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ON INVARIANTS OF IMMERSIONS OF AN n -DIMENSIONAL MANIFOLD IN AN n -DIMENSIONAL PSEUDO-EUCLIDEAN SPACE*

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Let E_p^n be the n -dimensional pseudo-Euclidean space of index p and $M(n, p)$ the group of all transformations of E_p^n generated by pseudo-orthogonal transformations and parallel translations. We describe the system of generators of the differential field of all $M(n, p)$ -invariant differential rational functions of a map $x : J \rightarrow E_p^n$ of an open subset $J \subseteq E_p^n$. Using this result, we prove analogues of the Bonnet theorem for immersions of an n -dimensional C^∞ -manifold J in E_p^n . These analogues are given in terms of the pseudo-Riemannian metric, the volume form, and the connection on J induced by the immersion of J in E_p^n .

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1. Introduction

Invariants of immersions of a manifold in a pseudo-Euclidean space play an important role in many areas of mathematics and mathematical physics. Isometric immersions of pseudo-Riemannian space forms have been a subject of wide interest (see [4, 6, 7]).

Let R be the field of real numbers and p an integer such that $0 \leq p < n$. Denote by E_p^n the space R^n with the inner product

$$(x, y) = -x_1y_1 - \cdots - x_py_p + x_{p+1}y_{p+1} + \cdots + x_ny_n.$$

Let $O(n, p)$ be the group of all linear transformations g of E_p^n such that $(gx, gy) = (x, y)$. Set

$$M(n, p) = \{F : E_p^n \longrightarrow E_p^n \mid Fx = gx + b, \quad g \in O(n, p), \quad b \in E_p^n\}$$

and $SM(n, p) = \{F \in M(n, p) \mid \det g = 1\}$.

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Let J be an n -dimensional C^∞ -manifold and $x : J \rightarrow E_p^n$ be an immersion. This immersion induces the unique pseudo-Riemannian metric, the volume form and the connection on J which we denote by $g\{x\}$, $\Omega(x)$, $C(x)$, respectively.

The fundamental existence and uniqueness theorem of Bonnet for hypersurface immersions (that is for immersions of a connected, simply connected and oriented n -dimensional differentiable manifold J) in a Euclidean space E_0^{n+1} is known ([14, p. 19]). Two analogues of the Bonnet theorem for immersions of an n -dimensional manifold J in a Euclidean space E_0^n were obtained.

The first analogue of the Bonnet theorem is the following (see [8, 16, 17]): *Let J be a connected, simply connected open subset of a Euclidean space E_0^n . Then*

- (1) (*rigidity property*). *Assume that $x : J \rightarrow E_0^n$ and $y : J \rightarrow E_0^n$ are immersions such that $g\{x\} = g\{y\}$. Then there exists $F \in M(n, 0)$ such that $y = Fx$;*
- (2) (*existence*). *Let $h = \|h_{ij}(u)\|$ be a Riemannian metric in J of class C^3 and assume that its Riemannian curvature tensor vanishes. Then there exists an immersion of J in E_0^n such that $g\{x\} = h$.*

Another analogue of the Bonnet theorem is given in the book [1, pp. 69–71]. Note that in this book and papers mentioned below in Introduction, the term “vector field” is used for any map $x : J \rightarrow E_0^n$ of an open subset $J \subseteq E_0^n$. This other analogue of the Bonnet theorem is as follows:

For any $G \subseteq R^3$, let the functions A_{ik} and B_{ik} of Cartesian coordinates be given such that $A_{1k} = -A_{2k}$ for $i = 1, 2$ and $k = 1, 2, 3$. Suppose these functions satisfy the following system

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial A_{ik}}{\partial x_l} - \frac{\partial A_{il}}{\partial x_k} + B_{il}B_{jk} - B_{ik}B_{jl} &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial B_{ik}}{\partial x_l} - \frac{\partial B_{il}}{\partial x_k} + A_{ik}B_{jl} - A_{il}B_{jk} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then there exist orthonormal vector fields $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{n} \in G$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_i}{\partial x_k} &= A_{ik}\mathbf{a}_j + B_{ik}\mathbf{n}, i \neq j, \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{n}}{\partial x_k} &= -B_{1k}\mathbf{a}_1 - B_{2k}\mathbf{a}_2. \end{aligned}$$

The vector fields $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{n}$ are defined uniquely up to their choice at one point.^a

We note that the part “*The vector fields $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{n}$ are defined uniquely up to their choice at one point*” of this theorem is not clear. Indeed, the functions

$$A_{1k} = \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_1}{\partial x_k}, \mathbf{a}_2 \right), \quad A_{2k} = \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_2}{\partial x_k}, \mathbf{a}_1 \right), \quad B_{ik} = - \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{n}}{\partial x_k}, \mathbf{a}_i \right)$$

^aThe meaning of the words “their choice at one point” are hard to decipher, this is a Russian sentence translated word-for-word and the meaning was lost; it should probably be understood as “up to their values at one point”.

are $O(3)$ -invariant, but they are not invariant with respect to parallel translations in R^3 . Hence this part of the theorem may be given as follows: “The vector fields $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{n}$ are defined uniquely up to an orthogonal transformation of R^3 .” This means that the system of functions A_{ik}, B_{ik} is the complete system of joint $O(3)$ -invariants of orthonormal vector fields $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{n}$.

The aim of the present paper is a generalization of the Bonnet theorem for immersions of an n -dimensional manifold J in a pseudo-Euclidean space E_p^n . First we describe the system of generators of the differential field of all H -invariant differential rational functions of a mapping $x : J \rightarrow E_p^n$ of an open subset $J \subseteq E_p^n$ in E_p^n for groups $H = M(n, p)$ and $H = SM(n, p)$. Using these results, we prove analogues of the Bonnet theorem for immersions an n -dimensional manifold J in E_p^n . These analogues are given in terms of the pseudo-Riemannian metric, the volume form and the connection of an immersion of J in E_p^n .

Let J be an open subset of E_0^n , G be a group and $\alpha(G)$ be an action of G on the set of all smooth vector fields on J . Investigations of the problem of $\alpha(G)$ -equivalence of vector fields, $\alpha(G)$ -invariant vector fields and $\alpha(G)$ -invariants of vector fields have important role in many areas of mathematics.

Let ρ be a linear representation of a group G in E_0^n and x a smooth vector field in E_0^n . Let $J = E_0^n$. Consider the action

$$\rho^*(g)(x(a)) := \rho(g)x(\rho(g^{-1})a)$$

of G on the set of all smooth vector fields x in E_0^n . The problem of a description of the general form of all $\rho^*(G)$ -invariant (that is equivariant) polynomial vector fields for a compact Lie groups G is intensively studied in the bifurcation theory [2, 3, 10]. By using theorems of Schwartz and Poe’nanu ([10, Theorems XII4.3 and XII5.2]), this problem reduces to an algebraic problem of invariant theory. The problems of $\rho^*(G)$ -equivalence of smooth vector fields and complete systems of $\rho^*(G)$ -invariants of polynomial vector fields are investigated in the theory of differential equations [9, 19]. Invariants of vector fields are also studied in differential geometry [1].

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. 2, we describe the system of generators of the differential field of all G -invariant differential rational functions of a map $x : J \rightarrow E_p^n$ of an open subset $J \subseteq E_p^n$ for groups $G = M(n, p)$ and $G = SM(n, p)$ (Theorems 2.1 and 2.2).

In Sec. 3, for an n -dimensional connected manifold J , using results of Sec. 2, we prove

- (1) the rigidity theorem for the connection $C(x)$ on J induced by an immersion $x : J \rightarrow E_p^n$; (Theorem 3.1);
- (2) the rigidity theorem for the pseudo-Riemannian metric $g\{x\}$ on J induced by an immersion $x : J \rightarrow E_p^n$; (Theorem 3.2);
- (3) the rigidity theorem for the set of all Christoffel symbols of the first and second kinds on J induced by an immersion $x : J \rightarrow E_p^n$; (Theorem 3.3);
- (4) the rigidity theorem for the pseudo-Riemannian metric $g\{x\}$ and the volume form $\Omega(x)$ on J induced by an immersion $x : J \rightarrow E_p^n$; (Corollary 2).

Theorems 3.1–3.3 and Corollary 2 are analogues of the first part of the Bonnet theorem for groups $G = \text{Af}(n), M(n, p), SM(n, p)$.

In Sec. 4, for an n -dimensional connected, simply connected manifold J , we prove the existence theorem for a pseudo-Riemannian metric on J : Let $h = \|h_{ij}(u)\|$ be a pseudo-Riemannian metric in J of class C^∞ and assume that its Riemannian curvature tensor vanishes. Then there exists an immersion x of J in E_p^n such that $g\{x\} = h$ (Theorem 4.1). This theorem is an analogue of the second part of the Bonnet theorem for immersions of the manifold J in E_p^n .

We use methods of the invariant theory and the theory of differential equations. A similar approach to the theory of curves was used in the book [12] and papers [13, 18].

In the sequel, $n > 1$. The case $n = 1$ is easily considered.

2. Generating Systems of Differential Fields of all G -Invariant Differential Rational Functions of an n -Parametric Surface

Throughout this section we assume that J is an open subset of R^n .

Definition 1. A C^∞ -mapping $x : J \rightarrow E_p^n$ will be called an n -parametric J -surface in E_p^n and denoted by $x(u)$. For short, an n -parametric J -surface $x(u)$ with the domain of the definition J will be called a J -surface.

Let $x(u)$ be a J -surface in E_p^n . Denote by N_0 the set of all non-negative integers. For $m_i \in N_0$, where $1 \leq i \leq n$, we set

$$x^{(0,0,\dots,0)} = x(u), \quad x^{(m_1,m_2,\dots,m_n)} = \frac{\partial^{m_1+m_2+\dots+m_n} x(u)}{\partial u_1^{m_1} \partial u_2^{m_2} \dots \partial u_n^{m_n}}.$$

Below we cite some notation and definitions from the differential algebra (see [11–13]) in a form convenient for our considerations.

Definition 2. A polynomial $q(x, x^{(1,0,0,\dots,0)}, x^{(0,1,0,\dots,0)}, \dots, x^{(m_1,m_2,m_3,\dots,m_n)})$ of x and a finite number of partial derivatives $x^{(1,0,0,\dots,0)}, x^{(0,1,0,\dots,0)}, \dots, x^{(m_1,m_2,m_3,\dots,m_n)}$ of x with coefficients from R is called a *differential polynomial of x* .

It will be denoted by $q\{x\}$. The set of all differential polynomials of x will be denoted by $R\{x\}$. It is a differential R -algebra with respect to the differentiations $\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n}$. This differential R -algebra is also an integral domain. Its quotient field will be denoted by $R\langle x \rangle$. It is a differential field with respect to the differentiations $\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n}$. An element h of $R\langle x \rangle$ will be called a *differential rational function of x* and denoted by $h\langle x \rangle$.

Let $x(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), y(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), \dots, z(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ be a finite number of J -surfaces in R^n . A differential polynomial and a differential rational function of several J -surfaces x, y, \dots, z are similarly defined. They will be denoted by $q\{x, y, \dots, z\}$ and $h\langle x, y, \dots, z \rangle$, respectively. The differential field of all differential rational functions of x, y, \dots, z will be denoted by $R\langle x, y, \dots, z \rangle$.

Let $GL(n)$ be the group of all non-degenerate real $n \times n$ -matrices. Set

$$Af(n) = \{F : R^n \rightarrow R^n \mid Fx = gx + b, \quad g \in GL(n), \quad b \in R^n\},$$

where gx is the multiplication of a matrix g and a column vector $x \in R^n$. In sequel, we consider the group $O(n, p)$ as the group of all real matrices g such that $g^\top I_p g = I_p$, where $I_p = \|b_{ij}\|$ is the diagonal $n \times n$ -matrix such that $b_{ii} = -1$ for all $i = 1, \dots, p$, $b_{jj} = 1$ for

all $j = p + 1, \dots, n$. Then

$$M(n, p) = \{F : E_p^n \rightarrow E_p^n \mid Fx = gx + b, \quad g \in O(n, p), \quad b \in E_p^n\}$$

and $SM(n, p) = \{F \in M(n, p) \mid \det g = 1\}$.

Let $x(u)$ be a J -surface in E_p^n . Then $Fx(u)$ is also a J -surface in E_p^n for all $F \in \text{Af}(n)$. Let G be a subgroup of the group $\text{Af}(n)$.

Definition 3. A differential rational function $h\langle x, y, \dots, z \rangle$ is said to be G -invariant if

$$h\langle gx, gy, \dots, gz \rangle = h\langle x, y, \dots, z \rangle \quad \text{for all } g \in G.$$

The set of all G -invariant differential rational functions of x, y, \dots, z will be denoted by $R\langle x, y, \dots, z \rangle^G$. It is a differential subfield of the differential field $R\langle x, y, \dots, z \rangle$.

Definition 4. A subset S of $R\langle x, y, \dots, z \rangle^G$ is called a *generating system of the differential field* $R\langle x, y, \dots, z \rangle^G$ if the smallest differential subfield of it containing S coincides with $R\langle x, y, \dots, z \rangle^G$.

Let

$$(x, y) = -x_1y_1 - \dots - x_p y_p + x_{p+1}y_{p+1} + \dots + x_n y_n$$

be the inner product of vectors $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ in E_p^n . So $(x^{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)}, x^{(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)})$ is the inner product of vectors $x^{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)}, x^{(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)}$ in E_p^n .

Theorem 2.1. *The system*

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x \right), \quad \text{where } 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n, \quad (2.1)$$

is a generating system of the differential field $R\langle x \rangle^{M(n, p)}$.

Proof. For it, first we prove Lemmas 2.1–2.9. Let $R\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x \rangle$ be the differential field of all differential rational functions of $\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x$ and $R\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x \rangle^G$ is the differential field of all G -invariant differential rational functions of $\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x$.

Lemma 2.1. *We have*

$$R\langle x \rangle^{M(n, p)} = R\left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x \right\rangle^{M(n, p)} = R\left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x \right\rangle^{O(n, p)}.$$

Proof. Let

$$q\langle x \rangle = q\left(x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x, \dots, x^{(m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, m_n)}\right)$$

be an $M(n, p)$ -invariant differential rational function of x . Then it is invariant with respect to parallel translations in E_p^n . This implies that

$$q\langle x \rangle = q\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x, \dots, x^{(m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, m_n)}\right) = q\left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x \right\rangle.$$

It is also $O(n, p)$ -invariant. Hence it is an $O(n, p)$ -invariant differential rational function of $\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x$. Conversely, assume that q is a $O(n, p)$ -invariant differential rational

function of $\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n}x$. Then it is invariant with respect to parallel translations in E_p^n . Hence it is $M(n, p)$ -invariant. \square

Lemma 2.2. *Let $f \in R\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n}x \rangle^{O(n,p)}$. Then there exist $O(n, p)$ -invariant differential polynomials f_1, f_2 such that $f = f_1/f_2$.*

Proof. A proof is similar to the proof in ([12, p. 106]). \square

Lemma 2.3. *The system of all $(x^{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)}, x^{(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)})$, where $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n \geq 1$, $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n \geq 1$, is a generating system of $R\langle x \rangle^{M(n,p)}$ as a field.*

Proof. Let $R[x^{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)}; m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n \geq 1]^{O(n)}$ be the R -algebra of all $O(n, p)$ -invariant polynomials of $x^{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)}$, where $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n \geq 1$. According to the First Main Theorem for $O(n, p)$ (see [21, pp. 53, 65–66]), the system of all $(x^{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)}, x^{(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)})$, where $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n \geq 1$ and $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n \geq 1$, is a generating system of the R -algebra $R[x^{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)}; m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n \geq 1]^{O(n,p)}$. Using Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, we see that the system of all $(x^{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)}, x^{(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)})$, where $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n \geq 1$ and $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n \geq 1$, is a generating system of

$$R\left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n}x \right\rangle^{O(n,p)} = R\langle x \rangle^{M(n,p)}$$

as a field. \square

Denote by $\Delta = \Delta_x$ the determinant $\det \|(a_i, b_j)\|_{i,j=1,2,\dots,n}$, where

$$a_1 = b_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}x, \quad a_2 = b_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}x, \quad \dots, \quad a_n = b_n = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n}x.$$

Let V be the system Eq. (2.1). Denote by $R\{V\}$ the differential R -subalgebra of $R\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n}x \rangle^{O(n,p)}$ generated by elements of the system V .

Lemma 2.4. $\Delta \in R\{V\}$.

Proof. By the definition of V , we have $(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i}x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j}x) \in V$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. Hence $\Delta \in R\{V\}$. \square

Denote by $R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$ the differential R -subalgebra of $R\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n}x \rangle^{O(n,p)}$ generated by elements of the system V and the function Δ^{-1} . According to Lemmas 2.1 and 2.3, to prove our theorem, it suffices to prove that $(x^{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)}, x^{(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)}) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$ for all $m_i, p_i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n \geq 1$ and $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n \geq 1$.

Let $\det \text{Gr}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m; z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m)$ be the determinant of the Gram matrix

$$\text{Gr}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m; z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m) := \|(y_i, z_j)\|_{i,j=1,2,\dots,m}$$

of vectors $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m; z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m \in E_p^n$.

A proof of the following is known ([21, p. 75]):

Lemma 2.5. *The equality*

$$\det \text{Gr}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n+1}; z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{n+1}) = \det \|(y_i, z_j)\|_{i,j=1,2,\dots,n+1} = 0$$

holds for all vectors $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n+1}, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{n+1}$ in R^n .

Lemma 2.6. Assume that $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n; c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in N_0$ are such that

$$1 \leq b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n, \quad 1 \leq c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_n, \quad \left(x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x \right) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$$

and $(x^{(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$ for all i such that $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Then $(x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, x^{(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)}) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$.

Proof. Applying Lemma 2.5 to vectors

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= z_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \\ y_2 &= z_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \\ &\dots \\ y_n &= z_n = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x, \\ y_{n+1} &= x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, \\ z_{n+1} &= x^{(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)}, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain $\det A = 0$, where

$$A = \|(y_i, z_j)\|_{i,j=1,2,\dots,n+1} = \text{Gr}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n+1}; z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{n+1}).$$

Denote by D_{n+1j} the cofactor of the element (y_{n+1}, z_j) in A , where $j = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$. From the equality $\det A = 0$, we obtain the equality

$$\begin{aligned} (y_{n+1}, z_1)D_{n+11} + (y_{n+1}, z_2)D_{n+12} + \dots + (y_{n+1}, z_n)D_{n+1n} \\ + (y_{n+1}, z_{n+1})D_{n+1n+1} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Since $\Delta = D_{n+1n+1}$, Eq. (2.2) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} (y_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) &= (x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, x^{(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)}) \\ &= -\frac{(y_{n+1}, z_1)D_{n+11} + (y_{n+1}, z_2)D_{n+12} + \dots + (y_{n+1}, z_n)D_{n+1n}}{\Delta}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

In Eq. (2.3), by the assumption of the lemma, $(y_{n+1}, z_j) = (x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$ for every j such that $1 \leq j \leq n$. We prove that $D_{n+1s} \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$ for every s such that $1 \leq s \leq n$. We have

$$D_{n+1s} = (-1)^{n+1+s} \det \text{Gr}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n; z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{s-1}, z_{s+1}, \dots, z_n, z_{n+1}).$$

By the definition of V , we obtain $(y_i, z_j) \in V \subset R\{V\}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. By the assumption of our lemma, we have $(y_i, z_{n+1}) = (\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x, x^{(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)}) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$ for every $1 \leq i \leq n$. Hence $D_{n+1s} \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$ for every $1 \leq s \leq n$ and Eq. (2.3) implies $(y_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$. \square

Lemma 2.7. *We have*

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} x \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x \right) \right)$$

and $(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} x) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$ for all $i, j, l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} x \right) &= \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} x \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_j \partial u_l} x \right), \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} x \right) &= \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} x \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i \partial u_l} x \right), \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x \right) &= \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i \partial u_l} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_j \partial u_l} x \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} x \right) &= b_1, & \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} x \right) &= w_1, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} x \right) &= b_2, & \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_j \partial u_l} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x \right) &= w_2, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x \right) &= b_3, & \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i \partial u_l} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x \right) &= w_3. \end{aligned}$$

Then system Eq. (2.4) takes the form: $w_1 + w_2 = b_1$, $w_1 + w_3 = b_2$, $w_2 + w_3 = b_3$. We consider this system as the system of equations for w_1, w_2, w_3 . This system has the unique solution (w_1, w_2, w_3) , where

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(b_1 + b_2 - b_3) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}, \\ w_2 &= \frac{1}{2}(b_1 + b_3 - b_2) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}, \\ w_3 &= \frac{1}{2}(b_2 + b_3 - b_1) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Lemma 2.8. *For all $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in N_0$ such that $1 \leq b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n$, we have $(x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$.*

Proof. We prove the assertion by induction on $B = b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n$. Let $B = 1$. Then, by the definition of V , we have $(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x) \in V \subset R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. Hence the assertion holds for $B = 1$. Assume that the assertion holds for $B > 1$.

We prove that $(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$ for all $1 \leq j \leq n$ and $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in N_0$ such that $b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n = B$. For arbitrary $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ and $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in N_0$ such that $b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n = B$, we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} \left(x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x \right) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x \right) + \left(x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} x \right). \quad (2.5)$$

By the induction hypothesis on B , we have $(x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_l} x) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$ for all $1 \leq l \leq n$ and $b_s \in N_0$ such that $b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n = B$. Using Lemmas 2.7 and 2.6, we see that $(x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} x) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ and $b_s \in N_0$ such that $b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n = B$. Hence Eq. (2.5) implies $(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$. \square

Lemma 2.9. *For all $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in N_0$ such that $1 \leq b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n$ and $1 \leq c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_n$, we have $(x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, x^{(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)}) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$.*

Proof. Using Lemmas 2.8 and 2.6, we obtain $(x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, x^{(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)}) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\}$. \square

We complete the proof of our theorem. By Lemma 2.4, $\Delta \in R\{V\}$. Since $R\langle V \rangle$ is a field, we obtain $\Delta^{-1} \in R\langle V \rangle$. Hence $R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\} \subset R\langle V \rangle$. By Lemma 2.9,

$$(x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, x^{(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)}) \in R\{V, \Delta^{-1}\} \subset R\langle V \rangle \subset R\langle x \rangle^{M(n,p)}$$

for all $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in N_0$ such that $1 \leq b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n, 1 \leq c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_n$. By Lemma 2.3, the system of all elements $(x^{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)}, x^{(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)})$, where $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n \geq 1, c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_n \geq 1, m_i \in N_0, c_i \in N_0$, is a generating system of $R\langle x \rangle^{M(n,p)}$ as a field. Hence $R\langle V \rangle = R\langle x \rangle^{M(n,p)}$. The theorem is completed. \square

For any $a_m \in E_p^n$, where $m = 1, \dots, n$, the determinant $\det(a_{ij})$ (where the a_{mi} are coordinates of a_m) will be denoted by $[a_1 a_2 \dots a_n]$. So

$$[x^{(m_{11}, m_{12}, \dots, m_{1n})} x^{(m_{21}, m_{22}, \dots, m_{2n})} \dots x^{(m_{n1}, m_{n2}, \dots, m_{nn})}]$$

is the determinant of the vectors $x^{(m_{i1}, m_{i2}, \dots, m_{in})}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Theorem 2.2. *The system*

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x \right], \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x \right), \quad \text{where } 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n, \quad i + j < 2n, \quad (2.6)$$

is a generating system of the differential field $R\langle x \rangle^{SM(n)}$.

Proof. Let $SO(n, p) = \{g \in O(n, p) \mid \det g = 1\}$.

Lemma 2.10. $R\langle x \rangle^{SM(n,p)} = R\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x \rangle^{SO(n,p)}$.

Proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 2.1. \square

Lemma 2.11. *Let $f \in R\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x \rangle^{SO(n,p)}$. Then $SO(n, p)$ -invariant differential polynomials f_1, f_2 exist such that $f = f_1/f_2$.*

Proof is similar to the proof in ([12, p. 106]). \square

Lemma 2.12. *The system of all elements*

$$[x^{(m_{11}, m_{12}, \dots, m_{1n})} x^{(m_{21}, m_{22}, \dots, m_{2n})} \dots x^{(m_{n1}, m_{n2}, \dots, m_{nn})}], \\ (x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, x^{(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)}), \quad (2.7)$$

where $m_{i1} + m_{i2} + \dots + m_{in} \geq 1, b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n \geq 1, c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_n \geq 1$, is a generating system of $R\langle x \rangle^{SM(n,p)}$ as a field.

Proof. Let $R[x^{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)}; m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n \geq 1]^{SO(n, p)}$ be the R -algebra of all $SO(n, p)$ -invariant polynomials of the system of all $x^{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)}$, where $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n \geq 1$. By the First Main Theorem for $SO(n, p)$ (see [21, pp. 53, 65–66]), the system Eq. (2.7) is a generating system of $R[x^{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)}; m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n \geq 1]^{SO(n, p)}$. Lemma 2.11 implies that the system Eq. (2.7) is a generating system of $R\langle x \rangle^{SO(n, p)}$. Then, by Lemma 2.10, the system Eq. (2.7) is a generating system of $R\langle x \rangle^{SM(n, p)}$ as a field. \square

Let Z be the system Eq. (2.6) and $R\{Z\}$ be the differential R -subalgebra of $R\langle x \rangle^{SM(n, p)}$ generated by elements of the system Z . Denote by $\delta = \delta_x$ the determinant of the matrix $\text{Gr}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n-1}; z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{n-1})$, where

$$y_1 = z_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \quad y_2 = z_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \quad y_{n-1} = z_{n-1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{n-1}} x. \quad \square$$

Lemma 2.13. $\delta \in R\{Z\}$ and $\delta^{-1} \in R\langle Z \rangle$.

Proof. By the definition of Z , $(y_i, z_j) = (\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} x) \in Z \subset R\{Z\}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n-1$. Hence $\delta \in R\{Z\}$ and $\delta^{-1} \in R\langle Z \rangle$.

In the sequel, we need the following lemma

Lemma 2.14. *The equality*

$$(-1)^p [y_1 \cdots y_n][z_1 \cdots z_n] = \det \|(y_i, z_j)\|_{i, j=1, 2, \dots, n}$$

holds for all vectors $y_1, \dots, y_n, z_1, \dots, z_n$ in E_p^n .

Proof. A proof of the this lemma is similar to the proof in ([12, p. 72]). \square

Let Δ be the function in the proof of Theorem 2.1.

Lemma 2.15. $\Delta \in R\{Z\}$ and $\Delta^{-1} \in R\langle Z \rangle$.

Proof. Using Lemma 2.14 to vectors $y_1 = z_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, y_2 = z_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, y_n = z_n = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x$, we obtain

$$(-1)^p \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x \right]^2 = \det \|(y_i, z_j)\|_{i, j=1, 2, \dots, n} = \Delta. \quad (2.8)$$

Since $[\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x] \in Z$, we have $\Delta \in R\{Z\}$ and $\Delta^{-1} \in R\langle Z \rangle$. \square

Denote by $R\{Z, \delta^{-1}, \Delta^{-1}\}$ the differential R -subalgebra of $R\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} x, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} x, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_n} x \rangle$ generated by Z and functions δ^{-1}, Δ^{-1} . By Lemmas 2.11 and 2.12, for a proof of our theorem, it is enough to prove that

$$[x^{(m_{11}, m_{12}, \dots, m_{1n})} x^{(m_{21}, m_{22}, \dots, m_{2n})} \dots x^{(m_{n1}, m_{n2}, \dots, m_{nn})}] \in R\{Z, \delta^{-1}, \Delta^{-1}\}$$

and

$$(x^{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)}, x^{(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)}) \in R\{Z, \delta^{-1}, \Delta^{-1}\}$$

for all $m_{ij}, b_i, c_i \in N_0$ such that $m_{i1} + m_{i2} + \dots + m_{in} \geq 1$, $b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n \geq 1$, $c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_n \geq 1$.

Let V be the system in the proof of Theorem 2.1.

