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The Atiyah class and ideal systems

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The Bott connection

The Bott connection

(A, J) is a "Lie pair".

Let $A \rightarrow M$ be a Lie algebroid and $J \subseteq A$ a subalgebroid. The **Bott connection** is the flat J -connection on A/J defined by

$$\nabla^J: \Gamma(J) \times \Gamma(A/J) \rightarrow \Gamma(A/J), \quad \nabla_j^J \bar{a} = \overline{[j, a]}.$$

$j \in \Gamma(J) \quad a \in \Gamma(A)$

• Flatness = Jacobi id.

$$R_{\nabla^J}(j_1, j_2)\bar{a} = \text{Jac}_{\Gamma(J)}(j_1, j_2, a) = 0$$

Examples

• A a Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} ; J a subalgebra \mathfrak{h}

$$\nabla^{\mathfrak{h}} = \overline{\text{ad}}: \mathfrak{h} \times \mathfrak{g}_{/\mathfrak{h}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{/\mathfrak{h}}$$

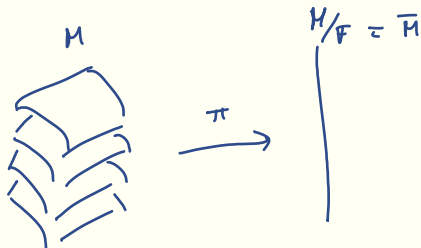
NB: if \mathfrak{h} is an ideal \mathfrak{i} then $\nabla^{\mathfrak{i}} = \overline{\text{ad}} = 0$.

• More generally if $I \subseteq A$ is naive ideal
i.e. $[\Gamma(I), \Gamma(A)] \subseteq \Gamma(I)$ then $\nabla^I = 0$
($\leadsto g(I) = 0$)

The Bott connection and foliations

$$A = TM \rightarrow M, \quad \mathcal{F} = F \subseteq TM \quad \text{"foliation"}$$

$$\nabla^F: \mathcal{O}(F) \times \mathcal{O}(TM/F) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(TM/F) \quad \nabla_x^F \bar{Y} = \overline{[X, Y]}$$



$$\begin{aligned} Y \in \mathcal{X}(M) \quad \nabla^F - \text{flat} \\ \Leftrightarrow \bar{Y} \in \pi(TM/F) \quad \nabla^F - \text{flat} \\ \Leftrightarrow [Y, \mathcal{O}(F)] \subseteq \mathcal{O}(F) \quad (*) \\ \Leftrightarrow \exists \tilde{Y} \in \mathcal{X}(\bar{M}) \quad \text{s.t.} \\ Y \sim_{\pi} \tilde{Y} \end{aligned}$$

F is "simple"
if M/F is a manifold.

The Bott connection – properties

$$\text{If } \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \mathcal{X}(M) \quad \nabla^F \text{-flat} \\ \Rightarrow [\gamma_1, \gamma_2] \quad \nabla^F \text{-flat.}$$

Why? Jacobi: $\forall X \in \mathcal{X}(F)$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_X^F \overline{[\gamma_1, \gamma_2]} &= \overline{[X, [\gamma_1, \gamma_2]]} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Jacobi}}{=} \underbrace{\overline{[\underbrace{[X, \gamma_1]}_{\in \mathcal{X}(F)}, \gamma_2]}}_{\in \mathcal{X}(F)} + \overline{[\gamma_2, [X, \gamma_1]]} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Atiyah class of a Lie pair

Let (A, J) be a **Lie pair**. The **Atiyah class of the Lie pair** is a cohomology class

$$\alpha_J \in H^1(J, \text{Hom}(A/J, \text{End}(A/J))).$$

If it vanishes, there exists an extension $\nabla: \Gamma(A) \times \Gamma(A) \rightarrow \Gamma(A)$ of ∇^J such that

$$\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \Gamma(A/J) \nabla^J\text{-flat} \Rightarrow \overline{\nabla_a b} \nabla^J\text{-flat.}$$

" ∇ transversal to ∇^J ".

If $A = \mathcal{T}M$, $J = \mathcal{F}$ simple

$X, Y \nabla^{\mathcal{F}}$ -flat

X, Y projectable

$\Rightarrow \nabla_X Y$ projectable

\rightarrow projects to a conn.

$$\bar{\nabla}: \mathfrak{X}(\bar{M}) \times \mathfrak{X}(\bar{M}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}(\bar{M})$$

Atiyah class of a Lie pair

Construction :

Instruction :
 ① Take $\nabla: \mathcal{P}(A) \times \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ that extends ∇^J i.e.

and $\left(\begin{array}{l} \nabla_{aj} \in r(j) \\ \overline{\nabla}: r(A) \times o(A_j) \rightarrow r(A_j) \end{array} \right)$ does $\nabla_j \bar{a} = \nabla_j^T \bar{a}$
 $\forall j \in r(T).$

② \tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \mathbb{R}^5 -flat Wont: $\forall j \in \mathbb{R}(5)$

$$0 = \nabla_j^T \overline{\nabla_a b} = \nabla_j^T \overline{\nabla_a} \overline{b}$$

$$= \bar{\nabla}_j \bar{\nabla}_a \bar{b} - \underbrace{\bar{\nabla}_a \bar{\nabla}_j \bar{b}}_{=0} - \underbrace{\bar{\nabla}_{[j|a]} \bar{b}}_{\substack{\in \Gamma(s) \\ =0}} = R_{\bar{\nabla}}(j,a) \bar{b}$$

③ def. $\omega_f \in \Omega^2(J, \overset{=0}{\text{Hom}}(A_f, \text{End}(A_f)))$

$$\omega_D(j, \bar{a}, \bar{b}) = R_{\bar{D}}(j, a) \bar{b}$$

$$d_T \omega_T = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \alpha_J = [\omega_V] \in H^1(I_r).$$

④ $i\theta \alpha_J = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{connection}} \omega_V = d\phi \quad \phi \in \Gamma(\text{Hom}(A/J, \text{End}(A/J))) \xrightarrow{\text{dolog it}} \nabla - \phi$

Atiyah class of a Lie pair

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The Atiyah class of a holomorphic vector bundle

Holomorphic vector bundles

Theorem (Kobayashi)

Let $E \rightarrow M$ be a complex vector bundle over a complex manifold M .
Then E is a holomorphic vector bundle if and only if there exists a \mathbb{C} -linear connection

$$D = D^{1,0} + D^{0,1}: \Gamma(TM_{\mathbb{C}}) \times \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E)$$

such that $D^{0,1}$ is flat.

$\rightarrow D^{0,1} = \bar{\partial}$ -operator

$$\bar{\partial}_e = 0 \Leftrightarrow e \in \Gamma(E) \text{ holomorphic}$$

$(TM_{\mathbb{C}}, T^{0,1}M)$ lie pair.

$$J: \pi \rightarrow \pi$$

$$J_{\mathbb{C}}: T\pi_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow T\pi_{\mathbb{C}}$$

$$T\pi_{\mathbb{C}}$$

$$= T^{1,0}M$$

$$\oplus T^{0,1}M$$

↑
↑
eigenspaces
of
 $J_{\mathbb{C}}$ to
i and -i.

Holomorphic connections

Let $E \rightarrow M$ be a holomorphic vector bundle. A \mathbb{C} -linear connection $\nabla: \Gamma(TM) \times \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E)$ is holomorphic if $\nabla_X e$ is holomorphic for $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ a local holomorphic vector field and $e \in \Gamma_U(E)$ a local holomorphic section.

$$\rightarrow D: \Gamma(TM_{\mathbb{C}}) \times \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{for } X \in \Gamma(T^{1,0}M) \\ e \in \Gamma(E) \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \bar{\partial} \text{-flat.} \\ \bar{\partial} \text{-flat} \end{array} \Rightarrow D_X e \text{ } \bar{\partial} \text{-flat}$$

$$\rightarrow d_E \in H^1(T^{0,1}M, \text{Hom}(T^{1,0}M, \text{End}(E)))$$

Atiyah class of the hol. v.b. E .

$$d_E = 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad \exists \text{ hol. conn.}$$

Holomorphic Lie algebroids

A **holomorphic Lie algebroid** is a holomorphic vector bundle $A \rightarrow M$ with a Lie algebroid structure $(\rho, [\cdot, \cdot])$ such that

$$*[\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}] \subseteq \mathcal{A}, \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{X}.$$

$$T\mathcal{H}_G = T^{0,1}M \oplus T^{1,0}M \quad \mathcal{A}_G = \mathcal{A}^{0,1} \oplus \mathcal{A}^{1,0}$$

$$\bar{\partial}: \Gamma(T^{0,1}M) \times \Gamma(\mathcal{A}^{1,0}) \rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{A}^{1,0}) \quad \mathcal{A}^{1,0} \simeq \mathcal{A}_G / \mathcal{A}^{0,1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad a, b \in \Gamma(\mathcal{A}^0) \quad \bar{\partial}\text{-flat} &\Rightarrow [a, b] \quad \bar{\partial}\text{-flat} \\ \bullet \quad a \in \Gamma(\mathcal{A}^{1,0}) \quad \bar{\partial}\text{-flat} &\Rightarrow [a, b] \in \Gamma(\mathcal{A}^{0,1}) \quad \textcircled{x} \\ &\quad \forall b \in \Gamma(\mathcal{A}^{0,1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \quad \mathcal{G}_G(\mathcal{A}^{0,1}) \subseteq T^{0,1}M$$

$$\bullet \quad a \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{A}^{1,0}) \quad \bar{\partial}\text{-flat} \Rightarrow \mathcal{G}_G(a) \in \Gamma(T^{1,0}M) \quad \bar{\partial}\text{-flat}$$

$$\leadsto (T^{0,1}M, \mathcal{A}^{0,1}, \bar{\partial}) \quad \text{infinitesimal ideal system in } \mathcal{A}_G$$

Infinitesimal ideals and the Atiyah class

Infinitesimal ideals

(A, J) "infinitesimal ideal pair".

Definition (JL-Ortiz 14, Hawkins 07)

Let $(q: A \rightarrow M, \rho, [\cdot, \cdot])$ be a Lie algebroid, $F_M \subseteq TM$ an **involutive subbundle**, $J \subseteq A$ a **subalgebroid** over M such that $\rho(J) \subseteq F_M$ and ∇ a flat F_M -connection on A/J with the following properties:

1. If $a \in \Gamma(A)$ is ∇ -flat, then $[a, j] \in \Gamma(J)$ for all $j \in \Gamma(J)$.
2. If $a, b \in \Gamma(A)$ are ∇ -flat, then $[a, b]$ is also ∇ -flat.
3. If $a \in \Gamma(A)$ is ∇ -flat, then $\rho(a)$ is ∇^{F_M} -flat.

The triple (F_M, J, ∇) is an infinitesimal ideal (system) in A .

① is eq. to:

$$\nabla_j^\nabla \bar{a} = \nabla_{\rho(j)} \bar{a}$$

$$\forall j \in \Gamma(J) \\ \forall a \in \Gamma(A)$$

if $\rho(J) = F_M$
then 2 and 3 follow from 1.

Infinitesimal ideals

$$\bar{A} = A/J \triangleleft \longrightarrow M/\mathbb{F}_M =: \bar{M}$$

$\pi \uparrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \pi_M$

$J \subseteq A$
kernel of π .
 fibration of Lie algebras

\triangleleft tells us which sections of A
 project to sections of \bar{A} .

in that case
 $(\mathbb{F}_M, J, \triangleright)$ is
 an "ideal
 system" in
 the sense of
 Mackenzie-
 Higgins.

\uparrow
 Then (A, J)
 is an "ideal
 pair".

Question: When is (A, J) an ideal pair?

Atiyah class of an infinitesimal ideal

Let (F_M, J, ∇^i) be an infinitesimal ideal in A . The **Atiyah class**

$$\alpha \in H^1(F_M, \text{Hom}(TM/F_M, \text{End}(A/J)))$$

of the infinitesimal ideal is a cohomology class that vanishes if and only if there exists an extension $\nabla: \mathfrak{X}(M) \times \Gamma(A) \rightarrow \Gamma(A)$ of ∇^i such that

$$\nabla^i: \mathfrak{X}(F_M) \times \Gamma(A/J) \rightarrow \Gamma(A/J)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{a} \in \Gamma(A/J) \text{ } \nabla^i\text{-flat and} \\ \bar{X} \in \Gamma(TM/F_M) \text{ } \nabla^{F_M}\text{-flat} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \overline{\nabla_X a} \text{ } \nabla^i\text{-flat.}$$

Reducible algebroid

Theorem

Let (F_M, J, ∇) be an infinitesimal ideal in a Lie algebroid $A \rightarrow M$. If the quotient vector bundle $A' := (A/J)/\nabla \rightarrow M/F_M =: M'$ exists, then the Atiyah class of the infinitesimal ideal vanishes.

In other words...

Theorem

Let (F_M, J, ∇) be an infinitesimal ideal in a Lie algebroid $A \rightarrow M$. If (F_M, J, ∇) integrates to an ideal, then the Atiyah class of (F_M, J, ∇) vanishes.

NB: $F \subseteq TM$ inv. subb. $\Rightarrow (F, F, \nabla^F)$ i.i.s. in A
There are examples of foliations F with $d_F = 0$ but F is not simple. So the converse of these Theorem is not true in general!

Foliated principal bundles

Foliated principal bundles

A principal G -bundle $\pi: P \rightarrow M$ is described infinitesimally by its [Atiyah sequence](#)

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_P \rightarrow \frac{TP}{G} \rightarrow TM \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_n & \subseteq & TM \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \end{array}$$

A [principal foliation](#) on $\pi: P \rightarrow M$ is an involutive subbundle $F \subseteq TP$

- ▣ that is G -invariant; $T_p \Phi_g F(p) = F(pg)$ for all $p \in P, g \in G$,
- ▣ and with $F^\pi := F \cap T^\pi P$ of constant rank.

Molino, Karber - Tondeur 70's.

The infinitesimal ideals

Let \mathfrak{g} be the Lie algebra of the Lie group G . Then there is an ideal $\mathfrak{i} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$ such that

$$F^\pi(p) = \{x_P(p) \mid x \in \mathfrak{i}\} \quad \text{for all } p \in P.$$

The associated bundle i_P is a naive ideal in TP/G .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (F_n, i_P, \nabla) \\ (F_n, F/G, \nabla) \end{array} \right\} \text{inf. ideal systems.}$$

$\nwarrow \nearrow$
 ∇ defined by the Bott connection
 $\nabla^{F/G}$ on $(TP/F)/G$

The Atiyah class(es)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \xrightarrow{s} & \downarrow \\
 0 \rightarrow & \mathfrak{g}_P & \rightarrow & F_h & \rightarrow & F_M & \rightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 \rightarrow & \mathfrak{g}_P & \rightarrow & \frac{TP}{h} & \rightarrow & TM & \rightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow & \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow & \\
 0 \rightarrow & \left(\frac{\mathfrak{g}_h}{h}\right)_P & \rightarrow & \frac{TP/h}{h} & \rightarrow & \frac{TM}{h} & \rightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow & \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow & \\
 & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & \\
 & & & & & & \\
 0 \rightarrow & \frac{\mathfrak{g}_P}{h} & \rightarrow & TP & \rightarrow & TM & \rightarrow 0
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$\omega_s \in \Omega^2(M, \mathfrak{g}_P)$
 $\leadsto \omega_s \in \Omega^2(F_M, \mathfrak{g}_P)$
 $\leadsto \overline{\omega}_s \in \Omega^1(F_M, \text{Hom}(TM/F_M, (\mathfrak{g}_h/h)_P))$
 $d_P \overline{\omega}_s = 0$
 \downarrow
 $\alpha = [\omega_s] \in H^1(F_M, \text{Hom}(TM/F_M, (\mathfrak{g}_h/h)_P))$

Lie pairs and the Atiyah class

(A, J) a Lie pair; $F_M \subseteq TM$ involutive subbundle with $\rho(J) \subseteq F_M$ and a flat F_M -connection ∇ on A/J . Then

$$\rho^*: \Omega^\bullet(F_M, \text{Hom}(TM/F_M, \text{End}(A/J))) \rightarrow \Omega^\bullet(J, \text{Hom}(A/J, \text{End}(A/J)))$$

is defined by

$$(\rho^*\omega)(j_1, \dots, j_p)(\overline{a_1}, \overline{a_2}) = \omega(\rho(j_1), \dots, \rho(j_p))(\overline{\rho(a_1)})(\overline{a_2}).$$

If $\nabla_{\rho(j)} \bar{a} = \nabla_j^J \bar{a}$ for all $j \in \Gamma(J)$, $a \in \Gamma(A)$, then

$$\mathbf{d}_{\nabla^J} \circ \rho^* = \rho^* \circ \mathbf{d}_{\nabla^{\text{Hom}}}.$$

Theorem (JL 19)

If (F_M, J, ∇) is an infinitesimal ideal in A , then the image under ρ^ of its Atiyah class*

$$\alpha \in H^1_{\mathbf{d}_{\nabla \text{Hom}}}(F_M, \text{Hom}(TM/F_M, \text{End}(A/J)))$$

is the Atiyah class

$$\alpha_J \in H^1_{\mathbf{d}_{\nabla J}}(J, \text{Hom}(A/J, \text{End}(A/J)))$$

of the Lie pair.

Obstruction result.

Theorem (JL 19)

Let (A, J) be a Lie pair. If (A, J) is an ideal pair, then $\alpha_J = 0$.

NB: $(F_n, J, \nabla) \Leftrightarrow F_A \subseteq \nabla A$ involutive subbundle s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F_A \rightarrow A & & TA \rightarrow A \\
 \downarrow J \downarrow & \Leftrightarrow & \downarrow A \downarrow \\
 F_n \rightarrow n & & Tn \rightarrow n
 \end{array}$$

double subalgebra.

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Thank you for your attention!