# Classification of neighbourhoods of leaves of singular foliations

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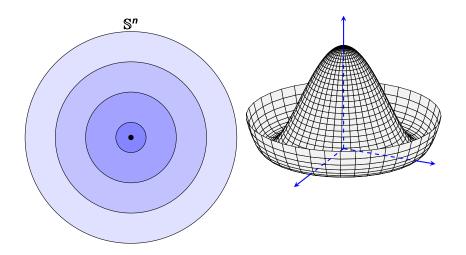
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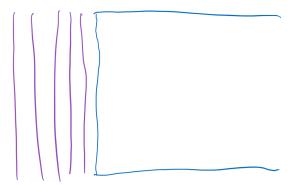
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- it is **locally finitely generated**, i.e. around each  $p \in M$  there is an open neighbourhood U and a finite family  $(X^i)^r$ .  $(X^i \in \mathcal{F})$  such that for all  $X \in \mathcal{F}$  there are  $f_i \in C^{\infty}(M)$ satisfying on U.

$$X=\sum_i f_i X^i.$$

Definition

# Remarks (Leaves)

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



# Why finitely generated?

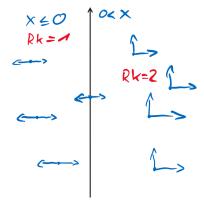
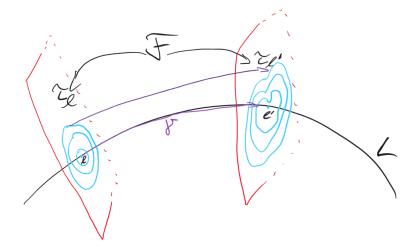


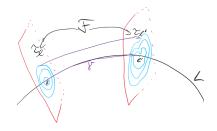
Figure: Infinite Comb

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Idea: Relation to gauge theory

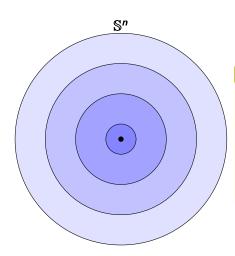


#### Theorem ( $\mathscr{F}$ -connections)

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

- Horizontal vector fields are in F.
- Parallel transport  $\mathsf{PT}_{\gamma}$  has values in  $\mathsf{Sym}(\tau_{l},\tau_{l'})$ .
- For a contractible loop  $\gamma_0$  at 1:  $PT_{\gamma_0}$  values in Inner $(\tau_l)$ .

# Example of a transverse foliation $\tau$ :

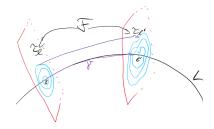


#### Remarks

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

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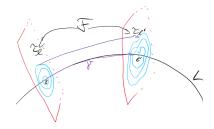
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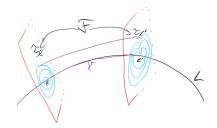
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$$\left[ \boldsymbol{X}^{\uparrow} + \overline{\nu}, \boldsymbol{X'}^{\uparrow} + \overline{\mu} \right] = \underbrace{\left[ \boldsymbol{X}^{\uparrow}, \boldsymbol{X'}^{\uparrow} \right]}_{\text{$\sim$ curvature}} + \underbrace{\left[ \boldsymbol{X}^{\uparrow}, \overline{\mu} \right] - \left[ \boldsymbol{X'}^{\uparrow}, \overline{\nu} \right]}_{\text{$\sim$ connection}} + \overline{\left[ \nu, \mu \right]}$$

# Yang-Mills connections

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# <u>Definition</u> (LGB actions)

$$\mathscr{T} \stackrel{\phi}{\longrightarrow} \overset{\downarrow}{\mathsf{L}}^{\pi_{\mathcal{S}}}$$

A **right-action of**  $\mathscr{G}$  **on**  $\mathscr{T}$  is a smooth map

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

$$\phi(t \cdot g) = \phi(t), \tag{1}$$

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

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

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

Principal bundles based on Lie group bundle actions

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# Definition (Principal bundle)



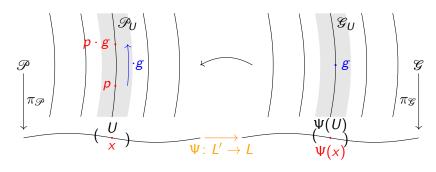
A surjective submersion  $\pi_{\mathscr{P}} \colon \mathscr{P} \to L'$ , with  $\mathscr{G}$ -action

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

Connections as parallel transport

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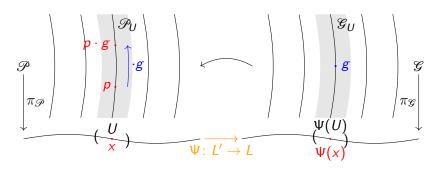


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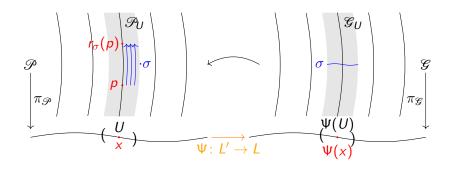


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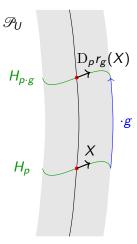
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Use 
$$\sigma \in \Gamma(\mathscr{G})$$
:  $r_{\sigma}(p) := p \cdot \sigma_{\Psi(x)}$ 

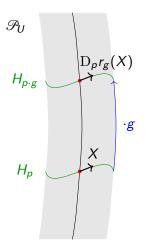
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Parallel transport  $PT^{\mathscr{P}}_{\gamma}$  in  $\mathscr{P}$ :

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

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#### Back to the roots

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**1 Ehresmann connection:**  $\mathscr{G}$  preserving  $\pi_{\mathscr{T}}$  and

$$\mathsf{PT}^{\mathscr{T}}_{\gamma}(t \cdot g) = \mathsf{PT}^{\mathscr{T}}_{\gamma}(t) \cdot \mathsf{PT}^{\mathscr{G}}_{\Psi \circ \gamma}(g)$$

Yang-Mills connection: Additionally

$$\mathsf{PT}^{\mathscr{T}}_{\gamma_0}(t) = t \cdot \mathsf{g}_{\gamma_0}$$

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

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#### Remarks

There is a simplicial differential  $\delta$  on  $\mathscr{G} \stackrel{\pi_{\mathscr{G}}}{\to} L$  with Lie algebra bundle q

$$\delta: \Omega^{\bullet}(\underbrace{\mathscr{G} * \ldots * \mathscr{G}}_{k \text{ times}}; \pi_{\mathscr{C}}^{*}g) \to \Omega^{\bullet}(\underbrace{\mathscr{G} * \ldots * \mathscr{G}}_{k+1 \text{ times}}; \pi_{\mathscr{C}}^{*}g)$$

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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.])

#### Remarks

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On the Lie algebra bundle q we have a connection  $\nabla^{\mathscr{G}}$  with

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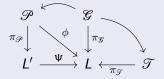
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Equivalence relation on  $\mathscr{P}_{\phi} \times_{\pi_{\mathscr{T}}} \mathscr{T}$ 

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defines the **associated bundle**  $\mathscr{P} \tilde{\times} \mathscr{T}$  over L'.

Associated bundles and connections

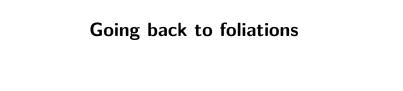
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### Theorem (Associated connection, [C. L.-G., S.-R. F.])

Given a multiplicative Ehresmann connection on  $\mathcal{G}$ , and related Ehresmann connection on  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{T}$ , then

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

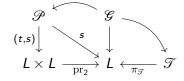
The associated connection on  $\mathcal G$  is a multiplicative Yang-Mills connection and the one on  $\mathcal T$  is a corresponding Yang-Mills connection.

Thus, we have a singular foliation on  $\mathcal{F}$ , which, by construction, admits L as a leaf and  $\tau_l$  as transverse data.

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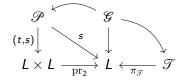


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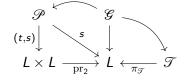
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$$\pi_{\mathscr{T}}^{!}\mathsf{Ad}(P) \longrightarrow \pi_{\mathscr{T}}^{!}\mathsf{At}(P) \longrightarrow \mathsf{T}\mathscr{T}$$

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Observe

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Ad(P) and At(P) the adjoint and Atiyah bundle of P, respectively:



### Remarks (Why **curved** gauge theory?)

- Associated connection invariant under choice of F-connection  $\nabla^{\mathscr{F}}$
- Associated connection has the form

$$\nabla^{\mathscr{F}} + A$$

where A is the connection 1-form on  $\mathcal{P}$ 

# Thank you!