

Day 16

Lemma: Suppose $\xi: E \xrightarrow{\pi} X$ where $X = A \cup B$ where $\xi|_A$ and $\xi|_B$ are trivial and $A \cap B$ is a retract of B . Then ξ is trivial

Cor: A bundle whose base space is a closed n -ball is trivial

Proof of Lemma: Choose trivializations of $\xi|_A, \xi|_B$

$$A \times \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\phi_A} \pi^{-1}(A) \quad \pi^{-1}(B) \xleftarrow{\phi_B} B \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

Let $C = A \cap B$

$$C \times \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\phi_A} \pi^{-1}(C) \xrightarrow{\phi_B^{-1}} C \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$(c, v) \longmapsto (c, g_c(v)) \quad g: C \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{R})$$

If $g_c = \text{id}$, we can glue the two together to get trivial v.b.

We alter ϕ_B (new trivialization of $\xi|_B$):

$$B \times \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{R} B \times \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\phi_B} \pi^{-1}(B)$$

Since C is a retract of B , we have $C \xrightarrow{i} B \xrightarrow{r} C$ and we

thus can extend g to B :

$$\tilde{g}: B \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{R})$$

$$b \longmapsto g_c(r(b))$$

and so can let $R: B \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow B \times \mathbb{R}^n$

$$(b, v) \longmapsto (b, \tilde{g}(b)v)$$

Consider new trivialization $\phi'_B: B \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(B)$ by

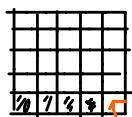
$$\phi'_B = \phi_B \circ R$$

Then on C , we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{\phi_A} & \pi^{-1}(C) \xrightarrow{(\phi_B^{-1})^{-1} = \tilde{R} \circ \phi_B^{-1}} & \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}^n \\
 (c, v) & \longmapsto & & (c, (\underbrace{\tilde{g}(c)^{-1} \circ g(c)}_{\text{id}}) v) \\
 & & & = (c, v)
 \end{array}$$

Since ϕ_A agrees with ϕ_B on all of C , we can paste the two trivializations together to get a trivial bundle on all of $A \cup B$.

Proof of Corollary: Consider $\Sigma = E \xrightarrow{\pi} B^n$. Fix an atlas $\{U_i\}$ for Σ (i.e. $\Sigma|_{U_i}$ is trivial). Decompose $B^n = I \times \dots \times I$ into small cubes B_i . Since B^n is a compact metric space, \exists Lebesgue $\# \delta$ s.t. if $\text{diam}(B_i) < \delta$, then each cube is contained in some U_i so $\Sigma|_{B_i}$ is trivial. There are a finite $\#$ of cubes, and can build B^n add one cube at a time s.t. the intersection is a face of the cube added (so is a retract).



(add each B_i one at a time)

To generalize this, need to recall paracompactness.

Def: A space X is paracompact if every open covering \mathcal{U} of X has a locally finite open refinement \mathcal{V} that covers X .

- for $V \in \mathcal{V}$, $\exists U \in \mathcal{U}$ s.t. $V \subset U$.
- $\forall x \in X$, \exists nbhd W that intersects only finite $\#$ of V 's in \mathcal{V}