

## DIRAC PAIRS ON JACOBI ALGEBROIDS

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ABSTRACT. We define Dirac pairs on Jacobi algebroids, which is a generalization of Dirac pairs on Lie algebroids introduced by Kosmann-Schwarzbach. We show the relationship between Dirac pairs on Lie and on Jacobi algebroids, and that Dirac pairs on Jacobi algebroids characterize several compatible structures on Jacobi algebroids.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Poisson and symplectic structures on smooth manifolds have wide application in the theory of integrable systems on smooth manifolds, especially even dimensional manifolds. These structures are generalized on Lie algebroids. One of further generalizations of Poisson structures on Lie algebroids is Dirac structures, which are defined on Lie bialgebroids in general [7]. Dirac structures on a Lie algebroid  $A$  are defined by using the Lie bialgebroid canonically determined for  $A$ . In terms of applications in the theory of integrable systems, compatible two structures, for example,  $P\Omega$ - and  $\Omega N$ -structures [12], are often used. The notion dealing with these compatible structures in a unified way is a Dirac pair, which was introduced by Kosmann-Schwarzbach [4].

On the other hand, contact structures can be defined on odd dimensional manifolds, and Jacobi structures are generalizations of contact structures. Moreover Jacobi structures are generalized as structures on Jacobi algebroids. As a generalization of both Jacobi structures on Jacobi algebroids and Dirac structures on Lie bialgebroids, we can define Dirac structures on Jacobi bialgebroids [14]. As in the case of Lie algebroid, Dirac structures on Jacobi algebroids can also be defined naturally. In addition, we can define several compatible structures on Jacobi algebroids, for example,  $J\Omega$ - and  $\Omega N$ -structures. In this paper, we define Dirac pairs on Jacobi bialgebroids and prove that  $J\Omega$ - and  $\Omega N$ -structures can be characterized by Dirac pairs. Furthermore, we investigate relationships between Dirac pairs on Lie and Jacobi bialgebroids.

This paper is divided into four sections. In Section 2, we recall several definitions, properties and examples of Lie and Jacobi algebroids, relations, Dirac structures on Lie and Jacobi bialgebroids, and Dirac pairs on Lie bialgebroids. Here Jacobi algebroids (resp. bialgebroids) are generalizations of

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Lie algebroids (resp. bialgebroids). In Section 3, we define Dirac pairs on Jacobi bialgebroids. A Dirac pair is a pair  $(L, L')$  of two Dirac structures such that the induced relation  $N_{L, L'}$  is Nijenhuis. In Theorem 3.2, we show that  $(\text{graph } \pi_1^\sharp, \text{graph } \pi_2^\sharp)$ ,  $(\text{graph } \pi_1^\sharp, \text{graph } \omega_2^b)$  and  $(\text{graph } \omega_1^b, \text{graph } \omega_2^b)$  are Dirac pairs on a Jacobi bialgebroid  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  over  $M$  if and only if  $(\text{graph } \tilde{\pi}_1^\sharp, \text{graph } \tilde{\pi}_2^\sharp)$ ,  $(\text{graph } \tilde{\pi}_1^\sharp, \text{graph } \tilde{\omega}_2^b)$  and  $(\text{graph } \tilde{\omega}_1^b, \text{graph } \tilde{\omega}_2^b)$  are Dirac pairs on the induced Lie bialgebroid  $(\tilde{A}_{\tilde{\phi}_0}, \tilde{A}_{\tilde{X}_0}^*)$  over  $M \times \mathbb{R}$ , respectively. Here  $\pi_i$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 A)$  and  $\omega_i$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 A^*)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are elements satisfying the Maurer-Cartan type equation, and we set  $\tilde{\pi}_i := e^{-t}\pi_i$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 \tilde{A})$  and  $\tilde{\omega}_i := e^t\omega_i$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 \tilde{A}^*)$ , where  $t$  is the standard coordinate in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Since this theorem means that the condition to be a Dirac pair is preserved between  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  and  $(\tilde{A}_{\tilde{\phi}_0}, \tilde{A}_{\tilde{X}_0}^*)$ , it is important. This is the main theorem in this paper. In Section 4, we consider Jacobi pairs and  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic pairs defined by using Dirac pairs on Jacobi algebroids. We show the relationship between Jacobi (resp.  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic) pairs and Poisson (resp. presymplectic) pairs, and prove that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between the non-degenerate Jacobi pairs and the  $\phi_0$ -symplectic pairs on Jacobi algebroids. Moreover, we introduce  $J\Omega$ - and  $\Omega N$ -structures on Jacobi algebroids. These structures are defined as generalizations of  $P\Omega$ - and  $\Omega N$ -structures on Lie algebroids [12]. In addition to these, there are also  $PN$  (or Poisson-Nijenhuis) structures on Lie algebroids [12], [5]. However there exists already a generalization of  $PN$  structures on Jacobi algebroids called Jacobi-Nijenhuis structures [13], [2]. We show the relationship between  $J\Omega$ - (resp.  $\Omega N$ -)structures on Jacobi algebroids and  $P\Omega$ - (resp.  $\Omega N$ -)structures on Lie algebroids, and prove that  $J\Omega$ - and  $\Omega N$ -structures can be characterized by Dirac pairs on Jacobi algebroids.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**2.1. Lie and Jacobi algebroids.** A *Lie algebroid* over a manifold  $M$  is a vector bundle  $A \rightarrow M$  equipped with a Lie bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]_A$  on  $\Gamma(A)$  and a bundle map  $\rho_A : A \rightarrow TM$  over  $M$ , called the *anchor*, satisfying the following condition: for any  $X, Y$  in  $\Gamma(A)$  and  $f$  in  $C^\infty(M)$ ,

$$[X, fY]_A = f[X, Y]_A + (\rho_A(X)f)Y.$$

Let  $A := (A, [\cdot, \cdot]_A, \rho_A)$  be a Lie algebroid over  $M$ . The *Schouten bracket* on  $\Gamma(\Lambda^* A)$  is defined similarly to the Schouten bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  on  $\mathfrak{X}^*(M)$ . That is, the Schouten bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]_A : \Gamma(\Lambda^k A) \times \Gamma(\Lambda^l A) \rightarrow \Gamma(\Lambda^{k+l-1} A)$  is defined as the unique extension of the Lie bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]_A$  on  $\Gamma(A)$  such that

$$[f, g]_A = 0;$$

$$[X, f]_A = \rho_A(X)f;$$

$[X, Y]_A$  is the Lie bracket on  $\Gamma(A)$ ;

$$[D_1, D_2 \wedge D_3]_A = [D_1, D_2]_A \wedge D_3 + (-1)^{(a_1+1)a_2} D_2 \wedge [D_1, D_3]_A;$$

$$[D_1, D_2]_A = -(-1)^{(a_1-1)(a_2-1)} [D_2, D_1]_A$$

for any  $f, g$  in  $C^\infty(M)$ ,  $X, Y$  in  $\Gamma(A)$  and  $D_i$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^{a_i} A)$ . The *differential* of the Lie algebroid  $A$  is an operator  $d_A : \Gamma(\Lambda^k A^*) \rightarrow \Gamma(\Lambda^{k+1} A^*)$  defined by for any  $\omega$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^k A^*)$  and  $X_0, \dots, X_k$  in  $\Gamma(A)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (d_A \omega)(X_0, \dots, X_k) &= \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \rho_A(X_i) (\omega(X_0, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, X_k)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \omega([X_i, X_j]_A, X_0, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_k). \end{aligned}$$

For any  $X$  in  $\Gamma(A)$ , the *Lie derivative*  $\mathcal{L}_X^A : \Gamma(\Lambda^k A^*) \rightarrow \Gamma(\Lambda^k A^*)$  is defined by the *Cartan formula*  $\mathcal{L}_X^A := d_A \iota_X + \iota_X d_A$  and  $\mathcal{L}_X^A$  is extended on  $\Gamma(\Lambda^* A)$  in the same way as the usual Lie derivative  $\mathcal{L}_X$ . Then it follows that  $\mathcal{L}_X^A D = [X, D]_A$  for any  $D$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^* A)$ .

*Example 1.* (i) For any manifold  $M$ , the tangent bundle  $(TM, [\cdot, \cdot], \text{id}_{TM})$  is a Lie algebroid over  $M$ , where  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  is the usual Lie bracket on the vector fields  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

(ii) For any vector bundle  $A$  over  $M$ , we set  $[\cdot, \cdot]_A := 0$  and  $\rho_A := 0$ . Then  $A_0 := (A, [\cdot, \cdot]_A, \rho_A)$  is a Lie algebroid. We call  $([\cdot, \cdot]_A, \rho_A)$  the *trivial Lie algebroid structure* on  $A$ .

*Example 2* ([3]). Let  $A$  be a vector bundle over a manifold  $M$  and set  $A \oplus \mathbb{R} := A \oplus (M \times \mathbb{R})$ . Then the sections  $\Gamma(\Lambda^k(A \oplus \mathbb{R}))$  and  $\Gamma(\Lambda^k(A \oplus \mathbb{R})^*)$  can be identified with  $\Gamma(\Lambda^k A) \oplus \Gamma(\Lambda^{k-1} A)$  and  $\Gamma(\Lambda^k A^*) \oplus \Gamma(\Lambda^{k-1} A^*)$ , respectively. Now, assume that  $A = (A, [\cdot, \cdot]_A, \rho_A)$  is a Lie algebroid over  $M$ . Then  $(A \oplus \mathbb{R}, [\cdot, \cdot]_{A \oplus \mathbb{R}}, \rho_A \circ \text{pr}_1)$  is also a Lie algebroid over  $M$ , where the bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]_{A \oplus \mathbb{R}}$  is defined by

$$[(X, f), (Y, g)]_{A \oplus \mathbb{R}} := ([X, Y]_A, \rho_A(X)g - \rho_A(Y)f)$$

and the map  $\text{pr}_1 : A \oplus \mathbb{R} \rightarrow A$  is the canonical projection to the first factor.

Next, we define Jacobi algebroids. A pair  $(A, \phi_0)$  is a *Jacobi algebroid* over  $M$  if  $A = (A, [\cdot, \cdot]_A, \rho_A)$  is a Lie algebroid over  $M$  and  $\phi_0$  in  $\Gamma(A^*)$  is  $d_A$ -closed, that is,  $d_A \phi_0 = 0$ .

*Example 3.* For a Lie algebroid  $A \oplus \mathbb{R}$  in Example 2, we set  $\phi_0 := (0, 1)$  in  $\Gamma(A^* \oplus \mathbb{R}) = \Gamma(A^*) \oplus C^\infty(M)$ . Then  $(A \oplus \mathbb{R}, \phi_0)$  is a Jacobi algebroid.

*Example 4.* For any Lie algebroid  $A$  over  $M$ , we set  $\phi_0 := 0$ . Then  $(A, \phi_0)$  is a Jacobi algebroid. We call  $\phi_0$  the *trivial Jacobi algebroid structure* on  $A$ . Therefore any Lie algebroid is a Jacobi algebroid.

For a Jacobi algebroid  $(A, \phi_0)$ , there is the  $\phi_0$ -Schouten bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]_{A, \phi_0}$  on  $\Gamma(\Lambda^* A)$  given by

$$[D_1, D_2]_{A, \phi_0} := [D_1, D_2]_A + (a_1 - 1)D_1 \wedge \iota_{\phi_0} D_2 \\ - (-1)^{a_1+1}(a_2 - 1)\iota_{\phi_0} D_1 \wedge D_2$$

for any  $D_i$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^{a_i} A)$ , where  $[\cdot, \cdot]_A$  is the Schouten bracket of the Lie algebroid  $A$ . The  $\phi_0$ -differential  $d_{A, \phi_0}$  and the  $\phi_0$ -Lie derivative  $\mathcal{L}_X^{A, \phi_0}$  are defined by

$$d_{A, \phi_0} \omega := d_A \omega + \phi_0 \wedge \omega, \quad \mathcal{L}_X^{A, \phi_0} := \iota_X \circ d_{A, \phi_0} + d_{A, \phi_0} \circ \iota_X$$

for any  $\omega$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^* A^*)$  and  $X$  in  $\Gamma(A)$ . For any  $\pi$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 A)$ ,  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  in  $\Gamma(A^*)$ , it follows that

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{1}{2}[\pi, \pi]_{A, \phi_0}(\xi, \eta, \cdot) = [\pi^\sharp \xi, \pi^\sharp \eta]_A - \pi^\sharp \left( \mathcal{L}_{\pi^\sharp \xi}^{A, \phi_0} \eta - \mathcal{L}_{\pi^\sharp \eta}^{A, \phi_0} \xi - d_{A, \phi_0} \langle \pi^\sharp \xi, \eta \rangle \right),$$

where a bundle map  $\pi^\sharp : A^* \rightarrow A$  over  $M$  is defined by  $\langle \pi^\sharp \xi, \eta \rangle := \pi(\xi, \eta)$ .

We call a  $d_{A, \phi_0}$ -closed 2-cosection  $\omega$ , i.e.,  $d_{A, \phi_0} \omega = 0$ , a  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$ . A  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic structure  $\omega$  is called a  $\phi_0$ -symplectic structure if  $\omega$  is non-degenerate.

*Example 5.* We consider  $A := TM \oplus \mathbb{R}$  and  $\phi_0 := (0, 1)$  in  $\Omega^1(M) \oplus C^\infty(M)$ . Then any  $\omega$  in  $\Omega^2(M) \oplus \Omega^1(M)$  can be written as  $\omega = (\alpha, \beta)$  ( $\alpha \in \Omega^2(M)$ ,  $\beta \in \Omega^1(M)$ ). Then  $\omega = (\alpha, \beta)$  is  $(0, 1)$ -presymplectic on  $(TM \oplus \mathbb{R}, (0, 1))$  if and only if  $\alpha = d\beta$ . Moreover setting  $\dim M = 2n + 1$ , we see that a  $(0, 1)$ -presymplectic structure  $\omega = (d\beta, \beta)$  is non-degenerate if and only if  $\beta \wedge (d\beta)^n \neq 0$ , that is,  $\beta$  is a *contact structure* on  $M$ . Therefore a  $(0, 1)$ -symplectic structure on  $(TM \oplus \mathbb{R}, (0, 1))$  is just a contact structure on  $M$ .

As a generalization of Poisson structures on Lie algebroids, we define Jacobi structures on Jacobi algebroids. That is, a *Jacobi structure* on a Jacobi algebroid  $(A, \phi_0)$  is a 2-section  $\pi$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 A)$  satisfying the condition

$$(2.2) \quad [\pi, \pi]_{A, \phi_0} = 0.$$

For any Lie algebroid  $A$  equipped with the trivial Jacobi algebroid structure 0, it follows that  $[\cdot, \cdot]_{A, 0} = [\cdot, \cdot]_A$ . Hence Jacobi structures on  $(A, 0)$  are just Poisson structures on  $A$ .

It is well known that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between  $\phi_0$ -symplectic structures on  $(A, \phi_0)$  and non-degenerate Jacobi structures on  $(A, \phi_0)$ . In fact, for a non-degenerate Jacobi structure  $\pi$  on  $(A, \phi_0)$ , a

2-cosection  $\omega_\pi$  characterized by  $\omega_\pi^\flat = -(\pi^\sharp)^{-1}$  is  $\phi_0$ -symplectic on  $(A, \phi_0)$ , where for any 2-cosection  $\omega$ , a bundle map  $\omega^\flat : A \rightarrow A^*$  over  $M$  is defined by  $\langle \omega^\flat X, Y \rangle := \omega(X, Y)$ .

Let  $p_A : A \rightarrow M$  be a vector bundle over  $M$ . We set  $\tilde{A} := A \times \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $p_{\tilde{A}} : \tilde{A} \rightarrow M \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p_{\tilde{A}}(X, t) := (p_A(X), t)$ , is a vector bundle over  $M \times \mathbb{R}$ . The sections  $\Gamma(\tilde{A})$  can be identified with the set of time-dependent sections of  $A$ . We assume that  $(A, \phi_0)$  is a Jacobi algebroid. Under the above identification, we can define two Lie algebroid structures  $([\cdot, \cdot]_A^{\hat{\phi}_0}, \hat{\rho}_A^{\phi_0})$  and  $([\cdot, \cdot]_A^{\bar{\phi}_0}, \bar{\rho}_A^{\phi_0})$  on  $\tilde{A}$ , where for any  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\tilde{Y}$  in  $\Gamma(\tilde{A})$ ,

(2.3)

$$[\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]_A^{\hat{\phi}_0} := e^{-t} \left( [\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]_A + \langle \phi_0, \tilde{X} \rangle \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{Y}}{\partial t} - \tilde{Y} \right) - \langle \phi_0, \tilde{Y} \rangle \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{X}}{\partial t} - \tilde{X} \right) \right),$$

$$(2.4) \quad \hat{\rho}_A^{\phi_0}(\tilde{X}) := e^{-t} \left( \rho_A(\tilde{X}) + \langle \phi_0, \tilde{X} \rangle \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right),$$

$$(2.5) \quad [\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]_A^{\bar{\phi}_0} := [\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]_A + \langle \phi_0, \tilde{X} \rangle \frac{\partial \tilde{Y}}{\partial t} - \langle \phi_0, \tilde{Y} \rangle \frac{\partial \tilde{X}}{\partial t},$$

$$(2.6) \quad \bar{\rho}_A^{\phi_0}(\tilde{X}) := \rho_A(\tilde{X}) + \langle \phi_0, \tilde{X} \rangle \frac{\partial}{\partial t}.$$

The definition and properties of Jacobi bialgebroids are the followings. Jacobi bialgebroids are important to define Dirac structures in Subsection 2.2.

**Definition 1** ([3]). Let  $A = (A, [\cdot, \cdot]_A, \rho_A)$  be a Lie algebroid over  $M$ ,  $A^*$  the dual vector bundle of  $A$  with a Lie algebroid structure  $([\cdot, \cdot]_{A^*}, \rho_{A^*})$ ,  $\phi_0$  and  $X_0$  a Jacobi algebroid structures on  $A$  and on  $A^* = (A^*, [\cdot, \cdot]_{A^*}, \rho_{A^*})$ , respectively. Then a pair  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  is a *Jacobi bialgebroid* over  $M$  if for any  $X, Y$  in  $\Gamma(A)$  and  $P$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^k A)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d_{A^*, X_0}[X, Y]_A &= [d_{A^*, X_0}X, Y]_{A, \phi_0} + [X, d_{A^*, X_0}Y]_{A, \phi_0}, \\ \mathcal{L}_{X_0}^{A, \phi_0}P + \mathcal{L}_{\phi_0}^{A^*, X_0}P &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $d_{A^*, X_0}$  is the  $X_0$ -differential and  $\mathcal{L}_{\phi_0}^{A^*, X_0}$  is the  $X_0$ -Lie derivative of  $(A^*, X_0)$  with respect to  $\phi_0$ .

*Example 6* (Lie bialgebroids [10]). Let  $A$  and  $A^*$  be vector bundles in duality equipped with Lie algebroid structures and the trivial Jacobi algebroid structures 0. Then a pair  $((A, 0), (A^*, 0))$  is a Jacobi bialgebroid if and only if a pair  $(A, A^*)$  is a Lie bialgebroid.

*Example 7* ([3]). For any Jacobi algebroid  $(A, \phi_0)$  and its dual bundle  $(A_0^*, 0)$  equipped with the trivial Lie and Jacobi algebroid structure, a pair  $((A, \phi_0), (A_0^*, 0))$  is a Jacobi bialgebroid.

Proposition 2.1 is the relation between a Jacobi and Lie bialgebroid.

*Proposition 2.1* ([3]). A pair  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  is a Jacobi bialgebroid over  $M$  if and only if a pair  $(\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-, \tilde{A}_{X_0}^{*\wedge}) = ((\tilde{A}, [\cdot, \cdot]_A^{\phi_0}, \tilde{\rho}_A^{\phi_0}), (\tilde{A}^*, [\cdot, \cdot]_A^{\hat{X}_0}, \tilde{\rho}_A^{X_0}))$  is a Lie bialgebroid over  $M \times \mathbb{R}$ .

Proposition 2.2 follows immediately from Proposition 2.1.

*Proposition 2.2* ([3]). If  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  is a Jacobi bialgebroid, then so is  $((A^*, X_0), (A, \phi_0))$ .

**2.2. Dirac structures on Jacobi algebroids.** To define Dirac structures on a Jacobi bialgebroid  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$ , we introduce the following pairings  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\pm}$  and bracket  $[\![\cdot, \cdot]\!]'$  on the Whitney sum  $A \oplus A^*$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (X + \xi, Y + \eta)_{\pm} &:= \frac{1}{2} (\langle \xi, Y \rangle \pm \langle \eta, X \rangle); \\ [\![X + \xi, Y + \eta]\!] &:= ([X, Y]_{A, \phi_0} + \mathcal{L}_{\xi}^{A^*, X_0} Y - \mathcal{L}_{\eta}^{A^*, X_0} X - d_{A^*, X_0}(X + \xi, Y + \eta)_{-}) \\ &\quad + ([\xi, \eta]_{A^*, X_0} + \mathcal{L}_X^{A, \phi_0} \eta - \mathcal{L}_Y^{A, \phi_0} \xi + d_{A, \phi_0}(X + \xi, Y + \eta)_{-}); \end{aligned}$$

We notice that the pairings  $(\cdot, \cdot)'_{\pm}$  and the bracket  $[\![\cdot, \cdot]\!]'$  defined as above on  $A^* \oplus A$  for a Jacobi bialgebroid  $((A^*, X_0), (A, \phi_0))$  satisfy

$$(2.7) \quad (\cdot, \cdot)'_{\pm} = \pm(\cdot, \cdot)_{\pm}, \quad [\![\cdot, \cdot]\!] = [\![\cdot, \cdot]\!]'$$

**Definition 2** ([14]). Let  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  be a Jacobi bialgebroid over  $M$ . A subbundle  $L$  of  $A \oplus A^*$  is a *Dirac structure* on  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  if it is maximally isotropic under the pairing  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{+}$  and  $\Gamma(L)$  is closed under the bracket  $[\![\cdot, \cdot]\!]'$ . By (2.7), the Dirac structures on  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  and on  $((A^*, X_0), (A, \phi_0))$  coincide. For a Jacobi algebroid  $(A, \phi_0)$ , we call a Dirac structure on a Jacobi bialgebroid  $((A, \phi_0), (A_0^*, 0))$  in Example 7 a *Dirac structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$* .

Let  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  be a Jacobi bialgebroid over  $M$ ,  $\pi$  and  $\omega$  elements in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 A)$  and in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 A^*)$ , respectively. We set

$$\begin{aligned} \text{graph } \pi^{\sharp} &:= \{\pi^{\sharp} \xi + \xi \mid \xi \in A^*\} \subset A \oplus A^*, \\ \text{graph } \omega^{\flat} &:= \{X + \omega X \mid X \in A\} \subset A \oplus A^*. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.3** ([14]). *With the above notations,  $\text{graph } \pi^{\sharp}$  (resp.  $\text{graph } \omega^{\flat}$ ), the graph of a bundle map  $\pi^{\sharp}$  (resp.  $\omega^{\flat}$ ), is a Dirac structure on  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  if and only if  $\pi$  (resp.  $\omega$ ) satisfies the Maurer-Cartan type equation:*

$$(2.8) \quad d_{A^*, X_0} \pi + \frac{1}{2} [\pi, \pi]_{A, \phi_0} = 0 \quad \left( \text{resp. } d_{A, \phi_0} \omega + \frac{1}{2} [\omega, \omega]_{A^*, X_0} = 0 \right).$$

*Remark.* A Dirac structure on a Jacobi bialgebroid  $((A, 0), (A^*, 0))$  in Example 6 is called a *Dirac structure on a Lie bialgebroid  $(A, A^*)$*  and a Dirac structure on a Lie bialgebroid  $(A, A_0^*)$  is called a *Dirac structure on a Lie algebroid  $A$* . Then (2.8) coincides with the Maurer-Cartan type equation for a Lie bialgebroid  $(A, A^*)$  introduced in [7].

*Example 8.* For any Jacobi algebroid  $(A, \phi_0)$ , the Maurer-Cartan type equations for  $(A, \phi_0)$  are

$$[\pi, \pi]_{A, \phi_0} = 0, \quad d_{A, \phi_0} \omega = 0.$$

The former means that  $\pi$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 A)$  is a Jacobi structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$  and the latter means that  $\omega$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 A^*)$  is a  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$ .

**2.3. Relations.** For any vector bundles  $U$  and  $V$  over a manifold  $M$ , we call a subset of a direct product of the sections  $\Gamma(U)$  and  $\Gamma(V)$  a *relation*. Let  $R$  be a subset of  $U \times V$ . Then the relation  $\underline{R}$  induced by  $R$  is defined by

$$\underline{R} := \{(X, Y) \in \Gamma(U) \times \Gamma(V) \mid \forall p \in M, (X_p, Y_p) \in R\}.$$

We also call  $R$  a relation. We notice that  $\underline{R} = \Gamma(R)$  if  $R \subset U \times V$  is a vector bundle over  $M$ . For any bundle map  $\phi : U \rightarrow V$ , we get  $\underline{\text{graph } \phi} = \text{graph } \underline{\phi}$ . Here  $\underline{\phi} : \Gamma(U) \rightarrow \Gamma(V)$  is the map induced by  $\phi$ . In the rest of this paper, we shall omit underline and denote the induced relation and map by the same symbols.

Let  $U, V$  and  $W$  be vector bundles over a manifold  $M$ . The *composition*  $R' * R$  of relations  $R \subset \Gamma(U) \times \Gamma(V)$  and  $R' \subset \Gamma(V) \times \Gamma(W)$ , the *inverse*  $\overline{R}$  and the *dual*  $R^*$  of a relation  $R \subset \Gamma(U) \times \Gamma(V)$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} R' * R &:= \{(u, w) \in \Gamma(U) \times \Gamma(W) \mid \exists v \in \Gamma(V), (u, v) \in R \text{ and } (v, w) \in R'\}, \\ \overline{R} &:= \{(v, u) \in \Gamma(V) \times \Gamma(U) \mid (u, v) \in R\}, \\ R^* &:= \{(\beta, \alpha) \in \Gamma(V^*) \times \Gamma(U^*) \mid \forall (u, v) \in R, \langle \alpha, u \rangle = \langle \beta, v \rangle\}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover for relations  $R \subset \Gamma(U) \times \Gamma(V)$  and  $R' \subset \Gamma(V) \times \Gamma(W)$ , we set

$$R' \diamond R := \{(u, v, w) \in \Gamma(U) \times \Gamma(V) \times \Gamma(W) \mid (u, v) \in R, (v, w) \in R'\}.$$

We notice that  $\overline{R' * R} = \overline{R} * \overline{R'}$  and that  $\overline{R^*} = \overline{R}^*$ . Let  $\phi : U \rightarrow V$  and  $\phi' : V \rightarrow W$  be bundle maps. Then we obtain  $\text{graph } \phi' * \text{graph } \phi = \text{graph}(\phi' \circ \phi)$ . It is clear that  $\text{graph } \underline{\phi} = \text{graph}(\phi^{-1})$  if  $\phi$  is invertible.

We define the Nijenhuis torsion of relations in Lie algebroids.

**Definition 3** ([4]). Let  $(A, [\cdot, \cdot]_A, \rho_A)$  be a Lie algebroid over  $M$ . Then the *Nijenhuis torsion* of a relation  $R \subset \Gamma(A) \times \Gamma(A)$  (or  $A \times A$ ) is a map  $\mathcal{T}_R : R \times R \times (R^* \diamond R^*) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$  defined by

$$\mathcal{T}_R((X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2), (\alpha, \beta, \gamma))$$

$$:= \langle \alpha, [Y_1, Y_2]_A \rangle - \langle \beta, [Y_1, X_2]_A + [X_1, Y_2]_A \rangle + \langle \gamma, [X_1, X_2]_A \rangle$$

for all  $(X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2)$  in  $R$  and  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  in  $R^* \diamond R^*$ . A relation  $R$  is *Nijenhuis* if  $\mathcal{T}_R$  vanishes.

It follows easily that  $\mathcal{T}_R = \overline{\mathcal{T}_R}$ . A section  $N$  in  $\Gamma(A^* \otimes A)$  is a *Nijenhuis structure* on  $A$ , that is,  $N$  satisfies that

$$\mathcal{T}_N(X, Y) := [NX, NY]_A - N[NX, Y]_A - N[X, NY]_A + N^2[X, Y]_A$$

vanishes for any  $X$  and  $Y$  in  $\Gamma(A)$ , if and only if  $\text{graph } N$  is a Nijenhuis relation on  $A$ .

**2.4. Dirac pairs on Lie bialgebroids.** For any relations  $L$  and  $L' \subset A \times A^*$ , where  $A$  and  $A^*$  are vector bundles in duality over  $M$ , we set  $N_{L, L'} := \overline{L} * L'$ . Then we get  $N_{L, L'} = \overline{N_{L', L}}$ .

**Definition 4** ([4]). Let  $(A, A^*)$  be a Lie bialgebroid over  $M$ ,  $L$  and  $L'$  Dirac structures on  $(A, A^*)$  (see Remark 2.2). Then  $(L, L')$  is a *Dirac pair* on  $(A, A^*)$  if  $N_{L, L'}$  is a Nijenhuis relation. A Dirac pair  $(L, L')$  on  $(A, A_0^*)$  is called a *Dirac pair on  $A$* .

Since  $\mathcal{T}_{N_{L, L'}} = \overline{\mathcal{T}_{N_{L', L}}} = \mathcal{T}_{N_{L', L}}$ , if  $(L, L')$  is a Dirac pair, then so is  $(L', L)$ .

Let  $A$  be a Lie algebroid over  $M$ . Then a 2-section on  $A$  is Poisson if and only if its graph is a Dirac structure on  $A$ , i.e.,  $[\pi, \pi]_A = 0$ . A pair  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  of two Poisson structures on  $A$  is a *Poisson pair* if a pair  $(\text{graph } \pi_1^\sharp, \text{graph } \pi_2^\sharp)$  is a Dirac pair on  $A$ . A Poisson pair  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  is *non-degenerate* if both  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are non-degenerate. If two Poisson structures  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  on  $A$  are compatible, i.e.,  $\pi_1 + \pi_2$  is also Poisson, then  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  is a Poisson pair by Theorem 2.3 in [4]. Conversely, if a Poisson pair  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  satisfies

$$(2.9) \quad A^* = (\pi_1^\sharp)^{-1}(\text{Im } \pi_2^\sharp) \cap (\pi_2^\sharp)^{-1}(\text{Im } \pi_1^\sharp),$$

then two Poisson structures  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  on  $A$  are compatible. In particular, since a non-degenerate Poisson pair  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  satisfies (2.9), the two Poisson structures  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  on  $A$  are compatible.

A 2-cosection on  $A$  is presymplectic, i.e., it is  $d_A$ -closed, if and only if its graph is a Dirac structure on  $A$ . A pair  $(\omega, \omega')$  of two presymplectic structures on  $A$  is a *presymplectic pair* if a pair  $(\text{graph } \omega^b, \text{graph } \omega'^b)$  is a Dirac pair. A presymplectic pair  $(\omega, \omega')$  is *symplectic pair* if both  $\omega$  and  $\omega'$  are symplectic. The following proposition for Poisson and presymplectic pairs holds.

**Proposition 2.4** ([4]). Symplectic pairs are in one-to-one correspondence with non-degenerate Poisson pairs.



At the end of this subsection, we describe P $\Omega$ - and  $\Omega$ N-structures on a Lie algebroid.

**Definition 5** ([4]). Let  $A$  be a Lie algebroid over  $M$ ,  $\pi$  a 2-section on  $A$  and  $\omega$  a 2-cosection on  $A$ . Then a pair  $(\pi, \omega)$  is a P $\Omega$ -structure on  $A$  if  $\pi$  is Poisson and both  $\omega$  and  $\omega'$  are  $d_A$ -closed, where  $\omega'$  is a 2-cosection characterized by  $\omega'^b = \omega^b \circ \pi^\sharp \circ \omega^b$ .

**Definition 6** ([4]). Let  $A$  be a Lie algebroid over  $M$ ,  $\omega$  a 2-cosection on  $A$  and  $N$  a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field on  $A$ . Then a pair  $(\omega, N)$  is an  $\Omega$ N-structure on  $A$  if  $\omega^b \circ N = N^* \circ \omega^b$ ,  $N$  is Nijenhuis and both  $\omega$  and  $\omega_N$  are  $d_A$ -closed, where  $\omega_N$  is a 2-cosection characterized by  $\omega_N^b = \omega^b \circ N$ . We can also define a weak  $\Omega$ N-structure on  $A$  by replacing  $\mathcal{T}_N = 0$  with  $\omega^b(\mathcal{T}_N(X, Y)) = 0$  for any  $X$  and  $Y$  in  $\Gamma(A)$ .

These structures are characterized in terms of Dirac pairs on Lie algebroids.

*Proposition 2.5* ([4]). Let  $A$  be a Lie algebroid over  $M$ ,  $\pi$  a Poisson structure on  $A$ ,  $\omega$  a presymplectic structure on  $A$  and  $N$  a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field on  $A$ .

- (i) If a pair  $(\pi, \omega)$  is a P $\Omega$ -structure on  $A$ , then a pair  $(\overline{\text{graph } \pi^\sharp}, \text{graph } \omega^b)$  is a Dirac pair on  $A$ . Conversely, if  $(\overline{\text{graph } \pi^\sharp}, \text{graph } \omega^b)$  is a Dirac pair on  $A$ , and if  $\pi$  is nondegenerate, then a pair  $(\pi, \omega)$  is a P $\Omega$ -structure on  $A$ ;
- (ii) If a pair  $(\omega, N)$  is an  $\Omega$ N-structure on  $A$ , and if  $N_{L, L'}^* = N_{(\omega, N)}^+$ , where  $L := \text{graph } \omega^b$ ,  $L' := \text{graph } \omega_N^b$  and  $N_{(\omega, N)}^+ := \{(\omega^b X, \omega_N^b X) \mid X \in A\} \subset N_{L, L'}^*$ , then a pair  $(L, L')$  is a Dirac pair on  $A$ . Conversely, if  $(\text{graph } \omega^b, \text{graph } \omega_N^b)$  is a Dirac pair on  $A$ , then a pair  $(\omega, N)$  is a weak  $\Omega$ N-structure on  $A$ .

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In this section, we generalize Dirac pairs on a Lie bialgebroid and introduce Dirac pairs on a Jacobi bialgebroid. We prove that similar properties for Dirac pairs on a Lie bialgebroid also hold for them on a Jacobi bialgebroid.

We start with the definition of Dirac pairs on Jacobi bialgebroids. This is defined as is the case on Lie bialgebroids.

**Definition 7.** Let  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  be a Jacobi bialgebroid over  $M$ ,  $L$  and  $L'$  Dirac structures on  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  (see Definition 2). Then  $(L, L')$  is a Dirac pair on  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  if  $N_{L, L'}$  is a Nijenhuis relation. If  $(L, L')$  are a Dirac pair on  $((A, \phi_0), (A_0^*, 0))$ , then  $(L, L')$  is called Dirac pair on  $(A, \phi_0)$ .

Since  $\mathcal{T}_{N_{L,L'}} = \overline{\mathcal{T}_{N_{L',L}}} = \mathcal{T}_{N_{L',L}}$ , if  $(L, L')$  is a Dirac pair, then so is  $(L', L)$ .

We obtain the following property of Nijenhuis relations on Jacobi bialgebroids. This is a generalization of Theorem 2.3 in [4].

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $(A, \phi_0)$  be a Jacobi algebroid. For any  $\pi, \pi'$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 A)$ , the Nijenhuis torsion of  $N_{L,L'}$ , where  $L := \overline{\text{graph } \pi^\sharp}$  and  $L := \overline{\text{graph } \pi'^\sharp}$ , satisfies the following:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_{N_{L,L'}}((\pi^\sharp \xi_1, \pi^\sharp \xi_1), (\pi'^\sharp \xi_2, \pi'^\sharp \xi_2), (\xi, \xi', \xi'')) \\ = [\pi, \pi]_{A, \phi_0}(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi) + [\pi', \pi']_{A, \phi_0}(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi'') - 2[\pi, \pi']_{A, \phi_0}(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi'). \end{aligned}$$

By using (2.1), Lemma 3.1 can be shown exactly as Theorem 2.3 in [4].

The following theorem extends the correspondence between Jacobi and Lie bialgebroids in Proposition 2.1 to that between Dirac pairs on Jacobi and Lie bialgebroids. By this theorem, we see that it will be possible to use the theory of Dirac pairs on Lie bialgebroids in the study of Dirac pairs on Jacobi bialgebroids. This is one of the main theorems in this paper.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  be a Jacobi bialgebroid over  $M$ ,  $\pi_i$  a 2-section on  $A$  satisfying the Maurer-Cartan type equation and  $\omega_i$  a 2-cosection on  $A$  satisfying the Maurer-Cartan type equation ( $i = 1, 2$ ). Let  $(\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-, \tilde{A}_{X_0}^{*\wedge})$  be the induced Lie bialgebroid over  $M \times \mathbb{R}$  (see Proposition 2.1). We set  $\tilde{\pi}_i := e^{-t}\pi_i$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 \tilde{A})$  and  $\tilde{\omega}_i := e^t\omega_i$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 \tilde{A}^*)$ , where  $t$  is the standard coordinate in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then:*

- (i)  $(\overline{\text{graph } \tilde{\pi}_1^\sharp}, \overline{\text{graph } \tilde{\pi}_2^\sharp})$  is a Dirac pair on  $(\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-, \tilde{A}_{X_0}^{*\wedge})$  if and only if  $(\overline{\text{graph } \pi_1^\sharp}, \overline{\text{graph } \pi_2^\sharp})$  is a Dirac pair on  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$ ;
- (ii)  $(\overline{\text{graph } \tilde{\pi}_1^\sharp}, \overline{\text{graph } \tilde{\omega}_2^\flat})$  is a Dirac pair on  $(\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-, \tilde{A}_{X_0}^{*\wedge})$  if and only if  $(\overline{\text{graph } \pi_1^\sharp}, \overline{\text{graph } \omega_2^\flat})$  is a Dirac pair on  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$ ;
- (iii)  $(\overline{\text{graph } \tilde{\omega}_1^\flat}, \overline{\text{graph } \tilde{\omega}_2^\flat})$  is a Dirac pair on  $(\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-, \tilde{A}_{X_0}^{*\wedge})$  if and only if  $(\overline{\text{graph } \omega_1^\flat}, \overline{\text{graph } \omega_2^\flat})$  is a Dirac pair on  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$ .

In order to prove Theorem 3.2, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  be a Jacobi bialgebroid over  $M$ ,  $\pi$  a 2-section on  $A$  and  $\omega$  a 2-cosection on  $A$ . Then  $\text{graph } \tilde{\pi}^\sharp$  (resp.  $\text{graph } \tilde{\omega}^\flat$ ) is a Dirac structure on  $(\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-, \tilde{A}_{X_0}^{*\wedge})$  if and only if  $\text{graph } \pi^\sharp$  (resp.  $\text{graph } \omega^\flat$ ) is a Dirac structure on  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\hat{d}_{A^*}^{X_0}$  be the differential of  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^{*\wedge}$ . By long calculations, we see that

$$(3.1) \quad [\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}]_A^{\phi_0} = e^{-2t}[\pi, \pi]_{A, \phi_0},$$

$$(3.2) \quad \hat{d}_{A^*}^{X_0} \tilde{\pi} = e^{-2t} d_{A^*, X_0} \pi$$

hold on  $\Gamma(\tilde{A}^*)$ . Therefore we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad \hat{d}_{A^*}^{X_0} \tilde{\pi} + \frac{1}{2} [\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}]_A^{\phi_0} = e^{-2t} \left( d_{A^*, X_0} \pi + \frac{1}{2} [\pi, \pi]_{A, \phi_0} \right)$$

on  $\Gamma(\tilde{A}^*)$ . Since  $\Gamma(\tilde{A}^*)$  can be regarded as the set of curves in  $\Gamma(A^*)$ ,  $\tilde{\pi}$  satisfies the Maurer-Cartan type equation for  $(\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-, \tilde{A}_{X_0}^{*\wedge})$  if and only if  $\pi$  satisfies the Maurer-Cartan type equation for  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$ . We can show the same for  $\omega$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** *In the notation of Theorem 3.2, any  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $N$  on  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$  independent of  $t$  can be regarded as a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field on  $A$  in general. Then  $N$  is Nijenhuis on  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$  if and only if  $N$  is Nijenhuis on  $A$ .*

*Proof.* We set the Nijenhuis torsion of  $N$  on  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$  and on  $A$  by  $\mathcal{T}_N^{\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_N^A$  respectively. By a straightforward calculation, we have for any  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\tilde{Y}$  in  $\Gamma(\tilde{A})$ ,

$$(3.4) \quad \mathcal{T}_N^{\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = \mathcal{T}_N^A(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}).$$

Since  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\tilde{Y}$  in  $\Gamma(\tilde{A})$  can be regarded as curves in  $\Gamma(A)$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_N^{\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-} = 0$  is equivalent with  $\mathcal{T}_N^A = 0$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 3.2.* We prove (i). We set  $L_i := \overline{\text{graph } \pi_i^\sharp}$  and  $\tilde{L}_i := \overline{\text{graph } \tilde{\pi}_i^\sharp}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . By Lemma 3.1 and the equation (3.1), we compute that  $\mathcal{T}_{N_{\tilde{L}_1, \tilde{L}_2}} = e^{-2t} \mathcal{T}_{N_{L_1, L_2}}$  on  $N_{\tilde{L}_1, \tilde{L}_2} \times N_{\tilde{L}_1, \tilde{L}_2} \times (N_{\tilde{L}_1, \tilde{L}_2}^* \diamond N_{\tilde{L}_1, \tilde{L}_2}^*)$ . Since any element in  $\tilde{L}_i$  can be regarded as a curve in  $L_i$ , it is clear that any element in  $N_{\tilde{L}_1, \tilde{L}_2}$  and in  $N_{\tilde{L}_1, \tilde{L}_2}^* \diamond N_{\tilde{L}_1, \tilde{L}_2}^*$  can also be regarded as a curve in  $N_{L_1, L_2}$  and in  $N_{L_1, L_2}^* \diamond N_{L_1, L_2}^*$ , respectively. Therefore the condition  $\mathcal{T}_{N_{\tilde{L}_1, \tilde{L}_2}} = 0$  is equivalent to the condition  $\mathcal{T}_{N_{L_1, L_2}} = 0$ . This means (i).

Next, we have  $\tilde{\pi}_1^\sharp \circ \tilde{\omega}_2^b = \pi_1^\sharp \circ \omega_2^b$ , so that the  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $\tilde{\pi}_1^\sharp \circ \tilde{\omega}_2^b$  is independent of  $t$ . By the definition,  $(\overline{\text{graph } \tilde{\pi}_1^\sharp}, \overline{\text{graph } \tilde{\omega}_2^b})$  is a Dirac pair on  $(\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-, \tilde{A}_{X_0}^{*\wedge})$  if and only if  $N_{\tilde{L}_1, \tilde{L}_2}$  is a Nijenhuis relation on  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$ , where we set  $\tilde{L}_1 := \overline{\text{graph } \tilde{\pi}_1^\sharp}$  and  $\tilde{L}_2 := \overline{\text{graph } \tilde{\omega}_2^b}$ . This condition is equivalent with the condition  $\pi_1^\sharp \circ \omega_2^b$  is a Nijenhuis structure on  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$  since  $N_{\tilde{L}_1, \tilde{L}_2} = \overline{\text{graph}(\pi_1^\sharp \circ \omega_2^b)}$ . Then by Lemma 3.4, this is equivalent with that  $\pi_1^\sharp \circ \omega_2^b$  is a Nijenhuis structure on  $A$ . Similarly,  $(\overline{\text{graph } \pi_1^\sharp}, \overline{\text{graph } \omega_2^b})$  is a Dirac pair

on  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  if and only if  $\pi_1^\sharp \circ \omega_2^b$  is a Nijenhuis structure on  $A$ . Therefore we obtain (ii).

Finally we prove (iii). We set  $L'_i := \text{graph } \omega_i^b$  and  $\tilde{L}'_i := \text{graph } \tilde{\omega}_i^b$ . A pair  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})$  belongs to  $N_{\tilde{L}'_1, \tilde{L}'_2}$  if and only if  $\tilde{\omega}_1^b \tilde{X} = \tilde{\omega}_2^b \tilde{Y}$  holds by the definition. By differentiating both sides of  $\tilde{\omega}_1^b \tilde{X} = \tilde{\omega}_2^b \tilde{Y}$  with respect to  $t$ , we obtain  $\tilde{\omega}_1^b \frac{\partial \tilde{X}}{\partial t} = \tilde{\omega}_2^b \frac{\partial \tilde{Y}}{\partial t}$  since  $\tilde{\omega}_i = e^t \omega_i$  and  $\tilde{\omega}_1^b \tilde{X} = \tilde{\omega}_2^b \tilde{Y}$ . This means that a pair  $\left( \frac{\partial \tilde{X}}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial \tilde{Y}}{\partial t} \right)$  belongs to  $N_{\tilde{L}'_1, \tilde{L}'_2}$ . Therefore by using this fact and the definition (2.5) of  $[\cdot, \cdot]_A^{\phi_0}$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{T}_{N_{\tilde{L}'_1, \tilde{L}'_2}} = \mathcal{T}_{N_{L'_1, L'_2}}$  on  $N_{\tilde{L}'_1, \tilde{L}'_2} \times N_{\tilde{L}'_1, \tilde{L}'_2} \times \left( N_{L'_1, L'_2}^* \diamond N_{L'_1, L'_2} \right)$ . Similarly to (i), we see that  $\mathcal{T}_{N_{L'_1, L'_2}} = 0$  and  $\mathcal{T}_{N_{L'_1, L'_2}} = 0$  are equivalent.  $\square$

*Remark.* It follows immediately that  $(\overline{\text{graph } \tilde{\omega}_1^b}, \overline{\text{graph } \tilde{\pi}_2^\sharp})$  is a Dirac pair on  $(\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-, \tilde{A}_{X_0}^{*\wedge})$  if and only if  $(\text{graph } \omega_1^b, \text{graph } \pi_2^\sharp)$  is a Dirac pair on  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$  by (iii) in Theorem 3.2 and the fact that if a pair  $(L, L')$  is a Dirac pair on  $(\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-, \tilde{A}_{X_0}^{*\wedge})$  or  $((A, \phi_0), (A^*, X_0))$ , so is  $(L', L)$ .

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In this section, we consider a Dirac pair  $(L, L')$  on a Jacobi algebroid  $(A, \phi_0)$ , i.e., a pair consisting of two Dirac structures  $L$  and  $L'$  on  $(A, \phi_0)$  such that  $N_{L, L'}$  is a Nijenhuis relation on  $(A, \phi_0)$ .

**4.1. Jacobi and  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic pairs on Jacobi algebroids.** In this subsection, we investigate Jacobi and  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic pairs, which are defined by using Dirac pairs on  $(A, \phi_0)$ . We show that these pairs have properties similar to Poisson and presymplectic pairs on a Lie algebroid. In addition, we show the relationship between Jacobi and Poisson pairs.

By Example 8, for any Jacobi algebroid  $(A, \phi_0)$ , a 2-section  $\pi$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 A)$  is a Jacobi structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$  if and only if  $\text{graph } \pi^\sharp$  is a Dirac structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$ . Similarly, a 2-cosection  $\omega$  in  $\Gamma(\Lambda^2 A^*)$  is a  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$  if and only if  $\text{graph } \omega^b$  is a Dirac structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$ . We define Jacobi and  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic pairs as analogy of Poisson and presymplectic pairs on a Lie algebroid.

**Definition 8.** Let  $(A, \phi_0)$  be a Jacobi algebroid,  $\pi_i$  a Jacobi structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$  and  $\omega_i$  a  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).

- (i) A pair  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  is a *Jacobi pair* if a pair  $(\overline{\text{graph } \pi_1^\sharp}, \overline{\text{graph } \pi_2^\sharp})$  is a Dirac pair on  $(A, \phi_0)$ . A Jacobi pair  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  is *non-degenerate* if both  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are non-degenerate;
- (ii) A pair  $(\omega_1, \omega_2)$  is a  $\phi_0$ -*presymplectic pair* if a pair  $(\text{graph } \omega_1^\flat, \text{graph } \omega_2^\flat)$  is a Dirac pair on  $(A, \phi_0)$ . A  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic pair consisting of two  $\phi_0$ -symplectic structures is called a  $\phi_0$ -*symplectic pair*.

It follows immediately from Lemma 3.1 and Definition 8 that a pair  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  consisting of compatible Jacobi structures is a Jacobi pair. Conversely, if a Jacobi pair  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  satisfies (2.9), then  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are compatible. In particular, since a non-degenerate Jacobi pair  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  satisfies (2.9), the two Jacobi structures  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are compatible. It is well known that compatible two Jacobi structures themselves are induced by Jacobi-Nijenhuis structures [13], [2] and so on.

The following proposition is a relationship between  $\phi_0$ -symplectic pairs and non-degenerate Jacobi pairs. The proof is similar to Proposition 2.4 (See [4]).

*Proposition 4.1.* There exists a one-to-one correspondence between  $\phi_0$ -symplectic pairs and non-degenerate Jacobi pairs.

The following example is analogy of Example 3.5 in [4].

*Example 9.* Let  $M := T^*\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$  and  $\beta$  be the canonical contact form on  $M$ . In canonical coordinates  $(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, z)$  on  $M$ , we can write  $\beta = -\sum_i y_i dx_i + dz$ . We define  $\Omega$ ,  $\omega_H$ ,  $\omega_E$  and  $\omega_P$  by

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &:= (d\beta, \beta); \\ \omega_H &:= (d\beta_H, \beta_H), \quad \beta_H := -y_1 dx_1 + y_2 dx_2 + dz; \\ \omega_E &:= (d\beta_E, \beta_E), \quad \beta_E := -y_2 dx_1 + y_1 dx_2 + dz; \\ \omega_P &:= (d\beta_P, \beta_P), \quad \beta_P := -y_2 dx_1 + dz.\end{aligned}$$

Then  $(\Omega, \omega_H)$  and  $(\Omega, \omega_E)$  are a  $(0, 1)$ -symplectic pairs on  $(TM \oplus \mathbb{R}, (0, 1))$  and  $(\Omega, \omega_P)$  is a  $(0, 1)$ -presymplectic pair on  $(TM \oplus \mathbb{R}, (0, 1))$ . 2-forms  $d\beta, d\beta_H, d\beta_E$  and  $d\beta_P$  on  $T^*\mathbb{R}^2$  coincide with presymplectic structures in Example 3.5 in [4].

Now, we show two relationships between Jacobi and Poisson pairs.

If  $\pi$  is Poisson on a Lie algebroid  $A$  over  $M$ , then  $(\pi, 0)$  is Jacobi on a Jacobi algebroid  $(A \oplus \mathbb{R}, (0, 1))$  over  $M$ . It is well-known that compatible Poisson structures  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  on a Lie algebroid  $A$  induce compatible Jacobi structures  $(\pi_1, 0)$  and  $(\pi_2, 0)$  on a Jacobi algebroid  $(A \oplus \mathbb{R}, (0, 1))$ . The following theorem is a generalization of this relation.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  be a pair of 2-sections on a Lie algebroid  $A$  over  $M$ . Then  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  is a Poisson pair on  $A$  if and only if  $((\pi_1, 0), (\pi_2, 0))$  is a Jacobi pair on a Jacobi algebroid  $(A \oplus \mathbb{R}, (0, 1))$  over  $M$ .*

*Proof.* It follows immediately that  $(\xi, f)$  belongs to  $((\pi_1, 0)^\sharp)^{-1}(\text{Im}(\pi_2, 0)^\sharp) \cap ((\pi_2, 0)^\sharp)^{-1}(\text{Im}(\pi_1, 0)^\sharp)$  if and only if  $\xi$  belongs to  $(\pi_1^\sharp)^{-1}(\text{Im} \pi_2^\sharp) \cap (\pi_2^\sharp)^{-1}(\text{Im} \pi_1^\sharp)$ . For any  $(\xi_i, f_i)$  in  $\Gamma(A^*) \oplus C^\infty(M)$  and  $(\xi, f)$  in  $((\pi_1, 0)^\sharp)^{-1}(\text{Im}(\pi_2, 0)^\sharp) \cap ((\pi_2, 0)^\sharp)^{-1}(\text{Im}(\pi_1, 0)^\sharp)$ , it follows that

$$[(\pi_1, 0), (\pi_2, 0)]_{A \oplus \mathbb{R}, (0, 1)}((\xi_1, f_1), (\xi_2, f_2), (\xi, f)) = [\pi_1, \pi_2]_A(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi),$$

so that the consequence holds by Lemma 3.1.  $\square$

The other relation between Jacobi and Poisson pairs is the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  be a pair of 2-sections on a Jacobi algebroid  $(A, \phi_0)$  over  $M$ . Then  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  is a Jacobi pair on  $(A, \phi_0)$  if and only if  $(\tilde{\pi}_1, \tilde{\pi}_2)$  is a Poisson pair on a Lie algebroid  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$  over  $M \times \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\tilde{\pi}_i := e^{-t}\pi_i$  in  $\Gamma(\tilde{A})$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.3, a 2-section  $\pi$  on  $A$  is a Jacobi structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$  if and only if a 2-section  $\tilde{\pi}$  on  $\tilde{A}$  is a Poisson structure on  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$ . By the definitions of Jacobi and Poisson pairs and Theorem 3.2, a pair  $(\pi_1, \pi_2)$  is a Jacobi pair on  $(A, \phi_0)$  if and only if a pair  $(\tilde{\pi}_1, \tilde{\pi}_2)$  is a Poisson pair on  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$ .  $\square$

**4.2. J $\Omega$ - and  $\Omega$ N-structures.** In this subsection, we define J $\Omega$ - and  $\Omega$ N-structures on Jacobi algebroids, and show a relationship between J $\Omega$ - (resp.  $\Omega$ N-) structures on Jacobi algebroids and P $\Omega$ - (resp.  $\Omega$ N-) structures on Lie algebroids. By using the relationship, we show that J $\Omega$ - and  $\Omega$ N-structures on Jacobi algebroids can be characterized in terms of Dirac pairs.

We start with the definitions of J $\Omega$ - and  $\Omega$ N-structures on a Jacobi algebroid.

**Definition 9.** Let  $(A, \phi_0)$  be a Jacobi algebroid over  $M$ ,  $\pi$  a 2-section on  $A$ ,  $\omega$  a 2-cosection on  $A$  and  $N$  a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field on  $A$ . In the definitions of P $\Omega$ - and  $\Omega$ N-structures on a Lie algebroid (Definition 5 and 6), by replacing the conditions ‘‘Poisson’’ and ‘‘ $d_A$ -closed’’ with ‘‘Jacobi’’ and ‘‘ $d_{A, \phi_0}$ -closed’’, respectively, we obtain the definitions of a J $\Omega$ -structure  $(\pi, \omega)$  and an (weak)  $\Omega$ N-structure  $(\omega, N)$  on a Jacobi algebroid.

It is clear that the definitions of J $\Omega$ - and (weak)  $\Omega$ N-structures on a Jacobi algebroid  $(A, \phi_0)$  coincide with the definitions of P $\Omega$ - and (weak)  $\Omega$ N-structures on a Lie algebroid  $A$  when  $\phi_0 = 0$ .

First, the following proposition means that there is a one-to-one correspondence between  $J\Omega$ -structures on a Jacobi algebroid  $(A, \phi_0)$  and  $P\Omega$ -structures on a Lie algebroid  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$ .

*Proposition 4.4.* Let  $(A, \phi_0)$  be a Jacobi algebroid over  $M$ . Then a pair  $(\pi, \omega)$  is a  $J\Omega$ -structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$  if and only if a pair  $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\omega})$  is a  $P\Omega$ -structure on  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$ , where  $\tilde{\pi} = e^{-t}\pi, \tilde{\omega} = e^t\omega$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.3, a 2-section  $\pi$  on  $A$  is a Jacobi structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$  if and only if a 2-section  $\tilde{\pi}$  on  $\tilde{A}$  is a Poisson structure on  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$ , and a 2-cosection  $\omega$  on  $A$  is a  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$  if and only if a 2-cosection  $\tilde{\omega}$  on  $\tilde{A}$  is a presymplectic structure on  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$ . Setting  $\widetilde{(\omega')} := e^t\omega'$  and  $\widetilde{(\tilde{\omega})'} := \tilde{\omega}^b \circ \tilde{\pi}^\# \circ \tilde{\omega}^b$ , we obtain  $\widetilde{(\omega')} = \widetilde{(\tilde{\omega})'}$  since  $\tilde{\pi}^\# \circ \tilde{\omega}^b = \pi^\# \circ \omega^b$ . Therefore, since  $\bar{d}_A^{\phi_0}(\tilde{\omega})' = \bar{d}_A^{\phi_0}(\widetilde{(\omega')}) = e^t d_{A, \phi_0} \omega'$  by Lemma 3.3, it follows that  $\omega'$  is  $d_{A, \phi_0}$ -closed if and only if  $\widetilde{(\tilde{\omega})}'$  is  $\bar{d}_A^{\phi_0}$ -closed.  $\square$

*Proposition 4.5.* Let  $(A, \phi_0)$  be a Jacobi algebroid over  $M$ . Then a pair  $(\omega, N)$  is an  $\Omega N$ - (resp. a weak  $\Omega N$ -)structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$  if and only if a pair  $(\tilde{\omega}, N)$  is an  $\Omega N$ - (resp. a weak  $\Omega N$ -)structure on  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$ , where  $\tilde{\omega} = e^t\omega$  and a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $N$  on  $A$  is regarded as a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field independent of  $t$  on  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.3, a 2-cosection  $\omega$  on  $A$  is a  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$  if and only if a 2-cosection  $\tilde{\omega}$  on  $\tilde{A}$  is a presymplectic structure on  $\tilde{A}_{\phi_0}^-$ . We have  $\tilde{\omega}^b \circ N = e^t\omega^b \circ N$  and  $N^* \circ \tilde{\omega}^b = e^t N^* \circ \omega^b$ , so that the commutativity of  $\tilde{\omega}$  and  $N$  is equivalent with that of  $\omega$  and  $N$ . Since  $\widetilde{(\omega_N)} = \widetilde{(\tilde{\omega})_N}$  holds, where  $\widetilde{(\omega_N)} := e^t\omega_N$ ,  $\omega_N$  is  $d_{A, \phi_0}$ -closed if and only if  $\widetilde{(\tilde{\omega})_N}$  is  $\bar{d}_A^{\phi_0}$ -closed by Lemma 3.3. Finally, by Lemma 3.4 (resp. the equation (3.4)), the consequence holds.  $\square$

The following theorem is characterizations of  $J\Omega$ - and (weak)  $\Omega N$ -structures on a Jacobi algebroid  $(A, \phi_0)$  by Dirac pairs, and a generalization of Proposition 2.5.

**Theorem 4.6.** *Let  $(A, \phi_0)$  be a Jacobi algebroid over  $M$ ,  $\pi$  a Jacobi structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$ ,  $\omega$  a  $\phi_0$ -presymplectic structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$  and  $N$  a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field on  $A$ . Then*

- (i) *If a pair  $(\pi, \omega)$  is a  $J\Omega$ -structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$ , then a pair  $(\overline{\text{graph } \pi^\#}, \overline{\text{graph } \omega^b})$  is a Dirac pair on  $(A, \phi_0)$ . Conversely, if  $(\overline{\text{graph } \pi^\#}, \overline{\text{graph } \omega^b})$  is a Dirac pair on  $(A, \phi_0)$ , and if  $\pi$  is non-degenerate, then a pair  $(\pi, \omega)$  is a  $J\Omega$ -structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$ .*

- (ii) If a pair  $(\omega, N)$  is an  $\Omega N$ -structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$ , and if  $N_{L, L'}^* = N_{(\omega, N)}^+$ , where  $L := \text{graph } \omega^b$ ,  $L' := \text{graph } \omega_N^b$  and  $N_{(\omega, N)}^+ := \{(\omega^b X, \omega_N^b X) \mid X \in A\} \subset N_{L, L'}^*$ , then a pair  $(L, L')$  is a Dirac pair on  $(A, \phi_0)$ . Conversely, if  $(\text{graph } \omega^b, \text{graph } \omega_N^b)$  is a Dirac pair on  $(A, \phi_0)$ , then a pair  $(\omega, N)$  is a weak  $\Omega N$ -structure on  $(A, \phi_0)$ .

*Proof.* (i) holds by Proposition 4.4, (i) in Proposition 2.5 and (ii) in Theorem 3.2. Next, prove (ii). We set  $\tilde{L} := \text{graph } \tilde{\omega}^b$ ,  $\tilde{L}' := \text{graph } \tilde{\omega}_N^b$ . We notice that relations  $N_{(\tilde{\omega}, N)}^+$ ,  $N_{\tilde{L}, \tilde{L}'}$  and  $N_{\tilde{L}, \tilde{L}'}^*$  can be regarded as the sets of all curves in  $N_{(\omega, N)}^+$ ,  $N_{L, L'}$  and  $N_{L, L'}^*$ , respectively. Then we obtain (ii) by Proposition 4.5, (ii) in Proposition 2.5 and (iii) in Theorem 3.2.  $\square$

*Remark.* Theorem 4.6 can also be proved directly by long calculations. However, as above, we can prove it more easily by using Theorem 3.2, Proposition 4.4, Proposition 4.5 and the theory of Dirac pairs on Lie algebroids.

*Example 10.* In Example 9, we denote the opposite of the non-degenerate Jacobi structure corresponding with a  $(0, 1)$ -symplectic structure  $\Omega$  on  $(TM \oplus \mathbb{R}, (0, 1))$  by  $\Pi$ , i.e.,  $\Pi$  is a 2-vector field characterized by  $\Pi^\sharp = (\Omega^b)^{-1}$ . Then it follows from Theorem 4.6 that three pairs  $(\Pi, \omega_H)$ ,  $(\Pi, \omega_E)$  and  $(\Pi, \omega_P)$  are  $\mathbf{J}\Omega$ -structures on  $(TM \oplus \mathbb{R}, (0, 1))$  and that three pairs  $(\Omega, N_H)$ ,  $(\Omega, N_E)$  and  $(\Omega, N_P)$  are  $\Omega N$ -structures on  $(TM \oplus \mathbb{R}, (0, 1))$ , where  $N_X := \Pi^\sharp \circ \omega_X^b$  for  $X = H, E, P$ .

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