

Let

$$\Gamma(U, E) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{set of local sections} \\ \text{defined on } U \end{array} \right\}.$$

Then $\Gamma(U, E)$ is naturally a vector space.

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot (s_1 + s_2)(p) &= s_1(p) + s_2(p) \\ \cdot (\lambda s)(p) &= \lambda s(p) \end{aligned}$$

\nwarrow in E_p .

• A local frame for E on $U \subset M$ is

a set of sections

$$\{s_1, \dots, s_k\} \subset \Gamma(U, E)$$

s.t. $\forall p \in U$

$\{s_1(p), \dots, s_k(p)\}$ is a basis for E_p .

A global frame is a local one where

$U = M$. We've already discussed global frames for the tangent bundle.

Ex: Let $\{e_i\}$ be basis for \mathbb{R}^k . Then

there is a canonical frame for the total bundle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times \mathbb{R}^k & & \\ \downarrow & \searrow s_i & \\ M & & \end{array}$$

defined by $s_i : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$
 $p \mapsto e_i$

\leadsto

In particular, any trivialization \mathcal{T} of a v.b. E over $U \subset M$ defines a local frame on U .

Prop: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{local frame for } E \\ \text{on } U \subset M \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{local triv. for } E \\ \text{on } U \subset M \end{array} \right\}$

Pf: We need to show that a local frame determines a local triv. If $\{s_i\}$ is local frame, then define

$$\begin{aligned} \chi : U \times \mathbb{R}^k &\longrightarrow \pi^{-1}(U) \\ (p, v = (v^i)) &\longmapsto v^i s_i(p). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\{s_i(p)\}$ is basis it follows that χ is bijective.

Suffices to show χ is local diffeomorphism. Given $q \in U$, choose $u, v \subset U$ which has local triv.:

$$\psi : \pi^{-1}(V) \longrightarrow V \times \mathbb{R}^k$$

Consider composition $\gamma \circ \chi \Big|_{U \times \mathbb{R}^k}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 U \times \mathbb{R}^k & \xrightarrow{\chi \Big|_{U \times \mathbb{R}^k}} & \pi^{-1}(U) & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & U \times \mathbb{R}^k \\
 & \searrow \rho_1 & \downarrow \pi & & \swarrow \rho_1 \\
 & & U & &
 \end{array}$$

(Note: A dashed arrow labeled s_i points from $\pi^{-1}(U)$ to U .)

For each i , have

$$\gamma \circ s_i(p) = (p; s_i^1(p), \dots, s_i^k(p))$$

for some $s_i^j: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ smooth.

\Rightarrow

$$\gamma \circ \chi \Big|_{U \times \mathbb{R}^k} (p, v = (v^i))$$

$$= (p; v^i s_i^1(p), \dots, v^i s_i^k(p))$$

which is clearly smooth.

Let $\sigma_p = (s_i^j(p)) \in GL(k, \mathbb{R})$

then $\sigma_p^{-1} = (t_i^j(p)) \in GL(k, \mathbb{R})$

for some coefficients $t_i^j(p)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\chi \circ \psi)^{-1}(p, \omega = (\omega^i)) \\ = (p; \omega^i t_i^1(p), \dots, \omega^i t_i^k(p)) \end{aligned}$$

which is also smooth. □

Cor: A v.b. E carries a global frame

(\Rightarrow) it is trivialisable.

