

Definition. Let $\pi : P \rightarrow M$ be a principal G -bundle with group G acting on the left on a manifold F .

$$\begin{aligned} G : P \times F &\rightarrow P \times F \\ (u, f) &\mapsto (ug, g^{-1}f) \end{aligned}$$

The associated fiber bundle $E = P \times_{\rho} F$ is defined as the quotient of $P \times F$ by the relation \sim

$$E = P \times F / \sim$$

where

$$(u, f) \sim (ug, g^{-1}f)$$

This definition is very natural, since if we let F in the definition be the \mathbb{R}^d with general linear group $GL(d, \mathbb{R})$ and let P be the frame bundle, then the associated bundle is isomorphic to tangent bundle. The ug can be considered as change of frame, and g^{-1} is the change of components of basis along the change of frame.