AXIOMATIC DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY II-2 –
DIFFERENTIAL FORMS

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Abstract. We refurbish our axiomatics of differential geometry introduced in [5].
Then the notion of Euclideaness can naturally be formulated. The principal ob-
jective of this paper is to present an adaptation of our theory of differential forms
developed in [3] to our present axiomatic framework.

1. INTRODUCTION

The principal objective of this paper is to replicate our treatment of differential
forms in [3] in the context of our axiomatics on differential geometry in [4]. Try-
ing to achieve this goal, we have realized that our axiomatics there is somewhat
fragile. Therefore, we were forced to refurbish the axiomatics. The main improve-
ment is that prolongations of spaces with respect to Weil algebras can directly be
generalized to those with respect to finitely presented algebras. As is well known,
the prolongation of a space with respect to the Weil algebra \(k[X]/(X^2)\) (the Weil
algebra corresponding to first-order infinitesimals) is its tangent bundle. Similarly,
the prolongation of a space with respect to the polynomial algebra \(k[X_1, \ldots, X_n]\),
which is not a Weil algebra but surely a finitely presented algebra, is simply the
exponentiation of the space by \(\mathbb{R}^n\). Thus, the secondary objective in this paper
is to improve our axiomatics, to which Section 2 is devoted. In particular, the
theorem established in [5] that the tangent space is a module over \(k\), which is
external to the category \(\mathcal{K}\), is enhanced to the theorem that the tangent space is
a module over \(\mathbb{R}\), which is an object in \(\mathcal{K}\).

Section 3 is concerned with Euclidean modules. Our new axiomatics of dif-
ferential geometry enables us to formulate the notion of Euclideaness properly,
in which cartesian closedness and prolongations with respect to polynomial alge-
bras will play a crucial role. In orthodox differential geometry and its extensions
to infinite-dimensional differential geometry, we first study the category of linear
spaces of some kind and smooth mappings, say, the category of Hilbert spaces,
that of Banach spaces, that of Fréchet spaces, that of convenient vector spaces
and so on. We then study the category of manifolds, which are modeled locally
after such linear spaces. Our approach moves in the sheer opposite direction. We
first establish the general theory of microlinear spaces. The theory of Euclidean
modules (i.e., its linear part) is obtained as a special case of this general theory.

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algebra, Euclidean module.
Sections 4 and 5 are merely an adaptation of our treatment of differential forms in [5] to our present axiomatic framework. Section 4 is devoted to a unique characterization of differential forms, which could be called the fundamental theorem on differential forms. The characterization and existence of exterior differentiation, which will be discussed in Section 5, is an easy consequence of this fundamental theorem.

2. Refurbishing our axiomatics

2.1. The refurbishment

Let $k$ be a commutative ring. We denote by $T_k$ the algebraic theory of $k$-algebras in the sense of Lawvere. We denote by $\text{FPT}_k$ the category of finitely presented $k$-algebras. It is well known that Weil algebras over $k$ are finitely presented $k$-algebras. We denote by $\text{Weil}_k$ the category of Weil $k$-algebras, which is well known to be left exact. In particular, its terminal object is $k$ itself. A finitely presented $k$-algebra $A$ is called pointed if it has a unique maximal ideal $m$ such that the composition of the canonical morphism

$$k \to A$$

and the canonical projection

$$A \to A/m$$

is an isomorphism. We denote by $\text{PFP}_k$ the category of pointed finitely presented $k$-algebras. Not only Weil $k$-algebras but also polynomial $k$-algebras $k[X_1, ..., X_n]$ lie in $\text{PFP}_k$. Given a left exact category $\mathcal{K}$ and a $k$-algebra object $R$ in $\mathcal{K}$, there is a canonical functor $R \otimes -$ (denoted by $R \otimes -$ in [1]) from the category $\text{Weil}_k$ to the category of $k$-algebra objects and their homomorphisms in $\mathcal{K}$.

**Definition 2.1** (DG-category). The present refinement of our original axiomatatics in [4] is that we allow not only Weil prolongations but also finitely presented prolongations. Therefore, given a finitely presented $k$-algebra $A$, we are endowed with a left exact functor $T^A : \mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{K}$ preserving cartesian closed structures in the sense that we have

$$T^A (X \cdot Y) = (T^A X) \cdot Y$$

for any objects $X$ and $Y$ in $\mathcal{K}$. For any freely generated $k$-algebra $A = k[X_1, ..., X_n]$ over $n$ generators $X_1, ..., X_n$, $T^A = T^{k[X_1, ..., X_n]}$ is required to be simply the exponentiation by $\mathbb{R}^n$, so that we have

$$T^{k[X_1, ..., X_n]} X = X^{\mathbb{R}^n}$$

for any object $X$ in $\mathcal{K}$. In particular, when $n = 0$, we have

$$T^k X = X.$$ 

Given a finitely presented $k$-algebra $A$, it is required that

$$T^A \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R} \otimes A.$$  

(2.3)

Given two finitely presented $k$-algebra $A$ and $B$, it is required that

$$T^B \circ T^A = T^{A \otimes_k B}.$$  

(2.4)
Given a morphism \( \varphi : A \to B \) in \( \text{PFPT}_k \), we have a natural transformation

\[
\alpha_\varphi : T^A \Rightarrow T^B
\]

which respects cartesian closed structures, so that we have

\[
\alpha_\varphi (X^Y) = (\alpha_\varphi (X))^Y
\]

for any objects \( X \) and \( Y \) in \( K \). It is also required to satisfy

\[
\alpha_\varphi (T^C X) = T^C (\alpha_\varphi (X)) : T^A T^C X = T^{C \otimes_k A} X = T^{A \otimes_k C} X
\]

\[
= T^C T^A X \to T^C T^B X = T^{B \otimes_k C} X = T^{C \otimes_k B} X = T^B T^C X
\]

for any object \( C \) in the category \( \text{PFPT}_k \). Given two morphisms \( \varphi : A \to B \) and \( \psi : B \to C \) in \( \text{PFPT}_k \), it is required that

\[
\alpha_\psi \circ \alpha_\varphi = \alpha_{\psi \circ \varphi}.
\]

(2.7)

Given any identity morphism \( \text{id}_A : A \to A \) in \( \text{PFPT}_k \), it is required that

\[
\alpha_{\text{id}_A} = \text{id}_{T^A}.
\]

(2.8)

Given a morphism \( \varphi : A \to B \) in \( \text{PFPT}_k \), it is required that

\[
\alpha_\varphi (R) = R \otimes \varphi.
\]

(2.9)

Thus our new definition of a \( DG \)-category is a quadruple

\[(K, \mathbb{R}, T, \alpha),\]

where

1. \( K \) is a category which is left exact and cartesian closed,
2. \( \mathbb{R} \) is a commutative \( k \)-algebra object in \( K \),
3. given an object \( A \) in \( \text{PFPT}_k \), \( T^A : K \to K \) is a left-exact and cartesian-closed-structure-preserving functor,
4. given a morphism \( \varphi : A \to B \) in \( \text{PFPT}_k \), \( \alpha_\varphi : T^A \Rightarrow T^B \) is a natural transformation,
5. the quadruple \((K, \mathbb{R}, T, \alpha)\) is required to satisfy (2.2)–(2.9) as axioms.

**Remark 2.2.** As in [4], we have a bifunctor

\[
\otimes : K \times \text{PFPT}_k \to K
\]

with

\[
X \otimes A = T^A X
\]

for any object \( X \) in \( K \) and any object \( A \) in \( \text{PFPT}_k \), and

\[
f \otimes \varphi = \alpha_\varphi (Y) \circ T^A f = T^B f \circ \alpha_\varphi (X)
\]

for any morphism

\[
f : X \to Y
\]

in \( K \) and any morphism

\[
\varphi : A \to B
\]

in \( \text{PFPT}_k \).
Remark 2.3. Given an object $A$ in $\mathbf{PFP}^T_k$ and an object $X$ in $\mathcal{K}$, we write
\[ \tau_A (X) : T^A X \to X \]
and
\[ \iota_A (X) : X \to T^A X \]
for
\[ \alpha_{A \to k} (X) : T^A X \to T^k X = X \]
and
\[ \alpha_{k \to A} (X) : X = T^k X \to T^A X \]
respectively, where $A \to k$ and $k \to A$ are the canonical morphisms in $\mathbf{PFP}^T_k$.

It is easy to see that

Proposition 2.4. Let $(\mathcal{K}, \mathbb{R}, T, \alpha)$ be a DG-category with the category $\mathcal{K}$ being locally cartesian closed and $M$ an object in $\mathcal{K}$. Then $(\mathcal{K}/M, \mathbb{R}_M, T_M, \alpha^M)$ is a DG-category but for conditions (2.1) and (2.5), where

1. $\mathcal{K}/M$ is the slice category,
2. $\mathbb{R}_M$ is the canonical projection $\mathbb{R} \times M \to M$,
3. given an object $\pi : E \to M$ in $\mathcal{K}$ and an object $A$ in $\mathbf{PFP}^T_k$, $T^A_M (\pi)$ is defined to be
   \[ T^A_M (\pi) : T^A E \to T^A M \]
   where $T^A_M (\pi)$ is obtained as the equalizer of
   \[ T^A \pi : T^A E \to T^A M \]
   and
   \[ T^A E \tau_A (E) \xrightarrow{\tau_A (E)} E \xrightarrow{\pi} M \xrightarrow{\iota_A (M)} T^A M \]
   and (2.10) is
   \[ T^A_M (\pi) \to T^A E \tau_A (E) \xrightarrow{\tau_A (E)} E \xrightarrow{\pi} M, \]
4. let $\varphi : A \to B$ be a morphism in $\mathbf{PFP}^T_k$. Since the diagrams
   \[
   \begin{array}{ccc}
   T^A E & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\varphi} (E)} & T^B E \\
   T^A \pi & \downarrow & \downarrow T^B \pi \\
   T^A M & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\varphi} (M)} & T^B M \\
   \tau_A (E) & \xrightarrow{\tau_A (E)} & \tau_B (E) \\
   \pi & \downarrow & \\
   M & \xrightarrow{\iota_B (M)} & T^B M \\
   \end{array}
   \]
commute, there is a unique morphism
\[ \alpha^M_{\varphi} (\pi) : T^A_M (\pi) \to T^B_M (\pi) \]
in \( K \) such that the diagram
\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
T^A_M (\pi) & \xrightarrow{\alpha^M_{\varphi} (\pi)} & T^B_M (\pi) \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
T^A E & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\varphi} (E)} & T^B E
\end{array}
\]
commutes.

**Definition 2.5** (Local DG-category). A DG-category \( (K, \mathbb{R}, T, \alpha) \) is called a local DG-category if \( K \) is locally cartesian closed and \( (K/M, \mathbb{R}_M, T^M, \alpha^M) \) is a DG-category for any object \( M \) in \( K \).

**Remark 2.6.** The notion of microlinearity and that of Weil exponentiability remain the same as those in [4].

In the following, we will consider an arbitrarily chosen local DG-category \( (K, \mathbb{R}, T, \alpha) \) with \( M \) being a microlinear and Weil exponentiable object in \( K \).

### 2.2. The duality

We have already explained the duality between the category of Weil algebras in the real world and the category of infinitesimal objects in the imaginary world. Namely, we have a contravariant functor \( D \) from the category of Weil algebras to the category of infinitesimal objects and a contravariant functor \( W \) from the category of infinitesimal objects to the category of Weil algebras, both of which constitute a dual equivalence between the two categories. By way of example, \( D_k[\mathbb{R}]/(\mathbb{R}^2) \) is intended for
\[
D = \{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 = 0 \}
\]
while \( D_k[\mathbb{R}]/(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}) \) is intended for
\[
D(2) = \{ (x, y) \in D \times D \mid xy = 0 \}.
\]
Therefore, we have
\[
W_D = k \left[ \mathbb{R} \right] / (\mathbb{R}^2)
\]
\[
W_{D(2)} = k \left[ X, Y \right] / (X^2, Y^2, XY).
\]
Similarly
\[
W_{d \in D \to (d, 0) \in D(2)}
\]
stands for the homomorphism of \( k \)-algebras from \( k \left[ X, Y \right] / (X^2, Y^2, XY) \) to \( k \left[ X \right] / (X^2) \) assigning the equivalence class of \( X \) in \( k \left[ X \right] / (X^2) \) to the equivalence class of \( X \) in \( k \left[ X, Y \right] / (X^2, Y^2, XY) \), and assigning the equivalence class of \( 0 \) in \( k \left[ X \right] / (X^2) \) to the equivalence class of \( Y \) in \( k \left[ X, Y \right] / (X^2, Y^2, XY) \).

We can extend contravariant functors \( D \) and \( W \) so as to yield a dual equivalence between the category \( \text{PFP}_k \) and the category of (real or imaginary) carved spaces
standing for genuinely formal Spec$_R$. By way of example, we have
\[ D_{k[z_1, z_2]} = \mathbb{R}^2, \]
\[ D_{k[z_1, z_2, x, y]/(x^2, y^2, xy)} = \mathbb{R}^2 \times D(2), \]
while
\[ \mathcal{W}_{d \in D \mapsto d \in \mathbb{R}} \]
stands for the canonical projection
\[ k[X] \to k[X]/(X^2) \]
and
\[ \mathcal{W}_{(r_1, r_2, d_1, d_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times D(2) \mapsto r_1 d_1 + r_2 d_2 \in D} \]
stands for the homomorphism of $k$-algebras from $k \times \mathbb{R}$ to $k[Z_1, Z_2, X, Y]/(Z_1 X + Z_2 Y)$ assigning the equivalence class of $Z_1 X + Z_2 Y$ to the equivalence class of $X \in k[X]/(X^2)$.

2.3. The tangent space

**Definition 2.7** (Scalar Multiplication). The exponential transpose of the scalar multiplication
\[ \mathbb{R} \times (M \otimes \mathcal{W}_D) \to M \otimes \mathcal{W}_D \]
is
\[ \text{id}_M \otimes \mathcal{W}_{(r, d) \in \mathbb{R} \times D \mapsto rd \in D} : M \otimes \mathcal{W}_D \to M \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\mathbb{R} \times D} = M \otimes (\mathcal{W}_D \otimes_k \mathcal{W}_\mathbb{R}) = (M \otimes \mathcal{W}_D) \otimes \mathcal{W}_\mathbb{R} = (M \otimes \mathcal{W}_D)^\mathbb{R}. \]

Now we strengthen one of the main results of [5] into

**Theorem 2.8.** The canonical projection
\[ \tau_{\mathcal{W}_D}(M) : M \otimes \mathcal{W}_D \to M \]
is an $\mathbb{R}_M$-module in the slice category $\mathcal{K}/M$, where $\mathbb{R}_M$ is the canonical projection
\[ \mathbb{R} \times M \to M. \]

**Proof.** Here we deal only with the statement that the scalar multiplication distributes over the addition, for which we have to verify that the diagram
\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathbb{R} \times (M \otimes \mathcal{W}_{D(2)}) & \to & \mathbb{R} \times (M \otimes \mathcal{W}_D) \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
M \otimes \mathcal{W}_{D(2)} & \to & M \otimes \mathcal{W}_D
\end{array}
\]
commutes, where the horizontal arrows stand for addition, while the vertical arrows correspond to scalar multiplication. This follows easily from the commutativity of the diagram
\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
M \otimes \mathcal{W}_{D(2)} & \to & M \otimes \mathcal{W}_D \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
M \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\mathbb{R} \times D(2)} & \to & M \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\mathbb{R} \times D}
\end{array}
\]
where the left vertical arrow is
\[ \text{id}_M \otimes \mathcal{W}_{(r_1, r_2, d_1, d_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times D \mapsto (rd_1 + rd_2) \in D}. \]
while the right vertical arrow is
\[ \text{id}_M \otimes W_{(r,d) \in R \times D \rightarrow rd \in D}. \]

\[ \square \]

3. Euclidean Modules

An \( R \)-module in \( K \) is an object \( E \) in \( K \) endowed with a morphism
\[ +_E : E \times E \rightarrow E \]
intended for addition, and a morphism
\[ \cdot_{R,E} : R \times E \rightarrow E \]
intended for scalar multiplication, which are surely subject to the usual axioms of an \( R \)-module depicted diagrammatically. Equivalently, an \( R \)-module structure on an object \( E \) in \( K \) can be given by a single morphism
\[ \varphi : R \times E \times E \rightarrow E \]
intended for the morphism
\[ R \times E \times E \cdot_{R,E} \xrightarrow{\text{id}_E \otimes +_E} E \]
which is surely subject to some axioms depicted diagrammatically.

**Definition 3.1** (Euclidean \( R \)-module). An \( R \)-module \( E \) is called Euclidean provided that the composition of the exponential transpose
\[ E \times E \rightarrow E^R \] (3.1)
of
\[ R \times E \times E = E \times R \times E \xrightarrow{\text{id}_E \times \cdot_{R,E} \times +_E} E \]
and
\[ \alpha_{W_{d \in D \rightarrow d \in R}} (E) : E^R = E \otimes W_R \rightarrow E \otimes W_D \]
in succession is an isomorphism.

It should be obvious that

**Lemma 3.2.** The \( R \)-module structure of \( E \) naturally gives rise to that of \( E^X \) for any object \( X \) in \( K \) in the sense that the exponential transpose
\[ \tilde{\varphi} : E \times E \rightarrow E^R \]
of the \( R \)-module structure
\[ \varphi : R \times E \times E \rightarrow E \]
on \( E \) induces a mapping
\[ (\tilde{\varphi})^X : E^X \times E^X = (E \times E)^X \rightarrow (E^R)^X = (E^X)^R, \]
which is the exponential transpose of the derived \( R \)-module structure
\[ R \times E^X \times E^X \rightarrow E^X \] on \( E^X \).
Proposition 3.3. If $E$ is a Euclidean $R$-module, then so is $E^X$ for any object $X$ in $K$.

Proof. We use the same notation as in Lemma 3.2. We have
\[
\alpha_{W_{d \in D \rightarrow d \in R}} (E^X) = \left( \alpha_{W_{d \in D \rightarrow d \in R}} (E) \right)^X : (E^X)^R = (E^R)^X = (E \otimes \mathcal{W}_R)^X
\rightarrow (E \otimes \mathcal{W}_D)^X = E^X \otimes \mathcal{W}_D.
\]
Since
\[
\left( \alpha_{W_{d \in D \rightarrow d \in R}} (E) \right)^X \circ (\tilde{\varphi})^X = \left( \alpha_{W_{d \in D \rightarrow d \in R}} (E) \circ \tilde{\varphi} \right)^X,
\]
we are sure that $E^X$ is a Euclidean $R$-module. $\square$

It should be evident that

Lemma 3.4. The $R$-module structure of $E$ naturally gives rise to that of $E \otimes W$ for any Weil algebra $W$ in the sense that the exponential transpose
\[
\tilde{\varphi} : E \times E \rightarrow E^R
\]
of the $R$-module structure
\[
\varphi : R \times E \times E \rightarrow E
\]
on $E$ induces a mapping
\[
\tilde{\varphi} \otimes \text{id}_W : (E \otimes W) \times (E \otimes W) = (E \times E) \otimes W \rightarrow E^R \otimes W = (E \otimes W)^R,
\]
which is the exponential transpose of the derived $R$-module structure
\[
R \times (E \otimes W) \times (E \otimes W) \rightarrow E \otimes W
\]
on $E \otimes W$.

Proposition 3.5. If $E$ is a Euclidean $R$-module, then so is $E \otimes W$ for any Weil algebra $W$.

Proof. We use the same notation as in Lemma 3.4. We have
\[
\alpha_{W_{d \in D \rightarrow d \in R}} (E \otimes W) = \alpha_{W_{d \in D \rightarrow d \in R}} (E) \otimes \text{id}_W : (E \otimes W)^R = (E \otimes W) \otimes \mathcal{W}_R
\rightarrow (E \otimes \mathcal{W}_D) \otimes W = (E \otimes W) \otimes \mathcal{W}_D.
\]
Since
\[
\left( \alpha_{W_{d \in D \rightarrow d \in R}} (E) \otimes \text{id}_W \right) \circ (\tilde{\varphi} \otimes \text{id}_W) = \left( \alpha_{W_{d \in D \rightarrow d \in R}} (E) \circ \tilde{\varphi} \right) \otimes \text{id}_W,
\]
we are sure that $E \otimes W$ is a Euclidean $R$-module. $\square$

Remark 3.6. If $E$ is an $R$-module, then the first projection
\[
\pi_1 : E \times E \rightarrow E
\]
is naturally an $R$-module in the slice category $K/E$. 
Proposition 3.7. If $E$ is a Euclidean $R$-module, then the identification of $E \otimes W_D$ and $E \times E$ in Definition 3.1 together with the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{c}
\pi_1 \searrow \\
E \times E = E \otimes W_D
\end{array}$$

allows us to identify the $R_M$-module structure in Theorem 2.8 and that in Remark 3.6.

Proof. (1) First we deal with addition. We have

$$\begin{align*}
E \otimes W_{D(2)} &= (E \otimes W_D) \times_M (E \otimes W_D) \\
&= \left(\frac{E \times E}{2}\right) \times_M \left(\frac{E \times E}{3}\right) \\
&= \frac{E \times E \times E}{2} \times \frac{E \times E}{4}
\end{align*}$$

where the numbers under $E$ are given simply for the reader to relate each occurrence of $E$ on the last line to the appropriate occurrence of $E$ on the previous line. This isomorphism can be realized by the composition of the exponential transpose

$$E \times E \times E \rightarrow E^{R \times R} \quad (3.2)$$

of

$$\begin{align*}
R \times R \times E \times E \times E &= R \times R \times E \times E \times E \times id_E \times \cdot_r \cdot_r E \times E \times E \\
&\quad \text{id} \times +_R E \times E +_R \cdot_r E
\end{align*}$$

and

$$\alpha_{W_{(d_1,d_2)\in D(2)-(d_1,d_2)\in R \times R}} (E) : E^{R \times R} = E \otimes W_{R \times R} \rightarrow E \otimes W_{D(2)}$$

in succession, where the numbers under $R$ and $E$ are intended for the reader to easily relate their occurrences on the first line to those on the second line. Therefore, the commutativity of the diagrams

$$\begin{align*}
E \times E \times E &\rightarrow E^{R \times R} = E \otimes W_{R \times R} \\
\text{id} \times +_R E &\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \text{id} \otimes W_{r \in R \rightarrow (r,r) \in R \times R} \\
E \times E &\rightarrow E^{R} = E \otimes W_{R}
\end{align*}$$

$$\begin{align*}
E^{R \times R} = E \otimes W_{R \times R} &\rightarrow E \otimes W_{D(2)} \\
\text{id} \otimes W_{r \in R \rightarrow (r,r) \in R \times R} &\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \text{id} \otimes W_{d \in D \rightarrow (d,d) \in D(2)} \\
E^{R} = E \otimes W_{R} &\rightarrow E \otimes W_{D}
\end{align*}$$

with the morphism

$$E \times E \times E \rightarrow E^{R \times R}$$

being that in (3.2), the morphism

$$E \times E \rightarrow E^{R}$$

being that in (3.1), the morphism

$$E^{R \times R} = E \otimes W_{R \times R} \rightarrow E \otimes W_{D(2)}$$
being the morphism
\[ \text{id}_E \otimes \mathcal{W}_{(d_1, d_2) \in D(2) \rightarrow (d_1, d_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} \]
and the morphism
\[ E^\mathbb{R} = E \otimes \mathcal{W}_\mathbb{R} \rightarrow E \otimes \mathcal{W}_D \]
being the morphism
\[ \text{id}_E \otimes \mathcal{W}_{d \in D \rightarrow d \in \mathbb{R}} \]
implies the commutativity of the diagram
\[
\begin{align*}
E \times E \times E & = E \otimes \mathcal{W}_{D(2)} \\
id_E \times +_E & \downarrow \downarrow \text{id}_E \otimes \mathcal{W}_{d \in D \rightarrow (d, d) \in D(2)} \\
E \times E & = E \otimes \mathcal{W}_D
\end{align*}
\]
This is nothing else but the gist of the desired statement.

(2) Now we deal with scalar multiplication. The commutativity of the diagrams
\[
\begin{align*}
E \times E & \rightarrow (E \times E)^\mathbb{R} = E \otimes \mathcal{W}_\mathbb{R} \\
id_E \otimes \mathcal{W}_{(r_1, r_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{R}} & \downarrow \downarrow \text{id}_E \otimes \mathcal{W}_{(d, r) \in D \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow d \in D, r \in \mathbb{R}} \\
(E \times E)^\mathbb{R} & = E \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} \rightarrow E \otimes \mathcal{W}_D = (E \otimes \mathcal{W}_D)^\mathbb{R}
\end{align*}
\]
with the left vertical arrow in the first diagram
\[ E \times E \rightarrow (E \times E)^\mathbb{R} \]
being the exponential transpose of
\[ \mathbb{R} \times E \times E = E \times \mathbb{R} \times E \rightarrow (E \times \mathbb{R} \times E) \]
the upper horizontal arrow
\[ E \times E \rightarrow E^\mathbb{R} \]
in the first diagram being that in (3.1), the lower horizontal arrow
\[ (E \times E)^\mathbb{R} \rightarrow E^\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = E \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} \]
in the first diagram being that in (3.1) exponentiated by \( \mathbb{R} \), the upper horizontal arrow
\[ E^\mathbb{R} = E \otimes \mathcal{W}_\mathbb{R} \rightarrow E \otimes \mathcal{W}_D \]
in the second diagram being
\[ \text{id}_E \otimes \mathcal{W}_{d \in D \rightarrow d \in \mathbb{R}} \]
and the lower horizontal arrow
\[ E^\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = E \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} \rightarrow E \otimes \mathcal{W}_{D \times \mathbb{R}} = (E \otimes \mathcal{W}_D)^\mathbb{R} \]
in the second diagram being
\[ \text{id}_E \otimes \mathcal{W}_{(d, r) \in D \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (d, r) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} \]
implies the commutativity of the diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
E \times E & = & E \otimes W_D \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
(E \times E)^\mathbb{R} & = & (E \otimes W_D)^\mathbb{R},
\end{array}
\]

which is the exponential transpose of the commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathbb{R} \times E \times E & = & \mathbb{R} \times (E \otimes W_D) \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
E \times E & = & E \otimes W_D
\end{array}
\]

with the left vertical arrow being that in (3.3) and the right vertical arrow being the scalar multiplication in Definition 2.7. This is nothing else but the gist of the desired statement.

\[\Box\]

It should be apparent that

**Lemma 3.8.** The diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
W_{D(2)} W_{(d_1,d_2) \in D^2 \rightarrow (d_1,d_1,d_2) \in D(2)} & W_{D^2} & W_{d_1 \in D \rightarrow (0,0) \in D^2} \\
\downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
W_{d_1 \in D \rightarrow (0,d) \in D^2} & W_D
\end{array}
\]

is a limit diagram in the category \text{Weil}_k.

**Theorem 3.9.** The \(\mathbb{R}_M\)-module

\[
\tau_{W_D}(M) : M \otimes W_D \rightarrow M
\]

is Euclidean with respect to the DG-category \((K/M, \mathbb{R}_M, T_M, \alpha^M)\).

**Proof.** By Lemma 3.8 we have the limit diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
M \otimes W_{D(2)} & \text{id}_M \otimes W_{(d_1,d_2) \in D^2 \rightarrow (d_1,d_1,d_2) \in D(2)} & \text{id}_M \otimes W_{d_1 \in D \rightarrow (0,0) \in D^2} \\
\downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
M \otimes W_{D^2} & \text{id}_M \otimes W_{d_1 \in D \rightarrow (0,d) \in D^2} & M \otimes W_D.
\end{array}
\]

Therefore, we have

\[
M \otimes W_{D(2)} = \mathbf{T}_M^{W_D} (\tau_{W_D}(M)),
\]

while we have

\[
M \otimes W_{D(2)} = (M \otimes W_D) \times_M (M \otimes W_D).
\]

Therefore, the desired conclusion follows. \[\Box\]

4. Differential Forms

Let \(E\) be a Euclidean \(\mathbb{R}\)-module which is microlinear and Weil exponentiable.

**Definition 4.1** (Differential forms with values in \(E\)). We denote by \(\Omega^n(M; E)\) the intersection of all the following equalizers:
(1) the equalizer of the exponential transpose

\[ E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \times (M \otimes W^D_n) \]

of the composition of

\[ E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \times (\mathbb{R} \times (M \otimes W^D_n)) \mid \id_{E^{M \otimes W^D_n}} \times (\cdot)_{M \otimes W^D_n}^{\mathbb{R}} E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \times (M \otimes W^D_n) \]

and

\[ E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \times (M \otimes W^D_n) \mid \ev \ E \]

in succession and the exponential transpose

\[ E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \times (M \otimes W^D_n) \]

of the composition of

\[ E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \times (\mathbb{R} \times (M \otimes W^D_n)) \]

\[ = \mathbb{R} \times (E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \times (M \otimes W^D_n)) \mid \id_{\mathbb{R}} \times \ev \ \mathbb{R} \times E \]

and the scalar multiplication

\[ \mathbb{R} \times E \mid \frac{\mathbb{R}}{\circlearrowright} E \]

in succession, where \( i \) ranges over the natural numbers from 1 to \( n \), and the exponential transpose of

\[ (\cdot)_{M \otimes W^D_n}^{\mathbb{R}} : \mathbb{R} \times (M \otimes W^D_n) \rightarrow M \otimes W^D_n \]

is

\[ \alpha_{W_{(a,d_1,\ldots,d_n) \in \mathbb{R} \times D^n} \rightarrow (d_1,\ldots,a,\ldots,d_n) \in D^n} (M) \]

\[ : M \otimes W^D_n \rightarrow (M \otimes W^D_n)^\mathbb{R} = (M \otimes W^D_n) \otimes W_{\mathbb{R}} \]

\[ = M \otimes W^D_n \times \mathbb{R} = M \otimes W_{\mathbb{R} \times D^n} \]

(2) the equalizer of the exponential transpose

\[ E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \rightarrow E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \]

of the composition of

\[ E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \times (M \otimes W^D_n) \mid \id_{E^{M \otimes W^D_n}} \times (\cdot)_{M \otimes W^D_n}^{\mathbb{R}} E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \times (M \otimes W^D_n) \]

and

\[ E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \times (M \otimes W^D_n) \mid \ev \ E \]

in succession and the exponential transpose

\[ E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \rightarrow E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \]

of the composition of

\[ E^{M \otimes W^D_n} \times (M \otimes W^D_n) \mid \ev \ E \]

and

\[ E (\epsilon_{\sigma})_{\mathbb{R}} \]

\[ \frac{\mathbb{R}}{\circlearrowright} E \]
in succession, where $\sigma$ ranges over all the permutations of the set $\{1, \ldots, n\}$, $\epsilon_\sigma$ is the signature of $\sigma$, $(\epsilon_\sigma)_E$ is the scalar multiplication by $\epsilon_\sigma$, and

$$(\cdot)_{M \otimes W_D^n} : M \otimes W_D^n \to M \otimes W_D^n$$

is

$$\alpha_W(d_{\sigma(1)}, \ldots, d_{\sigma(n)}) \in D^n(M).$$

**Definition 4.2** (Infinitesimal integration of differential forms). We define a morphism

$$\int^n_{M, E} : (M \otimes W_D^n) \times \Omega^n(M; E) \to E$$

in $K$ to be the composition of

$id_{M \otimes W_D^n} \times i_{\Omega^n(M; E) \to E^{M \otimes W_D^n}} : (M \otimes W_D^n) \times \Omega^n(M; E) \to (M \otimes W_D^n) \times E^{M \otimes W_D^n}$

and

$ev : (M \otimes W_D^n) \times E^{M \otimes W_D^n} \to E$

in succession, where

$i_{\Omega^n(M; E) \to E^{M \otimes W_D^n}} : \Omega^n(M; E) \to E^{M \otimes W_D^n}$

is the canonical injection.

**Remark 4.3.** We should point out that the orthodox definition of the infinitesimal integration of differential forms in synthetic differential geometry, such as seen in Chapter 4 of [2], is unnecessarily decorated with redundant fringes. Therein, it is defined as a mapping

$$(M \otimes W_D^n) \times \Omega^n(M; E) \to E \otimes W_D^n,$$

where the mapping factors through the canonical injection

$hom(E \otimes W_D^n) \to E \otimes W_D^n$

with $hom(E \otimes W_D^n)$ being the homogeneous subobject of $E \otimes W_D^n$. Since

$hom(E \otimes W_D^n)$

is canonically isomorphic to $E$, such an unnecessarily decoration is to be averted.

It is trivial to see that

**Proposition 4.4.** The morphism

$$\int^n_{M, E} : (M \otimes W_D^n) \times \Omega^n(M; E) \to E$$

satisfies the following properties:

1. the composition of morphisms

$$(\cdot)_E : \mathbb{R} \times id_{\Omega^n(M; E)} : \mathbb{R} \times (M \otimes W_D^n) \times \Omega^n(M; E) \to (M \otimes W_D^n) \times \Omega^n(M; E)$$

and

$$\int^n_{M, E} : (M \otimes W_D^n) \times \Omega^n(M; E) \to E$$
in succession is equal to the composition of morphisms
\[ \text{id}_R \times \int_{M,E}^n : \mathbb{R} \times (M \otimes W_{D^n}) \times \Omega^n(M;E) \to \mathbb{R} \times E \]
and
\[ \cdot : \mathbb{R} \times E \to E \]
in succession,
(2) the composition of morphisms
\[ (\cdot)_{M \otimes W_{D^n}} \times \text{id}_{\Omega^n(M;E)} : (M \otimes W_{D^n}) \times \Omega^n(M;E) \to (M \otimes W_{D^n}) \times \Omega^n(M;E) \]
and
\[ \int_{M,E}^n : (M \otimes W_{D^n}) \times \Omega^n(M;E) \to E \]
in succession is equal to the composition of morphisms
\[ \int_{M,E}^n : (M \otimes W_{D^n}) \times \Omega^n(M;E) \to E \]
and
\[ \mathbb{E} \left( \epsilon_\sigma \right)_{E \otimes W_{D^n}} \mathbb{E} \]
in succession.

As could have been expected, we have

**Theorem 4.5** (The fundamental theorem on differential forms). Given an object \( X \) in \( \mathcal{K} \) and a morphism
\[ \varphi : (M \otimes W_{D^n}) \times X \to \mathbb{E} \otimes W_{D^n}, \]
if the morphism (4.1) satisfies the two conditions in Proposition 4.4 with \( \Omega^n(M;E) \) replaced by \( X \) and \( \int_{M,E}^n \) replaced by \( \varphi \), then there exists a unique morphism
\[ \tilde{\varphi} : X \to \Omega^n(M;E) \]
such that \( \varphi \) is equal to the composition of morphisms
\[ \text{id}_{M \otimes W_{D^n}} \times \tilde{\varphi} : (M \otimes W_{D^n}) \times X \to (M \otimes W_{D^n}) \times \Omega^n(M;E) \]
and
\[ \int_{M,E}^n : (M \otimes W_{D^n}) \times \Omega^n(M;E) \to E \]
in succession.

**Proof.** The theorem follows rather directly from the universal construction of \( \Omega^n(M;E) \). Take the exponential transpose
\[ \tilde{\varphi} : X \to (\mathbb{E} \otimes W_{D^n})^{M \otimes W_{D^n}} \]
of (4.1), which factors, by the two conditions on \( \varphi \), into a morphism
\[ \tilde{\varphi} : X \to \Omega^n(M;E) \]
followed by the canonical monomorphism
\[ \Omega^n(M;E) \to \mathbb{E}^{M \otimes W_{D^n}}. \]
It is not difficult to see that the above \( \hat{\varphi} \) is the desired unique morphism in the theorem. The details can safely be left to the reader. \( \square \)

5. The exterior differentiation

**Definition 5.1.** Given natural numbers \( n, i \) with \( 1 \leq i \leq n + 1 \), we define a morphism

\[
\left( \int_{M, E}^n \right)_i : (M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}) \times \Omega^n(M; E) \to E
\]

in \( \mathcal{K} \) to be

\[
(M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}) \times \Omega^n(M; E)
\]

\[
(id_M \otimes W_{(d_1, \ldots, d_n, d_{n+1}) \in D^{n+1} \mapsto (d_1, \ldots, d_{i-1}, d_{i+1}, \ldots, d_n, d_{i}) \in D^{n+1}}) \times id_{\Omega^n(M; E)}
\]

\[
(M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}) \times \Omega^n(M; E)
\]

\[
(id_M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}) \times (\Omega^n(M; E) \otimes k)
\]

\[
\frac{id_M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}} \times (id_{\Omega^n(M; E)} \otimes (k \to k[X]/(X^2) = W_D))}{(M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}) \times (\Omega^n(M; E) \otimes W_D)}
\]

\[
((M \otimes W_{D^n}) \otimes W_D) \times (\Omega^n(M; E) \otimes W_D)
\]

\[
((M \otimes W_{D^n}) \times \Omega^n(M; E)) \otimes W_D
\]

\[
\int_{M, E}^n \otimes id_{W_D} E \otimes W_D
\]

\[
\Rightarrow E \otimes E \to E,
\]

where the last morphism

\[
E \otimes E \to E
\]

is the second projection, and

\[
k \to k[X]/(X^2) = W_D
\]

is the canonical morphism.

**Notation 5.2.** We denote by

\[
\left( \partial_i^{n+1} \right)_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}}
\]

the morphism

\[
id_M \otimes W_{(d_1, \ldots, d_n, d_{n+1}) \in D^{n+1} \mapsto (d_1, \ldots, d_{i-1}, d_{i+1}, \ldots, d_n, d_{i}) \in D^{n+1}}.
\]

In order to establish the fundamental theorem on exterior differentiation, we need the following two lemmas:

**Lemma 5.3.** The composition of morphisms

\[
\left( \int_{M, E}^n \right)_i : \mathbb{R} \times (M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}) \times \Omega^n(M; E) \to (M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}) \times \Omega^n(M; E)
\]

and

\[
\left( \int_{M, E}^n \right)_i : (M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}) \times \Omega^n(M; E) \to E
\]
in succession is equal to the composition of morphisms

$$\text{id}_R \times \left( \int_{M;E}^n \right)_{i} : \mathbb{R} \times (M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}) < \Omega^n(M;E) \to \mathbb{R} \times E$$

and

$$\cdot_{E}^{R} : \mathbb{R} \times E \to E$$
in succession.

**Proof.** For $j < i$, it is easy to see that

$$\left( \partial^{n+1}_i \right)_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} \circ \left( \cdot \right)_{j}^{R}_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} = \left( \left( \cdot \right)_{j}^{R}_{M \otimes W_{D^{n}}} \otimes \text{id}_{W_{D}} \right) \circ \left( \text{id}_R \times \left( \partial^{n+1}_i \right)_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} \right),$$

while, for $j > i$, it is also easy to see that

$$\left( \partial^{n+1}_i \right)_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} \circ \left( \cdot \right)_{j}^{R}_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} = \left( \left( \cdot \right)_{j-1}^{R}_{M \otimes W_{D^{n}}} \otimes \text{id}_{W_{D}} \right) \circ \left( \text{id}_R \times \left( \partial^{n+1}_i \right)_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} \right).$$

Therefore, for $j \neq i$,

$$\left( \int_{M;E}^n \right)_{i} \circ \left( \left( \cdot \right)_{j}^{R}_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} \times \text{id}_{\Omega^n(M;E)} \right) = \left( \cdot_{E}^{R} \right) \circ \left( \text{id}_R \times \left( \int_{M;E}^n \right)_{i} \right)$$

follows directly. It remains to be shown that

$$\left( \int_{M;E}^n \right)_{i} \circ \left( \left( \cdot \right)_{j}^{R}_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} \times \text{id}_{\Omega^n(M;E)} \right) = \left( \cdot_{E}^{R} \right) \circ \left( \text{id}_R \times \left( \int_{M;E}^n \right)_{i} \right),$$

which follows readily from

$$\left( \partial^{n+1}_i \right)_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} \circ \left( \cdot \right)_{j}^{R}_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} = \left( \left( \cdot \right)_{n+1}^{R}_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} \circ \left( \partial^{n+1}_i \right)_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} \right).$$

□
Lemma 5.4. Given a permutation \( \sigma \) of \( \{1, \ldots, n+1\} \), we have
\[
\left( \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{i+1} \left( \int_{M,E}^n \right) \right) \circ (\cdot \sigma)_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} \times \text{id}_{\Omega^n(M;E)}
= \epsilon_{\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{i+1} \left( \int_{M,E}^n \right).
\]

Proof. We notice that
\[
\left( \partial^{n+1}_i \right)_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} \circ (\cdot \sigma)_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}}
= \left( \text{id}_M \otimes W_{(\delta^{\sigma}_i)_{D^n}} \right) (\cdot \delta^{\sigma}_i)_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} \circ \left( \partial^{n+1}_{\sigma^{-1}(i)} \right)_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}},
\]
where \( \delta^{\sigma}_i \) is the permutation of \( \{1, \ldots, n\} \) with
- \( \delta^{\sigma}_i(j) = \sigma(j) \) in case of \( j < \sigma^{-1}(i) \) and \( \sigma(j) < i \);
- \( \delta^{\sigma}_i(j) = \sigma(j + 1) \) in case of \( j \geq \sigma^{-1}(i) \) and \( \sigma(j) < i \);
- \( \delta^{\sigma}_i(j) = \sigma(j) - 1 \) in case of \( j < \sigma^{-1}(i) \) and \( \sigma(j) \geq i \);
- \( \delta^{\sigma}_i(j) = \sigma(j + 1) - 1 \) in case of \( j \geq \sigma^{-1}(i) \) and \( \sigma(j) \geq i \).

We notice also that
\[
\left( \int_{M,E}^n \right) \circ \left( \cdot \delta^{\sigma}_i \right)_{M \otimes W_{D^n}} \times \text{id}_{\Omega^n(M;E)}
= \epsilon_{\delta^{\sigma}_i} \int_{M,E}^n
\]
and
\[
\epsilon_{\delta^{\sigma}_i} = (-1)^{\sigma^{-1}(i) - i} \epsilon_{\sigma}.
\]
Therefore the desired statement follows. \( \square \)

**Theorem 5.5** (The fundamental theorem on exterior differentiation). There exists a unique morphism
\[
d_n : \Omega^n(M;E) \to \Omega^{n+1}(M;E)
\]
in \( \mathcal{K} \) such that the composition of morphisms
\[
id_{M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}} \times d_n : (M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}) \times \Omega^n(M;E) \to (M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}) \times \Omega^{n+1}(M;E)
\]
and
\[
\int_{M,E}^{n+1} : (M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}) \times \Omega^{n+1}(M;E) \to E
\]
is equal to the morphism
\[
\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{i+1} \left( \int_{M,E}^n \right) : (M \otimes W_{D^{n+1}}) \times \Omega^n(M;E) \to E.
\]

Proof. This follows easily from Lemmas 5.3 and 5.4 and Theorem 4.5. \( \square \)
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