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1 Vector bundles and connections

This section follows definitions from [?].

Lemma 1.1. *Let M be an \mathcal{O}_X -module. Giving a left \mathcal{D}_X -module structure on M extending the \mathcal{O}_X -module structure is equivalent to giving a \mathbb{C} -linear morphism*

$$\nabla : \Theta_X \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{C}}(M) \quad (\theta \mapsto \nabla_{\theta}),$$

satisfying the following conditions:

1. $\nabla_{f\theta}(s) = f\nabla_{\theta}(s) \quad (f \in \mathcal{O}_X, \theta \in \Theta_X, s \in M)$

$$2. \nabla_\theta(fs) = \theta(f)s + f\nabla_\theta(s) \quad (f \in \mathcal{O}_X, \theta \in \Theta_X, s \in M)$$

$$3. \nabla_{[\theta_1, \theta_2]}(s) = [\nabla_{\theta_1}, \nabla_{\theta_2}](s) \quad (\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \Theta_X, s \in M)$$

In terms of ∇ the left \mathcal{D}_X -module structure on M is given by

$$\theta_s = \nabla_\theta(s) \quad (\theta \in \Theta, s \in M).$$

The condition (3) above is called the *integrability condition* on M .

For a locally free left \mathcal{O}_X -module M of finite rank, a \mathbb{C} -linear morphism $\nabla : \Theta_X \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{C}}(M)$ satisfying the conditions (1), (2) is usually called a *connection* (of the corresponding vector bundle). If it also satisfies the condition (3), it is called an *integrable (or flat) connection*. Hence we may regard a (left) \mathcal{D}_X -module as an integrable connection of an \mathcal{O}_X -module which is not necessarily locally free of finite rank.

Definition 1.2. We say that a \mathcal{D}_X -module M is an *integrable connection* if it is locally free of finite rank over \mathcal{O}_X .

Definition 1.3. A local system on X is a locally free \mathbb{C}_X -module of finite rank.

2 Principal bundles and connections

Definition 2.1. A *principal G -bundle* on X is a fiber bundle P on X with a right action of G on P such that the action is free and transitive on each fiber of P and the projection map $\pi : P \rightarrow X$ is G -equivariant.

Definition 2.2. Let $V = \ker \pi : TP \rightarrow TX$ be the vertical bundle of P . An Ehresmann connection on P is a smooth subbundle H of TP , called the *horizontal bundle of the connection*, which is complementary to V , in the sense that it defines a direct sum decomposition $TE = H \oplus V$.

The *fundamental vector field* $X^\#$ at a point $p \in P$ is defined as:

$$X_p^\# = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} (p \cdot \exp(tX)),$$

where:

- $\exp : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$ is the exponential map,
- $\exp(tX)$ is the one-parameter subgroup of G generated by X ,

- $p \cdot \exp(tX)$ is the action of $\exp(tX)$ on p .

In other words, $X^\#$ is the tangent vector to the curve $t \mapsto p \cdot \exp(tX)$ at $t = 0$. The fundamental vector field $X^\#$ is vertical, meaning it is tangent to the fibers of P . This is because the action of G preserves fibers, so $X^\#$ lies in the kernel of the differential $d\pi : TP \rightarrow TM$, where $\pi : P \rightarrow M$ is the projection. The map $X \mapsto X^\#$ is a Lie algebra homomorphism. Moreover, for $g \in G$, the pushforward of $X^\#$ by the right action R_g is:

$$(R_g)_* X^\# = (\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} X)^\#,$$

where Ad is the adjoint action of G on \mathfrak{g} .

Definition 2.3. A principal connection is a \mathfrak{g} -valued 1-form $\omega \in \Omega^1(P, \mathfrak{g})$ (where \mathfrak{g} is the Lie algebra of G) satisfying the following conditions:

1. For all $X \in \mathfrak{g}$,

$$\omega(X^\#) = X,$$

where $X^\#$ is the **fundamental vector field** on P generated by X .

2. For all $g \in G$,

$$R_g^* \omega = \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \circ \omega,$$

where:

- $R_g : P \rightarrow P$ is the right action of g on P ,
- $R_g^* \omega$ is the pullback of ω by R_g ,
- $\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ is the adjoint action of G on \mathfrak{g} .

Definition 2.4. The curvature of a \mathfrak{g} -valued 1-form ω on a principal G -bundle P is the \mathfrak{g} -valued 2-form $F = d\omega + \frac{1}{2}[\omega, \omega]$, where $d\omega$ is the exterior derivative of ω and $[\omega, \omega]$ is the Lie bracket of ω with itself. We say that ω is flat, or integrable if $F = 0$.

Remark 2.5. We can also write the curvature as the failure of commutativity of the covariant derivative:

$$F(X, Y) = [\nabla_X, \nabla_Y] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}.$$

3 Associated bundle construction

Given a principal G -bundle P where G acts freely transitively on the fibers, and a representation $G \rightarrow GL(V)$, we can form an associated vector bundle $E = P \times_G V$ by taking the quotient of

$P \times V$ by the action of G given by

$$g \cdot (p, v) = (p \cdot g^{-1}, g \cdot v).$$

In other words, if P has transition functions $U_{\alpha\beta} : U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \rightarrow G$, then E has transition functions $U_{\alpha\beta} : U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \rightarrow GL(V)$. Conversely, if E is a vector bundle with structure group G via a representation ρ , we can recover the principal G -bundle P as the frame bundle of E .

The notion of a linear connection on E coincides precisely with the notion of a principal connection on P . Likewise does the notion of integrability of a connection.

4 Local systems

Let G^{discrete} be G with the discrete topology. Then local systems are precisely G^{discrete} -bundles on X . Other interpretations of local systems include:

1. A local system is given by a covering of open sets, transition functions $\gamma_{ij} : U_i \cap U_j \rightarrow G$ which are locally constant and satisfy the 1-cocycle condition $g_{ij}g_{jk}g_{ki} = id$. Equivalence of local systems is given by a common refinement of two coverings and a family of maps to G which conjugate one system of transition functions to the other.
2. Suppose that X is connected. Then equivalence classes of local systems are in one-to-one correspondence with the equivalence classes of homomorphisms of the fundamental group $\pi_1(X)$ to G . Let M be an integrable connection of rank m . Then the sheaf of horizontal sections

$$M^\nabla = \{s \in M : \nabla_X s = 0 \text{ for all } X \in \Theta_X\}$$

is a locally free \mathbb{C}_X -module of rank m . This is how one thinks about local systems as locally constant sheaves of vector spaces.

Moreover, by considering the parallel transport of sections of M along paths, we can define a representation of the fundamental group $\pi_1(X)$ on the germ of horizontal sections, which is a vector space of dimension m . This representation is called the monodromy representation of M .

5 Nonabelian Hodge theory

Nonabelian Hodge theory on a smooth projective complex curve X , as formulated by Simpson, studies three different moduli problems for bundles for a complex reductive group G :

deRham $\text{Conn}_G(X)$: the moduli stack of flat G -connections on X

Dolbeaut $\mathcal{Higgs}_G(X)$: the moduli stack of G -Higgs bundles on X

Betti $\mathcal{Loc}_G(X)$: the moduli stack of G -local systems on X

6 Geometric Langlands Program

The geometric Langlands program provides a nonabelian, global and categorical form of harmonic analysis. We fix a complex reductive group G and study the moduli stack $\mathrm{Bun}_G(X)$ of G -bundles on X . This stack comes equipped with a large commutative symmetry algebra: for any point $x \in X$ we have a family of correspondences acting on $\mathrm{Bun}_G(X)$ by modifying G -bundles at x . The goal of the geometric Langlands program is to simultaneously diagonalize the action of Hecke correspondences on suitable categories of sheaves on $\mathrm{Bun}_G(X)$.

One can ask to label the common eigensheaves (Hecke eigensheaves) by their eigenvalues (Langlands parameters), or more ambitiously, to construct a Fourier transform identifying categories of sheaves with dual categories of sheaves on the space of Langlands parameters. The kernels for Hecke modifications are bi-equivariant sheaves on the loop group $G(K)$, $K = \mathbb{C}((t))$, with respect to the arc subgroup $G(O)$, $O = \mathbb{C}[[t]]$. The underlying double cosets are in bijection with irreducible representations of the Langlands dual group.