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G-bundles over smooth manifolds

G ~> P -> X

Definition. G-bundles over smooth manifolds G ~> P -> M

A smooth principal G-bundle over M

G ~> P -> M := (Phi : G ~> P, pi_P : P -> M, U)

for a Lie_group G and a smooth manifolds P, M is a

Definition. Principal G-bundles G ~> P -> X

A topological principal G-bundle over X

G ~> P -> X := (G ~> P, pi_P : P -> X, U)

where

- G is a Topological_group called the structure group
- X is a T2_topological_space (Hausdorff?)
- a surjective continuous map

pi_P : P -> X

- a right group action

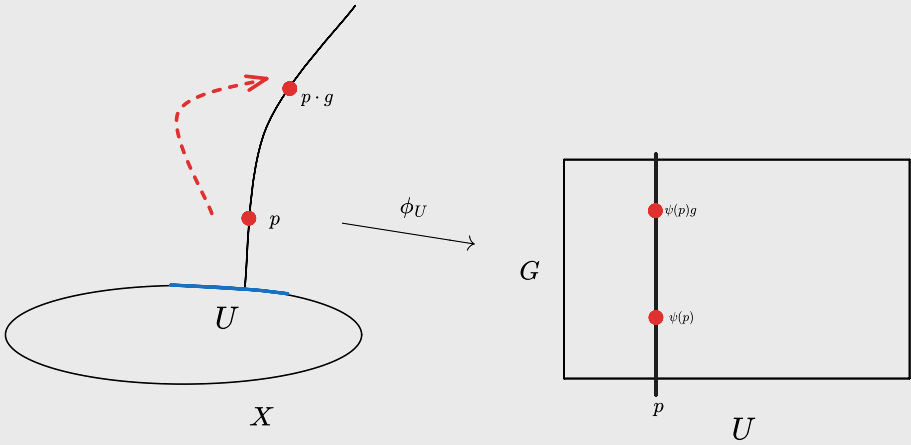
G ~> P

- preserves fibres
- locally trivial for each x in X, exists (U, phi_U) in U where
 - U is a open nbd of x in X
 - and a homeomorphism

phi_U : pi_P^-1(U) -> U x G
p -> (pi_P(p), psi)

such that

psi(p . g) = psi(p)g



where the bundle maps, the group action and local trivializations are smooth.

The derivative of the group action

Phi : G -> Diff(P)

gives

d_i Phi : g -> Vec(P)

local trivializations

Definition. From the data G ~> P -> M we can define transition functions

g_alpha_beta : U_alpha cap U_beta -> G

such that

psi_alpha(p) = g_alpha_beta(pi(p))psi_beta(p)

Transition functions of a local trivialization satisfy the cocycle condition

g_alpha_beta g_beta_gamma = g_alpha_gamma

on U_alpha cap U_beta cap U_gamma. Moreover g_alpha_gamma = i_G and g_beta_alpha = g_alpha_beta^-1

automorphisms

- automorphism of a smooth G-bundle G ~> P -> M
- local gauge transformation are maps

g_alpha : U_alpha -> G

on a trivializing open set U_alpha in U

- define the local bundle isomorphism by phi_alpha(p) := pg_alpha(pi(p))

	automorphism of a smooth G -bundle $G \curvearrowright P \rightarrow M$	sections of the adjoint bundle $\text{Ad}(P) \rightarrow M$	maps to G
local			$g_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow G$
converting $\longrightarrow$			
converting $\longleftarrow$			
at a point $x \in M$			an element of G
global			

connections

Definition. Connection on a smooth G -bundle

A connection on a smooth G -bundle $G \curvearrowright P \rightarrow X$ is a smooth $\mathfrak{g}$ -valued 1-form on P

$$\omega \in \Gamma(\Lambda^1 T^* P \otimes \mathfrak{g})$$

such that

- $(\Phi^g)^* \omega = \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \circ \omega$
- $\omega(A^\#) = A$

lifting Lie algebra valued 1-forms on base to connection forms on the bundle

On G -bundle $(G \curvearrowright P \xrightarrow{\pi_P} X)$ with trivialization (V_i, ϕ_i) let we have a family of Lie algebra valued differential forms $A_j \in \text{Forms}^1(V_j, \mathfrak{g})$ with

$$A_j = \text{Ad}_{g_{ij}^{-1}} A_i + g_{ij}^* \Theta \text{ on } V_j \cap V_i$$

where $g_{ij} : V_i \cap V_j \rightarrow G$ is the transition function. Then there exists a unique connection $\omega \in \text{Forms}^1(P, \mathfrak{g})$ of the G -bundle such that

$$A_j = s_j^* \omega$$

where $s_j : V_j \rightarrow \pi_P^{-1}(V_j)$ is the canonical section associated with the trivialization.

horizontal lift of curves

On G -bundle with connection $(G \curvearrowright P \xrightarrow{\pi_P} X, \omega)$, for every *smooth curve* and choice of starting point

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &: [0, 1] \rightarrow X \\ p &\in \pi_P^{-1}(\alpha(0)) \end{aligned}$$

there exists a smooth curve on P which is a **lift of α starting at p**

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\alpha}_p &: [0, 1] \rightarrow P \\ \tilde{\alpha}_p(0) &= p \\ \pi_P \circ \tilde{\alpha}_p &= \alpha \end{aligned}$$

and whose velocity is horizontal

$$t \in [0, 1] \implies \tilde{\alpha}'_p(t) \in \text{Hor}_{\tilde{\alpha}_p(t)}(P)$$

Let U_i be a chart which contains γ and take a section

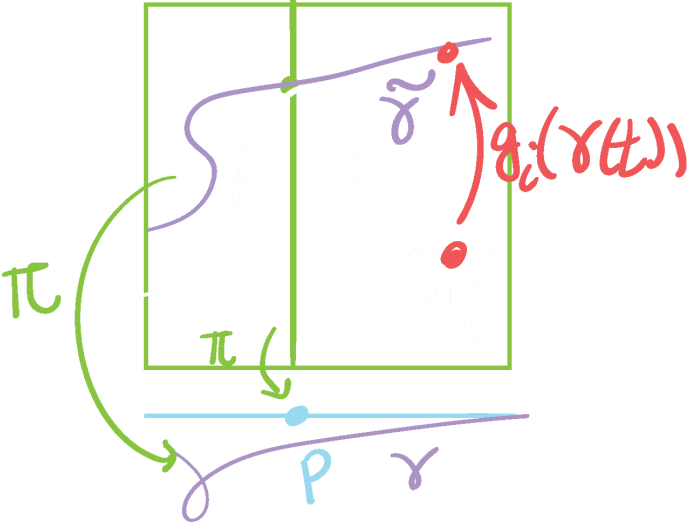
$$\sigma_i : U_i \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(U_i)$$

The horizontal lift may look like

$$\tilde{\gamma}(t) = \sigma_i(\gamma(t))g_i(\gamma(t))$$

where we may choose σ_i and $g_i : U_i \rightarrow G$ to be such that

$$\sigma_i(\gamma(0)) = \tilde{\gamma}(0), g_i(\tilde{\gamma}(0)) = i_G$$



The condition on $g_i(\gamma(t))$ is

$$\frac{d}{dt}g_i(t) = -\omega(\sigma_{i*}X)g_i(t)$$

whose unique solution is

$$g_i(t) = \text{pexp}\left(i \int_{\gamma|_{[0,t]}} \mathcal{A}_{i\mu} dx^\mu\right)$$

Current note has 0 direct children and 0 total descendants.

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 - smooth $\mathbb{R}$ -manifold
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