

(Smooth manifolds)

(k-forms)

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## Connections

Fiber bundle  $(E, p, M, F)$

$$\begin{array}{c} F \rightarrow E \\ \downarrow p \\ M \end{array}$$

1)  $E, M, F$  smooth mfd's.

2)  $p$  smooth, surjective

3) Locally trivial

can cover  $M$  with  $\{U_i\}$

$$E|_{U_i} \rightarrow U_i \times F$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} p \searrow & \hookrightarrow & p'_1 \\ & U_i & \\ (p^*TM) & & \end{array}$$

$$0 \rightarrow VE \rightarrow TE \xrightarrow{Tp} TM \rightarrow 0$$

a connection is a splitting of this e.s.

$$1) TE = \underbrace{VE}_{\uparrow} \oplus \underbrace{HE}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & p^*TM \\ & & \downarrow \\ TE & \rightarrow & E \\ Tp \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ TM & \rightarrow & M \end{array}$$

over  $E$

$$0 \rightarrow VE \rightarrow TE \rightarrow p^*TM \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{over } E$$

2) projection  $w: TE \rightarrow VE$

$$HE = \ker w$$

$$w: \underbrace{\Omega^1(E; VE)} = \pi^* T^*E \otimes VE$$

$T^*E$  dual tangent bundle

3) lift:  $(v: T_x M) \rightarrow (e: E_x) \rightarrow T_e E$   
in fact  $H_e E$

Connections exist

M paracompact (partition of unity, create a metric on M)

"distribution" sub-bundle

family of subspaces of a vector bundle

$VE, HE$

"infinitesimal splitting of  $E$ "

Transport

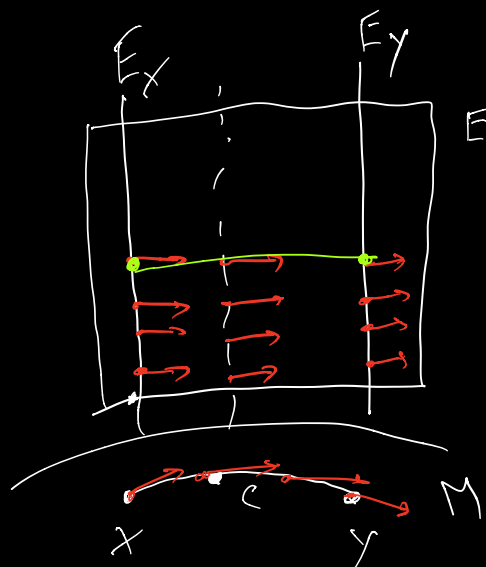
Parlay lift into tr

$c: [0, 1] \rightarrow M$  smooth

$c'$  vector field along  $c$

lift  $(c'(t), -)$

$$\star \text{tr}: (w: \Omega^1(E; VE)) \rightarrow \left( \begin{matrix} c: [0, 1] \rightarrow M \\ c(0) = x \\ \dots \end{matrix} \right) \rightarrow E_x \rightarrow E_y$$



$$x \mapsto y$$

## Facts

$$1) \operatorname{tr}(w, c_{\leftarrow}) = \operatorname{tr}(w, c_{\rightarrow})^{-1}$$

$$2) f: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1] \text{ smooth} \Rightarrow \operatorname{tr}(w, c \circ f) = \operatorname{tr}(w, c)$$

$$f(0)=0$$

$$f(1)=1$$

$$3) c, d \text{ form } c \cdot d$$

$$c(1)=d(0) \text{ follow } c \text{ then } d \text{ within } [0,1]$$

$$\operatorname{tr}(w, c \cdot d) = \operatorname{tr}(w, d) \circ \operatorname{tr}(w, c)$$

## Theory building

$\mathcal{P}_1(M)$  path groupoid

obj: pts of  $M$

mor: smooth paths in  $M$  w/ sitting instants



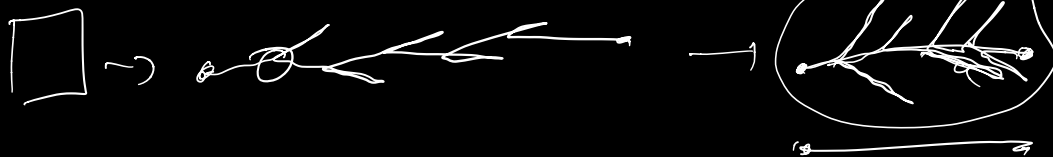
$\bullet$ : concatenate + rescale

$\sim$ : thin homotopy

$$[0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow M$$



factoring through a tree



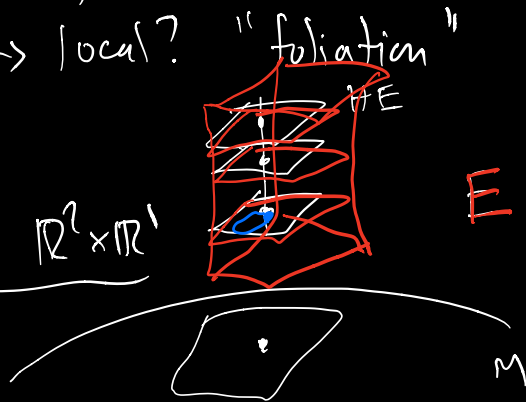
# Curvature

Distributions  $VE, HE$

inf.  $\rightsquigarrow$  local? "foliation"

$E$  is locally  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^1$

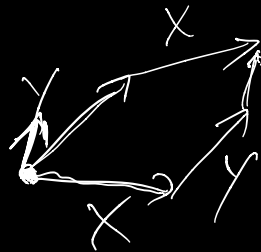
foliation



$X, Y : \Gamma HE$

$[X, Y] : \Gamma HE$

$$[X, Y]f = X(Yf) - Y(Xf) \neq 0$$



$[X, Y] : \Gamma HE$

$\longleftrightarrow$   
Frobenius thm.  
19th c.

$\exists$  foliation of  $HE$

$\omega([X, Y])$

curvature

$X, Y : \Gamma HE$

$$\omega([X, Y]) = F(X, Y)$$

$$: VE$$

$$F = 0 \iff \text{foliation}$$

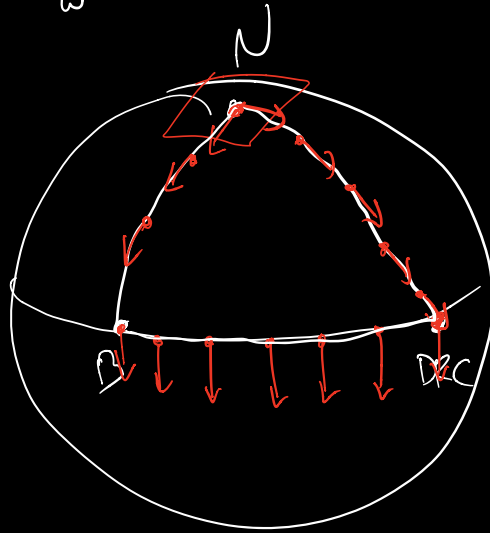
Flatness

trivial bundle  $M \times F$

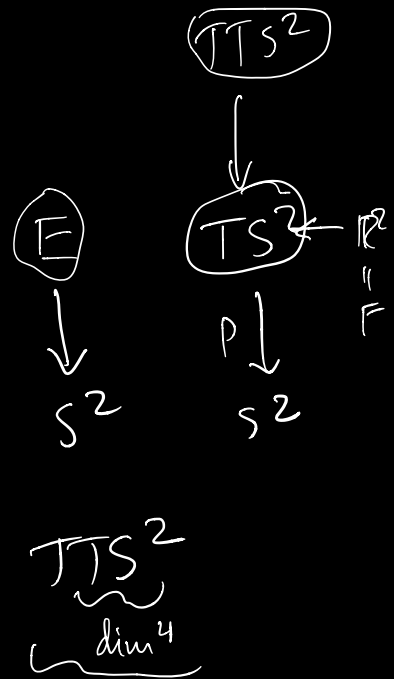
$\omega$  flat means  $\omega$  is locally the obvious standard flat connection

Theorem

$\omega$  is flat iff  $F_\omega = 0$ .



$\ker T_p$



Principal bundle

Fiber bundle where  $F$  is a Lie group  $G$  and

PB1)  $E \times G \rightarrow E$  free action of  $G$  on  $E$  on the right

PB2)  $M = E/G$

PB3)  $E|_{U_i} \xrightarrow{\phi_i} U_i \times G$   $\phi_i(u) = (u, g)$   
 $\searrow \quad \swarrow$   $\phi_i(u \cdot h) = (u, g \cdot h)$   
 $U_i$

Fibers are like affine versions of  $G$ .

$E$  is trivial iff it has a section

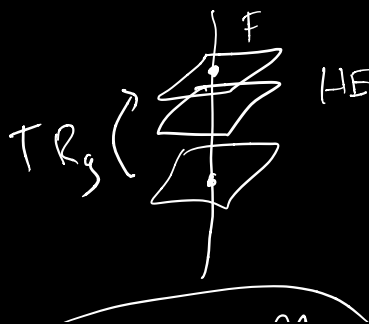
e.g.  $GL(V) \cong \underbrace{\{\text{bases of } V\}}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E' & \text{vector bundle} & n\text{-dim} \\ \downarrow & & \\ M & & \end{array} \implies \begin{array}{ccc} E & \leftarrow F & \text{bases} \\ \downarrow & & \text{of } E'_m \\ M & & \end{array}$$

TM	<u>GL(V)</u>	E	frame bundle
↓		↓	
M		M	
+ orientation	$GL^+(V)$	$E'$	
+ metric	$SO(V)$	↓	
		M	

## Connections on $(E, M, p, G)$

PB1)  $H_E$  is  $G$ -invariant



Facts

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1)  $G$  acts on horizontal curves in  $E$

$$2) \Phi(u) = \text{Image}(\text{tr}(\omega, \{\text{loops}_m\})(u))$$



$$\Phi_0(u) = \dots \dots \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{contractible} \\ \text{loops}_m \end{array} \right\}$$



$\Phi(u) \subset G$  holonomy subgroup at  $u$   
 $u \mapsto e$

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$\Phi_0(u) \subset G$  reduced hol. subgroup.

2.5)  $\Phi_0$  is connected

3) Ambrose - Singer theorem

$$\text{Lie}(\Phi_0(u)) = \text{span of all } \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \text{ of the form } F(X, Y) \left( \begin{array}{l} (X, Y \text{ horizontal}) \\ (E = M \times G) \end{array} \right)$$

curvature is infinitesimal holonomy  $\omega: \Omega'(E; \mathfrak{g})$   
 $X(u), Y(u)$ , extend locally along

$$\Omega'(E; \mathfrak{g})$$

Freed - Hopkins

$$M \rightarrow \Omega'$$