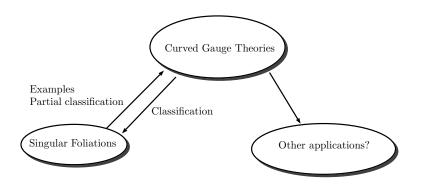
Classification of neighbourhoods of leaves of singular foliations

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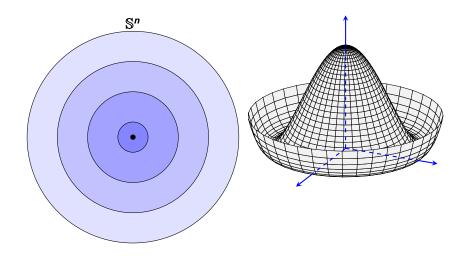


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Remarks (Based on the following work)

S.-R. F. and Camille Laurent-Gengoux, *Classification of neighborhoods around leaves of singular foliations*, arXiv:2401.05966, (2024).



- Gauge Theory
- Poisson Geometry (Singular foliation of symplectic leaves)
- Lie groupoids and algebroids
- Dirac structures
- Generalised complex manifolds
- Non-commutative geometry
- ...

First idea

Singular Foliations

Definition (Partitionifolds)

Let M be a smooth manifold. A **partitionifold of** M is a partition of immersed connected submanifolds, which we call leaves.

Remarks

We will denote a partitionifold by L_{\bullet} , $p \mapsto L_p$, where L_p is the leaf through $p \in M$.

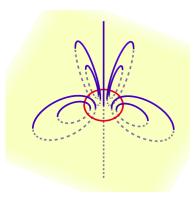


Figure: The magnetic partition

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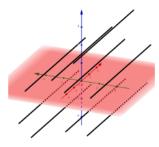


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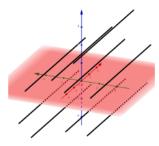


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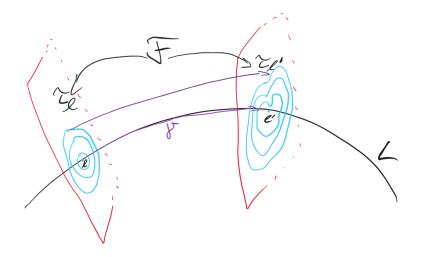
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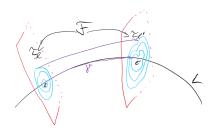
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but ${\mathscr F}$ also encodes the information about the generators,



First step towards classification



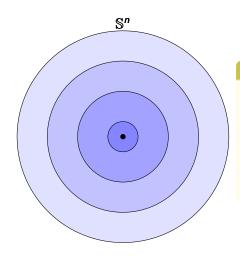


Theorem $(\mathscr{F} ext{-connections})$

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

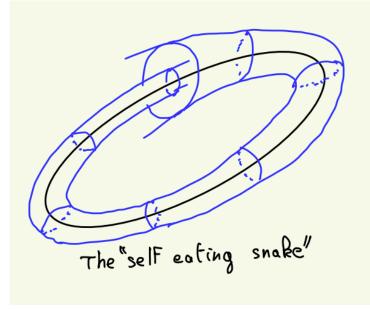
- Horizontal vector fields are in F.
- Parallel transport PT_{γ} has values in $Sym(\tau_{I}, \tau_{I'})$.
- For a contractible loop γ_0 at I: PT_{γ_0} values in $Inner(\tau_I)$.

Example of a transverse foliation τ in \mathbb{R}^d :



Remarks

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



Other example: Regular foliation

Recovering the ordinary definition

Foliation	Connection
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Inner(τ_I): Trivial.

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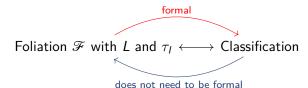
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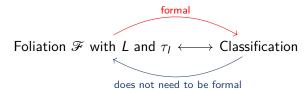
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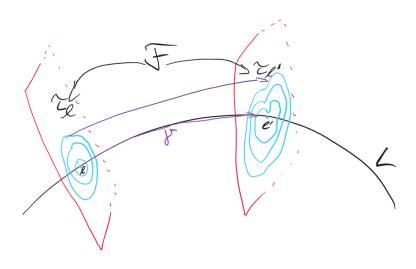
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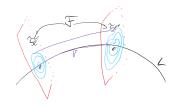
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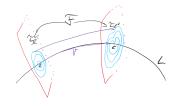
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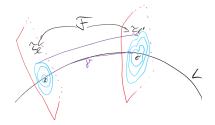
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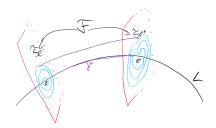
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$$\mathbb{H}(X) + \overline{\nu},$$

where $X \in \mathfrak{X}(L)$, $\mathbb{H}(X)$ its projectable horizontal lift, $\nu \in \Gamma(\operatorname{inner}(\tau))$ and $\overline{\nu}$ its fundamental vector field.

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Idea

Fix $l \in L$, given τ and \mathbb{H} . Reconstruct \mathscr{F} .

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Idea $(\ldots \in \tau)$

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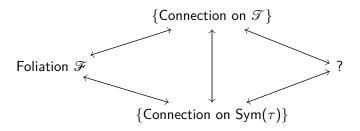
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Curvature:
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Connection: $[\mathbb{H}(X), \overline{\mu}] \in \tau$

Summary

Singular Foliations



Remarks

Connections

- preserve group bundle action,
- and their curvatures follow corresponding orbits.

The pair of connections may **not** be unique for a given \mathcal{F} !

Singular Foliations

Curved Yang-Mills gauge theories:

Classical Curved Lie group G Lie group bundle \mathscr{G}

$$G \longrightarrow \mathscr{G}$$

$$\downarrow$$
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Motivation

What are Ehresmann connections, preserving \mathscr{G} -actions?

Definition (LGB actions)



A **left-action of** $\mathscr G$ **on** $\mathscr T$ is a smooth map

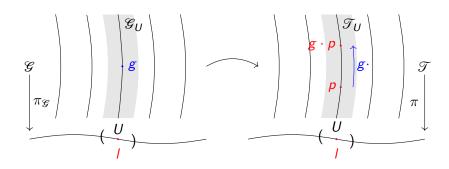
 $\mathscr{G}*\mathscr{T} := \mathscr{G}_{\pi_{\mathscr{G}}} \times_{\pi} \mathscr{T} \to \mathscr{T}$, $(g,p) \mapsto g \cdot p$, satisfying the following properties:

$$\pi(g \cdot p) = \pi(p),$$
 $h \cdot (g \cdot p) = (hg) \cdot p,$
 $e_{\pi(p)} \cdot p = p$

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

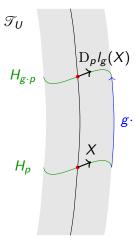
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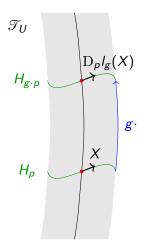
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Yang-Mills connection: Additionally

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for some $g_{\gamma_0} \in \mathcal{G}^0_{\pi(p)}$, where γ_0 is a contractible loop.

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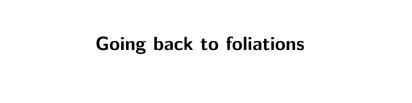
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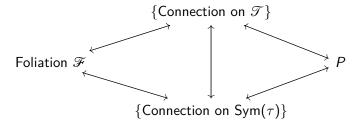
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Reconstructing Foliations

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