

Define $V_n = \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} V_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$

GRASSMANIAN MANIFOLDS

Last time:

Defined Stiefel Manifolds

$$V_n(\mathbb{R}^k) = \{ (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \mid v_i \in \mathbb{R}^k, v_i \perp v_j, |v_i| = 1 \}$$

$$\subseteq (S^{k-1})^n$$



Now, $\mathbb{R}^k \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{k+1}$

$$\text{by } (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \mapsto (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow V_n(\mathbb{R}^k) \subseteq V_n(\mathbb{R}^{k+1})$$

Define $\mathcal{Z}_V : V_n(\mathbb{R}^k) \rightarrow V_{n+1}(\mathbb{R}^{k+1})$

$$\text{by } \mathcal{Z}_V((v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)) = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v)$$

$$v = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$$

~~Def~~ Grassmanian (manifold) $G_n(\mathbb{R}^k) = V_n(\mathbb{R}^k) / \sim$

Now, think of any n -dim subsp. of $\mathbb{R}^k$.
By Gram-Schmidt process, $\exists$ an orthonormal basis of this subsp. So, to study n -dim subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^k$, studying $V_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$ is enough.

But 2 tuples in $V_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$ may generate the same subsp.

$\therefore$ Define an equivalence relation on $V_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$
 $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \sim (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$ if they generate the same subsp.

Then the Grassmanian manifold

$$G_n(\mathbb{R}^k) = V_n(\mathbb{R}^k) / \sim$$

- A pt. in $G_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$ generates a unique n -dim subsp. w of $\mathbb{R}^k$. By abuse of notation we write $w \in G_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$.
- $G_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$ is "space of n -planes in $\mathbb{R}^k$ ".
- $G_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$ is compact.
- If $n > k$, $V_n(\mathbb{R}^k) = \emptyset \Rightarrow G_n(\mathbb{R}^k) = \emptyset$.
- $G_n(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{\mathbb{R}^n\}$
- $G_1(\mathbb{R}^k) = \mathbb{R}P^{k-1}$
- As $V_n(\mathbb{R}^k) \subseteq V_n(\mathbb{R}^{k+1})$

$$\Rightarrow G_n(\mathbb{R}^k) \subseteq G_n(\mathbb{R}^{k+1})$$

$$\text{So, we can define } G_n = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} G_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$$

• $G_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$ is T_2

• $G_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$ is a manifold with atlas:

For each $v \in G_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$ define

$$U_v = \{ w \in G_n(\mathbb{R}^k) \mid w \cap v^\perp = \{0\} \}$$

$$\dim G_n(\mathbb{R}^k) = n(k-n)$$

~~Grassmannian~~

Grassmannian Manifold carries a vector bundle (called Universal Bundle)

Define $\gamma_{nk} = \{ (w, v) \mid w \in G_n(\mathbb{R}^k), v \in w \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k \}$

So, $\gamma_{nk} \subseteq G_n(\mathbb{R}^k) \times \mathbb{R}^k$

Recall a vector bundle ^{of rank n} is a cont. map

$p: E \rightarrow B$ s.t.

(i) $\forall b \in B, \exists$ ~~open U st. $b \in U$~~ $p^{-1}(b)$ is a vector space,

(ii) $\forall b \in B, \exists$ open U st. $b \in U$
 $p^{-1}(U) \cong U \times \mathbb{R}^n$, and $p^{-1}(U) \xrightarrow{\phi} U \times \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \nwarrow \pi_1 \\ p & \rightarrow & B \end{array}$$

Here $E = \mathbb{R}^{nk}$, $B = G_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$
and p is the first projection map.

Then for any $\omega \in G_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$,
 $p^{-1}(\omega) = \{\omega\} \times \omega \stackrel{\text{iso}}{\cong} \omega$, a n -linear
subsp. of $\mathbb{R}^k$

$\forall \omega \in G_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$, take any open set U containing
 ω , then,

$$p^{-1}(U) = \{(\eta, \xi) \mid p(\eta, \xi) \in U\}$$

$$= \{(\eta, \xi) \mid \eta \in U, \xi \in \eta\}$$

$$\stackrel{\cong}{=} \bigcup_{\eta \in U} \{\eta\} \times \eta$$

Also, ~~$p^{-1}(U)$~~ $\stackrel{\cong}{=} \bigcup_{\eta \in U} \{\eta\} \times \mathbb{R}^n$

$$= U \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Also, } p^{-1}(U) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & U \times \mathbb{R}^n \\ & \searrow p & \swarrow \pi_1 \\ & B & \end{array}$$

$$\pi_1 \circ \varphi((\eta, \xi)) = \eta = p((\eta, \xi))$$

So, $p: \mathbb{R}^{nk} \rightarrow G_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$ is a vector bundle

Lemma: For any $k \geq 1$, (including $k = \infty$)
 $\mathcal{S}_{1k}$ is not trivializable.

~~Define a left action~~

Another defⁿ of $G_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$

Consider $V_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$. Any element in Φ
~~The group $O(n)$~~ , $V_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$ is a $n \times k$ matrix.
 The group $O(n)$ acts on $V_n(\mathbb{R}^k)$ by
 multiplication on left. ~~Denote this~~

Now, consider the map

$$z_{V_n}^{nk}: V_n(\mathbb{R}^k) \longrightarrow V_{n+1}(\mathbb{R}^{k+1})$$

$$z_V(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x)$$

$$x = (0, 0, \dots, 1)$$

~~Note that the~~
 $(z_{V_n}^{nk}(g \cdot v)) = g \cdot z_{V_n}^{nk}(v)$

Also note there is a natural ~~similar~~ map

$$i: O(n) \longrightarrow O(n+1)$$

$$i(M) = \begin{pmatrix} M & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

∴ We have the diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_n(\mathbb{R}^k) & \xrightarrow{M} & V_n(\mathbb{R}^k) \\ \downarrow z_v & \searrow i(M) & \downarrow z_v \\ V_{n+1}(\mathbb{R}^{k+1}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & V_{n+1}(\mathbb{R}^{k+1}) \end{array}$$

• and this diagram commutes.

So, z_v is $O(n)$ -equivariant $\forall k$

Proceeding as $k \rightarrow \infty$, we get a map

$$z: G_n \rightarrow G_{n+1}$$

~~Also, not~~ This map can be directly obtained from the notion of classifying spaces.

Classifying space For a topological group G , let EG be a weakly contractible space.

Then classifying space

$$BG = EG/G$$

So if $G = O(n)$ and $EG = V_n$

$$\text{Then } BO(n) = V_n / O(n)$$

$$\text{But } V_n / O(n) \cong G_n \Rightarrow G_n \cong BO(n)$$

PULLBACKS :-

Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a category

$$\text{let } X \xrightarrow{f} Z \leftarrow g Y$$

be a diagram in $\mathcal{C}$ (sometimes they are called cospans)

Pullback of this cospan is the commutative

square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{f'} & Y \\ g' \downarrow & \exists & \downarrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \end{array}$$

s.t. if we have any comm. square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{F} & Y \\ G \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \end{array}$$

then $\exists$ a unique morphism

$\phi: A \rightarrow P$ so that

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & & & & Y \\ & \searrow \phi & & \nearrow F & \\ & P & \xrightarrow{f'} & & Y \\ & \downarrow g' & & \downarrow g & \\ & X & \xrightarrow{f} & & Z \end{array}$$

commutes

$$\text{i.e., } F = f' \circ \phi$$

$$G = g' \circ \phi$$



"Pullbacks are unique up to isomorphism ϕ ".

Example: Consider the category of topological spaces and the cospan

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Z \xleftarrow{g} Y$$

Define $P = X \times_Z Y = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid f(x) = g(y)\}$

Check if this is a pullback:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{f' = \pi_2} & Y \\ g' = \pi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \end{array}$$

Obviously this diagram commutes.

Now, consider any A s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{F} & Y \\ G \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \end{array}$$

Define $\phi: A \rightarrow P$

by $\phi(a) = (G(a), F(a))$

Now, this map is well-defined because

$f(G(a)) = g(F(a))$ [As the 2nd diagram commutes].

G, F are cont. $\Rightarrow \phi$ is cont.

By construction, ϕ is unique.

(*) ~~$U \times_B E$~~ For the cospan,

$$U \xrightarrow{i} B \xleftarrow{p} E$$

we have pullback $U \times_B E = \{(u, e) \mid u = p(e)\}$
 $= \{(u, e) \mid e \in p^{-1}(u)\}$
 $= U \times p^{-1}(U) \cong p^{-1}(U)$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} f' \circ \phi &= \pi_2 \circ \phi = F \\ g' \circ \phi &= \pi_1 \circ \phi = G \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P$ is a pullback

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Using this as inspiration, we redefine fiber bundle:

A map $p: E \rightarrow B$ is a fiber bundle with fiber F if $\exists$ an open cover $\mathcal{U}$ of B st. $\forall u \in \mathcal{U} \exists$ a pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U \times F & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & E \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ U & \xrightarrow{i} & B \end{array}$$

~~Call this new defⁿ D2 and the old one D1. Condition~~

Call this new defⁿ D2 and the old one D1. We imply they are equivalent.

~~Why?~~ Why? For the cospan

$$U \xrightarrow{i} B \xleftarrow{p} E$$

we already have the pullback

$$U \times_B E = \{(u, e) \in U \times E \mid i(u) = p(e)\}$$

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$$= U \times p^{-1}(u)$$

$$\cong p^{-1}(u)$$

If p is a fiber bundle,

$$p^{-1}(u) \cong U \times F \quad (\text{so } D1 \Rightarrow D2)$$

If $D2$ holds then $\exists$ a unique ^{isomorphism} ~~morphism~~ between $p^{-1}(u)$ and $U \times F$ so $D2 \Rightarrow D1$.

Q.E.D.

Lemma

$A \rightarrow B \leftarrow$ let this be a pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f' \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ C & \xrightarrow{g} & D \end{array}$$

square of spaces

Take any $c \in C$.

Then $f'(c)$ is canonical

isomorphic to $f^{-1}(g(c))$. In particular,