

INTRODUCTION TO GRADED BUNDLES II

– DOUBLE STRUCTURES

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Double vector bundles

In geometry and applications one often encounters **double vector bundles**, i.e. manifolds equipped with two vector bundle structures which are **compatible** in a categorical sense. They were defined by Pradines and studied by Mackenzie, Konieczna (Grabowska), and Urbański as **vector bundles in the category of vector bundles**. More precisely:

Definition

A **double vector bundle** $(D; A, B; M)$ is a system of four vector bundle structures

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \xrightarrow{q_B^D} & B \\ q_A^D \downarrow & & \downarrow q_B \\ A & \xrightarrow{q_A} & M \end{array}$$

in which D has two vector bundle structures, on bases A and B . The latter are themselves vector bundles on M , such that each of the four structure maps of each vector bundle structure on D (namely the bundle projection, zero section, addition and scalar multiplication) is a morphism of vector bundles with respect to the other structures.

The structure of double vector bundles

- In the above figure, we refer to A and B as the **side bundles** of D , and to M as the **double base**.
- In the two side bundles, the addition and scalar multiplication are denoted by the usual symbols $+$ and juxtaposition, respectively.
- We distinguish the two zero-sections, writing $0^A : M \rightarrow A$, $m \mapsto 0_m^A$, and $0^B : M \rightarrow B$, $m \mapsto 0_m^B$.
- In the vertical bundle structure on D with base A , the vector bundle operations are denoted by $+_A$ and \cdot_A , with $\tilde{0}^A : A \rightarrow D$, $a \mapsto \tilde{0}_a^A$, for the zero-section.
- Similarly, in the horizontal bundle structure on D with base B we write $+_B$ and \cdot_B , with $\tilde{0}^B : B \rightarrow D$, $b \mapsto \tilde{0}_b^B$, for the zero-section.
- The two structures on D , namely (D, q_B^D, B) and (D, q_A^D, A) will also be denoted, respectively, by \tilde{D}_B and \tilde{D}_A , and called the **horizontal bundle structure** and the **vertical bundle structure**.

Double vector bundles - compatibility conditions

The condition that each vector bundle operation in D is a morphism with respect to the other is equivalent to the following conditions, known as the **interchange laws**:

$$(d_1 +_B d_2) +_A (d_3 +_B d_4) = (d_1 +_A d_3) +_B (d_2 +_A d_4),$$

$$t \cdot_A (d_1 +_B d_2) = t \cdot_A d_1 +_B t \cdot_A d_2,$$

$$t \cdot_B (d_1 +_A d_2) = t \cdot_B d_1 +_A t \cdot_B d_2,$$

$$t \cdot_A (s \cdot_B d) = s \cdot_B (t \cdot_A d),$$

$$\tilde{O}_{a_1+a_2}^A = \tilde{O}_{a_1}^A +_B \tilde{O}_{a_2}^A,$$

$$\tilde{O}_{ta}^A = t \cdot_B \tilde{O}_a^A,$$

$$\tilde{O}_{b_1+b_2}^B = \tilde{O}_{b_1}^B +_A \tilde{O}_{b_2}^B,$$

$$\tilde{O}_{tb}^B = t \cdot_A \tilde{O}_b^B.$$

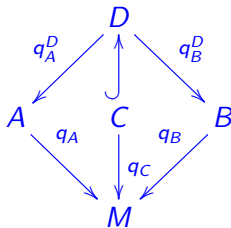
The core

We denote by C the intersection of the two kernels:

$$C = \{c \in D \mid \exists m \in M \text{ such that } q_B^D(c) = 0_m^B, \quad q_A^D(c) = 0_m^A\},$$

which is called the **core**, and together with the map $q_C : c \mapsto m$, (C, q_C, M) is also a **vector bundle over M** .

Eventually we can write the diagram below to emphasis the core of the relevant double vector bundle.



Double vector bundles - reference example

- Let $q_A : A \rightarrow M$, $q_B : B \rightarrow M$, $q_C : C \rightarrow M$ be vector bundles.
- Consider the manifold

$$D = A \times_M B \times_M C.$$

- D is a double vector bundle (with side bundles A and B , and the core C) with respect to the obvious projections

$$q_A^D : D \ni (a_m, b_m, c_m) \mapsto a_m \in A, \quad q_B^D : D \ni (a_m, b_m, c_m) \mapsto b_m \in B,$$

obvious embeddings

$$\tilde{\theta}^A : A \ni a_m \mapsto (a_m, 0_m^B, 0_m^C) \in D, \quad \tilde{\theta}^B : B \ni b_m \mapsto (0_m^A, b_m, 0_m^C) \in D,$$

and obvious vector space structures in fibers:

$$(a_m, b_m, c_m) +_A (a_m, b'_m, c'_m) = (a_m, b_m + b'_m, c_m + c'_m), \text{ etc.}$$

- Actually, every double vector bundle is **locally** of this form.
- In particular, any Whitney direct sum $A \oplus_M B$, identified with $\simeq A \times_M B$, can be given a double vector bundle structure.

Double vector bundles - canonical example

- Let $\tau : E \rightarrow M$ be a vector bundle.
- Consider $D = TE$. Of course, as every tangent bundle D is canonically a vector bundle over E with respect to the projection $\tau_E : TE \rightarrow E$.
- Applying the tangent functor to all vector bundle structures on E , we get another vector bundle structure on TE , this time with the projection $T\tau : TE \rightarrow TM$:

$$T0_E : TM \rightarrow TE, \quad T+ : TE \times_{TM} TE \rightarrow TE, \quad Th_t : TE \rightarrow TE.$$

- The proof that these structures are compatible with the ingredients of the vector bundle structure consists of obvious but tiresome calculations.
- But we already know that what matters is only the multiplication by reals, which is in this case the tangent lift $d_{T\tau}h$ of the multiplication by reals h in E .

Double Graded Bundles

- We can extend the concept of a **double vector bundle** of Pradines to **double graded bundles**.
- However, thanks to our simple description in terms of a homogeneity structure, the 'diagrammatic' definition of Pradines can be substantially simplified.
- As two graded bundle structure on the same manifold are just two homogeneity structures, the obvious concept of compatibility leads to the following:

Definition (Grabowski-Rotkiewicz)

A **double graded bundle** is a manifold equipped with two homogeneity structures h^1, h^2 which are **compatible** in the sense that

$$h_t^1 \circ h_s^2 = h_s^2 \circ h_t^1 \quad \text{for all } s, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

n -fold Graded Bundles

The above condition can also be formulated as commutation of the corresponding weight vector fields, $[\nabla^1, \nabla^2] = 0$.

For vector bundles this is equivalent to the concept of a double vector bundle in the sense of Pradines and Mackenzie.

Theorem (Grabowski-Rotkiewicz)

The concept of a double vector bundle, understood as a particular double graded bundle in the above sense, coincides with that of Pradines.

All this can be extended to n -fold graded bundles in the obvious way:

Definition

A n -fold graded bundle is a manifold equipped with n homogeneity structures h^1, \dots, h^n which are compatible in the sense that

$$h_t^i \circ h_s^j = h_s^j \circ h_t^i \quad \text{for all } s, t \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Double graded bundles - examples

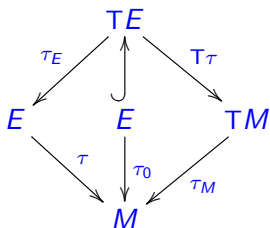
Proposition

The tangent and phase lifts of graded bundles are compatible with the vector bundle structures of the tangent (resp., cotangent) bundle.

First example: TE .

$$\begin{aligned}\tau : E &\longrightarrow M \\ (x^a, y^i) &\longmapsto (x^a)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_M : TM &\longrightarrow M \\ (x^a, \dot{x}^b) &\longmapsto (x^a)\end{aligned}$$



$$\nabla^1 = \dot{x}^a \partial_{\dot{x}^a} + \dot{y}^i \partial_{\dot{y}^i}$$

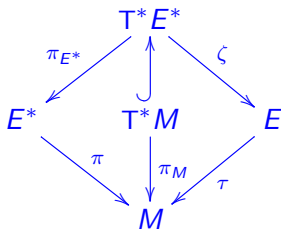
$$\nabla^2 = d_T(y^i \partial_{y^i}) = y^i \partial_{y^i} + \dot{y}^j \partial_{\dot{y}^j}$$

Double graded bundles - examples

Second example: T^*E^* .

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_{E^*} : T^*E^* &\longrightarrow E^* \\ (x^a, \xi_i, p_b, y^j) &\longmapsto (x^a, \xi_i)\end{aligned}$$

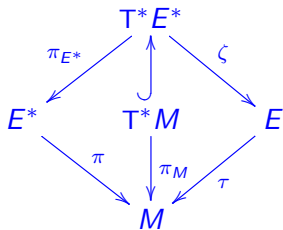
$$\begin{aligned}\zeta : T^*E^* &\longrightarrow E \\ (x^a, \xi_i, p_b, y^j) &\longmapsto (x^a, y^j)\end{aligned}$$



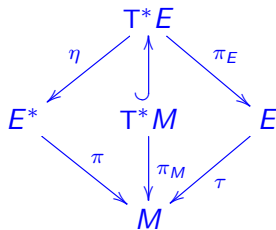
$$\nabla^1 = p_a \partial_{p_a} + y^i \partial_{y^i}, \quad \nabla^2 = p_a \partial_{p_a} + \xi_i \partial_{\xi_i}.$$

Canonical isomorphism

Canonical isomorphism: $T^*E^* \simeq T^*E$.



$$(x^a, \xi_i, p_b, y^j)$$



$$(x^a, y^i, p_b, \xi_j)$$

T^*E^* is (symplectically) isomorphic to T^*E . The graph of the canonical d.v.b. anti-symplectic isomorphism \mathcal{R} is the lagrangian submanifold generated in

$$T^*(E^* \times E) \simeq T^*E^* \times T^*E \quad \text{by} \quad E^* \times_M E \ni (\xi, y) \mapsto \xi(y) \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\mathcal{R}: (x^a, y^i, p_b, \xi_j) \mapsto (x^a, \xi_i, -p_b, y^j).$$

Graded linear bundles

- A double graded bundle whose one structure is linear we will call a **graded linear bundle (GrL-bundle)**. Canonical examples are TF and T^*F with the lifted and the vector bundle structures.

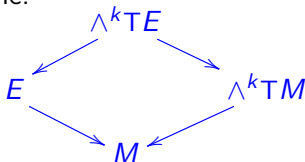
Iterated lifts, $TT^*F \simeq T^*TF$ lead to triple structures of this kind.

- **Example.** The weight vector field of the lifted graded structure on TT^2M with coordinates $(x^a, \dot{x}^b, \ddot{x}^c, \delta x^d, \delta \dot{x}^e, \delta \ddot{x}^f)$ is

$$\nabla^2 = \dot{x}^b \partial_{\dot{x}^b} + \ddot{x}^c \partial_{\ddot{x}^c} + \delta \dot{x}^e \partial_{\delta \dot{x}^e} + \delta \ddot{x}^f \partial_{\delta \ddot{x}^f}.$$

It yields a GrL-bundle with the standard Euler vector field of the tangent bundle structure $\nabla^1 = \delta x^d \partial_{\delta x^d} + \delta \dot{x}^e \partial_{\delta \dot{x}^e} + \delta \ddot{x}^f \partial_{\delta \ddot{x}^f}$.

- **Another example:** if $\tau : E \rightarrow M$ is a vector bundle, then $\wedge^k TE$ is canonically a GrL-bundle:



Linearity

Linearity of different geometrical structures is usually related to some double vector bundle structures.

- A bivector field Π on a vector bundle E is linear if the corresponding map

$$\tilde{\Pi} : T^*E \longrightarrow TE$$

is a morphism of double vector bundles.

- A two-form ω on a vector bundle E is linear if the corresponding map

$$\tilde{\omega} : TE \longrightarrow T^*E$$

is a morphism of double vector bundles.

- A (linear) connection on a vector bundle E is a morphism of double vector bundles $\Gamma : E \times_M TM \rightarrow TE$, that acts as the identity on the vector bundles E and TM :

$$(\nabla_X \sigma)^\vee = T\sigma(X) - \Gamma(X, \sigma),$$

where $\sigma^\vee = y^i(x)\partial_{y^i}$ is the vertical lift of the section σ :

$$M \ni x \mapsto \sigma(x) = (y^i(x)) \in E.$$

Lie algebroids

- $\tau : E \rightarrow M$ is a rank- n vector bundle over an m -dimensional manifold M , and $\pi : E^* \rightarrow M$ its dual;
- $\mathcal{A}^i(E) = \text{Sec}(\wedge^i E)$, for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, the module of sections of the bundle $\wedge^i E$.
- $\mathcal{A}(E) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{A}^i(E)$ the Grassmann algebra of multisections of E .

We use affine coordinates (x^a, ξ_i) on E^* and the dual coordinates (x^a, y^i) on E .

Definition

A **Lie algebroid** structure on E is given by a linear Poisson tensor Π on E^* , $[\Pi, \Pi]_{\text{Schouten}} = 0$. In local coordinates,

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} c_{ij}^k(x) \xi_k \partial_{\xi_i} \wedge \partial_{\xi_j} + \rho_i^b(x) \partial_{\xi_i} \wedge \partial_{x^b},$$

where $c_{ij}^k(x) = -c_{ji}^k(x)$.

Lie algebroids - equivalent definitions

The bivector field Π defines a Poisson bracket $\{\cdot, \cdot\}_\Pi$ on the algebra $C^\infty(E^*)$ of smooth functions on E^* by $\{\phi, \psi\}_\Pi = \langle \Pi, d\phi \wedge d\psi \rangle$.

Theorem

A Lie algebroid structure (E, Π) can be equivalently defined as

- a Lie bracket $[\cdot, \cdot]_\Pi$ on the space $\text{Sec}(E)$, together with a vector bundle morphism $\rho: E \rightarrow TM$ (*the anchor*), such that

$$[X, fY]_\Pi = \rho(X)(f)Y + f[X, Y]_\Pi, \quad (1)$$

for all $f \in C^\infty(M)$, $X, Y \in \text{Sec}(E)$,

- or as a homological derivation d^Π of degree 1 in the Grassmann algebra $\mathcal{A}(E^*)$ (*de Rham derivative*). The latter is a map $d^\Pi: \mathcal{A}(E^*) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(E^*)$ such that $d^\Pi: \mathcal{A}^i(E^*) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{i+1}(E^*)$, $d^{\Pi^2} = 0$, and that, for $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}^a(E^*)$, $\beta \in \mathcal{A}^b(E^*)$ we have

$$d^\Pi(\alpha \wedge \beta) = d^\Pi\alpha \wedge \beta + (-1)^a\alpha \wedge d^\Pi\beta. \quad (2)$$

Lie algebroids - equivalent definitions

These objects are related to Π according to the formulae

$$\begin{aligned}\iota([X, Y]_{\Pi}) &= \{\iota(X), \iota(Y)\}_{\Pi}, \\ \pi^*(\rho(X)(f)) &= \{\iota(X), \pi^*f\}_{\Pi}, \\ (d^{\Pi}\mu)^{\vee} &= [\Pi, \mu^{\vee}]_S.\end{aligned}$$

where $\iota(X)(e_p^*) = \langle X(p), e_p^* \rangle$, μ^{\vee} is the natural vertical lift of a k -form $\mu \in \mathcal{A}^k(E^*)$ to a vertical k -vector field on E^* , and $[\cdot, \cdot]_S$ is the **Schouten bracket** of multivector fields. In a local basis of sections $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ of E and the corresponding local coordinates,

$$\begin{aligned}[e_i, e_j]_{\Pi}(x) &= c_{ij}^k(x)e_k, \\ \rho(e_i)(x) &= \rho_i^a(x)\partial_{x^a}, \\ d^{\Pi}f(x) &= \rho_i^a(x)\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^a}(x)e^i, \\ d^{\Pi}e^i(x) &= c_{lk}^i(x)e^k \wedge e^l.\end{aligned}$$

Lie algebroids - examples

- A Lie algebroid over a single point, with the zero anchor, is a **Lie algebra**.
- The **tangent bundle**, TM , of a manifold M , with bracket the Lie bracket of vector fields and with anchor the identity of TM , is a Lie algebroid over M . Any integrable sub-bundle of TM , in particular the tangent bundle along the leaves of a foliation, is also a Lie algebroid.
- If (M, Λ) is a Poisson manifold, then the **cotangent bundle** T^*M is a Lie algebroid over M . The anchor is the map $\Lambda^\# : T^*M \rightarrow TM$. The Lie bracket $[\cdot, \cdot]_\Lambda$ of differential 1-forms satisfies $[df, dg]_\Lambda = d\{f, g\}_\Lambda$.
- If P is a principal bundle with structure group G , base M and projection p , the G -invariant vector fields on P are the sections of a vector bundle with base M , denoted $E = TP/G$, and called the **Atiyah algebroid** of the principal bundle P . This vector bundle is a Lie algebroid, with bracket induced by the Lie bracket of vector fields on P , and with surjective anchor induced by Tp .

Lie algebroids - related objects

- For any section $X \in \text{Sec}(E)$, the *Lie derivative* \mathcal{L}_X , acting in $\mathcal{A}(E)$ and $\mathcal{A}(E^*)$, is defined in the standard way:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_X(f) &= \rho(X)(f), \quad \text{for } f \in C^\infty(M), \\ \mathcal{L}_X(Y_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge Y_l) &= \sum_{i=1}^l Y_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge [X, Y_i]_{\Pi} \wedge \cdots \wedge Y_l, \\ \mathcal{L}_X(\alpha) &= i_X d^{\Pi} + d^{\Pi} i_X.\end{aligned}$$

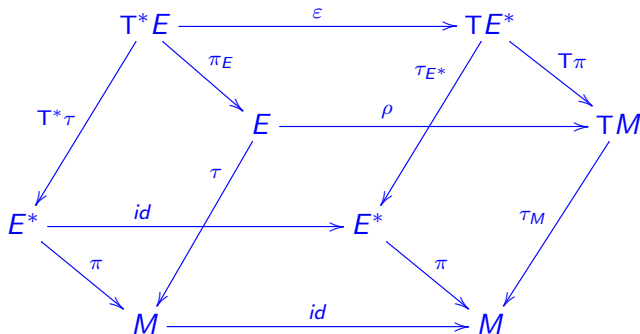
- We know that the linear bivector field Π on E^* induces a morphism of double vector bundles $\Pi^{\#} : T^*E^* \rightarrow TE^*$, covering the identity on E^* . Composing it with the canonical isomorphism $\mathcal{R} : T^*E \rightarrow T^*E^*$, we get a morphism of double vector bundles

$$\varepsilon_{\Pi} : T^*E \rightarrow TE^*,$$

covering the identity on E^* .

General algebroids

- A **general algebroid** is a double vector bundle morphism covering the identity on E^* :



In local coordinates,

$$\varepsilon(x^a, y^i, p_b, \xi_j) = (x^a, \xi_i, \rho_k^b(x) y^k, c_{ij}^k(x) y^i \xi_k + \sigma_j^a(x) p_a).$$

Algebroids

Any such morphism is associated with a linear tensor field on E^* ,

$$\Pi_\varepsilon = c_{ij}^k(x)\xi_k\partial_{\xi_i} \otimes \partial_{\xi_j} + \rho_i^b(x)\partial_{\xi_i} \otimes \partial_{x^b} - \sigma_j^a(x)\partial_{x^a} \otimes \partial_{\xi_j}.$$

We speak about a **skew algebroid** (resp. **Lie algebroid**) if the tensor Π_ε is skew-symmetric (resp., Poisson tensor).

Theorem

An algebroid structure (E, ε) can be equivalently defined as a bilinear bracket $[\cdot, \cdot]_\varepsilon$ on sections of $\tau: E \rightarrow M$, together with vector bundle morphisms $a_l^\varepsilon, a_r^\varepsilon: E \rightarrow TM$ (left and right anchors), such that

$$[fX, gY]_\varepsilon = f(a_l^\varepsilon \circ X)(g)Y - g(a_r^\varepsilon \circ Y)(f)X + fg[X, Y]_\varepsilon$$

for $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$, $X, Y \in \text{Sec}(E)$.

For skew-algebroids the bracket is skew-symmetric, thus $a_l^\varepsilon = a_r^\varepsilon = \rho^\varepsilon$, and for Lie algebroids it satisfies the Jacobi identity,

$$[[X, Y]_\varepsilon, Z]_\varepsilon = [X, [Y, Z]_\varepsilon]_\varepsilon - [Y, [X, Z]_\varepsilon]_\varepsilon.$$

Non-holonomic reduction

Let ε be a Lie algebroid structure on a vector bundle E over M associated with the tensor Π_ε .

For a linear subbundle D in E , supported on the whole M , consider a decomposition

$$E = D \oplus_M D^\perp \quad (3)$$

and the associated projection $P : E \rightarrow D$. With such a decomposition we can associate a skew-algebroid structure on D .

The projection P induces a map on sections: $P : \text{Sec}(E) \rightarrow \text{Sec}(D)$ and thus a bracket

$$[X, Y]_{\varepsilon_P} = P[X, Y]_\varepsilon \quad (4)$$

on sections of D – the **nonholonomic restriction of $[\cdot, \cdot]$ along P** .

This is a skew algebroid bracket with the original anchor.

A particular case of this construction can be applied to a vector subbundle D of TM , for M equipped with a Riemannian structure.

Homework

- **Problem 1.** Prove that the tangent and cotangent bundles of a double graded bundle are canonically triple graded bundles.
- **Problem 2.** On the space of curves $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$ in a manifold M , consider the (\mathbb{R}, \cdot) -action $\hat{h}_t(\gamma)(s) = \gamma(ts)$.
Prove that this action induces the canonical homogeneity structure on the space T^2M of second jets of these curves.
- **Problem 3.** Show that the **second tangent lift** of a homogeneity structure h on F , defined by $(T^2h)_t = T^2(h_t)$, is a homogeneity structure on T^2F . Here $T^2\phi : T^2M \rightarrow T^2N$ denotes the obvious second-jet prolongation of $\phi : M \rightarrow N$ to the second tangent bundles.
- **Problem 4.** Prove that the lifted homogeneity structure T^2h from the previous problem is compatible with the canonical homogeneity structure on the second tangent bundle T^2F .
- **Problem 5.** Show that the anchor map induces, for any **Lie** algebroid E , a homomorphism of the Lie algebroid bracket into the Lie bracket of vector fields:

$$\rho([X, Y]_E) = [\rho(X), \rho(Y)]_{vf}.$$