 \leq i \leq \min(\tau, \sigma) - 1$ ).*

A  $j$ -homotopy equivalence means the isomorphisms of  $i$  dimensional homotopy groups ( $0 \leq i < j$ ) and a surjection of  $j$  dimensional homotopy groups.

This theorem is a generalization of Transversality lemma due to A. du Plessis in [5] which is the case of differentiable maps of the above theorem. The applications of the theorem are given in § 4 to the case of Thom-Boardman singularities ([2, 7, 9]). The proof is based on the transversality arguments.

All manifolds should be paracompact and Hausdorff.

### § 2. A variant of Thom's transversality theorem

In this section we will show a variant of Thom's transversality theorem.

This is a generalization to the case of differentiable bundles  $E(N)$  of Morlet's transversality theorem ([8]) which says that the case of product bundles of the following theorem is valid. Let  $\Gamma E$  be the space of  $C^\infty$  sections of  $E(N)$  over  $N$  with  $C^\infty$  topology.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $\Sigma$  be a regular differentiable submanifold of  $E^r(N)$ . Let  $\Sigma(N)$  be the space of  $C^\infty$  sections,  $s : N \rightarrow E(N)$  whose  $r$ -jet,  $j^r s : N \rightarrow E^r(N)$  is transverse on  $\Sigma$ . Then  $\Sigma(N)$  is represented as the intersections of countable open dense sets of  $\Gamma E$ .*

**PROOF.** At first we choose a countable covering of  $\Sigma$  by open subsets  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \dots$  such that each  $\Sigma_i$  satisfies

- (i) the closure  $\bar{\Sigma}_i$  of  $\Sigma_i$  in  $E^r(N)$  is contained in  $\Sigma$ ,
- (ii)  $\bar{\Sigma}_i$  is compact,
- (iii) there exists an open neighbourhood  $U_i$  in  $N$  where  $E(N)|_{U_i}$  is trivial and a trivialisation,  $t : E(N)|_{U_i} \rightarrow U_i \times P$  as follows. This induces a diffeomorphism  $t^r : E^r(N)|_{U_i} \rightarrow J^r(U_i, P)$  which is composed with a projection  $\pi_P : J^r(U_i, P) \rightarrow P$ . Then there exists an open chart  $V_i$  of  $P$  such that  $\pi_P \circ t^r(\bar{\Sigma}_i)$  is contained in  $V_i$ ,
- (iv) the closure  $\bar{U}_i$  of  $U_i$  is compact.

Let  $\Sigma_i(N)$  be the space of  $C^\infty$  sections of  $\Gamma E$ , whose  $r$ -jets are transverse on  $\Sigma_i$ . Then it is clear that  $\Sigma(N)$  is the intersection of all  $\Sigma_i(N)$ . Now we show that  $\Sigma_i(N)$  is represented as the intersection of countable open dense sets. We let  $r_i : \Gamma E \rightarrow \Gamma(E|_{U_i})$  be the restriction map of  $C^\infty$  sections of  $E(N)$ . Let  $\Sigma(U_i)$  be the space of  $C^\infty$  sections of  $E(N)|_{U_i}$  whose  $r$ -jets are transverse on  $\Sigma_i$ .

Then  $r_i^{-1}(\Sigma(U_i)) = \Sigma_i(N)$ . By the Morlet's transversality theorem  $\Sigma(U_i)$  is represented as the intersection of countable open dense sets. Hence it is enough to show that  $\Sigma_i(N)$  is dense in  $\Gamma E$ .

Let  $s$  be an element of  $\Gamma E$ . We show that there exists a sequence  $\{s_i\}$  in  $\Sigma_i(N)$  which converges to  $s$ . We choose a chart,  $\eta : V_i \rightarrow R^p$  and differentiable functions  $\rho : N \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\rho' : P \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that

$$\rho = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{on a neighbourhood of } \pi(\bar{\Sigma}_i) \text{ in } U_i, \\ 0 & \text{off } U_i \end{cases}$$

$$\rho' = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{on a neighbourhood of } \pi_P \circ t^r(\bar{\Sigma}_i) \text{ in } V_i, \\ 0 & \text{off } V_i. \end{cases}$$

This choice of  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$  is possible since  $\bar{\Sigma}_i$  is compact. By Morlet's transversality theorem  $\Sigma(U_i)$  is dense in  $\Gamma(E|_{U_i})$ . Hence there exists a sequence  $\{g_i\}$  of  $\Sigma(U_i)$  which converges to  $s|_{U_i}$  in the fine  $C^\infty$  Whitney topology.

Now we define the sequence  $\{s_i\}$  as follows

$$s_i(x) = \begin{cases} s(x) & \text{if } x \notin U_i \text{ or } s(x) \notin V_i, \\ \eta_i^{-1} [\eta_i(s(x)) + \rho(x) \rho'(g_1(x)) \rho'(s(x)) [\eta_i(g_1(x)) - \eta_i(s(x))]] & \\ \text{if otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This definition is possible if  $l$  is sufficiently large. It is clear that the sequence  $\{s_i\}$  converges to  $s$ . The rest of the proof is to show that  $s_i$ 's are contained on  $\Sigma_i(N)$  for sufficiently large  $l$ . In fact there exists a large number  $a$  such that if  $j^r s_i(x_0) \in \bar{\Sigma}_i$  and  $l > a$ , then  $\rho(x_0) = 1$ ,  $\rho'(s(x_0)) = 1$  and  $\rho'(g_l(x_0)) = 1$ . For, let  $\varepsilon$  be a positive number smaller than a half of the distance of the subset of  $V_i$  where  $\rho'$  is smaller than 1 and the subset  $\pi_{P \circ t^r}(\bar{\Sigma}_i)$ . Then  $a$  is defined to be an integer such that  $|\eta_i(g_l(x)) - \eta_i(s(x))|$  is smaller than  $\varepsilon$  for  $l > a$ . Since  $j^r s_i(x_0) \in \bar{\Sigma}_i$  means that  $s_i(x_0) (= \pi_{P \circ j^r} s_i(x_0))$  is in  $\pi_{P \circ t^r}(\bar{\Sigma}_i)$ , by the definition of  $s_i(x)$   $|s_i(x_0) - s(x_0)|$  and  $|g_l(x_0) - s_i(x_0)|$  are smaller than  $\varepsilon$ . Hence  $\rho'(s(x_0)) = \rho'(g_l(x_0)) = 1$  for  $l > a$ . Since  $j^r s_i(x_0) \in \bar{\Sigma}_i$  means  $x_0 \in \pi_N(\bar{\Sigma}_i)$ , we get  $\rho(x_0) = 1$ . Therefore if  $j^r s_i(x_0) \in \bar{\Sigma}_i$  and  $l > a$ , then  $s_i(x) = g_l(x)$  near  $x_0$ . Hence  $s_i(x)$  is transverse on  $\Sigma_i$  for  $l > a$ . Q. E. D.

REMARK 2.2.  $\Gamma E$  is a Baire space: We consider the space  $C^\infty(N, E(N))$  of differentiable maps of  $N$  into  $E(N)$ . It is well known that  $C^\infty(N, E(N))$  is a complete metric space. Then it is clear that  $\Gamma E$  is a closed set of  $C^\infty(N, E(N))$ , hence, a complete metric space which is a Baire space.

By the above remark we have the following

COROLLARY 2.3.  $\Sigma(N)$  is dense in  $\Gamma E$ .

COROLLARY 2.4. Let  $\Omega$  be an open set of  $E^r(N)$  and  $\Sigma$ , the regular submanifold of  $\Omega$  with  $\text{codim } \Sigma > \dim N$ . Let  $W$  be a closed subset of  $N$ . Let  $s$  be a  $C^\infty$  section of  $E(N)$  such that  $j^r s(N) \subset \Omega$  and  $j^r s(W) \cap \Sigma = \phi$ . Then there exists a homotopy of sections,  $S: I \rightarrow \Gamma E$  such that  $S(0) = s$ ,  $S(t)|_W = s|_W$  for any  $t$  and  $j^r S(1) \cap \Sigma = \phi$ .

PROOF. Let  $U$  be an open small neighbourhood of  $W$  in  $N$  such that  $j^r s(x) \notin \Sigma$  for  $x \in U$ . Then we only need the deformation of  $s$  off  $U$  such that we let  $s$  be transverse on  $\Sigma$ . This is possible by the similar arguments as the proof of Theorem 2.1. Q. E. D.

### § 3. Elimination of the singularity $\Sigma$

Let  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega'$  be open sets in  $E^r(N)$  with  $\Omega \supseteq \Omega'$ . Let  $\Sigma = \Omega - \Omega'$  and  $\Sigma$  be a finite union of regular submanifolds of  $\Omega$  with codimensions greater than  $n + \sigma$ . Then we have the following.

PROPOSITION 3.1. *Let  $\Omega, \Omega'$  and  $\Sigma$  be as above. Then*

- (i) *the natural inclusion:  $\Gamma_{\Omega'} E \rightarrow \Gamma_{\Omega} E$  is a  $\sigma$ -homotopy equivalence,*
- (ii) *the natural inclusion:  $\Gamma_{\Omega'} E^r \rightarrow \Gamma_{\Omega} E^r$  is a  $\sigma$ -homotopy equivalence.*

We need some notations for the proof. Let  $X$  be a differentiable manifold. Let  $p$  and  $f$  be base points of  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}_0(X, Y)$  denotes the space of continuous maps preserving base point with compact-open topology. A continuous map  $\alpha: X \rightarrow \Gamma_{\Omega} E$  is called  $C^r$  differentiable if its associated section,  $\alpha': X \times N \rightarrow X \times E(N)$  defined by  $\alpha'(x, n) = (x, \alpha(x)(n))$  is differentiable of class  $C^r$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}_0^r(X, \Gamma_{\Omega} E)$  denote the space of  $C^r$  differentiable maps of  $\mathcal{F}_0(X, \Gamma_{\Omega} E)$ . Then we have the following lemma. This follows from the differentiable approximation theorem of continuous maps.

LEMMA 3.2. *The canonical inclusion  $\mathcal{F}_0^r(X, \Gamma_{\Omega} E) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{F}_0(X, \Gamma_{\Omega} E)$  induces a bijection of the sets of their connected components.*

Next we define a map  $\pi: (E_X)^r(X \times N) \rightarrow X \times E^r(N)$  where  $E_X = X \times E$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a  $r$ -jet,  $j^r s$  of a local section  $s: X \times N \rightarrow X \times E$  defined near  $(x, y)$ . Then we put  $\pi(\alpha) = (x, (j^r s(x))(y))$ . Let  $\Omega_X$  be the pull back  $\pi^{-1}(\Omega)$  of an open set  $\Omega$  of  $E^r(N)$ . Then we can consider  $\Gamma_{\Omega_X}(E_X)$  and the natural map  $\Gamma_{\Omega_X}(E_X) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^r(X, \Gamma_{\Omega} E)$  which is a continuous bijection.

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 3.1. We shall begin with proving that the map  $\pi_0(\Gamma_{\Omega'} E) \rightarrow \pi_0(\Gamma_{\Omega} E)$  is surjective when  $\sigma \geq 0$ . Let  $s$  be an element of  $\Gamma_{\Omega} E$ . Then it follows from Corollary 2.4 that there is a path,  $S: I \rightarrow \Gamma_{\Omega} E$  such that  $S(0) = s$  and  $S(1)$  is transverse on  $\Sigma$ . Since  $\text{codim } \Sigma > n + \sigma$ , this means  $j^r S(1)(N) \cap \Sigma = \emptyset$ . Hence  $S(1)$  is an element of  $\Gamma_{\Omega'} E$ .

By the above fact we may fix a base point in  $\Gamma_{\Omega'} E$  when we consider a connected component of  $\Gamma_{\Omega} E$ . Let  $s$  be a base point in  $\Gamma_{\Omega'} E$ . Consider the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \pi_i(\Gamma_{\Omega'} E, s) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \pi_i(\Gamma_{\Omega} E, s) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \pi_0(\mathcal{F}_0(S^i, \Gamma_{\Omega'} E)) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \pi_0(\mathcal{F}_0(S^i, \Gamma_{\Omega} E)) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \pi_0(\mathcal{F}_0^r(S^i, \Gamma_{\Omega'} E)) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \pi_0(\mathcal{F}_0^r(S^i, \Gamma_{\Omega} E)).
 \end{array}$$

Since both of vertical maps are bijective, it is enough to show that the bottom horizontal map is bijective for  $i < \sigma$  and surjective for  $i = \sigma$ . Let  $\alpha: S^i \rightarrow \Gamma_{\Omega} E$  be a element of  $\mathcal{F}_0(S^i, \Gamma_{\Omega} E)$ . Then it is identified with an element  $\alpha': S^i \times N \rightarrow S^i \times E(N)$  of  $\Gamma_{\Omega_{S^i}} E_{S^i}$ . Since  $\alpha(p) = s$ ,  $\alpha'$  is transverse on  $\Sigma$  at  $p \times N$ , that is,  $j^r \alpha'(p \times N) \cap \Sigma = \emptyset$ . By Corollary 2.4 there exists an  $\Omega_{S^i}$ -regular differentiable section,  $S: I \times S^i \times N \rightarrow I \times S^i \times E(N)$  such that

$S|_{0 \times S^i \times N} = \alpha'$ ,  $S|_{1 \times S^i \times N} \in \Gamma_{\alpha'_i} E_{S^i}$  and  $S|_{t \times p \times N} = s$  for each  $t \in I$ . Hence  $i_*$  is surjective. Let  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  be elements of  $\mathcal{A}_0^\infty(S^i, \Gamma_{\alpha'} E)$  such that  $i_* \alpha_0 = i_* \alpha_1$ . By the differentiable approximation theorem there exists an  $\Omega$ -regular differentiable map  $S: (I \times S^i, I \times p) \rightarrow (\Gamma_{\alpha'} E, s)$  such that  $S|_{j \times S^i} = \alpha_j (j=0, 1)$ . We obtain the associated differentiable section  $\alpha'_j: S^i \times N \rightarrow S^i \times E(N)$  and  $S': I \times S^i \times N \rightarrow I \times S^i \times E(N)$ . We consider  $\Omega_{I \times S^i}$  and  $\Omega'_{I \times S^i}$ . Then  $S'$  is an  $\Omega_{I \times S^i}$ -regular  $C^r$  section with  $j^r S'(j \times S^i \times N) \subseteq \Omega'_{I \times S^i} (j=0, 1)$  and  $j^r S'(I \times p \times N) \subseteq \Omega'_{I \times S^i}$ . Since  $\Omega_{I \times S^i} - \Omega'_{I \times S^i} = \pi_{I \times S^i}^{-1}(\Omega - \Omega')$ , it is a finite union of submanifolds with codimensions  $> n + \sigma$ . By applying Corollary 2.4 to the case of  $\Omega_{I \times S^i}$ ,  $\Omega'_{I \times S^i}$ ,  $I \times S^i \times N \cup I \times p \times N$  and  $S'$ , we get  $\Omega'$  regular section  $\bar{S}': I \times S^i \times N \rightarrow I \times S^i \times E(N)$  such that  $\bar{S}'|_{j \times S^i \times N} = S|_{j \times S^i \times N} (j=0, 1)$  and  $\bar{S}'|_{t \times p \times N} = s$  for each  $t \in I$ . This completes the proof.

The proof of (ii) follows from the similar arguments as above by the transversality theorem. In fact we consider the bundle  $E^r(N)$  over  $N$  instead of  $E(N)$  over  $N$  in the proof of (i) and apply Corollary 2.4 to the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \pi_i(\Gamma_{\alpha'} E^r, *) & \longrightarrow & \pi_i(\Gamma_{\alpha'} E^r, *) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \pi_0(\mathcal{A}_0(S^i, \Gamma_{\alpha'} E^r)) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(\mathcal{A}_0(S^i, \Gamma_{\alpha'} E^r)) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \pi_0(\mathcal{A}_0^r(S^i, \Gamma_{\alpha'} E^r)) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(\mathcal{A}_0^r(S^i, \Gamma_{\alpha'} E^r)). \quad \text{Q. E. D.}
 \end{array}$$

PROOF OF THEOREM. This follows from the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \pi_i(\Gamma_{\alpha'} E) & \xrightarrow{(j^r)_*} & \pi_i(\Gamma_{\alpha'} E^r) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \pi_i(\Gamma_{\alpha'} E) & \xrightarrow{(j^r)_*} & \pi_i(\Gamma_{\alpha'} E^r). \quad \text{Q. E. D.}
 \end{array}$$

### § 4. Applications

In this section we slightly extend the notion of Thom-Boardman singularities [2, 7, 9] into the space of  $r$ -jet bundles  $E^r(N)$ . Let  $J^r(U, P)$  denote the bundle of  $r$ -jets over differentiable manifolds  $U$  and  $P$ . Then the Thom-Boardman singularity with symbol  $I$ ,  $\Sigma^I(U, P)$  is defined in  $J^r(U, P)$ .  $\Sigma^I(U, P)$  is a regular differentiable submanifold of  $J^r(U, P)$  and a differentiable subbundle of  $J^r(U, P)$  over  $U \times P$ . Let  $V$  be a differentiable manifold which is diffeomorphic to  $U$  by  $h$ . Let  $\bar{h}: U \times P \rightarrow V \times P$  be a differentiable bundle map over the diffeomorphism  $h: U \rightarrow V$ . Then we can define a map  $j^r \bar{h}: J^r(U, P) \rightarrow J^r(V, P)$ . Let  $z$  be an element of  $J^r(U, P)$  which is represented

by  $f: (U, x) \rightarrow (P, f(x))$ . Then  $j^r \bar{h}$  is defined to be the  $r$ -jet at  $h^{-1}(x)$  of the composition,  $p \circ \bar{h} \circ (id_U \times f) \circ h^{-1}$  where  $p$  denotes the projection of  $V \times P$  onto  $P$ .

REMARK 4.1. The map  $j^r \bar{h}$  maps  $\Sigma^I(U, P)$  diffeomorphically onto  $\Sigma^I(V, P)$  and makes the following diagram commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} J^r(U, P) & \xrightarrow{j^r \bar{h}} & J^r(V, P) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ U \times P & \xrightarrow{\bar{h}} & V \times P \end{array}$$

PROOF. Let  $z = j^r f$  and  $y = f(x)$  where  $f: (U, x) \rightarrow (P, y)$ . Let  $C(U)_x$  (resp.  $C(P)_y$ ) denote the set of  $C^\infty$  map germs,  $(U, x) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  (resp.  $(P, y) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ). Let  $\mathfrak{M}_x$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{M}_y$ ) denote the ideal in  $C(U)_x$  (resp.  $C(P)_y$ ) consisting of  $C^\infty$  map germs which vanish on  $x$  (resp.  $y$ ). It is shown in [7] that the Boardman symbol  $I$  is determined only by the ideal  $f^*(\mathfrak{M}_y)$  in  $C(U)_x$  modulo  $\mathfrak{M}_x^{r+1}$ . It follows from [6, Proposition in (2.3)] that  $(p \circ \bar{h} \circ (id_U \times f) \circ h^{-1})^*(\mathfrak{M}_y)$  is equal to  $(h^{-1})^* f^*(\mathfrak{M}_y)$ . Hence we know that the Boardman symbol of  $j^r \bar{h}(z)$  coincides with that of  $z$  by definition. Other statement immediately follows from the definition of  $j^r \bar{h}$ . Q. E. D.

Let  $\pi: E(N) \rightarrow N$  be a differentiable bundle over  $N$  with fibre  $P$ . If  $\pi$  is trivial over an open set  $U$ , then  $E^r(N)|_U$  is canonically identified with  $J^r(U, P)$ . Let  $\Sigma^I(E|_U)$  denote the differentiable subbundle of  $E^r(N)|_U$  which corresponds to  $\Sigma^I(U, P)$  by this identification. Let  $\{U_\alpha\}$  denote the covering of  $N$  such that the bundle  $\pi$  is trivial over  $U_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha$ . Then we put  $\Sigma^I(E) = \cup \Sigma^I(E|_{U_\alpha})$ . Then it follows from Remark 4.1 that  $\Sigma^I(E)$  is a differentiable subbundle of  $E^r(N)$  over  $N$  and does not depend on the choice of the covering  $\{U_\alpha\}$ . We should note that the codimension of  $\Sigma^I(E)$  in  $E^r(N)$  coincides with that of  $\Sigma^I(U, P)$  in  $J^r(U, P)$ .

DEFINITION 4.2. We call  $\Sigma^I(E)$  the *Thom-Boardman singularity with symbol  $I$*  of  $E^r(N)$ .

We define an open set  $\Omega^I(E)$  in  $E^r(N)$  to be the union of all Thom-Boardman singularities with symbol  $K$  such that  $K \leq I$  where we consider the lexicographic order. Since the union of all Thom-Boardman singularities  $\Sigma^K(U, P)$ ,  $K \leq I$  is open in  $J^r(U, P)$ , we know that  $\Omega^I(E)$  is open in  $E^r(N)$ . Now we consider the integrability of  $j^r: \Gamma_\Omega E \rightarrow \Gamma_\Omega E^r$  for  $\Omega = \Omega^I(E)$ .

In the sequel we provide  $\pi: E(N) \rightarrow N$  with the certain condition which is called 'natural'. For any  $n$  dimensional manifold  $N$  there exists a differentiable bundle  $E(N)$  such that if  $U$  is open in  $N$ , then  $E(U)$  is the restriction  $E(N)$  to  $U$ . Moreover for any diffeomorphism  $h$  of an open sets  $V$  of  $N$ , there exists a diffeomorphism  $\bar{h}: E(U) \rightarrow E(V)$  covering  $h$  such that

$\bar{k} \circ \bar{h} = \overline{k \circ h}$  and  $\bar{id}_U = id_{E(U)}$ . Also  $\bar{h}$  depends continuously on  $h$  (see, for example [3]).

Let  $E'(N')$  be a natural differentiable bundle over  $n+1$  dimensional manifolds  $N'$  such that  $E'(N \times \mathbf{R})$  is isomorphic to  $E(N) \times \mathbf{R}$  over  $N \times \mathbf{R}$ . Then we have a natural map  $\bar{i}' : E'^r(N \times \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow E^r(N)$  which is induced from the inclusion  $i : N = N \times O \subset N \times \mathbf{R}$ . If we consider  $\Omega^I(E')$  in  $E'^r(N \times \mathbf{R})$ , then we obtain that  $\bar{i}(\Omega^I(E'))$  is contained in  $\Omega^I(E)$  by the similar arguments as in [4]. It follows from [3, Theorem B] that  $j^r : \Gamma_a(E) \rightarrow \Gamma_a(E^r)$  is a weak homotopy equivalence for  $\Omega = \bar{i}(\Omega^I(E'))$ . Now we show that  $\Omega^I(E) - \bar{i}(\Omega^I(E'))$  is a finite union of regular submanifolds of  $\Omega^I(E)$ . At first we note that  $\Omega^I(E)$  and  $\bar{i}(\Omega^I(E'))$  are open subbundles over  $E(N)$ . Their fibers are described as follows. Let  $J^r(n, p)$  (resp.  $\Omega^I(n, p)$ ) denote the fibre over the origin  $(O, O)$  of  $J^r(\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{R}^p)$  over  $\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^p$  (resp.  $\Omega^I(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^p)$  where  $N = \mathbf{R}^n$  and  $E(N) = \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^p$ ). There is a restriction map  $\bar{i} : J^r(n+1, p) \rightarrow J^r(n, p)$  forgetting the last coordinate. Then the fibre of  $\Omega^I(E)$  (resp.  $\bar{i}(\Omega^I(E'))$ ) is  $\Omega^I(n, p)$  (resp.  $\bar{i}(\Omega^I(n+1, p))$ ). If we identify  $J^r(n, p)$  with an euclidian space in the usual way, then we know that  $\Omega^I(n, p)$  and  $\bar{i}(\Omega^I(n+1, p))$  are both Zariski open sets. In fact it follows from [7, The Proof of Proposition 2] that  $J^r(n, p) - \Omega^I(n, p)$  is a Zariski closed set. It follows from [10] that  $J^r(n, p) - \bar{i}(\Omega^I(n+1, p))$  is a finite union of locally Zariski closed submanifolds of  $J^r(n, p)$ . Thus  $\Omega^I(n, p) - \bar{i}(\Omega^I(n+1, p))$  is a finite union of locally Zariski closed submanifolds. Hence we obtain that  $\Omega^I(E) - \bar{i}(\Omega^I(E'))$  is a finite union of regular submanifolds of  $\Omega^I(E)$ . We again note that the minimal codimension of these submanifolds coincides with that of the submanifolds of  $\Omega^I(n, p) - \bar{i}(\Omega^I(n+1, p))$ . Let  $\sigma^I$  denote the interger such that  $\sigma^I + n + 1$  is the above codimension. The following theorem is a slight extension of the result in [4, § 1] and we know that  $\Omega^I(n, p)$  is equal to  $\bar{i}(\Omega^I(n+1, p))$  in this case.

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $\pi : E(N) \rightarrow N$  be a natural differentiable fibre bundle with  $\dim N = n$  and  $\dim P = p$ . Let  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_r)$  and  $d^I = \sum_{s=1}^{r-1} \alpha_s$  where*

$$\alpha_s = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i_s - i_{s+1} > 1. \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

*If  $i_r > n - p - d^I$ , then for  $\Omega = \Omega^I(E)$*

$$j^r : \Gamma_a(E) \longrightarrow \Gamma_a(E^r)$$

*is a weak homotopy equivalence.*

Now we give a few applications of Theorem in § 1.

**PROPOSITION 4.4.** *Let  $\pi : E(N) \rightarrow N$  be as in Theorem 4.3. Let  $\Omega^I(E)$  and  $\sigma^I$  be as defined above. Then  $j^r : \Gamma_a(E) \rightarrow \Gamma_a(E^r)$  is a  $\sigma^I$ -homotopy equivalence for  $\Omega = \Omega^I(E)$ .*

Let  $K \leq I$ . Then  $\Omega^I(E) - \Omega^K(E)$  is the union of Thom-Boardman singularities with symbol  $H$  such that  $K < H \leq I$ . The codimension of  $\Sigma^H(E)$  is determined in [2]. If we take  $\Omega^I(E)$  (or  $\Omega^K(E)$ ) as  $\Omega$  in Theorem 4.3 or Proposition 4.4, we know by applying Theorem in §1 or Proposition 4.4 how the map  $j^r: \Gamma_a(E) \rightarrow \Gamma_a(E^r)$  is close to a homotopy equivalence. For example, let  $i_1$  be fixed. Let  $i_2$  be the positive minimal integer such that  $i_2 > n - p - d^I$  where  $I = (i_1, i_2)$ . Let  $K = (i_1, i_2 - 1)$ . Then  $j^r$  is a homotopy equivalence for  $\Omega^I(E)$ . Hence  $j^r$  induces the isomorphisms of  $k$  dimensional homotopy groups where  $k < (p - n + i_1) \{i_1(i_2 + 1) - (1/2) i_2(i_2 - 1)\} - i_2(i_1 - i_2)$  for  $\Omega^K(E)$  since the codimension of  $\Sigma^I(E)$  is as mentioned. The examples of the number  $\sigma'$  in Proposition 4.4 are given in [1] for the product bundle  $E(N) = N \times P$ , which is also valid in our general bundle case.

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