

**Definition 1** Let  $A_1 \times \dots \times A_n$  be some cartesian product of sets. We then define projection maps:

$$\begin{aligned} pr_i : A_1 \times \dots \times A_n &\rightarrow A_i \\ pr_i(a_1, \dots, a_n) &= a_i \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2** Let  $E, F, B$  be manifolds <sup>1</sup> and  $\pi : E \rightarrow B$  a surjective differentiable map. Then  $(E, B, \pi; F)$  is called a fibre bundle if the following is true: For every  $x \in B$  there exists an open neighbourhood  $U \subseteq B$  containing  $x$ , and a diffeomorphism

$$\varphi_U : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F$$

Such that

$$pr_1 \circ \varphi_U = \pi$$

In other words  $\pi^{-1}U$  can be trivialized

The definition above implies that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi^{-1}(U) & \xrightarrow{\varphi_U} & U \times F \\ & \searrow \pi & \swarrow pr_1 \\ & U & \end{array}$$

A fiber bundle is then denoted as  $F \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{\pi} B$ .

**Definition 3** Let  $F \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{\pi} B$  and  $F' \rightarrow E' \xrightarrow{\pi'} B$  be fibre bundles over the same manifold  $B$ . A bundle morphism is a smooth map  $H : E \rightarrow E'$  such that:

$$\pi' \circ H = \pi$$

**Definition 4** A fibre Bundle

$$V \longrightarrow E \xrightarrow{\pi} M$$

Is a vector bundle of rank  $m$  if:

- 1) The fibre  $V$  is an  $m$ -dimensional vector space.
- 2) The charts  $(U, \varphi_U)$  are such that

$$pr_2 \circ \varphi_U : \pi^{-1}(x) \rightarrow V$$

Is a vector space isomorphism for any  $x \in M$  with  $x \in U$

**Definition 5** A vector bundle of rank 1 is called a line bundle

## Suggested Exercises

- I) Give the following objects a fiber bundle structure (i.e. specify the maps  $\pi$  and collection  $(U, \varphi_U)$ )
  - i) Consider the cylinder of height 1. Express it as a fiber bundle over base  $S^1$  with fiber  $F = [0, 1]$
  - ii) Let  $E$  be the Möbius band defined as follows:  
Let  $I = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  be a square in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We define the following equivalence relation for the vertical edges of the square:  $(0, y) \sim (1, 1 - y)$ . The Möbius band is then the quotient

$$I / \sim$$

(In other words, the points that are quotiented out, are made to be the same point). You should first think about why this indeed defines the Möbius band.

Give this a fiber bundles structure, where the base is  $B$  and the fiber is  $F = [0, 1]$

- II) Prove that the tangent space of a manifold is a Vector Bundle.

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<sup>1</sup>Definition taken from “Mathematical Gauge Theory” by M.J.D. Hamilton