## Principal bundles in join restriction categories

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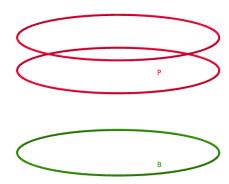
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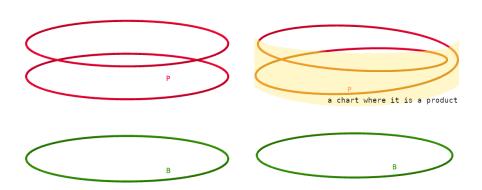




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### Three definitions

A principal bundle is...

A map  $P \rightarrow B$  of topological spaces with a free right *G*-action on *P* where *P* is locally  $B \times G$ .

#### Consequence:

Changes of charts are the left-multiplication with a group-element  $g \in G$ .

A map  $P \rightarrow B$  of manifolds that where P is locally  $B \times G$  and the changes of charts are by left multiplication with a group-element  $g \in G$ .

**Consequence:** There is a right action of *G* on *P*.

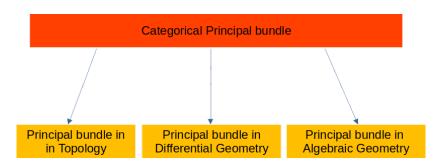
A map  $P \rightarrow B$  of schemes with a G-action that is a geometric quotient and locally (iso-)trivial in étale topology.

**Consequence:** The *G*-action on *P* is free.

Common theme: locally space times group



### Vision



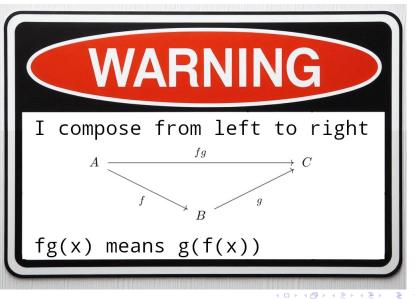
### **Outline**

- Restriction categories
- Joins
- Fiber bundles
- Principal bundles
- Application to classical settings









#### Definition

A **restriction category** has for each map  $f: A \to B$  a map  $\overline{f}: A \to A$  fulfilling the conditions (R.1) - (R.4).

$$(R.1) \ \overline{f}f = f \qquad (R.2) \ \overline{g}\overline{f} = \overline{f}\overline{g} \qquad (R.3) \ \overline{\overline{g}f} = \overline{g}\overline{f} \qquad (R.4) \ f\overline{h} = \overline{fh}f$$

$$A \xrightarrow{\overline{f}} A \qquad A \xrightarrow{\overline{f}} A \qquad A \xrightarrow{\overline{g}} A \qquad A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

$$\downarrow f \qquad \overline{g} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \overline{g} \qquad \downarrow \overline{g} \qquad \downarrow \overline{f} \qquad \overline{fh} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \overline{h}$$

$$B \qquad A \xrightarrow{\overline{f}} A \qquad A \qquad A \xrightarrow{\overline{f}} B$$

A map f is called **total** if  $\bar{f} = 1_A$ .

Think partial maps!

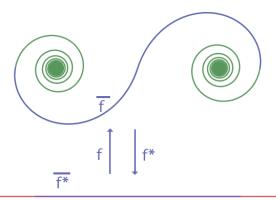


## Examples

- ParSet:
  - Objects: sets
  - Morphisms: partial maps on subsets
- ParTop:
  - Objects: topological spaces
  - Morphisms: partial continuous maps on open subsets
- ParSmooth:
  - Objects: real finite dimensional vector spaces
  - Morphisms: partial smooth maps on open subsets
- ParMfld:
  - Objects: smooth manifolds
  - Morphisms: partial smooth maps on open subsets



A map f is a **partial isomorphism** if it has a **partial inverse**  $f^*$  fulfilling  $ff^* = \bar{f}$  and  $f^*f = \bar{f}^*$ .



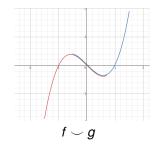
The partial inverse is unique

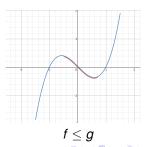


## Dominance and Compatibility

#### Definition

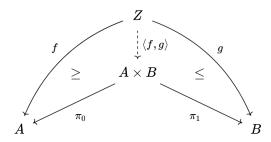
- Two parallel maps f,g in a restriction category are **compatible**, written  $f \smile g$  if  $\bar{f}g = \bar{g}f$
- **2** The map  $g: A \to B$  **dominates** the map  $f: A \to B$ , written as  $f \le g$ , if  $\bar{f}g = f$ . This defines a partial order





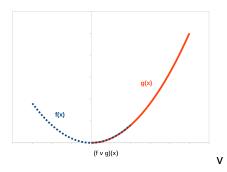
### **Restriction limits**

There is a notion of **restriction limits** in restriction categories where the induced map doesn't need to strictly commute but only commute up to  $\leq$ .



### **Joins**

If partial maps f and g coincide on the intersection of their domains, i.e.  $f \smile g$ , we can put them together to a big function  $f \lor g$ .





### Joins

#### Definition

A join restriction category X has for each  $A, B \in X$  and each compatible set  $S \subset Hom(A, B)$  a map

$$\bigvee_{s \in S} s : A \to B$$

and it fulfills the following properties

$$\boxed{1} \ \overline{\bigvee_{s \in S} s} = \bigvee_{s \in S} \bar{s}$$

**3** it is a join (supremum) with respect to the partial ordering 
$$\leq$$
, i.e.  $f_i \leq \bigvee f_i$  and  $f_i \leq g \ \forall i \Rightarrow \bigvee f_i \leq g$ 

This allows to glue morphisms together.



# The ingredients

**Restrictions**:  $\bar{f} = 1|_{\text{dom}(f)}$ 

Inverses:  $f f^* = \bar{f}$ ,  $f^* f = \bar{f}^*$ 

**Dominance**:  $g \le f \Leftrightarrow g = f|_{\text{dom}(f)}$ 

Compatibility:  $f \smile g \Leftrightarrow f|_{\mathrm{dom}(g)} = g|_{\mathrm{dom}(f)}$ 

 $\textbf{Limits} \hbox{: universal property up to} \leq$ 

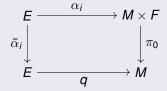
**Joins**: For  $f \smile g : f \lor g \ge f$  and  $f \lor g \ge g$ 



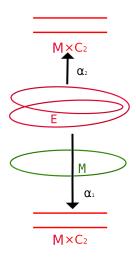
### Let X be a join-restriction category.

#### **Definition**

A **fiber bundle** over  $M \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathbb{X})$  with typical fiber  $F \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathbb{X})$  is an object  $E \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathbb{X})$  with a total map  $q : E \to M$  and a family of partial isomorphisms  $(\alpha_i : E \to M \times F)_{i \in I}$  such that the diagram



commutes and  $\bigvee_{i \in I} \bar{\alpha}_i = 1_E$  and  $\bar{\alpha}_i^* = e_i \times 1$  for a map  $e_i = \bar{e}_i : M \mapsto M$ .





## Group objects

#### Definition

In a category with products, a **group object** is an object  $G \in Ob(X)$  together with (total) morphisms

$$u: 1 \rightarrow G$$
  $m: G \times G \rightarrow G$   $i: G \rightarrow G$ 

fulfilling associativity, unit and inverse properties.

Lie groups are group objects in the category of smooth manifolds. Topological groups are group objects in the category of topological spaces.



#### Definition

Let (G, u, m, i) be a group object and M any other object in a join restriction category. Then a G-atlas on M consists of partial maps  $\tau_{ij}: M \to G$  such that

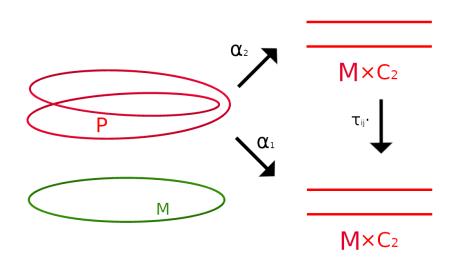
$$(\tau_{ij}, \tau_{jk}) m \leq \tau_{ik}$$
  $\tau_{ii} \leq !u$   $\tau_{ji} = \tau_{ij}i$ 

#### Definition

A **principal** *G***-bundle** over *M* consists of a fiber bundle  $(q: P \to M, (\alpha_i)_{i \in I})$  with fiber *G* and a *G*-atlas  $\tau_{ij}$  on *M* such that

$$u_{ij} = \alpha_i^* \alpha_j = (\pi_0, (\pi_0 \tau_{ji}, \pi_1) m) : M \times G \rightarrow M \times G$$







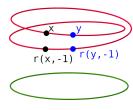
### Theorem (Cockett, S.)

Let  $q: P \rightarrow M$  be a principal G-bundle. Then there exists a total map

$$r: P \times G \rightarrow P$$

such that

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} P \times G \times G \xrightarrow{r \times 1} P \times G & P \xrightarrow{1 \times u} P \times G \\ 1 \times m & \downarrow & \downarrow a & 1 \downarrow & r \\ P \times G \xrightarrow{a} & P & P & \\ P \times G \xrightarrow{r} & P & P \times G \xrightarrow{r} & P \\ \pi_0 & \downarrow & \downarrow p & \alpha_i \times 1 \downarrow & \uparrow \alpha_i \\ P \xrightarrow{q} & M & M \times G \times G \xrightarrow{1 \times m} M \times G \end{array}$$



commute.



### Vertical bundle

Given a principal G-bundle  $P \xrightarrow{q} M$  in a tangent join restriction category, the **vertical bundle**  $T_0(P)$  and the **tangent space at the unit**  $T_uG$  are the pullbacks

$$T_{0}(P) \xrightarrow{Tq^{*}(0)} T(P) \qquad T_{u}(G) \xrightarrow{p_{u}^{*}} T(G)$$

$$\downarrow^{pq} \qquad \downarrow^{T(q)} \qquad ! \qquad \downarrow^{p}$$

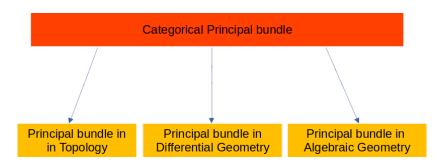
$$M \xrightarrow{0} T(M) \qquad 1 \xrightarrow{u} G$$

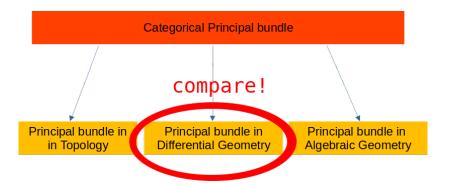
#### Theorem (Cockett, S.)

If  $T_u(G)$  exists, the vertical bundle  $T_0G$  exists and

$$T_0(P) \cong P \times T_u(G)$$
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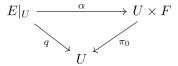


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A classical fiber bundle (E, q, M, F) consists of manifolds E, M, F and a smooth mapping  $q: E \to M$ ; furthermore each  $x \in M$  has an open neighbourhood U such that

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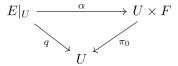


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## Not the same as classically

 $M = \{1, 2, 3\}, E = \{(1, 1), (2, 1), (2, 2)\}$  with  $q = \pi_0$  form a principal  $\{1\}$ -bundle of smooth manifolds.







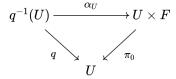


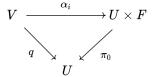




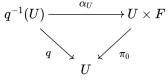


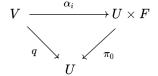
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Remember that  $\bar{\alpha}_i^* = e_i \times 1_F$ 

#### Definition

A fiber bundle is **totally fibered** if  $\overline{qe_i} = \bar{\alpha}_i$  for all  $i \in I$ .



- **Differential Geometry:** Let G be a Lie-Group. A *classical principal G-bundle* is exactly the same as a totally fibered principal G-bundle in the join-restriction category ParMfld with an epic projection map  $g: P \to M$ .
- **Topology:** For a topological group *G*, the category of *classical principal G-bundles* over *M* is isomorphic to the subcategory of categorical principal bundles where
  - the base space of every object is M,
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  - every morphism  $(f,g):(P,M,q)\to(P',M,q')$  has the identity as its second component:  $g=1_M$
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## **Turing Categories**

### A Turing category is

- a Cartesian restriction category
- with a Turing object, i.e. an object T
  - with a family of (partial) maps  $\tau_{X,Y}: T \times X \to Y$
  - such that for every morphism  $f: Z \times X \to Y$  there is a total morphism  $h_f: Z \to T$  making

$$T \times X \xrightarrow{\tau_{X,Y}} Y$$

$$h \times X \uparrow \qquad \qquad f$$

$$Z \times X$$

commmute.

In a Turing category with Turing object T, what does it mean for  $T \stackrel{p}{\rightarrow} M$  to be a principal bundle?



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