

# Vector bundles as projective modules

$$\{ X \xrightarrow{\text{cont.}} \mathbb{C} \}$$

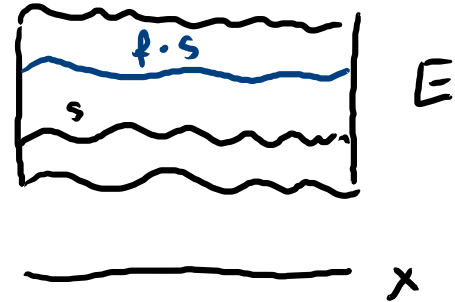
Aim: Show that  $\Gamma: \text{Vect}(X) \xrightarrow{\text{equiv}} \{ \text{fin gen. proj. } \mathbb{C}(X)\text{-mod} \}$

①  $\Gamma(E)$  is a  $\mathbb{C}(X)$ -module

The module structure is given by

$$(f \cdot s)(x) = f(x) \cdot s(x)$$

for  $f \in \mathbb{C}(X)$ ,  $s \in \Gamma(E)$



Because homomorphisms  $\varphi: E \rightarrow F$  are linear on fibers

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma\varphi: \Gamma(E) & \longrightarrow & \Gamma(F) \\ s & \longmapsto & \varphi \circ s \end{array}$$

are  $\mathbb{C}(X)$ -module homomorphisms

Thus we constructed a functor  $\Gamma: \text{Vect}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}(X)\text{-Mod}$

② { trivial bundles }  $\xrightarrow{\cong}$  { free  $C(X)$ -mod with finite rank }

WLOG  $E = X \times V$ . Then  $E$  has sections

and  $\Gamma(E) = \bigoplus C(X) \cdot s_i$  where  $s_i(x) = (x, e_i)$



This map is **essentially surjective**

Now consider  $F = X \times W$

$\text{Hom}(E, F) \stackrel{\text{ok!}}{\cong} \Gamma(\text{Hom}(E, F)) \stackrel{(x)}{\cong} \text{Hom}_{C(X)}(\Gamma(E), \Gamma(F))$

Let  $f \in \Gamma(\text{Hom}(F, E))$ . Let  $\gamma_i^j(v_e) = \begin{cases} w_j & \text{for } e=i \\ 0 & \text{for } e \neq i \end{cases}$  base vect.

Then  $f = \sum f_{ij} \gamma_i^j$ , but this is precisely what elements of  $\text{Hom}_{C(X)}$  look like

Thus  $\Gamma$  is **fully faithful**

③ Let  $\text{Proj Vect}(X) \subseteq \text{Vect}(X)$ : a subcategory whose objects  
 $\text{Proj } C(X) \subseteq C(X)\text{-Mod}$ : are images of proj. operators  
 { Trivial bundle }  $\xrightarrow{\cong}$  { Free  $C(X)$  of rank  $n$  }

Then  $\Gamma: \text{Proj Vect}(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \{ \text{projective } C(X)\text{-modules of rank } n \}$

$\uparrow \cong$   
 $\text{Vect}(X)$ , as for  $E$ : bundle, there exist  $F$  such that  $E \oplus F$  is trivial

Finally  $\Gamma: \text{Vect}(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \{ \text{fin. gen. proj. } C(X)\text{-mod} \}$

## Additional structures

Last time, we considered hermitian metric  
Some other classic structures ( $V$ : vector bundle)

- (non-degenerate) bilinear form on  $V$  is an element  $\tau$  of  $\Gamma(\text{Hom}(V \otimes V, \mathbb{C}))$  s.t. for every  $x$ , the induced element of  $\text{Hom}(V_x \otimes V_x, \mathbb{C})$  is non-deg.  
 $\equiv \Gamma(\text{Iso}(V, V^*))$

The pair  $(V, \tau)$ ,  $\tau \in \text{Iso}(V, V^*)$  is called a **self-dual bundle**

- For  $(V, \tau)$  as above,  $\tau$ : symmetric, we have an **orthogonal bundle** ("a choice of an inner product for every  $x \in X$ ")

————— || —————,  $\tau$ : skew-symmetric, we have a **symplectic bundle** ("a choice of a symplectic form...")



We can even recover a real vector bundle  $W$  s.t.  $V = W \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$

Recall that for a vector space  $K$ , a **complex conjugate space**  $\bar{K}$  is the vector space s.t.

- $|\bar{K}| = |K|$
- $\alpha \cdot_{\bar{K}} v = \bar{\alpha} \cdot_K v$

- A **self-conjugate bundle** is a pair  $(V, T)$ ,  $T \in \text{ISO}(V, \bar{V})$ .
- A **real bundle** is a self-conjugate (complex) bundle such that  $T^2 = \text{id}$ . Why?

$$f(\alpha v) = \bar{\alpha} f(v)$$

$T \in \text{ISO}(V, \bar{V})$  can be thought of as an anti-linear isomorphism  $V \rightarrow V$ .

Let  $W = \{v = T(v)\}$ . Then  $W$  is a real vector bundle

Take  $v \in W$ . Then  $T(iv) - iv = -i T(v) - iv = -2iv$

Thus, as  $T^2 = \text{id}$ ,  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} W = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} V$  and  $V \cong W \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$

- in similar manner, if  $T^2 = -\text{id}$ , then  $(V, T)$  is a **quaternion bundle**. We can define a quaternion vector space on each  $V_x$  by  $j \cdot v = T(v)$  division ring

Generally: Let  $F, G$ : continuous functions on vector spaces  
 By an  **$F \rightarrow G$  bundle** we mean a pair  $(V, T)$   
 where  $T \in \text{ISO}(F(V), G(V))$

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- self-conjugate bundle:  $F = \text{id}, G = *$
  - an  **$m \rightarrow m$  bundle**:  $F(V) = G(V) = \underbrace{V \oplus V \oplus \dots \oplus V}_m$   
 ( $m$ -bundle)
- The  $m$ -bundle  $(V, T)$  is **trivial**, if there exists  $S \in \text{Aut}(V)$  s.t.  $T = mS$

Note that a hermitian metric  $h$  gives an iso  
 $\bar{V} \rightarrow V^*$

Thus {self-conjugate bundles}  $\leftrightarrow$  {self-dual bundles}

In fact, up to homotopy:

self-conjugate  
orthogonal  
symplectic  $\leftrightarrow$  self-dual  
real  
quaternion

Then we can apply previous results!

## G-bundles over G-spaces

Let  $G$  be a topological group.

Then a **G-space** is a topological space with a continuous action  $G \times X \rightarrow X$ .

A **G-map** between G-spaces is a map commuting with the action of  $G$ .

A **G-vector bundle**  $E$  is G-space over the G-space  $X$  s.t.

- 1)  $E$  is a vector bundle over  $X$
- 2) the projection  $E \rightarrow X$  is a G-map
- 3) for each  $g \in G$ , the map  $E_x \rightarrow E_{g(x)}$  is a vector space homomorphism.

For us:  $G$  is finite!

- 1)  $X$  is a free G-space if  $g \neq e \Rightarrow g(x) \neq x$
- 2)  $X$  is a trivial G-space, if  $g(x) = x$  for all  $x, g$ .

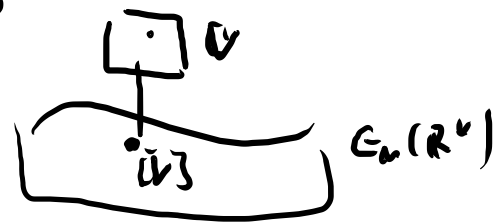
- Moebius bundle and the action of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 = \{0, 1\}$

$$1 \cdot (x, v) = (x, -v)$$


Here  $X$  is a trivial  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -space

- Take the tautological bundle  $E$  of a grassmannian.  
Then  $GL$  acts on  $E$

$$g \cdot (U, v) = (g[U], g(v))$$



Here,  $X$  is ~~a~~ free  $GL$ -space

- Take  $X = \{*\}$ . Then  $G$ -bundles over  $X$  are the same as representations of group  $G$

We want to understand  $G$ -bundles via  $G$ -representations

## Quick intro to group representations

Take  $M$ : a finite dimensional vector space /  $\mathbb{C}$

We have two equivalent definitions of a  $G$ -representation  
(repr. of group  $G$ )

$$\varphi: \mathbb{C}G \xrightarrow{\sum_{g \in G} c_g g} \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(M)$$

(left module)

simple modules  
(no proper non-zero submodules)

$$\varphi: G \xrightarrow{\quad} GL_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$$

(action)

irreducible representation, i.e.  
 $(\varphi, V)$  s.t. no  $0 \neq W \subsetneq V$  is  
a sub rep.

There is a finite set  $V_1, \dots, V_k$  of irr. reps of  $G$

Maschke + Wedderburn

[Fulton] direct calculation

Consequently every  $G$ -rep  $V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n V_i$ .

Note that for  $V_i, V_j$  irreducible,

$$\text{Hom}_G(V_i, V_j) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } i \neq j \\ \mathbb{C}, & \text{for } i = j \end{cases}$$

Sketch: by irr. sub homomorphism is linear isom. (ker, im are  $G$ -inv)

So nonzero  $\text{Hom}_G(V_i, V_i)$  is an automorphism of rep. Take  $f, g \in \text{Hom}_G(V_i, V_i)$ . By  $\mathbb{C} \in \text{ACF}$ ,

$$\det(f - \lambda g) = 0 \text{ for some } \lambda$$

$$\stackrel{\text{irr}}{\Rightarrow} f = \lambda g$$

Thus  $(*) \sum V_i \otimes \text{Hom}_G(V_i, V) \rightarrow V$  is a  $G$ -isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} v \otimes f & \mapsto & f(v) \\ (g \cdot v) \otimes g \circ f \circ g^{-1} & \mapsto & g(f(v)) \end{array}$$

Now we will prove the following theorem:

Let  $X$  be a trivial  $G$ -space;  $W_1, \dots, W_n$ : a complete set of inv.  $G$ -repr,  $V_i = X \times W_i$ : cov.  $G$ -bundle

(+) Then every  $G$ -bundle  $F$  over  $X$  is isomorphic to a direct sum  $\sum V_i \otimes E_i$ , where  $E_i$  are vector bundles with trivial  $G$ -bundle

(\*) Moreover,  $E_i$  are unique up to  $\cong$  and given by  $E_i = \text{Hom}_G(V_i, F)$

Proof We shall extend (\*) to 
$$\sum V_i \otimes \text{Hom}_G(V_i, F) \xrightarrow{\cong} F$$

Thus to prove (+), it is enough to show that  $G$  acts trivially on  $\text{Hom}_G(V_i, F)$  and that  $\text{Hom}_G(V_i, F)$  is a vector bundle.



Define an endomorphism  $A_v$  of  $E$ :

$$A_v(e) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} g(e)$$

Note that this is projection and its image is a vector bundle.

$$\text{im } A_v = \text{"invariant subspace of } E \text{"} =: E^G$$

Consequently, for  $F: G$ -vector bundle,  $\text{Hom}_G(E, F) = \text{Hom}(E, F)^G$   
 So  $G$  acts trivially on  $\text{Hom}_G(E, F)$ .  
 $g \cdot \ell(v) = \ell(gv)$   
 $g \ell g^{-1} = \ell$

To show  $(\neq)$  compute

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_G(V_i, F) &\stackrel{\cong}{=} \sum \text{Hom}_G(V_i, V_j \otimes E_j) \\ &\stackrel{\cong}{=} \sum \text{Hom}_G(V_i, V_j) \otimes E_j \\ &\stackrel{\cong}{=} E_i \end{aligned}$$

Now, back to general, compact  $G$ -space  $X$ . We want to extend some previous results.

Let  $X$  be a compact  $G$ -space,  $Y \subseteq X$  a closed,  $G$ -inv subspace,  $E: G$ -bundle over  $X$ . Then any  $G$ -inv section  $s: Y \rightarrow E|_Y$  extends to an  $G$ -inv section over  $X$ .

We can extend  $s$  to some section  $t$  of  $E$  over  $X$ .

$$\text{Take } Av(t) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} g \cdot t = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} g \circ t \circ g^{-1}$$

To prove following corollaries, note that if  $E, F: G$ -bundles, then  $\text{Hom}(E, F): G$ -bundle ( $g \cdot f = g \circ f \circ g^{-1}$ ) and

$$\Gamma(\text{Hom}(E, F))^G \cong \text{HOM}_G(E, F)$$

- Let  $Y$  be a  $G$ -inv, closed subset of a compact  $G$ -space  $X$ ,  
 $E, F : G$ -vector bundles over  $X$ . If  $E|_Y \rightarrow F|_Y : G$ -iso,  
 then there exist a  $G$ -inv open set  $U \supseteq Y$  and extension  
 $f : E|_U \rightarrow F|_U$ , which is  $G$ -iso

Idea extend  $f \in \Gamma(\text{Hom}_G(E|_Y, F|_Y))$  to  $\Gamma(\text{Hom}_G(E, F))$ ,  
 take good subset.

- Let  $Y$  be a compact  $G$ -space,  $X$ : a  $G$ -space,  
 $f_t : Y \rightarrow X$ : a  $G$ -homotopy and  $E$  a  $G$ -vector bundle over  $X$   
 Then  $f_0^* E \cong f_1^* E$  as  $G$ -bundles.

Here by  $G$ -homotopy we mean  $G$ -map  $F : Y \times \bar{I} \rightarrow X$  with the  
 trivial  $G$ -action on  $\bar{I}$ .

By trivial  $G$ -bundle we mean a  $G$ -bundle is to  $X \times V$

"1.4.4 - 1.4.11"

- $\text{Vect}(S(X)) \cong [X, \mathcal{L}(u, c)]$
- Existence of hermitian metric
- SES splits

- If  $E : G$ -bundle over a compact  $G$ -space  $X$ , then  $\Gamma(E)$  contains a fin. dim.  $G$ -inv ample space  $V$ .

Proof If  $V$  ample, then  $\Sigma gV$ : ample and invariant.

- To prove 1.4.15 we need to define a  
 $\lim [X, G_n(G^m)] \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Vect}_n(X)$   
 "  $G$ -grassmannian " of  $G$ -subspaces.

Let  $A = C(X)$ ,  $X: G$ -space  $G$  acts on  $A$  via  $g \cdot f = f \circ g^{-1}$ .  
 Recall, that if  $E$  is a  $G$ -vector bundle, then  $\Gamma(E)$  is a proj  
 $A$ -module and  $G$  acts on  $\Gamma(E)$

$$g(as) = (g \cdot a) \cdot (g \cdot s)$$

Other perspective:  $B = \underbrace{A}_G \underbrace{G}_G = \{ \sum a_g g \}$ ,  $(a_g)(a_{g'}) = (a_g a_{g'}) g g'$   
 Then

$$\Gamma: \{ G\text{-bundles}/X \} \xrightarrow{\cong} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} B\text{-modules that are} \\ \text{proj. finite rank } A\text{-module} \end{array} \right\}$$

Suppose that  $X$  is a  $G$ -free space,  $X/G$ : orbit space  
Then  $\pi: X \rightarrow X/G$ : finite covering.

So if  $E$ :  $G$ -vector bundle over  $X$ ,  $\bar{E}$  is a  $G$ -free space  
Note that  $E/G$  has a str. of vector bundle over  $X/G$   
(locally isomorphic to  $\bar{E} \rightarrow X$ )

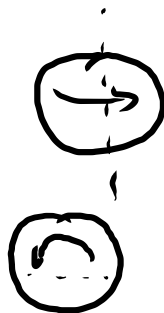
If  $X$  is  $G$ -free:

$\{G\text{-vect. bund. over } X\} \longleftrightarrow \text{Vect}(\underline{X/G})$

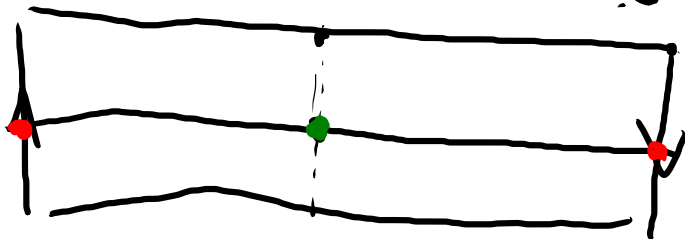
$S^1, \mathbb{Z}_2 \curvearrowright S^1$

over  $S^1$  we have  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{trivial bundle} \\ \text{Möbius bundle} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 1\text{-dim} \\ \text{real vector bundles} \end{array}$

$\mathbb{Z}_2 \curvearrowright S^1$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{trivial} \\ \text{symmetries} \\ \text{rotation} \end{array} \right.$



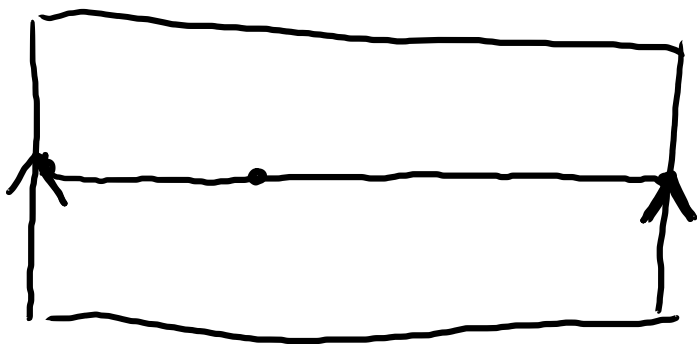
We can always ext. this trivially  $(x, v) \mapsto (g \cdot x, v)$  as long as my bundle is trivial  
 For Möbius bundle  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{trivial action } S^1 \rightarrow \\ \text{symmetry} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{trivial action on Möbius bundle} \\ \text{to "1" action (as before)} \end{array}$



we have action on  $\bullet, \bullet$   
 (Perhaps) action on one fixed point determines action on second one



Rotation: free, so  $S^1/\mathbb{Z}_2 = S^1$  two } trivial  
 str } Moebius band



} rotation „without drag“  
 rotation with „-1“-axis

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_2} \times \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_2} \cong S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$$