

DIFFERENTIAL PROPERTIES OF LIPSCHITZ, HAMILTONIAN AND CHARACTERISTIC FLOWS

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Abstract In view of possible applications to Hamilton-Jacobi equations, to optimal control and to differential games, we extend the classical differential properties of smooth Hamiltonian and Characteristic flows to Lipschitzian ones using the contingent derivatives of their components

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1. Introduction

The aim of this paper is to generalize in terms of the **contingent derivatives** the *basic differential relation*:

$$DV(t, z).(r, u) = \langle P(t, z), DX(t, z).(r, u) \rangle - r.H(t, X^*(t, z)) - \langle q, u_1 \rangle \quad (1.1)$$

if $z = (\xi, q)$, $u = (u_1, u_2)$, satisfied by the components of a *smooth Characteristic flow* $C^*(\cdot, \cdot) := (X^*(\cdot, \cdot), V(\cdot, \cdot))$, that is uniquely associated to a **smooth Hamiltonian system**:

$$(x', p') = h(t, x, p) := \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(t, x, p), -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(t, x, p) \right), \quad (x(T), p(T)) = z \in D^T \quad (1.2)$$

in the following way: the (smooth) *Hamiltonian flow* $X^*(\cdot, \cdot) := (X(\cdot, \cdot), P(\cdot, \cdot)) : D_h \subseteq R \times D^T \rightarrow R^n \times R^n$ is defined by the unique, maximal (i.e. non-continuable) solutions $X^*(\cdot, z) : I(z) \subseteq R \rightarrow R^n \times R^n$, $z \in D^T := \{(\xi, q); (T, \xi, q) \in D\}$ of the problem (1.2) while the third component is given by the formula:

$$V(t, z) := \int_T^t \left[\langle P(s, z), \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(s, X^*(s, z)) \rangle - H(s, X^*(s, z)) \right] ds. \quad (1.3)$$

This type of relations are essential for the construction of classical and generalized "characteristic solutions" of Hamilton-Jacobi equations, for deriving "Hopf-Lax formulas" and are particularly useful in optimal control and differential games.

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In this paper the Hamiltonian $H(.,.,.) : D = \text{Int}(D) \subseteq R \times R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R$ is differentiable with respect to the last two variables and such that the corresponding *Hamiltonian vector field* $h(.,.,.)$ in (1.2) is a "Carathéodory-Lipschitz" mapping; under these hypotheses, if $T \in \text{pr}_1 D$ then the *unique maximal Characteristic flow* $C^*(.,.)$ is locally-Lipschitz with respect to the second variable and locally-AC (absolutely continuous) with respect to the first one so the basic relation in (1.1) does not make sense any more.

The main result of this paper, Theorem 3.4 below, states that in this case the *contingent derivatives* of the components $X(.,.), V(.,.)$ satisfy certain relations that coincide with the one in (1.1) in the particular case $h(.,.,.)$ is a smooth (Hamiltonian) vector field; for the proof of this result we essentially use the generalization in Blagodatskih(1973) and Mirică(1985,2002) of the Bendixson-Picard-Lindelöf theorem on *differentiability of solutions with respect to initial data* in the theory of ODE; this type of proof is new and apparently simpler than the traditional proofs of the relation (1.1) in the classical case (e.g. Courant(1962), Hartman(1964), Mirică(1987) etc).

The paper is organized as follows: in Section 2 we present the necessary notations, definitions and preliminary results from Nonsmooth Analysis and from the theory of Carathéodory differential equations and in Section 3 we present the main results.

2. Notations, definitions and preliminary results

From the multitude of the existing concepts in Nonsmooth Analysis (e.g. Aubin and Frankowska(1990), Mirică(1982), etc.), we shall use in the first place the *set-valued contingent directional derivative* of a mapping $f(.) : X \subseteq R^n \rightarrow R^k$ at a point $x \in \text{Int}(X)$ in a direction $u \in R^n$ defined by:

$$K^+ f(x; u) := \{v \in R^k; \exists (s_m, u_m) \rightarrow (0_+, u) : \frac{f(x + s_m u_m) - f(x)}{s_m} \rightarrow v\} \quad (2.1)$$

and, in the case $g(.) : X \subseteq R^n \rightarrow R$ is a real function we may use also its *extreme contingent derivatives (to the right)* at $x \in \text{Int}(X)$ in direction $u \in R^n$:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{D}_K^+ g(x; u) &:= \limsup_{(s,v) \rightarrow (0_+, u)} \frac{g(x + s.v) - g(x)}{s}, \\ \underline{D}_K^+ g(x; u) &:= \liminf_{(s,v) \rightarrow (0_+, u)} \frac{g(x + s.v) - g(x)}{s} \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

In what follows we shall consider only the particular case in which the domain $X = \text{dom}(f(.)) = \text{dom}(g(.)) \subseteq R^n$ is *open* and the mappings $f(.), g(.)$ are locally-Lipschitz.

We recall first that for this type of mappings the contingent derivatives in (2.1), (2.2) have the properties in the following Proposition whose proof is straightforward (see Aubin and Frankowska(1990), Mirică(1982), etc.):

Proposition 2.1. *If the mapping $f(.) : X = \text{Int}(X) \subseteq R^n \rightarrow R^k$ is locally-Lipschitz and $x \in X$ then its contingent derivative in (2.1) has the following properties:*

(i) *in any direction $u \in R^n$ the subset $K^+ f(x; u) \subset R^k$ is non-empty and compact and is given by:*

$$K^+ f(x; u) := \{v \in R^k; \exists s_m \rightarrow 0_+ : \frac{f(x + s_m u) - f(x)}{s_m} \rightarrow v\}; \quad (2.3)$$

(ii) *the multifunction $K^+ f(x; .)$ is ("globally") Lipschitzean with respect to the Pompeiu-Hausdorff distance in the sense that:*

$$d_H(K^+ f(x; u), K^+ f(x; u')) \leq L \cdot \|u - u'\| \quad \forall u, u' \in R^n \quad (2.4)$$

where L is the Lipschitz constant of $f(\cdot)$ at x and:

$$d_H(A, B) := \max\{d^*(A, B), d^*(B, A)\}, \quad d^*(A, B) := \sup_{a \in A} \inf_{b \in B} \|a - b\|.$$

Moreover, $K^+ f(x; \cdot)$ is positively homogeneous in the sense that:

$$K^+ f(x; \lambda.u) = \lambda.K^+ f(x; u) \quad \forall u \in R^n, \lambda \geq 0, \quad K^+ f(x; 0) = \{0\};$$

(iii) the mapping $f(\cdot)$ is (Fréchet) differentiable at the point $x \in X$ iff it is contingent differentiable in any direction $u \in R^n$ in the sense that:

$$\exists f_K^+(x; u) := \lim_{(s,v) \rightarrow (0_+, u)} \frac{f(x + s.v) - f(x)}{s} \quad \forall u \in R^n \tag{2.5}$$

and the "contingent derivative" $f_K^+(x; \cdot) : R^n \rightarrow R^k$ is linear; in this case the two derivatives coincide i.e. $Df(x) = f_K^+(x; \cdot)$.

(iv) if $g(\cdot) : X \rightarrow R$ is locally-Lipschitz then its contingent derivatives in (2.1)-(2.2) are related as follows:

$$\overline{D}_K^+ g(x; u) = \max[K^+ g(x; u)] \geq \min[K^+ g(x; u)] = \underline{D}_K^+ g(x; u) \quad \forall u \in R^n. \tag{2.6}$$

Remark 2.2. According to the well-known Rademacher's theorem, the locally-Lipschitz mapping $f(\cdot)$ in Prop.2.1 is a.e. differentiable hence there exists a subset $\mathcal{D}_F(f) \subseteq X$, of "full Lebesgue measure" ($\mu(\cdot)$) such that:

$$\exists Df(x) = f_K^+(x; \cdot) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{D}_F(f), \quad \mu(X \setminus \mathcal{D}_F(f)) = 0; \tag{2.7}$$

on the other hand, as simple examples show, the set of points at which the contingent derivative in (2.6) exists may be strictly larger than the (Fréchet) "differentiability set" in (2.7):

$$\mathcal{D}_F(f) \subseteq \mathcal{D}_K^+(f) := \{x \in X; \text{dom}(f_K^+(x; \cdot)) = R^n\}; \tag{2.8}$$

equivalently, for each point $x \in X$ one may consider the "set of contingent differentiability directions" of $f(\cdot)$ at x defined as the domain of the mapping $f_K^+(x; \cdot)$:

$$\mathcal{D}_K^+(f; x) := \text{dom}(f_K^+(x; \cdot)) := \{u \in R^n; \exists f_K^+(x; u)\} \tag{2.9}$$

so that one may write: $\mathcal{D}_K^+(f) = \{x \in X; \mathcal{D}_K^+(f; x) = R^n\}$.

In this paper we shall use these concepts and results to the study of the "maximal" (i.e. non-continuable) flow, $x_f(\cdot; \cdot, \cdot) : D_f \subseteq R \times D \rightarrow R^n$, of a Carathéodory-Lipschitz differential equation:

$$x' = f(t, x), \quad x(s) = y, \quad (s, y) \in D = \text{dom}(f(\cdot, \cdot)) \subseteq R \times R^n \tag{2.10}$$

defined, more precisely, as follows:

Definition 2.3. A mapping $f(\cdot, \cdot) : D \rightarrow R^n$ is said to be a Carathéodory-Lipschitz (C-L) vector field if $D \subset R \times R^n$ is open and the following properties hold:

(i) $f(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a Carathéodory mapping in the sense that the mappings $f(\cdot, x)$, $x \in pr_2 D$ are (Lebesgue) measurable, there exists a null subset $I_f \subset pr_1 D$ (i.e. $\mu(I_f) = 0$) such that $f(t, \cdot)$, $t \in pr_1 D \setminus I_f$ are continuous and, moreover, $f(\cdot, \cdot)$ is locally integrably bounded in the sense that for any compact subset $D_0 \subset D$ there exist an integrable function $m(\cdot) \in L^1(pr_1 D_0; R_+)$, $R_+ = [0, \infty)$ and a null subset $I_0 \subset pr_1 D_0$ such that:

$$\|f(t, x)\| \leq m(t) \quad \forall (t, x) \in D_0, \quad t \in pr_1 D_0 \setminus I_0; \tag{2.11}$$

(ii) $f(.,.)$ is *locally-integrably Lipschitz with respect to the second variable* in the sense that for any compact subset $D_0 \subset D$ there exist an integrable function $L(.) \in L^1(pr_1 D_0; R_+)$ and a null subset $I_0 \subset pr_1 D_0$ such that:

$$\|f(t, x) - f(t, y)\| \leq L(t)\|x - y\| \quad \forall (t, x), (t, y) \in D_0, t \in pr_1 D_0 \setminus I_0. \quad (2.12)$$

Remark 2.4. As particular cases of the **C-L** vector fields in Def.2.3 one may consider the *locally-essentially bounded* ones when the function $m(.)$ in (2.11) is essentially bounded (i.e. $m(.) \in L^\infty(pr_1 D_0; R_+)$), the *essentially bounded locally-Lipchitz* ones for which $L(.) \in L^\infty(pr_1 D_0; R_+)$ and the *Carathéodory- C^1 vector fields* for which, in addition to the properties in Def.2.3, one assumes that the mappings $f(t, .), t \in pr_1 D \setminus I_f$ are differentiable and, moreover, the derivative, $D_2 f(.,.)$ is of Carathéodory type i.e. $D_2 f(., x), x \in pr_2 D$ are measurable, the mappings $D_2 f(t, .), t \in pr_1 D \setminus I_f$ are continuous and for any compact subset $D_0 \subset D$ there exist $L(.) \in L^1(pr_1 D_0; R_+)$ and a null subset $I_0 \subset pr_1 D_0$ such that:

$$\|D_2 f(t, x)\| \leq L(t) \quad \forall (t, x), (t, y) \in D_0, t \in pr_1 D_0 \setminus I_0. \quad (2.13)$$

As further particular cases one may consider *Peano-Lipschitz vector fields* $f(.,.)$ which are continuous with respect to both variables and locally-Lipschitz with respect to the second variable, uniformly with respect to the first one (i.e. the function $L(.)$ in (2.12) is constant) and the "classical" *Peano- C^1 vector fields* for which both mappings $f(.,.), D_2 f(.,.)$ are continuous.

We summarize the basic results of the theory of Carathéodory Ordinary Differential Equations in the following theorem for whose proof we refer to Kurzweil(1986),Ch.18:

Theorem 2.5. *If $f(.,.)$ is a Carathéodory-Lipschitz (C-L) vector field in the sense of Def.2.3 then the following statements hold:*

(i) *for any initial point $(s, y) \in D$ there exists a unique maximal (i.e. non-continuable) locally-AC (absolutely continuous on each compact interval) Carathéodory solution $x_f(.; s, y) : I(s, y) \subset R \rightarrow R^n$ of the equation in (2.10) that satisfies:*

$$D_1 x_f(t; s, y) = f(t, x_f(t; s, y)) \text{ a.e. } (t \in I(s, y)), x_f(s; s, y) = y; \quad (2.14)$$

(ii) *moreover, $I(s, y)$ is an open interval containing s , the domain of the flow, $D_f = \{(t, s, y); (s, y) \in D, t \in I(s, y)\} \subseteq R \times D$ is an open subset, and the "maximal flow" $x_f(.; ., .) : D_f \rightarrow R^n$ is continuous;*

(iii) *the mappings $x_f(t; s, .)$ are locally Lipschitz and the mappings $x_f(.,; s, y), x_f(t; ., y)$ are locally-AC and satisfy the equivalent "associated integral equation"*

$$x_f(t; s, y) = y + \int_s^t f(\sigma, x_f(\sigma; s, y))d\sigma \quad \forall (t, s, y) \in D_f. \quad (2.15)$$

Therefore, each of the mappings, $x_f(.,; s, y), (s, y) \in D$ satisfies the equation (2.10) outside of a null subset of the interval $I(s, y)$; however, the following important result shows that equation (2.10) is satisfied outside a "common" null subset by all the solutions:

Theorem 2.6 (Scorza-Dragoni(1948)). *If $f(.,.)$ is a C-L vector field in the sense of Def.2.3 then there exists a null subset $J_f \subset pr_1 D$ such that:*

$$D_1 x_f(t; s, y) = f(t, x_f(t; s, y)) \quad \forall t \in I(s, y) \setminus J_f, (s, y) \in D. \quad (2.16)$$

For a proof of this theorem (actually valid for the more general class of the Carathéodory vector fields in Def.2.3) one may see also Th.18.4.9 in Kurzweil (1986).

The differentiability properties of the flow $x_f(., ., .)$ in Th.2.5 will be expressed, as usual, along a (fixed) "reference trajectory", $z(., .)$, given by:

$$z(t) = x_f(t; t_0, x_0), t \in I(t_0, x_0) \tag{2.17}$$

where $(t_0, x_0) \in D$ is a fixed point, in terms of the set-valued contingent directional derivatives in (2.1) of the mappings $f(t, .)$, $x_f(t; t_0, .)$, $x_f(t; ., x_0)$ and of the Carathéodory solutions, $v(., .)$, of the **contingent variational inclusion (CVI)**:

$$v'(t) \in co[K^+ f(t; .)(z(t); v(t))] \text{ a.e.}(I(t_0, x_0)), v(t_0) = u_0 \in R^n \tag{2.18}$$

where $co[A]$ denotes the *convex hull of the subset* $A \subset R^n$ which, as it is well-known, coincides with the *closed convex hull*, $\overline{co}[A]$, whenever A is compact; using the "contingent differentiability directions" in (2.9) one may see that at certain points the **CVI** in (2.18) becomes the **contingent variational equation (CVE)**:

$$v'(t) = (f(t; .))_K^+(z(t); v(t)) \text{ a.e.}(I(t_0, x_0)), \text{ if } v(t) \in \mathcal{D}_K^+(f(t; .); z(t)), \tag{2.19}$$

while on the ("full measure") Fréchet differentiability sets in (2.7) the **CVI** in (2.18) becomes the classical **variational equation (VE)**:

$$v'(t) = D_2 f(t, z(t)).v(t) \text{ a.e.}(I(t_0, x_0)), \text{ if } z(t) \in \mathcal{D}_F(f(t, .)). \tag{2.20}$$

In the proof of the main result in the next section we shall essentially uses the following generalization of the classical Bendixson-Picard- Lindelöf theorem:

Theorem 2.7. *Let $f(., .) : D \rightarrow R^n$ be a Carathéodory- Lipschitz vector field in the sense of Def.2.3, let $(t_0, x_0) \in D$, $t_1 \in I(t_0, x_0)$, $I_1 := [t_0, t_1] \subset I(t_0, x_0)$ and let $z(., .)$ be the reference trajectory in (2.17).*

Then the contingent derivatives in (2.1) of the maximal flow $x_f(., ., .)$ in Th.2.5 have the following properties:

(i) *for any vectors $u_0 \in R^n$, $u_1 \in K^+ x_f(t_1; t_0, .)(x_0; u_0)$ there exists a Carathéodory solution $v(., .) : I_1 \rightarrow R^n$ of the contingent variational inclusion **CVI** such that:*

$$v(t_0) = u_0, v(t_1) = u_1, v(t) \in K^+ x_f(t; t_0, .)(x_0; u_0) \forall t \in I_1 \tag{2.21}$$

(ii) *if $J_f \subset pr_1 D$ is the null subset in (2.16) and $t_0 \in pr_1 D \setminus J_f$ then for any vector $u_1^0 \in K^+ x_f(t_1; ., x_0)(t_0; 1)$ there exists a Carathéodory solution $v^0(., .)$ of the contingent variational inclusion **CVI** in (2.18) such that:*

$$v^0(t_0) = -f(t_0, x_0), v^0(t_1) = u_1^0, v^0(t) \in K^+ x_f(t; ., x_0)(t_0; 1) \forall t \in I_1. \tag{2.22}$$

*Moreover, if $f(., .)$ is locally essentially bounded in the sense of Remark 2.4 and $t_0 \in J_f$ then for any vector $u_1^0 \in K^+ x_f(t_1; ., x_0)(t_0; 1)$ there exists a Carathéodory solution $v^0(., .)$ of the contingent variational inclusion **CVI** in (2.18) that satisfies the last two conditions in (2.22) and also the "weaker" initial condition:*

$$v^0(t_0) \in -f^{co}(t_0+, x_0), f^{co}(s+, y) := \bigcap_{\delta > 0} \bigcap_{\mu(J)=0} \overline{co}f(\{[s, s + \delta] \setminus J\} \times B_\delta(y)). \tag{2.23}$$

For a proof of this result we refer to Blagodatskih(1973) and Mirică(1985,2002).

3. The main results

Everywhere in what follows we assume the following:

Hypothesis 3.1. The Hamiltonian $H(., ., .) : D = \text{Int}(D) \subseteq R \times R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R$ is such that there exists a null subset, $I_H \subset \text{pr}_1 D$ (i.e. $\mu(I_H) = 0$) such that the functions $H(t, ., .), t \in \text{pr}_1 D \setminus I_H$ are (Fréchet) differentiable and such that the corresponding Hamiltonian vector field $h(., ., .) = (h_1(., ., .), h_2(., ., .))$ in (1.2) is a Carathéodory-Lipschitz vector field in the sense of Def.2.3; moreover, the null subset $I_H \subset \text{pr}_1 D$ is taken such that for each $t \in \text{pr}_1 D \setminus I_H$ the mapping $h(t, .)$ is locally-Lipschitz (on the "section" $D^t := \{z \in R^{2n}; (t, z) \in D\}$).

To simplify the exposition we consider here only the particular case in which the initial values of the "time-variable" in (1.2) are fixed though statement (ii) in Th.2.7 suggests the possibility of studying also the more general case in which these values are variable; noting first that the vector field of the characteristics defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} c(t, x, p) &:= (h_1(t, x, p), h_2(t, x, p), c_3(t, x, p)), \quad h_1(t, x, p) := \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(t, x, p), \\ h_2(t, x, p) &:= -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(t, x, p), \quad c_3(t, x, p) := \langle p, h_1(t, x, p) \rangle - H(t, x, p) \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

is also of Carathéodory-Lipschitz type, applying Ths.2.5, 2.6 one obtains:

Theorem 3.2. If Hypothesis 3.1 is satisfied, $T \in \text{pr}_1 D$ and $D^T := \{(\xi, q) \in R^n \times R^n; (T, \xi, q) \in D\}$ then there exists a unique characteristic flow $C^*(., .) = (X^*(., .), V(., .)) : D_h \subseteq R \times D^T \rightarrow R^n \times R^n \times R$ and a null subset $J_c \subset \text{pr}_1 D$, ($I_H \subseteq J_c$) such that for each $z = (\xi, q) \in D^T$ the mapping $C^*(., z) : I(z) \subseteq R \rightarrow R^n \times R^n \times R$ is the unique maximal Carathéodory solution of the "system of characteristics":

$$(x', p', v') = c(t, x, p), \quad (x(T), p(T), v(T)) = (\xi, q, 0) \in D^T \times \{0\}$$

satisfying:

$$D_1 C^*(t, z) = c(t, X^*(t, z)) \quad \forall t \in I(z) \setminus J_c, \quad C^*(T, z) = (z, 0), \quad z \in D^T. \tag{3.2}$$

Moreover, the characteristic flow $C^*(., .)$ has the regularity properties in Th.2.5 i.e. the intervals $I(z) \subseteq R$ and the domain $D_h := \{(t, z); z \in D^T, t \in I(z)\}$ are open, $C^*(., .)$ is continuous, the mappings $C^*(t, .)$ are Lipschitzean and the mappings $C^*(., z)$ are locally-AC.

In addition, $X^*(., .) = (X(., .), P(., .))$ is the unique maximal flow in the same sense of the Hamiltonian system in (1.2) and the third component, $V(., .)$, is given by the formula in (1.3).

Before applying Th.2.7 to the characteristic flow above we prove first a very specific property of the contingent derivatives in (2.1) of the characteristic vector field in (3.1).

Proposition 3.3. If $I_H \subset \text{pr}_1 D$ is the null subset in Hypothesis 3.1 then at any point $(t, z) \in D$, $t \in \text{pr}_1 D \setminus I_H$, $z = (x, p) \in D^t$ and in any direction $u = (u_1, u_2) \in R^{2n}$, the set-valued contingent derivative in (2.1) of the characteristic vector field in (3.1) is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} K^+ c(t, .)(z; u) &= \{v = (v_1, v_2, v_3); (v_1, v_2) \in K^+ h(t, .)(z; u), \\ v_3 &= \langle p, v_1 \rangle + \langle h_2(t, z), u_1 \rangle\} \text{ if } z = (x, p) \in D^t, \quad t \in \text{pr}_1 D \setminus I_H \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

and its (closed) convex hull is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{co}[K^+ c(t, .)(z; u)] &= \{v = (v_1, v_2, v_3); (v_1, v_2) \in \text{co}[K^+ h(t, .)(z; u)], \\ v_3 &= \langle p, v_1 \rangle + \langle h_2(t, z), u_1 \rangle\}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

where $h = (h_1, h_2)$ is the Hamiltonian vector field in (3.1).

In particular, at the Fréchet differentiability points $z = (x, p) \in \mathcal{D}_F(h(t, \cdot))$ in (2.7), the component $c_3(t, \cdot)$ is also differentiable and:

$$D_2 c_3(t, z) \cdot u = \langle p, D_2 h_1(t, z) \cdot u \rangle + \langle h_2(t, z), u_1 \rangle \quad \forall u = (u_1, u_2) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (3.5)$$

Proof. From the equivalent definition in (2.3) (for locally-Lipschitz mappings) it follows that if $v = (v_1, v_2, v_3) \in K^+ c(t, \cdot)(z; u)$ then there exists a sequence $s_m \rightarrow 0_+$ such that:

$$(v_1, v_2) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(t, z + s_m u) - h(t, z)}{s_m}, \quad v_3 = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_3(t, z + s_m u) - c_3(t, z)}{s_m} \quad (3.6)$$

hence $(v_1, v_2) \in K^+ h(t, \cdot)(z; u)$; on the other hand, from (3.6), (3.1) it follows:

$$v_3 = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left[\langle p, \frac{h_1(t, z + s_m u) - h_1(t, z)}{s_m} \rangle + \langle u_2, h_1(t, z + s_m u) \rangle - \frac{H(t, z + s_m u) - H(t, z)}{s_m} \right]$$

and since $H(t, \cdot)$ is differentiable, from (3.1) is follows:

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(t, z + s_m u) - H(t, z)}{s_m} = - \langle h_2(t, z), u_1 \rangle + \langle h_1(t, z), u_2 \rangle$$

hence $v_3 = \langle p, v_1 \rangle + \langle u_2, h_1(t, z) \rangle + \langle h_2(t, z), u_1 \rangle - \langle h_1(t, z), u_2 \rangle$ and the first inclusion (" \subseteq ") in (3.3) is proved.

To prove the reversed inclusion we consider $v = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ such that $(v_1, v_2) \in K^+ h(t, \cdot)(z; u)$, $v_3 = \langle p, v_1 \rangle + \langle h_2(t, z), u_1 \rangle$ and note that from (2.3) it follows the existence of a sequence $s_m \rightarrow 0_+$ such that the first relation in (3.6) is verified; next, since the component $c_3(t, \cdot)$ in (3.1) is obviously locally-Lipschitz, the sequence

$$\left\{ \frac{c_3(t, z + s_m u) - c_3(t, z)}{s_m}, m \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}$$

is bounded hence it has a convergent subsequence and therefore there exists $\bar{v}_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that, taking possibly a subsequence, one has:

$$(v_1, v_2, \bar{v}_3) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c(t, z + s_m u) - c(t, z)}{s_m} \in K^+ c(t, \cdot)(z; u).$$

Finally, from the proof above it follows that in this case $\bar{v}_3 = \langle p, v_1 \rangle + \langle h_2(t, z), u_1 \rangle = v_3$ and the relation in (3.3) is proved.

The relation in (3.4) follows, obviously from the one in (3.3) since v_3 depends "linearly" on v_1 while, in view of Prop.2.1, (3.5) is a particular case of (3.3), (3.4).

We note that the relation in (3.4), which seems to be ignored in the classical theory, may be extended in the same form to the "sets of contingent differentiable directions" $u \in \mathcal{D}_K^+(h(t, \cdot); z)$ defined in (2.9).

The main result of this paper is the following:

Theorem 3.4. *If Hypothesis 3.1 is satisfied and $C^*(\cdot, \cdot) = (X(\cdot, \cdot), P(\cdot, \cdot), V(\cdot, \cdot))$ is the characteristic flow in Th.3.2 then at each point $(t, z) \in D_h$, $z = (\xi, q) \in D^T$ and any direction $u = (u_1, u_2) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$, the contingent derivatives in (2.1) with respect to the second variable of its components are related as follows:*

$$K^+ V(t, \cdot)(z; u) = \{ \langle P(t, z), v_1 \rangle - \langle q, u_1 \rangle; v_1 \in K^+ X(t, \cdot)(z; u) \} \quad (3.7)$$

and therefore the extreme contingent derivatives in (2.2), (2.6) are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{D}_K^+ V(t, \cdot)(z; u) &= \max\{\langle P(t, z), v_1 \rangle - \langle q, u_1 \rangle; v_1 \in K^+ X(t; \cdot)(z; u)\} \\ \underline{D}_K^+ V(t, \cdot)(z; u) &= \min\{\langle P(t, z), v_1 \rangle - \langle q, u_1 \rangle; v_1 \in K^+ X(t; \cdot)(z; u)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

In particular, if $u \in \mathcal{D}_K^+(X(t, \cdot); z)$ (i.e. $X(t, \cdot)$ is contingent differentiable at z in direction u) then $u \in \mathcal{D}_K^+(V(t, \cdot); z)$ and:

$$(V(t, \cdot))_K^+(z; u) = \langle P(t, z), (X(t, \cdot))_K^+(z; u) \rangle - \langle q, u_1 \rangle \text{ if } u = (u_1, u_2) \tag{3.9}$$

and if $z \in \mathcal{D}_F(X(t, \cdot))$ (i.e. $X(t, \cdot)$ is differentiable at z) then $V(t, \cdot)$ is also differentiable at z and:

$$D_2 V(t, z) \cdot u = \langle P(t, z), D_2 X(t, z) \cdot u \rangle - \langle q, u_1 \rangle \quad \forall u = (u_1, u_2) \in R^{2n}. \tag{3.10}$$

Proof. To prove the inclusion " \subseteq " in (3.7) we consider $v_3 \in K^+ V(t, \cdot)(z; u)$ and note that from (2.3) it follows that there exists $s_m \rightarrow 0_+$ such that:

$$v_3 = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V(t, z + s_m u) - V(t, z)}{s_m}; \tag{3.11}$$

next, since $C^*(t, \cdot) = (X(t, \cdot), P(t, \cdot), V(t, \cdot))$ is locally-Lipschitz, as in the case above it follows that there exists $(v_1, v_2) \in K^+ X^*(t, \cdot)(z; u)$ such that, taking possibly a subsequence, the relations in (3.6) hold.

In order to prove that in this case one has $v_3 = \langle P(t, z), v_1 \rangle - \langle q, u_1 \rangle$ we apply Th.2.7 to the **C-L** "standard" vector field defined by:

$$\tilde{c}(t, x, p, v) := c(t, x, p) \quad \forall (t, x, p) \in D, v \in R \tag{3.12}$$

and to its corresponding maximal flow, $\tilde{C}^*(\cdot, \cdot)$ for which one obviously has:

$$\tilde{C}^*(t, \tilde{z}) = C^*(t, z) \text{ if } \tilde{z} = (z, 0) \in D^T \times \{0\}. \tag{3.13}$$

We take the "reference trajectory"

$$C(s) := (X(s), P(s), V(s)) := \tilde{C}^*(s, \tilde{z}) = C^*(s, z), \quad s \in I_1 = [T, t] \tag{3.14}$$

and note that from statement (i) of Th.2.7 it follows that for the vectors $\tilde{u} := (u, 0) \in R^{2n} \times \{0\}$, $v \in K^+ \tilde{C}^*(t, \cdot)(\tilde{z}; \tilde{u})$ there exists a Carathéodory solution $w(\cdot) = (w_1(\cdot), w_2(\cdot), w_3(\cdot)) \in AC(I; R^{2n+1})$ of the **CVI**:

$$w'(s) \in \text{co}[K^+ \tilde{c}(s, \cdot)(C(s); w(s))] \text{ a.e.}(I_1) \tag{3.15}$$

such that:

$$w(T) = \tilde{u}, w(t) = v, w(s) \in K^+ \tilde{C}^*(s, \cdot)(\tilde{z}; \tilde{u}) \quad \forall s \in I_1 = [T, t]. \tag{3.16}$$

We note that from (3.12) and (2.1) it follows that:

$$K^+ \tilde{c}(t, \cdot)(\tilde{z}, \tilde{u}) = K^+ c(t, \cdot)(z; u) \text{ if } \tilde{z} = (z, r) \in D^t \times R, \tilde{u} = (u, 0) \in R^{2n} \times \{0\}$$

hence the **CVI** in (3.15) becomes:

$$w'(s) \in \text{co}[K^+ c(s, \cdot)(X^*(s); (w_1(s), w_2(s)))] \text{ a.e.}(I_1), X^*(\cdot) = (X(\cdot), P(\cdot))$$

We apply now Prop.3.3 to conclude that one has:

$$\begin{aligned} (w'_1(s), w'_2(s)) &\in \text{co}[K^+h(s, \cdot)(X^*(s); w_1(s), w_2(s)) \text{ a.e.}(I_1) \\ w'_3(s) &= \langle P(s), w'_1(s) \rangle + \langle h_2(s, X^*(s)), w_1(s) \rangle \text{ a.e.}(I_1). \end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

Therefore, since from (1.2) it follows that $P'(s) = h_2(s, X^*(s)) \text{ a.e.}(I_1)$, from the last relation in (3.17) it follows that:

$$w'_3(s) = \frac{d}{ds}[\langle P(s), w_1(s) \rangle] \text{ a.e.}(I_1)$$

hence using the Leibnitz-Newton formula for AC mappings one obtains: $w_3(t) = w_3(T) + \langle P(t), w_1(t) \rangle - \langle P(T), w_1(T) \rangle$ which, together with the end-point conditions in (3.16) and the fact that $X^*(T) = (\xi, q) = z$, proves the fact that $v_3 = \langle P(t, z), v_1 \rangle - \langle q, u_1 \rangle$ and the first inclusion in (3.7) is proved.

To prove the reversed inclusion we consider $v_1 \in K^+X(t, \cdot)(z, u)$, $v_3 := \langle P(t, z), v_1 \rangle - \langle q, u_1 \rangle$ and note that from (2.3) it follows that there exists $s_m \rightarrow 0_+$ such that: $v_1 = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (X(t, z + s_m u) - X(t, z))/s_m$; as in the other cases above, since $V(t, \cdot)$ is locally-Lipschitz it follows that there exists $\bar{v}_3 \in R$ such that, taking possibly a subsequence one has:

$$\bar{v}_3 = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V(t, z + s_m u) - V(t, z)}{s_m} \in K^+V(t, \cdot)(z; u)$$

hence from the proof above it follows that $\bar{v}_3 = \langle P(t, z), v_1 \rangle - \langle q, u_1 \rangle = v_3$ and the theorem is completely proved since the relations in (3.9) and (3.10) are obvious particular cases of the one in (3.7).

Noting that for $r = 0$ the relation in (1.1) coincide with (3.10), we prove now a more complete generalization of (1.1) in the case $r \in R$:

Corollary 3.5. *If Hypothesis 3.1 is satisfied and $J_c \subset \text{pr}_1 D$ is the null subset in (3.2) then at each point $z = (\xi, q) \in D^T$, $t \in I(z) \setminus J_c$ and any direction $(r, u) \in R \times R^{2n}$, the contingent derivatives in (2.1) of the components of the characteristic flow are related as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} K^+V((t, z); (r, u)) &= \{ \langle P(t, z), v_1 \rangle - r.H(t, X^*(t, z)) - \langle q, u_1 \rangle; \\ v_1 &\in K^+X((t, z); (r, u)) \}, \text{ if } u = (u_1, u_2), t \in I(z) \setminus J_c, z \in D^T. \end{aligned} \tag{3.18}$$

In particular, if $X(\cdot, \cdot)$ is differentiable at $(t, z) \in D_h$ then $V(\cdot, \cdot)$ is also differentiable at the same point and the formula in (1.1) is verified.

Proof. We prove first that outside of the null subset J_c in (3.2) the contingent derivatives of the characteristic flow $C^*(\cdot, \cdot)$ (and therefore, of each of its components) satisfy the relation:

$$K^+C^*((t, z); (r, u)) = D_1C^*(t, z).r + K^+C^*(t, \cdot)(z; u) \text{ if } t \in I(z) \setminus J_c. \tag{3.19}$$

To prove the inclusion " \supseteq " we consider $v \in K^+C^*((t, z); (r, u))$ and note that from (2.1) it follows that there exists a sequence $(s_m, r_m, u_m) \rightarrow (0_+, r, u)$ such that:

$$v = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s_m} [C^*(t + s_m r_m, z + s_m u_m) - C(t, z)]; \tag{3.20}$$

next, since $C^*(t, \cdot)$ is Lipschitzean, taking possibly a subsequence one may assume that:

$$\begin{aligned} \exists v^2 &:= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s_m} [C^*(t, z + s_m u_m) - C^*(t, z)] \in K^+C^*(t, \cdot)(z; u) \\ v - v^2 &= v^1 := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s_m} [C^*(t + s_m r_m, z + s_m u_m) - C(t, z + s_m u_m)]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.21}$$

Using the "integrable-Lipschitz" property in Def.2.3 of $c(\cdot, \cdot)$ and the "usual" Lipschitz property in Th.3.2 of $C^*(\cdot, \cdot)$ one may easily prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} v^1 &:= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s_m} \int_t^{t+s_m r_m} c(s, X^*(s, z + s_m u_m)) ds = \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s_m} \int_t^{t+s_m r_m} c(s, X^*(s, z)) ds = D_1 C^*(t, z) \cdot r \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

(since $t \in I(z) \setminus J_c$) and the first inclusion in (3.19) is proved; the reversed inclusion follows in the same way noting that if $v^2 \in K^+ C^*(t, \cdot)(z; u)$ is of the form in (3.21) and $v^1 := D_1 C^*(t, z) \cdot r$ then using (3.22) it follows that $v := v^1 + v^2$ is of the form in (3.20) and (3.19) is proved; the relation in (3.18) is an obvious consequence of (3.7) and (3.19) and Cor.3.5 is completely proved.

We note that, apparently, the most general case in which (3.18) is verified also at the points $t \in J_c$ seems to be that in which the mappings $H(\cdot, z)$, $h(\cdot, z)$, $z \in pr_2 D$ are *regular*, having one-sided limits at each point hence an at most countable number of discontinuity points, all of the first kind.

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