Curved Yang-Mills gauge theories

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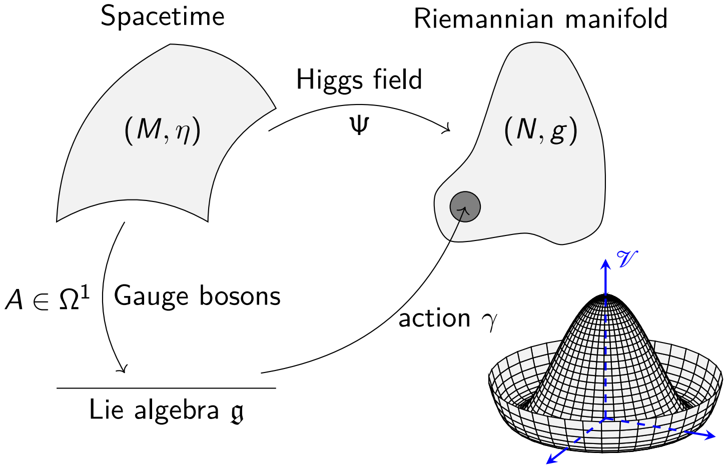

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Remarks (Why a "curved theory"?)

Usually, the field strength F is given by (abelian, for simplicity)

$$F := \mathrm{d}A = \mathrm{d}^{\nabla^0} A.$$

$\rightsquigarrow$ We will use a general connection ∇ instead of ∇^0, and ∇ may not be flat.

We will only focus on Yang-Mills theories:

	Classical	Curved
Infinitesimal	Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$	LAB[1] $\mathscr{g}$
Integrated	Lie group G	LGB[2] $\mathscr{G}$

$$\begin{tikzcd} G \arrow[r] & \mathscr{G} \arrow[d] \\ & M \end{tikzcd}$$

[1] LAB = Lie algebra bundle
[2] LGB = Lie group bundle

Definition (LGB actions, simplified)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \mathscr{G} \\ & & \downarrow \\ \mathscr{P} & \xrightarrow{\pi} & M \end{array}$$

$\mathscr{P} \xrightarrow{\pi} M$ a fibre bundle. A **right-action of $\mathscr{G}$ on $\mathscr{P}$** is a smooth map $\mathscr{P} * \mathscr{G} := \pi^*\mathscr{G} = \mathscr{P} \times_M \mathscr{G} \to \mathscr{P}$, $(p, g) \mapsto p \cdot g$, satisfying the following properties:

$$\pi(p \cdot g) = \pi(p), \tag{1}$$

$$(p \cdot g) \cdot h = p \cdot (gh), \tag{2}$$

$$p \cdot e_{\pi(p)} = p \tag{3}$$

for all $p \in \mathscr{P}$ and $g, h \in \mathscr{G}_{\pi(p)}$, where $e_{\pi(p)}$ is the neutral element of $\mathscr{G}_{\pi(p)}$.

K. Mackenzie. General Theory of Lie Groupoids and Algebroids. *London Mathematical Society Lecture Note Series*, 213, 2005.

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Example (Recovering Lie group action)

- Either by $M = \{*\}$.
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Guide to recover the classical theory (Part 1 of 3)

1. $\mathscr{G} \cong M \times G$

Definition (Principal bundle)

Still a fibre bundle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \longrightarrow & \mathscr{P} \\ & & \Big\downarrow{\scriptstyle \pi} \\ & & M \end{array}$$

but with $\mathscr{G}$-action

$$\underset{\mathscr{P} * \mathscr{G}}{\cancel{\mathscr{P} \times G}} \rightarrow \mathscr{P}$$

simply transitive on fibres of $\mathscr{P}$, and "suitable" atlas.

Ieke Moerdijk, Janez Mrcun. Introduction to Foliations and Lie Groupoids.
Cambridge Studies in Advanced Mathematics 91, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2003

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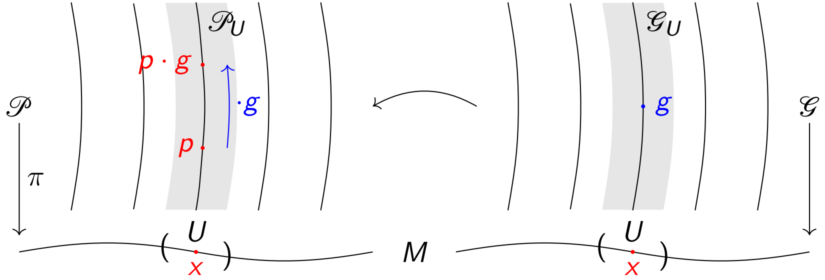

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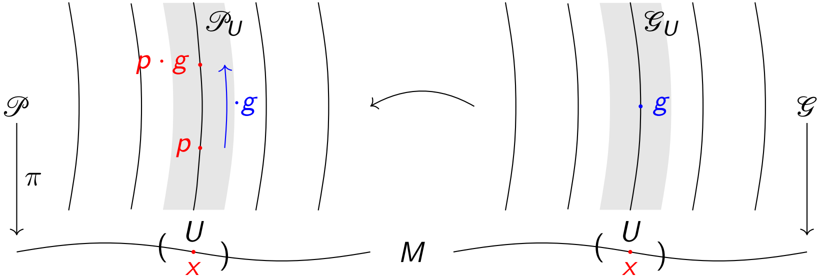

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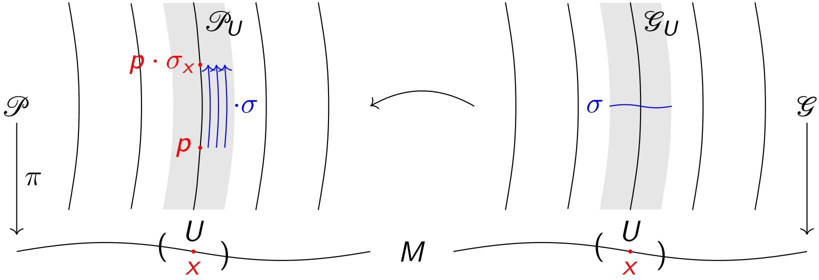

Use $\sigma \in \Gamma(\mathscr{G}) : r_\sigma(p) := p \cdot \sigma_x$

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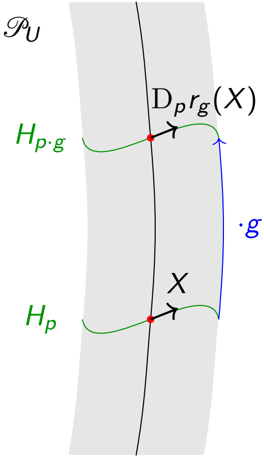

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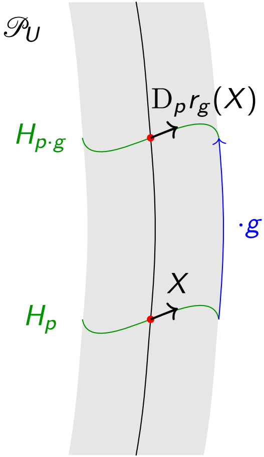

Remarks (Integrated case)

Parallel transport $\mathrm{PT}^{\mathscr{P}}_{\alpha}$ in $\mathscr{P}$:

$$\mathrm{PT}^{\mathscr{P}}_{\alpha}(p \cdot g) = \mathrm{PT}^{\mathscr{P}}_{\alpha}(p) \cdot g$$

where $\alpha : I \to M$ is a base path

Connection on $\mathscr{P}$: General case

Remarks (Integrated case)

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Classical situation: Differential of Lie group action

Remarks (Lie group G situation with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$)

In the case of a right G-action on $\mathscr{P}$, $\Phi : \mathscr{P} \times G \to \mathscr{P}$, we have

$$\mathrm{D}_{(p,g)}\Phi(X, Y) = \mathrm{D}_p r_g(X) + \left.\overline{(\mu_G)_g(Y)}\right|_{p\cdot g}$$

for all $p \in \mathscr{P}$, $g \in G$, $X \in \mathrm{T}_p\mathscr{P}$ and $Y \in \mathrm{T}_g G$, where

- $\overline{\nu}$ denotes the fundamental vector field on $\mathscr{P}$ of $\nu \in \mathfrak{g}$,
- μ_G is the Maurer-Cartan form of G.

Mark JD Hamilton. Mathematical Gauge Theory. *Springer*, 2017.

Definition (Fundamental vector fields)

Fundamental vector fields defined by

$$\overline{\nu}_p := \left.\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\right|_{t=0} \left(p \cdot \mathrm{e}^{t\nu_x}\right)$$

for all $\nu \in \Gamma(\mathscr{g})$ and $p \in \mathscr{P}_x$, where $\mathscr{g}$ is the LAB of $\mathscr{G}$.

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Definition (Darboux derivative)

For $\sigma \in \Gamma(\mathscr{G})$ we define the **Darboux derivative** $\Delta\sigma \in \Omega^1(M; \mathscr{g})$

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where $\mu_{\mathscr{G}}$ is given by

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If $\mathscr{G}$ a trivial LGB with canonical flat connection and if Lie group additionally a matrix group, then

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Proposition (Differential of LGB action Φ, [S.-R. F.])

We have

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for all $(p,g) \in \mathscr{P}_x \times \mathscr{G}_x$, $(X,Y) \in \mathrm{T}_{(p,g)}(\mathscr{P} * \mathscr{G})$, *where* σ *is any section of* $\mathscr{G}$ *with* $\sigma_x = g$*.*

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Definition (Modified right-pushforward, [S.-R. F.])

Define

$$r_{g*}(X) := \mathrm{D}_p r_\sigma(X) - \overline{(\pi^!\Delta\sigma)|_p(X)}\Big|_{p\cdot g}.$$

Proposition (Well-defined isomorphism, [S.-R. F.])

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{T}\mathscr{P}|_{\mathscr{P}_x} &\to \mathrm{T}\mathscr{P}|_{\mathscr{P}_x}, \\ X &\mapsto \mathscr{r}_{g*}(X), \end{aligned}$$

is a well-defined automorphism over r_g.

Definition (Ehresmann connection, [S.-R. F.])

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Definition (Connection 1-form, [S.-R. F.])

$A \in \Omega^1(\mathscr{P}; \pi^* g)$ with

$$A(\overline{\nu}) = \pi^* \nu,$$
$$r_\sigma^! A = \mathrm{Ad}_{\sigma^{-1}} \circ A$$

for all $\sigma \in \Gamma(\mathscr{G})$ and $\nu \in \Gamma(g)$.

Remarks

$$\left(r_\sigma^! A \right)_p (X) = A_{p\sigma_x}\left(r_{\sigma_x *}(X) \right).$$

Theorem (Equivalence of both definitions, [S.-R. F.])

There is the usual 1:1 correspondence between both definitions:

- *Given H, define A by*

$$A_p(\overline{\nu}_p + X) := (\pi^*\nu)_p,$$

  where $X \in H_p$.

- *Given A, define H by*

$$H_p := \mathrm{Ker}(A_p).$$

Theorem (Gauge transformation, [S.-R. F.])

Let s_i, s_j be two sections of $\mathscr{P}$ over U_i and U_j, respectively, which are open subsets of M with $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$. Then over $U_i \cap U_j$

$$A_{s_i} = \mathrm{Ad}_{\sigma_{ji}^{-1}} \circ A_{s_j} + \Delta\sigma_{ji},$$

where $A_{s_i} := s_i^{!}A$ and σ_{ji} a section of $\mathscr{G}$ with $s_i = s_j \cdot \sigma_{ji}$.

Proposition (Connection on $\mathscr{G}$, [S.-R. F.])

We have an induced vector bundle connection on $\mathscr{G}$ given by

$$\nabla^{\mathscr{G}} \nu := \left.\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\right|_{t=0} \Delta \mathrm{e}^{t\nu}.$$

 Similar construction as in: Camille Laurent-Gengoux, Mathieu Stiénon, and Ping Xu. Non-abelian differentiable gerbes. *Advances in Mathematics*, 220(5):1357–1427, 2009.

Remarks

Recall, $\mathscr{G}$ a principal $\mathcal{G}$-bundle.

Definition (Compatibility conditions, [S.-R. F.])

$\mu_{\mathscr{G}}$ a **Yang-Mills connection (w.r.t. $\zeta \in \Omega^2(M; \mathscr{g})$)** if it satisfies the **compatibility conditions**:

1. $\mu_{\mathscr{G}}$ a connection 1-form on $\mathscr{G} \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathscr{G}}} M$;
2. $\mu_{\mathscr{G}}$ satisfies the **generalised Maurer-Cartan equation**

$$\left(\mathrm{d}^{\pi_{\mathscr{G}}^* \nabla^{\mathscr{G}}} \mu_{\mathscr{G}} + \frac{1}{2}[\mu_{\mathscr{G}} \overset{\wedge}{,} \mu_{\mathscr{G}}]_{\pi_{\mathscr{G}}^* \mathscr{g}}\right)\Big|_g = \mathrm{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \circ \pi_{\mathscr{G}}^! \zeta\Big|_g - \pi_{\mathscr{G}}^! \zeta\Big|_g$$

Proposition ($\nabla^{\mathscr{G}}$ a Lie bracket derivation)

Let $\mu_{\mathscr{G}}$ be a connection 1-form on $\mathscr{G}$, then

$$\nabla^{\mathscr{G}}\left([\mu,\nu]_{\mathfrak{g}}\right) = \left[\nabla^{\mathscr{G}}\mu,\nu\right]_{\mathfrak{g}} + \left[\mu,\nabla^{\mathscr{G}}\nu\right]_{\mathfrak{g}}.$$

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Theorem (Curvature of LAB connection exact, [S.-R. F.])

$\mu_{\mathscr{G}}$ satisfies the generalized Maurer-Cartan equation w.r.t. ζ if and only if

$$R_{\nabla^{\mathscr{G}}} = \mathrm{ad}\circ\zeta.$$

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Given a Yang-Mills connection on $\mathscr{G}$:

Definition (Generalized curvature/field strength F of A, [S.-R. F.])

π^H denotes the projection onto $H \subset \mathrm{T}\mathscr{P}$, then we define

$$F := \mathrm{d}^{\pi^* \nabla^{\mathscr{G}}} A \circ \left(\pi^{\mathrm{H}}, \pi^{\mathrm{H}}\right) + \pi^! \zeta.$$

Theorem (Structure equation, [S.-R. F.])

$$F = \mathrm{d}^{\pi^* \nabla^{\mathscr{G}}} A + \frac{1}{2}[A \overset{\wedge}{,} A]_{\pi^* \mathscr{g}} + \pi^! \zeta.$$

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Theorem (Lagrangian, [S.-R. F.])

- κ *be an* Ad*-invariant fibre metric on* $\mathscr{g}$*,*
- M *a spacetime, and* $*$ *its Hodge star operator,*
- $(U_i)_i$ *open covering of* M *with subordinate gauges* $s_i \in \Gamma(\mathscr{P}|_{U_i})$*.*

Then the Lagrangian $\mathfrak{L}_{\mathrm{CYM}}[A]$*, defined locally by*

$$\left(\mathfrak{L}_{\mathrm{CYM}}[A]\right)\big|_{U_i} := -\frac{1}{2}\kappa(F_{s_i} \overset{\wedge}{,} *F_{s_i}),$$

is well-defined, and

$$\mathfrak{L}_{\mathrm{CYM}}\left[L^! A\right] = \mathfrak{L}_{\mathrm{CYM}}[A]$$

for all principal bundle automorphisms L*.*

Example (Hopf fibration $\mathbb{S}^7 \to \mathbb{S}^4$, [S.-R. F.])

Let P be the Hopf bundle

$$\begin{tikzcd} \mathrm{SU}(2) \cong \mathbb{S}^3 \arrow[r] & \mathbb{S}^7 \arrow[d] \\ & \mathbb{S}^4 \end{tikzcd}$$

Define $\mathscr{P} := \mathscr{G}$ as the inner group bundle of P,

$$\mathscr{G} := c_{\mathrm{SU}(2)}(P) := \left(P \times \mathrm{SU}(2)\right) \Big/ \mathrm{SU}(2).$$

This principal $c_{\mathrm{SU}(2)}(P)$-bundle admits the structure as curved Yang-Mills gauge theory; there is no description as flat theory.

Gauge theory	Structure
Yang-Mills	Lie group G
Curved Yang-Mills	Lie group bundle $\mathscr{G}$
Curved Yang-Mills-Higgs	Lie groupoid $\mathfrak{G}$?

$$
\begin{tikzcd}
 & \mathfrak{G} \arrow[dl] \arrow[dr] & \\
M \arrow[rr, "\Psi"] & & N
\end{tikzcd}
$$

Remarks

- Richer set of principal bundles, containing Lie groupoids equipped with "non-flat Maurer-Cartan forms".
- Principal bundle for the whole of Yang-Mills-Higgs theory
- Even if $\mathscr{G}$ is trivial, what happens if its connection is not flat?
- May result into obstruction statements for curved Yang-Mills-Higgs gauge theories.

Thank you!