

Day 18

Applications of the classification theorem:

Real line bundles over B :

$$\text{Vect}^1(X) = [X, \mathbb{R}P^\infty] = [X, K(\mathbb{Z}_2, 1)] = H^1(X; \mathbb{Z}_2)$$

$\Rightarrow X = S^m$ we have

$$H^1(S^m; \mathbb{Z}_2) = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq 1 \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 & m = 1 \end{cases}$$

Only trivial bundle when $m \neq 1$, get product + Möbius bundle over S^1 .

Complex line bundles over X : ($X = CW$ complex or manifold)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Vect}_\mathbb{C}^1(X) &= [X, G_1(\mathbb{C}^\infty)] = [X, \mathbb{C}P^\infty] = [X, K(\mathbb{Z}, 2)] \\ &\cong H^2(X; \mathbb{Z}) \end{aligned}$$

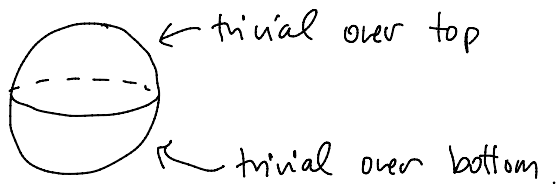
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\Rightarrow when $X = S^m$, $H^2(S^m; \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ for $m \neq 2$.

$$H^2(S^2; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

\Rightarrow there are \mathbb{Z} worth of complex line bundles over S^2 . Can see this with clutching construction,

Consider a bundle over S^2 :



These attach along equator S^1 .

$$\begin{aligned}
 S^1 \times \mathbb{C} &\longrightarrow S^1 \times \mathbb{C} \\
 (x, \tilde{z}) &\longmapsto (x, g(x)\tilde{z}) \quad g: S^1 \longrightarrow GL_1(\mathbb{C}) \cong U(1) \\
 &\quad \text{transition map.}
 \end{aligned}$$

It turns out that the bundle only depends on homotopy class of g . $[g] \in \pi_1(U(1)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Note: Structure group is always in $SO(2)$ so is orientable!

Clutching construction $\xi = E \xrightarrow{\pi} S^n$

Let ξ be a fiber bundle w/ fiber F over S^n and structure gp $G \subseteq \text{Homeo}(F, F)$. Let $N = \text{northern hemisphere}$ and $S = \text{southern hemisphere}$. Then $\xi|_N$ and $\xi|_S$ are trivial.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi^{-1}(N) &\xleftarrow{\phi_N} N \times F \\
 \pi^{-1}(S) &\xleftarrow{\phi_S} S \times F
 \end{aligned}$$

Over $S^{n-1} = N \cap S$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S^{n-1} \times F &\xrightarrow{\phi_N} \pi^{-1}(S^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\phi_S^{-1}} S^{n-1} \times F \\
 (x, v) &\longmapsto (x, f(x)v) \quad f: S^{n-1} \rightarrow G
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: All vector bundles over S^n for $n \geq 2$ are orientable since transition function lie in a connected component of $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$, i.e. can reduce structure group to $SO(n)$!

Moreover, given $f: S^{n-1} \rightarrow G$, can construct a bundle Σ_f by gluing product bundles together.

Thm: For G path connected or $n=1$, \exists bijection

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_{n-1}(G) & \xleftrightarrow[\Psi]{\cong} & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{isomorphism classes} \\ \text{of } F \text{ bundles over } S^n \\ \text{with structure gp } G \end{array} \right\} \\ [f] & \longmapsto & \Sigma_f. \end{array}$$

Proof: Step 1 is to show that Ψ is well-defined.

Suppose $f_0 \sim f_1$ via homotopy F_t . Let

$$\Sigma_i = \Sigma_{f_i} = \begin{array}{c} E_i \\ \downarrow \pi_i \\ S^n \end{array}$$

Define iso $\Sigma_0 \xrightarrow{\eta} \Sigma_1$. Let $\eta: E_0|_N \rightarrow E_1|_N$ be identity.

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_f &= S \times F \cup_f N \times F \\ (x, v) &\sim (x, f(x)v) \end{aligned}$$

So on $S^{n-1} \times F \subset S \times F$ we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 S \times F & \xrightarrow[\text{in } \xi_0]{\text{gluing}} & N \times F & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & N \times F & \xrightarrow[\text{in } \xi_1]{\text{gluing}} & S \times F \\
 \cup & & \cup & & \cup & & \cup \\
 S^{n-1} \times F & \longrightarrow & S^{n-1} \times F & \longrightarrow & S^{n-1} \times F & \longrightarrow & S^{n-1} \times F \\
 (x, v) & \longmapsto & (x, f_0(x)^{-1}v) & \longrightarrow & (x, f_0(x)^{-1}v) & \longrightarrow & (x, f_1(x)f_0(x)^{-1}v)
 \end{array}$$

Want to extend this to all of $S \times F$.

Note that G is a top group so the map

$$f_0^{-1}: S^{n-1} \rightarrow G \quad \text{by } f_0^{-1}(x) := f_0(x)^{-1}$$

makes sense and is continuous. Also $f_1 \circ f_0^{-1}: S^{n-1} \rightarrow G$

makes sense, and is continuous. Can check that

since $f_0 \sim f_1$, $f_1 \circ f_0^{-1}$ is homotopic to constant map, C_e ,

sending each element to $e \in G$. To prove this, note

$F_t \circ f_0^{-1}$ is such a homotopy.

Thus $f_1 \circ f_0^{-1}$ extends to $\bar{f}: S \rightarrow G$, hence can extend

⊗ to $S \times F \rightarrow S \times F$, which gives us our isomorphism.

$$(x, v) \longmapsto (x, \bar{f}(x)v)$$

Ψ injective Suppose $\xi_f \cong \xi_g$ for some f, g .

We have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (x, v) & N \times F & \xrightarrow{\eta_N} & N \times F & (x, v) \\
 \downarrow & \cup & & \cup & \\
 (x, f(x)v) & S \times F & \xrightarrow{\eta_S} & S \times F & (x, g(x), v)
 \end{array}$$

By composing with another iso can assume $\eta_S = \text{id}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (x, v) & \longrightarrow & (x, \overset{\eta_N(x, v)}{g^{-1}(x) f(x) v}) \\
 \downarrow & & \uparrow \\
 (x, f(x) v) & \longrightarrow & (x, f(x) v)
 \end{array}$$

Hence the map $g^{-1} \circ f$ extends to N via η_N .

$$\eta_N(x, v) = (x, \bar{\eta}(x) v)$$

So $g^{-1} \circ f \simeq \text{constant}$, via $F_t: S^{n-1} \rightarrow G$.

Let $H_t: S^{n-1} \rightarrow G$ be defined by $H_t = g \circ F_t$.

Then $f \sim g$.

Ψ surjective Already proved.

