

MATH 595 - LECTURE 8

Flow of a section $\alpha \in \Gamma(A)$

Proposition

Let $\alpha \in \Gamma_{\text{cpt}}(A)$. There exists a unique 1-parameter group of automorphisms $\phi_\alpha^t \in \text{Aut}(A)$ covering the flow of $\rho(\alpha)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\phi_\alpha^t} & A \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{\phi_{\rho(\alpha)}^t} & M \end{array}$$

which are uniquely characterized by:

$$\bullet \phi_\alpha^0 = \text{id}, \quad \left. \frac{d}{dt} (\phi_\alpha^t)^*(\beta) \right|_{t=0} = [\alpha, \beta], \quad \forall \beta \in \Gamma(A)$$

DEFN One calls ϕ_α^t the (infinitesimal) flow of a section $\alpha \in \Gamma(A)$

(It can also be defined for non-complete sections in some domain $D = D(\alpha)$)

RMK. When $A = TM$, this diagram becomes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TM & \xrightarrow{d\phi_x^t} & TM \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{\phi_x^t} & M \end{array}$$

and the equations defining the flow the vector field $\alpha = X \in \Gamma(A) = \mathcal{X}(M)$ by defining its differential

Proof.

Let $D_\alpha: \Gamma(A) \rightarrow \Gamma(A)$ be the map

$$D_\alpha(\beta) := [\alpha, \beta]$$

By Leibniz, This is a derivation of the v.b. $A \rightarrow M$ with symbol $X_D = \rho(\alpha)$:

$$D_\alpha(f\beta) = [\alpha, f\beta] = f[\alpha, \beta] + \rho(\alpha)(f)\beta = fD(\alpha) + \rho(\alpha)(f)\beta$$

The result follows from a general result about derivations of a vector bundle $E \rightarrow M$: For any $D \in \text{Der}(E)$ whose symbol X_D is complete there is a 1-parameter group ϕ_D^\pm of vector bundle automorphisms:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\phi_D^\pm} & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{\phi_{X_D}^\pm} & M \end{array}$$

characterized by:

$$\phi_D^0 = \text{id}, \quad \left. \frac{d}{dt} (\phi_D^\pm)^*(\beta) \right|_{t=0} = D(\beta), \quad \forall \beta \in \Gamma(E)$$

To construct ϕ_D^\pm we define a vector field $\tilde{X}_D \in \mathcal{X}(E^*)$. Note that $C^\infty(E^*)$ is generated by these two types of functions:

- evaluation on a section $\beta \in \Gamma(E)$:

$$\text{ev}_\beta : E^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \xi_\alpha \mapsto \langle \beta(\alpha), \xi_\alpha \rangle$$

- pullbacks of $f \in C^\infty(M)$:

$$\pi^*f : E^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \text{where } \pi : E^* \rightarrow M$$

So we can define $\tilde{X}_D \in \mathcal{X}(E^*)$ by setting:

$$\tilde{X}_D(\text{ev}_\beta) := \text{ev}_{D(\beta)}, \quad \tilde{X}_D(f \circ \pi) := X_D(f) \circ \pi$$

Then $\pi_*(\tilde{X}_D) = X_D$ and the flow of \tilde{X}_D gives 1-parameter

group:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E^* & \xrightarrow{\phi_{\tilde{X}_D}^\pm} & E^* \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{\phi_{X_D}^\pm} & M \end{array}$$

$$\text{w/ } \phi_{\tilde{X}_D}^0 = \text{id}$$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} (\phi_{\tilde{X}_D}^\pm)^*(F) \right|_{t=0} = \tilde{X}_D(F), \quad \forall F \in C^\infty(E^*)$$

Transposing:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\phi_D^t \equiv (\phi_{x_0}^{-t})^*} & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{\phi_{x_0}^t} & M \end{array}$$

or $\phi_0^t = \text{id}$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} (\phi_D^t)^* \beta \right|_{t=0} = D(\beta), \quad \forall \beta \in T(E)$$

Exercise.

Assume $A = A(\mathcal{G})$ for some $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$. Show that:

$$\phi_\alpha^t = (\bar{\Psi}_{\exp(t\alpha)})_*$$

where $\bar{\Psi}_b: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ is conjugation by $b \in B(\mathcal{G})$:

$$\bar{\Psi}_b(g) := b(t(g))^{-1} \cdot g \cdot b(s(g))$$

Actions and Representations of Lie Groupoids

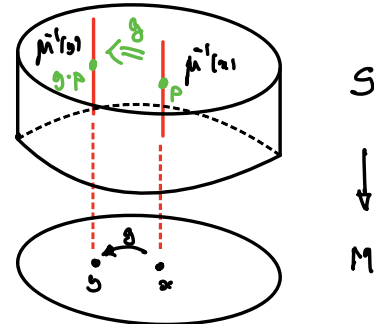
Groupoids act along maps:

Def A (left) action of $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$ on a map $\mu: S \rightarrow M$ is

a map $A: \mathcal{G} \times_\mu S \rightarrow S$, $(g, p) \mapsto g \cdot p$, satisfying:

- $\mu(g \cdot p) = t(g)$
- $1_{\mu(p)} \cdot p = p$
- $g(h \cdot p) = (gh) \cdot p$

We call μ the moment map



Notice that:

- When $G = \{*\}$ is a group, this recovers the usual notion of a G -action
- Each isotropy group G_x acts on fiber $\mu^{-1}(x)$. But note that $\mu^{-1}(x)$ may not be submanifolds (often they are).

- For an action of $G \rightrightarrows M$ on $\mu: S \rightarrow M$ we have **Action Groupoid**:

$$G \times S \rightrightarrows S \quad \text{where} \quad G \times S := G \times_M S$$

$$\begin{cases} s(g, p) = p \\ t(g, p) = g \cdot p \end{cases}$$

$$(g, p)(h, q) = (gh, q) \quad \text{if } p = g \cdot q$$

- **Orbits** := orbits of $G \times S \rightrightarrows S =$ Regularly immersed submanifolds of S
- **Isotropy groups** := $(G \times S)_p \cong$ closed subgroups of $G_{\mu(p)}$
- **space of orbits** := G/S (not smooth manifold, in general)

Def. A **RIGHT ACTION** of $G \rightrightarrows M$ on $\mu: P \rightarrow M$ is called **principal** if there exists a surjective submersion $\pi: P \rightarrow B$ s.t.

(i) action is fiberwise: $\pi(pg) = \pi(p)$

(ii) $P \times_M G \rightarrow P \times_B P, (p, g) \mapsto (p, pg)$ is a diffeomorphism.

One calls $\pi: P \rightarrow B$ a **principal G -bundle**.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & G & P \\ \downarrow & \swarrow & \searrow \\ M & M & B \end{array}$$

(in this case, the orbit space $G/P \cong B$ is smooth)

Bmk. For actions we allow S to be non-Hausdorff but we assume that for every orbit O of $G \rightrightarrows M$ the preimage $\mu^{-1}(O)$ is Hausdorff space. In particular, the fibers $\mu^{-1}(x)$ are also Hausdorff spaces. For now one can assume that S is Hausdorff.

Examples

1. Given a Lie group action $G \times M \rightarrow M$:

- $G \cong \{x\} \times G$ $\mu: M \rightarrow \{x\} \times G$ and action is principal IFF it is principal in the usual sense.

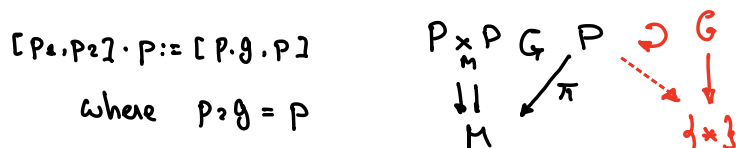
- $G \times M \cong M \times G$ $\mu: P \rightarrow M$ IFF $G \curvearrowright P$ and $\mu: P \rightarrow M$ is a G -equivariant map.

2. Every Lie groupoid acts on itself (on left & right) by LEFT/RIGHT translations:



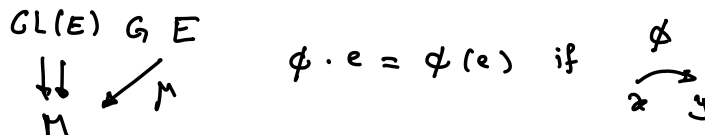
Both these actions are principal

3. Given a G -principal bundle $\pi: P \rightarrow M$ the gauge groupoid $\mathcal{G} = (P \times P)/G \cong M$ acts on $\pi: P \rightarrow M$



This action is principal.

4. Given a vector bundle $\mu: E \rightarrow M$ the groupoid $GL(E) \cong M$ acts on $\mu: E \rightarrow M$



This action is not principal (why?).

We will come back to G -principal bundles. The last action is "linear":

DEFN. A representation of a Lie groupoid $G \rightrightarrows M$ is a G -action on a vector bundle $\mu: E \rightarrow M$ which is linear:

$$\forall g \in G, \quad E_{s(g)} \rightarrow E_{t(g)}, \quad e \mapsto g \cdot e, \quad \text{is linear map.}$$

- For each $x \in M$, we obtain a rep of G_x on E_x .
- Clearly, a rep of $G \rightrightarrows M$ on $E \rightarrow M$ is the same thing as a Lie groupoid morphism covering id_M :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & GL(E) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & M \end{array}$$

We say that the representation is **FAITHFUL** if Φ is 1:1.

- Given two reps of $G \rightrightarrows M$:
 - Direct sum $E_1 \oplus E_2 \rightarrow M$: $g \cdot (e_1 + e_2) = g e_1 + g e_2$
 - Tensor product $E_1 \otimes E_2 \rightarrow M$: $g \cdot (e_1 \otimes e_2) = (g e_1) \otimes (g e_2)$
 - Trivial rep: $\mathbb{R}_M \rightarrow M$: $g \cdot (x, \lambda) = (y, \lambda)$ if $\frac{g}{x} \downarrow y$

$\leadsto (\text{Rep}(G), \oplus, \otimes)$ is a semi-ring

Examples

1. A rep of pair groupoid $M \times M \rightrightarrows M$ on $\mu: E \rightarrow M$ amounts to a trivialization of $\mu: E \rightarrow M$.

A rep of $\Pi_1(M)$ on $\mu: E \rightarrow M$ amounts to give a //-transport map \Leftrightarrow flat connection on ∇

2. A rep of action groupoid $G \times M \rightrightarrows M$ on $\mu: E \rightarrow M$ is the same thing as a G -equivariant v.b.: $\text{Rep}(G \times M) \simeq \text{Vect}_G(M)$

3. Given a principal G -bundle $\pi: P \rightarrow M$ and Rep of GAUGE Groupoid $\mathcal{G} = (P \times P)/G \rightrightarrows M$ on $\mu: E \rightarrow M$, then fix $\alpha \in M$:

• $G = \mathcal{G}_\alpha \curvearrowright V \cong E_\alpha$

• V.b. isomorphism: $(P \times V)/G \begin{matrix} \longrightarrow E \\ \searrow \quad \swarrow \\ \quad M \end{matrix} \quad [p, e_\alpha] \mapsto [p, p'] \cdot e_\alpha$
 $\omega \mid \pi(p') = \alpha$

$\text{Rep}((P \times P)/G) \cong \text{Rep}(G)$

4. Let (M, \mathcal{F}) be a foliated manifold. We obtain a linear action by linearizing holonomy transformations:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hol}(M, \mathcal{F}) & \curvearrowright & \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{F}) \\ \downarrow & \swarrow & \\ M & & \end{array}$$

$\alpha = \gamma(0), v \in U_\alpha(\mathcal{F}) = T_\alpha M / T_\alpha \mathcal{F}$

$[\gamma]_h \cdot v := \underbrace{d \text{hol}(\gamma)}_\alpha(v)$
 $\text{hol}_{\text{lin}}(\gamma)$

Note that $\text{hol}_{\text{lin}}(\gamma)$ can be trivial and $\text{hol}(\gamma)$ non-trivial.

