

Class 4 Vector bundle (Chap 3)

Manifold + group = Lie group

Manifold + vector space = vector bundle

Def 1: Let M be a smooth mfd of $\dim m$.

A smooth mfd E is called a (real) vector bundle over M with fiber dimension n if we have the following

1) There is a smooth map $\pi: E \rightarrow M$

for each $p \in M$, $\exists U_p \subset M$ $\lambda_U: \pi^{-1}(U_p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

s.t. for each $x \in U_p$, $\lambda_U: \pi^{-1}(x) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
is a diffeomorphism

2) There is a smooth map $\hat{\sigma}: M \rightarrow E$ s.t. $\pi \circ \hat{\sigma} = \text{Id}$

3) There is a smooth map $\mu: \mathbb{R} \times E \rightarrow E$ s.t.

a) $\pi(\mu(r, v)) = \pi(v)$

b) $\mu(r, \mu(r', v)) = \mu(rr', v)$

c) $\mu(1, v) = v$

d) $\mu(r, v) = v$ for $r \neq 1$ iff $v \in \text{Im } \hat{\sigma}$

4) $\lambda_U(\mu(r, v)) = r \lambda_U(v)$ for any U in 1)

Ex. The product bundle (also called the trivial bundle)

$$E = M \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

Rem 1) π is called the (bundle) projection map

For $W \subset M$, write $E|_W = \pi^{-1}(W)$

For $p \in M$, $E|_p$ is called a fiber over p

λ_U defines a diffeo $\varphi_U: E|_U \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{R}^n$ by

$(\pi(v), \lambda_U(v))$ φ_U is called local trivialization of E

(Remember a top mfd can have multiple smooth strs, here we specify the smooth str on E by $E|_U \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\varphi_U \times \text{Id}} \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$)

2) $\hat{0}$ or its image is called the zero section

3) μ corresponds to the scalar multiplication in the vector space
we usually write $\mu(r, v)$ as rv

Def 2: Let E, E' be two vector bundles over M .

A section of E is a smooth map $s: M \rightarrow E$ s.t. $\pi \circ s = \text{Id}$

A homomorphism $\phi: E \rightarrow E'$ is a smooth map s.t.

$$1) \pi'(\phi(v)) = \pi(v) \quad (\pi': E' \rightarrow M \quad \hat{0}': M \rightarrow E')$$

$$2) \phi(rv) = r\phi(v) \quad (\text{Hence } \phi(\hat{0}(p)) = \hat{0}'(p))$$

A bundle isomorphism is a homomorphism with an inverse $g: E' \rightarrow E$

Question: Is any bundle isomorphic to the trivial bundle?

Counterexample: Möbius bundle over S^1

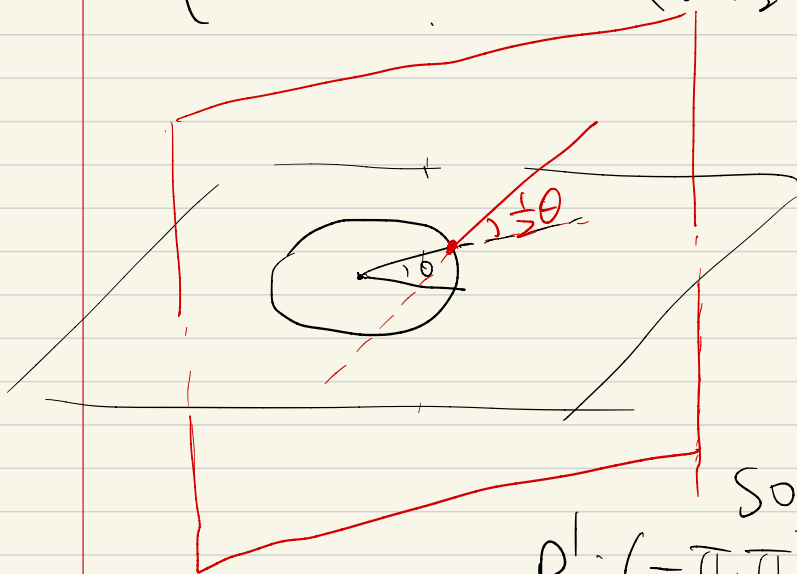
$$\{(\theta, v) \in S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2 : \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix} v = v\}$$

We have a smooth map

$$\rho: (0, 2\pi) \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \bar{E}$$

$$(\theta, t) \mapsto (\theta, t \cos(\frac{1}{2}\theta), t \sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta))$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{1}{2}\theta \\ \sin \frac{1}{2}\theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \cos \frac{1}{2}\theta + \sin \theta \sin \frac{1}{2}\theta \\ \sin \theta \cos \frac{1}{2}\theta - \cos \theta \sin \frac{1}{2}\theta \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{1}{2}\theta \\ \sin \frac{1}{2}\theta \end{pmatrix}$$



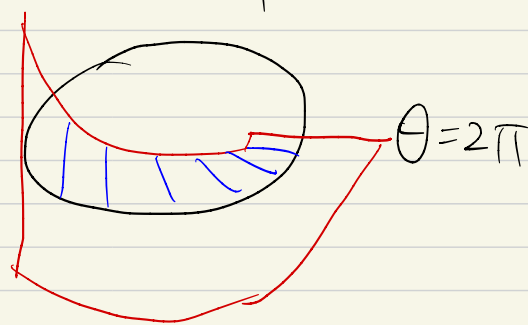
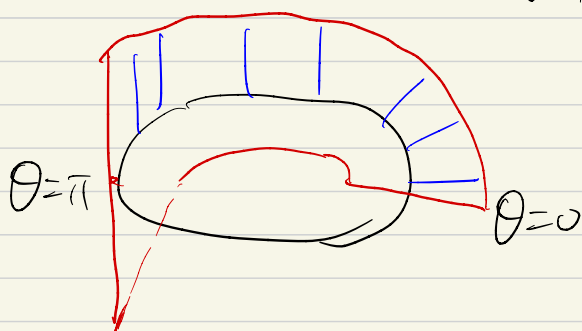
ρ is not continuous at

$$\theta = 0 = 2\pi$$

So we need the second chart

$$\rho': (-\pi, \pi) \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \bar{E}$$

using the same map



We can find a nonzero section of $S' \times \mathbb{R} = \bar{E}'$

(just use $s: S' \rightarrow \bar{E}'$ $s(\theta) = (\theta, 1)$)

But we cannot find a nonzero section of Möbius bundle

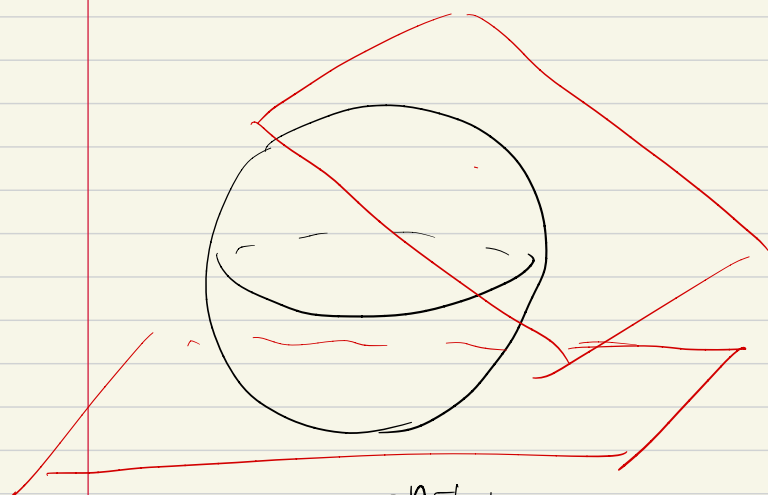
(Intuitively, when we move $s(0)$ smoothly to $s(2\pi)$, we will have $s(0) \neq s(2\pi)$)

More examples of vector bundles.

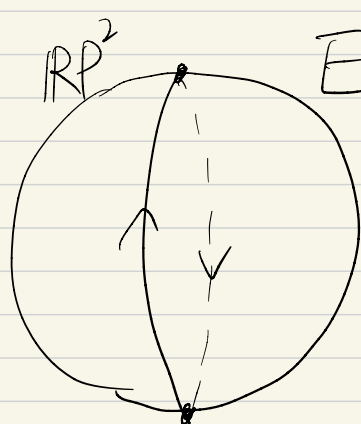
• Let $S^2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid |x|=1\}$ $E = \{(x, v) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \mid |x|=1, x \cdot v = 0\}$

$\pi: E \rightarrow S^2$ $\pi(x, v) = x$ $r(x, v) = (x, rv)$ $r \in \mathbb{R}$

$\hat{0}: S^2 \rightarrow E$ $\hat{0}(x) = (x, 0)$



- Let $\mathbb{RP}^{n-1}$ be the space of lines through $0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 (a pt is a line) It can also be regarded as $S^{n-1}/\pm 1$
 where -1 acts on x by $-x$.



$E = \{(\pm x, v) \in \mathbb{RP}^{n-1} \times \mathbb{R}^n \mid v = r \cdot x \text{ for } r \in \mathbb{R}\}$

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More properties about sections:

Prop 1: 1) $\phi: \bar{E} \rightarrow \bar{E}'$ is a homomorphism. $s: M \rightarrow \bar{E}$ is a section. Then $s': X \mapsto \phi(s(x))$ is a section of $\bar{E}'$ called the pushforward of s

2) $s_1, s_2: M \rightarrow \bar{E}$ sections. Then $s_1 + s_2: X \mapsto s_1(x) + s_2(x)$ is also a section. Also rs_1 is a section for $r \in \mathbb{R}$.
Hence the space of sections is a vector space.

3) $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $s: M \rightarrow \bar{E}$. Then fs is also a section.

4) On a nbhd U of any $p \in M$, we have a diffeo

$$\varphi_U: \bar{E}|_U = \pi^{-1}(U) \longrightarrow U \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

Suppose $e_1, \dots, e_n$ are basis of $\mathbb{R}^n$. Then we can construct

$$\text{sections } s_1, \dots, s_n: U \rightarrow \bar{E}|_U \quad s_i(x) = \varphi_U^{-1}(x, e_i)$$

i.e. locally, the vector bundle is always generated by sections.

Rem Globally (on M), we may not have

everywhere nonzero sections (e.g. Möbius bundle)

5) If we have sections $s_1, \dots, s_n: M \rightarrow \bar{E}$ so that in any nbhd U , $s_i|_U$ forms a basis

Then we can use them to trivialize $\bar{E}$:

i.e. $\exists$ a bundle isomorphism $\phi: M \times \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \bar{E}$
 $(x, \sum r_i e_i) \mapsto \sum r_i s_i(x)$

We have an alternative way to define E

Def 2. Fix a locally finite open cover $\mathcal{U}$ of M

For $U, V \in \mathcal{U}$ st. $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ choose a function

$g_{VU}: U \cap V \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ called bundle transition function

$$E = \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{U}} U \times \mathbb{R}^n / (p, u) \in U \times \mathbb{R}^n \sim (p, g_{VU} \cdot u) \in V \times \mathbb{R}^n \quad p \in U \cap V$$

$\{g_{VU}\}_{U, V \in \mathcal{U}}$ need to satisfy the following condition

1) $g_{VU} = g_{UV}^{-1} \quad U \cap V \neq \emptyset$

2) $g_{V,U} \circ g_{U,W} \circ g_{WU} = \text{Id} \quad U \cap V \cap W \neq \emptyset$
called cocycle condition

The reason to introduce g_{VU} is the following

From Def 1, for any $p \in M$, we have a nbhd $U \subset M$

$$\text{st. } E|_U = \pi^{-1}(U) \xrightarrow{\cong} U \times \mathbb{R}^n \\ v \longmapsto (\pi(v), \lambda_U(v))$$

If $v_1, v_2 \in E|_p$, then we can define

$$v_1 + v_2 = (\lambda_U|_p)^{-1} \left(\underbrace{\lambda_U|_p(v_1)}_{\in \mathbb{R}^n} + \underbrace{\lambda_U|_p(v_2)}_{\in \mathbb{R}^n} \right) \in E|_p$$

The definition should be independent of the choice of U

Because $(Lsf)_U = \sum_{k=1}^n V_k \frac{\partial f_U}{\partial x^k}$. We may write $S|_U = \sum_{k=1}^n V_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$ and write $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right\}$ as a basis of sections for $\pi^* \mathbb{R}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$

This notation is important because in the future we usually do calculation locally and write a vector field as $\sum_{k=1}^n V_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$

For another chart V . we write $\frac{\partial}{\partial y^k}$ as basis and

$S|_V = \sum V'_k \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k}$. we have

$$\frac{\partial(f \circ \phi_V^{-1})}{\partial y^k} = \frac{\partial(f \circ \phi_U^{-1} \circ \phi_U \circ \phi_V^{-1})}{\partial y^k} = \sum_l \frac{\partial(f \circ \phi_U^{-1})}{\partial x^l} \frac{\partial(\chi_l \circ \phi_U \circ \phi_V^{-1})}{\partial y^k}$$

$$\phi_U \circ \phi_V^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^n \text{ (with basis } y^k) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ (with basis } x^k)$$

$$\text{So } \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} = \sum_l \frac{\partial(\chi_l \circ \phi_U \circ \phi_V^{-1})}{\partial y^k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \chi_l: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \text{projection to} \\ l\text{-th coordinate} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial y^n} \right) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n} \right) (h_{UV})_x \quad \text{another reason to write as } \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$$

$$\text{Also } \sum_l V_l \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} = \sum_k V'_k \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} = \sum_k V'_k \left(\sum_l \frac{\partial(\chi_l \circ \phi_U \circ \phi_V^{-1})}{\partial y^k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} \right)$$

take coefficients of $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^l}$

$$\Rightarrow V_l = \sum_k V'_k \frac{\partial(\chi_l \circ \phi_U \circ \phi_V^{-1})}{\partial y^k} \quad \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^n} \right) \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = (h_{UV})_x \begin{pmatrix} v'_1 \\ \vdots \\ v'_n \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} (Lsf)_U = \sum V_k \frac{\partial f_U}{\partial x^k} \\ (Lsf)_V = \sum V'_k \frac{\partial f_U}{\partial y^k} \end{array} \text{ equal}$$

Conversely, given a derivation L . We construct a vector field as follows

Let $V_k: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$L(\chi_k \circ \phi_U)$ where $\chi_k: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the projection

Let $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}: U \rightarrow TM|_U \cong U \times \mathbb{R}^n$ be the section corresponding to basis of $\mathbb{R}^n$ set $S = \sum_k V_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$

Exercise: for any $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$(Lf)|_U = (L_S f)|_U = \sum_k V_k \frac{\partial (f \circ \phi_U^{-1})}{\partial x^k}$$

A function $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ define a vector field ∇f as follows.

for a chart $U \subset M$, $\phi_U: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

Define $f_U = f \circ \phi_U^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ Consider $(f_U)_* = (\frac{\partial f_U}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_U}{\partial x_n})$

$$\text{Let } (\nabla f)|_U = \sum_k \frac{\partial f_U}{\partial x^k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}.$$