Curved Yang-Mills gauge theories and their recent applications

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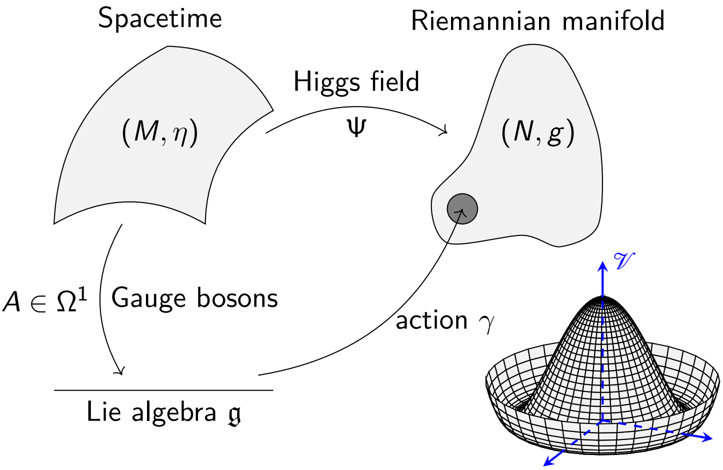

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Remarks (Why a "curved theory"?)

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.

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We will only focus on Yang-Mills theories:

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Integrated	Lie group G	LGB[2] $\mathscr{G}$

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\begin{tikzcd}
G \arrow[r] & \mathscr{G} \arrow[d] \\
& M
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[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 $\mathscr{G}_{\pi(p)}$.

Definition (Principal bundle)

Still a fibre bundle

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

but with $\mathscr{G}$-action

$$\begin{array}{l} \cancel{\mathscr{P} \times G} \to \mathscr{P} \\ \mathscr{P} * \mathscr{G} \end{array}$$

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

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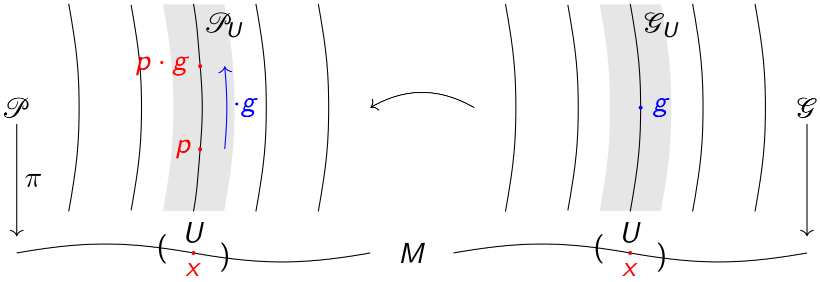

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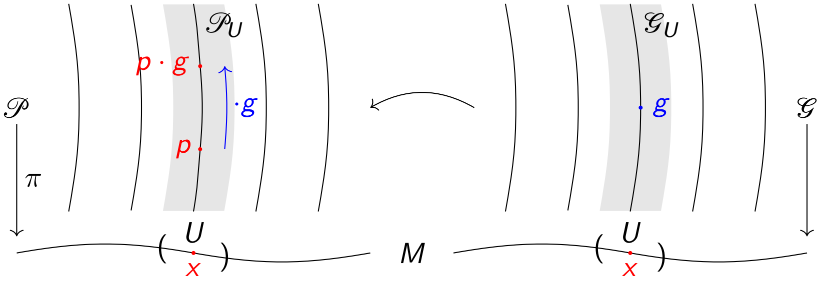

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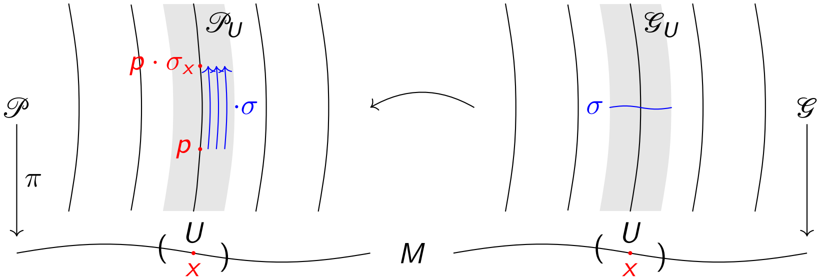

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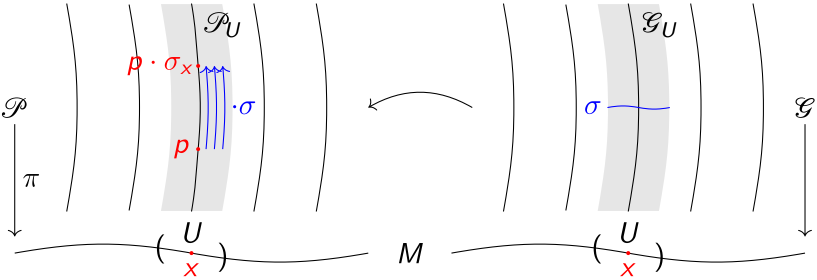

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$$\overline{\nu}_p := \left.\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\right|_{t=0} \left(p \cdot \mathrm{e}^{t\nu_x}\right)$$

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

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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Remarks

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

$$\Delta\sigma = \sigma^{-1}\mathrm{d}\sigma.$$

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

Define

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

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

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.

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Definition (Equivalently: 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

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

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

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

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

Remarks

Recall, $\mathscr{G}$ a principal $\mathscr{G}$-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**

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

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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

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

Remarks

Both compatibility conditions are related to a cohomology, that is:

1. μ_g closed
2. Curvature of μ_g exact with primitive ζ

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

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

We define

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

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Theorem (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* $U_i \cap U_j$

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

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

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.

Back to the roots

1. $\mathscr{G} \cong M \times G$
2. Equip $\mathscr{G}$ with canonical flat connection
3. $\zeta \equiv 0$

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 classical gauge theory.

Definition (Field redefinition, [S.-R. F.])

Let $\lambda \in \Omega^1(N; E)$ such that $\Lambda := \mathbb{1}_E - \lambda \circ \rho$ is an automorphism of E. We then define the **field redefinitions** by

$$\widetilde{A}^\lambda := (\Phi^*\Lambda)(A) + \Phi^!\lambda, \tag{4}$$

$$\widetilde{\nabla}^\lambda := \nabla + \left(\Lambda \circ \mathrm{d}^{\nabla^{\mathrm{bas}}} \circ \Lambda^{-1}\right)\lambda, \tag{5}$$

$$\widetilde{\kappa}^\lambda := \kappa \circ \left(\Lambda^{-1}, \Lambda^{-1}\right), \tag{6}$$

$$\widetilde{g}^\lambda := g \circ \left(\widehat{\Lambda}^{-1}, \widehat{\Lambda}^{-1}\right), \tag{7}$$

where $\widehat{\Lambda} := \mathbb{1}_{\mathrm{T}N} - \rho \circ \lambda$, and for all $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$ we also define

$$\widetilde{\zeta}^\lambda\left(\widehat{\Lambda}(X), \widehat{\Lambda}(Y)\right) := \Lambda(\zeta(X, Y)) - \left(\mathrm{d}^{\widetilde{\nabla}^\lambda}\lambda\right)(X, Y) + t_{\widetilde{\nabla}^\lambda_\rho}(\lambda(X), \lambda(Y)). \tag{8}$$

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Theorem (Invariant for LABs, [S.-R. F.])

We have

$$\mathrm{d}^{\widetilde{\nabla}^\lambda} \widetilde{\zeta}^\lambda = \mathrm{d}^\nabla \zeta, \tag{11}$$

and $\mathrm{d}^\nabla \zeta$ *has values in the centre of* $\mathscr{g}$*.*

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Example (Zero obstruction class not necessarily pre-classical)

Let P be the Hopf fibration

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Then for the adjoint bundle

$$\mathcal{g} := P \times_{\mathrm{SU}(2)} \mathfrak{su}(2) := \left(\mathbb{S}^7 \times \mathfrak{su}(2)\right) \Big/ \mathrm{SU}(2)$$

we have a non-flat ∇ satisfying the compatibility conditions such that all of its field redefinitions are not flat either, but $\mathrm{Obs}(\Xi) = 0$.

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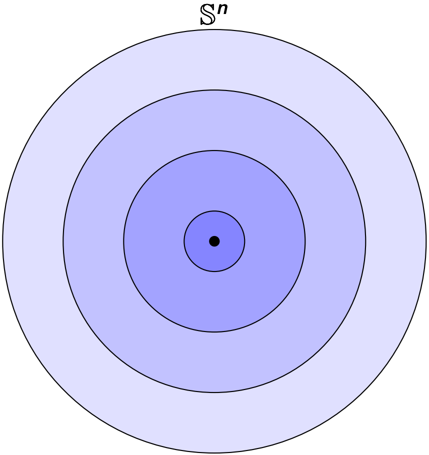
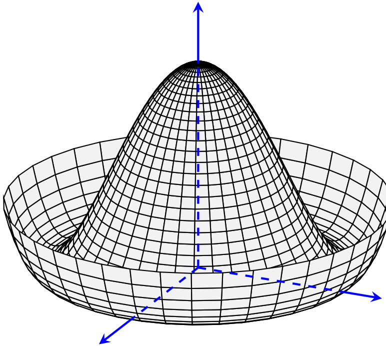
An attempt of classification

Applications: Singular foliations (joint work w/ Camille Laurent-Gengoux)





Right diagram made by Mark J.D. Hamilton.

Singular Foliations:

- Gauge Theory
  (Ex.: Singular foliation $\leftrightarrow$ Symmetry breaking $\rightarrow$ Higgs mechanism)
- Poisson Geometry
  (Singular foliation of symplectic leaves)
- Lie groupoids and algebroids
- Dirac structures
- Generalised complex manifolds
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- ...

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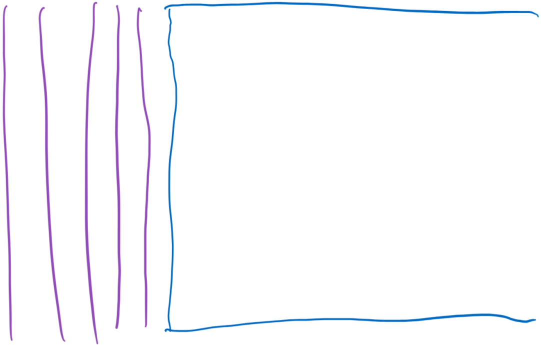
Remarks (Leaves)

Following the flows in $\mathscr{F}$, this gives rise to a partition of connected immersed submanifolds in M.



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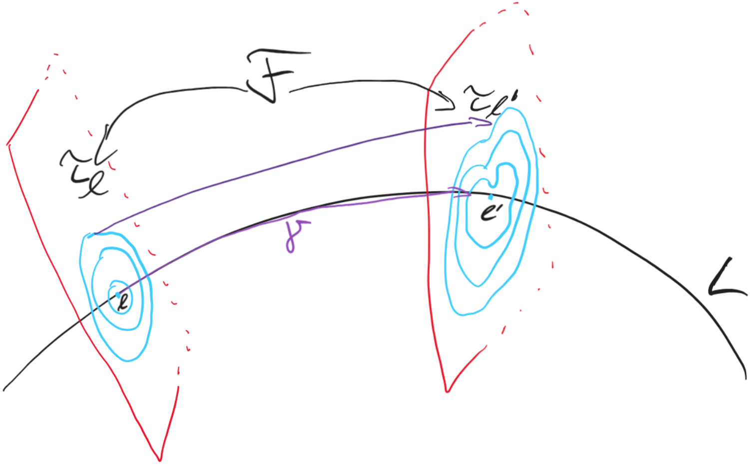

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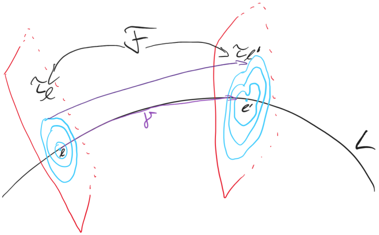

Theorem ($\mathscr{F}$-connections)

There is a connection on the normal bundle of a leaf L:

- *Horizontal vector fields are in $\mathscr{F}$.*
- *Parallel transport* PT_γ *has values in* $\mathrm{Sym}(\tau_l, \tau_{l'})$.
- *For a contractible loop* γ_0 *at l:* PT_{γ_0} *values in* $\mathrm{Inner}(\tau_l)$.

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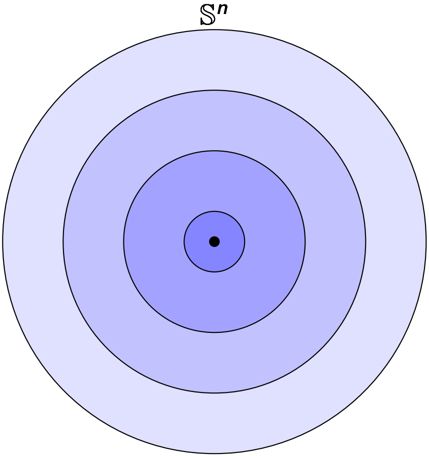

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- Inner(τ_I) maps each circle to itself
- Sym(τ_I) allows to exchange circles
- Both preserve τ_I and fix the origin

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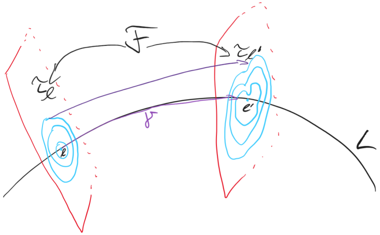

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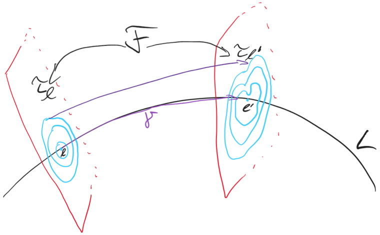

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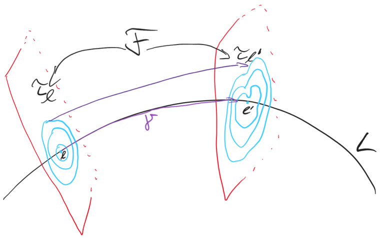

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Fix l and given τ_l: Reconstruct $\mathscr{F}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\left[X^{\uparrow}+\overline{\nu}, X'^{\uparrow}+\overline{\mu}\right] &= [X, X']^{\uparrow} + \ldots \\ &= \underbrace{\left[X^{\uparrow}, X'^{\uparrow}\right]}_{\rightsquigarrow \text{ curvature}} + \underbrace{\left[X^{\uparrow}, \overline{\mu}\right] - \left[X'^{\uparrow}, \overline{\nu}\right]}_{\rightsquigarrow \text{ connection}} + \overline{[\nu, \mu]}\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{tikzcd} & \mathscr{G} \arrow[dl, bend right] \arrow[d, "\pi_{\mathscr{G}}"] \\ \mathscr{T} \arrow[r, "\phi"] & L \end{tikzcd}$$

A **right-action of $\mathscr{G}$ on $\mathscr{T}$** is a smooth map $\mathscr{T} * \mathscr{G} := \mathscr{T} {}_{\phi}\times_{\pi_{\mathscr{G}}} \mathscr{G} \to \mathscr{T}$, $(t, g) \mapsto t \cdot g$, satisfying the following properties:

$$\phi(t \cdot g) = \phi(t), \tag{14}$$

$$(t \cdot g) \cdot h = t \cdot (gh), \tag{15}$$

$$t \cdot e_{\phi(t)} = p \tag{16}$$

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

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Definition (Principal bundle)

$$\begin{tikzcd} \mathscr{P} \arrow[d, "\pi_{\mathscr{P}}"] \arrow[dr, "\phi"] & \mathscr{G} \arrow[l, bend right] \arrow[d, "\pi_{\mathscr{G}}"] \\ L' \arrow[r, "\Psi"] & L \end{tikzcd}$$

A surjective submersion $\pi_{\mathscr{P}} \colon \mathscr{P} \to L'$, with $\mathscr{G}$-action

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

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

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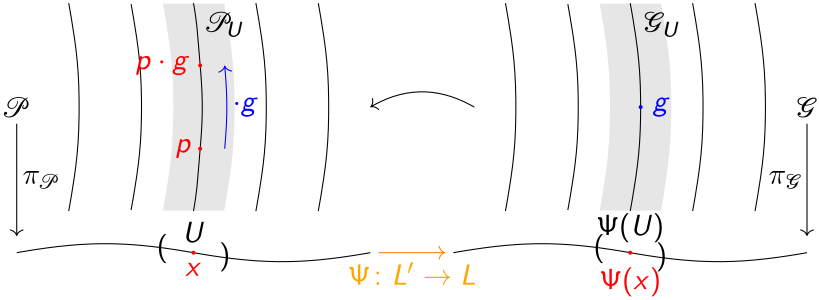

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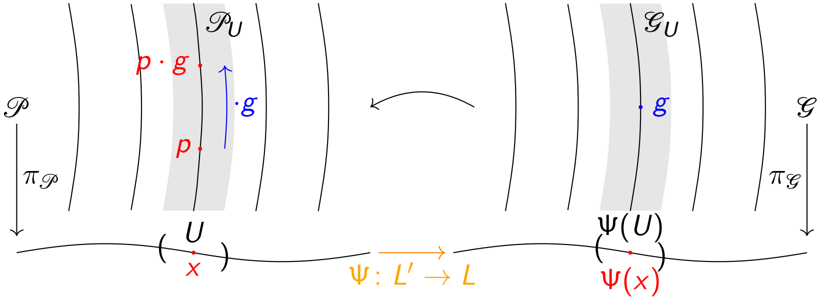

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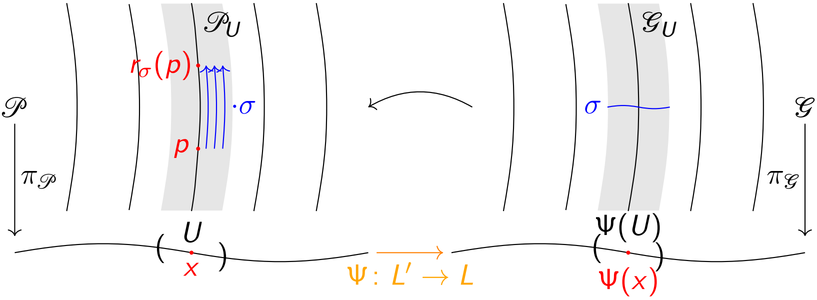

Use $\sigma \in \Gamma(\mathscr{G})$: $r_\sigma(p) := p \cdot \sigma_{\Psi(x)}$

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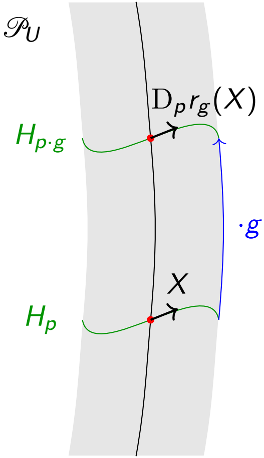

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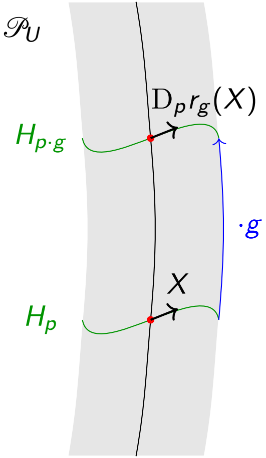

Remarks (Integrated case)

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

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where $\gamma : I \to L'$ is a base path

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2. **Yang-Mills connection:** Additionally

$$\mathrm{PT}^{\mathscr{T}}_{\gamma_0}(t) = t \cdot g_{\gamma_0}$$

for some $g_{\gamma_0} \in \mathscr{G}_{\phi(t)}$, where γ_0 is a contractible loop.

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such that the definition of the multiplicative Yang-Mills connection is equivalent to the **compatibility conditions**

- Connection closed
- Curvature exact ([S.-R. F.])

Sources: For differential: Marius Crainic, Maria Amelia Salazar, and Ivan Struchiner. Multiplicative forms and Spencer operators. *Mathematische Zeitschrift*, 279(3):939–979, 2015.

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Remarks

Thus, we have a singular foliation on $\mathscr{T}$, which, by construction, admits L as a leaf and τ_l as transverse data.

Lemma ([C. L.-G., S.-R. F.])

$\mathscr{P} := (P \times P)\big/G$, the ***Atiyah groupoid****, is a principal $\mathscr{G}$-bundle*

$$\begin{tikzcd}
\mathscr{P} \arrow[d, "{(t,s)}"'] \arrow[dr, "s"] & \mathscr{G} \arrow[l, bend right] \arrow[d] \\
L \times L \arrow[r, "\mathrm{pr}_2"'] & L
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where t and s are the target and source arrows, respectively. A connection on P induces an Ehresmann connection on $\mathscr{P}$.

Definition (Associated bundles, [C. L.-G., S.-R. F.])

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\tau \arrow[r, hook] & \mathscr{F}_{\text{projectable}} \arrow[r, two heads] & \mathfrak{X}(L)
\end{tikzcd}$$

Future Prospects

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\begin{tikzcd}
 & \mathscr{F} \arrow[dl] \arrow[dr] & \\
\mathrm{At}(P) & & \text{Associated connection}
\end{tikzcd}
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Remarks (Why curved gauge theory?)

- Associated connection invariant under choice of $\mathscr{F}$-connection $\nabla^{\mathscr{F}}$
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where A is the connection 1-form on $\mathscr{P}$

Thank you!