

4. Connection of Topological Fibre Bundles

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In Asada [2], we give a general theory of connections of topological vector bundles. There a connection form $\{\theta_\sigma\}$ of the given bundle ξ has following property: The value of $1+\theta_\sigma$ belongs in G , the structure group of ξ . Therefore starting from $\{s_\sigma\}=\{1+\theta_\sigma\}$, we can construct a theory of connections of arbitrary topological fibre bundles without using the ring A of Asada [2]. To state this theory is the purpose of this note. But we don't know whether there exists or not a connection form for an arbitrary fibre bundle ξ .

1. *Connection of fibre bundles.* We denote by X a topological space, ξ a topological fibre bundle over X with structure group G . The transition functions of ξ are denoted by g_{UV} .

As in Asada [2], $n^\circ 1$, we denote the group of continuous maps from $V(\Delta_s(U))$ to G with equivalence relation $f_1 \sim f_2$ if and only if $f_1|W=f_2|W$ for some neighborhood $W(\Delta_s(U))$ of $\Delta_s(U)$ in $U \times \dots \times U$ by $\tilde{C}^s(U, G)$ and set

$C^s(U, G)=\{f|f \in \tilde{C}^s(U, G), f(\dots, x_i, x_i, \dots)=1 \text{ for all } i, 0 \leq i \leq s-1\}$. Then we define the sheaves $\tilde{Q}^r=\tilde{Q}^r(\xi)$ and $Q^r=Q^r(\xi)$ by

\tilde{Q}^r : the sheaf of germs of those maps $\{f_\sigma\}, f_\sigma \in \tilde{C}^r(U, G)$,
 $g_{UV}(x_0)^{-1}f_\sigma(x_0, \dots, x_r)g_{UV}(x_r)=f_\sigma(x_0, \dots, x_r)$.

Q^r : the subsheaf of \tilde{Q}^r consisted those elements $\{f_\sigma\}$ that $f_\sigma \in C^r(U, G)$ for all U .

Definition. If $\{s_\sigma\} \in H^0(X, Q^1)$, then we call $\{s_\sigma\}$ is a connection form of ξ .

Note. As usual, if $\{s_\sigma\}$ is a connection form of $\{g_{UV}\}$, $\{U'\}$ is a refinement of $\{U\}$ and $g_{U'V'}=g_{UV}|U' \cap V'$, then $\{s_{U'}\}, s_{U'}=s_\sigma|U'$, becomes a connection form of $\{g_{U'V'}\}$. We identify $\{s_\sigma\}$ and this $\{s_{U'}\}$. On the other hand, if $\{s_\sigma\}$ is a connection form of $\{g_{UV}\}$ then $\{h_\sigma(x_0)s_\sigma(x_0, x_1)h_\sigma(x_1)^{-1}\}$ is a connection form of $\{h_\sigma g_{UV} h_\sigma^{-1}\}$. We identify $\{s_\sigma\}$ and this $\{h_\sigma s_\sigma h_\sigma^{-1}\}$. For the simplicity, we identify $\{s_\sigma\}$ and the equivalence class of $\{s_\sigma\}$.

Lemma 1. $H^0(X, Q^1)$ is non-empty if and only if $H^0(X, \tilde{Q}^1)$ is non-empty.

Lemma 2. $\{1\}$ belongs in $H^0(X, Q^1)$ if and only if $\{1\}$ belongs in $H^0(X, \tilde{Q}^1)$.

Theorem 1. ξ is equivalent to a bundle with totally disconnect structure group if and only if $\{1\}$ becomes a connection form of ξ .

Proof. If $\{h_\sigma g_{UV} h_\sigma^{-1}\}$ is locally constant, then $\{s_\sigma(x_0, x_1)\} =$