

# A Remark on the Automorphism Pseudo-Group of a Differential Equation of Immersion Type

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## Introduction

Let  $\Gamma$  be a pseudo-group on a manifold  $Q$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma$  is  $N$ -regular (Definition 3.1). It seems to be important to know whether the orbit system  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma(k, x, f)$  is  $\Gamma$ -automorphic or not (Definition 4.1).

If  $\dim N \geq \dim Q \geq 1$ , it is known that, for a sufficiently large integer  $k$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma(k, x, f)$  is  $\Gamma$ -automorphic (Theorem 6.1 in [2]). But in case  $1 \leq \dim N < \dim Q$ , we do not know whether the same assertion holds or not.

In the present paper, we consider the problem for the automorphism pseudo-group  $\mathcal{A}(E)$  of some kind of a differential equation  $E$  and seek for a necessary and sufficient condition for the orbit system  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E)}(k, x, f)$  to be  $\mathcal{A}(E)$ -automorphic for a sufficiently large  $k$  (Theorem 6.1).

Through this paper, we assume the differentiability of class  $C^\infty$ . For a pseudo-group  $\Gamma$ , we always assume that any element of  $\Gamma$  is close to the identity. For the completeness of a pseudo-group  $\Gamma$ , refer to Definition 5.2 in [2].

## § 1. Admissibility of a Reduced Pair

1. Let  $J^l(N, Q)$ ,  $l \geq 0$ , denote the space of  $l$ -jets of local maps of  $N$  to  $Q$  and  $\tilde{J}^l(N, Q)$  denote the open submanifold of  $J^l(N, Q)$  which consists of  $l$ -jets of local submersions or local immersions if  $\dim N \geq \dim Q$  or  $\dim N < \dim Q$ , respectively.

By a differential equation  $E$  at  $j_x^k(f) \in \tilde{J}^k(N, Q)$ , we mean a family of functions locally defined at  $j_x^k(f)$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{S}(E)$  or  $\mathcal{A}(E)$  the solution space or the automorphism pseudo-group of  $E$ , respectively, and

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for a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}^l$  of  $j_x^l(f)$ ,  $\mathcal{S}(E)|\mathcal{U}^l$  or  $\mathcal{A}(E)|\mathcal{U}^l$  means the restriction of  $\mathcal{S}(E)$  or  $\mathcal{A}(E)$  to  $\mathcal{U}^l$ , respectively. Let  $(Q, Q', \pi)$  be a fibred manifold and let  $E$  or  $E'$  denote a differential equation at  $j_x^\alpha(f) \in \tilde{\mathcal{J}}^\alpha(N, Q)$  or  $j_x^{\alpha'}(\pi \circ f) \in \tilde{\mathcal{J}}^{\alpha'}(N, Q')$ , respectively. Through this paper, we fix this  $f$ .

**Definition 1.1.** The pair  $(E, E')$  is said to be  $k$ -reduced pair (resp. weakly  $k$ -reduced pair) if the following conditions 1) and 2) are satisfied (resp. if the condition 1) is satisfied):

1) There are neighbourhoods  $\mathcal{U}^k$  of  $j_x^k(f)$  and  $\mathcal{U}'^k$  of  $j_x^k(\pi \circ f)$  such that i) for any  $s \in \mathcal{S}(E)|\mathcal{U}^k, \pi \circ s \in \mathcal{S}(E')|\mathcal{U}'^k$ , ii) for any  $s' \in \mathcal{S}(E')|\mathcal{U}'^k$ , there exists an  $s \in \mathcal{S}(E)|\mathcal{U}^k$  with  $\pi \circ s = s'$  and iii) for  $s: N \supset \mathcal{U} \rightarrow Q$  and  $t: N \supset \mathcal{V} \rightarrow Q \in \mathcal{S}(E)|\mathcal{U}^k$ , if  $\pi \circ s = \pi \circ t$ , then  $s = t$  on  $\mathcal{U} \cap \mathcal{V}$ .

2) For any  $\phi \in \mathcal{A}(E)|\mathcal{U}^k$ , there exists a local diffeomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $Q'$  with  $\varphi \circ \pi = \pi \circ \phi$ .

Let  $\xi$  be a map of  $\mathcal{U}'^k$  to  $\mathbb{R}^r$  where  $r = \dim Q - \dim Q'$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A (weakly)  $k$ -reduced pair  $(E, E')$  is said to be of type  $\xi$  if any element  $s \in \mathcal{S}(E)|\mathcal{U}^k$  is expressed as  $s = (s', \xi(j^k(s')))$ ,  $s' \in \mathcal{S}(E')|\mathcal{U}'^k$ .

2. Let  $E'$  be a differential equation at  $j_x^\alpha(f') \in \tilde{\mathcal{J}}^\alpha(N, Q')$  and  $\xi$  be a map of a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}'^k$  of  $j_x^k(f')$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . We set  $S_{x,z'}^k = \{j_x^k(s) | s' \in \mathcal{S}(E'), s'(x) = z'\}$ .

**Definition 2.1.**  $\xi$  is said to be  $E'$ -admissible at  $x_0$  if there exists a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}'$  of  $(x_0, f'(x_0))$  such that, to any  $\phi \in \mathcal{A}(E')$ , there correspond an open subset  $O^\phi \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  and a map  $\eta^\phi: \mathcal{U}' \times O^\phi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  with  $\eta_{x,z'}^\phi \circ \xi = \xi \circ \phi^{(k)}$  on  $S_{x,z'}^k \cap \mathcal{U}'^k \cap D(\phi^{(k)})$ , where  $\eta_{x,z'}^\phi(v) = \eta^\phi(x, z', v)$  and  $D(\phi^{(k)}) =$  the domain of  $\phi^{(k)} \cap (\phi^{(k)})^{-1}(\mathcal{U}'^k)$ .

§ 2. Reducibility of a Regular Differential Equation

3. Given a sheaf of vector fields  $\mathcal{L}$  on a manifold  $Q$ , then  $\mathcal{L}$  is

prolonged to a sheaf of vector fields  $\mathcal{L}^{(k)}$  on  $\tilde{J}^k(N, Q)$ . Let  ${}^0\mathcal{L}_p^{(k)}$  denote the isotropy of the stalk  $\mathcal{L}_p^{(k)}$  and set  $D_p^{(k)} = \mathcal{L}_p^{(k)} / {}^0\mathcal{L}_p^{(k)}$ .

**Definition 3.1.**  $\mathcal{L}$  is said to be  $N$ -regular if, for any integer  $k$ , the correspondence  $\tilde{J}^k(N, Q) \ni p \rightarrow D_p^{(k)} \subset T_p(\tilde{J}^k(N, Q))$  defines an involutive distribution.

Let  $\Gamma$  be a pseudo-group on  $Q$ . Then we can give the sheaf of germs of local vector fields  $X$  on  $Q$  such that the local 1-parameter group of local transformations generated by  $X$  is contained in  $\Gamma$ , which we denote by  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma$  is  $N$ -regular. Let  $\{\theta_j^k\}_{j=1}^{m_k}$  be a fundamental system of differential invariants of  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma$  at  $j_x^k(f) \in \tilde{J}^k(N, Q)$ . We set  $\Theta^k = (\theta_1^k, \dots, \theta_{m_k}^k)$ . Then  $\Theta^k$  is a submersion of a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}^k$  of  $j_x^k(f)$  to an open subset  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^{m_k}$ . We set  $p^h\Theta^k(j_x^{h+k}(s)) = j_x^h(\Theta^k(j^k(s)))$ . Then  $p^h\Theta^k$  is a map of a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}^{h+k}$  of  $j_x^{h+k}(f) \in \tilde{J}^{h+k}(N, Q)$  to a neighbourhood  $W^h$  of  $j_x^h(\Theta^k(j^k(f))) \in J^h(N, \mathbb{R}^{m_k})$ . For any function  $F$  defined on an open subset of  $W^h$ , we put  $F(\Theta^k) = p^h\Theta^{k*}F$ . Then  $F(\Theta^k)$  is a differential invariant of  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma$  at  $j_x^{h+k}(f)$ .  $F(\Theta^k)$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -differential invariant of type  $k$  at  $j_x^{h+k}(f)$ . A family  $\{F_j(\Theta^k)\}_{j=1}^r$  of linearly independent  $\Gamma$ -differential invariants of type  $k$  at  $j_x^{h+k}(f)$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -family of type  $(k, r)$  at  $j_x^{h+k}(f)$  if the differential equation  $E$  generated by  $\{F_j(\Theta^k)\}_{j=1}^r$  possesses a solution and if  $\mathcal{A}(E)$  is equal to  $\Gamma$  on a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $f(x)$ . In general, for any differential equation  $E$ , we set  $S^k(E) = \bigcup_{s \in \mathcal{S}(E)} \text{Im } j^k(s)$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A differential equation  $E$  at  $j_x^\alpha(f) \in \tilde{J}^\alpha(N, Q)$  is said to be  $l$ -regular at  $x$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1)  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E)}$  is  $N$ -regular.
- 2) For each integer  $\tilde{l} \geq l$ , there exists an integer  $\tilde{k}$  and an  $\mathcal{A}(E)$ -family  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \{\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_j\}_{j=1}^{\tilde{r}}$  of type  $(\tilde{l}, \tilde{r})$  at  $j_x^{\tilde{l}+\tilde{k}}(f)$  such that  $p^{\tilde{l}+\tilde{k}-\alpha}(E)$ , the standard prolongation of  $E$ , is generated by  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ .
- 3) For each integer  $k \geq l$ , there is a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}^k$  of  $j_x^k(f)$  such that  $S^k(E) \cap \mathcal{U}^k$  is a regular submanifold of  $\tilde{J}^k(N, Q)$ .

4. Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a weak Lie algebra sheaf on  $Q$  which is  $N$ -regular.

For such a sheaf  $\mathcal{L}$ , we can consider the orbit system  $\mathcal{L}(k, x, f)$  for any positive integer  $k$  and a local submersion or immersion of a neighbourhood of  $x \in N$  to  $Q$ . Namely let  $\{\theta_{jj}^k\}_{j=1}^{m_k}$  be a fundamental system of differential invariants of a weak Lie algebra sheaf  $\mathcal{L}$  at  $j_x^k(f)$ . We set  $\lambda_j(x) = \theta_j^k(j_x^k(f))$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}(k, x, f)$  is generated by  $\theta_j^k - \lambda_j (1 \leq j \leq m_k)$  as a differential equation.

**Definition 4.1.**  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma(k, x, f)$  is said to be  $\Gamma$ -automorphic if any solution of  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma(k, x, f)$  is of the form  $\phi \circ f$ ,  $\phi \in \Gamma$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** *If  $\dim N \geq \dim Q$ , and if  $\Gamma$  is complete at  $(f(x), 1)$ , then for a sufficiently large integer  $k$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma(k, x, f)$  is  $\Gamma$ -automorphic.*

For the proof, refer to [2].

**Definition 4.2.**  $\Gamma$  is said to be  $k$ -automorphic at  $(x, f)$  if the orbit system  $\mathcal{L}(k, x, f)$  is  $\Gamma$ -automorphic.

Proposition 4.1 means that, if  $\dim N \geq \dim Q$  and if  $\Gamma$  is complete at  $(f(x), 1)$ ,  $\Gamma$  is  $k$ -automorphic at  $(x, f)$  for a sufficiently large integer  $k$ . (As for the definition of completeness, refer to [2].)

5. Let  $(Q, Q', \pi)$  be a fibred manifold and  $E$  or  $E'$  be a differential equation at  $j_x^\alpha(f) \in \tilde{J}^\alpha(N, Q)$  or  $j_x^{\alpha'}(\pi \circ f) \in \tilde{J}^{\alpha'}(N, Q')$ , respectively. Suppose  $E$  and  $E'$  are  $l$ -regular at  $x$ . Then, for  $k \geq l$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E)}$  or  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E')}$  induces an involutive distribution  $D_E^k$  or  $D_{E'}^k$ , on a neighbourhood of  $j_x^k(f)$  or of  $j_x^k(\pi \circ f)$ , respectively. Assume that  $\dim N \geq \dim Q'$ .

**Lemma 5.1.** *Suppose that  $(E, E')$  is a  $k$ -reduced pair for a sufficiently large  $k$  and that  $\dim \pi_*^k D_E^k = \dim D_{E'}^k$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{A}(E)_k'$  the pseudo-group generated by  $\{g' : \exists g \in \mathcal{A}(E) \mid \mathcal{U}^k, \pi \circ g = g' \circ \pi\}$ . If  $\mathcal{A}(E')$  and  $\mathcal{A}(E)_k'$  are complete at  $(\pi \circ f(x), 1)$ , then  $(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E)}(k, x, f), \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E')}(k, x, \pi \circ f))$  is a weakly  $k$ -reduced pair.*

*Proof.* Since  $(E, E')$  is a  $k$ -reduced pair, we see that  $(\pi^k)_* D_E^k = D_{E'}^k$  for a sufficiently large  $k$ . On the other hand, since  $\mathcal{A}(E')$  and  $\mathcal{A}(E)'_k$  are complete at  $(\pi \circ f(x_0), 1)$ , by Lemma 7.1 in [2],  $\mathcal{A}(E)'_k | \mathcal{U}'^k = \mathcal{A}(E') | \mathcal{U}'^k$  for a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}'^k$  of  $j_{x_0}^k(\pi \circ f)$ . Since, by Proposition 4.1,  $\mathcal{A}(E')$  is  $k$ -automorphic,  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E')} (k, x_0, \pi \circ f)$  is  $\mathcal{A}(E)'_k$ -automorphic. Since  $\pi$  maps  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E)} (k, x_0, f)) | \mathcal{U}^k$  into  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E')} (k, x_0, \pi \circ f)) | \mathcal{U}'^k$  and since  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E)} (k, x_0, \pi \circ f)$  is  $\mathcal{A}(E)'_k$ -automorphic,  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E)} (k, x_0, f)) | \mathcal{U}^k$  is transferred onto  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E')} (k, x_0, \pi \circ f)) | \mathcal{U}'^k$ . Since  $(E, E')$  is a  $k$ -reduced pair, the pair  $(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E)} (k, x_0, f), \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E')} (k, x_0, \pi \circ f))$  is a weakly  $k$ -reduced pair. The proof is completed.

§ 3. Main Theorem

6. Let  $I'$  be a pseudo-group on  $Q$  where  $\mathcal{L}_I$  is  $N$ -regular and let  $f$  be an immersion or a submersion of a neighbourhood of  $x_0 \in N$  to  $Q$ .

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $(Q, Q', \pi)$  be a fibred manifold and let  $E$  or  $E'$  be a differential equation at  $j_{x_0}^\alpha(f)$  or  $j_{x_0}^{\alpha'}(\pi \circ f)$ , respectively. Assume that*

- 1)  $E$  and  $E'$  are  $l$ -regular at  $x_0$  and  $\mathcal{A}(E')$  is complete at  $(\pi \circ f(x_0), 1)$ .
- 2) For a sufficiently large integer  $k$ ,  $(E, E')$  is a  $k$ -reduced pair of type  $\xi$  and  $\mathcal{A}(E)'_k$  is complete at  $(\pi \circ f(x_0), 1)$ , where  $\xi: \tilde{J}^k(N, Q') \supset \mathcal{U}'^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$ ,  $r = \dim Q - \dim Q'$ .
- 3)  $\bigcup_{s \in \mathcal{S}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k} \text{Im } s$  contains an open neighbourhood of  $f(x_0)$  for a sufficiently small neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}^k$ .
- 4) There exists a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}'$  of  $(x_0, \pi \circ f(x_0)) \in N \times Q'$  such that  $\bigcap_{(x, x') \in \mathcal{U}' } \xi(S_{x, x'}^k \cap \mathcal{U}'^k)$  contains an open neighbourhood of  $\xi(j_{x_0}^k(\pi \circ f))$ .
- 5)  $\dim N \geq \dim Q'$ .

Then  $\xi$  is  $E'$ -admissible at  $x_0$  if and only if  $\mathcal{A}(E)$  is  $k$ -automorphic at  $(x_0, f)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\xi$  is  $E'$ -admissible at  $x_0$ . Let  $\phi' \in \mathcal{A}(E') | \mathcal{U}'^k$ . We may assume that  $(\mathcal{U}^k, \mathcal{U}'^k, \pi^k)$  is a fibred manifold and  $\mathcal{S}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$ ,  $\mathcal{S}(E') | \mathcal{U}'^k$  and  $\mathcal{A}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$  satisfy the conditions 1) and 2) of Definition 1.1.

For any  $s = (s', \xi(j^k(s'))) \in \mathcal{S}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$ , we set  $s^{\phi'} = (\phi' \circ s', \xi(j^k(\phi' \circ s')))$ . Then since  $s' \in \mathcal{S}(E') | \mathcal{U}'^k$ ,  $s^{\phi'} \in \mathcal{S}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$ . Since  $\xi$  is  $E'$ -admissible at  $x_0$ ,  $s^{\phi'}(x) = (\phi' \circ s'(x), \eta_{x, s'(x)}^{\phi'} \circ \xi(j_x^k(s')))$ . Therefore for any two  $s$  and  $t \in \mathcal{S}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$ , if  $s(x) = t(x)$ , then we have  $s^{\phi'}(x) = t^{\phi'}(x)$ . By the condition 3), if we set  $\phi \circ s(x) = s^{\phi'}(x)$ ,  $\phi$  is a local diffeomorphism of  $Q$  to  $Q$ . It is now clear that  $\phi \in \mathcal{A}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$  and  $\pi \circ \phi = \phi' \circ \pi$ . Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$  such that  $\pi \circ \varphi = \phi' \circ \pi$ . Then  $\varphi \circ s \in \mathcal{S}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$  and  $\pi \circ \varphi \circ s = \phi' \circ \pi \circ s = \phi' \circ s'$ . Therefore  $\varphi \circ s$  is of the form  $(\phi' \circ s', \xi(j^k(\phi' \circ s')))$ . By the condition 3), this implies  $\varphi = \phi$  on the intersection of their domains.

Now let  $\phi \in \mathcal{A}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$ . Then by the  $k$ -reducibility of the pair  $(E, E')$ , we have a local transformation  $\phi'$  on  $Q'$  such that  $\phi' \circ \pi = \pi \circ \phi$ . For any  $s' \in \mathcal{S}(E') | \mathcal{U}'^k$ , we have  $s \in \mathcal{S}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$  such that  $s' = \pi \circ s$ . Then  $\phi' \circ s' = \phi' \circ \pi \circ s = \pi \circ \phi \circ s \in \mathcal{S}(E') | \mathcal{U}'^k$ . Therefore  $\phi' \in \mathcal{A}(E') | \mathcal{U}'^k$ .

Thus we see that  $\dim \pi_*^k D_E^k = \dim D_{E'}^k$ . On the other hand, since  $\dim N \geq \dim Q'$  and  $\pi \circ f$  is a local submersion, by Proposition 4.1,  $\mathcal{A}(E')$  is  $k$ -automorphic at  $(x_0, \pi \circ f)$  for a sufficiently large  $k$ . Therefore by Lemma 5.1, the pair  $(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E)}(k, x_0, f), \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E')} (k, x_0, \pi \circ f))$  is a weakly  $k$ -reduced pair. Since  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E')} (k, x_0, \pi \circ f)$  is  $\mathcal{A}(E')$ -automorphic, it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E)}(k, x_0, f)$  is  $\mathcal{A}(E)$ -automorphic. That is to say,  $\mathcal{A}(E)$  is  $k$ -automorphic at  $(x_0, f)$ .

Conversely, for a sufficiently large  $k$ , we assume that  $\mathcal{A}(E)$  is  $k$ -automorphic at  $(x_0, f)$ . Let  $\phi \in \mathcal{A}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$ . Then by the  $k$ -reducibility of the pair  $(E, E')$ , there is a  $\phi' \in \mathcal{A}(E') | \mathcal{U}'^k$  such that  $\pi \circ \phi = \phi' \circ \pi$ . Conversely let  $\phi' \in \mathcal{A}(E') | \mathcal{U}'^k$ . Then  $\phi' \circ \pi \circ f \in \mathcal{S}(E') | \mathcal{U}'^k$ . Therefore we have  $s \in \mathcal{S}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$  such that  $\pi \circ s = \phi' \circ \pi \circ f$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}(E)$  is  $k$ -automorphic at  $(x_0, f)$ , we have  $\phi \in \mathcal{A}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$  such that  $s = \phi \circ f$ . Then we get  $\pi \circ \phi \circ f = \phi' \circ f'$ , where  $f' = \pi \circ f$ . Since the pair  $(E, E')$  is of type  $\xi$ , for any  $s \in \mathcal{S}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$ , we have  $s = (s', \xi(j^k(s')))$  where  $s' \in \mathcal{S}(E') | \mathcal{U}'^k$ . Therefore the equality  $\pi \circ \phi \circ f = \phi' \circ f'$  implies  $\phi \circ f = (\phi' \circ f', \xi(j^k(\phi' \circ f')))$ . On the other hand, there exists  $\varphi' \in \mathcal{A}(E') | \mathcal{U}'^k$  such that  $\phi \circ s = (\varphi' \circ s', \xi(j^k(\varphi' \circ s')))$  for any  $s \in \mathcal{S}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$ . Since  $f'$  is a submersion, we get  $\phi' = \varphi'$ . Therefore, for any  $s \in \mathcal{S}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$ , we have  $\phi \circ s = (\phi' \circ s', \xi(j^k(\phi' \circ s')))$ . By the condition 3), we can easily see that  $\pi \circ \phi = \phi' \circ \pi$ . It is now clear that, if there are  $\phi$  and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}(E) | \mathcal{U}^k$  such that  $\pi \circ \phi = \pi \circ \varphi = \phi' \circ \pi$ , then  $\phi = \varphi$  on the intersection of their domains.

Now we shall show that  $\xi$  is  $E'$ -admissible at  $x_0$ . Let  $\phi' \in \mathcal{A}(E')|_{\mathcal{U}'^k}$ . Then as is stated above, we have an element  $\phi \in \mathcal{A}(E)|_{\mathcal{U}^k}$  such that  $\pi \circ \phi = \phi' \circ \pi$ . Since the pair  $(E, E')$  is of type  $\xi$ , any  $s \in \mathcal{S}(E)|_{\mathcal{U}^k}$  possesses the form  $s = (s', \xi(j^k(s')))$ ,  $s' \in \mathcal{S}(E')|_{\mathcal{U}^k}$ . Therefore we have  $\phi \circ s = (\phi' \circ s', \xi(j^k(\phi' \circ s')))$ . Assume that  $\xi(j_x^k(s')) = \xi(j_x^k(t'))$ , where  $s', t' \in \mathcal{S}(E')|_{\mathcal{U}'^k}$  and  $s'(x) = t'(x) = z'$ . Then we get  $s(x) = t(x)$ , where  $s = (s', \xi(j_x^k(s')))$  and  $t = (t', \xi(j_x^k(t')))$ . Consequently we have  $\phi \circ s(x) = \phi \circ t(x)$  and thus we get  $\xi(j_x^k(\phi' \circ s')) = \xi(j_x^k(\phi' \circ t'))$ . That is to say, if  $\xi(j_x^k(s')) = \xi(j_x^k(t'))$  for  $j_x^k(s'), j_x^k(t') \in S_{x, z'}^k$ , then we have  $\xi(j_x^k(\phi' \circ s')) = \xi(j_x^k(\phi' \circ t'))$  for  $\phi' \in \mathcal{A}(E')|_{\mathcal{U}'^k}$ . If we set  $\eta_{x, z'}^{\phi'} \circ \xi(j_x^k(s')) = \xi(j_x^k(\phi' \circ s'))$ , by the condition 4),  $\eta_{x, z'}^{\phi'}$  is a local map of a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{O}$  of  $\xi(j_{x_0}^k(\pi \circ f)) \in \mathbb{R}^r$  to  $\mathbb{R}^r$  for any  $(x, z') \in \mathcal{U}'$ . If we set  $\eta^{\phi'}(x, z', v) = \eta_{x, z'}^{\phi'}(v)$ , it is easy to see that  $\eta^{\phi'}$  is an analytic map of  $\mathcal{U}' \times \mathcal{O}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^r$ . This proves that  $\xi$  is  $E'$ -admissible at  $x_0$ . The proof of Theorem 6.1 is completed.

**Corollary 6.1.** *Let  $(Q, Q', \pi)$  be a fibred manifold and  $E$  or  $E'$  be a differential equation at  $j_{x_0}^\alpha(f)$  or  $j_{x_0}^\alpha(\pi \circ f)$ , respectively. Assume that*

- 1)  $E$  and  $E'$  are  $l$ -regular at  $x_0$  and  $\mathcal{A}(E)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{A}(E')$ ) is complete at  $(f(x_0), 1)$  (resp.  $(\pi \circ f(x_0), 1)$ ).
- 2) For a sufficiently large integer  $k$ ,  $(E, E')$  is a  $k$ -reduced pair of type  $\xi$  and  $\mathcal{A}(E)'_k$  is complete at  $(\pi \circ f(x_0), 1)$ .
- 3) There exist neighbourhoods  $\mathcal{U}'$  of  $(x_0, \pi \circ f(x_0))$  and  $\mathcal{U}'^k$  of  $j_{x_0}^k(\pi \circ f)$  such that  $\bigcap_{(x, z') \in \mathcal{U}'^k} \xi(S_{x, z'}^k \cap \mathcal{U}'^k)$  contains an open neighbourhood of  $\xi(j_{x_0}^k(\pi \circ f))$ .
- 4)  $\dim N \geq \dim Q$ .

Then the pair  $(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E)}(k, x_0, f), \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E')}(k, x_0, \pi \circ f))$  is a weakly  $k$ -reduced pair.

*Proof.* In this case, the conditions 3) and 5) in Theorem 6.1 are clearly satisfied. Furthermore by Proposition 4.1,  $\mathcal{A}(E)$  is  $k$ -automorphic at  $(x_0, f)$ . Therefore by Theorem 6.1,  $\xi$  is  $E'$ -admissible at  $x_0$ . Then as was stated in the proof of Theorem 6.1, we have  $\dim \pi_*^k D_E^k = \dim D_{E'}^k$ . By Lemma 5.1, we see that the pair  $(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E)}(k, x_0, f), \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}(E')}(k, x_0, \pi \circ f))$

is a weakly  $k$ -reduced pair. The proof is completed.

#### § 4. Medolaghi-Vessiot's Example

7. We denote by  $E$  the differential equation at  $j_{x_0}^1(f) \in \tilde{J}^1(\mathbf{R}^2, \mathbf{R}^3)$  generated by  $\frac{1}{z_2} \cdot \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x_1} - \alpha^1(x_1, x_2) (= F_1)$ ,  $\frac{1}{z_2} \cdot \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x_2} - \alpha^2(x_1, x_2) (= F_2)$ ,  $\frac{1}{z_2} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial x_1} - z_3 \cdot \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x_1} \right) - \beta^1(x_1, x_2) (= F_3)$  and  $\frac{1}{z_2} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial x_2} - z_3 \cdot \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x_2} \right) - \beta^2(x_1, x_2) (= F_4)$  where  $\{x_1, x_2\}$  (resp.  $\{z_1, z_2, z_3\}$ ) is the canonical coordinate system on  $\mathbf{R}^2$  (resp.  $\mathbf{R}^3$ ) and  $z_2 \circ f(x_0) \neq 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial(z_1 \circ f)}{\partial x_1}(x_0) \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha^1(x_0) \neq 0$ . On the other hand, we denote by  $E'$  the differential equation at  $j_{x_0}^1(\pi \circ f) \in \tilde{J}^1(\mathbf{R}^2, \mathbf{R})$  generated by  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\alpha^2}{\alpha^1} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_1}$  where  $\{z\}$  is the canonical coordinate on  $\mathbf{R}$  and the projection  $\pi$  of  $\mathbf{R}^3$  onto  $\mathbf{R}$  is defined by  $\pi(z_1, z_2, z_3) = z_1$ . Then it is easy to see that the pair  $(E, E')$  is a weakly 1-reduced pair.

We define a map  $\hat{\xi} = (\hat{\xi}_1, \hat{\xi}_2)$  of a neighbourhood of  $j_{x_0}^2(\pi \circ f)$  to  $\mathbf{R}^2$  by  $\hat{\xi}_1(j_x^2(s)) = p_1(j_x^1(s)) / \alpha^1(x)$  and  $\hat{\xi}_2(j_x^2(s)) = p_{11}(j_x^2(s)) / \alpha^1(x) \cdot p_1(j_x^1(s)) - \frac{\partial \alpha^1}{\partial x_1}(x) / (\alpha^1(x))^2 - \beta(x) / \alpha^1(x)$ , where  $\{x_1, x_2, z, p_1, p_2, p_{11}, p_{12}, p_{22}\}$  is the canonical system on  $J^2(\mathbf{R}^2, \mathbf{R})$ . Then it is easily proved that the pair  $(E, E')$  is of type  $\hat{\xi}$ , considering  $(E, E')$  as a weakly 2-reduced pair.

We denote by  $\mathcal{L}$  the sheaf on  $\mathbf{R}^3$  of local vector fields of the following form:

$$\eta(z_1) \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} + \eta'(z_1) \cdot z_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} + \eta''(z_1) \cdot z_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial z_3}$$

where  $\eta$  is any local function with one variable. If we set  $\mathbf{R}_*^3 = \{(z_1, z_2, z_3) \in \mathbf{R}^3; z_2 \neq 0\}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}$  is a Lie algebra sheaf on  $\mathbf{R}_*^3$  which is  $\mathbf{R}^2$ -regular. Let  $\Gamma$  be the pseudo-group on  $\mathbf{R}_*^3$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma = \mathcal{L}$  and  $\Gamma$  is complete at  $(p, 1)$  where  $p$  is any point of  $\mathbf{R}_*^3$ . Then since  $F_1, F_2, F_3$  and  $F_4$  are differential invariants of  $\mathcal{L}_\Gamma$ , we have  $\mathcal{A}(E) \supset \Gamma$  on a neighbourhood of  $j_{x_0}^1(f)$ .

Next let  $\mathcal{L}'$  be the sheaf of all local vector fields on  $\mathbf{R}$  and let  $\Gamma'$  be the pseudo-group of all local transformations on  $\mathbf{R}$ . Then it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{A}(E') = \Gamma'$  on a neighbourhood of  $j_{x_0}^1(\pi \circ f)$ . Moreover since  $\{p_2/p_1\}$  is a fundamental system of differential invariants of  $\mathcal{L}'$  at

$j_{x_0}^1(\pi \circ f)$ ,  $E'$  is  $\mathcal{A}(E')$ -automorphic.

Now we can easily see that  $\xi$  is  $E'$ -admissible at  $x_0$ .

On the other hand, since  $\Gamma$  is transitive on  $\mathbb{R}_*^3$ , the condition 3) of Theorem 6.1 is clearly satisfied. Now  $\xi$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1(j_x^2(s)) &= p_1(j_x^1(s)) / \alpha^1(x), \\ \xi_2(j_x^2(s)) &= p_{11}(j_x^2(s)) / \alpha^1(x) \cdot p_1(j_x^1(s)) \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial \alpha^1}{\partial x_1}(x) / (\alpha^1(x))^2 - \beta^1(x) / \alpha^1(x). \end{aligned}$$

We prove that, for any constants  $a$  and  $b$ , there is a solution  $s$  of  $E'$  such that  $p_1(j_x^1(s)) = a$  and  $p_{11}(j_x^2(s)) = b$ . Since  $E'$  is generated by the local vector field  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\alpha^2}{\alpha^1} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}$ , if  $s$  is a particular solution of  $E'$  with  $s(x) = z'$ , then  $\mathcal{S}(E') \supseteq \{\varphi \circ s: \varphi$  is any function locally defined at  $z'\}$ . Then it is easy to see that, for some  $\varphi$ , we have  $p_1(j_x^1(\varphi \circ s)) = a$  and  $p_{11}(j_x^2(\varphi \circ s)) = b$ . Therefore  $\xi(S_{z,z'}^2 \cap \mathcal{U}'^2)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  for a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}'^2$  of  $j_{x_0}^2(\pi \circ f)$ . Furthermore if  $\frac{\partial \alpha^1}{\partial x_1} / (\alpha^1)^2 + \beta^1 / \alpha^1$  is constant, we can easily see that, for a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}'$  of  $(x_0, \pi \circ f(x))$ ,  $\bigcap_{(x,z') \in \mathcal{U}'^2} \xi(S_{z,z'}^2 \cap \mathcal{U}'^2)$  is open. In this case by Theorem 6.1,  $\mathcal{A}(E)$  is  $k$ -automorphic at  $(x_0, f)$  for some  $k$ . We have seen that  $\mathcal{A}(E)|\mathcal{U}^2$  is mapped by  $\pi$  bijectively to  $\mathcal{A}(E')|\mathcal{U}'^2$ . On the other hand,  $\Gamma|\mathcal{U}^2$  is mapped by  $\pi$  bijectively to  $\mathcal{A}(E')|\mathcal{U}'^2$ , because  $\Gamma$  consists of all local transformation  $\phi$  on  $\mathbb{R}_*^3$  defined by

$$\begin{cases} z_1 \circ \phi(z_1, z_2, z_3) = X(z_1), \\ z_2 \circ \phi(z_1, z_2, z_3) = z_2 \cdot X'(z_1), \\ z_3 \circ \phi(z_1, z_2, z_3) = z_3 + z_2 \cdot \frac{X''(z_1)}{X'(z_1)} \end{cases}$$

where  $X$  is any local transformation on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Since we have  $\mathcal{A}(E) \supset \Gamma$  on a neighbourhood of  $j_x^2(f)$ , we see that  $\mathcal{A}(E) = \Gamma$  on a neighbourhood of  $j_x^2(f)$ .

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