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REM: A covariant derivative ∇ on E induces covariant derivative on VB's constructed out of E .

• On E^* we obtain ∇^* by defining:

$$\langle \nabla_x e, \xi \rangle + \langle e, (\nabla^*)_x \xi \rangle = X \langle e, \xi \rangle.$$

$$\forall e \in \Gamma(E), \xi \in \Gamma(E^*), x \in \mathcal{K}(B).$$

• On $E_1 \otimes E_2$ we define:

$$\nabla_{E_1 \otimes E_2} (e_1 \otimes e_2) = (\nabla^{E_1} e_1) \otimes e_2 + e_1 \otimes (\nabla^{E_2} e_2).$$

§ 4.2 CONNECTION AND CURVATURE

• Fix a VB $\pi: E \rightarrow B$. Fix a covariant derivative ∇ .

Proposition: Let $f: M \rightarrow B$. There is a unique covariant derivative $\bar{\nabla}$ on $f^*E \rightarrow M$ such that:

$$(\bar{\nabla}_x (f^*e))_y = (\nabla_{f_*x} e)_{f(y)}$$

$$\forall e \in \Gamma(E), y \in M \text{ and } x \in T_y M.$$

• Let $\gamma: [0,1] \rightarrow B$ be a curve. Denote by $\frac{\nabla}{dt}$ the pullback covariant derivative on $\gamma^*E \rightarrow [0,1]$

REM Notice: a section of γ^*E is giving a choice of element of $E_{\gamma(t)} \forall t \in [0,1]$.

• $\frac{\nabla}{dt}$ is the unique covariant derivative on γ^*E (ie,

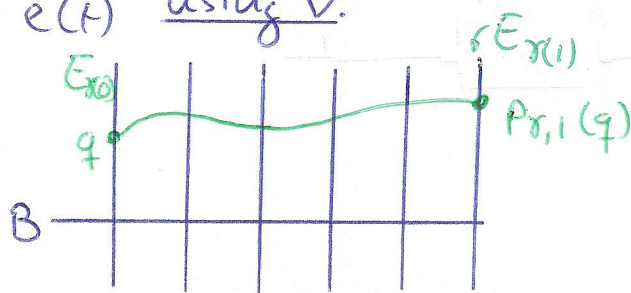
$$\frac{\nabla}{dt} (f(t), s(t)) = f'(t) \cdot s(t) + f(t) \frac{\nabla}{dt} s(t) \text{ with } \forall e \in \Gamma(E)$$

$$\frac{\nabla}{dt} (\underbrace{e|_{\gamma(t)}}_{\in \Gamma(\gamma^*E)}) = (\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}(t)} e)_{\gamma(t)}$$

Proposition: $\forall q \in E_{\gamma(0)} \exists$ ^{a unique} $e \in \Gamma(\gamma^*E)$ such that:

$$\begin{cases} e(0) = q \\ \nabla \frac{d}{dt} e = 0 \end{cases}$$

DEF: $\forall t \in [0, 1]$ consider the linear isomorphism $P_{\gamma, t}: E_{\gamma(0)} \rightarrow E_{\gamma(t)}$, called the parallel trans. along γ
 $q \mapsto e(t)$ using ∇ .



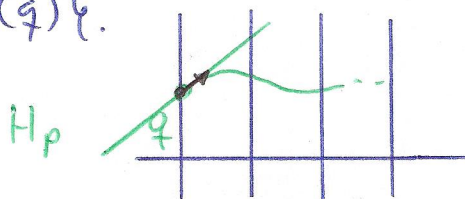
⊗ Parallel transport or Parallel translation.

REM: ∇ is recovered from the parallel transport maps. Let $x \in T_x B$, $e \in \Gamma(E)$, take a curve γ in B with $\gamma(0) = x$. Then:

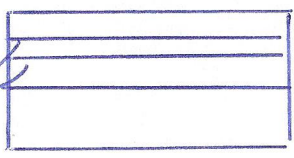
$$(\nabla_x e)_j = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \underbrace{[(P_{\gamma, t})^* (e_{\gamma(t)}) - e_{\gamma(0)}]}_{\in E_{\gamma(0)}}$$

REM: From ∇ we obtain a connection H on the fiber bundle E .

$\forall q \in E$ define $H_\gamma := \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} P_{\gamma, t}(q)$ γ is a curve in B starting at $\pi(q)$.



• Notice: $\forall$ curve γ in B , the parallel transport along γ using H (or ∇) is a linear $P_{\gamma, 1}: E_{\gamma(0)} \rightarrow E_{\gamma(1)}$

Ex On $B \times \mathbb{R}^n$ take $\nabla = d$ (recall $\Gamma(B \times \mathbb{R}^n) = C^\infty(B, \mathbb{R}^n)$).
 $\downarrow$
 B we have the constant functions H 

DEF The curvature of ∇ is defined by

$$R(X, Y)e = \nabla_X \nabla_Y e - \nabla_Y \nabla_X e - \nabla_{[X, Y]} e \in \Gamma(E).$$

$$\forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(B), e \in \Gamma(E).$$

⊗ It is a tensor and $R \in \Omega^2(M, \text{End}(E))$.

DEF Define the map D by

$$\Gamma(E) \xrightarrow{D_0} \underbrace{\Omega^1(B, E)}_{\substack{\Omega^1(B) \otimes \Gamma(E) \\ C^1(B)}} \xrightarrow{D_1} \Omega^2(B, E) \xrightarrow{D_2} \dots$$

$$\text{by } D_n(\omega \otimes e) = d\omega \otimes e + (-1)^n \underbrace{\omega}_{\Omega^n(B)} \wedge \underbrace{\nabla e}_{\Omega^1(B) \otimes \Gamma(E)}.$$

DEF The curvature of ∇ is

$$F := D_1 \circ D_0: \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Omega^2(B, E).$$

Proposition: The 2 definitions agree

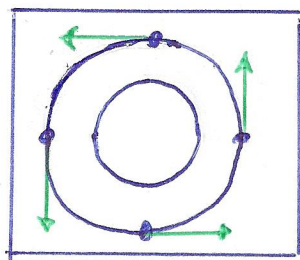
$$F = R \in \Omega^2(B, \text{End}(E))$$

REM: We saw that the curvature of the Ehresmann connection H corresponding to ∇ is determined

$$\text{by: } \underbrace{\Omega(X^H, Y^H)}_{\uparrow} = [X^H, Y^H] - [X, Y]^H \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(E)$$

↑ Vertical vector fields on E .

[Ex] On $\mathbb{R}^n$ we have $\text{End}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{ \text{linear vector fields on } \mathbb{R}^n \}$



$$A = (a_{is}) \mapsto \sum_{i,j} a_{is} x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$$

• So we deduce $\Gamma(\text{End}(E)) =$
 $= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{vertical vector fields on } E \\ \text{which are linear on every fiber} \end{array} \right\}$

The curvatures of H and ∇ agree under the above identifications

[5] CONNECTION ON PRINCIPAL BUNDLE.

• Let $\pi: P \rightarrow B$ be a G -bundle. Write $\mathfrak{g} = T_e G, \forall g \in G$, we write R_g for the corresponding diffeomorphism of P .

REM $\forall q \in P$ we get a canonical isomorphism:

$$\mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow T_q(P_{\pi(q)})$$

$$v \longmapsto v_p(q)$$

$$v_p(q) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} (q \cdot \exp(tv))$$

§5.1 CONNECTION

DEF A connection on P is an Ehresmann connection H on P which is G -invariant (ie, $(R_g)_*(H_p) = H_{pg}$ $\forall p \in P, g \in G$)

DEF Connection 1-form on P is $\omega \in \Omega^1(P, \mathfrak{g})$ st:

$$\omega(v_p) = v \quad \forall v \in \mathfrak{g}$$

$$(R_g)^* \omega = \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \omega \quad \forall g \in G$$

$$\text{(ie, } [(R_g)^* \omega]_p(x) = \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \underbrace{\omega_p(x)}_{\in \mathfrak{g}})$$

$$\omega_{pg}((R_g)_* x)$$

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REM The 2 notions are equivalent. Given H , define ω by

$$\omega \text{ by } \begin{cases} \omega_{\gamma}(x) = 0 & \text{if } x \in H_{\gamma} \\ \omega_{\gamma}(v_p(\gamma)) = v & \forall v \in \mathfrak{g} \end{cases}$$

Given ω we defined H by:

$$H_p = \ker(\omega_p: T_p P \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}).$$

DEF $\alpha \in \Omega(P)$ is horizontal $\Leftrightarrow i_{v_p} \alpha = 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathfrak{g}$

$\alpha \in \Omega(P)$ is basic $\Leftrightarrow$ there is a form β on B with $\pi^*(\beta) = \alpha$

$\Leftrightarrow \alpha$ is horiz. and $(R_g)^* \alpha = \alpha \quad \forall g \in G$. (2)

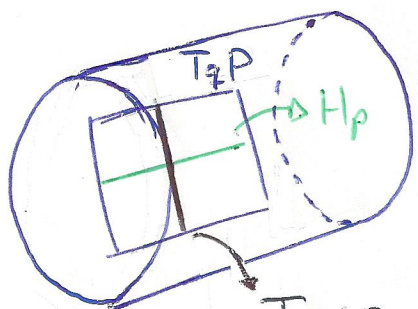
REM Let ω_0 be a conn 1-form on P . Then:

$$\{\text{conn 1-forms}\} = \{\omega_0 + \alpha \in \Omega_{\text{hor}}^1(P, \mathfrak{g}) : (R_g)^* \alpha = \text{Ad}_g^{-1} \alpha \quad \forall g \in G\}$$

Ex Let $G = U(1)$. Then the Lie alg of $U(1)$ is $i\mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R}$

A conn 1-form is $\omega \in \Omega^1(P)$ $\omega(1_p) = 1$ and ω is $U(1)$ -invariant (ie, $\omega((R_g)^* x) = \omega(x) \quad \forall x \in TP, g \in U(1)$).

Now let $P = B \times U(1)$ be the trivial bundle.

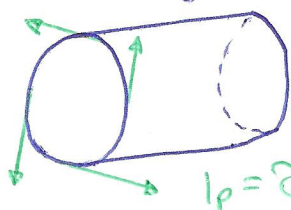


$$\omega_p: T_p P \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$$

$$T_q(P_{\pi(q)}) \cong \mathfrak{g}$$

[Ex]

Denote by θ the "angle coordinates" on $U(1)$, so $1_P = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$



$$B \times U(1); \quad d\theta\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\right) = 1$$

Then $d\theta$ is a conn. 1-form on P . An arbitrary connection is $d\theta + \pi^* \beta$ a basic 1-form on P . Here $\beta \in \Omega^1(B)$.

[Sub-ex] $B = \mathbb{R}$ (with coord x)

An arbitrary conn 1-form on $P = \mathbb{R} \times U(1)$ is $d\theta + f(x)dx$

Its kernel is $H = \text{Span} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - f(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right\}$

§5.2 CURVATURE

Let $\alpha \in \Omega^1(P, \mathfrak{g})$ be a conn. 1-form on P .

Define: $[\alpha \wedge \alpha] \in \Omega^2(P, \mathfrak{g})$ by

$$[\alpha \wedge \alpha](X, Y) = [\alpha(X), \alpha(Y)] - [\alpha(Y), \alpha(X)]$$

$$\stackrel{\uparrow}{P} \quad \stackrel{\uparrow}{P} \quad = 2[\alpha(X), \alpha(Y)].$$

DEF The curvature of α is $F = d\omega + \frac{1}{2} [\alpha \wedge \alpha] \in \Omega^2(P, \mathfrak{g})$

REM: The vertical bundle V of $P \xrightarrow{\pi} B$ is identified canonically with the trivial $VB, \overset{P}{=} B \times \mathfrak{g}$

REM F is the pullback by π of element of $\Omega^2(B, \overset{P}{=} B \times \mathfrak{g})$

[Ex] Let $G = U(1)$.

As we saw, a conn 1-form is $\omega \in \Omega^1(P)$ st $\omega(1_P) = 1$. Its curvature is $F = d\omega$.

Ex

- F is basic $i_p dw = \underbrace{L_p w}_{=0} - d(i_p w)$
 $i_p dw = d(i_p w) = 0.$
So $\exists c \in \Omega^2(B)$ st $\pi^* c = F.$
- c is closed $\pi^* dc = d(\underbrace{\pi^* c}_{=dw}) = 0$ and π^* injective. So get a cohomology. Class $[c] \in H_{dr}^2(M, \mathbb{R}).$
- Let $\tilde{w}$ be another connection 1-form on $P.$
Then $w - \tilde{w} \in \Omega^1(P)$, horizontal and satisfies (*), ie basic, ie $\exists \alpha \in \Omega^1(B)$ st $\pi^* \alpha = w - \tilde{w}.$
- Hence $\pi^*(c - \tilde{c}) = F - \tilde{F} = d(w - \tilde{w}) = \pi^*(d\alpha)$
 $\Rightarrow c - \tilde{c} = d\alpha \Rightarrow [c] = [\tilde{c}] \in H_{dr}^2(B)$
- The class $[c]$ is independent of the choice of conn 1-form $\left[\frac{-c}{2\pi i}\right]$ is called first Chern class of P .