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# 1. Classifying spaces.

$$O(A) := \{ \text{all isometries } f: A \rightarrow A \}$$

Stiefel Manifold —  $V_{A,B} = O(A)/O(B)$

where  $B \subseteq A$  are vector spaces. If we denote  $B^\perp$  in  $A$

by  $C$ , then  $V_{A,B}$  can be identified with the set of all  $C$ -frames

in  $A$ , i.e. all isometries from  $C$  into  $A$ .

Grassmannian Manifold —  $G_{A,B} = O(A)/(O(B) \times O(C))$

$O(B) \times O(C)$  is identified with a subgroup of  $O(A)$  via

$$(f, g) \mapsto f \oplus g \in \mathcal{O}(A)$$

$G_{A,B}$  can be identified with the set of all  $c$ -dim

subspace of  $A$ ,  $c = \dim C$ .

There is a canonical map, which is an  $\mathcal{O}(C)$ -bundle.

$$p_{A,B} : V_{A,B} \rightarrow G_{A,B}$$

And associated  $C$ -vector bundle

$$P_{A,B} : E_{A,B} = V_{A,B} \times_{\mathcal{O}(C)} C \rightarrow G_{A,B},$$

where  $E_{A,B}$  can be identified with  $\{(s, x) \mid s \in G_{A,B}, x \in s\}$

— Gauss map

$e: M^n \rightarrow A$  an embedding ,

$\nu_e :=$  the normal bundle of  $e(M^n) \subseteq A \times A$ .

Choose arbitrary  $B \subseteq A$ , with  $\dim B = n$  , then there

is a bundle map (called the Gauss map )

$\gamma_e: \nu_e \rightarrow P_{A,B}$

Suppose we have  $B \subseteq A \subseteq A_1$ , then we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 i'_{A_1, A, B} & & \\
 V_{A, B} \rightarrow V_{A_1, B+A^\perp} & & \\
 \downarrow p_{A, B} \quad \curvearrowright & & \downarrow p_{A_1, B+A^\perp} \\
 G_{A, B} \rightarrow G_{A_1, B+A^\perp} & & \\
 i''_{A_1, A, B} & & 
 \end{array}$$

where  $i'_{A_1, A, B}$  : a C-frame  $f$  in  $A \mapsto$  C-frame  $f$  in  $A_1$ ,

and  $i''_{A_1, A, B}$  : C-dim subspaces of  $A \mapsto \dots$  in  $A_1$ .

$I_{A_1, A, B} : p_{A, B} \rightarrow p_{A_1, B+A^\perp}$  is an  $O(C)$ -bundle map.

Taking the direct limit over all  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^\infty$  containing  $C$ ,

we have the universal  $O(C)$ -bundle

$$p_C : E O(C) \rightarrow B O(C).$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_{A,B} & \xrightarrow{j'_{A_1, A, B}} & V_{A_1, B} \\ p_{A,B} \downarrow & \curvearrowleft & \downarrow p_{A_1, B} \\ G_{A,B} & \xrightarrow{j''_{A_1, A, B}} & G_{A_1, B} \end{array}$$

$j'_{A_1, A, B} : C\text{-frame in } A \mapsto (C + A^\perp)\text{-frame in } A_1$

$$f \mapsto f + 1_{A^\perp}$$

$$j''_{A_1, A_1, B} : U \subseteq A \mapsto U + A^\perp \subseteq A_1$$

Thus taking direct limit over all  $A$  containing  $C$  and  $A_1 = A \oplus D$

we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} EO(C) & \xrightarrow{j'_C, C+D} & EO(C+D) \\ p_C \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow p_{C+D} \\ BO(C) & \xrightarrow{j''_{C, C+D}} & BO(C+D) \end{array}$$

For  $A, C$  orthogonal in  $\mathbb{R}^{\infty}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_{B, A^\perp} \times V_{D, C^\perp} & \xrightarrow{\omega'_{A, B, C, D}} & V_{B+D, (A+C)^\perp} \\ p_{B, A^\perp} \times p_{D, C^\perp} \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow p_{B+D, (A+C)^\perp} \\ G_{B, A^\perp} \times G_{D, C^\perp} & \xrightarrow{\omega''_{A, B, C, D}} & G_{B+D, (A+C)^\perp} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} EO(A) \times EO(C) & \xrightarrow{w'_{A,C}} & EO(A+C) \\ p_A \times p_C \downarrow & \curvearrowleft & \downarrow p_{A+C} \\ BO(A) \times BO(C) & \xrightarrow{w''_{A,C}} & BO(A+C) \end{array}$$

## — Some property

(a)  $E\Omega(C)$  is contractible

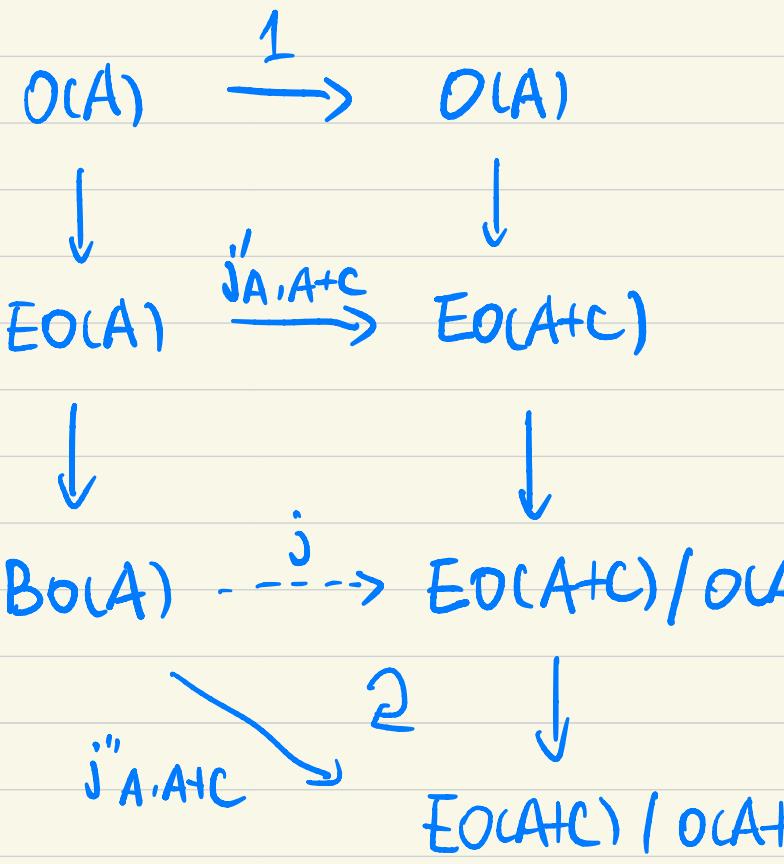
[  $V_{A,C}$  is  $(a-c-1)$ -connected  $a=\dim A$ ,  $c=\dim C$ .

taking direct limit we have all homotopy groups of  $E\Omega(C)$  vanish ,  
and  $E\Omega(C)$  is a CW-complex , thus contractible ]

(b)  $A, C$  orthogonal ,  $a=\dim A$ ,  $c=\dim C=1$  , then

$$S^a \rightarrow BO(A) \xrightarrow{j''_{A,A+C}} BO(A+C)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [ O(A+C)/O(A) \rightarrow E\Omega(A+C)/O(A) \rightarrow E\Omega(A+C)/O(A+C) ] \\ \parallel \qquad \qquad \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \qquad \parallel \\ S^a \qquad \qquad \qquad BO(A) \qquad \qquad \qquad BO(A+C) \end{array}$$



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## 2. $(B, f)$ - structure

$\mathcal{U}$  : poset of all finite dim subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^\infty$ ,

closed under sum

$\mathcal{C}$  : cofinal subset of  $\mathcal{U}^V$ , morphism isometries.

A  $(B, f)$  - structure  $\mathcal{D} = (B, f, \lambda)$

(cellular maps)

1.  $B$  - functor  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow$  based CW complexes

2.  $\lambda - \lambda_{A,C} : B_A \rightarrow B_C \quad A \subseteq C$  in  $\mathcal{C}$

3.  $f$  - natural transformation ,  $f : B \rightarrow BO$

and  $f_A : B_A \rightarrow BO(A)$  is a fibration

$$B_A \xrightarrow{\lambda_{A,C}} B_C$$

$$f_A \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow f_C$$

$$BO(A) \xrightarrow{j''_{A,C}} BO(C)$$

Furthermore , a multiplicative  $\mathcal{B}$ -structure has

$$B_A \times B_C \xrightarrow{M_{A,C}} B_{A+C}$$

$$f_A \times f_C \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow f_{A+C}$$

$$BO(A) \times BO(C) \xrightarrow{w''_{A,C}} BO(A+C)$$

$\mu$  is unital , associative .

4. For two  $(B, f)$ -structure  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$  . suppose  $C \cap C'$

is also a cofinal subset. Then a  $(B, f)$ -map  $g$  is of course

a natural transformation from  $\mathcal{Q}_2$  to  $\mathcal{Q}'_2$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_A & \xrightarrow{\lambda_{A,C}} & B_C \\ g(A) \downarrow & & \downarrow g(C) \\ B'_A & \xrightarrow{\lambda'_{A,C}} & B'_C \end{array}$$

If  $\mathcal{Q}_2$  and  $\mathcal{Q}'_2$  are multiplicative, then we also require

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_A \times B_C & \xrightarrow{\mu_{A,C}} & B_{A+C} \\ g(A) \times g(C) \downarrow & & \downarrow g(A+C) \\ B'_A \times B'_C & \xrightarrow{\mu'_{A,C}} & B'_{A+C} \end{array}$$

If  $\mathcal{Q}_2$  is a  $(B, f)$ -structure, we require there is a

$(B, f)$ -map  $g: EO \rightarrow B$ .

Example :  $BO, EO$

Example : For  $G$  a subgroup of  $O$ , and  $G(A) \subseteq G(C)$ ,

$G(A) \times G(C) \rightarrow G(A+C)$  for  $A, C$  orthogonal. Define

$$BG_A = EO(A)/G(A)$$

Then there is a canonical fibration

$$f_A: BG_A = EO(A)/G(A) \rightarrow BO(A) = EO(A)/O(A),$$

for each  $A$ .

$$\lambda_{A,C} : EO(A)/G(A) \rightarrow EO(C)/G(C).$$

$$\mu_{A,C} : BG_A \times BG_C \longrightarrow BG_{A+C}.$$

$$g_A : EO(A) \longrightarrow EO(A)/G(A).$$

Example :  $BSO$ ,  $SO(A) \subseteq O(A)$ .

Example : Consider  $\mathbb{R}^\infty$  with basis  $\{b_1, b_2, \dots\}$  as the

Complex space  $\mathbb{C}^\infty$  with basis  $\{b_1, b_3, \dots, b_{2n-1}, \dots\}$  and

$$b_{2n} = ib_{2n-1}.$$

P : a complex subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^\infty$ .

$U(P)$  :  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear isometries from  $P$  to  $P$ .

$$U(P) \subseteq O(P).$$

Thus we can define  $B\mathcal{U}_P = EO(P)/U(P)$ .

$P \in \mathfrak{P} := \{ \text{all complex subspaces of } \mathbb{C}^\infty \}$  which is a cofinal set in  $\beth$ .

Example :  $H^\infty = H\{b_1, b_5, \dots, b_{4n+1}, \dots\}$ .

$H = R \oplus R_i \oplus R_j \oplus R_k$ , with

$$ij = -ji = k, \quad jk = -kj = i, \quad ki = -ik = j.$$

Note that  $H = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C}j$ .

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be all  $H$ -spaces, which is a cofinal set of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

For a  $H$  space  $Q$ ,  $Sp(Q) :=$  all  $H$ -isometries.

$$\left\langle \sum_{j=0}^t x_j b_{4j+1}, \sum_{j=0}^t y_j b_{4j+1} \right\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^t x_j \bar{y}_j ,$$

where  $\overline{a+bi+cj+dk} = a-bi-cj-dk$ .

Then  $Sp(Q) \subseteq U(Q) \subseteq O(Q)$ .

Thus define  $BSp_Q = EO(Q)/Sp(Q)$ .

**Remark :**  $EO \rightarrow BS_p \rightarrow BU \rightarrow BSO \rightarrow BO$ .

$\{I\} \subseteq Sp(Q) \subseteq U(Q)$  for  $Q$  an  $H$ -space.

$U(P) \subseteq SO(P)$  for  $P$  an  $C$ -space.

— Some properties .

$P \subseteq Q$  complex spaces ,  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} Q = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} P + 1$  , then

fibration  $S^{2P+1} \rightarrow BU(P) \xrightarrow{\lambda_{P,Q}} BU(Q)$

$P \subseteq Q$   $H$ -spaces ,  $\dim_H Q = \dim_H P + 1$  , then

fibration  $S^{4P+3} \rightarrow BS_p(P) \rightarrow BS_p(Q)$ .

### 3. Manifolds with $(B, f)$ -structure

A manifold with  $\mathbb{R}^n$  structure  $(M^n, e, g)$  consists  
of 1. A smooth manifold  $M^n$ .

2. An embedding  $e: M^n \rightarrow A$ , with  $A$  contains some

$C \in \mathcal{C}$  and the dimension of  $C^\perp$  in  $A$  is  $n$ .

3. A map  $g: M^n \rightarrow B_C$ , diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & B_C & \\ g \nearrow & \downarrow f_C & \\ M^n & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & BO(C) \end{array}$$

where  $r$  is the composition of  $r|_{M^n} : M^n \rightarrow G_{A,C^\perp}$

and the canonical map  $G_{A,C^\perp} \rightarrow BD(C)$ .

We need to identify some  $\mathcal{Q}$ -structures on a manifold.

1. If  $C' \subseteq A'$  and  $C' \cong C$ ,  $A' \cong A$ , then we shall

identify  $(M^n, e, g)$  with  $(M^n, e', g')$

2. If  $C_0 \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $C_0 \cap A = C$ , then let  $A_0 = A + C_0$ .

then we identify  $(M^n, e, g)$  with  $(M^n, E, G)$

$$E : M^n \xrightarrow{e} A \hookrightarrow A_0$$

$$G: M^n \xrightarrow{g} B_C \xrightarrow{\lambda_{C,C_0}} B_{C_0}.$$

4. If  $M^n$  has boundary, then we can choose  $A = Rn + A'$

where  $Rn$  orthogonal to  $A'$ , and  $C \subseteq A'$ , such that

$$e(M^n, \partial M^n) \subseteq (A' + iR^+ n, A')$$

$\partial M^n$  inherits the  $\mathcal{B}$ -structure of  $M^n$ .

5. If  $\mathcal{B}$  is multiplicative,  $(M_1^{n_1}, e_1, g_1), (M_2^{n_2}, e_2, g_2)$

will produce  $(M_1^{n_1} \times M_2^{n_2}, e, g)$  with

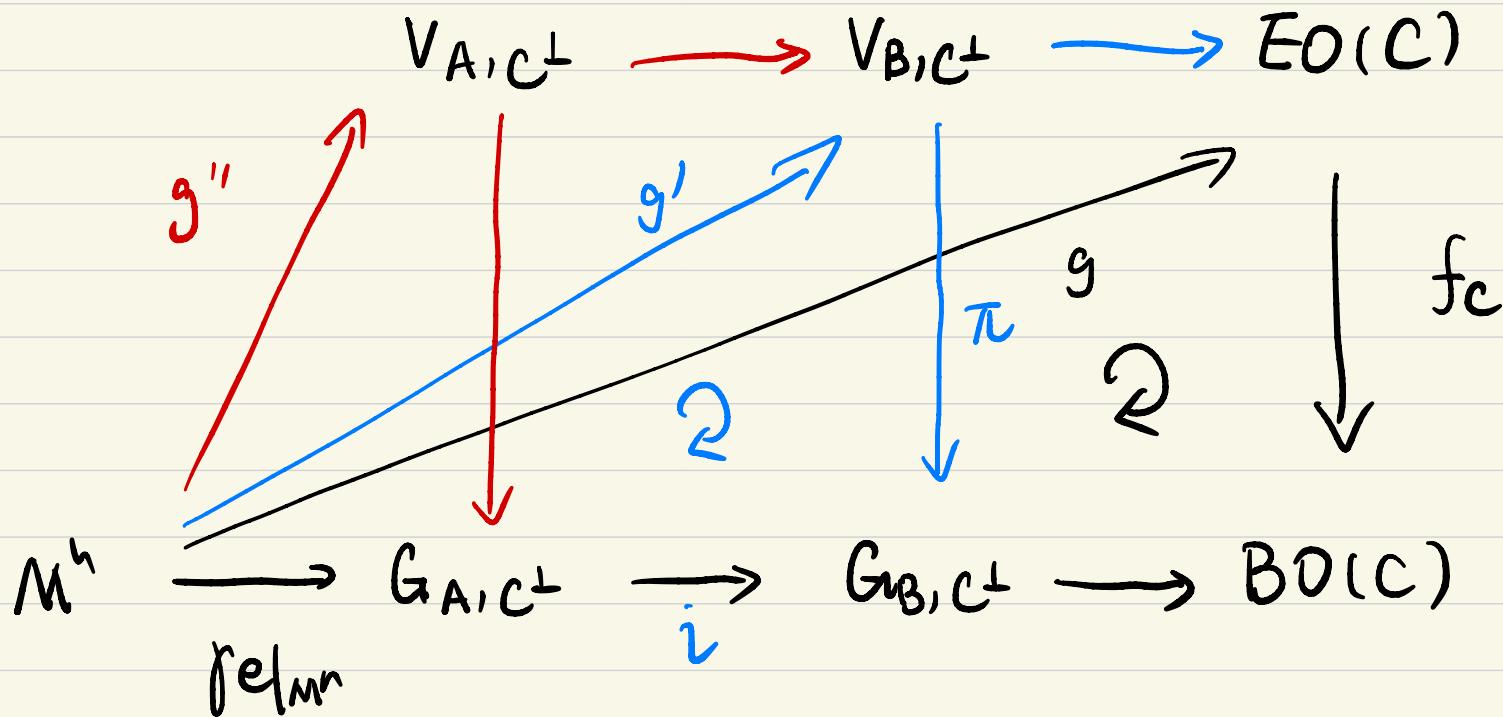
$$e = e_1 \times e_2: M_1^{n_1} \times M_2^{n_2} \rightarrow A_1 + A_2,$$

$$g: M_1^{n_1} \times M_2^{n_2} \rightarrow B_{C_1} \times B_{C_2} \xrightarrow{\mu} B_{C_1+C_2}.$$

Example : EO - structure .

An EO - structure on  $(M^n, e, g)$  corresponds to

a framing of the normal bundle  $\nu_e$  of  $M^n$ .



$$\pi \circ g' = i \circ \text{ref}_{M^n} .$$

$$J : N(e) \rightarrow M^n \times I^C$$

$$(eum, v) \mapsto (m, k_1, \dots, k_C)$$

where  $v \in f_e(m)$ , the normal space of point  $m$ ,

$$g''(m) = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_C\} . v = k_1 b_1 + \dots + k_C b_C.$$

Example : BSO - structure

$M^n$  is oriented  $\Leftrightarrow T(M^n)$  oriented

$\Leftrightarrow M^n$  has a BSO - structure .

$$[ H_n(B(m); \partial B(m)) \cong H_n(U_m, \partial U_m) \cong H_n(M^n, M^n - \{m\}) ]$$

Define  $G_{A, C^\perp}^{SO} = \frac{O(A)}{SO(C) \times O(C^\perp)}$ , oriented  $C$ -plane in  $A$ .

If  $T(M^n)$  orientable . let  $[B_m]$  be an orientation of  $T_m M^n \subseteq$

$A$ . Let  $[B'_m]$  be the orientation of  $N(e)_m$  , such that

$$[B'_m] \cup [B''_m] = [C^\perp] \cup [C]$$

Thus we have such diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & G_{A,C^\perp}^{SO} \rightarrow BSO(C) \\ re \nearrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ M^n \rightarrow G_{A,C^\perp} \rightarrow BO(C) \end{array}$$

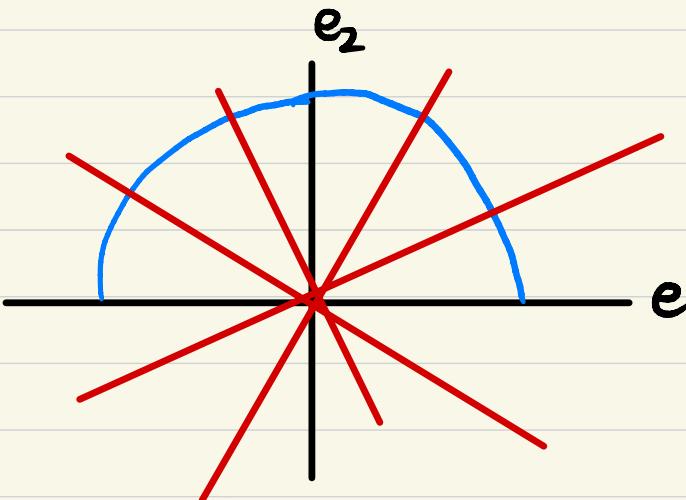
Example : BU - structure

Every complex manifold has a BU-structure .  $\square$

## 4. Pontrjagin - Thom theorem and Thom spectra.

Let  $\mathcal{P}_2$  be a  $(B, f)$ -structure.

$$e_1 : I \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}e_1 \oplus \mathbb{R}e_2, e_1(t) = \cos(\pi t)e_1 + \sin(\pi t)e_2.$$



$$I \rightarrow G_{2,1} = RP^1 \cong S^1 \rightarrow BO(\mathbb{R}e_1)$$

Then we have a lift  $g$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & g_1 & \nearrow B(\mathbb{R}e_1) \\ I & \longrightarrow & BO(\mathbb{R}e_1) \end{array}$$

that is  $(I, e_I, g_I)$  has  $\mathcal{B}$ -structure.

For any  $\mathcal{B}$ -manifold  $(M^n, e, g)$ , there is

$$(M^n \times I, e \times e_I, \mu \circ (g \times g_I))$$

Define  $-(M^n, e, g)$  to be the restriction on  $t=1 \in I$ .

Define two  $\mathcal{B}$ -manifolds  $(M^n, e, g)$ ,  $(N^n, f, h)$  are

bordant if there is a  $\mathcal{B}$ -manifold  $(W^{n+1}, E, G)$  with

$$\partial(W^{n+1}, E, G) = (M^n, e, g) \sqcup -(N^n, f, h).$$

$\Omega_n^{\mathbb{Q}}$  : equivalent class of  $n$ -dim  $\mathbb{Q}$  manifolds

$(\Omega_n^{\mathbb{Q}}, +)$  is an abelian group :

zero element  $[\phi] \cup [B]$ ,  $B$  is the boundary

of some  $\mathbb{Q}$ -manifolds.

Inverse :  $-[M^n, e, g] = [-(M^n, e, g)]$ ,

since they together bound  $(M^n \times I, e \times e_I, \mu(g \times g_I))$ .

$(\Omega_*^{\mathbb{Q}}, +, \times)$  — a graded ring.

Example :  $\Omega_*^{\text{BO}}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  - algebra .

$$\Omega_0^{\text{EO}} = \Omega_0^{\text{fr}} = \mathbb{Z}$$

For a single point , there are two framings .

Namely  $(\{*\}, F)$  ,  $(\{*\}, -F) = -(\{*\} \cdot F)$  . And

$$[\{*\}, F] \neq [\{*\}, -F].$$

$$\Omega_1^{\text{fr}} = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$$

There is only one compact 1-dim manifold .  $S^1$  .

A framing is an element in  $\pi_1(O(n))$  ,

$$\pi_1(O(n)) = \pi_1(SO(n)) \cong \pi_1(\mathbb{RP}^3) \text{ for } n \geq 3.$$

Thus there are two framings over  $S^1$ .

1. The trivial one bounds  $D^2$ .

2.  $(S^1, F)$  not bounds, but  $-(S^1, F) = (S^1, F)$ .

## — Thom Spectra

$\pi: E \rightarrow B$  a vector bundle ,

$D(\pi)$  — disk bundle ,  $S(\pi)$  — spherebundle

$$ML(\pi) := D(\pi)/S(\pi).$$

Suppose we have  $\mathbb{R}^2$ -manifold  $(M^n, e, g)$  .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & B_C & \\ g \nearrow & & \downarrow f_C \\ M^n & \xrightarrow{\text{re}} & BO(C) \end{array}$$

Thus  $v_e = g^* f_C^*(P_C)$  ,  $P_C$  . the universal

$C$  - vector bundle over  $BO(C)$ .

Define  $\pi_C^{B_2} := f_C^*(P_C)$ .

$$g : \mathcal{N}e \rightarrow \pi_C^{B_2}$$

We can associate a map  $\xi(A, C)$  to  $(M^n, e, g)$

$$\xi : A^* \rightarrow N_e(e) / \partial N_e(e) \rightarrow M\mathcal{N}e \xrightarrow{Mg} M\mathcal{N}B_C,$$

where  $M\mathcal{N}B_C = M\pi_C^{B_2}$ .

Suppose  $U \subseteq V$ ,  $U^\perp$  complement in  $V$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_U & \xrightarrow{\lambda_{U,V}} & B_V \\ f_U \downarrow & & \downarrow f_V \\ B(O(U)) & \xrightarrow{j''_{U,V}} & B(O(V)) \end{array}$$

$$\lambda_{U,V}^* \pi_V^{Q_2} = \lambda_{U,V}^* f_V^*(P_V)$$

$$= f_U^* j''_{U,V}(P_V)$$

$$= f_U^*(\Theta_{U^\perp} \oplus P_U)$$

$$= \Theta_{U^\perp} \oplus \pi_U^{Q_2}$$

Thus we define

$$M\lambda_{u,v} : U^\perp * M\mathcal{B}_u = M(\Theta_{u^\perp} \oplus \pi_u^{\mathcal{B}})$$

$$\rightarrow M(\pi_v^{\mathcal{B}}) = M\mathcal{B}_v$$

The collection of all such spaces  $M\mathcal{B}_u$  and these structure maps is called the Thom spectrum  $M\mathcal{B}$ .

$$\pi_n(M\mathcal{B}) := \varinjlim_{u \subseteq V} [V^*, M\mathcal{B}_u].$$

The direct system is taken over all  $(u, v)$  with  $w = u^\perp$  in

$V$ ,  $\dim w = n$ . And if  $V \subseteq V_i$ , then

$$[V^*, M\Omega_{U_1}] \longrightarrow [V_i^*, V^{\perp*} \wedge M\Omega_{U_1}]$$

$$\rightarrow [V_i^*, M\Omega_{U_1}]$$

Moreover if  $\Omega$  is multiplicative, then

$$\mu_{A,C} : B_A \times B_C \rightarrow B_{A+C}$$

induces  $\mu_{A,C} : M\Omega_A \wedge M\Omega_C \rightarrow M\Omega_{A+C}$ ,

and  $\pi_n M\Omega \otimes \pi_{n'} M\Omega \rightarrow \pi_{n+n'} M\Omega$ .

— The Pontrjagin – Thom Isomorphism .

$$\Omega_{\mathbb{R}}^B \longrightarrow \pi_* M\mathbb{B}$$

$[M^n, e, g] \mapsto$  the image of  $\xi \in [A^*, M\mathbb{B}_c]$

in the direct limit  $\pi_n M\mathbb{B}$

Let  $(W^{n+1}, E, G)$  be a bordism from

$(M^n, e, g)$  to  $(N^n, f, h)$

where  $e: M^n \rightarrow A$ ,  $f: N^n \rightarrow A$  and

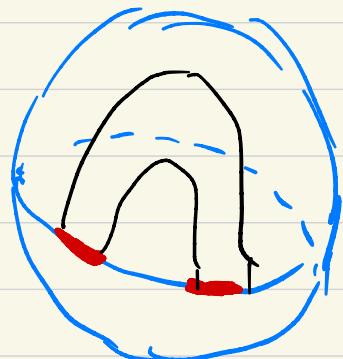
$$E: W^{n+1} \rightarrow A + \mathbb{R}^+ u$$

Then  $\xi_{A,C}((M^n, e, g) \sqcup -(N^n, f, h)) : A^* \rightarrow M\mathcal{B}_C$

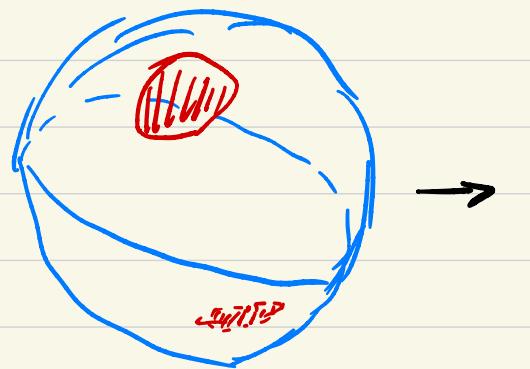
But this map can be extended to an upper semisphere

$(A + IR_n)^*_+.$  [ Since we have map

$\xi_{A+IR_n^+, C}(W^{n+1}) : (A + IR_n)^*_+ \rightarrow M\mathcal{B}_C.$  ]



So its null-homotopic.



Corollary :  $\Omega_*^{\text{fr}} = \pi_*^S(S^0)$

$$\Omega_n^{\text{fr}} = \Omega_n^{\text{EO}} = \pi_n \text{MEO}.$$

Note that  $\pi_n^{\text{EO}} = f_n^*(P_n)$  is a vector bundle over

$\text{EO}(U)$ . Thus  $\pi_n^{\text{EO}}$  is trivial ,  $M(\pi_n^{\text{EO}}) \cong U^*$  .

$$\pi_n \text{MEO} = \varinjlim_{U \subseteq V} [V^*, U^*]$$

$$= \varinjlim_K \pi_{n+k}(S^k)$$

$$\Omega_0^{\text{fr}} = \mathbb{Z}, \quad \Omega_1^{\text{fr}} = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$$