

Vector Bundles

Already seen: • TM tangent bundle with vector space
 $\downarrow \pi$
 M $T_p M$ over $p \in M$

• For $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, NM normal bundle with vector space
 \downarrow
 M $N_p M := \underbrace{(T_p M)^\perp}_{\text{orthogonal complement of } T_p M \subseteq T_p \mathbb{R}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^n}$ over $p \in M$

In each case, get a family of vector spaces smoothly parametrized by points of M .

This is codified by the notion of a vector bundle over M :

A vector bundle (of rank k) over M is a space E along with surj cts map $\pi: E \rightarrow M$ s.t.

(a) For $p \in M$, $E_p := \pi^{-1}\{p\}$ is endowed with the structure of a k -dim \mathbb{R} -vector space.

(b) $\forall p \in M$ \exists nbhd U of p and a homeo $\Phi: \pi^{-1}U \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{R}^k$

s.t. $\bullet \pi_U \circ \Phi = \pi$ (for $\pi_U: U \times \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow U$ proj'n)

$\bullet \forall q \in U$, $\Phi|_{E_q}: E_q \rightarrow \{q\} \times \mathbb{R}^k \cong \mathbb{R}^k$ is a linear iso

Call Φ a local trivialization. If M, E are smooth mflds and

π is smooth, call $\pi: E \rightarrow M$ a smooth vector bundle.

If π admits a global trivialization

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\cong} & M \times \mathbb{R}^k \\ \pi \downarrow & & \uparrow \pi_M \\ & M & \end{array}$$

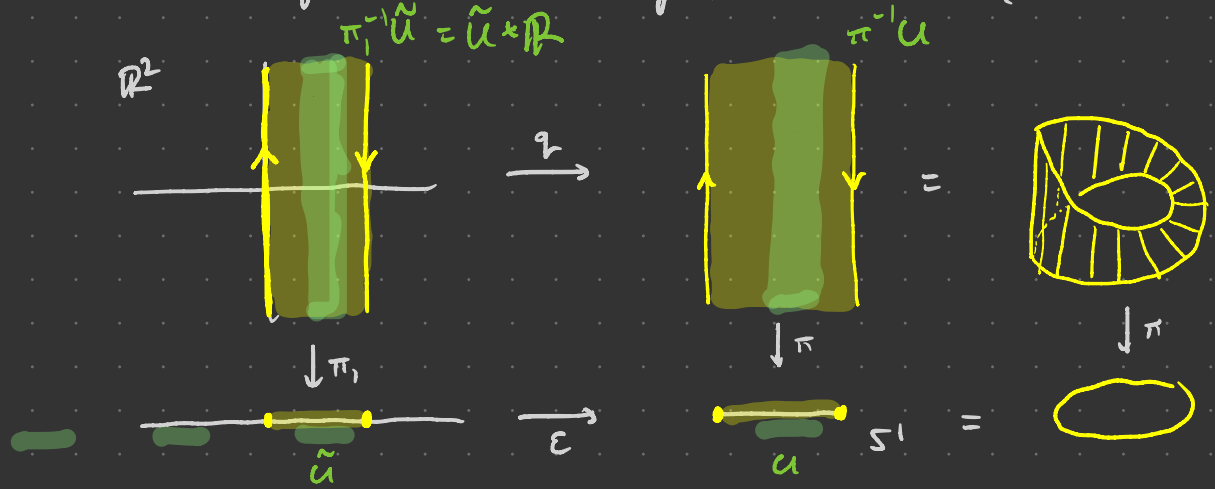
call π a (rank k) trivial bundle.

E.g. • Trivial/product bundles $M \times \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow M$.

• Tangent bundle $TM \rightarrow M$.

• For $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, normal bundle $NM \rightarrow M$.

• Möbius bundle: Equiv reln on \mathbb{R}^2 : $(x, y) \sim (x', y')$
 $\Leftrightarrow (x', y') = (x+n, (-1)^n y)$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.



For any $U \in S^1$ evenly covered by ε , $\tilde{U} \in \mathbb{R}$ component of $\varepsilon^{-1}U$ evenly covered, $\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow[\cong]{\cong} \pi^{-1}U$ gives local triv'n of π .

Transition Functions & Cocycles

Lemma $E \xrightarrow{\downarrow \pi} M$ smooth vb of rk k , local trivializations $\Phi: \pi^{-1}U \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{R}^k$, $\Psi: \pi^{-1}V \rightarrow V \times \mathbb{R}^k$ with $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$

There exists a smooth map $\tau: U \cap V \rightarrow GL_k \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi \circ \Psi^{-1}: (U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^k &\longrightarrow (U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^k \\ (p, v) &\longmapsto (p, \underbrace{\tau(p)}_{\text{matrix } \tau(p) \text{ acting on } v} v) \end{aligned}$$

matrix $\tau(p)$ acting on v

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^k & \xleftarrow{\Psi} & \pi^{-1}(U \cap V) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & (U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^k & \text{commutes} \\
 & \searrow \pi_1 & \downarrow \pi & \swarrow \pi_1 & \\
 & & U \cap V & &
 \end{array}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \pi_1 \circ (\Phi \circ \Psi^{-1}) = \pi_1 \implies \Phi \circ \Psi^{-1}(p, v) = (p, \sigma(p, v))$$

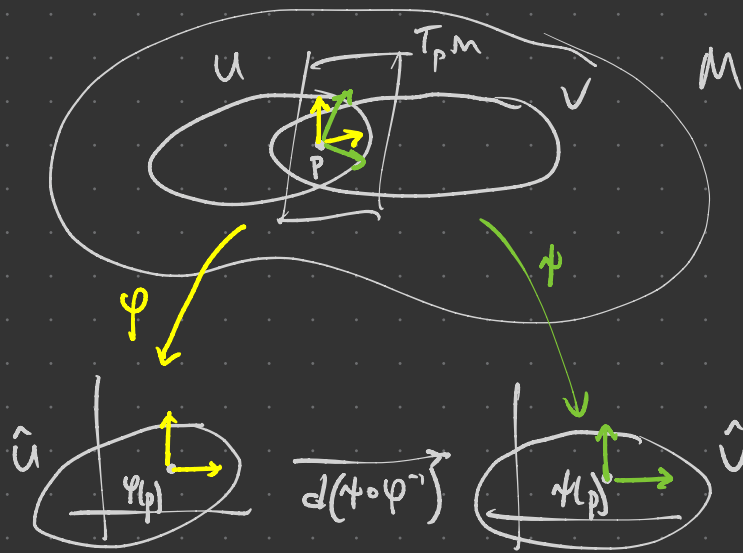
for some smooth $\sigma: (U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$.

For $p \in U \cap V$ fixed, get $\mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ invertible linear map

$$\implies \exists \tau(p) \in GL_k(\mathbb{R}) \text{ s.t. } \sigma(p, v) = \tau(p)v \quad \square$$

Call $\tau_{U,V}: U \cap V \rightarrow GL_k \mathbb{R}$ the transition function for U, V .

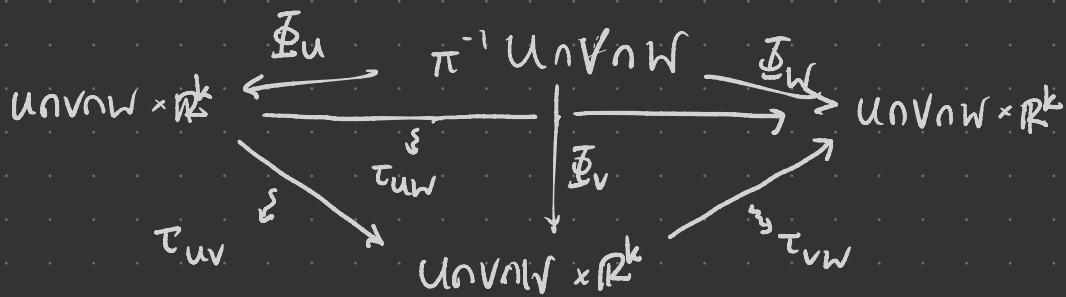
E.g. For the tangent bundle, $\tau: U \cap V \rightarrow GL_n \mathbb{R}$ is the Jacobian of $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$ (smooth charts):



For $E \rightarrow M$, write τ_{uv} for the transition fn $U \cap V \rightarrow GL_2 \mathbb{R}$

Note $\tau_{vu} = \tau_{uv}^{-1}$ (pointwise matrix inverse)

What happens on triple intersections $U \cap V \cap W$?



τ_{UW} is computed from $\Phi_W \circ \Phi_U^{-1} = \underbrace{\Phi_W \circ \Phi_V^{-1}}_{\tau_{VW}} \circ \underbrace{\Phi_V \circ \Phi_U^{-1}}_{\tau_{UV}}$

cocycle condition

so $\tau_{UW}(p) = \tau_{VW}(p) \tau_{UV}(p)$

Defn A $GL_k \mathbb{R}$ -cocycle on M is an open cover $\{V_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$ of M along with (cts or smooth) maps $\tau_{\alpha\beta}: V_\alpha \cap V_\beta \rightarrow GL_k \mathbb{R}$ $\forall \alpha, \beta \in A$ st. $\tau_{\alpha\gamma} = \tau_{\beta\gamma} \tau_{\alpha\beta} \quad \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in A$.

Get $GL_k \mathbb{R}$ -cocycle from any rank k vb on M .

Converse: Set $\tilde{E} = \coprod_{\alpha \in A} V_\alpha \times \mathbb{R}^k$ and define equiv. reln

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (p, v) \sim (p, w) & \text{when} & T_{\alpha\beta}(p)v = w \\ \underbrace{\quad}_{\cap} & & \underbrace{\quad}_{\cap} \\ (V_\alpha \cap V_\beta) \times \mathbb{R}^k & & (V_\alpha \cap V_\beta) \times \mathbb{R}^k \end{array}$$

Let $E = \tilde{E} / \sim$ and produce

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{E} & \longrightarrow & E \\ \downarrow \pi_1 & & \downarrow \pi \\ M & \xlongequal{\quad} & M \end{array}$$

TPS Why is π a vector bundle?



- Two $GL_k(\mathbb{R})$ -cocycles are equivalent if $\exists GL_k(\mathbb{R})$ -cocycle in which both are contained.

$$\left\{ \text{rk } k \text{ v.b. on } M \right\} / \cong \xleftrightarrow{\text{bij}} \left\{ GL_k(\mathbb{R})\text{-cocycles on } M \right\} / \sim$$

(we define \cong later)

- See ISM Lemma 10.6 for a less robust construction of v.b.s from local trivializing data.

Constructions

- Whitney sum: $\begin{array}{c} E \\ \pi \downarrow \\ M \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} E' \\ \pi' \downarrow \\ M \end{array}$ v.b.s over M

$$E \oplus E' \text{ has } (E \oplus E')_p = E_p \oplus E'_p$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$M$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tau_{E \oplus E'} & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_{E \oplus E'} \end{pmatrix}$$

Morphisms etc

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{F} & E' \\ \pi \searrow & & \swarrow \pi' \\ & M & \end{array}$$

F has a v.b. morphism inverse iff it's bij

- Tensor product: $E \otimes E'$ with $(E \otimes E')_p = E_p \otimes E'_p$.

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 M

- Pullback: $N \times_M E \rightarrow E$ with $N \times_M E = \{(n, e) \mid F(n) = \pi(e)\}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N \times_M E & \longrightarrow & E \\ F^* \pi \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \pi \\ N & \xrightarrow{F} & M \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (n, e) & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ n & & N \end{array}$$

Note $(N \times_M E)_n \cong E_{F(n)}$.

If $F: N \subseteq M$, this is the restriction of E to N .

- Duals: E^* with $E_p^* = \mathbb{R}$ -linear dual of E_p .

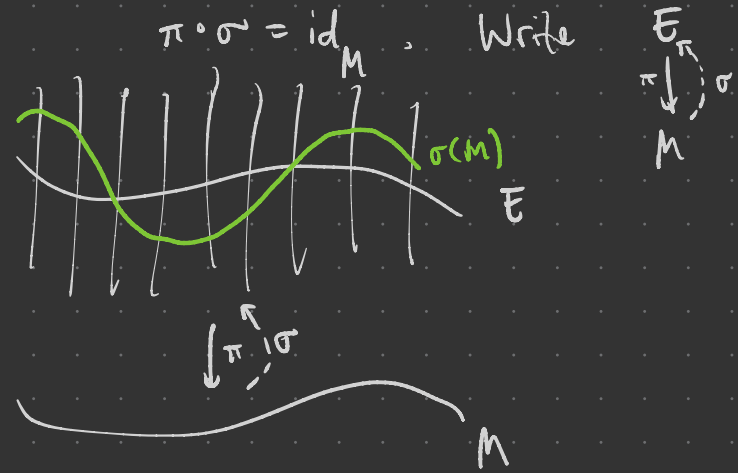
$$\downarrow$$

 M

$$\tau_{\alpha\beta}^* = \tau_{\alpha\beta}^T$$

Sections

A section of a v.b. E is a map $E \rightarrow M$ s.t. $\pi \circ \sigma = id_M$.
(lets of smooth)



Sections of line bundles are "generalized functions"

- E.g.
- Zero section $p \mapsto 0_p \in E_p \quad \forall p \in M$
 - Sections of $TM =$ vector fields

Write $\Gamma(E)$ for the R-us of global sections of E .

Note $\mathcal{X}(M) = \Gamma(TM)$,

in fact, $C^\infty(M)$ -module:

$$(f\sigma)(p) = f(p)\sigma(p)$$