

Chapter 3

Connections

31. Tangent Connectors

We assume that $r \in \mathbb{N}$ with $r \geq 2$ and a C^r -manifold \mathcal{M} are given. Let a number $s \in \mathbb{N}$ and a C^s bundle $(\mathcal{B}, \tau, \mathcal{M})$ be given. We assume that both \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{B} have constant dimensions, and we put

$$n := \dim \mathcal{M} \quad \text{and} \quad m := \dim \mathcal{B} - \dim \mathcal{M}. \quad (31.1)$$

Then $m = \dim \mathcal{B}_x$ for all $x \in \mathcal{M}$.

Recall that for every bundle chart $\phi \in \text{Ch}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, we have $\text{ev}_1 \circ \phi(\mathbf{v}) = \tau(\mathbf{v})$ and

$$\phi(\mathbf{v}) = (z, \text{ev}_2(\phi(\mathbf{v}))) \quad \text{where} \quad z := \tau(\mathbf{v}) \quad (31.2)$$

for all $\mathbf{v} \in \text{Dom } \phi$. Moreover, if $\phi, \psi \in \text{Ch}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, it follows easily from (31.2) with ϕ replaced by ψ that

$$(\psi \circ \phi^{-1})(z, \mathbf{u}) = (z, \text{ev}_2((\psi \circ \phi^{-1})(z, \mathbf{u}))) \quad (31.3)$$

for all $z \in \mathcal{O}_\phi \cap \mathcal{O}_\psi$ and all $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{V}_\phi$. ■

Now let $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{B}$ be fixed and put $x := \tau(\mathbf{b})$. Let $\text{in}_x : \mathcal{B}_x \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be the inclusion mapping

$$\text{in}_x := \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x \subset \mathcal{B}}. \quad (31.4)$$

Consider the following diagram

$$\mathcal{B}_x \xrightarrow{\text{in}_x} \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\tau} \mathcal{M},$$

the composite $\tau \circ \text{in}_x$ is the constant mapping with value x . Taking the gradient of $(\tau \circ \text{in}_x)$ at \mathbf{b} , we get $(\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \tau)(\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \text{in}_x) = \mathbf{0}$ and hence $\text{Rng } \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \text{in}_x \subset \text{Null } \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \tau$. Indeed, we have $\text{Rng } \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \text{in}_x = \text{Null } \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \tau$ as to be shown in Prop.1.

Notation: We define the **projection mapping** $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{b}}$ at \mathbf{b} by

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{b}} := \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \tau \in \text{Lin}(\text{T}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B}, \text{T}_x \mathcal{M}) \quad (31.5)$$

and the **injection mapping** $\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{b}}$ at \mathbf{b} by

$$\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{b}} := \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \text{in}_x \in \text{Lin}(\text{T}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B}_x, \text{T}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B}). \quad (31.6)$$

Proposition 1: *The projection mapping \mathbf{P}_b is surjective, the injection mapping \mathbf{I}_b is injective, and we have*

$$\text{Null } \mathbf{P}_b = \text{Rng } \mathbf{I}_b \quad (31.7)$$

i.e.

$$\mathbf{T}_b \mathcal{B}_x \xrightarrow{\mathbf{I}_b} \mathbf{T}_b \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_b} \mathbf{T}_x \mathcal{M} \quad (31.8)$$

is a short exact sequence.

Proof: Choose a bundle chart $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$. It follows from (31.2) that

$$(\phi \circ \text{in}_x)(\mathbf{d}) = (x, \phi]_x(\mathbf{d}) \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{d} \in \mathcal{B}_x.$$

Using the chain rule and (31.6), we obtain

$$((\nabla_b \phi) \mathbf{I}_b) \mathbf{m} = (\mathbf{0}, \nabla_b \phi]_x \mathbf{m} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{T}_b \mathcal{B}_x. \quad (31.9)$$

Since both $\nabla_b \phi$ and $\nabla_b \phi]_x$ are invertible, it follows that $\text{Null } \mathbf{I}_b = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ and

$$\text{Rng } \mathbf{I}_b = (\nabla_b \phi)^<(\{\mathbf{0}\} \times \mathbf{T}_v \mathcal{V}_\phi) \quad \text{where } \mathbf{v} := \text{ev}_2(\phi(\mathbf{b})). \quad (31.10)$$

On the other hand, it follows from (31.2) that

$$(\tau \circ \phi^{\leftarrow})(z, \mathbf{u}) = z \quad \text{for all } z \in \mathcal{O}_\phi$$

and all $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{V}_\phi$. Using the chain rule and (31.5) we conclude that

$$\mathbf{P}_b(\nabla_b \phi)^{-1}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{t} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{T}_x \mathcal{M} \quad (31.11)$$

and all $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{T}_v \mathcal{V}_\phi$. Since $\nabla_b \phi$ is invertible, it follows that $\text{Rng } \mathbf{P}_b = \mathbf{T}_x \mathcal{M}$ and

$$\text{Null } \mathbf{P}_b = ((\nabla_b \phi)^{-1})_>(\{\mathbf{0}\} \times \mathbf{T}_v \mathcal{V}_\phi) \quad \text{where } \mathbf{v} := \text{ev}_2(\phi(\mathbf{b})). \quad (31.12)$$

Since $((\nabla_b \phi)^{-1})_> = (\nabla_b \phi)^<$, comparison of (31.10) with (31.12) shows that (31.7) holds. \blacksquare

Definition: *A linear right-inverse of the projection-mapping \mathbf{P}_b will be called a **right tangent-connector** at \mathbf{b} , a linear left-inverse of the injection-mapping \mathbf{I}_b will be called a **left tangent-connector** at \mathbf{b} . The sets*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rcon}_b \mathcal{B} &:= \text{Riv}(\mathbf{P}_b) \\ \text{Lcon}_b \mathcal{B} &:= \text{Liv}(\mathbf{I}_b) \end{aligned} \quad (31.13)$$

*of all right tangent-connectors at \mathbf{b} and all left tangent-connectors at \mathbf{b} will be called the **right tangent-connector space** at \mathbf{b} and the **left tangent-connector space** at \mathbf{b} , respectively.*

The right tangent connector space $\text{Rcon}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}$ is a flat in $\text{Lin}(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}, \text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B})$ with direction space

$$\{ \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathbf{L} \mid \mathbf{L} \in \text{Lin}(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}, \text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}_x) \}, \quad (31.14)$$

and the left tangent connector space $\text{Lcon}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}$ is a flat in $\text{Lin}(\text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}, \text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}_x)$ with direction space

$$\{ -\mathbf{L}\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{b}} \mid \mathbf{L} \in \text{Lin}(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}, \text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}_x) \}. \quad (31.15)$$

Using the identifications

$$\text{Lin}(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}, \text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}_x)\{\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{b}}\} \cong \text{Lin}(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}, \text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}_x) \cong \{\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{b}}\}\text{Lin}(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}, \text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}),$$

we consider $\text{Lin}(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}, \text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}_x)$ as the external translation space of both $\text{Rcon}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}$ and $\text{Lcon}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}$. Since $\dim \text{Lin}(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}, \text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}_x) = nm$, we have

$$\dim \text{Rcon}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B} = nm = \dim \text{Lcon}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}. \quad (31.16)$$

By Prop. 1 of Sect. 14, there is a flat isomorphism

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} : \text{Rcon}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{Lcon}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}$$

which assigns to every $\mathbf{K} \in \text{Rcon}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}$ an element $\mathbf{\Lambda}(\mathbf{K}) \in \text{Lcon}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}$ such that

$$\{\mathbf{0}\} \longleftarrow \text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}_x \xleftarrow{\mathbf{\Lambda}(\mathbf{K})} \text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B} \xleftarrow{\mathbf{K}} \text{T}_x\mathcal{M} \longleftarrow \{\mathbf{0}\} \quad (31.17)$$

is again a short exact sequence. We have

$$\mathbf{K}\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{b}} + \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathbf{\Lambda}(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{1}_{\text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}}. \quad (31.18)$$

Proposition 2: For each bundle chart $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, let $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^{\phi}$ in $\text{Lin}(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}, \text{T}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B})$ be defined by

$$\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^{\phi}\mathbf{t} := (\nabla_{\mathbf{b}}\phi)^{-1}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{0}) \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{t} \in \text{T}_x\mathcal{M}. \quad (31.19)$$

Then $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^{\phi}$ is a linear right-inverse of $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{b}}$; i.e. $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^{\phi} \in \text{Rcon}_{\mathbf{b}}\mathcal{B}$.

Proof : If we substitute $\mathbf{w} := \mathbf{0}$ in (31.11) and use (31.19), we obtain

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^{\phi}\mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{t} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{t} \in \text{T}_x\mathcal{M}$$

which shows that $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^{\phi}$ is a linear right-inverse of $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{b}}$. ■

Proposition 3: If $\phi, \psi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, then $\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{b}^\psi$ and $\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{b}^\phi$ differ by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_\mathbf{b}^\phi - \mathbf{A}_\mathbf{b}^\psi &= \mathbf{I}_\mathbf{b} \Gamma_\mathbf{b}^{\phi, \psi} \\ \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{b}^\phi) - \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{b}^\psi) &= -\Gamma_\mathbf{b}^{\phi, \psi} \mathbf{P}_\mathbf{b} \end{aligned} \quad (31.20)$$

where

$$\Gamma_\mathbf{b}^{\phi, \psi} := (\nabla_\mathbf{b} \psi \rfloor_x)^{-1} \left(\text{ev}_2 \circ \nabla_x ((\psi \square \phi^\leftarrow)(\cdot, \phi \rfloor_x \mathbf{b})) \right) \quad (31.21)$$

which belongs to $\text{Lin}(\mathbb{T}_x \mathcal{M}, \mathbb{T}_\mathbf{b} \mathcal{B}_x)$.

Proof : It follows from (31.2) that

$$\phi(\mathbf{b}) = (x, \phi \rfloor_x \mathbf{b}). \quad (31.22)$$

Using (31.3) and (31.22), we obtain

$$\nabla_{\phi(\mathbf{b})}(\psi \square \phi^\leftarrow)(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{0}) = \left(\mathbf{t}, \text{ev}_2(\nabla_x((\psi \square \phi^\leftarrow)(\cdot, \phi \rfloor_x \mathbf{b}))\mathbf{t}) \right) \quad (31.23)$$

for all $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{T}_x \mathcal{M}$.

In view of (23.16), with x replaced by \mathbf{b} , γ by ψ , and χ by ϕ , we have

$$\nabla_{\phi(\mathbf{b})}(\psi \square \phi^\leftarrow) = (\nabla_\mathbf{b} \psi)(\nabla_\mathbf{b} \phi)^{-1}.$$

If we substitute this formula into (31.23) and use (31.19) and (31.21), we obtain

$$(\nabla_\mathbf{b} \psi)(\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{b}^\phi \mathbf{t}) = \left(\mathbf{t}, \nabla_\mathbf{b} \psi \rfloor_x \Gamma_\mathbf{b}^{\phi, \psi} \mathbf{t} \right)$$

for all $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{T}_x \mathcal{M}$. Using (31.19) with ψ replaced by ϕ , we conclude that

$$\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{b}^\phi \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{A}_\mathbf{b}^\psi \mathbf{t} + (\nabla_\mathbf{b} \psi)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{0}, \nabla_\mathbf{b} \psi \rfloor_x \Gamma_\mathbf{b}^{\phi, \psi} \mathbf{t} \right)$$

for all $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{T}_x \mathcal{M}$. The desired result (31.20)₁ now follows from (31.9), with ϕ replaced by ψ and $\mathbf{m} := \Gamma_\mathbf{b}^{\phi, \psi} \mathbf{t}$. Equation (31.20)₂ follows from (31.20)₁ and Prop. 3 of Sect.14. \blacksquare

Notation: Let $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ be given. The mapping

$$\Gamma_\mathbf{b}^\phi : \text{Rcon}_\mathbf{b} \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{Lin}(\mathbb{T}_x \mathcal{M}, \mathbb{T}_\mathbf{b} \mathcal{B}_x)$$

is defined by $\Gamma_\mathbf{b}^\phi := \Gamma^{\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{b}^\phi}$ in terms of (14.10); i.e. by

$$\Gamma_\mathbf{b}^\phi(\mathbf{K}) := -\Lambda(\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{b}^\phi) \mathbf{K} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{K} \in \text{Rcon}_\mathbf{b} \mathcal{B}. \quad (31.24)$$

If $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, we have, by Prop. 6 of Sect. 14,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_b^\phi - \mathbf{K} &= \mathbf{I}_b \Gamma_b^\phi(\mathbf{K}) \\ \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_b^\phi) - \Lambda(\mathbf{K}) &= -\Gamma_b^\phi(\mathbf{K}) \mathbf{P}_b \end{aligned} \quad (31.25)$$

for all $\mathbf{K} \in \text{Rcon}_b \mathcal{B}$. Moreover; if $\phi, \psi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, then (31.20) and (31.24) give

$$\Gamma_b^\phi(\mathbf{K}) - \Gamma_b^\psi(\mathbf{K}) = \Gamma_b^{\phi, \psi} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{K} \in \text{Rcon}_b \mathcal{B}, \quad (31.26)$$

where $\Gamma_b^{\phi, \psi}$ is defined by (31.21). It follows from (31.26) and $\Gamma_b^\psi(\mathbf{A}_b^\psi) = \mathbf{0}$ that $\Gamma_b^{\phi, \psi} = \Gamma_b^\phi(\mathbf{A}_b^\psi)$ for all $\phi, \psi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$.

Convention : Assume that \mathcal{B} is a flat-space bundle. Let $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{B}$ be given and put $x := \tau(\mathbf{b})$. The fiber \mathcal{B}_x has the structure of a flat space; the translation space of \mathcal{B}_x is denoted by \mathcal{U}_x . We may and will use the identification as described in (23.9) and (23.10); i.e. we identify $\text{T}_b \mathcal{B}_x$ with \mathcal{U}_x . Then (31.8) becomes

$$\mathcal{U}_x \xrightarrow{\mathbf{I}_b} \text{T}_b \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_b} \text{T}_x \mathcal{M}. \quad (31.27)$$

In particular, if \mathcal{B} is a linear-space bundle, we have $\mathcal{U}_x = \mathcal{B}_x$ and (31.27) becomes

$$\mathcal{B}_x \xrightarrow{\mathbf{I}_b} \text{T}_b \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_b} \text{T}_x \mathcal{M}. \quad (31.28)$$

Remark 1: For every bundle chart ϕ in $\text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_b &= \text{ev}_1 \circ \nabla_b \phi, & \mathbf{A}_b^\phi &= (\nabla_b \phi)^{-1} \circ \text{ins}_1, \\ \mathbf{I}_b &= (\nabla_b \phi)^{-1} \circ \text{ins}_2 \circ \nabla_b \phi|_x, & \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_b^\phi) &= (\nabla_b \phi|_x)^{-1} (\text{ev}_2 \circ \nabla_b \phi), \end{aligned} \quad (31.29)$$

where ev_i and ins_i , $i \in 2^{\downarrow}$, are evaluations and insertions, respectively.

Proof: Let $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ be given. Using (31.9), (31.19) and also observing $\mathbf{A}_b^\phi \mathbf{P}_b + \mathbf{I}_b \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_b^\phi) = \mathbf{1}_{\text{T}_b \mathcal{B}}$, we have

$$\nabla_b \phi = \nabla_b \phi (\mathbf{A}_b^\phi \mathbf{P}_b + \mathbf{I}_b \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_b^\phi)) = (\mathbf{P}_b, (\nabla_b \phi)|_x \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_b^\phi)). \quad (31.30)$$

The desired result (31.29) follows from (31.9), (31.19) and (31.30). ■

If in addition $\phi|_x = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}$, then we have

$$\mathbf{I}_b = (\nabla_b \phi)^{-1} \circ \text{ins}_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_b^\phi) = (\text{ev}_2 \circ \nabla_b \phi).$$

Remark 2: For every cross section $\mathbf{s} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$, we have $\tau \circ \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{M}}$. If \mathbf{s} is differentiable at $x \in \mathcal{M}$, then the gradient of $\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{M}} = \tau \circ \mathbf{s}$ at x gives

$$\mathbf{1}_{T_x \mathcal{M}} = \nabla_x(\tau \circ \mathbf{s}) = (\nabla_{\mathbf{s}(x)} \tau)(\nabla_x \mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{s}(x)} \nabla_x \mathbf{s}. \quad (31.31)$$

We see that $\nabla_x \mathbf{s}$ is a right tangent connector at $\mathbf{s}(x)$; i.e. $\nabla_x \mathbf{s} \in \text{Rcon}_{\mathbf{s}(x)}(\mathcal{B})$. \blacksquare

Remark 3: Let \mathcal{B} be a linear space bundle and let $x \in \mathcal{M}$ be given. Denote the zero of the linear space \mathcal{B}_x by $\mathbf{0}_x$. It follows from (31.21) that $\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\mathbf{0}_x}^{\phi, \psi} = \mathbf{0}$ and then from (31.20) that $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{0}_x}^{\phi} = \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{0}_x}^{\psi}$ for all $\phi, \psi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$. This shows that $\{ \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{0}_x}^{\phi} \mid \phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M}) \}$ is a singleton and hence

$$\{ \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{0}_x}^{\phi} \mid \phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M}) \} \text{Rcon}_{\mathbf{0}_x} \mathcal{B}. \quad \blacksquare$$

Remark 4: For every $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{B}$, we define the **vertical space** $V_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B}$ of \mathcal{B} at \mathbf{b} by

$$V_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B} := \text{Null } \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{b}} = \text{Rng } \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{b}} \subset T_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B}. \quad (31.32)$$

Since $\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{b}}$ is injective, $V_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B}$ is isomorphic with $T_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B}_{\tau(\mathbf{b})}$. The sequence

$$V_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B} \hookrightarrow T_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{b}}} T_{\tau(\mathbf{b})} \mathcal{M} \quad (31.33)$$

is a short exact sequence. For every right tangent connector $\mathbf{K} \in \text{Rcon}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B}$, the range of \mathbf{K}

$$H_{\mathbf{b}}^{\mathbf{K}} \mathcal{B} := \text{Rng } \mathbf{K} \subset T_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B} \quad (31.34)$$

is called the **horizontal space** of \mathcal{B} at \mathbf{b} relative to \mathbf{K} . It is easily seen that $V_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B}$ and $H_{\mathbf{b}}^{\mathbf{K}} \mathcal{B}$ are supplementary in $T_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{B}$. \blacksquare

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(1) The convention that we made in this section was first introduced by Noll, in 1974, on the tangent bundle $T\mathcal{M}$ (see [N3]). This convention plays a central role in our development.

(2) The short exact sequence (31.33) can be found in [Sa].

32. Transfer Isomorphisms, Shift Spaces

We assume that $r \in \mathbb{N}$ with $r \geq 2$ and a C^r -manifold \mathcal{M} are given. Let a number $s \in 1..r$ be given and let \mathcal{B} be a C^s linear-space bundle over \mathcal{M} . We assume that both \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{B} have constant dimensions, and put $n := \dim \mathcal{M}$ and $m := \dim \mathcal{B} - \dim \mathcal{M}$. Then

$$m = \dim \mathcal{B}_x \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{M}. \quad (32.1)$$

Now let $x \in \mathcal{M}$ be fixed. We define the **bundle of transfer isomorphisms** of \mathcal{B} from x by

$$\text{Tris}_x \mathcal{B} := \bigcup_{y \in \mathcal{M}} \text{Lis}(\mathcal{B}_x, \mathcal{B}_y). \quad (32.2)$$

It is endowed with the natural structure of a C^s -fiber bundle as shown below. The corresponding bundle projection $\pi_x : \text{Tris}_x \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is given by

$$\pi_x(\mathbf{T}) := \{ y \in \mathcal{M} \mid \mathbf{T} \in \text{Lis}(\mathcal{B}_x, \mathcal{B}_y) \} \quad (32.3)$$

and the bundle inclusion $\iota_x : \text{Lis} \mathcal{B}_x \rightarrow \text{Tris}_x \mathcal{B}$ at x is

$$\iota_x := \mathbf{1}_{\text{Lis} \mathcal{B}_x \subset \text{Tris}_x \mathcal{B}}. \quad (32.4)$$

For every bundle chart $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, we define

$$\text{tlis}_x^\phi : \text{Tris}_x(\mathcal{O}_\phi) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_\phi \times \text{Lis}(\mathcal{B}_x, \mathcal{V}_\phi) \quad (32.5)$$

by

$$\text{tlis}_x^\phi(\mathbf{T}) := (z, \phi|_z \mathbf{T}), \quad \text{where } z := \pi_x(\mathbf{T}). \quad (32.6)$$

It is easily seen that tlis_x^ϕ is invertible and that

$$\text{tlis}_x^{\phi \leftarrow} (z, \mathbf{L}) = (\phi|_z)^{-1} \mathbf{L} \quad (32.7)$$

for all $z \in \mathcal{O}_\phi$ and all $\mathbf{L} \in \text{Lis}(\mathcal{B}_x, \mathcal{V}_\phi)$. Moreover, if $\psi, \phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, it follows easily from (32.7) and (32.6) with ϕ replaced by ψ that

$$\left(\text{tlis}_x^\psi \circ \text{tlis}_x^{\phi \leftarrow} \right) (z, \mathbf{L}) = (z, (\psi \diamond \phi)(z) \mathbf{L}) \quad (32.8)$$

for all $z \in \mathcal{O}_\psi \cap \mathcal{O}_\phi$ and all $\mathbf{L} \in \text{Lis}(\mathcal{B}_x, \mathcal{V}_\phi)$ (See (22.7) for the definition of $\psi \diamond \phi$). It is clear that $\text{tlis}_x^\psi \circ \text{tlis}_x^{\phi \leftarrow}$ is of class C^s . Since $\psi, \phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ were arbitrary, it follows that $\{ \text{tlis}_x^\alpha \mid \alpha \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M}) \}$ is a C^s -bundle atlas of $\text{Tris}_x \mathcal{B}$. We consider $(\text{Tris}_x \mathcal{B}, \pi_x, \mathcal{M})$ as being endowed with the C^s fiber bundle structure over \mathcal{M} determined by this atlas.

Remark : We may view $\text{Tris}_x\mathcal{B}$ as a Tran_x -bundle, where Tran_x is the iso-category whose objects are of the form $\text{Lis}(\mathcal{B}_x, \mathcal{V})$ with $\mathcal{V} \in LS$ and whose isomorphisms are of the form

$$(\mathbf{T} \mapsto \mathbf{LT}) : \text{Lis}(\mathcal{B}_x, \text{Dom}\mathbf{L}) \rightarrow \text{Lis}(\mathcal{B}_x, \text{Cod}\mathbf{L})$$

with $\mathbf{L} \in \text{LIS}$. ■

It is easily seen that the mappings π_x and ι_x defined by (32.3) and (32.4) are of class C^s .

We now apply the results of Sect.31 by replacing the ISO-bundle \mathcal{B} there by the bundle $\text{Tris}_x\mathcal{B}$ and $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{B}$ there by $\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x} \in \text{Tris}_x\mathcal{B}$.

Definition: The **shift-space** $S_x\mathcal{B}$ of \mathcal{B} at $x \in \mathcal{M}$ is defined to be

$$S_x\mathcal{B} := T_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}}\text{Tris}_x\mathcal{B}. \quad (32.9)$$

We define the **projection mapping** of $S_x\mathcal{B}$ by

$$\mathbf{P}_x := \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}} = \nabla_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}}\pi_x \in \text{Lin}(S_x\mathcal{B}, T_x\mathcal{M}) \quad (32.10)$$

and the **injection mapping** of $S_x\mathcal{B}$ by

$$\mathbf{I}_x := \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}} = \nabla_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}}\iota_x \in \text{Lin}(\text{Lin}\mathcal{B}_x, S_x\mathcal{B}) \quad (32.11)$$

in terms of (31.5) and (31.6); respectively, where π_x and ι_x are defined by (32.3) and (32.4).

It is clear from (32.5) that

$$\dim(\text{Tris}_x\mathcal{B}) = \dim(S_x\mathcal{B}) = n + m^2. \quad (32.12)$$

Proposition 1: The projection mapping \mathbf{P}_x is surjective, the injection mapping \mathbf{I}_x is injective, and we have

$$\text{Null } \mathbf{P}_x = \text{Rng } \mathbf{I}_x \quad (32.13)$$

i.e.

$$\text{Lin } \mathcal{B}_x \xrightarrow{\mathbf{I}_x} S_x\mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_x} T_x\mathcal{M} \quad (32.14)$$

is a short exact sequence.

Definition: A linear right-inverse of the projection-mapping \mathbf{P}_x will be called a **right shift-connector** (or simply **right connector**) at x , a linear left-inverse

of the injection-mapping \mathbf{I}_x will be called a **left shift-connector** (or simply **left connector**) at x . The sets

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rcon}_x \mathcal{B} &:= \text{Rcon}_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}} \text{Tlis}_x \mathcal{B} \\ \text{Lcon}_x \mathcal{B} &:= \text{Lcon}_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}} \text{Tlis}_x \mathcal{B} \end{aligned} \quad (32.15)$$

of all right connectors at x and all left connector at x will be called the **right connector space** at x and the **left connector space** at x , respectively.

The right connector space $\text{Rcon}_x \mathcal{B}$ is a flat in $\text{Lin}(\text{T}_x \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{S}_x \mathcal{B})$ with direction space

$$\{ \mathbf{I}_x \mathbf{L} \mid \mathbf{L} \in \text{Lin}(\text{T}_x \mathcal{M}, \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}_x) \}, \quad (32.16)$$

and the left connector space $\text{Lcon}_x \mathcal{B}$ is a flat in $\text{Lin}(\mathcal{S}_x \mathcal{B}, \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}_x)$ with direction space

$$\{ -\mathbf{L} \mathbf{P}_x \mid \mathbf{L} \in \text{Lin}(\text{T}_x \mathcal{M}, \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}_x) \}. \quad (32.17)$$

Using the identifications

$$\text{Lin}(\text{T}_x \mathcal{M}, \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}_x) \{ \mathbf{P}_x \} \cong \text{Lin}(\text{T}_x \mathcal{M}, \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}_x) \cong \{ \mathbf{I}_x \} \text{Lin}(\text{T}_x \mathcal{M}, \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}_x),$$

we consider $\text{Lin}(\text{T}_x \mathcal{M}, \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}_x)$ as the external translation space of both $\text{Rcon}_x \mathcal{B}$ and $\text{Lcon}_x \mathcal{B}$. Since $\dim \text{Lin}(\text{T}_x \mathcal{M}, \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}_x) = nm^2$, we have

$$\dim \text{Rcon}_x \mathcal{B} = nm^2 = \dim \text{Lcon}_x \mathcal{B}. \quad (32.18)$$

The flat isomorphism

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} : \text{Rcon}_x \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{Lcon}_x \mathcal{B}$$

assigns to every $\mathbf{K} \in \text{Rcon}_x \mathcal{B}$ an element $\mathbf{\Lambda}(\mathbf{K}) \in \text{Lcon}_x \mathcal{B}$ such that

$$\text{Lin} \mathcal{B}_x \xleftarrow{\mathbf{\Lambda}(\mathbf{K})} \mathcal{S}_x \mathcal{B} \xleftarrow{\mathbf{K}} \text{T}_x \mathcal{M} \quad (32.19)$$

is again a short exact sequence. We have

$$\mathbf{K} \mathbf{P}_x + \mathbf{I}_x \mathbf{\Lambda}(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{S}_x \mathcal{B}} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{K} \in \text{Rcon}_x \mathcal{B}. \quad (32.20)$$

Convention : Since there is one-to-one correspondence between right connectors and left connectors, we shall only deal with one kind of connectors, say right connectors. If we say “connector”, we mean a right connector. The notation

$$\text{Con}_x \mathcal{B} := \text{Rcon}_x \mathcal{B}$$

is also used.

Proposition 2: For each $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, let $\mathbf{A}_x^\phi \in \text{Lin}(\mathbb{T}_x\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{S}_x\mathcal{B})$ be defined by $\mathbf{A}_x^\phi := \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}}^{\text{tlis}_x^\phi}$ in terms of (31.19); i.e.

$$\mathbf{A}_x^\phi \mathbf{t} := (\nabla_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}} \text{tlis}_x^\phi)^{-1}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{0}) \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{T}_x\mathcal{M}. \quad (32.21)$$

Then \mathbf{A}_x^ϕ is a linear right-inverse of \mathbf{P}_x , i.e. $\mathbf{A}_x^\phi \in \text{Con}_x\mathcal{B}$.

Let $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ be given. We have the following short exact sequence

$$\text{Lin } \mathcal{B}_x \quad \xleftarrow{\Lambda(\mathbf{A}_x^\phi)} \quad \mathcal{S}_x\mathcal{B} \quad \xleftarrow{\mathbf{A}_x^\phi} \quad \mathbb{T}_x\mathcal{M} \quad (32.22)$$

and

$$\mathbf{A}_x^\phi \mathbf{P}_x + \mathbf{I}_x \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_x^\phi) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{S}_x\mathcal{B}}. \quad (32.23)$$

Proposition 3: If $\psi, \phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ are given, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_x^\phi - \mathbf{A}_x^\psi &= \mathbf{I}_x \Gamma_x^{\phi, \psi} \\ \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_x^\phi) - \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_x^\psi) &= -\Gamma_x^{\phi, \psi} \mathbf{P}_x \end{aligned} \quad (32.24)$$

where $\Gamma_x^{\phi, \psi} := \Gamma_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}}^{\text{tlis}_x^\phi, \text{tlis}_x^\psi}$ in terms of (31.21) is of the form

$$\Gamma_x^{\phi, \psi} := (\psi \rfloor_x)^{-1} (\nabla_x(\psi \diamond \phi)) \circ (\mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{T}_x\mathcal{B}} \times \phi \rfloor_x) \quad (32.25)$$

which belongs to $\text{Lin}(\mathbb{T}_x, \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}_x)$. Here, the notation (22.7) is used.

Proof : Applying Prop. 3 in Sect. 32 with ϕ replaced by tlis_x^ϕ and ψ replaced by tlis_x^ψ together with (32.6) and (32.8), we obtain the desired result (32.25). ■

Notation: Let $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ be given. We define the mapping

$$\Gamma_x^\phi : \text{Con}_x\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{Lin}(\mathbb{T}_x\mathcal{M}, \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}_x)$$

by $\Gamma_x^\phi := \Gamma_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}}^{\mathbf{A}_x^\phi} = \Gamma_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}}^{\text{tlis}_x^\phi}$ in terms of (14.10) and (31.24); i.e.

$$\Gamma_x^\phi(\mathbf{K}) = -\Lambda(\mathbf{A}_x^\phi)\mathbf{K} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{K} \in \text{Con}_x\mathcal{B}. \quad (32.26)$$

If $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, then (31.25) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_x^\phi - \mathbf{K} &= \mathbf{I}_x \Gamma_x^\phi(\mathbf{K}) \\ \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_x^\phi) - \Lambda(\mathbf{K}) &= -\Gamma_x^\phi(\mathbf{K}) \mathbf{P}_x \end{aligned} \quad (32.27)$$

for all $\mathbf{K} \in \text{Con}_x \mathcal{B}$. Moreover; if $\psi, \phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, then

$$\Gamma_x^\phi(\mathbf{K}) - \Gamma_x^\psi(\mathbf{K}) = \Gamma_x^{\phi, \psi} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{K} \in \text{Con}_x \mathcal{B}, \quad (32.28)$$

where $\Gamma_x^{\phi, \psi}$ is defined by (32.25). It follows from (32.28) that $\Gamma_x^{\psi, \phi} = -\Gamma_x^{\phi, \psi}$ and from $\Gamma_x^\psi(\mathbf{A}_x^\psi) = \mathbf{0}$ that $\Gamma_x^\phi(\mathbf{A}_x^\psi) = \Gamma_x^{\phi, \psi}$ for all bundle charts $\psi, \phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$.

For every cross section $\mathbf{H} : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \text{Tlis}_x \mathcal{B}$ of the bundle $\text{Tlis}_x \mathcal{B}$, the mapping $\mathbf{T} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Tlis}_x \mathcal{B}$ defined by

$$\mathbf{T}(y) := \mathbf{H}(y)\mathbf{H}^{-1}(x) \quad \text{for all } y \in \mathcal{M} \quad (32.29)$$

is a cross section of the bundle $\text{Tlis}_x \mathcal{B}$ with $\mathbf{T}(x) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}$.

Definition: A cross section $\mathbf{T} : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \text{Tlis}_x \mathcal{B}$ of the bundle $\text{Tlis}_x \mathcal{B}$ such that $\mathbf{T}(x) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}$ is called a **transport from x** .

For every bundle chart $\phi \in \text{Ch}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, we see that

$$(y \mapsto (\phi|_y)^{-1}\phi|_x) : \mathcal{O}_\phi \rightarrow \text{Tlis}_x \mathcal{B}$$

is a transport from x which is of class C^s .

Remark 1: For every $\mathbf{K} \in \text{Con}_x \mathcal{B}$, there is a bundle chart $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ with $\phi|_x = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}$ such that

$$\mathbf{K} = \nabla_x(\phi|)^{-1} = \mathbf{A}_x^\phi. \quad (32.30)$$

Proof: Let $\mathbf{K} \in \text{Con}_x \mathcal{B}$ be given. It is not hard to construct a transport $\mathbf{T} : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \text{Tlis}_x \mathcal{B}$ from x such that (Ask Prof. Noll!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

$$\mathbf{K} = \nabla_x \mathbf{T}. \quad (32.31)$$

There is a bundle chart $\phi : \tau^<(\mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \times \mathcal{B}_x$ induced from \mathbf{T} by

$$\phi(\mathbf{v}) := (y, \mathbf{T}^{-1}(y)\mathbf{v}) \quad \text{where } y := \tau(\mathbf{v}) \quad (32.32)$$

for all $\mathbf{v} \in \tau^<(\mathcal{O})$. It is easily seen that $(\phi|)^{-1} = \mathbf{T}$. The first part of (32.30) follows from (32.31). In view of (31.29) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_x^\phi)(\nabla_x(\phi|)^{-1}) &= (\text{ev}_2 \circ \nabla_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}} \text{tlis}_x^\phi) \nabla_x(\phi|)^{-1} \\ &= \text{ev}_2 \circ \nabla_x(y \mapsto \text{tlis}_x^\phi((\phi|_y)^{-1})). \end{aligned} \quad (32.33)$$

Using (32.6) and observing $\phi|_y \in \text{Lin}(\mathcal{B}_y, \mathcal{B}_x)$, we have

$$\text{tlis}_x^\phi((\phi|_y)^{-1}) = (y, \phi|_y(\phi|_y)^{-1}) = (y, \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}). \quad (32.34)$$

Taking the gradient of (32.34) at x , we observe that

$$\nabla_x(y \mapsto \text{tlis}_x^\phi((\phi|_y)^{-1})) = (\mathbf{1}_{\text{T}_x \mathcal{M}}, \mathbf{0}). \quad (32.35)$$

It follows from (32.33) and (32.35) that

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{A}_x^\phi)(\nabla_x(\phi|)^{-1}) = \mathbf{0}.$$

This can happen only when $\nabla_x(\phi|)^{-1} = \mathbf{A}_x^\phi$. ■

33. Torsion

Let $r \in \tilde{}$, with $r \geq 2$, and a C^r -manifold \mathcal{M} be given. For every $x \in \mathcal{M}$, we have; as described in Sect. 32 with $\mathcal{B} := T\mathcal{M}$,

$$\text{Ths}_x T\mathcal{M} := \bigcup_{y \in \mathcal{M}} \text{Lis}(T_x \mathcal{M}, T_y \mathcal{M}). \quad (33.1)$$

We also have the following short exact sequence

$$\text{Lin } T_x \mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{I}_x} S_x T\mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_x} T_x \mathcal{M}. \quad (33.2)$$

The short exact sequence (33.2) is of the form (15.1) and hence all of the results in Sect.15 can be used here.

For every manifold chart $\chi \in \text{Ch}\mathcal{M}$, the tangent mapping tgt_χ ; as defined in (22.13), is a bundle chart of the tangent bundle $T\mathcal{M}$ such that $\text{ev}_2 \circ \text{tgt}_\chi = \nabla \chi$. Note that not every tangent bundle chart $\phi \in \text{Ch}(T\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M})$ can be obtained from the gradient of a manifold chart. To avoid complicated notations, we replace all the superscript of $\phi = \text{tgt}_\chi$ by superscript of χ ; i.e. we use the following notation

$$\mathbf{A}_x^\chi := \mathbf{A}_x^{\text{tgt}_\chi}, \quad \mathbf{\Gamma}_x^\chi := \mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\text{tgt}_\chi} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\chi, \gamma} := \mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\text{tgt}_\chi, \text{tgt}_\gamma} \quad (33.3)$$

for all manifold charts $\chi, \gamma \in \text{Ch}\mathcal{M}$. Given $\chi, \gamma \in \text{Ch}\mathcal{M}$. It is easily seen from (32.25) and (23.16) that

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\chi, \gamma} := ((\nabla_x \gamma)^{-1} \nabla_\chi^{(2)} \gamma(x)) \circ (\nabla_x \chi \times \nabla_x \chi). \quad (33.4)$$

It follows from the Theorem on Symmetry of Second Gradients (see Sect.612, [FDS]) that $\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\chi, \gamma}$ belongs to the subspace $\text{Sym}_2(T_x \mathcal{M}^2, T_x \mathcal{M})$ of $\text{Lin}_2(T_x \mathcal{M}^2, T_x \mathcal{M}) \cong \text{Lin}(T_x \mathcal{M}, \text{Lin } T_x \mathcal{M})$.

Proposition 1: *There is exactly one flat \mathcal{F} in $\text{Con}_x T\mathcal{M}$ with direction space $\{\mathbf{I}_x\} \text{Sym}_2(T_x \mathcal{M}^2, T_x \mathcal{M})$ which contains \mathbf{A}_x^χ for every manifold chart $\chi \in \text{Ch}_x \mathcal{M}$, so that*

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{A}_x^\chi + \{\mathbf{I}_x\} \text{Sym}_2(T_x \mathcal{M}^2, T_x \mathcal{M}) \quad \text{for all } \chi \in \text{Ch}_x \mathcal{M}. \quad (33.5)$$

Definition: *The shift-bracket $\mathbf{B}_x \in \text{Skw}_2(S_x T\mathcal{M}^2, T_x \mathcal{M})$ of $S_x T\mathcal{M}$ is defined by*

$$\mathbf{B}_x := \mathbf{B}_\mathcal{F} \quad (33.6)$$

where $\mathbf{B}_\mathcal{F}$ is defined as in (15.5).

Definition: *The torsion-mapping $\mathbf{T}_x : \text{Con}_x T\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Skw}_2(T_x \mathcal{M}^2, T_x \mathcal{M})$ of $\text{Con}_x T\mathcal{M}$ is defined by*

$$\mathbf{T}_x := \mathbf{T}_\mathcal{F} \quad (33.7)$$

where $\mathbf{T}_{\mathcal{F}}$ is defined as in (15.8).

It follows from Prop.3 of Sect.15 that, for every manifold chart $\chi \in \text{Ch}_x\mathcal{M}$, we have

$$\mathbf{T}_x = \mathbf{\Gamma}_x^\chi - \mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\chi\sim} \quad (33.8)$$

where \sim denotes the value-wise switch, so that $\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\chi\sim}(\mathbf{K})(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{\Gamma}_x^\chi(\mathbf{K})(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s})$ for all $\mathbf{K} \in \text{Con}_x\mathcal{M}$ and all $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t} \in \text{T}_x\mathcal{M}$.

The torsion-mapping \mathbf{T}_x is a surjective flat mapping with $\mathbf{T}_x^<(\{\mathbf{0}\}) = \mathcal{F}$ whose gradient

$$\nabla\mathbf{T}_x \in \text{Lin}(\text{Lin}_2(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}^2, \text{T}_x\mathcal{M}), \text{Skw}_2(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}^2, \text{T}_x\mathcal{M})) \quad (33.9)$$

is given by

$$(\nabla\mathbf{T}_x)\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{L}^\sim - \mathbf{L} \quad (33.10)$$

for all $\mathbf{L} \in \text{Lin}_2(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}^2, \text{T}_x\mathcal{M})$.

Definition: We say that a connector $\mathbf{K} \in \text{Con}_x\text{T}\mathcal{M}$ is **torsion-free** (or **symmetric**) if $\mathbf{T}_x(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{0}$, i.e. $\mathbf{K} \in \mathcal{F}$. The flat of all symmetric connectors will be denoted by $\text{Scon}_x\mathcal{M} := \mathbf{T}_x^<(\{\mathbf{0}\})$.

The mapping

$$\mathbf{S}_x := (\mathbf{1}_{\text{Con}_x\text{T}\mathcal{M}} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{I}_x\mathbf{T}_x)|_{\text{Scon}_x\mathcal{M}} \quad (33.11)$$

is the projection of $\text{Con}_x\text{T}\mathcal{M}$ onto $\text{Scon}_x\mathcal{M}$ with

$$\text{Null } \nabla\mathbf{S}_x = \text{Skw}_2(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}^2, \text{T}_x\mathcal{M}).$$

If $\mathbf{K} \in \text{Con}_x\text{T}\mathcal{M}$, we call $\mathbf{S}_x(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{K} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{I}_x(\mathbf{T}_x(\mathbf{K}))$ the **symmetric part** of \mathbf{K} .

Theorem : A connector $\mathbf{K} \in \text{Con}_x\text{T}\mathcal{M}$ is symmetric if and only if $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{A}_x^\chi$ for some $\chi \in \text{Ch}_x\mathcal{M}$. Thus $\text{Scon}_x\mathcal{M} = \{\mathbf{A}_x^\chi \mid \chi \in \text{Ch}_x\mathcal{M}\}$.

Proof: Let $\mathbf{K} \in \text{Con}_x\mathcal{M}$ be given. If $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{A}_x^\chi$ for some $\chi \in \text{Ch}_x\mathcal{M}$, then $\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^\chi(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{0}$ and hence $\mathbf{T}_x(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{0}$ by (33.8).

Assume now that $\mathbf{T}_x(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{0}$. We choose $\gamma \in \text{Ch}_x\mathcal{M}$ and put

$$\mathbf{L} := \nabla_x\gamma \mathbf{\Gamma}_x^\gamma(\mathbf{K}) \circ ((\nabla_x\gamma)^{-1} \times (\nabla_x\gamma)^{-1}). \quad (33.12)$$

It follows from (33.8) that \mathbf{L} is symmetric, i.e. that $\mathbf{L} \in \text{Sym}_2(\mathcal{V}_\gamma^2, \mathcal{V}_\gamma)$. We now define the mapping $\alpha : \text{Dom } \gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_\gamma$ by

$$\alpha(z) := \gamma(z) + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{L}(\gamma(z) - \gamma(x), \gamma(z) - \gamma(x)) \quad \text{for all } z \in \text{Dom } \gamma.$$

Take the gradient at x , we have $\nabla_x \alpha = \nabla_x \gamma$ i.e. that is $(\nabla_x \alpha)(\nabla_x \gamma)^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{V}_\gamma}$. It follows from the Local Inversion Theorem that there exist an open subset \mathcal{N} of $\text{Dom } \alpha$ such that $\chi := \alpha|_{\mathcal{N}}^{\alpha > (\mathcal{N})}$ is a bijection of class C^r . It is easily seen that $\chi \in \text{Ch}_x \mathcal{M}$ and that

$$\nabla_\gamma^{(2)} \chi(x) = \mathbf{L}$$

Using (33.12), (32.25) and $\nabla_x \chi = \nabla_x \gamma$, we conclude that

$$\Gamma_x^\gamma(\mathbf{K}) = (\nabla_x \chi)^{-1} \nabla_\gamma^{(2)} \chi \circ (\nabla_x \gamma \times \nabla_x \gamma) = \Gamma_x^{\gamma, \chi}.$$

Hence, by (32.24) and (32.27), we have

$$\mathbf{A}_x^\gamma - \mathbf{A}_x^\chi = \mathbf{I}_x \Gamma_x^{\gamma, \chi} = \mathbf{I}_x \Gamma_x^\gamma(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{A}_x^\gamma - \mathbf{K},$$

which gives $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{A}_x^\chi$. ■

34. Connections, Curvature

From now on, in this chapter, we assume a linear-space bundle $(\mathcal{B}, \tau, \mathcal{M})$ of class C^s , $s \geq 2$, is given. We also assume that both \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{B} have constant dimensions, and put $n := \dim \mathcal{M}$ and $m := \dim \mathcal{B} - \dim \mathcal{M}$. Then we have, as in (32.1),

$$m = \dim \mathcal{B}_x \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{M}. \quad (34.1)$$

Definition: *The connector bundle $\text{Con } \mathcal{B}$ of \mathcal{B} is defined to be the union of all the right-connector spaces*

$$\text{Con } \mathcal{B} := \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{M}} \text{Con}_x \mathcal{B}. \quad (34.2)$$

It is endowed with the structure of a C^{s-1} -flat space bundle over \mathcal{M} as shown below.

If \mathcal{P} is an open subset of \mathcal{M} and $x \in \mathcal{P}$, we can identify $\text{Con}_x \mathcal{A} \cong \text{Con}_x \mathcal{B}$, where $\mathcal{A} := \tau^<(\mathcal{P})$, in the same way as was done for the tangent space. Hence we may regard $\text{Con } \mathcal{A}$ as a subset of $\text{Con } \mathcal{B}$.

Note that the family $(\text{Con}_x \mathcal{B} | x \in \mathcal{M})$ is disjoint. The bundle projection $\rho : \text{Con } \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is given by

$$\rho(\mathbf{K}) := \{ y \in \mathcal{M} \mid \mathbf{K} \in \text{Con}_y \mathcal{B} \}, \quad (34.3)$$

and, for every $x \in \mathcal{M}$, the bundle inclusion $\text{in}_x : \text{Con}_x \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{Con } \mathcal{B}$ at x is

$$\text{in}_x := \mathbf{1}_{\text{Con}_x \mathcal{B} \subset \text{Con } \mathcal{B}}. \quad (34.4)$$

For every $(\chi, \phi) \in \text{Ch}\mathcal{M} \times \text{Ch}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ we define

$$\text{con}^{(\chi, \phi)} : \text{Con}(\text{Dom}\phi) \rightarrow (\text{Dom}\chi \cap \mathcal{O}_\phi) \times \text{Lin}(\mathcal{V}_\chi, \text{Lin}\mathcal{V}_\phi) \quad (34.5)$$

by

$$\text{con}^{(\chi, \phi)}(\mathbf{H}) := \left(z, \phi \Big|_z \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}_z^\phi)(\mathbf{H}) (\nabla_z \chi^{-1} \times \phi \Big|_z^{-1}) \right) \quad (34.6)$$

where $z := \rho(\mathbf{H})$

for all $\mathbf{H} \in \text{Con}(\text{Dom}\phi)$. It is easily seen that $\text{con}^{(\chi, \phi)}$ is invertible and

$$\text{con}^{(\chi, \phi)\leftarrow}(z, \mathbf{L}) = \mathbf{A}_z^\phi + \mathbf{I}_z \phi \Big|_z^{-1} \mathbf{L} (\nabla_z \chi \times \phi \Big|_z) \quad (34.7)$$

for all $z \in (\text{Dom}\chi \cap \mathcal{O}_\phi)$ and all $\mathbf{L} \in \text{Lin}(\mathcal{V}_\chi, \text{Lin}\mathcal{V}_\phi)$. Let $(\chi, \phi), (\gamma, \psi) \in \text{Ch}\mathcal{M} \times \text{Ch}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ be given. We easily deduce from (34.7) and (34.6), with (χ, ϕ) replaced by (γ, ψ) and $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}_z^\psi)(\mathbf{A}_z^\phi) = -\mathbf{\Gamma}_z^{\psi, \phi} = \mathbf{\Gamma}_z^{\phi, \psi}$, that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{con}^{(\gamma, \psi)} \square \text{con}^{(\chi, \phi)\leftarrow})(z, \mathbf{L}) \\ &= \left(z, \psi \Big|_z \mathbf{\Gamma}_z^{\phi, \psi} (\nabla_z \gamma^{-1} \times \psi \Big|_z^{-1}) + \kappa(z) \mathbf{L} (\nabla_z \lambda \times \kappa(z)^{-1}) \right) \quad (34.8) \\ & \text{where } \lambda := \gamma \square \chi^{\leftarrow} \text{ and } \kappa := \psi \diamond \phi \text{ (see (22.7))} \end{aligned}$$

for all $z \in (\text{Dom}\chi \cap \mathcal{O}_\phi) \cap (\text{Dom}\gamma \cap \mathcal{O}_\psi)$ and $\mathbf{L} \in \text{Lin}(\mathcal{V}_\chi, \text{Lin}\mathcal{V}_\phi)$. It is clear that $\text{con}^{(\gamma, \psi)} \square \text{con}^{(\chi, \phi)\leftarrow}$ is of class C^{s-1} . Since $(\gamma, \psi), (\chi, \phi) \in \text{Ch}\mathcal{M} \times \text{Ch}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ were arbitrary, it follows that $\{ \text{con}^{(\alpha, \phi)} \mid (\alpha, \phi) \in \text{Ch}\mathcal{M} \times \text{Ch}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M}) \}$ is a C^{s-1} -bundle atlas of $\text{Con}\mathcal{B}$; it determines the natural structure of a C^{s-1} flat-space bundle over \mathcal{M} .

The mappings ρ and in_x defined by (34.3) and (34.4) are easily seen to be of class C^{s-1} .

Definition: Let \mathcal{O} be an open subset of \mathcal{M} . A cross section on \mathcal{O} of the connector bundle $\text{Con}\mathcal{B}$

$$\mathbf{A} : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \text{Con}\mathcal{B} \quad (34.9)$$

is called a **connection on \mathcal{O} for the bundle \mathcal{B}** . A connection on \mathcal{M} for the bundle \mathcal{B} is simply called a **connection for the bundle \mathcal{B}** . For every bundle chart ϕ in $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, the connection \mathbf{A}^ϕ on \mathcal{O}_ϕ is defined by

$$\mathbf{A}^\phi(x) := \mathbf{A}_x^\phi \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{O}_\phi, \quad (34.10)$$

where \mathbf{A}_x^ϕ is given by (32.21).

Definition: The tangent-space of $\text{Con}\mathcal{B}$ at \mathbf{K} is denoted by

$$\text{T}_{\mathbf{K}}\text{Con}\mathcal{B}. \quad (34.11)$$

We define the **projection mapping** of $T_{\mathbf{K}}\text{Con } \mathcal{B}$ by

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{K}} := \nabla_{\mathbf{K}}\rho \in \text{Lin}(T_{\mathbf{K}}\text{Con } \mathcal{B}, T_x\mathcal{M}) \quad (34.12)$$

and the **injection mapping** of $T_{\mathbf{K}}\text{Con } \mathcal{B}$ by

$$\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{K}} := \nabla_{\mathbf{K}}\text{in}_x \in \text{Lin}(\text{Lin}(T_x\mathcal{M}, \text{Lin}\mathcal{B}_x), T_{\mathbf{K}}\text{Con } \mathcal{B}) \quad (34.13)$$

where ρ and in_x are defined by (34.3) and (34.4).

It is clear from (34.5) that

$$\dim(\text{Con } \mathcal{B}) = \dim(T_{\mathbf{K}}\text{Con } \mathcal{B}) = n + nm^2. \quad (34.14)$$

Proposition 1: *The projection mapping $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{K}}$ is surjective, the injection mapping $\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{K}}$ is injective, and we have*

$$\text{Null } \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{K}} = \text{Rng } \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{K}} \quad (34.15)$$

i.e.

$$\text{Lin}(T_x\mathcal{M}, \text{Lin}\mathcal{B}_x) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{K}}} T_{\mathbf{K}}\text{Con } \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{K}}} T_x\mathcal{M} \quad (34.16)$$

is a short exact sequence.

The short exact sequence (34.16) is of the form (15.1) and hence all of the results in Sect.15 can be used here.

Proposition 2: *For each $(\chi, \phi) \in \text{Ch}_x\mathcal{M} \times \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, let*

$$\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{K}}^{(\chi, \phi)} \in \text{Lin}(T_x\mathcal{M}, T_{\mathbf{K}}\text{Con } \mathcal{B})$$

be defined by $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{K}}^{(\chi, \phi)} := \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{K}}^{\text{con}(\chi, \phi)}$ in terms of the notation (32.21); i.e.

$$\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{K}}^{(\chi, \phi)} := (\nabla_{\mathbf{K}}\text{con}(\chi, \phi))^{-1} \circ \text{ins}_1. \quad (34.17)$$

Then $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{K}}^{(\chi, \phi)}$ is a linear right-inverse of $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{K}}$; i.e. $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{K}}\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{K}}^{(\chi, \phi)} = \mathbf{1}_{T_x\mathcal{M}}$.

Proposition 3: If $(\gamma, \psi), (\chi, \phi) \in \text{Ch}_x \mathcal{M} \times \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, with $\mathbf{A}_x^\phi = \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{A}_x^\psi$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_\mathbf{K}^{(\chi, \phi)} - \mathbf{A}_\mathbf{K}^{(\gamma, \psi)} &= \mathbf{I}_\mathbf{K} \mathbf{\Gamma}_\mathbf{K}^{(\chi, \phi), (\gamma, \psi)} \\ \mathbf{\Lambda}(\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{K}^{(\chi, \phi)}) - \mathbf{\Lambda}(\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{K}^{(\gamma, \psi)}) &= -\mathbf{\Gamma}_\mathbf{K}^{(\chi, \phi), (\gamma, \psi)} \mathbf{P}_\mathbf{K} \end{aligned} \quad (34.18)$$

where $\mathbf{\Gamma}_\mathbf{K}^{(\chi, \phi), (\gamma, \psi)} := \mathbf{\Gamma}_\mathbf{K}^{\text{con}^{(\chi, \phi)}, \text{con}^{(\gamma, \psi)}}$ in terms of the notation (32.25) is given by

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_\mathbf{K}^{(\chi, \phi), (\gamma, \psi)}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}') = (\psi \rfloor_x)^{-1} (\nabla_{\gamma(x)}^{(2)} (\psi \diamond \phi) (\nabla_x \gamma \mathbf{t}, \nabla_x \gamma \mathbf{t}')) \phi \rfloor_x \quad (34.19)$$

for all $\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}' \in \mathbb{T}_x \mathcal{M}$. We have $\mathbf{\Gamma}_\mathbf{K}^{(\chi, \phi), (\gamma, \psi)} \in \text{Sym}_2(\mathbb{T}_x \mathcal{M}^2, \text{Lin} \mathcal{B}_x)$. Here, the notation (22.7) is used.

Proof: Let $(\gamma, \psi), (\chi, \phi) \in \text{Ch}_x \mathcal{M} \times \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, with $\mathbf{A}_x^\phi = \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{A}_x^\psi$, be given. Then, we have $\nabla_x(\psi \diamond \phi) = \mathbf{\Lambda}(\mathbf{A}_x^\phi)(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{0}$. It follows from (34.6) that

$$\text{con}^{(\chi, \phi)} \rfloor_x (\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{0}. \quad (34.20)$$

Using (34.8), (34.20) and (33.25), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &(\text{con}^{(\gamma, \psi)} \square \text{con}^{(\chi, \phi) \leftarrow})(z, \text{con}^{(\chi, \phi)} \rfloor_x (\mathbf{K})) \\ &= \left(z, \nabla_z(\psi \diamond \phi) (\nabla_z \gamma^{-1} \times (\phi \rfloor_z \circ \psi \rfloor_z^{-1})) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (34.21)$$

Taking the gradient of (34.21) with respect to z at x and observing $\nabla_x(\psi \diamond \phi) = \mathbf{0}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{ev}_2 \left(\nabla_x \left((\text{con}^{(\gamma, \psi)} \square \text{con}^{(\chi, \phi) \leftarrow})(\cdot, \text{con}^{(\chi, \phi)} \rfloor_x (\mathbf{K})) \right) \mathbf{t} \right) \\ &= \left((\nabla_{\gamma(x)}^{(2)} (\psi \diamond \phi)) \nabla_x \gamma \mathbf{t} \right) (\mathbf{1}_{\nu_\gamma} \times (\phi \rfloor_x \circ \psi \rfloor_x^{-1})) \end{aligned} \quad (34.22)$$

for all $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{T}_x \mathcal{M}$. Using (34.22), (34.6) with (χ, ϕ) replaced by (γ, ψ) and applying Prop. 3 in Sect. 32 with ϕ replaced by $\text{con}^{(\chi, \phi)}$ and ψ replaced by $\text{con}^{(\gamma, \psi)}$, we obtain the desired result (34.19). \blacksquare

If $\phi, \psi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, with $\mathbf{A}_x^\phi = \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{A}_x^\psi$, we have $\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\phi, \psi} = \mathbf{0}$ by (33.25). It follows from (21.9) that the right hand side of (34.19) does not depend on the manifold charts $\chi, \gamma \in \text{Ch}_x \mathcal{M}$. In particular, when $\psi = \phi$ we have $\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{K}^{(\chi, \phi)} = \mathbf{A}_\mathbf{K}^{(\gamma, \phi)}$ for all manifold charts $\chi, \gamma \in \text{Ch}_x \mathcal{M}$.

By using the definition of the gradient

$$\nabla_x \mathbf{A}^\phi = (\nabla_\mathbf{K} \text{con}^{\chi, \phi})^{-1} \nabla_{\chi(x)} (\text{con}^{\chi, \phi} \square \mathbf{A}^\phi \square \chi^\leftarrow) \nabla_x \chi$$

and (34.6), we can easily see that for every bundle chart $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ with $\mathbf{A}_x^\phi = \mathbf{K}$

$$\nabla_x \mathbf{A}^\phi = \mathbf{A}_\mathbf{K}^{(\chi, \phi)} \quad \text{for all } \chi \in \text{Ch}_x \mathcal{M}. \quad (34.23)$$

for all bundle charts $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ with $\mathbf{A}_x^\phi = \mathbf{K}$.

Proof: The assertion follows from (34.23) together with (34.18) and (34.19). ■

Definition: The bracket $\mathbf{B}_\mathbf{K} \in \text{Skw}_2(\text{T}_\mathbf{K}\text{Con } \mathcal{B}^2, \text{T}_x\mathcal{M})$ of $\text{T}_\mathbf{K}\text{Con } \mathcal{B}$ is defined by

$$\mathbf{B}_\mathbf{K} := \mathbf{B}_{\mathcal{F}_\mathbf{K}} \quad (34.25)$$

where $\mathbf{B}_{\mathcal{F}_\mathbf{K}}$ is defined as in (15.5).

Definition: Let $\mathbf{A} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Con } \mathcal{B}$ be a connection which is differentiable at x . The curvature of \mathbf{A} at x , denoted by

$$\mathbf{R}_x(\mathbf{A}) \in \text{Skw}_2(\text{T}_x\mathcal{M}^2, \text{Lin}\mathcal{B}_x), \quad (34.26)$$

is defined by

$$\mathbf{R}_x(\mathbf{A}) := \mathbf{T}_{\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{A}(x)}}(\nabla_x \mathbf{A}) \quad (34.27)$$

where $\mathbf{T}_{\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{A}(x)}}$ is defined as in (15.8).

If \mathbf{A} is differentiable, then the mapping $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{A}) : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Skw}_2(\text{Tan}\mathcal{M}^2, \text{Lin } \mathcal{B})$ defined by

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{A})(x) := \mathbf{R}_x(\mathbf{A}) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{M}$$

is called the curvature field of the connection \mathbf{A} .

A formula for the curvature field $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{A})$ in terms of covariant gradients will be given in Prop. 5. If the connection \mathbf{A} is of class C^p , with $p \in 1..s-1$, then $\nabla \mathbf{A}$ is of class C^{p-1} , and so is the curvature field $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{A})$.

More generally, if $\phi, \psi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$, without assuming that $\mathbf{A}_x^\phi = \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{A}_x^\psi$, then Eq. (34.19) must be replaced by

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{\Gamma}_\mathbf{K}^{(\chi, \phi), (\gamma, \psi)}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}') \\ &= -\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\phi, \psi}(\mathbf{t})\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^\phi(\mathbf{K})(\mathbf{t}') + \mathbf{\Gamma}_x^\phi(\mathbf{K})(\mathbf{t}')\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\phi, \psi}(\mathbf{t}) + \mathbf{\Gamma}_x^\phi(\mathbf{K})\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\chi, \gamma}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}') \\ & \quad - \mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\phi, \psi}(\mathbf{t}')\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\phi, \psi}(\mathbf{t}) + (\psi|_x)^{-1}(\nabla_\gamma^{(2)}(\psi \diamond \phi))(x)(\nabla_x \gamma \mathbf{t}, \nabla_x \gamma \mathbf{t}')\phi|_x \end{aligned} \quad (34.28)$$

for all $\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}' \in \text{T}_x\mathcal{M}$. If one of those two bundle charts, say ϕ , satisfies $\mathbf{A}_x^\phi = \mathbf{K}$, then it follows from (34.28), $\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^\phi(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{0}$ and $-\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^{\phi, \psi} = \mathbf{\Gamma}_x^\psi(\mathbf{K})$ that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{\Gamma}_\mathbf{K}^{(\chi, \phi), (\gamma, \psi)}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}') \\ &= -\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^\psi(\mathbf{K})\mathbf{t}'\mathbf{\Gamma}_x^\psi(\mathbf{K})\mathbf{t} + (\psi|_x)^{-1}(\nabla_\gamma^{(2)}(\psi \diamond \phi))(x)(\nabla_x \gamma \mathbf{t}, \nabla_x \gamma \mathbf{t}')\phi|_x \end{aligned} \quad (34.29)$$

for all $\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}' \in \text{T}_x\mathcal{M}$.

Proposition 5: Let $\mathbf{A} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Con } \mathcal{B}$ be a connection that is differentiable at $x \in \mathcal{M}$. The curvature of \mathbf{A} at x is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{R}_x(\mathbf{A}))(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) &= (\nabla_x^{\gamma, \psi} \Gamma^\psi(\mathbf{A}))(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) - (\nabla_x^{\gamma, \psi} \Gamma^\psi(\mathbf{A}))(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s}) \\ &\quad + \left(\Gamma_x^\psi(\mathbf{A}(x))\mathbf{s}\Gamma_x^\psi(\mathbf{A}(x))\mathbf{t} - \Gamma_x^\psi(\mathbf{A}(x))\mathbf{t}\Gamma_x^\psi(\mathbf{A}(x))\mathbf{s} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (34.30)$$

for all $(\gamma, \psi) \in \text{Ch}_x \mathcal{M} \times \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ and all $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{T}_x \mathcal{M}$.

Proof: Let a bundle chart $(\gamma, \psi) \in \text{Ch}_x \mathcal{M} \times \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ be given. It follows from (42.6) and $\Lambda(\mathbf{A}_z^\psi)(\mathbf{A}(z)) = -\Gamma_z^\psi(\mathbf{A}(z))$ that

$$\text{con}^{(\gamma, \psi)} \circ \mathbf{A}(z) = \left(z, -\psi \Big|_z \Gamma_z^\psi(\mathbf{A}(z)) (\nabla_z \gamma^{-1} \times \psi \Big|_z^{-1}) \right) \quad (34.31)$$

In view of (32.29), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{A}(x)}^{(\gamma, \psi)})(\nabla_x \mathbf{A}) &= \text{con}^{(\gamma, \psi)} \Big|_x^{-1} (\text{ev}_2 \circ \nabla_{\mathbf{A}(x)}(\text{con}^{(\gamma, \psi)}))(\nabla_x \mathbf{A}) \\ &= \text{con}^{(\gamma, \psi)} \Big|_x^{-1} \text{ev}_2 \circ (\nabla_x(\text{con}^{(\gamma, \psi)} \circ \mathbf{A})) \\ &= \nabla_x \left(z \mapsto -\psi \Big|_x^{-1} \psi \Big|_z \Gamma_z^\psi(\mathbf{A}(z)) (\nabla_z \gamma^{-1} \nabla_x \gamma \times \psi \Big|_z^{-1} \psi \Big|_x) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (34.32)$$

By using

$$\mathbf{A}_x^\gamma = \nabla_x(z \mapsto \nabla_z \gamma^{-1} \nabla_x \gamma) \quad , \quad \mathbf{A}_x^\psi = \nabla_x(z \mapsto \psi \Big|_z^{-1} \psi \Big|_x)$$

and (42.38), we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{A}(x)}^{(\gamma, \psi)})(\nabla_x \mathbf{A}) &= \nabla_x \left(z \mapsto -\psi \Big|_x^{-1} \psi \Big|_z \Gamma_z^\psi(\mathbf{A}(z)) (\nabla_z \gamma^{-1} \nabla_x \gamma \times \psi \Big|_z^{-1} \psi \Big|_x) \right) \\ &= -(\square_x \Gamma^\psi(\mathbf{A}))(\mathbf{A}_x^\gamma, \mathbf{A}_x^\psi) \\ &= -\nabla_x^{\gamma, \psi} \Gamma^\psi(\mathbf{A}). \end{aligned}$$

Together with (42.27) and (42.29), we prove (34.12). ■

Remark : When the linear-space bundle \mathcal{B} is the tangent bundle $\mathbb{T}\mathcal{M}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{R}_x(\mathbf{A}))(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) &= (\nabla_x^\chi \Gamma^\chi(\mathbf{A}))(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) - (\nabla_x^\chi \Gamma^\chi(\mathbf{A}))(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s}) \\ &\quad + \left(\Gamma_x^\chi(\mathbf{A}(x))\mathbf{s}\Gamma_x^\chi(\mathbf{A}(x))\mathbf{t} - \Gamma_x^\chi(\mathbf{A}(x))\mathbf{t}\Gamma_x^\chi(\mathbf{A}(x))\mathbf{s} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (34.33)$$

for all manifold chart $\chi \in \text{Ch}_x \mathcal{M}$ and all $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{T}_x \mathcal{M}$.

If a transport $\mathbf{T} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Tlis}_x \mathcal{M}$ from x is differentiable at y , we define the **connector-gradient**, $\nabla_y \mathbf{T} \in \text{Lin}(\mathcal{T}_y, \mathcal{S}_y)$, of \mathbf{T} at y by

$$\nabla_y \mathbf{T} := \nabla_y(z \mapsto \mathbf{T}(z)\mathbf{T}(y)^{-1}). \quad (34.34)$$

Theorem : A connection $\mathbf{A} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Con}\mathcal{B}$ is curvature-free if and only if, locally \mathbf{A} agrees with \mathbf{A}^ϕ for some bundle chart $\phi \in \text{Ch}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$. In other words, for every $x \in \mathcal{M}$, there is an open neighbourhood \mathcal{N}_x of x and a transport $\mathbf{T} : \mathcal{N}_x \rightarrow \text{Tris}_x\mathcal{M}$ from x such that $\nabla\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{A}|_{\mathcal{N}_x}$

Proof: Ask Prof. Noll!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

35. Parallelisms, Geodesics

Let a connector $\mathbf{K} \in \text{Con}\mathcal{B}$ be given and put $x := \rho(\mathbf{K})$.

We now apply the results of Sect. 32 by replacing the ISO-bundle there by the flat-space bundle $\text{Con}\mathcal{B}$ and $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{B}$ there by \mathbf{K} .

Definition: The **shift bundle** $S\mathcal{B}$ of $(\mathcal{B}, \tau, \mathcal{M})$ is defined to be the union of all the shift spaces of \mathcal{B} :

$$S\mathcal{B} := \bigcup_{y \in \mathcal{M}} S_y\mathcal{B}. \quad (35.1)$$

It is endowed with the structure of a C^{r-2} -manifold.

We defined the mapping $\sigma : S\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ by

$$\sigma(\mathbf{s}) := \{ y \in \mathcal{M} \mid \mathbf{s} \in S_y\mathcal{B} \}, \quad (35.2)$$

and every $y \in \mathcal{M}$ the mapping $\text{in}_y : S_y\mathcal{B} \rightarrow S\mathcal{B}$ by

$$\text{in}_y := \mathbf{1}_{S_y\mathcal{B} \subset S\mathcal{B}}. \quad (35.3)$$

We define the **projection** $\mathbf{P} : S\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{T}\mathcal{M}$ by

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{s}) := \mathbf{P}_{\sigma(\mathbf{s})}\mathbf{s} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{s} \in S\mathcal{B} \quad (35.4)$$

and the **injection** $\mathbf{I} : \text{Lin}\mathcal{B} \rightarrow S\mathcal{B}$ by

$$\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{L}) := \mathbf{I}_{\tau\text{Ln}(\mathbf{L})}\mathbf{L} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{L} \in \text{Lin}\mathcal{B} \quad (35.5)$$

where Ln is the lineon functor (see Sect.13) and

$$\text{Lin}\mathcal{B} := \text{Ln}(\mathcal{B}) = \bigcup_{y \in \mathcal{M}} \text{Lin}\mathcal{B}_y. \quad (35.6)$$

We have

$$\text{pt}(\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{s})) = \sigma(\mathbf{s}) \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{s} \in S\mathcal{B} \quad (35.7)$$

and

$$\sigma(\mathbf{I}\mathbf{L}) = \tau^{\text{Ln}}(\mathbf{L}) \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{L} \in \text{Lin } \mathcal{B}. \quad (35.8)$$

It is easily seen that \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{I} are of class C^{r-2} .

We now fix $x \in \mathcal{M}$ and consider the bundle $\text{Tris}_x \mathcal{B}$ of transfer-isomorphism from x as defined by (32.2). A mapping of the type

$$\mathbf{T} : [0, d] \rightarrow \text{Tris}_x \mathcal{B} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{T}(0) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}, \quad (35.9)$$

where $d \in \times$, will be called a **transfer-process** of \mathcal{B} from x . If \mathbf{T} is differentiable at a given $t \in [0, d]$, we defined the **shift-derivative** $\text{sd}_t \mathbf{T} \in S_{\pi_x(\mathbf{T}(t))} \mathcal{B}$ at t of \mathbf{T} by

$$\text{sd}_t \mathbf{T} := \partial_t (s \mapsto \mathbf{T}(s)\mathbf{T}(t)^{-1}) . \quad (35.10)$$

We have

$$\sigma(\text{sd}_t \mathbf{T}) = \pi_x(\mathbf{T}(t)) , \quad (35.11)$$

when π_x is defined by (32.3). If \mathbf{T} is differentiable, we define the **shift-derivative** (-process) $\text{sd}\mathbf{T} : [0, d] \rightarrow S\mathcal{B}$ by

$$(\text{sd}\mathbf{T})(t) := \text{sd}_t \mathbf{T} \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, d] . \quad (35.12)$$

If \mathbf{T} is of class C^s , $s \in 1..(r-2)$, then $\text{sd}\mathbf{T}$ is of class C^{s-1} .

Proposition 1: *Let $\mathbf{T} : [0, d] \rightarrow \text{Tris}_x \mathcal{B}$ be a transfer-process of \mathcal{B} from x and put*

$$p := \pi_x \circ \mathbf{T} = \sigma \circ (\text{sd}\mathbf{T}) : [0, d] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}. \quad (35.13)$$

Then p is differentiable and

$$\mathbf{P} \circ (\text{sd}\mathbf{T}) = p' . \quad (35.14)$$

Proof: Let $t \in [0, d]$ be given and put $y := p(t)$. Then $\mathbf{T}(s)\mathbf{T}(t)^{-1} \in \text{Tris}_y \mathcal{B}$ and

$$\pi_y(\mathbf{T}(s)\mathbf{T}(t)^{-1}) = \pi_x(\mathbf{T}(s)) = p(s)$$

for all $s \in [0, d]$. Differentiation with respect to s at t , using (35.10), (32.10), and the chain rule, gives $\mathbf{P}_y(\text{sd}_t \mathbf{T}) = p'(t)$. Since $t \in [0, d]$ was arbitrary, (35.14) follows. ■

Proposition 2: Let \mathbf{T} be a differentiable transfer-process from x and let p be defined as in Prop. 1. Assume, moreover, that $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ is a chart such that $\text{Rng } p \subset \mathcal{O}_\phi$. If we define $\mathbf{H} : [0, d] \rightarrow \text{Lis}\mathcal{B}_x$ and $\mathbf{V} : [0, d] \rightarrow \text{Lin}\mathcal{B}_x$ by

$$\mathbf{H}(t) := (\phi]_y) \mathbf{T}(t) \quad (35.15)$$

and

$$\mathbf{V}(t) := \phi]_y (\mathbf{\Lambda}(\mathbf{A}_y^\phi)(\text{sd}_t \mathbf{T})) (\phi]_y)^{-1} \quad (35.16)$$

when $y := p(t)$ and $t \in [0, d]$, then

$$\mathbf{H}' = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{H} \quad , \quad \mathbf{H}(0) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x} . \quad (35.17)$$

Proof: Let $t \in [0, d]$ be given and put $y := p(t)$. Using (32.6) with x replaced by y and \mathbf{T} by $\mathbf{T}(s)\mathbf{T}(t)^{-1}$, we obtain from (35.15) that

$$\text{tlis}_y^\phi(\mathbf{T}(s)\mathbf{T}(t)^{-1}) = \left(p(s) , \phi]_y \mathbf{H}(s)\mathbf{H}(t)^{-1}(\phi]_y)^{-1} \right) \quad \text{for all } s \in [0, d].$$

In view of (31.30) with ϕ replaced by tlis_y^ϕ and (35.10) we conclude that

$$(\nabla_{\mathbf{T}_x} \text{tlis}_y^\phi)(\text{sd}_t \mathbf{T}) = (p'(t) , \phi]_y (\mathbf{H}'\mathbf{H}^{-1})(t)(\phi]_y)^{-1}).$$

Comparing this result with (31.29) and (35.16), and using the injectivity of $\nabla_{\mathbf{T}_x} \text{tlis}_y^\phi$, we obtain $(\mathbf{H}'\mathbf{H}^{-1})(t) = \mathbf{V}(t)$. Since $t \in [0, d]$ was arbitrary, (35.17)₁ follows. Since both $\phi]_x = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}$ and $\mathbf{T}(0) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}$, (35.17)₂ is a direct consequence of (35.15). \blacksquare

Theorem on Shift-Processes: Let $\mathbf{U} : [0, d] \rightarrow \text{S}\mathcal{B}$, with $d \in \times$, be a continuous shift-process of \mathcal{B} such that $p := \sigma \circ \mathbf{U}$ is differentiable and

$$\mathbf{P} \circ \mathbf{U} = p' : [0, d] \rightarrow \text{Tan}\mathcal{M} . \quad (35.18)$$

Then there exists exactly one transfer-process $\mathbf{T} : [0, d] \rightarrow \text{Tlis}_x \mathcal{B}$ of \mathcal{B} from $x := p(0)$, of class C^1 , such that $\text{sd}\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{U}$.

Proof: Assume first that $\phi \in \text{Ch}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ can be chosen such that $\text{Rng } p \subset \text{Dom } \chi$. Define $\bar{\mathbf{V}} : [0, d] \rightarrow \text{Lin}\mathcal{V}_\phi$ by

$$\bar{\mathbf{V}}(t) := (\phi]_y) (\mathbf{\Lambda}(\mathbf{A}_y^\phi)\mathbf{U}(t)) (\phi]_y)^{-1} \quad \text{when } y := p(t). \quad (35.19)$$

Since \mathbf{U} is continuous, so is $\bar{\mathbf{V}}$. Let $\bar{\mathbf{H}} : [0, d] \rightarrow \text{Lin}\mathcal{V}_\phi$ be the unique solution of the initial value problem

$$\bar{\mathbf{H}}' = \bar{\mathbf{V}}\bar{\mathbf{H}} \quad , \quad \bar{\mathbf{H}}(0) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{V}_\phi} . \quad (35.20)$$

This solution is of class C^1 .

Now, if \mathbf{T} is a process that satisfies the conditions, then $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$, as defined by (35.19), coincides with \mathbf{V} , as defined by (35.16). Therefore, by Prop. 2, we have $\mathbf{H} = \overline{\mathbf{H}}$ and hence \mathbf{T} must be given by

$$\mathbf{T}(t) = (\phi]_{p(t)})^{-1} \overline{\mathbf{H}}(t) \phi]_x \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, d]. \quad (35.21)$$

On the other hand, if we *define* \mathbf{T} by (35.21) and then \mathbf{H} and \mathbf{V} by (35.15) and (35.16), we have $\pi_x \circ \mathbf{T} = p$, $\overline{\mathbf{H}} = \mathbf{H}$, and $\overline{\mathbf{V}} = \mathbf{V}$. Thus, using (31.30) with ϕ replaced by tlis_y^ϕ and (35.19), we conclude that

$$(\nabla_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_y}} \text{tlis}_y^\phi)(\text{sd}_t \mathbf{T}) = (\nabla_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_y}} \text{tlis}_y^\phi)(\mathbf{U}(t)) \quad \text{when } y := p(t)$$

for all $t \in [0, d]$. Since $\nabla_{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_y}} \text{tlis}_y^\phi$ is injective for all $y \in \mathcal{M}$, we conclude that $\mathbf{U} = \text{sd}\mathbf{T}$.

There need not be a single bundle chart $\phi \in \text{Ch}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ such that $\text{Rng } p \subset \text{Dom } \chi$. However, since $\text{Rng } p$ is a compact subset of \mathcal{M} , we can find a finite set $\mathfrak{F} \subset \text{Ch}\mathcal{M}$ such that

$$\text{Rng } p \subset \bigcup_{\chi \in \mathfrak{F}} \text{Dom } \chi.$$

We can then determine a strictly isotone list $(a_i \mid i \in (m+1)^\uparrow)$ in \mathcal{M} such that $a_0 = 0$, $a_m = d$ and such that, for each $i \in m^\uparrow$, $p_\succ([a_i, a_{i+1}])$ is included in a single chart belonging to \mathfrak{F} . By applying the result already proved, for each $i \in m^\uparrow$, to the case when \mathbf{U} is replaced by

$$(t \mapsto \mathbf{U}(a_i + t)) : [0, a_{i+1} - a_i] \rightarrow \mathcal{S}\mathcal{B},$$

one easily sees that the assertion of the theorem is valid in general. \blacksquare

We assume now that a continuous connection \mathbf{C} is prescribed.

Let $d \in \times$ and a process $p : [0, d] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ of class C^1 be given and put $x := p(0)$. We define the shift process $\mathbf{U} : [0, d] \rightarrow \mathcal{S}\mathcal{B}$ by

$$\mathbf{U}(t) := \mathbf{C}(p(t))p'(t) \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, d]. \quad (35.22)$$

Clearly, \mathbf{U} is continuous and, since $\mathbf{P}_y \mathbf{C}(y) = \mathbf{1}_{T_y}$ for all $y \in \mathcal{M}$, (35.18) is valid. Hence, by the Theorem on Shift Processes there is a unique transfer process $\mathbf{T} : [0, d] \rightarrow \text{Tlis}_x \mathcal{B}$ of class C^1 such that

$$\text{sd}\mathbf{T} = (\mathbf{C} \circ p)p'. \quad (35.23)$$

This process is called the **parallelism along** p for the connection \mathbf{C} .

Let $\mathbf{H} : [0, d] \rightarrow \Phi(\mathcal{B})$ be a process on $\Phi(\mathcal{B})$ and put $p := \tau \circ \mathbf{H}$. We say that \mathbf{H} is a **parallel process** for \mathbf{C} if $\mathbf{H}(0) \neq \mathbf{0}$ and if

$$\mathbf{H}(t) = \Phi(\mathbf{T}(t))\mathbf{H}(0) \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, d] \quad (35.24)$$

where \mathbf{T} is the parallelism along p for \mathbf{C} .

Let $\mathbf{H} : [0, d] \rightarrow \Phi(\mathcal{B})$ be a process on $\Phi(\mathcal{B})$ and let \mathbf{T} be the parallelism along $p := \tau^{\Phi} \circ \mathbf{H}$ for the connection \mathbf{C} . Given $\phi \in \text{Ch}_x(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M})$ that satisfies $\text{Rng } p \subset \mathcal{O}_\phi$. Define $(\mathbf{H}^{\phi])^\bullet : [0, d] \rightarrow \tau^<(\text{Rng } p)$ and $(\mathbf{H}^T)^\bullet : [0, d] \rightarrow \tau^<(\text{Rng } p)$ by

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{H}^{\phi])^\bullet(t) &:= \partial_t(s \mapsto \Phi(\phi]_{p(t)}^{-1} \phi]_{p(s)}) \mathbf{H}(s) \\ (\mathbf{H}^T)^\bullet(t) &:= \partial_t(s \mapsto \Phi(\mathbf{T}(t)\mathbf{T}^{-1}(s)) \mathbf{H}(s)) \end{aligned} \quad (35.25)$$

for all $t \in [0, d]$.

Proposition 3: *A process $\mathbf{H} : [0, d] \rightarrow \Phi(\mathcal{B})$ is parallel with respect to \mathbf{C} if and only if \mathbf{H} is of class C^1 and satisfies the differential equation*

$$\mathbf{0} = (\mathbf{H}^T)^\bullet = (\mathbf{H}^{\phi])^\bullet + \Phi^\bullet((\Gamma^\phi(\mathbf{C}) \circ p) p^\bullet) \mathbf{H}. \quad (35.26)$$

We assume now that the linear space bundle \mathcal{B} is the tangent bundle $\text{T}\mathcal{M}$ and that a continuous connection $\mathbf{C} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{ConT}\mathcal{M}$ for $\text{T}\mathcal{M}$ is prescribed.

We say that $p : [0, d] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a **geodesic process** for \mathbf{C} if $p^\bullet(0) \neq \mathbf{0}$ and if

$$\mathbf{T}(t)p^\bullet(0) = p^\bullet(t) \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, d], \quad (35.28)$$

where \mathbf{T} is the parallelism along p for \mathbf{C} , i.e. p^\bullet is parallel with respect to the parallelism \mathbf{T} .

Let $p : [0, d] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ be a process of class C^1 such that $p^\bullet(0) \neq \mathbf{0}$ and given $\chi \in \text{Ch}\mathcal{M}$ that satisfies $\text{Rng } p \subset \text{Dom } \chi$. Define $\bar{p} : [0, d] \rightarrow \text{Cod } \chi$ by $\bar{p} := \chi \circ p$ and $\bar{\Gamma} : \text{Cod } \chi \rightarrow \text{Lin}_2(\mathcal{V}_\chi^2, \mathcal{V}_\chi)$ by

$$\bar{\Gamma}(z) := \nabla_y \chi \Gamma_y^\chi(\mathbf{C}(y)) \circ (\nabla_y \chi^{-1} \times \nabla_y \chi^{-1}) \quad \text{when } y := \chi^\leftarrow(z), \quad (35.29)$$

where Γ_y^χ is defined by (33.3).

Proposition 4: *The process p is a geodesic process if and only if \bar{p} is of class C^2 and satisfies the differential equation*

$$\bar{p}^{\bullet\bullet} + (\bar{\Gamma} \circ \bar{p})(\bar{p}^\bullet, \bar{p}^\bullet) = \mathbf{0}. \quad (35.30)$$

Geodesic Deviations: Study the derivative of (35.26)???

36. Holonomy

Let a continuous connection $\mathbf{C} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Con}\mathcal{B}$ be given. For every C^1 process $p : [0, d_p] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ there is exactly one parallelism $\mathbf{T}_p : [0, d_p] \rightarrow \text{Tris}_x\mathcal{B}$ from $x := p(0)$ along p for the connection \mathbf{C} . The **reverse process** $p^- : [0, d_p] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ of $p : [0, d_p] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is given by

$$p^-(t) := p(d_p - t) \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, d_p].$$

Proposition 1: Let $p^- : [0, d_p] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ be the reverse process of a C^1 process $p : [0, d_p] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$. We have

$$\mathbf{T}_{p^-}(t) = \mathbf{T}_p(d_p - t)\mathbf{T}_p^{-1}(d_p) \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, d_p]. \quad (36.1)$$

Let C^1 processes $p : [0, d_p] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ and $q : [0, d_q] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ with $q(0) = p(d_p)$ be given. We define the **continuation process** $q * p : [0, d_p + d_q] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ of p with q by

$$(q * p)(t) := \begin{cases} p(t) & t \in [0, d_p], \\ q(t - d_p) & t \in [d_p, d_p + d_q]. \end{cases} \quad (36.2)$$

If in addition that $q^\bullet(0) = p^\bullet(d_p)$, then the continuation process $q * p$ is of class C^1 and

$$\mathbf{T}_{q * p}(t) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{T}_p(t) & t \in [0, d_p], \\ \mathbf{T}_q(t - d_p)\mathbf{T}_p(d_p) & t \in [d_p, d_p + d_q]. \end{cases} \quad (36.3)$$

Definition: For every pair of C^1 processes $p : [0, d_p] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ and $q : [0, d_q] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ with $q(0) = p(d_p)$ be given. We define the **piecewise parallelism (along $q * p$)**

$$\mathbf{T}_{q * p} : [0, d_p + d_q] \rightarrow \text{Tris}_x\mathcal{B} \quad \text{where } x := p(0)$$

by

$$\mathbf{T}_{q * p}(t) := \begin{cases} \mathbf{T}_p(t) & t \in [0, d_p], \\ \mathbf{T}_q(t - d_p)\mathbf{T}_p(d_p) & t \in [d_p, d_p + d_q]. \end{cases} \quad (36.4)$$

In view of (36.1), if $q := p^-$ we have $\mathbf{T}_{p^-}(t - d_p)\mathbf{T}_p(d_p) = \mathbf{T}_p(2d_p - t)$ and hence

$$\mathbf{T}_{-p * p}(t) := \begin{cases} \mathbf{T}_p(t) & t \in [0, d_p], \\ \mathbf{T}_p(2d_p - t) & t \in [d_p, 2d_p]. \end{cases} \quad (36.5)$$

In particular, $\mathbf{T}_{p^{-*}p}(2d_p) = \mathbf{T}_{-p^*p}(0) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}$.

Let \mathcal{O} be an open neighborhood of $x \in \mathcal{M}$ and let $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{O}, x)$ be the set of all piecewise C^1 loops $p : [0, d_p] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ at x with $\text{Rng} p \subset \mathcal{O}$. It is easily seen that $(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{O}, x), *)$ is a group. We also use the following notation

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{O}, x) := \{\mathbf{T}_p(d_p) \mid p \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{O}, x)\}. \quad (36.6)$$

Proposition 3: *For every $q, p \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{O}, x)$, we have*

$$\mathbf{T}_{q^*p}(d_p + d_q) = \mathbf{T}_q(d_q)\mathbf{T}_p(d_p). \quad (36.7)$$

Hence $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{O}, x)$ is a subgroup of $\text{Lis}\mathcal{B}_x$, which is called the **holonomy group** on \mathcal{O} of the connection \mathbf{C} at x .

Let $\mathbf{T} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Tris}_x\mathcal{M}$ be a transport from $x \in \mathcal{M}$ of class C^1 . For every differentiable process $\lambda : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, we see that $\mathbf{T} \circ \lambda : [0, 1] \rightarrow \text{Tris}_x\mathcal{M}$ is a transfer process from x and

$$\text{sd}\mathbf{T} = ((\nabla\mathbf{T}) \circ \lambda)\lambda^\bullet.$$

Hence $\mathbf{T} \circ \lambda$ is the parallelism along λ for the connection $\nabla\mathbf{T}$. For every $t \in [0, 1]$, $(\mathbf{T} \circ \lambda)(t) = \mathbf{T}(\lambda(t))$ depends on, of course, only on the point $y := \lambda(t)$, not on the process λ . When λ is closed, beginning and ending at $\lambda(0) = x = \lambda(1)$, then

$$(\mathbf{T} \circ \lambda)(1) = \mathbf{T}(x) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}.$$

The following theorem is an immediate consequence of the above discussion and the Theorem of Sect.34.

Theorem : *A continuous connection $\mathbf{C} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Con}\mathcal{B}$ is curvature-free; i.e. $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{0}$ if and only if locally the holonomy groups are $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{O}, x) = \{\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}_x}\}$ for some open subset set \mathcal{O} of \mathcal{M} and all $x \in \mathcal{M}$.*

Question ?: Does there exist a connection \mathbf{C} such that $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{O}, x) = \text{Lis}\mathcal{B}_x$ for some x ?