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## ON THE LEAVES OF A PREFOLIATION OF A $\mathbb{K}$ -DIFFERENTIAL SPACE

**Abstract.** The definition of a prefoliation  $(M, F)$  of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space and the theorem about regularity of the inclusion of a leaf of a prefoliation are reminded. An example of a pair  $(M, F)$  of  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential spaces with the same set of points, which shows that even if the identity of  $M$  is an immersion  $F \rightarrow M$  and  $(\text{top } M, \text{top } F)$  is a topological foliation in the sense of Ehresmann then  $(M, F)$  has not to be a prefoliation, is given. In the end, we show that if  $L$  is a proper leaf of a prefoliation  $(M, F)$  then the both structures of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential spaces coincide on  $L$ .

### 1. Introduction

In [10] the notion of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space was introduced. This notion is a generalization of the notion of the differential space in the sense of Sikorski ([6]). The definition of the  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space seems to be specially interesting from the point of view of the theory of foliations. Namely, in [10] it was proved that if  $R$  is an arbitrary equivalence relation on the set  $M$  of points of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space  $M$  then one can define a structure of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space in the set of equivalence classes. Moreover, the topology determined by this structure is equal to the quotient topology of the topology determined by the  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space  $M$ .

In [3] we have introduced the definition of a prefoliation of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space. This definition is based on the definition of a topological foliation ([1],[2]). The notion of a prefoliation of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space is a particular case of the notion of a topological foliation and, at the same time, it is a generalization of such notions as a prefoliation of a manifold ([4],[9]), a Stefan foliation ([7],[8]) and a regular foliation ([5]). In [3] we have shown that, for a prefoliation  $(M, F)$ , the identity mapping of the set of points of  $M$  is a smooth mapping of the  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space  $F$  into  $M$ . Moreover, there is a proof of the regularity of this mapping. As a corollary, we have obtained the regularity of the natural inclusion of a leaf into  $M$ .

In the present paper, we construct an example which shows that for two  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential spaces  $F$  and  $M$  with the same set of points, even if the identity mapping is an immersion  $F \rightarrow M$  and the pair  $(\text{top } M, \text{top } F)$  is a topological foliation then  $(M, F)$  has not to be a prefoliation. We also prove that if  $L$  is a proper leaf of a prefoliation  $(M, F)$ , i.e. both topologies  $\text{top } M$  and  $\text{top } F$  coincide on  $L$  then the structures of  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential spaces  $M$  and  $F$  coincide on  $L$ . More precisely, the equality  $M_L = F_L = F|_L$  holds.

The paper consists of six sections. In section 2 we remind the notion of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space and smooth mapping of  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential spaces. Section 3 contains the definition of a tangent space and a tangent mapping. Some elementary properties of a tangent mapping are proved. In section 4 we define a prefoliation of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space and present some elementary properties of the prefoliation which are proved in [3]. Section 5 is devoted to the construction of the example mentioned above. In the end, in section 6 we prove the main theorem of the present paper. We show there that if topologies of  $M$  and  $F$  coincide on the leaf  $L$  then the structures of  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential spaces also coincide on  $L$ .

## 2. $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space

Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be an arbitrary field with a non-trivial norm (we can think here about  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ). Let  $M$  be a family of functions with values in  $\mathbb{K}$ . Define the set

$$.M := \bigcup_{\alpha \in M} D_\alpha$$

which will be called *the set of points of  $M$* . In the set of points of  $M$  define a topology  $\text{top } M$  as the weakest topology containing the family

$$\{\alpha^{-1}(B) : B \text{ is open in } \mathbb{K} \text{ and } \alpha \in M\}.$$

Next set

$$\begin{aligned} \text{an } M &:= \{\varphi \circ (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) : m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in M \\ &\text{and } \varphi \text{ is an analytical function defined on an open} \\ &\text{set in } \mathbb{K}^m \text{ with values in } \mathbb{K}\}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $A \subset .M$  then

$$M|A := \{\alpha|A \cap D_\alpha : \alpha \in M\}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} M_A &:= \{\beta : \forall_{p \in D_\beta} \exists_{U \in \text{top } M} \exists_{\alpha \in M} (p \in U \cap A \subset D_\beta \wedge U \subset D_\alpha \\ &\wedge \beta|U \cap A = \alpha|U \cap A)\}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that

$$(2.1) \quad M|A \subset M_A.$$

The family  $M_A$  will be called *a localization of  $M$  to the set  $A$* .

From the above definition we have

PROPOSITION 1. *Let  $M$  be a family of functions with values in  $\mathbb{K}$ . If  $B \subset A \subset .M$  then*

$$(M_A)_B = M_B.$$

Define now a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space.

DEFINITION 1. *The family  $M$  of functions with its values in  $\mathbb{K}$  is called a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space, if the condition*

$$\text{an } M = M = M_{.M}$$

*is fulfilled.*

Let  $M$  be an arbitrary family of functions with its values in  $\mathbb{K}$ . One can prove the following

PROPOSITION 2. *The family  $(\text{an } M)_{.M}$  is the smallest  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space with the set  $.M$  as the set of points, containing  $M$ .*

DEFINITION 2. *The  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space  $(\text{an } M)_{.M}$  is called the  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space generated by a family  $M$ .*

It was proved in [11] the following

PROPOSITION 3. *Let  $M$  be a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space and  $A \subset .M$ . Then  $M_A \subset M$  if and only if  $A \in \text{top } M$ .*

The above proposition gives

COROLLARY 1. *Let  $M$  be a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space and  $A \in \text{top } M$ . Then  $M|_A = M_A$ .*

Let  $M, N$  be  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential spaces.

DEFINITION 3. *The mapping  $f : .M \rightarrow .N$  is said to be smooth if for each  $\beta \in N$  we have  $\beta \circ f \in M$ .*

If the above condition holds then we write  $f : M \rightarrow N$ .

It is obvious that if  $f : M \rightarrow N$  then  $f : \text{top } M \rightarrow \text{top } N$  i.e.  $f$  is a continuous mapping respective to the topologies  $\text{top } M$  and  $\text{top } N$ .

### 3. Tangent space, tangent mapping

Let  $M$  be a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space and  $p \in .M$ . Define  $M(p) := \{\alpha \in M : p \in D_\alpha\}$ .

DEFINITION 4. *Any  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear mapping  $v : M(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  such that*

$$v(\alpha \cdot \beta) = v(\alpha) \cdot \beta(p) + \alpha(p) \cdot v(\beta)$$

*for  $\alpha, \beta \in M(p)$  is called a vector tangent to  $M$  at  $p$ . The family of all vectors tangent to  $M$  at  $p$  forms a vector space. This vector space is said to be tangent to  $M$  at  $p$ . It is denoted by  $T_p M$ .*

It is easy to see that if  $v \in T_p M$ ,  $U \in \text{top } M$  and  $\alpha \in M$  then

$$(3.1) \quad v(\alpha) = v(\alpha|U).$$

Let  $M, N$  be  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential spaces and  $f : M \rightarrow N$ . For each  $p \in .M$ , the mapping  $f$  determines a linear mapping  $(f_*)_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{f(p)} N$  called a *tangent mapping*. Namely, for  $v \in T_p M$  and  $\beta \in N(f(p))$  we have

$$((f_*)_p v)(\beta) = v(\beta \circ f).$$

DEFINITION 5. The mapping  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is called an *immersion*, if for each  $p \in .M$  the tangent mapping  $(f_*)_p$  is a monomorphism.

Let  $A \subset .M$  and  $\iota : A \hookrightarrow .M$ . We have the following

LEMMA 1. The mapping  $\iota$  is smooth  $M_A \rightarrow M$  and  $\iota$  is an immersion. Moreover, if  $A \in \text{top } M$  then for any  $p \in A$  the mapping  $(\iota_*)_p$  is an isomorphism.

Proof. Let  $\beta \in M$ , then  $\beta \circ \iota = \beta|A \in M|A \subset M_A$  by (2.1). Thus  $\iota : M_A \rightarrow M$ .

Let  $p \in A$  and  $v \in T_p M_A$ . Assume that  $(\iota_*)_p v = 0$ , so for any  $\beta \in M$

$$(3.2) \quad v(\beta|A) = ((\iota_*)_p v)(\beta) = 0.$$

Let  $\alpha \in M_A(p)$ . Then there exist  $U \in \text{top } M$  and  $\beta \in M$  such that  $p \in U \cap A \subset D_\alpha$  and  $U \subset D_\beta$  and  $\alpha|U \cap A = \beta|U \cap A$ . Remark that  $U \cap A \in \text{top } M_A$  ([11], [3]). Therefore, by (3.1) and (3.2) we get

$$v(\alpha) = v(\alpha|U \cap A) = v(\beta|U \cap A) = v((\beta|A)|U \cap A) = v(\beta|A) = 0.$$

Thus  $v = 0$ .

Assume now that  $A \in \text{top } M$ . Let  $w \in T_p M$ . Define  $v : M_A(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  by the formula

$$v(\beta) = w(\beta).$$

The definition is correct since  $\beta \in M_A \subset M$  by Proposition 3. It is obvious that  $v$  is an element of  $T_p M_A$ . Moreover, by (3.1)

$$((\iota_*)_p v)(\alpha) = v(\alpha|A) = v(\alpha) = w(\alpha)$$

which means that  $(\iota_*)_p v = w$ . Thus  $\iota_*$  is an epimorphism. ■

It is easy to prove

LEMMA 2. Let  $M, N, P$  be  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential spaces. If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  and  $g : N \rightarrow P$  then  $g \circ f : M \rightarrow P$  and for any  $p \in .M$  the equality

$$((g \circ f)_*)_p = (g_*)_{f(p)} \circ (f_*)_p$$

holds. Moreover, if  $f, g$  are immersions then  $g \circ f$  is an immersion.

We have

PROPOSITION 4. Let  $M, N$  be  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential spaces and  $A \subset M$ . If  $f: M \rightarrow N$  is an immersion then  $f|_A: M_A \rightarrow N$  and this mapping is an immersion.

Proof. Remark that  $f|_A = f \circ \iota$  with  $\iota: A \hookrightarrow M$ . Obviously, by Lemma 1 and Lemma 2 we have the assertions. ■

#### 4. Prefoliation of a $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space

Let  $M$  be a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space.

DEFINITION 6. A pair  $(M, F)$  of  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential spaces is called a prefoliation of  $M$  iff

- 1)  $F = M$ ,
- 2)  $\text{top } F$  is locally connected,
- 3)  $\forall p \in M \exists U \in \text{top } F (p \in U \wedge F_U = M_U)$ .

Connected components of  $\text{top } F$  are called leaves of  $(M, F)$ .

It is easy to see that the notion of a prefoliation is a generalization of the notion of the regular foliation, and of the Stefan foliation. Moreover, if  $(M, F)$  is a prefoliation of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space  $M$  then  $(\text{top } M, \text{top } F)$  is a topological foliation in the sense of Ehresmann ([1],[2]).

It is not difficult to prove the following

THEOREM 1. If  $(M, F)$  is a prefoliation of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space  $M$  then for the mapping  $f = \text{id}_M$  we have  $f: F \rightarrow M$ .

Proof. If  $\beta \in M$  then for each  $p \in M$  denote by  $U_p$  such a neighbourhood of  $p$  in  $\text{top } F$  for which

$$F_{U_p} = M_{U_p}.$$

Thus we get an open covering  $\{U_p\}_{p \in M}$  of the set  $M$  respective to  $\text{top } F$  with

$$\beta|_{U_p} \in M|_{U_p} \subset M_{U_p} = F_{U_p}.$$

Therefore  $\beta \in F$  since  $F$  is a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space. ■

From the theorem we get

COROLLARY 2. Let  $(M, F)$  be a prefoliation of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space  $M$ . Then  $\text{top } M \subset \text{top } F$  and  $M \subset F$ .

We also have

THEOREM 2. If  $(M, F)$  is a prefoliation of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space  $M$  then the mapping  $f = \text{id}_M$  is an immersion  $F \rightarrow M$ .

Proof. Suppose that  $(f_*)_p(v) = 0$  for some  $v \in T_p F$ . Then for each  $\beta \in M(p)$  we have  $v(\beta \circ f) = 0$ , i.e. for each  $G \in \text{top } F$  with  $p \in G$  by (3.1)

we have

$$(4.1) \quad v((\beta \circ f)|G) = 0$$

Let  $\alpha \in F(p)$ . There exists  $U \in \text{top } F$  such that  $p \in U$  and  $F_U = M_U$  by the definition of a prefoliation. Therefore,  $\alpha|D_\alpha \cap U \in F|U = F_U = M_U$  by Corollary 1. Thus there exist  $V \in \text{top } M$  and  $\gamma \in M$  such that  $p \in V \cap U \subset D_\alpha$  and  $V \subset D_\gamma$  and  $\gamma|V \cap U = \alpha|V \cap U$ . Obviously  $\gamma \in M(p)$  and because of Corollary 2,  $V \cap U \in \text{top } F$ . Consequently,

$$v(\alpha) = v(\alpha|V \cap U) = v(\gamma|V \cap U) = v(\gamma \circ f|V \cap U) = 0$$

by (4.1). Thus  $v = 0$ . ■

Using Proposition 4 we simply get

**COROLLARY 3.** *If  $L$  is a leaf of a prefoliation  $(M, F)$  then  $\text{id}_L : F_L \rightarrow M$  is an immersion.*

**COROLLARY 4.** *If  $L$  is a leaf of a prefoliation  $(M, F)$  then  $M_L \subset F|L$ .*

**Proof.** The assertion follows directly from Corollary 2 and the simple fact: if  $M \subset F$ ,  $.M = .F$  and  $A \subset .M$  then  $M_A \subset F_A$ . ■

## 5. Example

In the present section we construct a pair  $(M, F)$  of  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential spaces such that

$$1^\circ .M = .F;$$

$$2^\circ \text{top } F \text{ is locally connected;}$$

$$3^\circ \text{id}_M : F \rightarrow M \text{ is an immersion;}$$

$$4^\circ (\text{top } M, \text{top } F) \text{ is a topological foliation;}$$

$$5^\circ (M, F) \text{ is not a prefoliation of a } \mathbb{K}\text{-differential space.}$$

To this end, we introduce a new definition of the tangent space  $T_p M$ . Let  $M$  be an arbitrary  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space and  $p \in .M$ . In the set  $M(p)$  define an equivalence relation in the following way:

$$\alpha \equiv \beta \iff \exists U \in \text{top } M (p \in U \wedge \alpha|U = \beta|U),$$

for  $\alpha, \beta \in M(p)$ . The equivalence class of a function  $\alpha \in M(p)$  will be called a *germ of  $\alpha$  at  $p$*  and will be denoted by  $\xi = [\alpha]_p$ . Obviously, the value of a germ  $\xi$  at the point  $p$  is well defined. The set of all germs at  $p$  with naturally defined addition and multiplication forms a ring. It follows from the equality  $\alpha M = M$  and from the fact that  $M$  contains all constant functions on open sets in  $\text{top } M$  ([11]). Denote this ring by  $R_p$ . It is easy to check that the set

$$\mathfrak{m}_p = \{\xi \in R_p : \xi(p) = 0\}$$

is an ideal in  $R_p$ . One can prove the following

PROPOSITION 5. *The  $\mathbb{K}$ -vector spaces  $T_p M$  and  $(\mathfrak{m}_p/\mathfrak{m}_p^2)^*$  are isomorphic.*

Let  $F$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -differential space generated by the family of all continuous functions defined in  $\mathbb{R}$ . For each  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  the vector space  $T_p F$  is zero-dimensional.

Let  $M$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -differential space generated by the family of all  $C^\infty$  functions defined in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Analogously as in [6] for differential spaces in the sense of Sikorski, one can prove that for each  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  the tangent space  $T_p M$  is one-dimensional.

Remark that  $\text{top } M$  also is the natural topology in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

For the pair  $(M, F)$  we have:

- 1)  $M = F = \mathbb{R}$ ;
- 2)  $\text{top } F$  is locally connected as the natural topology in  $\mathbb{R}$ ;
- 3)  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}} : F \rightarrow M$  since  $M \subset F$  and this mapping is an immersion since  $\dim T_p F = 0$  for each  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- 4)  $(\text{top } M, \text{top } F)$  is the trivial topological foliation since  $\text{top } M = \text{top } F$  is the natural topology in  $\mathbb{R}$ ;
- 5)  $(M, F)$  is not a prefoliation since for each  $U \in \text{top } F = \text{top } M$  we have  $M_U = M|U \subsetneq F|U = F_U$  by Corollary 1.

## 6. Proper leaves

Using the definition of a prefoliation one can prove

LEMMA 3. *If  $(M, F)$  is a prefoliation of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space then for each  $\beta \in F$  and for each  $p \in D_\beta$ , there exist  $G \in \text{top } F$  and  $\alpha \in M$  such that  $p \in G \subset D_\beta$  and  $\beta|G = \alpha|G$ .*

Proof. Let  $\beta \in F$  and  $p \in D_\beta$ . By the definition of a prefoliation there exists  $U \in \text{top } F$  such that  $p \in U$  and  $M_U = F_U$ . Remark that, since  $D_\beta \in \text{top } F$ , the set  $V := U \cap D_\beta$  is an open (relative to  $\text{top } F$ ) neighbourhood of  $p$  contained in  $U$ . By Proposition 1 and Corollary 1 we have  $M_V = (M_U)_V = (F_U)_V = F_V = F|V$ . Therefore,  $\beta|V \in M_V$  which means that there exist  $W \in \text{top } M$  and  $\alpha \in M$  such that  $p \in W \cap V \subset D_{\beta|V} = V$  and  $W \subset D_\alpha$  and  $\alpha|W \cap V = \beta|W \cap V$ . By Corollary 2,  $\text{top } M \subset \text{top } F$ , so if we set  $G := W \cap V$  then  $p \in G \in \text{top } F$  and  $G \subset D_\beta$  and  $\beta|G = \alpha|G$ . ■

Let  $(M, F)$  be a prefoliation of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space  $M$  and let  $L$  be a leaf of  $(M, F)$ .

DEFINITION 7. *The leaf  $L$  is said to be proper if  $(\text{top } F)|L = (\text{top } M)|L$ .*

We have the following

THEOREM 3. *Let  $(M, F)$  be a prefoliation of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -differential space  $M$  and  $L$  be a proper leaf of  $(M, F)$  then*

$$M_L = F|L.$$

Proof. The inclusion  $M_L \subset F|L$  holds for each  $L$  by Corollary 4.

We show that  $F|L \subset M_L$ . Let  $\gamma \in F|L$ . By a local connectedness of  $\text{top } F$  we have  $L \in \text{top } F$  and consequently  $\gamma \in F|L \subset F$  by Proposition 3. By Lemma 3, for each  $p \in D_\gamma$  there exist  $V \in \text{top } F$  and  $\beta \in M$  such that  $p \in V \subset D_\gamma \subset L$  and  $\gamma|V = \beta|V$ . Since  $L$  is proper, there exists  $W \in \text{top } M$  such that  $V = W \cap L$ . Let  $p \in D_\gamma$  and define  $U := W \cap D_\beta \in \text{top } M$  and  $\alpha := \beta|U \in M$  by Proposition 3. Then we have

- 1)  $p \in U \cap L \subset D_\gamma$  since  $U \cap L \subset W \cap L = V \subset D_\gamma$ ;
- 2)  $U \subset D_\alpha$  (in fact the equality holds);
- 3)  $\alpha|U \cap L = \beta|U \cap L = \beta|W \cap L \cap D_\alpha = \gamma|W \cap L \cap D_\alpha = \gamma|U \cap L$  since  $W \cap L \cap D_\alpha \subset V$ .

By 1)-3) and the definition of the localization we have  $\gamma \in M_L$ . ■

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