

Characteristic classes
for Lie groupoids:
going to the basics

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Motivação M -fixed

Characteristic classes: $P \rightarrow M$ ppal bdl, $VB \rightsquigarrow c^k(P) \in H^k(M)$

$\rightarrow$ Chern classes: $E \rightarrow M$ cplx v.b

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Motivação M -fixed

→ Chern classes : $E^n \rightarrow M$ cplx v.B $\rightsquigarrow C^k(E) \in H^k(M)$

Classifying space B

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^* Q^{univ} \cong E & & Q^{univ} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

$$C^i(E) := f^* c^i, \quad c^i \in H^i(B)$$

Chern-Weil theory

Choose ∇ : $\nabla_x e^i = \omega_j^i(x) e^j$
 $\rightsquigarrow$ curvature $\Omega: \Lambda^2 TM \rightarrow \text{End}(E)$

$$\Omega = d\omega + \frac{1}{2}[\omega, \omega]$$

$$\det\left(\frac{i}{2\pi} t \Omega + I\right) = \sum_k C_k(E) t^k$$

$$C^k(E) \in H^{2k}(M)$$

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Motivation:

Characteristic classes for $E \in \text{Rep}(A)$: (Marius/Rui)

$\rightarrow c^k(E) \in H^{2k-1}(A)$: Image $\forall E: H_{\text{dR}}(G) \rightarrow H(A)$

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Motivation:

Characteristic classes for $E \in \text{Rep}(A)$: (Marius/Rui)

→ Construction: $\nabla : T(A) \times T(E) \rightarrow T(E)$

Local frame e of $E|_U$: $\nabla_\alpha e^i = \omega_j^i(\alpha) e^j$, $\alpha \in T(A)$

$\omega_e := (\omega_j^i) \in C^1(A) \otimes \mathfrak{gl}_n \leadsto C_{2k-1}(E|_U) := \text{tr}(\underbrace{\omega_e \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_e}_{2k-1}) \in H^{2k-1}(A)$

$\text{tr}(\omega_e) - \text{tr}(\omega_f) = d\xi$ ✓ $\xleftarrow{\mathbb{R}} E \xrightarrow{\mathbb{C}} \text{tr}(\omega_e) - \text{tr}(\omega_f) \neq d\xi$ ✗

Replace ω_e by $\frac{\omega_e + \omega_e^*}{2}$ (???)

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Definition:

$$\begin{array}{c} G \\ \downarrow \\ M \end{array}, \quad E \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(G) : \quad \varphi_g: E_x \xrightarrow{\sim} E_y \iff \begin{array}{c} G \xrightarrow{\varphi} GL(E) \\ \downarrow \quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ M \end{array}$$

$x \xrightarrow{g} y$

Defn: $H_{\mathbb{R}}(GL_n(\mathbb{C})) \xrightarrow[\cong]{ME} H(GL(E)) \xrightarrow{\varphi^*} H(G)$

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Definition at cochains

$$G \xrightarrow{\varphi} GL(E) \quad \text{Defn: } H_{\mathbb{R}}(GL_n(\mathbb{C})) \xrightarrow[\cong]{ME} H(GL(E)) \xrightarrow{\varphi^*} H(G)$$

Locally: $E = M \times \mathbb{C}^n \rightsquigarrow GL(E) \xrightarrow{r} GL_n = GL_n(\mathbb{C}), \quad r \circ F = \text{id}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \xi: E_x \rightarrow E_y & \mapsto & A_\xi \\ \downarrow \downarrow & & \downarrow \downarrow \\ M & \longrightarrow & * \end{array}$$

$$C^\bullet(GL_n) \xrightarrow{r^*} C^\bullet(GL(E)) \xrightarrow{\varphi^*} C^\bullet(G)$$

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→ G -Lie group: Cohomology of BG and
 $R_{G/k}: W(\sigma, k) \rightarrow \Omega^*(B.G)$

→ Computation of $C^*(\sigma|_n, U(n)) \xrightarrow{R_{GL_n/U(n)}} C^*(GL_n)$
(Polar decomposition of matrices)

→ local formulas for ch. classes.

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Cohomology of BG

$$\begin{array}{c} P \hookrightarrow G \\ \downarrow \\ M \end{array} \quad \text{ppal } G\text{-bdle}$$



$$\begin{array}{c} EG \hookrightarrow G \\ \downarrow \\ M \xrightarrow{f} BG \end{array}$$

Ch. classes P :
 $f^* H^*(BG)$

Model for $H^*(BG)$: **Bott-Shulman complex** E.G.-simplicial:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ \Omega^2(E_0 G) & \rightarrow & \Omega^2(E_1 G) & \rightarrow & \Omega^2(E_2 G) & \rightarrow & \\ \uparrow d & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ \Omega^1(E_0 G) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & \Omega^1(E_1 G) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & \Omega^1(E_2 G) & \rightarrow & \\ \uparrow d & & \uparrow d & & \uparrow d & & \\ \Omega^0(E_0 G) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & \Omega^0(E_1 G) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & \Omega^0(E_2 G) & \rightarrow & \end{array}$$

$$E_{p+n} G = G^{p+n} \xrightarrow{\partial^i} E_p G = G^{p+1}$$

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Cohomology of BG

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 \uparrow d & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \Omega^1(E_0G) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & \Omega^1(E_1G) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & \Omega^1(E_2G) \rightarrow \dots \\
 \uparrow d & & \uparrow d & & \uparrow d \\
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 \end{array}$$

$$E_p G = G^{p+1} \hookrightarrow G$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$B_p G = G^p$$

$$\rightsquigarrow x \in \sigma : i_x, L_x$$

$$i_x : \Omega^q(E_p G) \rightarrow \Omega^{q-1}(E_p G)$$

$$L_x : \Omega^q(E_p G) \rightarrow \Omega^q(E_p G)$$

$$\rightarrow \Omega^*(E.G) - \sigma\text{-dg-algebra}$$

$$\rightarrow \Omega^*(E.G)_{\text{basic}} = \text{Ker } i_x \cap \text{Ker } L_x$$

$$H(\Omega^*(E.G)_{\text{basic}}) = H(BG)$$

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Chern-Weil theory $\mathfrak{g}$ -Lie algebra $\rightsquigarrow$ Weil algebra:

$$W^{p,q} = S^p \mathfrak{g}^* \otimes \Lambda^{p-q} \mathfrak{g}^*$$

$$p, q \geq 0$$

$\rightarrow$ $\mathfrak{g}$ -dg-algebra: i_x -contraction on $\Lambda \mathfrak{g}^*$, trivial on $S \mathfrak{g}^*$
 $L_x = \text{ad}_x^*$, $x \in \mathfrak{g}$

$$\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$$

$$\mathfrak{g}^* \xrightarrow{\theta} \Omega^1(G) = \Omega^1(E, G) - \text{connection}$$

left-inv. MC

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Chern-Weil theory

Weil algebra: $W^{p,q} = S^p \mathcal{G}^* \otimes \Lambda^{p-q} \mathcal{G}^*$

$\mathcal{G}$ -dg-algebra: $i_x: W^\bullet \rightarrow W^{\bullet-1}$, $L_x: W^\bullet \rightarrow W^\bullet$ $x \in \mathfrak{g}$

$\mathcal{G} = \text{Lie}(G)$ $\mathcal{G}^* \xrightarrow{\theta} \Omega^1(G) = \Omega^1(E, G)$ - connection

Thm (Alexeev-Meinrenken) $W\mathcal{G} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{C}^*} \Omega^*(E, G)$ $\mathcal{G}$ -dg-spaces

$(S\mathcal{G}^*)_{\text{inv}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{C}^*} \Omega^*(B, G)$

$\mathcal{G}$ -dg-algebras
in cohom.

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Chern-Weil theory

$$\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G): \mathfrak{g}^* \xrightarrow{\Theta} \Omega^1(G) \xrightarrow{(A-M)} W\mathfrak{g} \xrightarrow{c^\Theta} \Omega^*(E.G) \quad \mathfrak{g}\text{-dg-sp.}$$

Thm (Alexeev-Meinrenken) G -compact, connected

$\mathfrak{g}$ -dg-algebras in cohom. $(S\mathfrak{g})_{\text{inv}} \xrightarrow{c^\Theta} \Omega^*(B.G)$ is a h. equiv.

Thm (S.) G -connected, $K \subset G$ max. compact subgroup with $\mathfrak{k} := \text{Lie}(K)$. Then

$(W\mathfrak{g})_{\mathfrak{k}\text{-basic}} \xrightarrow{c^\Theta} \Omega^*(E.G)_{\mathfrak{k}\text{-basic}} \xrightarrow{\tau^*} \Omega^*(B.G)$ is a h. equiv

⑬ Chern-Weil theory

$$\sigma = \text{Lie}(G) : \sigma^* \xrightarrow{\Theta} \Omega^1(G) \rightsquigarrow W\sigma \xrightarrow{C^\Theta} \Omega^1(E.G)$$

Thm (S.) G -connected, $K \subset G$ max. compact, $\mathfrak{K} = \text{Lie}(K)$
 $(W\sigma)_{\mathfrak{K}\text{-basic}} \xrightarrow{C^\Theta} \Omega^1(E.G)_{\mathfrak{K}\text{-basic}} \xrightarrow{\bar{r}^\#} \Omega^1(B.G)$ is a h. equiv

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Chern-Weil theory

Thm (S.) G -connected, $K \subset G$ max. compact, $\mathfrak{K} = \text{Lie}(K)$

1. $(W\sigma)_{\mathfrak{K}\text{-basic}} \xrightarrow{c^\sigma} \Omega^*(E.G)_{\mathfrak{K}\text{-basic}} \xrightarrow{\bar{i}^*} \Omega^*(B.G)$ is a h. equiv

2. $R_{G/K}: (\wedge\sigma^*)_{\mathfrak{K}\text{-basic}} \xrightarrow{c^\sigma} \Omega^*(E_0G)_{\mathfrak{K}\text{-basic}} \xrightarrow{\bar{i}^*} \Omega^*(B.G) = C^*(G)$

Van Est Integration (Meinrenken-S.)

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Description of $H_{\text{dR}}(GL_n(\mathbb{C}))$ at cochains

$U(n) \subset GL_n$ max. compact, $\text{Lie } U(n) = \mathfrak{u}(n) = \{A \in \mathfrak{gl}_n \mid A^* = -A\}$

$$(\wedge^i \mathfrak{gl}_n^*)_{\mathfrak{u}(n)\text{-basic}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}GL_n/U(n)} C^i(GL_n)$$

Polar decomposition

$$\mathfrak{p} = \{A \in \mathfrak{gl}_n \mid A = A^*\}$$

$$\mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C}) = \mathfrak{u}(n) \oplus \mathfrak{p} : \quad A = \frac{A - A^*}{2} + \frac{A + A^*}{2}$$

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Description of $H_{dR}(GL_n(\mathbb{C}))$ at cochains

Polar decomp.: $\mathfrak{U}(n) = \{A \in \mathfrak{gl}_n \mid A^* = -A\}$, $\mathfrak{P} = \{A \in \mathfrak{gl}_n \mid A = A^*\}$

$$\mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C}) = \mathfrak{U}(n) \oplus \mathfrak{P} : A = \frac{A - A^*}{2} + \frac{A + A^*}{2}$$

a. $[\mathfrak{U}(n), \mathfrak{U}(n)] \subset \mathfrak{U}(n)$, b. $[\mathfrak{U}(n), \mathfrak{P}] \subset \mathfrak{P}$, c. $[\mathfrak{P}, \mathfrak{P}] \subset \mathfrak{U}(n)$

Lemma: $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{p}$. If b. $\Rightarrow (\wedge^\bullet \mathfrak{g}^*)_{\mathfrak{k}\text{-basic}} = (\wedge^\bullet \mathfrak{p}^*)_{\mathfrak{k}\text{-inv}}$

If b & c $\Rightarrow H^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}, \mathbb{C}) = (\wedge^\bullet \mathfrak{p}^*)_{\mathfrak{k}\text{-inv}}$

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Description of $H_{dR}(GL_n(\mathbb{C}))$ at cochains

$$\mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}(n) \oplus \mathbb{C} : \quad H^*(\mathfrak{gl}_n, \mathbb{C}(n)) = (\wedge^* \mathbb{C}^*)_{\mathbb{C}(n)\text{-inv}}$$

Characteristic coeff. $c_q \in (S^q \mathfrak{gl}_n^*)_{\text{inv}} : \det(tI + A) = \sum_{q=0}^n c_q t^{n-q}$

$$(S \mathfrak{gl}_n^*)_{\text{inv}} = \mathbb{C}[c_1, \dots, c_n] \quad c_q(A) = \text{tr}(\wedge^q A)$$

→ Cartan map: $\sigma : (S^q \mathfrak{gl}_n^*)_{\text{inv}} \rightarrow (\wedge^{2q-1} \mathfrak{gl}_n^*)_{\text{inv}}$

$$\sigma(c_q) = c_k \Phi_{2q-1}, \quad \Phi_{2q-1}(A_1, \dots, A_{2q-1}) = \sum_{\gamma \in S_{2q-1}} \varepsilon^\gamma \text{tr}(A_{\gamma(1)} \cdots A_{\gamma(2q-1)})$$

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Description of $H_{dR}(GL_n(\mathbb{C}))$ at cochains

$$\mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}(n) \oplus \mathfrak{p} : H(\mathfrak{gl}_n, \mathbb{C}(n)) = (\wedge^* \mathfrak{p}^*)_{\mathbb{C}(n)\text{-inv}} = (\wedge^* \mathfrak{gl}_n^*)_{\mathbb{C}(n)\text{-basic}}$$

$\begin{matrix} \nearrow & \nwarrow \\ A^* = -A & A^* = A \end{matrix}$

→ Cartan map: $\sigma : (S^q \mathfrak{gl}_n^*)_{\text{inv}} \rightarrow (\wedge^{2q-1} \mathfrak{gl}_n^*)_{\text{inv}}$

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$$\langle u_{2q-1} := i^{q-1} \Phi_{2q-1} | \mathfrak{p} \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} = (\wedge^{2q-1} \mathfrak{p}^*)_{\mathbb{C}(n)\text{-inv}} = H^{2q-1}(\mathfrak{gl}_n, \mathbb{C}(n))$$

$$H(\mathfrak{gl}_n, \mathbb{C}(n)) = \wedge(u_1, u_3, \dots, u_{2n-1})$$

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Description of $H_{\text{diff}}(GL_n(\mathbb{C}))$ at cochains

$$(\wedge^q \mathfrak{gl}(n)^*)_{U(n)\text{-basic}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{R}_{GL_n/U(n)}} C^q(GL_n) : H(GL_n) = \Lambda(V_1, V_3, \dots, V_{2n-1})$$

$h_{2q-1} \quad \mapsto \quad v_{2q-1}$

Polar decomposition

$$GL_n = PU(n); \quad e: \mathfrak{p} \xrightarrow{\sim} P$$

$$A = e^X U : X \in \mathfrak{p}, U \in U(n)$$

$$GL_n/U(n) = P \stackrel{\ell}{\cong} \mathfrak{p}$$

$$e^X U(n) \leftrightarrow e^X \leftrightarrow X$$

$$\leadsto t \cdot e^X U(n) := e^{tX} U(n), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

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Description of $H_{dR}(GL_n(\mathbb{C}))$ at cochains

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\wedge^q \mathfrak{g}^*)_{U(n)\text{-basic}} &\xrightarrow{R_{GL_n/U(n)}} C^q(G|n) : H(G|n) = \Lambda(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{2n-1}) \\
 \parallel & \\
 (\wedge^q \mathfrak{p}^*)_{U(n)\text{-inv}} &\xrightarrow{U_{2q-1}} V_{2q-1} \quad \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}|n = \mathfrak{p} \oplus U(n) \\
 &\quad \rightarrow GL_n = P U(n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$V_1 = \underline{R_{GL_n/U(n)}(\text{tr}_P)} \in C^1(G|n) : (\wedge^1 \mathfrak{p})_{U(n)\text{-inv}} \cong \Omega^1(P)^{GL_n}, \alpha \mapsto \alpha_P$$

$$A = e^X U : t \xrightarrow{\tau_A(t)} e^{tX} \in P$$

$$V_1(e^X U) = \int_0^1 \tau_A^*(\text{tr}_P) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) = \int \text{tr} \left(L_{e^{tX}} \left(\frac{d e^{sX}}{ds} \Big|_{s=t} \right) \right) = \text{tr}(X)$$

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The 1st ch. class $v_1(E) \in C^1(\mathcal{G})$

$$\mathcal{G} \hookrightarrow GL(E) \quad \text{Defn: } H_{\mathbb{R}}(GL_n(\mathbb{C})) \xrightarrow[\cong]{ME} H(GL(E)) \xrightarrow{\varphi^*} H(\mathcal{G})$$

Locally: $E = M \times \mathbb{C}^n \rightsquigarrow GL(E) \xrightarrow{\Gamma} GL_n = GL_n(\mathbb{C}),$
 $\xi: E_x \rightarrow E_y \mapsto A_\xi$

$$(\wedge^* \sigma_{\Gamma_n}^*)_{\Delta \Gamma_n \hookrightarrow} \xrightarrow{R} C^*(GL_n) \xrightarrow{r^*} C^*(GL(E)) \xrightarrow{\varphi^*} C^*(\mathcal{G})$$

$$v_1(E)(g) = \text{tr}(X_g)$$

$$A_g = e^{X_g} U_g: E_{s(g)} \rightarrow E_{t(g)}, X_g \in \mathfrak{p}$$

VE, $U_g(E)(\alpha) = \text{tr}(\underbrace{\omega(\alpha) + \omega^*(\alpha)}_2)$

$$C^*(A) \quad \omega = \underbrace{(\frac{\omega + \omega^*}{2})}_{\substack{\in \mathfrak{p} \\ \text{Herm}}} + \underbrace{(\frac{\omega - \omega^*}{2})}_2$$

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Questions:

→ Ch. classes for rep. up to homotopy
 $\leadsto$ intrinsic classes for groupoids (Adjoint)

→ Applications