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0.1 Personal, Sunday 25/08/24

The foundations of differential geometry.

0.1.1 Encounters

C^0 manifolds may not have C^k structures for $k \geq 1$. If such structures exist, several inequivalent structures may arise (e.g. uncountably many inequivalent smooth structures on \mathbb{R}^4 , or several smooth structures on \mathbb{S}^7). For $k \geq 1$, a C^k manifold will have a unique (up to iso.) smooth structure, and even a unique (up to iso) analytic structure (based on the work of Whitney) [2, 7].

Properties of analytic manifolds. Smooth geometry relies on a handful of theorems from analysis, mainly the inverse mapping theorem and the standard existence uniqueness and regularity results from analysis. So it is useful to have their analogues in (real or complex) analytic geometry [12, 1].

Defining tangent spaces as quotients of the ring of germs (an approach closer to algebraic geometry?) [15].

Categorical approach to manifolds (fibered manifolds, fiber bundles, transversal map and the pullback,...) [6].

Infinite dimensional manifolds in the online supplement of [8].

General topology [11]. Different axioms, filters and nets (also related to logic and Stone spaces), convergence spaces. [3, 5, 4]. Categorical approach to topology (quotients, products, subspaces,...) [10].

0.1.2 Writing

In [16], topology: basic definitions, maps between topological spaces ((local) homeos, open and closed maps, characterizing continuous maps), generating topologies (link with lattices [19], metrizable spaces and convergence.

0.2 Work, Monday 26/08/24

Planning of the defence of my master's thesis [17].

0.2.1 Musings

Elucidating the bundles associated to a principal G -bundle P , also called **G -structures**. They are those fiber bundles whose structure group can be reduced to G , i.e. they admit a trivializing atlas/cover with transition maps taking value in G (automatically verifies cocycle condition). P is then the principal bundle induced by this cocycle. The usual interpretation: G is usually the Lie subgroup preserving a structure ξ on F , a G -structure E is then fiber bundle locally isomorphic to $U \times F$ with transition maps preserving the structure ξ on F . So a G -structure is a bundle with standard fiber bundle equipped with a structure in the family of ξ (ξ serves as the standard model for this family).

Let G act on F , so that we can construct the associated bundle $E := P \times_G F = P \times F / G$. The connections on E compatible with the G -structure of E are those induced by principal connections on P (what structure do they preserve exactly? -> usually the structure modelled by ξ , which will be required to be preserved by parallel transport).

The pullback seems to intervene in this discussion in the following way: the trivial bundle $P \times F$ over P equipped with the quotient map $q : P \times F \rightarrow P \times F / G = E$ is a pullback of $E \rightarrow M$ along the projection $\pi : P \rightarrow M$, i.e. $P \times F \simeq \pi^* E$. Conversely, given a local section $\sigma : U \rightarrow P$ of P , $E|_U \simeq \sigma^*(P \times F)$, the restriction of E to U is the pullback of $P \times F$ along σ . Given a principal connection on P , can the connection induced on E be obtained via a connection on $P \times F$.

To make this discussion precise, I could maybe consult [6] and [14].

0.2.2 Encounters

In [6] the characterization of **initial submanifolds** (called **weakly embedded submanifolds** in [9]), the universal property of **submersions** (also called **fibered manifolds**).

0.3 Work, Tuesday 27/08/24

Taking inspiration from the chapter of Kobayashi-Nomizu [13] dedicated to invariant affine connections, we try to give a description of invariant affine connections on homogeneous spaces that does not invoke principal connections. This is handwritten [18] (in the "probing" notebook).

The way that an invariant affine connection on $M = K/H$ is introduced in Kobayashi-Nomizu is via a principal connection on the bundle of bases $L(M)$. This is achieved by specifying a K -invariant connection form ω on $L(M)$ which, according to the theorem of Wang on invariant principal connections, is encoded in a linear map

$$\Lambda : \mathfrak{k} \rightarrow gl_n(\mathbb{R})$$

(with \mathfrak{k} the Lie algebra of K) after a choice of reference point $u_0 \in L_0(M)$ (Note: $0 = H \in K/H = M$ is the reference point chosen on M , i.e. K acts transitively on M and $H = \text{Stab}_K(0)$). To the linear map Λ we then associate the unique K -invariant connection form ω for which

$$\omega_{u_0}(\hat{X}) = \Lambda(X)$$

for all $X \in \mathfrak{k}$, where $\hat{X} \in \mathfrak{X}(L(M))$ denotes the horizontal lift of $\tilde{X} \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, the fundamental vector field on M associated to X (whose flow is given by e^{tX}). This formula will not yield a well-defined connection form for any choice of Λ , the class of linear maps $\Lambda : \mathfrak{k} \rightarrow gl_n(\mathbb{R})$ for which this process works are precisely the ones satisfying the following two conditions:

- (i) $\Lambda(X) = \lambda(X)$ for all $X \in \mathfrak{h}$ (the Lie algebra of H), where $\lambda : \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow gl_n(\mathbb{R})$ is the Lie algebra morphism induced by the group morphism $H \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{R})$, $h \rightarrow u_0^{-1} \circ h_{*0} \circ u_0$, which we also denote by $\lambda : H \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ (here u_0 is seen as a linear isomorphism $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_0M$). The group morphism $H \rightarrow GL(T_0M)$, $h \rightarrow h_{*0}$ (to which λ is conjugate) is called the **linear isotropy representation of H** .
- (ii) $\Lambda(ad(h)X) = ad(\lambda(h))\Lambda(X) = \lambda(h) \circ \Lambda(X) \circ \lambda(h)^{-1}$ for all $h \in H$, $X \in \mathfrak{k}$.

As indicated in Kobayashi-Nomizu, the link between the linear map Λ and the covariant derivative ∇ of the invariant affine connection is the following:

$$u_0 \circ \Lambda(X) \circ u_0^{-1} = A_{\tilde{X}}|_0$$

where $A_{\tilde{X}}$ is the endomorphism field $A_{\tilde{X}} := \nabla_{\tilde{X}} - \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}$. So a theorem of Wang for invariant affine connections that bypasses the formalism of principal connections can take the following form:

Theorem 0.3.1. *There is a one-to-one correspondence between invariant affine connections on $M = K/H$ and linear maps $\Lambda : \mathfrak{k} \rightarrow \text{End}(T_0M)$ satisfying*

- (i) $\Lambda(X) = \lambda(X)$ for all $X \in \mathfrak{h}$, where $\lambda : \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \text{End}(T_0M)$ is the Lie algebra morphism induced by the linear isotropy representation $\lambda : H \rightarrow GL(T_0M), h \rightarrow h_{*0}$.
- (ii) $\Lambda(ad(h)X) = h_{*0} \circ \Lambda(X) \circ h_{*0}^{-1}$ for all $X \in \mathfrak{k}$, $h \in H$.

Once such a linear map Λ is fixed, the corresponding affine connection is the unique one for which

$$A_{\tilde{X}}|_0 = \Lambda(X)$$

for all $X \in \mathfrak{k}$. Note that an affine connection on a manifold M is equivalent to the datum of an \mathbb{R} -linear map

$$A : \mathfrak{X}(M) \rightarrow \Omega^1(M, TM), X \rightarrow A_X$$

such that $A_{fX} = X \otimes df + fA_X$ for all $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ and $f \in C^\infty(M)$. The corresponding covariant derivative ∇ is then the unique one satisfying

$$A_X = \nabla_X - \mathcal{L}_X.$$

To recover A from Λ we start by obtaining a global expression for $A_{\tilde{X}}$ for all $X \in \mathfrak{k}$. This is obtained via the following formula

$$A_{\tilde{X}}|_{p=k0} = k_{*0}\Lambda[ad(k^{-1})X]k_{*p}^{-1}$$

(the appearance of $ad(k^{-1})$ is linked to the formula $k_*\tilde{X} = \widetilde{ad(k)X}$ for fundamental vector fields). This formula yields a well-defined endomorphism field $A_{\tilde{X}}$ thanks to condition (ii) in theorem 0.3.1.

Once the fields $A_{\tilde{X}}$ are fixed for all $X \in \mathfrak{k}$, we recover A_X for any vector field $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ in the following way: if, over an open subset U of M , we have $X|_U = \sum_{i=1}^a f_i \tilde{X}_i|_U$ for $f_j \in C^\infty(U)$ and $X_j \in \mathfrak{k}$, we set

$$A_X = \sum_{i=1}^a \left(\tilde{X}_i \otimes df_i + f_i A_{\tilde{X}_i} \right)$$

(over U). This works for the following two reasons:

- Since K acts transitively on M (and by the rank theorem), for any point $p \in M$, there exists an open neighborhood U of p and a family X_1, \dots, X_m in \mathfrak{k} such that $(\tilde{X}_i)_{i=1}^m$ forms a local frame of TM over U .

- By point (i) in theorem 0.3.1, we can show that if

$$\sum_{i=1}^a f_i \tilde{X}_i|_U = \sum_{j=1}^b g_j \tilde{Y}_j|_U$$

for $f_i, g_j \in C^\infty(M)$ and $X_i, Y_j \in \mathfrak{k}$, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^a \left(\tilde{X}_i \otimes df_i + f_i A_{\tilde{X}_i} \right) = \sum_{j=1}^b \left(\tilde{Y}_j \otimes dg_j + g_j A_{\tilde{Y}_j} \right).$$

Key observations that allow us to prove this are the following: Firstly that, given a vector field $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ that vanishes at some point $p \in M$, the Lie derivative by X induces a linear map $\mathcal{L}_X^{(p)} : T_p M \rightarrow T_p M$ defined by

$$\mathcal{L}_X^{(p)} Y_p := \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \Phi_{-t*p}^X Y_p \quad (0.1)$$

for all $Y_p \in T_p M$ (where Φ^X denotes the flow of X), meaning that for any $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, we have $[X, Y]_p = \mathcal{L}_X^{(p)} Y_p$. Secondly, that when applied to a fundamental vector field \tilde{Z} (for some $Z \in \mathfrak{k}$) with $\tilde{Z}_p = 0$, this yields $\lambda^{(p)}(Z) = -\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{Z}}^{(p)}$, with $\lambda^{(p)} : \text{Lie}(\text{Stab}_K(p)) \rightarrow \text{End}(T_p M)$, the Lie algebra morphism induced by the linear isotropy representation at p , $\lambda^{(p)} : \text{Stab}_K(p) \rightarrow \text{End}(T_p M), s \rightarrow s_{*p}$. Note that if $\tilde{Z}_p = 0$ then Z belongs to the Lie algebra of $\text{Stab}_K(p)$.

Our final objective is to arrive at a "linear algebraic" description of homogeneous symplectic spaces with invariant symplectic connections. Thus the next steps should be the following:

1. Describe a K -invariant tensor in terms of its evaluation at $0 \in M$.
2. Describe the exterior derivative of a K -invariant form.
3. Describe an invariant symplectic form.
4. Describe the curvature and torsion of an invariant affine connection in terms of Λ .
5. Describe the covariant derivative of an invariant tensor field by an invariant affine connection in terms of Λ and the evaluation of the tensor field at 0 .
6. lastly, give a description of invariant symplectic connections on homogeneous symplectic spaces.

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