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## NATURAL TRANSFORMATIONS OF AFFINORS INTO FUNCTIONS AND AFFINORS

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An affinor on a manifold M is a tensor field of type (1,1) on M which can be interpreted as an endomorphism  $TM \longrightarrow TM$  of the tangent bundle covering the identity on M.

In this paper we give a characterization of the natural transformations of affinors into functions and affinors. In section 2 we prove that all natural transformations of affinors on *n*-dimensional manifolds into functions are of the form  $F(a_1(t), ..., a_n(t))$ , where  $a_1(t), ..., a_n(t)$  denote the coefficients of the characteristic polynomial of t and F is a smooth function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In section 3 we prove that all natural transformations of affinors (on *n*-dimensional manifolds) into itself are of the form

$$t \longrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n} F_i(a_1(t), ..., a_n(t)) \cdot t^{n-i}$$

where  $F_1, ..., F_n$  are smooth functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

All manifolds and maps are assumed to be infinitely differentiable.

#### 1. Natural transformations of tensor fields.

Let p, q, r, s, n be positive integers. Let M be an *n*-dimensional manifold. We denote by  $\mathcal{X}_{\sigma}^{*}M$  the space of tensor fields of type (p, q) on M.

A family of maps  $T_M : \mathcal{X}_q^p M \longrightarrow \mathcal{X}_s^r M$  is called a natural transformation of tensor fields if :

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(1) for any M, any open  $U \subset M$  and all  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathcal{X}_q^p M$  the following implication

$$t_1|U = t_2|U \Longrightarrow T_M t_1|U = T_M t_2|U$$

is true,

(2) for any two *n*-dimensional manifolds M, N and for every injective immersion  $\varphi: M \longrightarrow N$  we have

$$\varphi_* \circ T_M = T_N \circ \varphi_*$$

Using Borel's lemma in a standard way (see [3]) we can easily verify that for tensor fields  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathcal{X}_q^p M$  and a point  $x \in M$  we have

$$j_x^{\infty}t_1 = j_x^{\infty}t_2 \Longrightarrow (T_M t_1)(x) = (T_M t_2)(x)$$

Let k be either a positive integer or  $\infty$  and let  $L_n^{k+1}$  be the group of (k+1)-jets of local diffeomorphisms of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with source and target  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

We denote  $V_{p,q} = \bigotimes^p \mathbb{R}^n \otimes \bigotimes^q (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ . The linear group  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  acts on  $V_{p,q}$  in the natural way.

Let  $V_{p,q}^{k} = J_{0}^{k}(\mathbf{R}^{n}, V_{p,q})$ . If  $X = j_{0}^{k}t$  then  $(t^{(0)}, t^{(1)}, t^{(2)}, ...)$  are coordinates of X, where

$$t^{(s)} = \{ \frac{\partial^s t_{j_1...j_q}^{i_1...i_p}}{\partial u^{k_1}...\partial u^{k_s}} : i_1, ..., i_p, j_1, ..., j_q, k_1, ..., k_s = 1, ..., n \}$$

The group  $L_n^{k+1}$  acts on  $V_{p,q}^k$  in the natural way: if  $\xi = j_0^{k+1}\varphi$ ,  $X = j_0^k t$  then  $\xi \cdot X$  is the k-jet at 0 of

$$\mathbf{R}^n \ni u \longrightarrow J_u(\varphi) \cdot t(u) \in V_{p,q}$$

where  $J_u(\varphi)$  is the Jacobi matrix of  $\varphi$  at u.

It is easy to verify that for a homothety

$$\kappa_c(u) = \frac{1}{c} \cdot u$$

where  $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , the coordinates  $(\overline{t}^{(0)}, \overline{t}^{(1)}, \overline{t}^{(2)}, ...)$  of  $(j_0^{k+1} \kappa_c) \cdot X$  are given by  $\overline{t}^{(s)} = c^s \cdot t^{(s)}$  for s = 0, 1, 2, ....

A map  $E: V_{p,q}^k \longrightarrow V_{r,s}$  is called equivariant if

$$E((j_0^{k+1}\varphi)\cdot X) = J_0(\varphi)\cdot E(X)$$

for  $j_0^{k+1}\varphi \in L_n^{k+1}$ ,  $X \in V_{p,q}^k$ .

We have the following:

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**Proposition 1.1.** There is a one-to-one correspondence between natural transformations of tensor fields of type (p,q) into tensor field of type (r,s) and equivariant maps  $E: V_{p,q}^{\infty} \longrightarrow V_{r,s}$  which satisfies the condition :

(3) for every open subset  $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  and every smooth  $\gamma : \Omega \longrightarrow V_{p,q}$  the map

$$\Omega \ni x \longrightarrow E(j_0^{\infty}(\gamma \circ \tau_x)) \in V_{r,t}$$

is smooth, where  $\tau_x: \mathbf{R}^n \ni y \longrightarrow y + x \in \mathbf{R}^n$  is the translation by vector x.

If T is a natural transformation then the corresponding equivariant map  $E_T$  is defined by

$$E_T(j_0^\infty t) = T_{\mathbf{R}^n}(t)(0)$$

If E is an equivariant map, then the corresponding natural transformation  $T^E$  is defined by

$$(T_M^E t)(x) = (T_s^{\tau} \varphi^{-1})(E(j_0^{\infty}(\varphi_* t)))$$

where  $\varphi$  is a local system of coordinates on M such that  $\varphi(x) = 0$ .

The one-to-one correspondence between natural transformations and equivariant maps is formulated in Krupka's theorem [2]. We prove only that for a natural transformation T the corresponding equivariant map  $E_T$  satisfies the condition (3) and that for every equivariant map E which satisfies the condition (3) and for every tensor fields t of type (p, q) on an *n*-dimensional manifolds M the map  $T_M^E(t)$  is smooth.

We have

$$E_T(j_0^{\infty}(\gamma \circ \tau_x)) = E_T(j_0^{\infty}((\tau_{-x})_*\gamma))$$
$$= T_{\mathbf{R}^n}((\tau_{-x})_*\gamma)(0) = (\tau_{-x})_*T_{\mathbf{R}^n}(\gamma)(0) = T_{\mathbf{R}^n}(\gamma)(x)$$

Since  $T_{\mathbf{R}^n}(\gamma)$  is smooth,  $E_T$  satisfies the condition (3).

Now let us suppose that an equivariant map E satisfied (3) and that  $\varphi: U \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a local system of coordinates on M such that  $\varphi(x) = 0$ . For every  $y \in U$  the composition  $\tau_{\varphi(y)} \circ \varphi$  is a local system of coordinates on M and  $(\tau_{-\varphi(y)} \circ \varphi)(y) = 0$ . We have

$$(T_M^E t)(y) = T_s^* (\tau_{-\varphi(y)} \circ \varphi)^{-1} (E(j_0^{\infty}((\tau_{-\varphi(y)} \circ \varphi)_* t))) = T_s^* \varphi^{-1} (E(j_0^{\infty}((\varphi_* t) \circ \tau_{\varphi(y)})))$$

By (3) the map  $f(z) = E(j_0^{\infty}(\varphi_* t \circ \tau_z))$  is smooth, hence  $T_M^E t = \varphi_*^{-1} f$  is smooth.

A natural transformation T of tensors of type (p, q) into tensors of type (r, s) has order k if for any *n*-dimensional manifold M, any  $x \in M$  and all  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathcal{X}_q^p M$  the following implication

$$j_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{\boldsymbol{k}}t_{1} = j_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{\boldsymbol{k}}t_{2} \Longrightarrow (T_{\boldsymbol{M}}t_{1})(\boldsymbol{x}) = (T_{\boldsymbol{M}}t_{2})(\boldsymbol{x})$$

holds.

From Proposition 1.1 we deduce that T is of order k if and only if the following implication

$$j_0^k s_1 = j_0^k s_2 \Longrightarrow E_T(j_0^\infty s_1) = E_T(j_0^\infty s_2)$$

holds for every smooth  $s_1, s_2 : \mathbf{R}^n \longrightarrow V_{p,q}$ .

We prove now the following:

**Proposition 1.2.** If p = r and r = s then every natural transformation of tensors of type (p, q) into tensors of type (r, s) has order zero.

To prove this proposition we need the following:

Lemma 1.3. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow V_{p,q}$  be a smooth map such that support f is compact. Then there is a smooth map  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow V_{p,q}$  such that for any  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$ 

(4) 
$$\frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x^{\alpha}}F(\frac{1}{i},0,...,0) = \frac{1}{(2^{i-1})^{|\alpha|}} \cdot \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x^{\alpha}}f(0)$$

This lemma implies immediately that F(0) = f(0) and

$$\frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x^{\alpha}}F(0)=0$$

for  $|\alpha| > 0$ .

*Proof:* Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow [0,1]$  be a smooth function such that  $\varphi(x) = 0$  if  $x < -1 + \varepsilon$ and  $\varphi(x) = 1$  if  $x > -\varepsilon$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we denote

$$\varphi_{i}(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi(i \cdot (i+1) \cdot (x_{1} - \frac{1}{i})) & \text{if } x_{1} \leq \frac{1}{i} \\ 1 - \varphi((i-1) \cdot i \cdot (x_{1} - \frac{1}{i-1})) & \text{if } x_{1} \geq \frac{1}{i} \text{ and } i > 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x_{1} \geq 1 \text{ and } i = 1 \end{cases}$$
$$f_{i}(x) = f(\frac{1}{2^{i-1}} \cdot (x_{1} - \frac{1}{i}), \frac{1}{2^{i-1}} \cdot x_{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2^{i-1}} \cdot x_{n})$$
$$F(x) = \int \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \varphi_{i}(x) \cdot f_{i}(x) & \text{if } x_{1} > 0 \end{cases}$$

and

 $F(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{f(0)} & \text{if } x_1 \leq 0 \end{cases}$ 

The proof that F is smooth and satisfies (4) is standard.

Proof of Proposition 1.2: Let T be a natural transformation of tensors of type (p,q) into tensors of type (r,s) and let f be a smooth map  $\mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow V_{p,q}$  with compact support. For every  $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  we have

$$E_T(f^{(0)}, c \cdot f^{(1)}, c^2 \cdot f^{(2)}, ...) = E_T((j_0^{\infty} \kappa_c) \cdot (j_0^{\infty} f)) = J_0(\kappa_c) \cdot E_T(j_0^{\infty} f) = E_T(j_0^{\infty} f)$$

Let F be the function from Lemma 1.3. Then we have

$$E_T(j_0^{\infty}(F \circ \tau_{(\frac{1}{2},0,\ldots,0)})) = E_T(f^{(0)}, \frac{1}{2^{i-1}} \cdot f^{(1)}, (\frac{1}{2^{i-1}})^2 \cdot f^{(2)}, \ldots) = E_T(j_0^{\infty}f)$$

for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since the map  $x \longrightarrow E_T(j_0^\infty(F \circ \tau_x))$  is smooth, we obtain that

$$E_T(j_0^{\infty}f) = \lim_{i \to \infty} E_T(j_0^{\infty}f)$$

$$= \lim_{i \to \infty} E_T(j_0^{\infty}(F \circ \tau_{(\frac{1}{i},0,\ldots,0)})) = E_T(j_0^{\infty}F) = E_T(f^{(0)},0,0,\ldots)$$

Hence for all smooth  $t_1, t_2 : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow V_{p,q}$  such that  $j_0^0 t_1 = j_0^0 t_2$  we have

$$E_{T}(j_{0}^{\infty}t_{1}) = E_{T}(t_{1}^{(0)}, 0, 0, ...) = E_{T}(t_{2}^{(0)}, 0, 0, ...) = E_{T}(j_{0}^{\infty}t_{2})$$

#### 2. Classification of natural transformations of affinors into functions.

If  $L: V \longrightarrow V$  is an endomorphism of an *n*-dimensional vector space V then  $a_1(L), ..., a_n(L)$  denote the coefficients of the characteristic polynomial

$$W_L(\lambda) = \det(\lambda \cdot id_V - L) = \lambda^n + a_1(L)\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_n(L)id_V$$

**Theorem 2.1** There is a one-to-one correspondence between natural transformations of affinors into functions and all smooth functions  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The natural transformation corresponding to a function F is defined by

$$(T_M t)(x) = F(a_1(t_x), ..., a_n(t_x))$$

for every an n-dimensional manifold  $M, t \in \mathcal{X}_1^1, x \in M$ .

Propositions 1.1 and 1.2 ensure that Theorem 2.1 is equivalent to the following:

**Proposition 2.2.** There is a one-to-one correspondence between all smooth functions  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and functions  $G : \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

(5) for every open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and for every smooth map  $\gamma : \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ the composition  $G \circ \gamma$  is smooth.

(6) for all matrices  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ ,  $A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  we have  $G(A \cdot X \cdot A^{-1}) = G(X)$ . The function G corresponding to the function F is defined by

(7) 
$$G(X) = F(a_1(X), ..., a_n(X))$$

for every matrix  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ .

**Proof:** It is clear that for any smooth function  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the formula (7) defines a function such that the conditions (5) and (6) hold.

We need to show that for a function  $G : \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \longrightarrow R$  we can construct a function F for which the equality (7) holds. It suffices to prove that for all matrices  $X_1, X_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$  the following implication

(8) 
$$W_{X_1} = W_{X_2} \Longrightarrow G(X_1) = G(X_2)$$

holds. The condition (6) says that the function G is constant on orbits of the group  $GL(n, \mathbf{R})$ . Let  $J_i$  be Jordan's matrices equivalent to  $X_i$  for i = 1, 2. The matrices  $J_i$  are of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1} & & & & & \\ \varepsilon_{11}^{i_{1}} & \lambda_{1} & & & & \\ & \varepsilon_{12}^{i_{2}} & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & &$$

where  $\epsilon_{11}^i, \epsilon_{12}^i, ..., \epsilon_{21}^i, \epsilon_{22}^i, ..., ...$  are either 0 or 1 and  $E_{11}^i, E_{12}^i, ..., E_{21}^i, E_{22}^i, ..., ...$  are either

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & -\beta_1 \\ \beta_1 & \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 & -\beta_2 \\ \beta_2 & \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix}, \dots$$

The coefficients  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ...$  and the matrices  $A_1, A_2, ...$  are the same in both matrices  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  because  $W_{J_1} = W_{X_1} = W_{X_2} = W_{J_2}$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \alpha_1 - i\beta_1, \alpha_1 + i\beta_1, \alpha_2 - i\beta_2, \alpha_2 + i\beta_2, ...$  are the eigenvalues. Let us denote

$$P: \mathbf{R}^n \ni t \longrightarrow t_1 \cdot J_1 + (1-t_1) \cdot J_2 \in \mathbf{R}^n \otimes (\mathbf{R}^n)^*$$

For every  $t \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the matrix P(t) has the same characteristic polynomial as the matrices  $J_1, J_2$ . Clearly all matrices having the same characteristic polynomial are included

in a finite number of orbits, because every orbit holds Jordan's matrix and there is a finite number of systems  $\varepsilon_{11}, \varepsilon_{12}, ..., \varepsilon_{21}, \varepsilon_{22}, ..., ..., E_{11}, E_{12}, ..., E_{21}, E_{22}, ..., ...$  Hence  $(G \circ P)(\mathbf{R}^n)$  is a finite set. From (5) the composition  $G \circ P$  is the continuous function. Hence  $G \circ P$  is a constant function. In particular  $(G \circ P)(1, 0, ..., 0) = (G \circ P)(0, 0, ..., 0)$  and the condition (8) is satisfied.

We denote

$$S: \mathbf{R}^n \ni \mathbf{x} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\mathbf{x}_n \\ 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ & \ddots & 0 & -\mathbf{x}_2 \\ & & 1 & -\mathbf{x}_1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^n \otimes (\mathbf{R}^n)^*$$

It is easily seen that  $a_i(S(x)) = x_i$  for i = 1, ..., n and  $F = G \circ S$ . Hence F is unique and smooth, as the condition (5) is satisfied.

#### 3. Classification of natural transformations of affinors into affinors.

**Theorem 3.1.** There is a one-to-one correspondence between natural transformations of affinors into affinors and all systems of n smooth functions  $F_i : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for i = 1, ..., n. The natural transformation corresponding to functions  $F_i$  is defined by

$$(T_M t)(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n F_i(a_1(t_x), ..., a_n(t_x)) \cdot t_x^{n-i}$$

for every an n-dimensional manifold M,  $t \in \mathcal{X}_1^1 M$ ,  $x \in M$ , where  $t_x^k = t_x \circ ... \circ t_x$  (k times).

Propositions 1.1 and 1.2 ensure that Theorem 3.1 is equivalent to following:

**Proposition 3.2** There is a one-to-one correspondence between all systems of n smooth functions  $F_i : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for i = 1, ..., n and maps  $G : \mathbb{R} \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$  such that

(9) for every open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and every smooth map  $\gamma : \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$  the composition  $G \circ \gamma$  is smooth,

(10) for all matrices  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ ,  $A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  we have  $G(A \cdot X \cdot A^{-1}) = A \cdot G(X) \cdot A^{-1}$ .

The map G corresponding to functions F<sub>i</sub> is defined by

(11) 
$$G(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} F_i(a_1(X), ..., a_n(X)) \cdot X^{n-i}$$

for every matrix  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ .

*Proof:* It is sufficient to show that for every G satisfying (9) and (10) there are the unique smooth functions  $F_i$  for i = 1, ..., n such that the equality (11) holds. If  $F_i$  satisfy (11) then for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we have

$$G(S(\boldsymbol{x})) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} F_i(\boldsymbol{x}) \cdot (S(\boldsymbol{x}))^{n-1} = \begin{bmatrix} F_n(\boldsymbol{x}) & \dots \\ \vdots \\ F_1(\boldsymbol{x}) & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

because  $(S(x))^i(e_1) = e_{i+1}$  for i = 1, ..., n-1 where  $e_1, ..., e_n$  denotes the canonical basis in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Hence the functions  $F_i$  are unique. Let us define

(12) 
$$F_i(x) = G(S(x))_1^{n-i+1}$$

for i = 1, ..., n. Clearly  $F_i$  are smooth from (9). We only need to show that  $F_i$  satisfy (11).

At first we prove (11) for a matrix X which has n different eigenvalues. We need following:

**Lemma 3.3.** Let us suppose that  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ . If the matrix X has n different eigenvalues then  $X^{n-i}$  for i = 1, ..., n are linearly independent.

**Proof:** From Jordan's theorem the matrix

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_n(X) \\ 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ & \ddots & 0 & -a_2(X) \\ & & 1 & -a_1(X) \end{bmatrix}$$

is equivalent to the matrix X because X has n different eigenvalues. Assume  $Y = A \cdot X \cdot A^{-1}$  where  $A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \cdot X^{n-i} = 0$ , then

$$0 = A \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \cdot X^{n-i}\right) \cdot A^{-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \cdot (A \cdot X \cdot A^{-1})^{n-i} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \cdot Y^{n-i} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_n & \dots \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_1 & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence  $\lambda_i = 0$  for i = 1, ..., n. This prove the lemma.

If the matrix X has n different eigenvalues then from Jordan's theorem there exists  $A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $X = A \cdot J \cdot A^{-1}$  where

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & -\beta_1 \\ \beta_1 & \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} & \\ & & & \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 & -\beta_2 \\ \beta_2 & \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

Let us denote

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & \\ & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & & \\ & & & & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \\ & & & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly  $K^{-1} = K$  and  $K \cdot J \cdot K^{-1} = J$ . From (10) we have  $K \cdot G(J) \cdot K^{-1} = G(K \cdot J \cdot K^{-1}) = G(J)$ . Multiplying an arbitrary matrix by K on the left is equivalent to multiplying the first row of this matrix by -1. Multiplying an arbitrary matrix by K on the right is equivalent to multiplying the first column of this matrix by -1. Hence the terms of the first row and first column of matrix G(J) are equal to zero except for the term in the (1,1) entry.

Suppose l denotes the integer such that the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & -\beta_1 \\ \beta_1 & \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is on the *l*th and (l + 1)th rows and the *l*th and (l + 1)th columns in the matrix J. We denote

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & & \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & & & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & & \\ & & & & & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & & \\ & & & & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

where the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is on the *l*th and (l + 1)th rows and the *l*th and (l + 1)th columns in the matrix *L*. Clearly  $L^{-1} = L$  and  $L \cdot J \cdot L^{-1} = J$ . From (10) we have  $L \cdot G(J) \cdot L^{-1} = G(L \cdot J \cdot L^{-1}) = G(J)$ . Multiplying an arbitrary matrix by *L* on the left is equivalent to multiplying the *l*th and (l+1)th rows of this matrix by -1. Multiplying an arbitrary matrix by *L* on the right is equivalent to multiplying the *l*th and (l+1)th columns of this matrix by -1. Hence the terms of *l*th and (l+1)th rows and the *l*th and (l+1)th columns of the matrix G(J) are equal to zero except for the terms in the (l, l), (l, l+1), (l+1, l) (l+1, l+1) entries.

Repeated application of the argument above enables us to write

(13) 
$$G(J) = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_1 & & & & \\ & \eta_2 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1 & \delta_1 \\ \varepsilon_1 & \zeta_1 \end{bmatrix} & & \\ & & & \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_2 & \delta_2 \\ \varepsilon_2 & \zeta_2 \end{bmatrix} & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

We denote

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & & & \\ & & & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & & & & \\ & & & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & & \\ & & & & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & & \\ N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & & \\ & & & \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & & & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & & \\ & & & & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & & \\ & & & & & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & & \\ & & & & & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

We see that for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{R}$  we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\beta \\ \beta & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\beta & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\beta \\ \beta & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\beta & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

It follows that  $M \cdot J \cdot M^{-1} = N \cdot J \cdot N^{-1}$ . From (10) we have  $M \cdot G(J) \cdot M^{-1} = G(M \cdot J \cdot M^{-1}) = G(N \cdot J \cdot N^{-1}) = N \cdot G(J) \cdot N^{-1}$ . We see that for all  $\gamma, \delta, c, \zeta \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & \delta \\ \varepsilon & \zeta \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \zeta & \varepsilon \\ \delta & \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & \delta \\ \varepsilon & \zeta \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & -\delta \\ -\varepsilon & \zeta \end{bmatrix}$$

From the equality  $M \cdot G(J) \cdot M^{-1} = N \cdot G(J) \cdot N^{-1}$  and from (13) we conclude that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \zeta_1 & \varepsilon_1 \\ \delta_1 & \gamma_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1 & -\delta_1 \\ -\varepsilon_1 & \zeta_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence  $\zeta_1 = \gamma_1$  and  $\varepsilon_1 = -\delta_1$ . Repeated application of the above arguments enables us to write

(14) 
$$G(J) = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_1 & & & & \\ & \eta_2 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1 & -\delta_1 \\ \delta_1 & \gamma_1 \end{bmatrix} & & \\ & & & & \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_2 & -\delta_2 \\ \delta_2 & \gamma_2 \end{bmatrix} & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

Let V be a set consisting of all matrices of the form (14) for  $\eta_1, \eta_2, ..., \gamma_1, \delta_1, \gamma_2, \delta_2, ... \in \mathbb{R}$ . The set V is an *n*-dimensional linear space. By induction  $J^k \in V$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . By Lemma 3.3 the matrices  $J^{n-i}$  for i = 1, ..., n form a basis of V. Hence there is  $\lambda_i$  such that  $G(J) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \cdot J^{n-i}$  as  $G(J) \in V$ . By (10) we have

$$G(X) = G(A \cdot J \cdot A^{-1}) = A \cdot G(J) \cdot A^{-1}$$
$$= A \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \cdot J^{n-i}\right) \cdot A^{-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \cdot (A \cdot J \cdot A^{-1})^{n-i} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \cdot X^{n-i}$$

We need only show that  $\lambda_i = F_i(a_1(X), ..., a_n(X))$  for i = 1, ..., n. From Jordan's theorem there exists  $B \in GL(n, \mathbf{R})$  such that  $S(a_1(X), ..., a_n(X)) = B \cdot X \cdot B^{-1}$  as matrix X has n different eigenvalues. Hence

$$G(S(a_1(X), ..., a_n(X))) = B \cdot G(X) \cdot B^{-1} = B \cdot (\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \cdot X^{n-i}) \cdot B^{-1}$$

$$=\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \cdot (B \cdot X \cdot B^{-1})^{n-i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \cdot (S(a_1(X), ..., a_n(X)))^{n-i} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_n & \dots \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_1 & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

From (12) we have that  $\lambda_i = F_i(a_1(X), ..., a_n(X))$  for i = 1, ..., n. This proves (11) for the case of X with n different eigenvalues.

We next show (11) in general case. Let X be an arbitrary matrix and let Y be a matrix which has n different eigenvalues. Let P be an n-dimensional affine subspace in the  $\mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$  such that  $X, Y \in P$ . Suppose that W(Z) denotes the discriminant of the characteristic polynomial of a matrix  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ . Then W is a polynomial and  $W(Z) \neq 0$  if and only if Z has n different eigenvalues. We have  $W|P \neq 0$  because  $W(Y) \neq 0$ . Hence  $Q = \{Z \in P | W(Z) \neq 0\}$  is a dense subset of P. We know that G|Q = C|Q where  $C(Z) = \sum_{i=1}^n F_i(a_1(Z), ..., a_n(Z)) \cdot Z^{n-i}$  for  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^n \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ . Suppose D denotes an affine parametrization of P. From (9)  $G \circ D$  is smooth and  $G|P = G \circ D \circ D^{-1}$  is smooth too. If two smooth maps are equal on a dense set then these maps are equal. In particular G(X) = C(X). This ends the proof.

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