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- given $P \xrightarrow{\pi} B$ G -pbdl, V vsp. s.t. $G \xrightarrow{\varphi} \text{Aut } V$
rep., build assoc. vbdl $W = P \times_S V$.

- what is its connection?

- recall on pbdl, $A = \{ \mathcal{H}_p \}, \omega_A \in \Omega^1(P, \mathfrak{g})$,
 $\mathcal{H}_p = \ker(\omega_{A,p}: TP_p \rightarrow \mathfrak{g})$

- on $W = P \times_S V$ we build a diff. operator

$$\nabla_A: \Omega^0(B, W) \rightarrow \Omega^1(B, W) \quad \begin{matrix} TB \\ \downarrow \\ \nabla_A s, (\nabla_A s)(\tau) \in W|_B \end{matrix}$$

by working locally (since diff. op. is local)

- let $s = \{ [p(b), v(b)] \mid b \in \mathcal{U} \subseteq B \}$

where $p: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(\mathcal{U}), v: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow V$

(don't take $\mathcal{U} = B$ unless P trivial § 11)

and let

$$(\nabla_A s)(\tau_b) := \left[p(b), S_x(\omega_A(p_* \tau_b))(v(b)) + \tau_b(v(b)) \right]$$

where $S_x: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{Gl}(V) = \text{End } V$

- covariant differential

- for $f \in \Omega^0(B), s \in \Omega^0(B, W)$ we check

$$\nabla_A(fs) = f \nabla_A s + df \otimes s, \text{ Leibnitz rule}$$

- extend by multilinearity to $\nabla_s: \Omega^k(B, W) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(B, W)$

by taking $\eta \in \Omega^r(B), \vartheta \in \Omega^{k-r}(B, W)$

and letting

$$\nabla_A(\eta \wedge \vartheta) = d\eta \wedge \vartheta + (-1)^r \eta \wedge (\nabla_s \vartheta)$$

- we get $\Omega^0(B, \mathcal{W}) \xrightarrow{\nabla_A} \Omega^1(B, \mathcal{W}) \xrightarrow{\nabla_A} \Omega^2(B, \mathcal{W}) \xrightarrow{\nabla_A} \dots$
 but this is too complex

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_A^2(fs) &= \nabla_A(f \nabla_A s + df \otimes s) \\ &= f \cdot \nabla_A^2 s + df \otimes \nabla_A s + d^2 f \otimes s - df \otimes \nabla_A s \\ &= f \cdot \nabla_A^2 s \end{aligned}$$

so we define tensor $\nabla_A^2 s = s \otimes F_A \xrightarrow{\text{ev}} \Omega^2(B, \mathcal{W})$
 where F_A is called **curvature** of ∇_A ,
 $F_A \in \Omega^2(B, \text{End } \mathcal{W})$

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- let  $\mathcal{M}$  fixed mfd,  $\varphi \in \Omega^i(\mathcal{M}, \mathfrak{g})$ ,  $\psi \in \Omega^j(\mathcal{M}, \mathfrak{g})$   
 - using Lie bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]: \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  we  
 build  $[\varphi, \psi] \in \Omega^{i+j}(\mathcal{M}, \mathfrak{g})$  s.t.

$$[\varphi, \psi](x_1, \dots, x_{i+j}) = \frac{1}{i!j!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{i+j}} [\varphi(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(i)}), \psi(x_{\sigma(i+1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(i+j)})]$$

- properties:

$$1) [\varphi, \psi] = -(-1)^{i \cdot j} [\psi, \varphi]$$

$$2) \text{ for } \vartheta \in \Omega^k(\mathcal{M}, \mathfrak{g}),$$

$$(-1)^{i \cdot k} [[\varphi, \psi], \vartheta] + (-1)^{k \cdot j} [[\vartheta, \varphi], \psi] + (-1)^{j \cdot i} [[\vartheta, \psi], \varphi] = 0$$

- in particular,  $[[\omega, \omega], \omega] = 0$

- for particular uses we take, e.g.  $\text{Aut } V = \text{SO}(2)$   
so we're interested in matrix groups
- always think like this
- so,  $\varphi \wedge \varphi =$  combination of matrix product  
and wedge product
- in particular,  $[\varphi, \varphi] = \varphi \wedge \varphi - (-1)^{i,j} \varphi \wedge \varphi$

Curvature of conn. on a pbdl.

Def. For  $\varphi \in \Omega^k(P, \mathfrak{g})$  and connection  $A$ ,  
define  $(D_A \varphi)(\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2) := d\varphi(\tau_1^H, \dots, \tau_k^H)$ ,  
where  $\tau = \tau^H + \tau^V \in TP$  is the splitting.

The curvature 2-form is  $\Omega_A := D_A \omega_A \in \Omega^2(P, \mathfrak{g})$ .

Prop  $\Omega_A = d\omega_A + \frac{1}{2} [\omega_A, \omega_A] \quad (*)$

- first recall some things. For  $A \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  
 $A^* \in \Omega^0(TP)$  given by  $A^* = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} p \exp(tA)|_{t=0}$   
satisfies  $[A^*, B^*] = [A, B]^*$  (fundamental field)
- further, for  $X \in \Omega^0(TU)$  denote by  $\tilde{X} \in \Omega^0(T\pi^{-1}U)$   
its horizontal lift,  $R_{g*} \tilde{X} = X$
- then  $[A^*, \tilde{X}] = 0$

Pf. 1°  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  horizontal. By def,  $\Omega(\tau_1, \tau_2) = d\omega(\tau_1, \tau_2)$   
and  $\frac{1}{2} [\omega, \omega](\tau_1, \tau_2) \equiv 0$ .

2°  $\tau_1$  vert,  $\tau_2$  horiz.

3°  $A^*$  s.t.  $A^*_p = \tau_1$ ,  $\tilde{X}$  for some  $X$  s.t.  
 $X_p = \tau_2$ .

Then  $\Omega(\tau_1, \tau_2) = 0$ . Also,  $\underbrace{\omega(A^*)}_{=0} - \underbrace{X(\omega(A^*))}_{{=A} \text{ by horizontality}} - \underbrace{\omega([A^*, \tilde{X}])}_{{=0}}$   
 $d\omega(\tau_1, \tau_2) = \underbrace{A^*(\omega(\tilde{X}))}_{{=0}} - \underbrace{X(\omega(A^*))}_{{=A} \text{ by horizontality}} - \underbrace{\omega([A^*, \tilde{X}])}_{{=0}}$

and  $[\omega, \omega](\tau_1, \tau_2) = 0$

III°  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  vertical.

Now by def  $\Omega(\tau_1, \tau_2) = d\omega(0, 0) = 0$ ,  
 and  $d\omega(\tau_1, \tau_2) = A^*B - B^*A - [A, B]$ ,  
 and  $\frac{1}{2}[\omega, \omega](A^*, B^*) = [A, B]$ .  $\square$

- given  $\{U_\alpha\}$ , we get sections  
 $U_\alpha \xrightarrow{\phi_\alpha} P|_{U_\alpha}$  from local trivialisations  
 $\phi_\alpha: P|_{U_\alpha} \xrightarrow{\sim} U_\alpha \times G \hookrightarrow U_\alpha \times \{1\} \subseteq U_\alpha$

- we have also  $\omega_\alpha = \phi_\alpha^* \omega$ ,  $\Omega_\alpha = \phi_\alpha^* \Omega$ ,  
 forms on  $U_\alpha$ .

- what happens on overlaps  $U_{\alpha\beta} := U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$ ?

- with local trivs,  $\phi_\alpha = g_{\alpha\beta} \phi_\beta$ ,  
 while for  $\{\omega_\alpha\}, \{\Omega_\alpha\}$

$$\omega_\beta = g_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} d g_{\alpha\beta} + g_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} \omega_\alpha g_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\Omega_\beta = g_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} \Omega_\alpha g_{\alpha\beta} \Rightarrow F_A = \{\Omega_\alpha\} \in \Omega^2(\text{ad } P)$$

- we have  $\pi^* F_A = \Omega$ .

- it can be shown that for  $\varphi \in \Omega^k(P, \mathfrak{g})$  s.t.  
 $\varphi(\tau_i g \rightarrow \tau_k g) = g^{-1} \varphi(\tau_i \rightarrow \tau_k) g$   
and  $\varphi(\tau_i \rightarrow \tau_k) = 0$  if  $\tau_i$  vertical,  
then  $D_A \varphi = d\varphi + \underbrace{[\omega_A, \varphi]}$

Prop  $D_A \Omega = d\Omega + [\omega, \Omega] = 0$ . (Bianchi id)

$$D_A F_A = 0.$$

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- let  $G$  matrix  $g_P$

$$\text{- notice } \text{tr}(\overbrace{F_A \wedge \dots \wedge F_A}^{k \text{ times}}) \in \Omega^{2k}(B, \mathbb{R})$$

$$\text{- notice } \text{tr}(F_A \wedge \dots \wedge F_A) = \text{tr}(g^{-1} F_A g \wedge \dots \wedge g^{-1} F_A g)$$

$$\text{- also } d \text{tr}(F_A \wedge \dots) = \text{tr}(D_A F_A \wedge \dots) = 0$$

- further, if  $A'$  another conn., the difference of these traces will be exact

$$\text{- so } [\text{tr} F_A \wedge \dots \wedge F_A] \in H^{2k}(B, \mathbb{R})$$