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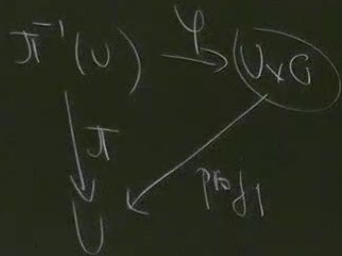
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Recap The principal bundle  $G \curvearrowright P \rightarrow B$

- $G$ -Lie grp
- $P$  is a manifold with smooth right  $G$ -action  $R_g \cdot p \mapsto pg \neq p \in P$   $\forall g \in G$ .
- $B = P/G$  is a quotient space, with a smooth proj  $\pi : P \rightarrow P/G = B$ .

Since the action is free  $\Rightarrow \pi^{-1}(x) \cong G$  (as manifolds).  $\pi^{-1}(x) = \{pg \mid p \in P, g \in G, pg = x\}$

- The bundle is locally trivial:  $\forall x \in B \exists U \ni x, \psi : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times G$  s.t.



$\psi(pg) = \psi(p) \cdot g \quad \forall p \in P, g \in G$

$R_g(x, h) = (x, hg)$

$\psi$  "respects"  $G$ -action

$\psi$  is equivariant map

• The local trivialization  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$ ,  $\varphi_i^{-1} \circ \varphi_j : U_i \cap U_j \times G \rightarrow U_i \cap U_j \times G$   
 $(x, h) \mapsto (x, g_{ij}(x) \cdot h)$   
 $g_{ij} : U_i \cap U_j \rightarrow G$  satisfies all the gluing cocycle axioms.

$\in P$   
 $\in G$

Remark Principal bundles are like vector bundles but without vector spaces.

• Sections  $s \in \Gamma(B, E)$  are smooth  $s : B \rightarrow P$  s.t.  $\pi \circ s = \text{id}$ .

$\in G$   
 $\in P$

• Theorem  $G \rightarrow P \rightarrow B$  is trivial  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  smooth global section  $s \in \Gamma(B, P)$

$\in G$

• Example homogeneous space  $SO(2) \rightarrow SO(3) \rightarrow S^2$   
 • action  $SO(3) \curvearrowright SO(2)$  is free.  $g \cdot h = g \Leftrightarrow h = \text{id}$ .  $\begin{pmatrix} * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{pmatrix} * \end{pmatrix}$   
 $SO(2)$  - rotation angle  
 $S^2$  - rotation axis.

Associated bundles - how to construct v.b. out of p.b.?

- Representation  $\rho$  of Lie  $G$  :  $\rho: G \rightarrow \text{End}(V) \cong GL(V) = GL(\dim V)$   
that satisfies  $\rho(e) = \text{id}$  ,  $\rho(g_1 g_2) = \rho(g_1) \rho(g_2)$

Examples  $\rightarrow GL(V) \curvearrowright V \rightsquigarrow GL(V) \curvearrowright V^* : \rho^*(g) = (g^{-1})^T$

$$(\rho^*(g) \cdot w)^T \cdot \rho(g) v = w^T v$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  If  $V_1, V_2$  - two representations  $\Rightarrow \rho(g) \cdot v_1 \otimes v_2 = \rho_1(g) v_1 \otimes \rho_2(g) v_2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  This makes  $T_g^p(V)$  to be  $GL(V)$ -representation.

$m, v)$

• The associated bundle

$G \rightarrow P \xrightarrow{\pi} B$  - principal bundle  
+ vector space  $F$  & left representations of  $G$  on  $F$ .  
 $\rho: G \rightarrow \text{End}(F)$

$\Rightarrow E = (P \times F) / G$ , where  $R_g(p, v) = (p \cdot g, \rho(g^{-1}) \cdot v)$

The projection map is  $\tilde{\pi}: E \rightarrow B$ .  
 $\tilde{\pi}(p, v) = \pi(p)$ ,  
 $\rho(g_1 g_2^{-1}) = \rho(g_2^{-1}) \rho(g_1)$

• This defines a structure of a vector bundle  $F \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{\tilde{\pi}} B$   
and trivialization  $(\phi_i, \phi_j^{-1}) : (x, v) \mapsto (x, \rho(g_j) v)$   
the cocycle

Example

Frame bundle  $LM$ ,  $M$ - $n$ -dim manifold

$$LM = \bigcup_{p \in M} L_p M, \quad L_p M = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sets of } n \text{ linearly independent} \\ \text{vectors } u = (X_1, \dots, X_n), X_i \in T_p M \end{array} \right\}$$

The right action by  $GL(n)$   $R_g (X_1, \dots, X_n) = X_p g^{\beta}_{\alpha}$

The action is free and transitive  $\Rightarrow LM \rightarrow LM/GL(n) = M$  defines principal bundle

$\rightarrow$  The local trivialization:  $X_{\alpha} = \left( X^M_{\alpha} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^M}$   $X^M_{\alpha} \in GL(n)$

Under coordinate change, on  $U \cap V$   
 $x \rightarrow y$   $X_{\alpha} = X^M_{\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^M} = \tilde{X}^V_{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^V}$

$$\Rightarrow g_{UV}(x) = \left( \frac{\partial x^M}{\partial y^V} \right) \Big|_p \in GL(V), \quad g_{UV}: U \cap V \rightarrow GL(n)$$

Claim All the vector bundles  $T^p_p(TM)$  are associated with  $LM$ .

## Connections on vector bundles

"how to identify neighbouring fibers", "how to define derivation on sections"?

Let  $F \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{\pi} B$ ,  $\Gamma(B, E) = \Gamma(E)$  - global sections

The covariant derivative (connection)  $\nabla : \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(T^*B \otimes E)$

•  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear:  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$   $\nabla(\alpha s_1 + \beta s_2) = \alpha \nabla(s_1) + \beta \nabla(s_2)$

•  $f \in C^\infty(B, \mathbb{R})$ :  $\nabla(f \cdot s) = df \otimes s + f \cdot \nabla(s)$

Remark  $\nabla$  can also act on  $\Omega^k(E) = \Gamma(\wedge^k T^*B \otimes E)$

$$\nabla(w \otimes s) = dw \otimes s + (-1)^{\deg w} w \wedge \nabla(s)$$

$$\nabla : \Omega^k(E) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(E)$$

The parallel transport along  $\gamma : [0,1] \rightarrow B$ ,  $\gamma(0) = x_0$ ,  $\gamma(1) = x_1$

$$T_\gamma : F_{x_0} \rightarrow F_{x_1}$$

The section  $s$  is parallel to  $\nabla$  iff  $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} s \equiv \frac{d}{dt} \gamma^*(s) = 0$   
 linear differential equation on  $s$

$$T_\gamma(v) = s|_{x_1}, \text{ where } s \text{ is parallel to } \nabla, \text{ and } s|_{x_0} = v.$$

Since the differential equation is linear, corresp. initial condition  $\rightarrow$  solution at given point is also linear.

Remark Result  $T_\gamma$  depends on  $\gamma$ .

• the curvature - how much two infinitesimal parallel transports do not commute

$$F_\nabla \in \Omega^2(\text{End } E) : F_\nabla(X, Y)(s) = \nabla_X \nabla_Y s - \nabla_Y \nabla_X s - \nabla_{[X, Y]} s, \quad \forall X, Y \in \text{Vect}(B), s \in \Gamma(B, E)$$

$$F_\nabla(X, Y)(f s) = f F_\nabla(X, Y)(s)$$



Now let's coordinatize  $(U, \varphi)$  - local trivialization,  $\varphi: \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F$

Let's pick a frame of local sections  $e_i \in \Gamma(U, E)$ ,  $i=1, \dots, \text{rk } E = k$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla(e_i) = \sum_{j=1}^k A_i^j \otimes e_j, \quad A_i^j \in \Omega^1(U) \Rightarrow s = \sum_i s^i e_i \quad \forall s \in \Gamma(U, E).$$

$\Rightarrow$  the matrix  $(A_i^j)$  can be interpreted as an element of  $\Omega^1(\text{End } E)$   
local connection form.

$$\nabla(s) = \nabla(\sum_i s^i e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^k (ds^i + \sum_{j=1}^k A_i^j s^j) \otimes e_j, \quad \nabla(s) = ds + As, \quad s = \begin{pmatrix} s^1 \\ \vdots \\ s^k \end{pmatrix}$$

Remark It is easy to check that under change of the chart:

$$A' = g A g^{-1} - dg \cdot g^{-1} \quad x \mapsto A'_i = A_{i \mu} dx^\mu$$

$$\nabla(s') = g \cdot \nabla(s), \quad F' = g F g^{-1}$$

(for change of trivialization the formulas would be similar)