

# SOME PROPERTIES ON THE LIE DERIVATIVE OF LINEAR CONNECTIONS ON $\mathbb{R}^n$

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## Abstract

The aim of this work is to study some properties of the Lie derivative of the linear connection  $\nabla$ , the conjugate derivative  $d_{\nabla}$  with the linear connection and using them for searching the curvature, the torsion of a space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  along the linear flat connection  $\nabla$ .

## 1 Introduction

The concept of Lie derivative appeared in the early 30s and was related to the works of Slebodzinski, Dantzig, Schouten and Van Campen ([8]). The problem consisted of generalization of the operations which has an invariant sense only when it is applied to a scalar field, to the case of tensor field and the connection object. The Lie differentiation theory plays an important role in studying automorphisms of differential geometric structures. In a more developed form, this theory is presented by K. Yano ([20]).

In some recent decades, the Lie derivative of forms and its application was investigated by many authors (see [7], [6], [5], [17],[18], [19],[20] and the references given therein). In 2010, Sultanov used the Lie derivative of the linear connection to study the curvature tensor and the torsion tensor on linear algebras (see [19], pp. 362-412). In 2012, basing on the Lie derivative of real-valued

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forms on the Riemannian  $n$ -dimensional manifold, N. H. Quang, K. P. Chi and B. C. Van constructed the Lie derivative of the currents on Riemann manifolds and given some applications on Lie groups (see [12]). The primary goal of our work is the extension of the operations of Lie derivative to objects defined on the vector-valued differential forms of a manifold. The main goal of the present work is to investigate some properties on the Lie derivative and the conjugate derivative  $d_{\nabla}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For an application, we give some results for searching the curvature, the torsion of a space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  along the linear flat connection  $\nabla$ .

## 2 Notation and Preliminaries

We denote the vector space of all smooth vector fields on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by  $\mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is the vector space of smooth functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\nabla$  be a linear connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $D$  be an usual directional derivative that give rise to a linear connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . More precisely, if  $X = X^i \partial_i$  and  $Y = Y^j \partial_j$ , then we define

$$\nabla_{X^i \partial_i} (Y^j \partial_j) = X^i \partial_i (Y^j) \partial_j$$

The torsion tensor  $R$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is defined by

$$T(X, Y) = \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y], \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

If  $T = 0$ , then the linear connection  $\nabla$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be *flat*. Then  $D$  is the linear flat connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

The curvature tensor  $R$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is defined by

$$R(X, Y, Z) = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z,$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

In particular, if  $\nabla = D$ , then we obtain  $T = 0$  and  $R = 0$ . A vector field  $X$  is called parallel if  $\nabla_Y X = 0, \forall Y \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Now, let  $F$  by any normed vector space and  $F$  has finite dimension  $m$ . A smooth differential  $k$ -form on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with values in  $F$ , for short,  $k$ -form on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , is any smooth function,  $\omega : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \bigwedge^k(\mathbb{R}^n, F)$ . The vector space of all  $k$ -forms on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is denoted  $\Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n, F)$ . The vector space,  $\Omega^*(\mathbb{R}^n, F) = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n, F)$ , is

the set of differential forms on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with values in  $F$  (see [3], pp. 307).

Observe that  $\Omega^0(\mathbb{R}^n, F) = C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, F)$ , the vector space of smooth functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with values in  $F$  and  $\Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n, F) = C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, Hom(\mathbb{R}^n, F))$ , the set of smooth functions from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to the set of linear maps from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $F$ . Also,  $\Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n, F) = (0)$  for  $k > n$ . Pick any basis,  $(f_1, \dots, f_m)$ , of  $F$ . Then, as every differential  $k$ -form,  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n, F)$ , can be written uniquely as (see [3], pp.

311)

$$\omega = \sum_{i=1}^m \omega_i \cdot f_i, \tag{2.1}$$

where  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m$  are smooth real-valued differential forms in  $\Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$  and we view  $f_i$  as the constant map with value  $f_i$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $F$ . Then, as

$$d\omega_p(X_p) = \sum_{i=1}^m (\omega'_i)_p(X_p) \cdot f_i, \tag{2.2}$$

for all  $X_p \in T_p\mathbb{R}^n$ , we see that (see [3], pp. 311)

$$d\omega = \sum_{i=1}^m d\omega_i \cdot f_i. \tag{2.3}$$

Actually, because  $d\omega$  is defined independently of bases, the  $f_i$  do not need to be linearly independent; any choices of vectors and forms such that

$$\omega = \sum_{i=1}^p \omega_i \cdot f_i, \tag{2.4}$$

will do.

Let  $G, H$  be normal vector space. Given a bilinear map,  $\phi : F \times G \rightarrow H$ , a simple calculation shows that for all  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n, F)$  and for all  $\eta \in \Omega^l(\mathbb{R}^n, G)$ , we have (see [3], pp. 311)

$$\omega \wedge_\phi \eta = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{m'} \omega_i \wedge \eta_j \cdot \phi(f_i, g_j), \tag{2.5}$$

with  $\omega = \sum_{i=1}^m \omega_i \cdot f_i$  and  $\eta = \sum_{j=1}^{m'} \omega_j \cdot f_j$ , where  $(f_1, \dots, f_m)$  is a basis of  $F$  and  $(g_1, \dots, g_{m'})$  is a basis of  $G$ .

If  $F, G, H$  are finite dimensions and  $\phi : F \times G \rightarrow H$  is a bilinear map, then for all  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n, F)$  and for all  $\eta \in \Omega^l(\mathbb{R}^n, G)$ , we have (see [3], pp. 312)

$$d(\omega \wedge_\phi \eta) = d\omega \wedge_\phi \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge_\phi d\eta. \tag{2.6}$$

Similar to Equation (2.3), we have the inner product of the smooth vector-valued differential forms

$$X \lrcorner \omega = \sum_{i=1}^m (X \lrcorner \omega_i) \cdot f_i, \tag{2.7}$$

where  $\omega = \sum_{i=1}^m \omega_i \cdot f_i$ , and  $X \lrcorner \omega_1, \dots, X \lrcorner \omega_m$  are the inner products of the smooth real-valued differential forms in  $\Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$  and  $X \lrcorner \omega$  is given by:

$$(X \lrcorner \omega)(X_1, \dots, X_{k-1}) = \omega(X, X_1, \dots, X_{k-1}), \quad (2.8)$$

for all  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{k-1} \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

If  $F, G, H$  are finite dimensions and  $\phi : F \times G \rightarrow H$  is a bilinear map, then for all  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n, F)$  and all  $\psi \in \Omega^l(\mathbb{R}^n, G)$ , we easily get the following properties of the inner product of a smooth vector-valued differential form

$$X \lrcorner (\omega \wedge_\phi \psi) = (X \lrcorner \omega) \wedge_\phi \psi + (-1)^k \omega \wedge_\phi (X \lrcorner \psi). \quad (2.9)$$

We have known that the Cartans formula (see [6], pp.35) for the Lie derivative of real-valued differential forms on manifold states  $L_X \omega = d(X \lrcorner \omega) + X \lrcorner (d\omega)$ ,  $\forall \omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , that is,  $L_X = d \circ X \lrcorner + X \lrcorner \circ d$ . The following Formula (2.10) gives the Cartans formula for the Lie derivative of vector-valued differential forms on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For all  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n, F)$ ,  $\omega = \sum_{i=1}^m \omega_i \cdot f_i$ , and  $X \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(X \lrcorner \omega) + X \lrcorner d\omega &= \sum_{i=1}^m d(X \lrcorner \omega_i) \cdot f_i + \sum_{i=1}^m (X \lrcorner d\omega_i) \cdot f_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m [d(X \lrcorner \omega_i) + (X \lrcorner d\omega_i)] \cdot f_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m (L_X \omega_i) \cdot f_i \\ &= L_X \omega \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

For all  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n, F)$ , and  $X \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have the formula for the Lie derivative of the vector-valued differential  $k$ -forms  $\omega$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$(L_X \omega)(X_1, \dots, X_k) = L_X(\omega(X_1, \dots, X_k)) - \sum_{i=1}^k \omega(X_1, \dots, L_X X_i, \dots, X_k), \quad (2.11)$$

that is the analogous result in ([19], pp. 378).

### 3 The Lie derivative and the conjugate derivative on $\mathbb{R}^n$

In this section, we consider in case of the normed vector space  $F = \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then a smooth differential  $k$ -form  $\omega$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with values in  $\mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is  $k$ -form linear, antisymmetric

$$\omega : \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \dots \times \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

The main goal of the present work is to investigate some properties on the Lie derivative and the conjugate derivative  $d_{\nabla}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Given  $X \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\nabla$  is a linear connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The map

$$L_X \nabla : \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

satisfying the condition

$$(L_X \nabla)(Y, Z) = L_X(\nabla_Y Z) - \nabla_{L_X Y} Z - \nabla_Y(L_X Z), \quad (3.1)$$

for all  $Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is called the Lie derivative of the linear connection  $\nabla$  along a vector field  $X$ .

**Remark 3.2.** For all  $X_1, X_2 \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$L_{X_1+X_2} \nabla = L_{X_1} \nabla + L_{X_2} \nabla \quad (3.2)$$

*Proof.* For all  $X_1, X_2 \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (L_{X_1+X_2} \nabla)(Y, Z) &= L_{X_1+X_2}(\nabla_Y Z) - \nabla_{L_{X_1+X_2} Y} Z - \nabla_Y(L_{X_1+X_2} Z) \\ &= [X_1 + X_2, \nabla_Y Z] - \nabla_{[X_1+X_2, Y]} Z - \nabla_Y([X_1 + X_2, Z]) \\ &= [X_1, \nabla_Y Z] + [X_2, \nabla_Y Z] - \nabla_{[X_1, Y]} Z - \nabla_{[X_2, Y]} Z - \\ &\quad - \nabla_Y([X_1, Z]) - \nabla_Y([X_2, Z]) \\ &= ([X_1, \nabla_Y Z] - \nabla_{[X_1, Y]} Z - \nabla_Y([X_1, Z])) + \\ &\quad + ([X_2, \nabla_Y Z] - \nabla_{[X_2, Y]} Z - \nabla_Y([X_2, Z])) \\ &= (L_{X_1} \nabla)(Y, Z) + (L_{X_2} \nabla)(Y, Z) \\ &= (L_{X_1} \nabla + L_{X_2} \nabla)(Y, Z). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Proposition 3.3.** Suppose that  $\nabla$  be a linear flat connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the map  $L_X \nabla : \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a bilinear.

*Proof.* For all  $Y_1, Y_2, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (L_X \nabla)(Y_1 + Y_2, Z) &= L_X(\nabla_{Y_1+Y_2} Z) - \nabla_{L_X Y_1+Y_2} Z - \nabla_{Y_1+Y_2}(L_X Z) \\ &= [X, \nabla_{Y_1+Y_2} Z] - \nabla_{[X, Y_1+Y_2]} Z - \nabla_{Y_1+Y_2}([X, Z]) \\ &= [X, \nabla_{Y_1} Z] + [X, \nabla_{Y_2} Z] - \nabla_{[X, Y_1]} Z - \nabla_{[X, Y_2]} Z \\ &\quad - \nabla_{Y_1}([X, Z]) - \nabla_{Y_2}([X, Z]) \\ &= (L_X \nabla)(Y_1, Z) + (L_X \nabla)(Y_2, Z). \end{aligned}$$

For all  $Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(L_X \nabla)(\varphi Y, Z) &= L_X(\nabla_{\varphi Y} Z) - \nabla_{L_X \varphi Y} Z - \nabla_{\varphi Y}(L_X Z) \\
&= [X, \nabla_{\varphi Y} Z] - \nabla_{[X, \varphi Y]} Z - \nabla_{\varphi Y}([X, Z]) \\
&= [X, \varphi \cdot \nabla_Y Z] - \nabla_{X[\varphi] \cdot Y + \varphi[X, Y]} Z - \varphi \cdot \nabla_Y([X, Z]) \\
&= X[\varphi] \cdot \nabla_Y Z + \varphi \cdot [X, \nabla_Y Z] - X[\varphi] \cdot \nabla_Y Z - \\
&\quad - \varphi \cdot \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z - \varphi \cdot \nabla_Y([X, Z]) \\
&= \varphi \cdot ([X, \nabla_Y Z] - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z - \nabla_Y([X, Z])) \\
&= \varphi \cdot (L_X \nabla)(Y, Z).
\end{aligned}$$

For all  $Y, Z_1, Z_2 \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(L_X \nabla)(Y, Z_1 + Z_2) &= L_X(\nabla_Y(Z_1 + Z_2)) - \nabla_{L_X Y}(Z_1 + Z_2) - \nabla_Y(L_X(Z_1 + Z_2)) \\
&= [X, \nabla_Y(Z_1 + Z_2)] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}(Z_1 + Z_2) - \nabla_Y([X, Z_1 + Z_2]) \\
&= [X, \nabla_Y Z_1] + [X, \nabla_Y Z_2] - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z_1 - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z_2 \\
&\quad - \nabla_Y([X, Z_1]) - \nabla_Y([X, Z_2]) \\
&= (L_X \nabla)(Y, Z_1) + (L_X \nabla)(Y, Z_2).
\end{aligned}$$

For all  $Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(L_X \nabla)(Y, \varphi \cdot Z) &= L_X(\nabla_Y(\varphi \cdot Z)) - \nabla_{L_X Y}(\varphi \cdot Z) - \nabla_Y(L_X(\varphi \cdot Z)) \\
&= [X, \nabla_Y(\varphi \cdot Z)] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}(\varphi \cdot Z) - \nabla_Y([X, \varphi \cdot Z]) \\
&= [X, Y[\varphi] \cdot Z + \varphi \nabla_Y Z] - [X, Y][\varphi] \cdot Z - \varphi \cdot \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z - \\
&\quad - \nabla_Y(X[\varphi] \cdot Z + \varphi \cdot [X, Z]) \\
&= [X, Y[\varphi] \cdot Z] + X[\varphi] \cdot \nabla_Y Z + \varphi \cdot [X, \nabla_Y Z] - [X, Y][\varphi] \cdot Z - \\
&\quad - \varphi \cdot \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z - \nabla_Y(X[\varphi] \cdot Z) - Y[\varphi] \cdot [X, Z] - \varphi \cdot \nabla_Y [X, Z] \\
&= \varphi \cdot (L_X \nabla)(Y, Z) + [X, Y[\varphi] \cdot Z] + X[\varphi] \cdot \nabla_Y Z - [X, Y][\varphi] \cdot Z - \\
&\quad - \nabla_Y(X[\varphi] \cdot Z) - Y[\varphi] \cdot [X, Z] \\
&= \varphi \cdot (L_X \nabla)(Y, Z) + X[Y[\varphi] \cdot Z] + Y[\varphi] \cdot [X, Z] + X[\varphi] \cdot \nabla_Y Z - \\
&\quad - [X, Y][\varphi] \cdot Z - Y[X[\varphi] \cdot Z] - X[\varphi] \cdot \nabla_Y Z - Y[\varphi] \cdot [X, Z] \\
&= \varphi \cdot (L_X \nabla)(Y, Z).
\end{aligned}$$

□

Now, we note the linear flat connection  $\nabla$  and  $X$  is a parallel vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Following theorem gives an application of the Lie derivative to determine the curvature of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Suppose that  $\nabla$  be a linear flat connection and  $X$  be a parallel vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then we have*

$$(L_X \nabla)(Y, Z) = R(X, Y, Z), \forall Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n). \quad (3.3)$$

*Proof.* For any  $Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(L_X \nabla)(Y, Z) &= L_X(\nabla_Y Z) - \nabla_{L_X Y} Z - \nabla_Y(L_X Z) \\
&= [X, \nabla_Y Z] - \nabla_{L_X Y} Z - \nabla_Y([X, Z]) \\
&= \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_{\nabla_Y Z} X - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z + \nabla_Y \nabla_Z X \\
&= \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z \\
&= R(X, Y, Z).
\end{aligned}$$

This proves the theorem.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.5.** *Suppose that  $X$  be a parallel vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\nabla = D$ . Then we have  $L_X D = 0$ .*

*Proof.* By using Equation (3.3), we have

$$(L_X D)(Y, Z) = R(X, Y, Z) = 0, \forall Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Hence,  $L_X D = 0$ .  $\square$

Now, let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a diffeomorphism and  $f_*$  be the push-forward of  $f$ . The mapping

$$f_* \nabla : \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

is defined by the following formula:

$$(f_* \nabla)(f_* X, f_* Y) = f_*(\nabla_X Y), \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n). \quad (3.4)$$

Then  $f_* \nabla$  is a linear connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Proposition 3.6.** *Suppose that  $\nabla$  be a linear connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\tilde{X} = f_* X, \tilde{Y} = f_* Y, \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then we have*

$$L_{f_* X} (f_* \nabla) (\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = f_* ((L_X \nabla) (X, Y)) \quad (3.5)$$

*Proof.* For all  $Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{f_* X} (f_* \nabla) (\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) &= (L_{f_* X} (f_* \nabla))(f_* Y, f_* Z) \\
&= L_{f_* X}((f_* \nabla)_{f_* Y} (f_* Z)) - (f_* \nabla)_{L_{f_* X} f_* Y} (f_* Z) - (f_* \nabla)_{f_* Y} (L_{f_* X} (f_* Z)) \\
&= [f_* X, f_* (\nabla_Y Z)] - (f_* \nabla)_{f_* [X, Y]} (f_* Z) - (f_* \nabla)_{f_* Y} (f_* [X, Z]) \\
&= f_* [X, \nabla_Y Z] - f_* (\nabla_{[X, Y]} Z) - f_* (\nabla_Y [X, Z]) \\
&= f_* ([X, \nabla_Y Z] - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z - \nabla_Y [X, Z]) \\
&= f_* ((L_X \nabla)(Y, Z)).
\end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Definition 3.7.** Given a linear connection  $\nabla$  on  $M$ . The conjugate derivative with the connection  $\nabla$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is defined by the following formula:

$$(d_{\nabla}\omega)(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_k) = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \nabla_{X_i}(\omega(X_0, X_1, \dots, \widehat{X}_i, \dots, X_k)) + \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq k} (-1)^{i+j} \omega([X_i; X_j], X_0, X_1, \dots, \widehat{X}_i, \dots, \widehat{X}_j, \dots, X_k), \quad (3.6)$$

for any  $X_0, X_1, \dots, X_k \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and the covariant derivative  $\nabla_X$  of  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$  along a vector field  $X$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is defined by the formula:

$$(\nabla_X \omega)(X_1, \dots, X_k) = \nabla_X(\omega(X_1, \dots, X_k)) - \sum_{i=1}^k \omega(X_1, \dots, \nabla_X X_i, \dots, X_k), \quad (3.7)$$

for any  $X_1, \dots, X_k \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

From definition 3.7, we have the following Remark.

**Remark 3.8.** Suppose that  $\nabla$  be a linear flat connection,  $\omega$  be the constant differential 1-form and  $X$  be a vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The identity mapping  $I : \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined by  $I(X) = X$ , for all  $X \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The following identities holds:

- i)  $L_X \omega = 0$ ;
- ii)  $\nabla_X \omega = 0$ ;
- iii)  $d_{\nabla} \omega = 0$ ;
- iv)  $d_{\nabla} I = 0$ .

*Proof.* i) For all  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$(L_X \omega)(Y) = [X, \omega(Y)] - \omega[X, Y] = \nabla_X(\omega(Y)) - \nabla_{\omega(Y)} X - \omega[X, Y].$$

On the other hand, since  $\omega$  is a constant, we have  $\omega = (\lambda_1 \omega_1, \dots, \lambda_n \omega_n)$ , with  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\omega_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{ij} dx_i$ ,  $\alpha_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence,

$$\nabla_X(\omega(Y)) - \nabla_{\omega(Y)} X - \omega[X, Y] = 0.$$

Consequently  $L_X \omega = 0$ .

ii) For all  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$(\nabla_X \omega)(Y) = \nabla_X(\omega(Y)) - \omega(\nabla_X Y) = 0$$

iii) For all  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$d_{\nabla} \omega(X, Y) = \nabla_X(\omega(Y)) - \nabla_Y(\omega(X)) - \omega([X, Y]) = 0$$



iv) For all  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\nabla}I(X, Y) &= \nabla_X(I(Y)) - \nabla_Y(I(X)) - I([X, Y]) \\ &= \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y] \\ &= T(X, Y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Proposition 3.9.** *Suppose that  $\nabla$  be a linear flat connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\omega \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ . Then we have*

$$(d_{\nabla}\omega)(X, Y) = (\nabla_X\omega)(Y) - (\nabla_Y\omega)(X), \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n). \quad (3.8)$$

*Proof.* For all  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X\omega)(Y) &= \nabla_X(\omega(Y)) - \omega(\nabla_X Y); \\ (\nabla_Y\omega)(X) &= \nabla_Y(\omega(X)) - \omega(\nabla_Y X). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X\omega)(Y) - (\nabla_Y\omega)(X) &= \nabla_X(\omega(Y)) - \nabla_Y(\omega(X)) - \omega(\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X) \\ &= \nabla_X(\omega(Y)) - \nabla_Y(\omega(X)) - \omega[X, Y] \\ &= (d_{\nabla}\omega)(X, Y), \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n). \end{aligned}$$

□

The following theorem gives a description the formula between the Lie derivative and the conjugate derivative  $d_{\nabla}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $\theta \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$  and  $X \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then we have*

$$(L_X(d_{\nabla}\theta))(Y, Z) = (d_{\nabla}(L_X\theta))(Y, Z) + (L_X\nabla)(Y, \theta(Z)) - (L_X\nabla)(Z, \theta(Y)), \quad (3.9)$$

for all  $Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

*Proof.* For any  $Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\theta \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (L_X(d_{\nabla}\theta))(Y, Z) &= [X, (d_{\nabla}\theta)(Y, Z)] - (d_{\nabla}\theta)([X, Y], Z) - (d_{\nabla}\theta)(Y, [X, Z]) \\ &= [X, \nabla_Y(\theta(Z))] - [X, \nabla_Z(\theta(Y))] - [X, \theta(Y, Z)] - \\ &\quad - (\nabla_{[X, Y]}(\theta(Z)) - \nabla_Z(\theta([X, Y])) - \theta([X, Y], Z)) - \\ &\quad - (\nabla_Y(\theta([X, Z])) - \nabla_{[X, Z]}(\theta(Y)) - \theta([Y, [X, Z]])) - \\ &= [X, \nabla_Y(\theta(Z))] - [X, \nabla_Z(\theta(Y))] - [X, \theta(Y, Z)] - \\ &\quad - \nabla_{[X, Y]}(\theta(Z)) + \nabla_Z(\theta([X, Y])) + \theta([X, Y], Z) - \\ &\quad - \nabla_Y(\theta([X, Z])) + \nabla_{[X, Z]}(\theta(Y)) + \theta([Y, [X, Z]]). \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(d_{\nabla}(L_X\theta))(Y, Z) &= \nabla_Y((L_X\theta)(Z)) - \nabla_Z((L_X\theta)(Y)) - (L_X\theta)([Y, Z]) \\
&= \nabla_Y([X, \theta(Z)] - \theta([X, Z])) - \nabla_Z([X, \theta(Y)] - \theta([X, Y])) - \\
&\quad - ([X, \theta([Y, Z])] - \theta([X, ([Y, Z])])) \\
&= \nabla_Y([X, \theta(Z)]) - \nabla_Y(\theta([X, Z])) - \nabla_Z([X, \theta(Y)]) + \\
&\quad + \nabla_Z(\theta([X, Y])) - [X, \theta([Y, Z])] + \theta([X, ([Y, Z])]).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

From Equations (3.10, 3.11), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\left( L_X(d_{\nabla}\theta) - d_{\nabla}(L_X\theta) \right)(Y, Z) &= [X, \nabla_Y(\theta(Z))] - [X, \nabla_Z(\theta(Y))] \\
&\quad - [X, \theta(Y, Z)] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}(\theta(Z)) + \nabla_Z(\theta([X, Y])) + \theta([[X, Y], Z]) - \\
&\quad - \nabla_Y(\theta([X, Z])) + \nabla_{[X, Z]}(\theta(Y)) + \theta([Y, [X, Z]]) \\
&\quad - \nabla_Y([X, \theta(Z)]) + \nabla_Y(\theta([X, Z])) + \nabla_Z([X, \theta(Y)]) - \\
&\quad - \nabla_Z(\theta([X, Y])) + [X, \theta([Y, Z])] - \theta([X, ([Y, Z])]) \\
&= [X, \nabla_Y(\theta(Z))] - [X, \nabla_Z(\theta(Y))] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}(\theta(Z)) + \\
&\quad + \theta([[X, Y], Z]) + \nabla_{[X, Z]}(\theta(Y)) + \theta([Y, [X, Z]]) - \\
&\quad - \nabla_Y([X, \theta(Z)]) + \nabla_Z([X, \theta(Y)]) - \theta([X, ([Y, Z])]) \\
&= [X, \nabla_Y(\theta(Z))] - [X, \nabla_Z(\theta(Y))] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}(\theta(Z)) + \\
&\quad + \nabla_{[X, Z]}(\theta(Y)) - \nabla_Y([X, \theta(Z)]) + \nabla_Z([X, \theta(Y)]) \\
&= (L_X\nabla)(Y, \theta(Z)) - (L_X\nabla)(Z, \theta(Y)).
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$(L_X(d_{\nabla}\theta))(Y, Z) = (d_{\nabla}(L_X\theta))(Y, Z) + (L_X\nabla)(Y, \theta(Z)) - (L_X\nabla)(Z, \theta(Y)).$$

This proves the theorem.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.11.** *If  $X$  is a parallel vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\nabla = D$  then we have*

$$L_X(d_D\theta) = d_D(L_X\theta), \tag{3.12}$$

for all  $\theta \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ .

*Proof.* For all  $\theta \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ ,  $Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , applying Theorem 3.10, we obtain

$$(L_X(d_D\theta))(Y, Z) = (d_D(L_X\theta))(Y, Z) + (L_X\nabla)(Y, \theta(Z)) - (L_X\nabla)(Z, \theta(Y))$$

Since  $X$  is parallel vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , thus applying Theorem 3.5, we obtain

$$(L_X(d_{\nabla}\theta))(Y, Z) = (d_{\nabla}(L_X\theta))(Y, Z), \text{ for any } Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Hence,  $L_X(d_{\nabla}\theta) = d_{\nabla}(L_X\theta)$ , for any  $\theta \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.12.** *Suppose that  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ . Then we have*

$$(L_X(\nabla_Y\omega))(Z) - (\nabla_Y(L_X\omega))(Z) = (L_X\nabla_Y)(\omega(Z)) - \omega[[X, Y], Z]. \quad (3.13)$$

*Proof.* For all  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (L_X(\nabla_Y\omega))(Z) &= [X, (\nabla_Y\omega)(Z)] - (\nabla_Y\omega)[X, Z] \\ &= [X, \nabla_Y(\omega(Z)) - \omega[Y, Z]] - \nabla_Y(\omega[X, Z]) + \omega[Y, [X, Z]] \\ &= [X, \nabla_Y(\omega(Z))] - [X, \omega[Y, Z]] - \nabla_Y(\omega[X, Z]) + \omega[Y, [X, Z]] \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_Y(L_X\omega))(Z) &= \nabla_Y((L_X\omega)(Z)) - (L_X\omega)[Y, Z] \\ &= \nabla_Y([X, \omega(Z)] - \omega[X, Z]) - [X, \omega[Y, Z]] + \omega[X, [Y, Z]] \\ &= \nabla_Y[X, \omega(Z)] - \nabla_Y(\omega[X, Z]) - [X, \omega[Y, Z]] + \omega[X, [Y, Z]] \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

From Equations (3.14, 3.15), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (L_X(\nabla_Y\omega))(Z) - (\nabla_Y(L_X\omega))(Z) &= [X, \nabla_Y(\omega(Z))] - \nabla_Y[X, \omega(Z)] + [Z, [X, Y]] \\ &= (L_X\nabla_Y)(\omega(Z)) - \omega[[X, Y], Z], \forall \omega \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)). \end{aligned}$$

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