

§ I. derivative

$E \xrightarrow{\pi} M$ vector bundle. $\mathcal{P}(E) = \{ \text{smooth sections} \}$

\sim locally defined \mathbb{R}^n -valued functions

question taking derivative on $s \in \mathcal{P}(E)$?

1° $E|_U \cong U \times \mathbb{R}^n$ s is locally given by $\xi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$(p, \xi(p))$ For a tangent vector field $v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$.

what about $v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \xi$?



For another trivialization, $E|_V \cong V \times \mathbb{R}^n$

s is given by $\zeta(p) = g_{vu}(p) \xi(p)$

$$\Rightarrow v^i \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial x^i} = g_{vu} \cdot v^i \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x^i} + v^i \frac{\partial g_{vu}}{\partial x^i} \xi$$

\rightarrow not a well-defined element of E_p \leftarrow (*) needs not be zero

another view point: derivative = limit of difference quotient

no canonical way to identify E_p and E_q for $p \neq q$

2° recall The Levi-Civita connection for TM

$$\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} (a^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}) = \left(\frac{\partial a^j}{\partial x^i} + \Gamma_{ik}^j a^k \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$$

\leftarrow besides derivative, there is a 0th-order part

$$\text{Formally, } \begin{cases} \nabla_{fX} Y = f \nabla_X Y \\ \nabla_X (fY) = f \nabla_X Y + X(f) Y \end{cases}$$

lesson: the trouble term (*) is re-assembled into the 0th-order part (Γ_{ij}^k) .

§ II. connection

defn a connection is a \mathbb{R} -linear map $\nabla: \mathcal{X}(M) \times \mathcal{P}(E) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(E)$

$$\text{with } \begin{cases} \nabla_{fX} s = f \nabla_X s \\ \nabla_X (fs) = f \nabla_X s + X(f) s \end{cases}$$

(∇s) ← output: section of E
 ↑ input: tangent vector

Or equivalently, $\nabla : \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(T^*M \otimes E)$

with $\nabla(fs) = f \nabla s + df \otimes s$

(a section of $T^*M \otimes E$ already means that when plug into fX , f can be pushed out)

1° existence $\{U_\alpha\}$: locally finite cover of M with

$$\varphi_\alpha : E|_{U_\alpha} \xrightarrow{\sim} U_\alpha \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

(abuse the notation: apply $U_\alpha \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ for sections)

Then $\nabla^\alpha = \varphi_\alpha^{-1} d(\varphi_\alpha \circ s)$ is a connection for $E|_{U_\alpha}$

It is nothing more than the usual derivative by using the trivialization φ_α

Let $\{f_\alpha\}$ be the partition of unity subordinate to $\{U_\alpha\}$

Define $\nabla s = \sum_\alpha f_\alpha \nabla^\alpha (s|_{U_\alpha})$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla(fs) &= \sum_\alpha f_\alpha \nabla^\alpha (f u_\alpha) = \sum_\alpha f_\alpha (f \nabla^\alpha u + df \otimes u) \\ &= f \nabla s + df \otimes s \quad \text{since } \sum_\alpha f_\alpha \equiv 1 \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

lemma Any vector bundle admits a connection

2° ambiguity? prop Suppose that ∇ and $\tilde{\nabla}$ are two connections

on E , then $\tilde{\nabla} - \nabla \in \Gamma(T^*M \otimes \text{End } E)$

In other words, the space of connections is an affine space modelled on $\Gamma(T^*M \otimes \text{End } E)$, $\text{End } E$ -valued 1-forms

lemma U : some open set in the Euclidean space

$F : \mathcal{C}^\infty(U; \mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(U; \mathbb{R}^m)$ satisfying

$F(fs) = f F(s) \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(U; \mathbb{R}^1) \text{ and}$

$s \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(U; \mathbb{R}^n)$

Then, there exists a

$T \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(U; \underbrace{M(m \times n; \mathbb{R})}_{\substack{n \times m \\ \mathbb{R}^{mn}}})$ such that $F(s) = T \cdot s$

(F cannot involve differentiation or integration)

pf: Consider "constant functions" $e_1, \dots, e_n \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathcal{U}; \mathbb{R}^n)$
and $\tilde{e}_1, \dots, \tilde{e}_m \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathcal{U}; \mathbb{R}^m)$

$$\text{Write } F(e_j) = \sum_{\mu} T_j^{\mu}(x) \tilde{e}_{\mu}.$$

By the condition, $F(s)$ must be $\begin{bmatrix} T_1^1 & \dots & T_1^n \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ T_m^1 & \dots & T_m^n \end{bmatrix} s$. $\#$

From the lemma to the proposition

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\nabla} - \nabla)(fs) &= (f \tilde{\nabla}s + df \otimes s) - (f \nabla s + df \otimes s) \\ &= f(\tilde{\nabla} - \nabla)s \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\tilde{\nabla} - \nabla$ is not a differential operator \dots $\#$

3. local computation

summary: Suppose that ∇ is a connection on E

Then, ∇ on $E|_{\mathcal{U}} \cong \mathcal{U} \times \mathbb{R}^n$ is equal to

$d + A_{\mathcal{U}}$ where $A_{\mathcal{U}}$ is an $(n \times n)$ -matrix of 1-forms on \mathcal{U}

(By the lemma, and d is a connection on $E|_{\mathcal{U}}$)

transition? $E|_{\mathcal{V}} \cong \mathcal{V} \times \mathbb{R}^n$, $\nabla = d + A_{\mathcal{V}}$

$s \in \mathcal{P}(E)$

$$\rightsquigarrow s_{\mathcal{U}} = g_{\mathcal{U}\mathcal{V}} s_{\mathcal{V}} \quad s_{\mathcal{U}} \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathcal{U}; \mathbb{R}^n), \quad s_{\mathcal{V}} \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathcal{V}; \mathbb{R}^n)$$

over $\mathcal{U} \cap \mathcal{V}$

$\nabla s \in \mathcal{P}(T^*M \otimes E)$

$$\rightsquigarrow (ds_{\mathcal{U}} + A_{\mathcal{U}} s_{\mathcal{U}}) = g (ds_{\mathcal{V}} + A_{\mathcal{V}} s_{\mathcal{V}})$$

$$\Rightarrow d(g s_{\mathcal{V}}) + A_{\mathcal{U}}(g s_{\mathcal{V}}) = g ds_{\mathcal{V}} + g A_{\mathcal{V}} s_{\mathcal{V}}$$

$$= (dg) s_{\mathcal{V}} + g ds_{\mathcal{V}} + A_{\mathcal{U}} g s_{\mathcal{V}}$$

$$\text{True for any } s_{\mathcal{V}} \Rightarrow dg + A_{\mathcal{U}} g = g A_{\mathcal{V}}$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{-1} dg + g^{-1} A_{\mathcal{U}} g = A_{\mathcal{V}}$$

§ III. an example

$$\mathbb{C} \rightarrow L \rightarrow S^2 = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$$

$$1^\circ S^2 = \mathbb{C} \cup \mathbb{C} \setminus \{z = w^{-1}\}$$

consider $g_{uv} = w = z^{-1} : \mathcal{U} \cap \mathcal{V} \rightarrow GL(1; \mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$

$$2^\circ \text{ Let } A_u = \frac{\bar{z} dz}{1+|z|^2}, \quad A_v = \frac{\bar{w} dw}{1+|w|^2}$$

They have to be well-defined over \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{V} , respectively

$$\begin{aligned} 3^\circ \quad g^{-1}dg + g^1 A_u g &= \bar{w} dw + \cancel{w} \frac{\bar{z} dz}{1+|z|^2} \cancel{w} \\ &= \frac{dw}{w} + \frac{1-dw}{\bar{w}} \frac{|w|^2}{w^2} \frac{|w|^2}{1+|w|^2} \\ &= \bar{w} dw \frac{1}{|w|^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+|w|^2}\right) = \frac{\bar{w} dw}{1+|w|^2} \end{aligned}$$

remark Neither A_u nor A_v is globally defined.

§ IV. digression: End E

1° E is given by $\{\mathcal{U}_\alpha\}_\alpha$: open cover of M and $g_{\alpha\beta} : \mathcal{U}_\alpha \cap \mathcal{U}_\beta \rightarrow GL(n; \mathbb{R})$ with the cocycle condition

$\leadsto \text{End } E = E \otimes E^*$ transition is given by $g_{\alpha\beta} \otimes (g_{\alpha\beta}^{-1})^T$ left acts on \mathbb{R}^{n^2}

2° a more convenient way for the fibers: $\mathbb{R}^{n^2} \cong M(n \times n; \mathbb{R})$

$$B \in P(\text{End } E), \quad s \in P(E) \Rightarrow Bs \in P(E)$$

Suppose that s is given by $S_\alpha \in C^\infty(\mathcal{U}_\alpha; \mathbb{R}^n)$

B is given by $B_\alpha \in C^\infty(\mathcal{U}_\alpha; M(n \times n; \mathbb{R}))$

$$\begin{cases} S_\alpha = g_{\alpha\beta} S_\beta \\ B_\alpha S_\alpha = g_{\alpha\beta} B_\beta S_\beta \end{cases} \Rightarrow B_\alpha = g_{\alpha\beta} B_\beta g_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}$$

Hence, transition is $g_{\alpha\beta}(-)g_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}$ by using $M(n \times n; \mathbb{R})$ for \mathbb{R}^{n^2}

§ V. curvature

1° As the Riemann curvature tensor, commuting covariant derivatives gives the curvature.

defn For a connection ∇ on E , its curvature is the tri-linear map $F^\nabla: \mathcal{P}(M) \times \mathcal{P}(M) \times \mathcal{P}(E) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(E)$

$$(X, Y, s) \mapsto \nabla_X \nabla_Y s - \nabla_Y \nabla_X s - \nabla_{[X, Y]} s$$

2° lemma F^∇ is $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M; \mathbb{R})$ -linear

and skew-sym
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According to the lemma last time, $F^\nabla \in \mathcal{P}(E \otimes E^* \otimes T^*M \otimes T^*M)$

$$\Rightarrow F^\nabla \in \mathcal{P}(\wedge^2 T^*M \otimes \text{End } E)$$

(End E -valued 2-form, locally $n \times n$ -matrix of 2-forms)

pf: In X and Y , similar to the Riemann curvature.

In s , $F^\nabla(X, Y, fs)$

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

$$= \nabla_X (f \nabla_Y s + Y(f) s) - \nabla_Y (f \nabla_X s + X(f) s) - f \nabla_{[X, Y]} s - [X, Y](f) \cdot s$$

$$= f \nabla_X \nabla_Y s + X(f) \nabla_Y s + Y(f) \nabla_X s + X(Y(f)) s$$

$$- f \nabla_Y \nabla_X s - Y(f) \nabla_X s - X(f) \nabla_Y s - Y(X(f)) s$$

$$- f \nabla_{[X, Y]} s - [X, Y](f) \cdot s$$

$$= f F^\nabla(X, Y, s) \quad \neq$$

3° In terms of the local trivialization $E|_U \cong U \times \mathbb{R}^n$

Let (x^1, x^2, \dots) be the coordinate on U .

$$\Rightarrow \nabla (\text{over } U) = d + A_i dx^i \quad A_i \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(U; M(n \times n; \mathbb{R}))$$

$$F_{ij} = F^\nabla(\partial_i, \partial_j, -) \in M(n \times n; \mathbb{R})$$

$$[\partial_i, \partial_j] \equiv 0$$

$$F^\nabla(\partial_i, \partial_j, s) = (\partial_i + A_i)(\partial_j + A_j)(s) - (\partial_j + A_j)(\partial_i + A_i)(s) + 0$$

$$= \partial_i \partial_j s + (\partial_i A_j) s + A_j (\partial_i s) + A_i (\partial_j s) + A_i \cdot A_j \cdot s - \partial_j \partial_i s - (\partial_j A_i) s - A_i (\partial_j s) - A_j (\partial_i s) - A_j \cdot A_i \cdot s$$

$$F_{ij} = (\partial_i A_j - \partial_j A_i + [A_i, A_j]) \cdot s \quad \text{of course,}$$

Usually write it as $F^\nabla = \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{2} F_{kl} dx^k \wedge dx^l$ no derivative on s

$$(\Rightarrow F^\nabla(\partial_i, \partial_j) = \frac{1}{2} F_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} F_{ji} = F_{ij})$$

$$4^\circ \quad F^\nabla = dA + A \wedge A \quad \text{use } \wedge \text{ in matrix multiplication}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{right hand side} &= d(A_j dx^j) + A_i dx^i \wedge A_j dx^j \\ &= \frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x^i} dx^i \wedge dx^j + A_i A_j dx^i \wedge dx^j \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x^i} - \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^j} + A_i A_j - A_j A_i \right) dx^i \wedge dx^j \end{aligned}$$

We can double check that it is End E-valued

$$\tilde{A} = g^{-1} dg + g^{-1} A g \quad (g = g_{uv}, \tilde{A} = A_v, A = A_u)$$

claim $g \tilde{F} g^{-1} = F$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F} &= d\tilde{A} + \tilde{A} \wedge \tilde{A} \\ &= d(g^{-1} dg + g^{-1} A g) + (g^{-1} dg + g^{-1} A g) \wedge (g^{-1} dg + g^{-1} A g) \\ &= \cancel{dg^{-1} \wedge dg} + \cancel{dg^{-1} \wedge A g} + \underline{g^{-1} dA g} - \cancel{g^{-1} A \wedge dg} \\ &\quad \left(\begin{aligned} &+ \cancel{g^{-1} dg \wedge g^{-1} dg} + \cancel{g^{-1} dg \wedge g^{-1} A g} + \cancel{g^{-1} A \wedge dg} + \underline{g^{-1} A \wedge A g} \end{aligned} \right) \\ &\quad \left(\begin{aligned} &\text{Since } g g^{-1} = 1, (dg) g^{-1} + g d(g^{-1}) = 0 \\ &dg^{-1} = -g^{-1} \cdot (dg) \cdot g \end{aligned} \right) \\ &= g^{-1} F g \end{aligned}$$

(compare with the discussion in §IV)

5° What does $d^2=0$ tell us?

$$0 = d^2 A = d(dA) = d(F - A \wedge A)$$

replace dA by $F - A \wedge A$

$$= dF - dA \wedge A + A \wedge dA$$

$$= dF - (F - A \wedge A) \wedge A + A \wedge (F - A \wedge A)$$

\Rightarrow $dF = F \wedge A - A \wedge F$ this is called the Bianchi identity

§VI. re-visiting the example TS^2

0° $(M, g) \sim \nabla^{lc}$ is unique because of the torsion free condition

Except TM, this condition makes no sense.

1° $\mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{F} S^2$

$(x, y) \mapsto \frac{1}{1+x^2+y^2} (2x, 2y, 1-x^2-y^2)$ stereographic projection

$$|F_x| = \frac{2}{1+x^2+y^2} = |F_y|, \quad F_x \perp F_y$$

2° By calculating $(F_{\hat{i}\hat{j}})^T$

$$\nabla \left(\frac{1+x^2+y^2}{2} F_x \right) = \frac{2}{1+x^2+y^2} (y dx - x dy) \otimes \frac{1+x^2+y^2}{2} F_y$$

$$\nabla \left(\frac{1+x^2+y^2}{2} F_y \right) = \frac{2}{1+x^2+y^2} (-y dx + x dy) \otimes \frac{1+x^2+y^2}{2} F_x$$

With respect to $\left\{ \frac{1+x^2+y^2}{2} F_x, \frac{1+x^2+y^2}{2} F_y \right\}$

$$\nabla = d + \underbrace{\frac{2}{1+x^2+y^2} (y dx - x dy)}_a \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3° F = dA + A \wedge A = da \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \cancel{a \cdot a} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{4 dx \wedge dy}{(1+x^2+y^2)^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4° \int_{S^2} \frac{4 dx \wedge dy}{(1+x^2+y^2)^2} = \int_{S^2} K \text{dvol}_g = 2\pi \cdot (2 - 2\text{genus}) = 4\pi$$