

DEF A SMOOTH  $n$ -MANIFOLD IS A SPACE  $M$  IN WHICH EACH  $x \in M$  HAS A NEBD HOMEOMORPHIC TO  $\mathbb{R}^n$  SUCH WHEN TWO SUCH NEIGHBORHOODS  $U_1$  AND  $U_2$  OVERLAP WITH  $U_1 \cap U_2 = U_{12}$ , THEN

$$\mathbb{R}^n \supset W_2 \xleftarrow[\cong]{h_{U_2}} U_1 \cap U_2 \xrightarrow[\cong]{h_{U_1}} W_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

$h_{U_1} \circ h_{U_2}^{-1} = f_{12}$

$f_{12}$  AS ABOVE IS A SMOOTH HOMEO (DIFFEOMORPHISM) BETWEEN TWO SUBSETS OF  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . AT EACH  $x \in U_1 \cap U_2$  WE HAVE PARTIAL DERIVATIVES  $\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}$  FOR  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$

WHERE  $f_i = i$ TH COORDINATE OF  $f$  THESE FORM AN INVERTIBLE  $n \times n$  MATRIX, SO WE HAVE

$$U_1 \cap U_2 \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \text{INVERTIBLE } n \times n \text{ MATRICES}/\mathbb{R}$$

WE CAN USE THIS DATA TO

DEFINE THE TANGENT BUNDLE  
OF  $M$ . RECALL AN  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -BUNDLE/ $X$   
IS A MAP  $\xi: E \rightarrow X$  S.T.

① EACH  $x \in X$  HAS A NBD  
 $U$  WITH  $\xi^{-1}(U) \cong \mathbb{R}^n \times U$ .

② WHEN TWO SUCH NBDS  $U_1, U_2$   
OVERLAP THESE HOMEOMORPHISMS  
ARE RELATED BY A MAP

$$U_1 \cap U_2 \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{R}).$$

THESE MAPS DETERMINE  $\xi$ .

WHEN  $X = M^n$  AS ABOVE,  
WE HAVE SUCH MAPS AND  
HENCE AN  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -BUNDLE

$\tau(M)$ , THE TANGENT BUNDLE  
OF  $M$ .

WE DO NOT NEED AN EMBEDDING  
OF  $M$  INTO  $\mathbb{R}^{mk}$  TO DEFINE  
THIS.

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USE CONSTRUCTION

LET  $G_{m,k}^{\mathbb{R}}$  DENOTE THE SET OF

$n$ -DIMENSIONAL SUBSPACES

IN  $\mathbb{R}^{n+k}$ . IT CAN BE

TOPOLOGIZED AS FOLLOWS:

FOR EVERY OPEN SUBSET

$U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+k}$ , THE SET OF  $n$ -PLANES

INTERSECTING IT IS OPEN

IN  $G_{m,k}^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{R}) = \text{GRASSMANNIAN OF } \dots$

$G$  IS GRASSMANN

THEOREM:  $G_{m,k}^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{R})$  IS A

COMPACT SMOOTH MANIFOLD

OF DIMENSION  $n+k$ .

EXAMPLE  $G_{1,k}^{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R}P^k$

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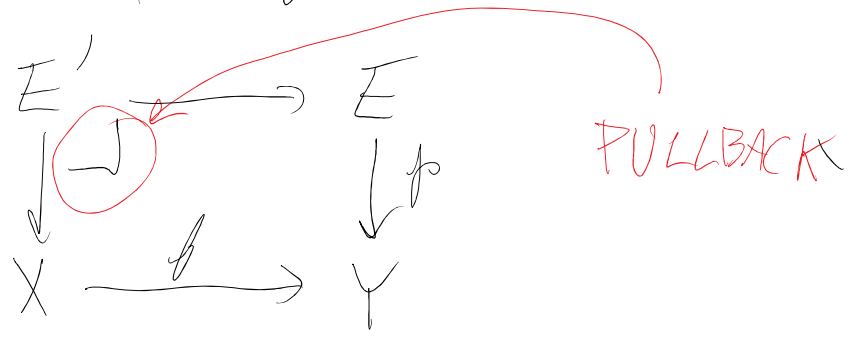
$$E_{n,k}^{\mathbb{R}} = \left\{ (x, g) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+k} \times G_{m,k}^{\mathbb{R}} : x \in g \right\}$$

WE HAVE A MAP

$$E_{n,k}^{\mathbb{R}} \longrightarrow G_{m,k}^{\mathbb{R}}$$

$(x, g) \mapsto g$   
 IT IS AN  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -BUNDLE /  $G_{n,k}^{\mathbb{R}}$   
 $\gamma_{n,k}^{\mathbb{R}}$  TAUTOLOGICAL OR CANONICAL BUNDLE

DEF SUPPOSE WE HAVE AN  
 $\mathbb{R}^n$ -BUNDLE  $\xi$  OVER A SPACE  $Y$   
 AND A MAP  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ . THEN WE  
 DEFINE AN  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -BUNDLE  
 OVER  $X$ ,  $f^*(\xi)$  = BUNDLE  
 INDUCED BY  $f$ .



$$E' = \{ (x, e) \in X \times E : f(x) = p(e) \}$$

EXAMPLE  $M^n$  =  $n$ -MANIFOLD WITH  
 EMBEDDING  $M^n \xrightarrow{i} \mathbb{R}^{n+k}$   
 WE GET A MAP

$$M^m \xrightarrow{f} G_{n,k}^{\mathbb{R}}$$

$$\gamma \longmapsto \text{TANGENT } n\text{-PLANE OF } i(x)$$

THEN  $\gamma(M) \cong b^* (\gamma_{n,k}^{\mathbb{R}})$   
 TANGENT BUNDLE

REMARK  $G_{n,k}^{\mathbb{R}} \cong G_{k,m}^{\mathbb{R}}$

CONSIDER

$$\mathbb{R}^m \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+1} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+2} \hookrightarrow \dots \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$$

$$G_{m,0}^{\mathbb{R}} \hookrightarrow G_{m,1}^{\mathbb{R}} \hookrightarrow G_{m,2}^{\mathbb{R}} \hookrightarrow \dots G_{m,\infty}^{\mathbb{R}}$$

THE BUNDLES  $\gamma_{n,k}^{\mathbb{R}}$  OVER  $G_{n,k}^{\mathbb{R}}$  ARE COMPATIBLE UNDER THESE MAPS.

$G_{m,\infty}^{\mathbb{R}}$  = SPACE OF  $n$ -PLANES THRU  $0$  IN  $\mathbb{R}^{\infty}$  AND CONTAINED IN SOME  $\mathbb{R}^{n+k}$   
 = UNION OF ALL  $G_{n,k}^{\mathbb{R}}$  FOR  $k \geq 0$

IT HAS AN  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -BUNDLE

$$\gamma_n^{\mathbb{R}} = \gamma_{n, \infty}^{\mathbb{R}}$$

CLASSIFICATION THEOREM FOR  
 $\mathbb{R}^n$ -BUNDLES. LET  $X$  BE A

PARACOMPACT SPACE. LET  $\xi$

BE AN  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -BUNDLE OVER IT.  
THEN THERE IS A MAP

$$X \xrightarrow{f} G_{n, \infty}^{\mathbb{R}}$$

SUCH THAT  $\xi \cong f^*(\gamma_n^{\mathbb{R}})$ .

TWO SUCH MAPS INDUCE  
ISOMORPHIC BUNDLES /  $X$   
IFF THEY ARE HOMOTOPIC.

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FOR THIS REASON  $G_{n, \infty}^{\mathbb{R}}$   
IS CALLED THE CLASSIFYING  
SPACE FOR  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -BUNDLES

ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTION  
OF  $G_{n, \infty}^{\mathbb{R}}$

LET  $\Gamma$  BE A TOPOLOGICAL GROUP,  
 $E_n \Gamma = \underbrace{\Gamma * \Gamma * \dots * \Gamma}_{(n+1) \text{ FACTORS}}$   
 $\Gamma$  ACTS<sup>1</sup> FREELY BY MULTIPLICATION

LET  $B_n \Gamma =$  ORBIT SPACE OF  $E_n \Gamma$

WE HAVE MAPS

$$\Gamma = E_0 \Gamma \rightarrow E_1 \Gamma \rightarrow E_2 \Gamma \rightarrow \dots$$

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LET  $B\Gamma = \text{colim } B_n \Gamma$ , THE  
CLASSIFYING SPACE OF  $\Gamma$

THEOREM  $G_{n,\infty}^{\mathbb{R}}$  IS HOMOTOPY,  
EQUIVALENT TO  $BGL_n(\mathbb{R})$

AND TO  $BO(n)$

WHERE  $O(n) \subset GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  IS

THE  $n$ TH ORTHOGONAL MATRICES.

# QUESTIONS

① WHAT WE SAY ABOUT  $BO(n)$ ?

WE KNOW  $H^*(BO(n); \mathbb{Z}/2)$

② GIVEN AN  $n$ -MANIFOLD  $M$ ,  
THE TANGENT BUNDLE  $\tau(M)$   
CORRESPONDS TO A MAP

$$M \longrightarrow BO(n)$$

WHAT CAN WE SAY ABOUT IT?

REFERENCE:

CHARACTERISTIC CLASSES BY  
MILNOR + STASHEFF.

ANOTHER CONSTRUCTION:

LET  $\alpha$  AND  $\beta$  BE TWO  
VECTOR BUNDLES  $/ X$ , OF  
DIMENSIONS  $m$  AND  $n$ .

WE HAVE MAPS  $E_\alpha, E_\beta \rightarrow X$ .

AND HENCE

$$E_\alpha \times E_\beta \longrightarrow X \times X$$



IT IS AN  $\mathbb{R}^{m+n}$ -BUNDLE  
OVER  $X \times X$ , THE EXTERNAL  
SUM OF  $\alpha$  AND  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha \times \beta$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E_{\alpha \oplus \beta} & \longrightarrow & E_{\alpha} \times E_{\beta} \\
 \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & X \times X \\
 x & \longmapsto & (x, x)
 \end{array}$$

DEF THE WHITNEY SUM

$\alpha \oplus \beta = \Delta^*(\alpha \times \beta)$ . IT IS  
AN  $\mathbb{R}^{m+n}$ -BUNDLE /  $X$ .

EXAMPLE LET  $M \xrightarrow{i} \mathbb{R}^{n+k}$

$J(M) =$  TANGENT  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -BUNDLE /  $M$ .

$V_i(M) =$  NORMAL  $\mathbb{R}^k$ -BUNDLE /  $M$

THEN  $J(M) \oplus V_i(M)$  IS THE  
TRIVIAL  $\mathbb{R}^{n+k}$ -BUNDLE /  $M$ .

THEOREM

$$H^*(BO(n); \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2[w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]$$

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WHERE  $w_i \in H^i(\text{---})$ .

DEFINITION. LET  $M$  BE A SMOOTH  $n$ -MANIFOLD. THEN

$$H^i(M; \mathbb{Z}/2) \ni w_i(M) = f^*(w_i)$$

WHERE  $f: M \rightarrow BO(n)$

CLASSIFIES THE TANGENT BUNDLE.

$w_i = i$ TH STIEFEL-WHITNEY CLASS.

THESE GIVE GOOD INFORMATION ABOUT  $M$ .

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ABOUT COVERINGS OF

$$\mathbb{R}P^2 \vee \mathbb{R}P^2 \quad \pi_1 = C_2 * C_2 = C_4$$

= INFINITE DIHEDRAL

$G$  HAS VARIOUS SUBGROUPS  
 SOME NORMAL, SOME NOT

GROUP

$$0 \rightarrow Z \rightarrow G \rightarrow C_2 \rightarrow 0$$

$x$

$y$

$$yxy = x^{-1}$$

$$G = \langle a, b : a^2 = b^2 = e \rangle$$

$$X = \mathbb{R}P^2 \vee \mathbb{R}P^2 = A \vee B \quad (\sim) (\sim)$$

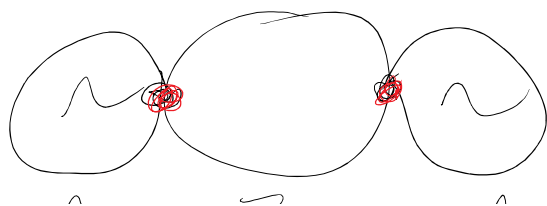
IT HAS A SINGULAR POINT  $x_0$   
 AND IS A "2-MANIFOLD"  
 AWAY FROM IT

SOME COVERINGS OF  $X$

$$(\sim) = \mathbb{R}P^2$$

$$O = S^2$$

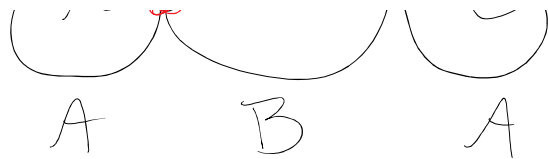
TWO  
 SINGULAR  
 POINTS



$$= \mathbb{R}P^2 \vee S^2 \vee \mathbb{R}P^2$$

DOUBLE

SINGULAR POINTS



$|D| \leq |K|$   
 DOUBLE COVERING  
 $\mathbb{R}P^2 \vee \mathbb{R}P^2$

$$S^2 \vee S^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}P^2 \vee \mathbb{R}P^2$$

A B

NOT A COVERING

MORE COVERINGS

$$\mathbb{R}P^2 \vee S^2 \vee \dots \vee S^2 \vee \mathbb{R}P^2$$



DEGREE (k+1)

$$\mathbb{R}P^2 \vee S^2 \vee S^2 \vee \mathbb{R}P^2$$

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DEGREE

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UNIVERSAL COVER  $\tilde{X}$

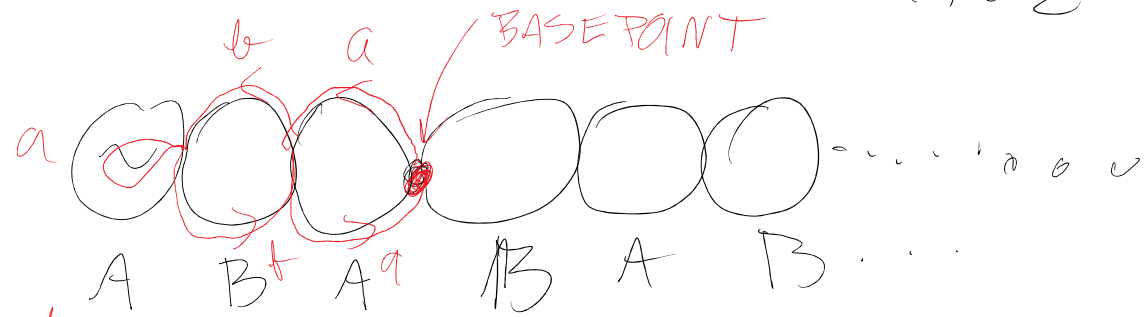


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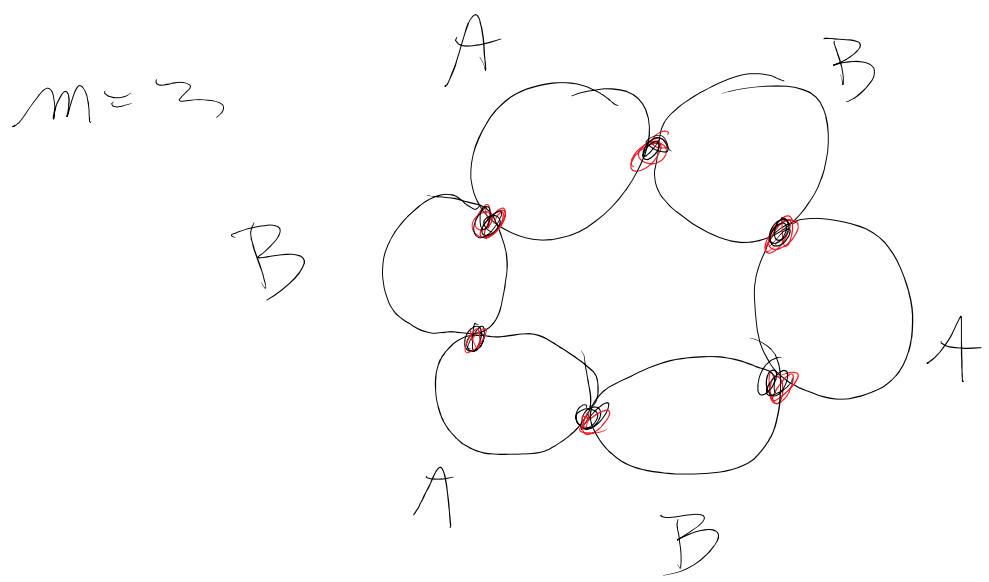
a ACTS ANTIPODALLY ON ONE  $S^2$  OVER A AND PAIRWISE PERMUTES

OTHER SUMS.  
SIMILARLY FOR  $b$ .

THE ORBIT SPACE  $\tilde{X}/G_2$  IS



$abab \in G$  ORDER TWO  
FOR  $m \geq 1$  WE HAVE



DEGREE  
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