

More on fiber bundles.

Suppose G is a topological group acting on a space X .

A fiber bundle with fiber F and structure group G is a map $p: E \rightarrow B$ together with a collection of homeom.

$\{p^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F\}$ for certain $U \subseteq B$ where:

1) The U cover B .

2) Each $p^{-1}(U) \xrightarrow{p} U \times F$ commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & p & \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \text{proj}_U \\ U & & \end{array}$$

3) If (U, φ) and (V, ψ) are charts, \exists a continuous map $\theta: U \cap V \rightarrow G$ so that $\forall x \in U \cap V$ and $f \in F$ have

$$(x, \theta(x) \cdot f) = \varphi(\psi^{-1}((x, f)))$$

4) If (U, φ) is a chart and $V \subseteq_{\text{open}} U$ so is $(V, \varphi|_V)$.

5) The collection (U, φ) is maximal with respect to (1-4).

6) G acts effectively on F , i.e. $G \hookrightarrow \text{Homeo}(F)$.

Principal bundles: G = any top gp, $F = G$ acted on by left trans.

Construction: $p: \pi_1 B \rightarrow G$ $\tilde{E} = \tilde{B} \times G$ acted on by $\pi_1 B$

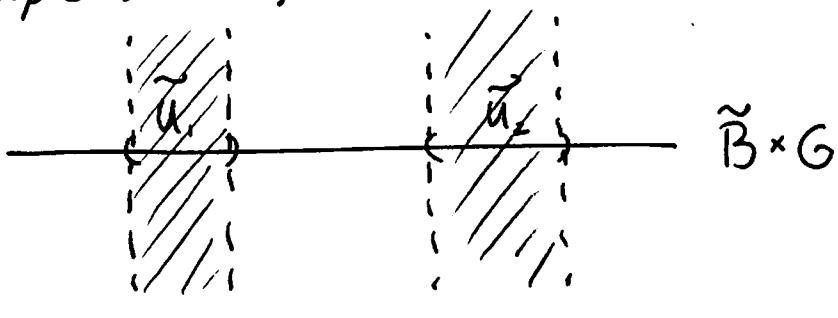
via $\gamma \cdot (\tilde{b}, g) = (\gamma \cdot \tilde{b}, \rho(\gamma) \cdot g)$

$$E = \begin{array}{c} \tilde{B} \times G \\ \searrow \\ \pi_1 B \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p: E &\rightarrow B \\ [(\tilde{b}, g)] &\mapsto \pi(\tilde{b}) \end{aligned}$$

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This gives a flat principle bundle, since θ is locally constant.



$$U \times G \xleftarrow{p^{-1}(U)} \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} U \times G$$

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cor to U_1 cor to U_2

Then $\theta: U \rightarrow G$ is the const $p(\gamma)$, where $\gamma \in \pi_1 B$ sends $U_2 \rightarrow U_1$. Then $\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2^{-1}(x, g) = (x, \theta(x) \cdot g)$.

Note: For a flat princ. bundle, if U is simply conn then an ident of $p^{-1}(x_0 \in U)$ with G gives a unique trivialization of $p^{-1}(U)$ as $U \times G$.

Cf: Flat connection.

Generalization: G acts on F , $p: \pi_1 B \rightarrow G$.

Get a fiber bundle $E = \pi_1 B \backslash \tilde{B} \times F \rightarrow B$ where $\gamma \in \pi_1 B$

acts by $(b, f) \mapsto (\gamma \cdot b, p(\gamma) \cdot f)$

Ex: $B = S^1$, $G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = \{\pm 1\}$, $F = [-1, 1]$ $g \cdot f = gf$

Then $E(p, F) = ??$

③ If G is discrete, a principal G -bundle is a regular covering space corresponding to a homomorphism $\pi: B \rightarrow G$.

Pull backs: $p: E \rightarrow B$ fiber bundle. Given $f: A \rightarrow B$,

define $f^*(E) = \{ (a, e) \mid f(a) = p(e) \}$. HW: The map

~~that~~ $\pi_A^*: f^*(E) \rightarrow A$ is a fiber bundle with the same fiber and structure grp as $E \rightarrow B$.

Universal Bundles: If G is a topological group,

there exists a principal G -bundle $EG \rightarrow BG$ so that

$\forall CW$'s X we have

$$[X, BG] \cong \begin{matrix} \text{Isomorphism classes} \\ \text{of principal } G\text{-bundles} \\ \text{over } B \end{matrix}$$

$$(f: X \rightarrow BG) \longmapsto f^*(EG)$$

If G has the discrete topology, then $BG = K(G, 1)$

and $EG \rightarrow BG$ is as in the 1st proof of the existence of $K(G, 1)$'s.

Ex: $G = \mathbb{Z}$ with the discrete topology.

$$BG = K(\mathbb{Z}, 1) = S^1$$

Q: What is EG ? A: \mathbb{R}

For any X , what map $f: X \rightarrow S^1$ gives the trivial bundle? It's the const map.

Ex: $G = S^1$ with usual top. Then $BG = \mathbb{C}P^\infty$.

Recall $S^1 \hookrightarrow S^{2n+1}$ by viewing $S^{2n+1} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$
 \downarrow and S^1 acts diagonally.
 $\mathbb{C}P^n$

Then have $S^1 \hookrightarrow S^\infty$ as the univ. S^1 -bundle ($= EG$).
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 $\mathbb{C}P^\infty$

Note: Cohomology of BG leads to characteristic classes of fiber bundles. E.g. any S^1 -fiber bundle has an Euler class $\in H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})$ coming from the gen of $H^2(\mathbb{C}P^\infty; \mathbb{Z})$.

Next topic: Homology with local coeffs (§3.H in Hatcher)

Bundle of gps: $p: E \rightarrow B$ with fiber a discrete abelian gp G and str. gp $\text{Aut}(G)$ with the discrete top.

Ex: M an n -mfld. R a ring. $M_R = \left\{ \alpha_x \in H^n(M, M \setminus \{x\}; R) \mid x \in M \right\}$

$$\begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ M \\ \downarrow \\ x \end{matrix}$$