

# Automorphisms of line element D-manifolds

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**Abstract.** The main results of the paper generalize the following classical theorem to the setting of line element D-manifolds: the automorphisms of a covariant derivative on a manifold are exactly the affinities that leave its torsion invariant.

## 1 Introduction

In this paper, which is a continuation of our previous work [5], we study the automorphisms of so-called *line element D-manifolds*, i.e., structures consisting of a manifold  $M$  and a covariant derivative  $D$  on the pull-back of the tangent bundle  $\tau: TM \rightarrow M$ . The term was suggested by Serge LANG's terminology 'D-manifold' ([3], Ch. XIII). The covariant derivative we use was introduced by O. VARGA ([10]) and M. HASHIGUCHI ([2]), independently, in terms of classical tensor calculus. Line element D-manifolds provide a unified framework for a systematic study of covariant derivative operators appearing in Finsler geometry ([2], [7]).

The main results of the paper generalize the following well-known theorem: *the automorphisms of a covariant derivative on a manifold are exactly the affinities that leave its torsion invariant.*

Throughout the paper we use the coordinate-free calculus elaborated in [7] by J. SZILASI and apply the main results of our previous paper ([5]). These results are briefly summarized in section 3.

## 2 Preliminaries

As in [5], we follow the notation and conventions of [7] (see also [4] and [8]) as far as feasible. However, for the readers' convenience, in this section we fix some terminology and recall some basic facts.

'Manifold' will always mean a connected, second countable, Hausdorff, smooth manifold of dimension  $n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . If  $M$  is a manifold,  $C^\infty(M)$  will denote the ring of smooth functions on  $M$  and  $\text{Diff}(M)$  the group of diffeomorphisms from  $M$  onto itself.  $\tau: TM \rightarrow M$  (simply,  $\tau$  or  $TM$ ) is the tangent bundle of  $M$ .  $\tau_{TM}$  denotes the canonical projection, the 'foot map', of  $TTM$  onto  $TM$ , as well as the tangent bundle of  $TM$ . If  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  is a smooth map, then  $\varphi_*$  will denote the smooth map of  $TM$  into  $TN$  induced by  $\varphi$ , the tangent map or

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derivative of  $\varphi$ .

The vertical lift of a function  $f \in C^\infty(M)$  is  $f^\vee := f \circ \tau$ , the complete lift  $f^c \in C^\infty(TM)$  of  $f$  is defined by  $f^c(v) := v(f)$ ,  $v \in TM$ .

$\mathfrak{X}(M)$  denotes the  $C^\infty(M)$ -module of smooth vector fields on  $M$ . Any vector field  $X$  on  $M$  determines two vector fields on  $TM$ , the vertical lift  $X^\vee$  of  $X$  and the complete lift  $X^c$  of  $X$ , characterized by  $X^\vee f^c = (Xf)^\vee$ ,  $X^\vee f^\vee = 0$  and  $X^c f^c = (Xf)^c$ ,  $X^c f^\vee = (Xf)^\vee$ ;  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ . It is easy to see that  $[X^\vee, Y^\vee] = 0$  for all  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

Throughout the paper,  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  will be an open interval. The velocity field of a smooth curve  $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$  is  $\dot{\gamma} := \gamma_* \circ \frac{d}{du}: I \rightarrow TM$ , where  $\frac{d}{du}$  is the canonical vector field on the real line. The acceleration field of  $\gamma$  is  $\ddot{\gamma} = (\gamma_* \circ \frac{d}{du})_* \circ \frac{d}{du}$ . If  $\underline{\gamma}: I \rightarrow M$  is a smooth curve and  $\varphi \in \text{Diff}(M)$ , then we have  $\overline{\varphi \circ \underline{\gamma}} = \varphi_* \circ \dot{\underline{\gamma}}$ ,  $\overline{\varphi \circ \ddot{\underline{\gamma}}} = \varphi_{**} \circ \ddot{\underline{\gamma}}$ .

Let  $\tau^*TM := TM \times_M TM := \{(u, v) \in TM \times TM \mid \tau(u) = \tau(v)\}$ , and let  $\tau^*\tau(u, v) := u$  for  $(u, v) \in \tau^*TM$ . Then  $\tau^*\tau$  is a vector bundle with total space  $\tau^*TM$  and base space  $TM$ , the *pull-back* of  $\tau: TM \rightarrow M$  over  $\tau$ . The  $C^\infty(TM)$ -module of sections of  $\tau^*\tau$  will be denoted by  $\text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)$ . Any vector field  $X$  on  $M$  determines a section

$$\widehat{X}: v \in TM \mapsto (v, X \circ \tau(v)) \in TM \times_M TM ,$$

called the *basic section* associated to  $X$ .  $\text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)$  is generated by the basic sections. We have a *canonical section*

$$\delta: v \in TM \mapsto (v, v) \in TM \times_M TM .$$

Generic sections in  $\text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)$  will be denoted by  $\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{Y}, \dots$ .

Starting from the slit tangent bundle  $\overset{\circ}{\tau}: \overset{\circ}{TM} \rightarrow M$ , the pull-back bundle  $\overset{\circ}{\tau}^*\tau: \overset{\circ}{TM} \times_M TM \rightarrow TM$  is constructed in the same way. Omitting the routine details, we remark that  $\text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)$  may naturally be embedded into the  $C^\infty(\overset{\circ}{TM})$ -module  $\text{Sec}(\overset{\circ}{\tau}^*\tau)$ .

There exists a canonical injective bundle map  $\mathbf{i}: TM \times_M TM \rightarrow TTM$  given by

$$\mathbf{i}(u, v) := \dot{c}(0) , \quad \text{if } c(t) := u + tv \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}) ,$$

and a canonical surjective bundle map

$$\mathbf{j}: TTM \rightarrow TM \times_M TM , \\ w \in T_v TM \mapsto \mathbf{j}(w) := (v, \tau_*(w)) \in \{v\} \times T_{\tau(v)} M .$$

Then  $\mathbf{j} \circ \mathbf{i} = 0$ , while  $\mathbf{J} := \mathbf{i} \circ \mathbf{j}$  is a further important canonical object, the *vertical endomorphism* of  $TTM$ .  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  induce the tensorial maps

$$\widetilde{X} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau) \mapsto \mathbf{i}\widetilde{X} := \mathbf{i} \circ \widetilde{X} \in \mathfrak{X}(TTM) \quad \text{and} \\ \xi \in \mathfrak{X}(TTM) \mapsto \mathbf{j}\xi := \mathbf{j} \circ \xi \in \text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau) ,$$

so  $\mathbf{J}$  may also be interpreted as a  $C^\infty(TM)$ -linear endomorphism of  $\mathfrak{X}(TM)$ .  $\mathfrak{X}^\vee(TM) := \mathbf{i}\text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)$  is the module of *vertical vector fields* on  $TM$ . The vertical vector fields form a subalgebra of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{X}(TM)$  at the same time. For any vector field  $X$  on  $M$  we have  $\mathbf{i}\widehat{X} = X^\vee$  and  $\mathbf{j}X^c = \widehat{X}$ .  $C := \mathbf{i}\delta$  is a canonical vertical vector field, called the *Liouville vector field* on  $TM$ . If  $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$  is a smooth curve, then

$$(1) \quad \mathbf{j} \circ \ddot{\gamma} = \delta \circ \dot{\gamma}.$$

Recall that the push-forward of a vector field  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  or a vector field  $\xi \in \mathfrak{X}(TM)$  or a section  $\widetilde{X} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)$  by a diffeomorphism  $\varphi \in \text{Diff}(M)$  is the vector field (or the section)

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi\#X &:= \varphi_* \circ X \circ \varphi^{-1}; & (\varphi_*)\#\xi &:= \varphi_{**} \circ \xi \circ (\varphi_*)^{-1}; \\ \varphi\#\widetilde{X} &:= (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*) \circ \widetilde{X} \circ \varphi_*^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi_* \times \varphi_*: (u, v) \in TM \times_M TM \mapsto (\varphi_*(u), \varphi_*(v)) \in TM \times_M TM$ . It follows at once that

$$(2) \quad \varphi\#\delta = \delta, \quad \varphi\#\widehat{X} = \widehat{\varphi\#X}, \quad (X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)).$$

We also have

$$(\varphi_*)\#\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{i} \circ \varphi\#, \quad \varphi\#\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{j} \circ (\varphi_*)\#, \quad (\varphi_*)\#\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J} \circ (\varphi_*)\#;$$

and for any vector field  $X$  on  $M$ ,

$$(\varphi_*)\#X^c = (\varphi\#X)^c, \quad (\varphi_*)\#X^\vee = (\varphi\#X)^\vee.$$

### 3 Semisprays and Ehresmann connections

A map  $S: TM \rightarrow TTM$ , smooth on  $\overset{\circ}{TM}$ , is said to be a *semispray*, if  $\tau_{TM} \circ S = 1_{TM}$ , it sends zeros to zeros, and satisfies the condition  $\mathbf{j}S = \delta$  (or, equivalently,  $\mathbf{J}S = C$ ). By a *spray* we mean a semispray of class  $C^1$ , which is positive-homogeneous of degree two in the sense that  $[C, S] = S$ .

A regular curve  $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$  is a *geodesic* of a semispray  $S$  if its velocity field is an integral curve of  $S$ , i.e.,  $S \circ \dot{\gamma} = \ddot{\gamma}$ . A diffeomorphism  $\varphi: M \rightarrow M$  is an *affinity* (or *totally geodesic transformation*) of  $S$  if it preserves the geodesics considered as parametrized curves, i.e., if

$$\overline{\varphi \circ \gamma}^{\ddot{\phantom{}}} = S \circ \overline{\varphi \circ \dot{\gamma}}^{\dot{\phantom{}}}, \quad \text{for all geodesics } \gamma: I \rightarrow M.$$

The affinities of a semispray  $S$  form a Lie group, denoted by  $\text{Aff}(S)$ .

If  $S$  is a semispray and  $\varphi \in \text{Diff}(M)$ , then  $(\varphi_*)\#S$  is also a semispray, which remains a spray, if  $S$  is a spray.  $\varphi$  is called an *automorphism of  $S$* , if  $(\varphi_*)\#S = S$ , i.e.,  $\varphi_{**} \circ S = S \circ \varphi_*$ .  $\text{Aut}(S)$  denotes the group of automorphisms of  $S$ .

**Lemma 3.1 ([5] Lemma 5.1)** *The automorphism group of a semispray coincides with the group of affinities of the semispray.*

Roughly speaking, an *Ehresmann connection*  $\mathcal{H}$  over a manifold  $M$  is a right splitting of the canonical exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow TM \times_M TM \xrightarrow{\mathbf{i}} TTM \xrightarrow{\mathbf{j}} TM \times_M TM \longrightarrow 0 ,$$

smooth only on  $\overset{\circ}{TM} \times_M TM$ , and given on  $o(M) \times_M TM$  by  $\mathcal{H}(o(p), v) := (o_*)_p(v)$ ;  $p \in M$ ,  $v \in T_pM$ , where  $o \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  is the zero vector field. We associate to any Ehresmann connection  $\mathcal{H}$  the *horizontal projector*  $\mathbf{h} := \mathcal{H} \circ \mathbf{j}$ , the *vertical projector*  $\mathbf{v} = 1_{TTM} - \mathbf{h}$ , the *vertical map*  $\mathcal{V} := \mathbf{i}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{v}$  and the *semispray*  $S_{\mathcal{H}} := \mathcal{H} \circ \delta$ . The *horizontal lift* of a vector field  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  with respect to  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $X^{\mathbf{h}} := \mathcal{H}(\widehat{X}) = \mathbf{h}X^{\mathbf{c}} \in \mathfrak{X}(\overset{\circ}{TM})$ .

A regular smooth curve  $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$  is a *geodesic* of an Ehresmann connection  $\mathcal{H}$  if  $\mathcal{V} \circ \ddot{\gamma} = 0$  or, equivalently, if  $\ddot{\gamma}(t) \in \text{Im}(\mathcal{H})$  ( $t \in I$ ), i.e., if the acceleration vector field of  $\gamma$  is horizontal with respect to  $\mathcal{H}$ .

If  $M$  is a manifold with an Ehresmann connection  $\mathcal{H}$ , then a diffeomorphism of  $M$  is said to be an *affinity* (*affine collineation*, or, by J. Vilms's terminology [11], a *totally geodesic map*) if it preserves the geodesics considered as parametrized curves. We denote by  $\text{Aff}(\mathcal{H})$  the group of these transformations.

**Lemma 3.2 ([5] Lemma 6.1)** *If  $M$  is a manifold with an Ehresmann connection  $\mathcal{H}$ , then  $\text{Aff}(\mathcal{H}) = \text{Aff}(S_{\mathcal{H}})$ .*

An Ehresmann connection  $\mathcal{H}$  determines a covariant derivative operator  $\nabla$  in the pull-back bundle  $\tau^*\tau$  by the rule

$$\nabla_{\xi} \tilde{Y} := \mathbf{j} \left[ \mathbf{v}\xi, \mathcal{H}\tilde{Y} \right] + \mathcal{V} \left[ \mathbf{h}\xi, \mathbf{i}\tilde{Y} \right] ; \quad \xi \in \mathfrak{X}(TM), \tilde{Y} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau) .$$

$\nabla$  is said to be the *Berwald derivative* induced by  $\mathcal{H}$ . For any vector fields  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)$ , the *v-part*  $\nabla^{\mathbf{v}}$  and the *h-part*  $\nabla^{\mathbf{h}}$  of the Berwald derivative are defined by

$$\nabla_{\tilde{X}}^{\mathbf{v}} \tilde{Y} := \nabla_{\mathbf{i}\tilde{X}} \tilde{Y} = \mathbf{j} \left[ \mathbf{i}\tilde{X}, \mathcal{H}\tilde{Y} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_{\tilde{X}}^{\mathbf{h}} \tilde{Y} := \nabla_{\mathcal{H}\tilde{X}} \tilde{Y} = \mathcal{V} \left[ \mathcal{H}\tilde{X}, \mathbf{i}\tilde{Y} \right] .$$

$\mathbf{t} := \nabla^{\mathbf{h}}\delta$ ,  $\mathbf{T}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = \nabla_{\tilde{X}}^{\mathbf{h}} \tilde{Y} - \nabla_{\tilde{Y}}^{\mathbf{h}} \tilde{X} - \mathbf{j}[\mathcal{H}\tilde{X}, \mathcal{H}\tilde{Y}]$  ( $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)$ ) and  $\mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{s}} := \mathbf{t} + i_{\delta}\mathbf{T}$  are the *tension*, the *torsion*, and the *strong torsion* of  $\mathcal{H}$ , respectively.  $\mathcal{H}$  is called *homogeneous* if its tension vanishes. In the homogeneous case the associated semispray  $S_{\mathcal{H}}$  is a spray.

$\varphi^{\#}\mathcal{H} := \varphi_{**}^{-1} \circ \mathcal{H} \circ (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*)$  is said to be the *pull-back of  $\mathcal{H}$  by  $\varphi$* . If  $\varphi^{\#}\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}$ , i.e.,  $\varphi_{**} \circ \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H} \circ (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*)$ , then  $\varphi$  is called an *automorphism* of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Theorem 3.3 ([5] Theorem 7.5)** *A diffeomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $M$  is an automorphism of an Ehresmann connection  $\mathcal{H}$  over  $M$  if and only if it is an automorphism of the associated semispray  $S_{\mathcal{H}}$ , and  $\varphi_{\#} \circ \mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{s}} \circ \varphi_{\#}$ .*

**Corollary 3.4 ([5] Cor. 7.6)** *If  $M$  is a manifold with an Ehresmann connection  $\mathcal{H}$ , then a diffeomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $M$  is an automorphism of  $\mathcal{H}$  if and only if  $\varphi$  is an affinity, and  $\varphi_{\#}$  commutes with the strong torsion of  $\mathcal{H}$ .*

## 4 Line element D-manifolds

By a *line element D-manifold* we mean a pair  $(M, D)$  consisting of a manifold  $M$  and a covariant derivative  $D$  in pull-back bundle  $\tau^*\tau$ . The *v-covariant derivative*  $D^\vee$  belonging to  $D$  is given by  $D^\vee_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y} = D_{\mathbf{i}\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y}$  ( $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)$ ). The *torsion*  $T(D)$  of  $D$  is defined by

$$T(D)(\xi, \eta) := D_\xi \mathbf{j}\eta - D_\eta \mathbf{j}\xi - \mathbf{j}[\xi, \eta]; \quad \xi, \eta \in \mathfrak{X}(TM).$$

The *vertical difference tensor*  $\mathfrak{S}$  of  $D$  is given by

$$\mathfrak{S}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) := \nabla_{\tilde{Y}}^\vee \tilde{X} - D_{\tilde{Y}}^\vee \tilde{X} = \mathbf{j}[\mathbf{i}\tilde{Y}, \eta] - D_{\mathbf{i}\tilde{Y}} \tilde{X}; \quad (\mathbf{j}\eta = \tilde{X})$$

( $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)$ ,  $\eta \in \mathfrak{X}(TM)$ ), it is also mentioned (see [1]) as the *Finsler torsion* of  $D$ .

Let  $D$  be a covariant derivative in  $\tau^*\tau$ . The  $\binom{1}{1}$  tensors  $\mu := D\delta$  and  $\mu^\vee := \mu \circ \mathbf{i}$  are said to be the *deflection* and the *v-deflection* of  $D$ , respectively. We say that  $D$  is *regular*, if  $\mu^\vee$  is fibrewise injective; *strongly regular*, if  $\mu^\vee = 1_{\text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)}$ . If an Ehresmann connection  $\mathcal{H}$  over  $M$  is also given, then we define the *h-covariant derivative*  $D^h$  by  $D^h_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y} := D_{\mathcal{H}\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y}$  for all  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)$ . Then the  $\binom{1}{1}$  tensor  $\mu^{\mathcal{H}} := D^h\delta = \mu \circ \mathcal{H}$  is said to be the  *$\mathcal{H}$ -deflection* of  $D$ .

**Theorem and Definition 4.1** ([4] **Prop. 3**) *If  $D$  is a regular covariant derivative in  $\tau^*\tau$ , then there is a unique Ehresmann connection  $\mathcal{H}_D$  over  $M$  such that the  $\mathcal{H}_D$ -deflection of  $D$  vanishes, and hence  $\text{Ker}(\mu) = \text{Im}(\mathcal{H}_D)$ . On basic vector fields  $\mathcal{H}_D$  acts by*

$$\mathcal{H}_D(\hat{X}) = X^c - \mathbf{i}(\mu^\vee)^{-1}D_{X^c}\delta, \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(M).$$

If  $\mathcal{H}_D$  is the Ehresmann connection induced by  $D$ , then we can define the *horizontal torsion*  $\mathcal{T}$ , the *vertical torsion*  $T^\vee(D)$ , and the *horizontal difference tensor*  $\mathcal{P}$  as follows: for each  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)$ ;  $\xi, \eta \in \mathfrak{X}(TM)$ ,

$$(3) \quad \mathcal{T}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) := D_{\mathcal{H}_D\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y} - D_{\mathcal{H}_D\tilde{Y}}\tilde{X} - \mathbf{j}[\mathcal{H}_D\tilde{X}, \mathcal{H}_D\tilde{Y}],$$

$$(4) \quad T^\vee(D)(\xi, \eta) := D_\xi \mathcal{V}_D\eta - D_\eta \mathcal{V}_D\xi - \mathcal{V}_D[\xi, \eta],$$

$$(5) \quad \mathcal{P}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) := D_{\mathcal{H}_D\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y} - \nabla_{\mathcal{H}_D\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y}.$$

Then we have

$$(6) \quad \mathfrak{S}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = T(D)(\mathcal{H}_D\tilde{X}, \mathbf{i}\tilde{Y}), \quad \tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau),$$

$$(7) \quad \mathbf{T}^s = i_\delta \mathcal{T} - i_\delta \mathcal{P},$$

$$(8) \quad \mathcal{P}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = T^\vee(D)(\mathcal{H}_D\tilde{X}, \mathbf{i}\tilde{Y}),$$

where  $\mathbf{T}^s$  is the strong torsion of  $\mathcal{H}_D$ .

## 5 Affinities and automorphisms of line element D-manifolds

A regular smooth curve  $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$  is said to be a *geodesic* of a line element D-manifold  $(M, D)$  if  $D_{\dot{\gamma}}(\delta \circ \dot{\gamma}) = 0$ , or equivalently (see (1))

$$(9) \quad D_{\dot{\gamma}}(\mathbf{j} \circ \dot{\gamma}) = 0.$$

A diffeomorphism  $\varphi$  is an *affinity* (or a *totally geodesic transformation*) of  $(M, D)$  if for any geodesic  $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$ ,  $\varphi \circ \gamma$  is also a geodesic. The group of affinities of  $D$  is denoted by  $\text{Aff}(D)$ .

**Lemma 5.1** *Let  $(M, D)$  be a regular line element D-manifold and  $\mathcal{H}_D$  be the Ehresmann connection induced by  $D$ . Then the geodesics of  $D$  coincide with geodesics of  $\mathcal{H}_D$ , therefore we have*

$$(10) \quad \text{Aff}(D) = \text{Aff}(\mathcal{H}_D).$$

*Proof.* Let  $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$  be a geodesic of  $D$ . Then we have for all  $t \in I$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\dot{\gamma}}(\delta \circ \dot{\gamma})(t) = 0 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} D_{\dot{\gamma}(t)}\delta = 0 \iff D\delta(\dot{\gamma}(t)) = 0 \iff \\ &\iff \dot{\gamma}(t) \in \text{Ker}(D\delta) \stackrel{4.1}{\iff} \dot{\gamma}(t) \in \text{Im}(\mathcal{H}_D), \end{aligned}$$

so  $D$  and  $\mathcal{H}_D$  have the same geodesics.  $\square$

If  $\varphi \in \text{Diff}(M)$  then  $(\varphi_* \times \varphi_*, \varphi_*)$  is an automorphism of the pull-back bundle  $\tau^*\tau$ . So we may consider the pull-back of covariant derivative  $D$  of a line element D-manifold  $(M, D)$  via  $\varphi_* \times \varphi_*$ . This covariant derivative will be denoted simply by  $\varphi^\#D$  (instead of  $(\varphi_* \times \varphi_*)^\#D$ ). It is given by

$$(\varphi^\#D)_\xi \tilde{Y} := \varphi_\#^{-1} D_{(\varphi_*)_\# \xi} \varphi_\# \tilde{Y}; \quad \xi \in \mathfrak{X}(TM), \tilde{Y} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau),$$

or, equivalently,  $D_{(\varphi_*)_\# \xi} \varphi_\# \tilde{Y} = (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*) \circ (\varphi^\#D)_\xi \tilde{Y} \circ \varphi_*^{-1}$ .

If  $\varphi^\#D = D$ , and hence  $\varphi_\#(D_\xi \tilde{Y}) = D_{(\varphi_*)_\# \xi} \varphi_\# \tilde{Y}$  for all  $\tilde{Y} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^*\tau)$ , then  $\varphi$  is called an *automorphism* of  $D$ . We denote by  $\text{Aut}(D)$  the group of all automorphisms of  $D$ . The following observation can be checked by an immediate calculation.

**Lemma 5.2** *Let  $(M, D)$  be a line element D-manifold,  $\varphi$  a diffeomorphism of  $M$  and  $\varphi^\#D$  the pull-back of  $D$ . Let  $\mu^\#$  and  $(\mu^\vee)^\#$  denote the deflection and v-deflection of  $\varphi^\#D$ . Then  $\mu^\# = \varphi_\#^{-1} \circ \mu \circ (\varphi_*)_\#$  and  $(\mu^\vee)^\# = \varphi_\#^{-1} \circ \mu^\vee \circ \varphi_\#$ . If, in particular,  $D$  is regular (or strongly regular), then  $\varphi^\#D$  is also regular (or strongly regular). We have for all  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(D)$*

$$(11) \quad \varphi_\# \circ \mu = \mu \circ (\varphi_*)_\# \quad \text{and}$$

$$(12) \quad \varphi_\# \circ \mu^\vee = \mu^\vee \circ \varphi_\# .$$

**Lemma 5.3** *Let  $(M, D)$  be a line element  $D$ -manifold,  $\varphi \in \text{Diff}(M)$ . If  $T(\varphi^\# D)$  denotes the torsion of  $\varphi^\# D$ , then*

$$\varphi_\# (T(\varphi^\# D)(\xi, \eta)) = T(D)((\varphi_*)_\# \xi, (\varphi_*)_\# \eta), \quad \xi, \eta \in \mathfrak{X}(TM).$$

*In particular, if  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(D)$ , then the torsion of  $D$  is invariant under  $\varphi$ :*

$$\varphi_\# \circ T(D) = T(D) \circ ((\varphi_*)_\# \times (\varphi_*)_\#).$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_\# (T(\varphi^\# D)(\xi, \eta)) &= \varphi_\# ((\varphi^\# D)_\xi \mathbf{j}\eta - (\varphi^\# D)_\eta \mathbf{j}\xi - \mathbf{j}[\xi, \eta]) = \\ &= D_{(\varphi_*)_\# \xi} \varphi_\# (\mathbf{j}\eta) - D_{(\varphi_*)_\# \eta} \varphi_\# (\mathbf{j}\xi) - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_*)_\# \xi, (\varphi_*)_\# \eta] = \\ &= D_{(\varphi_*)_\# \xi} (\mathbf{j}((\varphi_*)_\# \eta)) - D_{(\varphi_*)_\# \eta} (\mathbf{j}((\varphi_*)_\# \xi)) - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_*)_\# \xi, (\varphi_*)_\# \eta] = \\ &= T(D)((\varphi_*)_\# \xi, (\varphi_*)_\# \eta). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Proposition 5.4** *Let  $(M, D)$  be a line element  $D$ -manifold and  $\varphi \in \text{Diff}(M)$ .  $\varphi$  is an automorphism of  $D$  if and only if for every curve  $c: I \rightarrow TM$  whose velocity field is extendible we have*

$$(13) \quad D_{\varphi_* \circ c}(\varphi_\# \tilde{Y}) \circ (\varphi_* \circ c) = (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*) D_c(\tilde{Y} \circ c), \quad \tilde{Y} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^* \tau).$$

*Proof.* (a) Let  $\varphi$  be an automorphism of  $D$ . Consider a curve  $c: I \rightarrow TM$ , and suppose that there exists a vector field  $\xi$  defined in a neighbourhood of  $\text{Im}(c) \subset TM$  such that  $\dot{c} = \xi \circ c$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\varphi_* \circ c} &= \varphi_{**} \circ \dot{c} = \varphi_{**} \circ \xi \circ c = \\ &= \varphi_{**} \circ \xi \circ \varphi_*^{-1} \circ \varphi_* \circ c = (\varphi_*)_\# \xi \circ \varphi_* \circ c, \end{aligned}$$

so for all  $t \in I$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (D_{\varphi_* \circ c}(\varphi_\# \tilde{Y}) \circ (\varphi_* \circ c))(t) &= D_{\overline{\varphi_* \circ c}(t)} \varphi_\# \tilde{Y} = \\ &= D_{(\varphi_*)_\# \xi \circ (\varphi_* \circ c)(t)} \varphi_\# \tilde{Y} = (D_{(\varphi_*)_\# \xi}(\varphi_\# \tilde{Y}))(\varphi_* \circ c)(t) \stackrel{\text{cond.}}{=} \\ &= (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*) \circ D_\xi \tilde{Y} \circ \varphi_*^{-1} \circ \varphi_* \circ c(t) = (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*) D_\xi \tilde{Y}(c(t)) = \\ &= (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*) D_{\xi(c(t))} \tilde{Y} = (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*) (D_{\dot{c}(t)} \tilde{Y}) = \\ &= (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*) (D_c(\tilde{Y} \circ c))(t); \end{aligned}$$

thus relation (13) is valid.

(b) Conversely, suppose relation (13) is true. It is enough to show that for all  $z \in TTM$ ,  $\tilde{Y} \in \text{Sec}(\tau^* \tau)$  we have

$$(\varphi_* \times \varphi_*) D_z \tilde{Y} = D_{\varphi_{**}(z)} \varphi_\# \tilde{Y}.$$

If  $z \in T_v TM$ , choose a vector field  $\xi \in \mathfrak{X}(TM)$  such that  $\xi(v) = z$ . Let  $c: I \rightarrow TM$  be the integral curve of  $\xi$  starting from  $v$ . Then

$$\xi \circ c = \dot{c}, \quad z = \xi(v) = \xi(c(0)) = \dot{c}(0),$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*)D_z \tilde{Y} &= (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*)D_{\dot{c}(0)} \tilde{Y} = (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*)(D_c(\tilde{Y} \circ c))(0) \stackrel{(13)}{=} \\ &= (D_{\varphi_* \circ c}(\varphi_\# \tilde{Y}) \circ (\varphi_* \circ c))(0) = D_{\varphi_* \circ c(0)} \varphi_\# \tilde{Y} = \\ &= D_{\varphi_{**}(\dot{c}(0))} \varphi_\# \tilde{Y} = D_{\varphi_{**}(z)} \varphi_\# \tilde{Y}, \end{aligned}$$

as was to be shown.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.5** *If  $(M, D)$  is a line element  $D$ -manifold,  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(D)$  and  $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$  is a curve whose acceleration field is extendible, then*

$$(14) \quad D_{\varphi \circ \dot{\gamma}}(\varphi_\# \tilde{Y}) \circ \overline{\varphi \circ \dot{\gamma}} = (\varphi_* \times \varphi_*)D_{\dot{\gamma}}(\tilde{Y} \circ \dot{\gamma}).$$

**Theorem 5.6** *Let  $(M, D)$  be a regular line element  $D$ -manifold,  $\mathcal{H}_D$  be the Ehresmann connection induced by  $D$ ,  $\varphi \in \text{Diff}(M)$ .  $\varphi$  is an automorphism of  $D$  if and only if the following three conditions are satisfied:*

- a)  $\varphi$  is an automorphism of the induced Ehresmann connection  $\mathcal{H}_D$ ,
- b)  $\varphi_\# \circ \mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S} \circ (\varphi_\# \times \varphi_\#)$ ,
- c)  $\varphi_\# \circ \mathfrak{P} = \mathfrak{P} \circ (\varphi_\# \times \varphi_\#)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(D)$ . Then for any vector field  $X$  on  $M$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{**} \circ \mathcal{H}_D \circ (\varphi_*^{-1} \times \varphi_*^{-1})(\widehat{X}) &= \varphi_{**} \circ \mathcal{H}_D \circ (\varphi_*^{-1}, \varphi_*^{-1} \circ X \circ \tau) = \\ &= \varphi_{**} \circ \mathcal{H}_D \circ (\varphi_*^{-1}, \varphi_*^{-1} \circ X \circ \varphi \circ \varphi^{-1} \circ \tau) = \\ &= \varphi_{**} \circ \mathcal{H}_D \circ (\varphi_*^{-1}, \varphi_\#^{-1} X \circ \tau \circ \varphi_*^{-1}) = \\ &= \varphi_{**} \circ \mathcal{H}_D \circ \widehat{\varphi_\#^{-1} X} \circ \varphi_*^{-1} = (\varphi_*)_\# \circ \mathcal{H}_D \circ \widehat{\varphi_\#^{-1} X} = \\ &= (\varphi_*)_\# \circ \left( (\varphi_\#^{-1} X) X^c - \mathbf{i}(\mu^\vee)^{-1} D_{(\varphi_\#^{-1} X)^c} \delta \right) = \\ &= (\varphi_*)_\# \left( (\varphi_*^{-1})_\# X^c - \mathbf{i}(\mu^\vee)^{-1} D_{(\varphi_*^{-1})_\# X^c} \varphi_\#^{-1} \delta \right) \stackrel{\text{cond.}}{=} \\ &= X^c - (\varphi_*)_\# \circ \mathbf{i} \circ (\mu^\vee)^{-1} \circ \varphi_\#^{-1} D_{X^c} \delta = \\ &= X^c - \mathbf{i} \circ \varphi_\# \circ (\mu^\vee)^{-1} \circ \varphi_\#^{-1} \circ D_{X^c} \delta \stackrel{(12)}{=} \\ &= X^c - \mathbf{i} \circ (\mu^\vee)^{-1} \circ \varphi_\# \circ \varphi_\#^{-1} \circ D_{X^c} \delta = \mathcal{H}_D(\widehat{X}), \end{aligned}$$

hence  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{H}_D)$ , so a) is true.

Now we check that  $\mathfrak{S}$  and  $\mathfrak{P}$  are invariant under  $\varphi$ . Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be vector



fields on  $M$ . Then, on the one hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{\#}(\mathcal{S}(\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y})) &= -\varphi_{\#}(D_{Y^{\vee}}\widehat{X}) - \varphi_{\#} \circ \mathbf{j}[X^{\mathfrak{h}}, Y^{\vee}] \stackrel{\text{cond.}}{=} \\
&= -D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X} - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\mathfrak{h}}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}] \stackrel{\text{a)}}{=} \\
&= -D_{(\varphi_{\#}Y)^{\vee}}\widehat{\varphi_{\#}X} - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_{\#}X)^{\mathfrak{h}}, (\varphi_{\#}Y)^{\vee}] = \\
&= \mathcal{S}(\widehat{\varphi_{\#}X}, \widehat{\varphi_{\#}Y}) = \mathcal{S}(\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X}, \varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y}) .
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{\#}(\mathcal{P}(\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y})) &= \varphi_{\#}(D_{X^{\mathfrak{h}}}Y) - \varphi_{\#} \circ \mathcal{V}[X^{\mathfrak{h}}, Y^{\vee}] \stackrel{\text{cond.}}{=} \\
&= D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\mathfrak{h}}}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y} - \varphi_{\#} \circ \mathcal{V}[X^{\mathfrak{h}}, Y^{\vee}] \stackrel{\text{a)}}{=} \\
&= D_{(\varphi_{\#}X)^{\mathfrak{h}}}\widehat{\varphi_{\#}Y} - \mathcal{V}[(\varphi_{\#}X)^{\mathfrak{h}}, (\varphi_{\#}Y)^{\vee}] = \\
&= D_{(\varphi_{\#}X)^{\mathfrak{h}}}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y} - \mathcal{V}[(\varphi_{\#}X)^{\mathfrak{h}}, (\varphi_{\#}Y)^{\vee}] = \\
&= \mathcal{P}(\widehat{\varphi_{\#}X}, \widehat{\varphi_{\#}Y}) = \mathcal{P}(\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X}, \varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y}),
\end{aligned}$$

as we claimed.

Conversely, suppose that conditions a), b) and c) are satisfied.

Let  $X$  be a vector field on  $M$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{\#} \circ \mathcal{S}(\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y}) &= -\varphi_{\#}(D_{Y^{\vee}}\widehat{X}) - \varphi_{\#} \circ \mathbf{j}[X^{\mathfrak{h}}, Y^{\vee}] = \\
&= -\varphi_{\#}(D_{Y^{\vee}}\widehat{X}) - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\mathfrak{h}}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}],
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{S} \circ (\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X}, \varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y}) &= -D_{(\varphi_{\#}Y)^{\vee}}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X} - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_{\#}X)^{\mathfrak{h}}, (\varphi_{\#}Y)^{\vee}] \stackrel{\text{a)}}{=} \\
&= -D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X} - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\mathfrak{h}}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}],
\end{aligned}$$

so by condition b) we have

$$(*) \quad \varphi_{\#}(D_{Y^{\vee}}\widehat{X}) = D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X}.$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{\#} \circ \mathcal{P}(\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y}) &= \varphi_{\#}(D_{X^{\mathfrak{h}}}Y) - \varphi_{\#} \circ \mathcal{V}[X^{\mathfrak{h}}, Y^{\vee}] \stackrel{\text{a)}}{=} \\
&= \varphi_{\#}(D_{X^{\mathfrak{h}}}Y) - \mathcal{V}[(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\mathfrak{h}}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}],
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{P}(\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X}, \varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y}) &= D_{(\varphi_{\#}X)^{\mathfrak{h}}}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y} - \mathcal{V}[(\varphi_{\#}X)^{\mathfrak{h}}, (\varphi_{\#}Y)^{\vee}] \stackrel{\text{cond.}}{=} \\
&= D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\mathfrak{h}}}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y} - \mathcal{V}[(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\mathfrak{h}}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}],
\end{aligned}$$

hence condition c) implies

$$(**) \quad \varphi_{\#}(D_{X^{\mathfrak{h}}}Y) = D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\mathfrak{h}}}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y}.$$

From (\*) and (\*\*) it follows that

$$(+) \quad \varphi_{\#}(D_{\xi}\widehat{Y}) = D_{(\varphi_{*})_{\#}\xi}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y}$$

for all  $\xi \in \mathfrak{X}(TM)$ ,  $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , thus the invariance of  $D$  under  $\varphi$  is valid over the basic vector fields. To complete our argument, we have to show that for any function  $F \in C^{\infty}(TM)$ ,

$$(++) \quad \varphi_{\#}(D_{\xi}(F\widehat{Y})) = D_{(\varphi_{*})_{\#}\xi}\varphi_{\#}F\widehat{Y} .$$

The left-hand side of (++) can be transformed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{\#}(D_{\xi}(F\widehat{Y})) &= \varphi_{\#}((\xi F)\widehat{Y} + FD_{\xi}\widehat{Y}) = \\ &= ((\xi F) \circ \varphi_{*}^{-1})\varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y} + (F \circ \varphi_{*}^{-1})\varphi_{\#}(D_{\xi}\widehat{Y}), \end{aligned}$$

while the right-hand side of (++) is

$$D_{(\varphi_{*})_{\#}\xi}\varphi_{\#}(F\widehat{Y}) = (\varphi_{*})_{\#}\xi(F \circ \varphi_{*}^{-1})\varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y} + (F \circ \varphi_{*}^{-1})D_{(\varphi_{*})_{\#}\xi}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y}.$$

Since

$$(\xi F) \circ \varphi_{*}^{-1} = (\varphi_{*})_{\#}\xi(F \circ \varphi_{*}^{-1}),$$

we obtain the desired equality.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.7** *If  $(M, D)$  is a regular line element  $D$ -manifold, then*

$$(15) \quad \text{Aut}(D) \subset \text{Aff}(D).$$

*Proof.* Let  $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$  be a geodesic of  $D$ . Then  $D_{\dot{\gamma}(t)}\delta = 0$  for all  $t \in I$ . Let  $\varphi$  be an automorphism of  $D$ . We show that

$$D_{\varphi \circ \dot{\gamma}(t)}\delta = 0, \quad t \in I;$$

hence  $\varphi \circ \gamma$  is also a geodesic of  $D$ , therefore  $\varphi \in \text{Aff}(D)$ .

Let  $\mathbf{h}$  be the horizontal projector associated to  $\mathcal{H}_D$ . Then  $\mathbf{h} \circ \ddot{\gamma} = \ddot{\gamma}$  (since  $\gamma$  is also a geodesic of  $\mathcal{H}_D$  by Lemma 5.1), and hence

$$\varphi_{**} \circ \ddot{\gamma}(t) = \varphi_{**} \circ \mathbf{h} \circ \ddot{\gamma}(t) \stackrel{5.6}{=} \mathbf{h} \circ \varphi_{**} \circ \ddot{\gamma}(t) .$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\varphi \circ \dot{\gamma}(t)}\delta &= D_{\varphi_{**} \circ \ddot{\gamma}(t)}\delta = D_{\mathbf{h} \circ \varphi_{**} \circ \ddot{\gamma}(t)}\delta = D_{\mathcal{H}_D \circ \mathbf{j} \circ \ddot{\varphi} \circ \dot{\gamma}(t)}\delta = \\ &= (D\delta \circ \mathcal{H}_D)(\mathbf{j} \circ \ddot{\varphi} \circ \dot{\gamma}(t)) = \mu^{\mathcal{H}_D}(\mathbf{j} \circ \ddot{\varphi} \circ \dot{\gamma}(t)) \stackrel{4.1}{=} 0, \end{aligned}$$

since the  $\mathcal{H}_D$ -deflection of  $D$  vanishes by Theorem 4.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.8** *Let  $(M, D)$  be a regular line element  $D$ -manifold and  $\varphi \in \text{Diff}(M)$ .  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(D)$  if and only if the following four conditions are satisfied:*

- a)  $\varphi \in \text{Aff}(D)$ ,
- b)  $\varphi_{\#} \circ \mathbf{T}^s = \mathbf{T}^s \circ \varphi_{\#}$ ,
- c)  $\varphi_{\#} \circ \mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S} \circ (\varphi_{\#} \times \varphi_{\#})$ ,
- d)  $\varphi_{\#} \circ \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P} \circ (\varphi_{\#} \times \varphi_{\#})$

( $\mathbf{T}^s$  is the strong torsion of the induced Ehresmann connection  $\mathcal{H}_D$ ).

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(D)$ . Then, by 5.6, conditions c) and d) are satisfied and  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{H}_D)$ . By 3.3, we have condition b) and  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(S_{\mathcal{H}_D})$ . Finally,

$$\varphi \in \text{Aut}(S_{\mathcal{H}_D}) \xLeftrightarrow{3.1} \varphi \in \text{Aff}(S_{\mathcal{H}_D}) \xLeftrightarrow{3.2} \varphi \in \text{Aff}(\mathcal{H}_D) \xLeftrightarrow{(10)} \varphi \in \text{Aff}(D),$$

so we get condition a).

(2) Conversely, we suppose that relations a)–d) hold. Then  $\varphi \in \text{Aff}(D)$  (condition a)) is equivalent to  $\varphi \in \text{Aff}(S_{\mathcal{H}_D})$ . By  $\varphi \in \text{Aff}(S_{\mathcal{H}_D})$ , condition b) and Theorem 3.3 we have  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{H}_D)$ . By  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{H}_D)$ , conditions c) and d) and Theorem 5.6 it follows that  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(D)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.9** *Let  $(M, D)$  be a regular line element  $D$ -manifold and  $\varphi \in \text{Diff}(M)$ .  $\varphi$  is an automorphism of  $D$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:*

- a)  $\varphi \in \text{Aff}(D)$ ,
- b')  $\varphi_{\#} \circ i_{\delta}\mathcal{T} = i_{\delta}\mathcal{T} \circ \varphi_{\#}$ ,
- c)  $\varphi_{\#} \circ \mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S} \circ (\varphi_{\#} \times \varphi_{\#})$ ,
- d)  $\varphi_{\#} \circ \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P} \circ (\varphi_{\#} \times \varphi_{\#})$ .

*Proof.* We have only to prove that condition b) in 5.8 is equivalent to condition b'). First suppose that condition b) (and d)) of Theorem 5.8 hold. Then for every vector fields  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{\#} \circ i_{\delta}\mathcal{T}(\widehat{X}) &\stackrel{(7)}{=} \varphi_{\#} \circ (\mathbf{T}^s(\widehat{X}) + i_{\delta}\mathcal{P}(\widehat{X})) \stackrel{\text{cond.}}{=} \\ &= \mathbf{T}^s(\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X}) + \mathcal{P}(\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X}, \varphi_{\#}\widehat{X}) \stackrel{(2)}{=} \mathbf{T}^s(\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X}) + i_{\delta}\mathcal{P}(\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X}) \stackrel{(7)}{=} i_{\delta}\mathcal{T} \circ \varphi_{\#}(\widehat{X}); \end{aligned}$$

so we have condition b').

Conversely, if conditions b') (and d)) of Theorem 5.9 are valid, then for any vector field  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_{\#} \mathbf{T}^s(\widehat{X}) &\stackrel{(7)}{=} \varphi_{\#}(i_{\delta} \mathcal{J}(\widehat{X}) - i_{\delta} \mathcal{P}(\widehat{X})) \stackrel{b')}{=} \\ &= i_{\delta} \mathcal{J}(\varphi_{\#} \widehat{X}) - i_{\delta} \mathcal{P}(\varphi_{\#} \widehat{X}) = \mathbf{T}^s \circ \varphi_{\#}(\widehat{X}),\end{aligned}$$

so we get 5.8(b).  $\square$

**Theorem 5.10** *Let  $(M, D)$  be a regular line element  $D$ -manifold. A diffeomorphism  $\varphi: M \rightarrow M$  is an automorphism of the covariant derivative  $D$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:*

- A)  $\varphi \in \text{Aff}(D)$ ,
- B)  $\varphi_{\#} \circ T^v(D) = T^v(D) \circ ((\varphi_{\#})_{\#} \times (\varphi_{\#})_{\#})$ ,
- C)  $\varphi_{\#} \circ T(D) = T(D) \circ ((\varphi_{\#})_{\#} \times (\varphi_{\#})_{\#})$ .

*Proof. Necessity.* Suppose that  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(D)$ . Then  $\varphi \in \text{Aff}(D)$ . We show that conditions B) and C) hold. To do this, we evaluate the left-hand side and the right-hand side of these relations on pairs of the form  $(X^v, Y^v)$ ,  $(X^v, Y^h)$  and  $(X^h, Y^h)$  where  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

Checking of B)

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_{\#} \circ T(D)(X^v, Y^v) &= \varphi_{\#}(D_{X^v} \mathbf{j} Y^v - D_{Y^v} \mathbf{j} X^v - \mathbf{j}[X^v, Y^v]) = 0, \\ T(D)((\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^v, (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^v) &= D_{(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^v} \mathbf{j} (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^v - D_{(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^v} \mathbf{j} (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^v - \\ &\quad - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^v, (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^v] = D_{(\varphi_{\#} X)^v} \mathbf{j} (\varphi_{\#} Y)^v - \\ &\quad - D_{(\varphi_{\#} Y)^v} \mathbf{j} (\varphi_{\#} X)^v - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_{\#} X)^v, (\varphi_{\#} Y)^v] = 0;\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_{\#} \circ T(D)(X^v, Y^h) &= \varphi_{\#}(D_{X^v} \widehat{Y} - \mathbf{j}[X^v, Y^h]) = \varphi_{\#} D_{X^v} \widehat{Y} \stackrel{\text{cond.}}{=} \\ &= D_{(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^v} \varphi_{\#} \widehat{Y},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}T(D)((\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^v, (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^h) &= D_{(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^v} \mathbf{j} \circ (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^h - D_{(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^h} \mathbf{j} (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^v - \\ &\quad - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^v, (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^h] \stackrel{5,6}{=} D_{(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^v} \varphi_{\#} \widehat{Y} - \\ &\quad - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_{\#} X)^v, (\varphi_{\#} Y)^h] = D_{(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^v} \varphi_{\#} \widehat{Y}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_{\#} \circ T(D)(X^h, Y^h) &= \varphi_{\#}(D_{X^h} \widehat{Y} - D_{Y^h} \widehat{X} - \mathbf{j}[X^h, Y^h]) \stackrel{\text{cond.}}{=} \\ &= D_{(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^h} \varphi_{\#} \widehat{Y} - D_{(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^h} \varphi_{\#} \widehat{X} - \\ &\quad - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^h, (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^h],\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}T(D)((\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^h, (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^h) &= D_{(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^h} \mathbf{j} \circ (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^h - D_{(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^h} \mathbf{j} \circ (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^h - \\ &\quad - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^h, (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^h] = D_{(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^h} \widehat{Y} - \\ &\quad - D_{(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^h} \widehat{X} - \mathbf{j}[(\varphi_{\#})_{\#} X^h, (\varphi_{\#})_{\#} Y^h].\end{aligned}$$

Checking of C)

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{\#}T^{\vee}(D)(X^{\vee}, Y^{\vee}) &= \varphi_{\#}(D_{X^{\vee}}\mathcal{V}Y^{\vee} - D_{Y^{\vee}}\mathcal{V}X^{\vee} - \mathcal{V}[X^{\vee}, Y^{\vee}]) \stackrel{\text{cond.}}{=} \\
&= D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\vee}}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y} - D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}}\widehat{X}, \\
T^{\vee}(D)((\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\vee}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}) &= D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\vee}}\mathcal{V}(\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee} - D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}}\mathcal{V}(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\vee} - \\
&\quad - \mathcal{V}[(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\vee}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}] = D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\vee}}\mathcal{V} \circ \mathbf{i} \circ \varphi_{\#}Y - \\
&\quad - D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}}\mathcal{V} \circ \mathbf{i} \circ \varphi_{\#}X - \mathcal{V}[(\varphi_{\#}X)^{\vee}, (\varphi_{\#}Y)^{\vee}] = \\
&= D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\vee}}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{Y} - D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\vee}}\widehat{X}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{\#} \circ T^{\vee}(D)(X^{\vee}, Y^{\text{h}}) &= \varphi_{\#}(-D_{Y^{\text{h}}}\widehat{X} - \mathcal{V}[X^{\vee}, Y^{\text{h}}]) \stackrel{5.6, \text{cond.}}{=} \\
&= -D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}}}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X} - \mathcal{V}[(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\vee}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}}], \\
T^{\vee}(D)((\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\vee}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}}) &= D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\vee}}\mathcal{V} \circ (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}} - D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}}}\mathcal{V} \circ (\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\vee} - \\
&\quad - \mathcal{V}[(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\vee}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}}] \stackrel{5.6}{=} -D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}}}\varphi_{\#}\widehat{X} - \\
&\quad - \mathcal{V}[(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\vee}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}}].
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{\#} \circ T^{\vee}(D)(X^{\text{h}}, Y^{\text{h}}) &= \varphi_{\#}(-\mathcal{V}[X^{\text{h}}, Y^{\text{h}}]) \stackrel{5.6}{=} -\mathcal{V}[(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\text{h}}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}}], \\
T^{\vee}(D)((\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\text{h}}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}}) &= D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\text{h}}}\mathcal{V} \circ (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}} - \\
&\quad - D_{(\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}}}\mathcal{V} \circ (\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\text{h}} - \mathcal{V}[(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\text{h}}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}}] = \\
&= -\mathcal{V}[(\varphi_*)_{\#}X^{\text{h}}, (\varphi_*)_{\#}Y^{\text{h}}].
\end{aligned}$$

*Sufficiency.* Conditions A)-C) imply immediately that

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{\#} \circ i_{\delta}\mathcal{T} &= i_{\delta}\mathcal{T} \circ \varphi_{\#}, \\
\varphi_{\#} \circ \mathcal{S} &= \mathcal{S} \circ (\varphi_{\#} \times \varphi_{\#}), \\
\varphi_{\#} \circ \mathcal{P} &= \mathcal{P} \circ (\varphi_{\#} \times \varphi_{\#}),
\end{aligned}$$

since all of the torsions  $\mathcal{T}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$  can be obtained from  $T^{\vee}(D)$  or  $T(D)$  (see (3), (6), (8)), so, by 5.9, the sufficiency follows.  $\square$

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