

# MARTINGALES ON FRAME BUNDLES

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ABSTRACT. Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold endowed with a symmetric connection  $\nabla$ . There are two important ways of lift the connection  $\nabla$  of  $M$  to the frame bundle  $BM$ , the canonical lift  $\nabla^c$  and the horizontal lift  $\nabla^h$ . The aim of this work is determine the  $\nabla^c$ -martingales and the  $\nabla^h$ -martingales on  $BM$ . Our results allow to establish new characterizations of harmonic maps from Riemannian manifolds to frame bundles. Finally, we consider on the associated vector bundles to  $BM$  the canonical lift  $\nabla^\dagger$  and give a characterization of the  $\nabla^\dagger$ -martingales.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold and  $BM$  its frame bundle. The differential geometry of  $BM$  has been studied by many authors and a survey of these results can be find in L. Cordero et al. [6]. The idea is simple, starting from a connection  $\nabla$  on  $M$  endowed  $BM$  with a natural connection and study the associated geometry.

In this article we study the stochastic differential geometry of  $BM$ . We take the point of view that the stochastic calculus have two main purposes: determine martingales and construct new processes. The martingales are the stochastic analogue to geodesics and the stochastic differential equations are the tools for constructing new processes.

Our original motivation comes from the following problem: find via stochastic calculus a deterministic characterization of the harmonic maps from Riemannian manifolds to frame bundles.

The stochastic differential geometry of  $TM$  has been studied intensively by P. Meyer [15], M. Arnaudon and A. Thalmaier [1], [2]. Recently, one of the authors has considered the stochastic differential geometry of  $BM$  (see P. Catuogno [4]).

This paper is organized as follows: In section 2, we review some fundamental facts on differential geometry of the frame bundle and stochastic calculus on manifolds (see for instance L. Cordero et al [6], R. Bishop and R. Crittenden [3], S. Kobayashi and N. Nomizu [12], M. Emery [7], [9], E. Hsu [10] and P. Meyer [14], [15]) and introduce the canonical lift and the horizontal lift to the frame bundle  $BM$  of a connection on  $M$  (see L. Cordero et al [6], L. Cordero and M. De León [5], K. Mok [16], [17]). In section 3 we prove our principal results:

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold endowed with a symmetric connection  $\nabla$  and  $Y$  an  $BM$ -valued semimartingale. Then

- 1)  $Y$  is a  $\nabla^h$ -martingale if and only if  $\pi \circ Y$  is a  $\nabla$ -martingale and

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is a local martingale.

2)  $Y$  is a  $\nabla^c$ -martingale if and only if  $\pi \circ Y$  is a  $\nabla$ -martingale and

$$\int \omega \delta Y + \frac{1}{2} \int \omega \odot \omega (dY, dY) + \frac{1}{2} \int a^c (dY, dY)$$

is a local martingale.

We apply these results in order to obtain the following characterization of harmonic maps into frame bundles.

Let  $N$  be a Riemannian manifold with metric  $g$ ,  $M$  a smooth manifold endowed with a symmetric connection  $\nabla$  and  $F : N \rightarrow BM$  an smooth map. Then:

1)  $F$  is an  $(g, \nabla^h)$ -harmonic map if and only if  $\pi \circ F$  is an harmonic map and  $d^*F^*\omega + \text{tr}F^*(\omega \odot \omega) = 0$ .

2)  $F$  is an  $(g, \nabla^c)$ -harmonic map if and only if  $\pi \circ F$  is an harmonic map and  $d^*F^*\omega + \text{tr}F^*(\omega \odot \omega + a^c) = 0$ .

Finally, in section 4 we consider in the associated vector bundles to  $BM$  the canonical lift  $\nabla^\dagger$  and we give a characterization of the  $\nabla^\dagger$ -martingales. The lift  $\nabla^\dagger$  is a particular case of the general lift studied by P. Meyer [15] and M. Arnaudon and A. Thalmaier [2], and extends the case of tensor bundles and tangent bundles studied by A. Mağden and A. Salimov [13], K. Yano and S. Ishihara [18].

## 2. DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY AND STOCHASTIC CALCULUS

We begin by recalling some fundamental facts on differential geometry of the frame bundle and stochastic calculus on manifolds, we shall use freely concepts and notations of L. Cordero et al. [6], S. Kobayashi and N. Nomizu [12] and M. Emery [7]. Let  $M$  be a differentiable manifold with tangent bundle  $TM$ . The frame bundle  $BM$  of  $M$  consists of all linear isomorphism  $p : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_x M$  for some  $x \in M$ , with projection  $\pi : BM \rightarrow M$  given by  $\pi(p) = x$ . The fibre bundle  $BM$  is a principal bundle over  $M$  with structure group  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ .

A connection  $\nabla$  on  $M$  determines a decomposition of each tangent space  $T_p BM$  into the direct sum of the vertical subspace  $V_p BM = \text{Ker}(\pi_*(p))$  and the horizontal subspace  $H_p BM$  of the tangent at  $p$  of horizontal lifts of curves in  $M$ . We recall that if  $\alpha : I \rightarrow M$  is a curve in  $M$ , the horizontal lift of  $\alpha$  to  $BM$  can be written as the composition

$$\alpha_p^H(t) := P_{t,0}^\nabla(\alpha) \circ p$$

where  $P_{t,s}^\nabla(\alpha) : T_{\alpha(s)} M \rightarrow T_{\alpha(t)} M$  is the parallel transport along the curve  $\alpha$ .

The above decomposition naturally defines the horizontal lifts of  $X \in T_{\pi(p)} M$  at  $p \in BM$  as the unique tangent vector  $X^H = H_p(X) \in H_p BM$  such that  $\pi_*(X^H) = X$ . Let  $A \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $A^*$  the fundamental vector field corresponding to  $A$  is the vertical vector field defined by  $A_p^* = p_*(Id)(A)$  where  $p$  is considered as the mapping  $p : GL(n, \mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow BM$ ,  $p(g) = p \circ g$ .

Let us denote by  $\mathbf{h}U$  and  $\mathbf{v}U$  the horizontal and vertical parts of  $U \in TBM$ , respectively. The canonical form  $\theta : TBM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and the connection form  $\omega : TBM \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R}^n)$  are defined by

$$\theta(U_p) = p^{-1} \pi_*(U_p)$$

and

$$\omega(U_p) = A$$

where  $\mathbf{v}U_p = A_p^*$ .

The curvature form is the  $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R}^n)$ -valued 2-form on  $BM$  defined by  $\Omega(U, V) = d\omega(\mathbf{h}U, \mathbf{h}V)$  and the torsion form is the  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued 2-form on  $BM$  defined by  $\Theta(U, V) = d\theta(\mathbf{h}U, \mathbf{h}V)$ , where  $d$  denote the exterior differential.

The curvature tensor  $R$  and the torsion tensor  $T$  are defined by

$$R(X, Y)Z = p(\Omega(X^H, Y^H)(p^{-1}Z))$$

and

$$T(X, Y) = p^{-1}(\Theta(X^H, Y^H))$$

where  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  belong to  $T_{\pi(p)}M$ .

The vertical lift  $\gamma S$  of a section  $S$  of  $T^{(1,1)}M$  is the vertical vector field on  $BM$  defined by

$$\gamma S(p) = (p^{-1} \circ S \circ p)^*(p).$$

There are many ways of extending a connection  $\nabla$  of  $M$  to  $BM$ . We are particularly interested in the canonical lift  $\nabla^c$  and the horizontal lift  $\nabla^h$ . The canonical and the horizontal lift to  $BM$  of a linear connection on  $M$  has been introduced and studied by K. Mok in [17] and L. Cordero and M. De Leon in [5], respectively. In the book of L. Cordero et al. [6] we find a survey of the elementary properties of these connections. Let  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $A, B \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R}^n)$ . The canonical lift  $\nabla^c$  and the horizontal lift  $\nabla^h$  are completely defined by the relations:

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{cases} \nabla_{A^*}^c B_p^* &= (AB)_p^* \\ \nabla_{A^*}^c X_p^H &= (p \circ T(-, X) \circ p^{-1} \circ A)_p^* \\ \nabla_{X^H}^c B_p^* &= 0 \\ \nabla_{X^H}^c Y_p^H &= (\nabla_X Y)_p^H + \gamma(R(-, X)Y - (\nabla_X T)(Y, -))_p \end{cases}$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{cases} \nabla_{A^*}^h B_p^* &= (AB)_p^* \\ \nabla_{A^*}^h X_p^H &= (p \circ T(-, X) \circ p^{-1} \circ A)_p^* \\ \nabla_{X^H}^h B_p^* &= 0 \\ \nabla_{X^H}^h Y_p^H &= (\nabla_X Y)_p^H. \end{cases}$$

The following lemma will be needed in Section 3.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\nabla$  be a symmetric connection on  $M$  and  $\omega$  be the connection form associated. Then*

- 1) *The projection map  $\pi : BM \rightarrow M$  is  $(\nabla^c, \nabla)$ -affine and  $(\nabla^h, \nabla)$ -affine.*
- 2) *The symmetric part of  $\nabla^h \omega$  is  $-\omega \odot \omega$ .*
- 3) *The symmetric part of  $\nabla^c \omega$  is  $-\omega \odot \omega + a^c$ , where*

$$a_p^c(U, V) = \frac{1}{2}p^{-1}(R(- \circ p, \pi_* U)\pi_* V + R(- \circ p, \pi_* V)\pi_* U)$$

for  $U, V \in T_p BM$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from straightforward computations.  $\square$

Let  $(\Omega, (\mathcal{F}_t), \mathbb{P})$  be a filtered probability space, and  $M$  a smooth manifold endowed with a connection  $\nabla$ . Let  $X$  be a continuous semimartingale with values in  $M$ ,  $\alpha$  a section of  $TM^*$  and  $b$  a section of  $T^{(2,0)}M$ . We denote by  $\int \alpha \delta X$  the Stratonovich integral of  $\alpha$  along  $X$ , by  $\int \alpha d^\nabla X$  the Itô integral and by  $\int b d(X, X)$  the quadratic integral of  $b$  along  $X$ . We recall that  $X$  is a  $\nabla$  martingale if and only if  $\int \alpha d^\nabla X$  is a local martingale, for any  $\alpha \in \Gamma(TM^*)$ . Locally these integrals can

be describe as follows. Let  $(U, x^i)$  be a local coordinate system in  $M$ . With respect to this chart the 1-form  $\alpha$  and the bilinear form  $b$  can be written as  $\alpha_x = \alpha_i(x)dx^i$  and  $b_x = b_{ij}(x)dx^i \otimes dx^j$  respectively, where  $\alpha_i$  and  $b_{ij}$  are smooth functions in  $U$ . We have that

$$\int_0^t \alpha \delta X = \int_0^t \alpha_i(X) dX^i + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \alpha_i}{\partial x^j}(X) d \langle X^i, X^j \rangle,$$

$$\int_0^t \alpha d^\nabla X = \int_0^t \alpha_i(X) dX^i + \frac{1}{4} (\Gamma_{jk} + \Gamma_{kj})(X) d \langle X^i, X^j \rangle$$

and

$$\int_0^t b(dX, dX) = \int_0^t b_{ij}(X) d \langle X^i, X^j \rangle$$

where  $\Gamma_{jk}^i$  are the Christoffel symbols of  $\nabla$ .

We observed that

$$\int_0^t \alpha d^\nabla X = \int_0^t \alpha d^{\tilde{\nabla}} X$$

and

$$\int_0^t b(dX, dX) = \int_0^t b^s(dX, dX)$$

where  $\tilde{\nabla} = \nabla + \frac{1}{2}T^\nabla$  is the associated symmetric connection to  $\nabla$  and  $b^s$  is the symmetric part of  $b$ .

The Stratonovich-Itô conversion formula and the Itô formula are the corner stones of stochastic calculus. Now, we write in term of the above line integrals theses formulae on manifolds. The proofs are straightforward using local coordinates and the usual Itô formula. Let  $M$  be a manifold and  $\alpha$  a section of  $TM^*$ . The Stratonovich-Itô conversion formula is given by:

$$(2.3) \quad \int_0^t \alpha \delta X = \int_0^t \alpha d^\nabla X + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \nabla \alpha(dX, dX).$$

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be manifolds,  $\alpha$  a section of  $TN^*$ ,  $b$  a section of  $T^{(2,0)}N$  and  $F : M \rightarrow N$  a smooth map. We have the following Itô formulae for Stratonovich and quadratic integrals:

$$(2.4) \quad \int_0^t \alpha \delta F(X) = \int_0^t F^* \alpha \delta X$$

and

$$(2.5) \quad \int_0^t b(dF(X), dF(X)) = \int_0^t F^* b(dX, dX).$$

In the case that  $M$  and  $N$  are endowed with connections  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla'$  respectively, we have the following Itô formulae for the Itô integral:

$$(2.6) \quad \int_0^t \alpha d^{\nabla'} F(X) = \int_0^t F^* \alpha d^\nabla X + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \beta_F^* \alpha(dX, dX),$$

where  $\beta_F$  is the second fundamental form of  $F$ .

From the above formula, it follows that  $F$  is an affine map if and only if sends  $\nabla$ -martingales to  $\nabla'$ -martingales.

Let  $M$  be a Riemannian manifold with metric  $g$ . Let  $B$  be a continuous semimartingale with values in  $M$ , we say that  $B$  is a  $g$ -Brownian motion on  $M$  if  $B$  is

a martingale with respect to the Levi-Civita connection of  $g$  and for any section  $b$  of  $T^{(2,0)}M$  we have that

$$(2.7) \quad \int_0^t b(dB, dB) = \int_0^t \text{tr } b_{B_s} ds.$$

Combining (2.4) with (2.7), we obtain the following Manabe formula:

$$(2.8) \quad \int_0^t \alpha \delta B = \int_0^t \alpha d^\nabla B + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t d^* \alpha_{B_s} ds.$$

From (2.6) and (2.7) we deduce the useful formula:

$$(2.9) \quad \int_0^t \alpha d^{\nabla'} F(X) = \int_0^t F^* \alpha d^\nabla X + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \tau_F^* \alpha_{B_s} ds,$$

where  $\tau_F$  is the tension field of  $F$ .

We recall that an application  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is an harmonic map if  $\tau_F = 0$ . Applying the above formula, we obtain the Bismut characterization of harmonic maps:  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is an harmonic map if and only if sends Brownian motions to  $\nabla'$ -martingales.

### 3. MARTINGALES ON $BM$

In this section we prove our main results. We characterize the  $\nabla^h$ -martingales and  $\nabla^c$ -martingales on  $BM$ . The characterization is in terms of its projections and the Stratonovich integral of the connection form. We apply these results in order to determine all harmonic maps from a Riemannian manifold  $N$  into  $BM$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold endowed with a symmetric connection  $\nabla$  and  $Y$  an  $BM$ -valued semimartingale. Then  $Y$  is a  $\nabla^h$ -martingale if and only if  $\pi \circ Y$  is a  $\nabla$ -martingale and*

$$\int \omega \delta Y + \frac{1}{2} \int \omega \odot \omega (dY, dY)$$

*is a local martingale.*

*Proof.* Let  $Y$  be a  $\nabla^h$ -martingale. From the conversion formula (2.3) and the fact that the symmetric part of  $\nabla^h \omega$  is  $-\omega \odot \omega$  we have that

$$\int \omega \delta Y = \int \omega d^{\nabla^h} Y - \frac{1}{2} \int \omega \odot \omega (dY, dY).$$

Since  $\int \omega d^{\nabla^h} Y$  is a local martingale,  $\int \omega \delta Y + \frac{1}{2} \int \omega \odot \omega (dY, dY)$  is a local martingale. It remains to prove that  $\pi \circ Y$  is a  $\nabla$ -martingale, which is clear because  $\pi$  is an affine map.

Conversely, it is sufficient to show that  $\int \pi^* \alpha d^{\nabla^h} Y$  is a local martingale for each  $\alpha \in \Gamma(T^*M)$ . Combining (2.6) and the fact that  $\beta_\pi = 0$  yields

$$\int \pi^* \alpha d^{\nabla^h} Y = \int \alpha d^\nabla (\pi \circ Y).$$

As by assumption  $\pi \circ Y$  is a  $\nabla$ -martingale, we conclude that  $\int \alpha d^\nabla (\pi \circ Y)$  is a local martingale.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold endowed with a symmetric connection  $\nabla$  and  $Y$  an  $BM$ -valued semimartingale. Then  $Y$  is a  $\nabla^c$ -martingale if and only if  $\pi \circ Y$  is a  $\nabla$ -martingale and*

$$\int \omega \delta Y + \frac{1}{2} \int \omega \odot \omega (dY, dY) + \frac{1}{2} \int a^c (dY, dY)$$

*is a local martingale.*

*Proof.* We apply 3) of Lemma 2.1 and proceed as in the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**Remark 3.1.** *P. Meyer [15] observed that the horizontal lift of semimartingales to  $BM$  with respect to a given connection  $\nabla$  is a function of its prolongations to  $BM$ . In fact, let  $\tilde{\nabla}$  be a prolongation of  $\nabla$  to  $BM$  and  $X$  a  $M$ -semimartingale. The horizontal lift  $X^H$  at  $p$  (where  $\pi(p) = X_0$ ) respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is the solution of the Itô equation,*

$$d\tilde{\nabla} Y = H_Y d^\nabla X$$

*with initial condition  $Y_0 = p$ .*

*It is clear that the horizontal lifts of a  $\nabla$ -martingale with respect to  $\nabla^c$  ( $\nabla^h$ ) are  $\nabla^c$  ( $\nabla^h$ )-martingales.*

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $N$  be a Riemannian manifold with metric  $g$ ,  $M$  a smooth manifold endowed with a symmetric connection  $\nabla$  and  $F : N \rightarrow BM$  and smooth map. Then  $F$  is an  $(g, \nabla^h)$ -harmonic map if and only if  $\pi \circ F$  is an harmonic map and  $d^* F^* \omega + \text{tr} F^* (\omega \odot \omega) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be an harmonic map and  $B$  a  $g$ -Brownian motion. From the Bismut characterization of harmonic maps and Theorem 3.1 we have that

$$\int \omega \delta F(B) + \frac{1}{2} \int \omega \odot \omega (dF(B), dF(B))$$

is a local martingale. Applying (2.4) and (2.5) we obtain

$$(3.1) \quad \int \omega \delta F(B) + \frac{1}{2} \int \omega \odot \omega (dF(B), dF(B)) = \int F^* \omega \delta B + \frac{1}{2} \int F^* \omega \odot \omega (dB, dB).$$

From the definition of  $g$ -Brownian motion (2.7) and the Manabe formula (2.8) we have that

$$(3.2) \quad \int F^* \omega \delta B + \frac{1}{2} \int F^* \omega \odot \omega (dB, dB) = \int F^* \omega d^{\nabla^g} B + \frac{1}{2} \int (d^* F^* \omega + \text{tr} F^* \omega \odot \omega) ds$$

where  $\nabla^g$  is the Levi-Civita connection associated to  $g$ . Combining (3.1) and (3.2), we obtain that the local martingale  $\int \omega \delta F(B) + \frac{1}{2} \int \omega \odot \omega (dF(B), dF(B))$  can be written as

$$\int F^* \omega d^{\nabla^g} B + \frac{1}{2} \int (d^* F^* \omega + \text{tr} F^* \omega \odot \omega)_{B_s} ds.$$

Doob-Meyer decomposition, says that

$$\int (d^* F^* \omega + \text{tr} F^* \omega \odot \omega)_{B_s} ds = 0.$$

Since  $B$  is arbitrary, we conclude that  $d^* F^* \omega + \text{tr} F^* (\omega \odot \omega) = 0$ .

It remains to prove that  $\pi \circ F$  sends Brownian motion to  $\nabla$ -martingales. As  $F$  is an harmonic map we obtain that  $F(B)$  is a  $\nabla^h$ -martingale. We have that  $\pi \circ F(B)$  is a  $\nabla$ -martingale, because  $\pi$  is an affine map.

Conversely, from the Bismut characterization is sufficient to show that  $F$  sends Brownian motion to  $\nabla^h$ -martingales. Let  $B$  be a  $g$ -Brownian motion. We have that  $\int \omega \delta F(B) + \frac{1}{2} \int \omega \odot \omega (dF(B), dF(B))$  can be written as

$$\int F^* \omega d^{\nabla^g} B + \frac{1}{2} \int (d^* F^* \omega + \text{tr} F^* \omega \odot \omega)_{B_s} ds.$$

Since  $d^* F^* \omega + \text{tr} F^* (\omega \odot \omega) = 0$ , it follows that  $\int \omega \delta F(B) + \frac{1}{2} \int \omega \odot \omega (dF(B), dF(B))$  is a local martingale. We have that  $\pi(F(B))$  is a  $\nabla$ -martingale, because  $\pi \circ F$  is an harmonic map. That  $F(B)$  is an  $\nabla^h$ -martingale follows from Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

The following result may be proved in the same way as Theorem 3.3.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $N$  be a Riemannian manifold with metric  $g$ ,  $M$  a smooth manifold endowed with a symmetric connection  $\nabla$  and  $F : N \rightarrow BM$  and smooth map. Then  $F$  is an  $(g, \nabla^c)$ -harmonic map if and only if  $\pi \circ F$  is an harmonic map and  $d^* F^* \omega + \text{tr} F^* (\omega \odot \omega + a^c) = 0$ .*

**Remark 3.2.** *Using the above results and the fact that a geodesic is an harmonic map, it is easy to check that  $\gamma$  is a  $\nabla^h$ -geodesic of  $BM$  if and only if  $\pi \circ \gamma$  is a  $\nabla$ -geodesic and  $\nabla^2 \gamma_i = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Similarly, we have that  $\gamma$  is a  $\nabla^c$ -geodesic of  $BM$  if and only if  $\pi \circ \gamma$  is a  $\nabla$ -geodesic and  $\gamma_i$  is a Jacobi field along to  $\pi \circ \gamma$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . See [5], [6], [16] and [17].*

#### 4. MARTINGALES ON THE ASSOCIATED FIBRE BUNDLES

Let  $F$  be a vector space on which  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  acts on the left. We begin by recalling the construction of the vector bundle  $E = E(M, F, GL(n, \mathbb{R}), BM)$  associated to  $BM$  having standard fibre  $F$  (see [3] and [12]).  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  acts on  $BM \times F$  on the right by the rule  $(p, f)g = (pg, g^{-1}f)$  where  $p \in BM$ ,  $f \in F$  and  $g \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ . Let  $E$  be the quotient space thus obtained and  $\phi : BM \times F \rightarrow E$  the canonical projection. The projection  $\pi_E : E \rightarrow M$  is defined by  $\pi_E(\phi(p, f)) = \pi(p)$ . For each  $x \in M$ , the fibre  $\pi_E^{-1}(x)$  consists of all points  $\phi(p, f)$  such that  $\pi(p) = x$  and  $f \in F$  is arbitrary.

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $M$  be a differentiable manifold,  $E = E(M, F, GL(n, \mathbb{R}), BM)$  a vector bundle associated to  $BM$ ,  $Z$  a right invariant vector field on  $BM$  and  $\xi$  a left invariant vector field on  $F$ . Then*

- (1) *There exists an unique vector field  $Z^\dagger$  on  $E$  satisfying:*

$$Z^\dagger_{\phi(p,f)} = \phi(-, f)_* Z_p$$

*where  $(p, f) \in BM \times F$ .*

- (2) *There exists an unique vertical vector field  $\xi^\ddagger$  on  $E$  satisfying:*

$$\xi^\ddagger_{\phi(p,f)} = \phi(p, -)_* \xi_f$$

*where  $(p, f) \in BM \times F$ .*

*Proof.* It suffices to show that  $Z^\dagger_{\phi(p,f)}$  and  $\xi^\ddagger_{\phi(p,f)}$  are independent of the choice of  $(p, f) \in BM \times F$ . Let  $(p, f)$  and  $(q, h)$  in  $BM \times F$  such that  $\phi(p, f) = \phi(q, h)$ . By definition, there exists  $g \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $q = pg$  and  $h = g^{-1}f$ . From the right (left) invariance of  $Z$  ( $\xi$ ) and properties of  $\phi$ , we have that

$$\phi(-, h)_* Z_q = \phi(-, g^{-1}f)_* \circ R_{g*} Z_p = (\phi(-, g^{-1}f) \circ R_g)_* Z_p = \phi(-, f)_* Z_p$$

and

$$\phi(q, -)_* \xi_h = \phi(gp, -)_* \circ L_{g^{-1}*} \xi_f = (\phi(gp, -) \circ L_{g^{-1}})_* \xi_f = \phi(p, -)_* \xi_f.$$

□

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold endowed with a connection  $\nabla$ , and  $E$  a vector bundle associated with  $BM$  having standard fibre  $F$ . Naturally,  $\nabla$  induces a covariant derivative operator  $\nabla^E$  on  $E$ . Let  $s \in \Gamma(E)$ ,  $e \in E$  and  $w \in T_x M$  such that  $\pi_E(e) = x$ , then  $\nabla^E$  is given by

$$\nabla_w^E s(e) = p \frac{d}{dt} a_t^{-1} s(\pi(a_t))|_{t=0}$$

where  $\pi(p) = x$  and  $a$  is a horizontal curve in  $BM$  such that  $a_0 = p$  and  $a'_0 = w^H \in T_p BM$ .

The vertical lift  $v_e : E_{\pi(e)} \rightarrow T_e E$  at  $e \in E$  is given by  $v_e(s) = \frac{d}{dt}(e + ts)|_{t=0}$ . We observe that every section  $s \in \Gamma(E)$  has a vertical lift  $s^v \in \Gamma(TE)$  defined by  $s^v(e) = v_e(s(\pi_E(e)))$ .

The horizontal lift  $h_e : T_{\pi(e)} M \rightarrow T_e E$  is given by  $h_e(w) = \phi(-, f)_*(w^h)$  where  $e = \phi(p, f)$ . We observe that every vector field  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$  has a horizontal lift  $X^h \in \Gamma(TE)$  defined by  $X^h(e) = h_e(X(\pi_E(e)))$ .

We recall that a connection  $\nabla'$  on  $BM$  is  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ -invariant if  $R_g$  is affine for every  $g \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ . The  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ -invariant connection  $\nabla'$  is projectable if there exists a connection  $\nabla$  on  $M$  such that  $\pi : BM \rightarrow M$  is  $(\nabla', \nabla)$  affine. In this case, we say that  $\nabla$  is the projection on  $M$  of  $\nabla'$ . See [4] for more information in the general case of a principal fiber bundle.

The following result shows that a projectable  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ -invariant connection on  $BM$ , induces naturally connections on the associated vector bundles.

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $M$  be a manifold and  $\nabla'$  a projectable  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ -invariant connection on  $BM$  with projection  $\nabla$ . Let  $E$  be a vector bundle associated with  $BM$ . Then there exists a unique connection  $\nabla^\dagger$  on  $E$  satisfying:*

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{cases} \nabla_{r^v}^\dagger s^v &= 0 \\ \nabla_{r^v}^\dagger X^h &= 0 \\ \nabla_{X^h}^\dagger s^v &= (\nabla_X^E s)^v \\ \nabla_{X^h}^\dagger Y^h &= (\nabla'_{X^H} Y^H)^\dagger \end{cases}$$

where  $r, s \in \Gamma(E)$  and  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows immediately from Theorem 5 [15]. □

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $M$  be a manifold and  $\nabla'$  a projectable  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ -invariant connection on  $BM$  with projection  $\nabla$ . Let  $E$  be a vector bundle associated with  $BM$  having standard fibre  $F$ . Then the canonical projection  $\phi : BM \times F \rightarrow E$  is  $(\nabla^\times, \nabla^\dagger)$  affine. Where  $\nabla^\times$  is the product connection on  $BM \times F$  of  $\nabla'$  and the flat connection of  $F$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is an straightforward calculation in local coordinates. □

**Corollary 4.1.** *Let  $M$  be a manifold and  $\nabla'$  a projectable  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ -invariant connection on  $BM$  with projection  $\nabla$ . Let  $E$  be a vector bundle associated with*



*BM having standard fibre  $F$  and  $\xi$  a  $E$  valued semimartingale. Then  $\xi$  is a  $\nabla^\dagger$ -martingale if and only if  $\pi_E \circ \xi$  is a  $\nabla$ -martingale and  $f = (\pi_E \circ \xi^H)^{-1}\xi$  is a local martingale of  $F$ .*

*Proof.* It is clear that  $\xi = \phi(\pi_E \circ \xi^H, f)$ . Now, we suppose that  $\pi_E \circ \xi$  is a  $\nabla$ -martingale and  $f = (\pi_E \circ \xi^H)^{-1}\xi$  is a local martingale of  $F$ . By Remark 3.1,  $\pi_E \circ \xi^H$  is a  $\nabla'$ -martingale. But  $\phi$  is affine from Proposition 4.2, hence  $\xi = \phi(\pi_E \circ \xi^H, f)$  is a  $\nabla^\dagger$ -martingale. □

**Remark 4.1.** *Let  $M$  be a manifold endowed with a connection  $\nabla$ . The canonical lift  $\nabla^c$  and the horizontal lift  $\nabla^h$  are projectable  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ -invariant connections on  $BM$  with projection  $\nabla$ . By Proposition 4.1, these connections naturally induces connections on the tensor bundle  $T^{(r,s)}M$  of type  $(r, s)$  over  $M$ . We denote by  $\nabla^c$  ( $\nabla^h$ ) the induced connections. The connection  $\nabla^c$  ( $\nabla^h$ ) will be called the canonical (horizontal) lift of  $\nabla$  on  $T^{(r,s)}M$ . We observe that our definitions agree with those of A. Magden and A. Salimov [13] and extend the classical ones of K. Yano and S. Ishihara [18] for the tangent bundle of  $M$ .*

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