PRINCIPAL BUNDLES OVER STATISTICAL MANIFOLDS

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Abstract. In this paper, we introduce the concept of principal bundles on statistical manifolds. After necessary preliminaries on information geometry and principal bundles on manifolds, we study the \( \alpha \)-structure of frame bundles over statistical manifolds with respect to \( \alpha \)-connections, by giving geometric structures. The manifold of one-dimensional normal distributions appears in the end as an application and a concrete example.

1. Introduction

The recognition of fibre bundles took place in the period 1935-1940. After the first definition by H. Whitney, the theory of fibre bundles has been developed by many mathematicians such as H. Hopf, E. Stiefel and N. Steenrod ([6]). Nowadays, the theory of fibre bundles, especially (differentiable) principal bundles, plays an important role in many fields such as differential geometry, algebraic topology, etc. As an extraordinary example, the proof of Gauss-Bonnet-Chern formula ([4]), which lays the foundation of global differential geometry, by S.S. Chern through a global approach, involves principal bundles and connections in the key step. In particular, since the concept of connections is of great importance in differential geometry, hence connections on principal bundles attract much attention. From then on, increasing concerns have been focused on the theory of fibre bundles and connections on principal bundles. Section 3 introduces basic results on principal bundles and Section 4 concentrates on the corresponding geometric structures.

Applying differential geometry on probability and statistics, S. Amari initiated the theory of information geometry ([1, 2]) working over statistical manifolds, which are manifolds consisting of probability density functions. A series of concepts such as \( \alpha \)-connections, dual connections and Fisher metrics are introduced and studied. Surprisingly, Amari found that the sectional curvature of the manifold consisting of normal distributions is \(-\frac{1}{2}\), which not only implies that the manifold is isometric to a hyperbolic space, but also makes it an important example. From then on, the theory of information geometry has been developed and applied in many other fields besides mathematics. The background of information geometry is included in Section 2.

After reviewing some basic concepts through Sections 2, 3 and 4, without providing proofs since they can be found from lots of references such as [1-3] and [5], in Section 5, we give the \( \alpha \)-structure on frame bundles, which are certainly principal bundles, over statistical manifolds, in terms of Theorem 5.8 and Corollary 5.10. It turns out that the \( \alpha \)-structures on frame bundles of statistical manifolds are always easier to handle due to the linear structure on the matrix Lie group \( GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \). In the end, Section 6 discusses the \( \alpha \)-structures over manifold of normal distributions as both an application on concrete case and a verification of results in Section 5.

2. Information Geometry on Statistical Manifolds

We call

\[ S := \{ p(x; \theta) \mid \theta \in \Theta \} \]

a statistical manifold if \( x \) is a random variable in sample space \( X \) and \( p(x; \theta) \) is the probability density function, which satisfies certain regular conditions. Here, \( \theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \ldots, \theta_n) \in \Theta \) is an
Definition 2.1. The Riemannian metric on statistical manifolds is defined by the Fisher information matrix:

\[ g_{ij}(\theta) := E[(\partial_i \theta)(\partial_j \theta)] = \int (\partial_i \theta)(\partial_j \theta) p(x; \theta) dx, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \ldots, n, \]

where \( E \) denotes the expectation, \( \partial_i := \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \), and \( l := l(x; \theta) = \log p(x; \theta) \).

Definition 2.2. A family of connections \( \nabla^{(\alpha)} \) defined (by S.Amari) as follows

\[ \langle \nabla^{(\alpha)}_A B, C \rangle := E[[ABl](CI)] + \frac{1-\alpha}{2} E[[Atl](Bl)(Cl)] \]

are called \( \alpha \)-connections, where \( A, B, C \in \mathfrak{X}(S) \), \( ABl = A(Bl) \), and \( \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \) is the parameter.

Remark 2.3. \( \nabla^{(\alpha)} \) is not usually compatible with the metric but always torsion free. Any connection \( \nabla \) is called torsion free if for any vector fields \( X \) and \( Y \),

\[ \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y] = 0, \]

where \([\cdot, \cdot]\) denotes the Lie bracket.

Theorem 2.4. If the Riemannian connection coefficients and \( \alpha \)-connection coefficients are denoted by \( \Gamma_{ijk} \) and \( \Gamma^{(\alpha)}_{ijk} \), respectively, then

\[ \Gamma^{(\alpha)}_{ijk} = \Gamma_{ijk} - \frac{\alpha}{2} T_{ijk}, \]

where \( T_{ijk} := E[\partial_i (\partial_j l)(\partial_k l)] \). Note that \( \Gamma^{(0)}_{ijk} = \Gamma_{ijk} \).

Definition 2.5. The Riemannian curvature tensor of \( \alpha \)-connections is defined by (using Einstein summation convention)

\[ R^{(\alpha)}_{ijkl} = (\partial_j \Gamma^{(\alpha)_{ik}} - \partial_i \Gamma^{(\alpha)_{jk}}) + (\Gamma^{(\alpha)_{jl}} \Gamma^{(\alpha)_{ik}} - \Gamma^{(\alpha)_{il}} \Gamma^{(\alpha)_{jk}}), \]

where \( \Gamma^{(\alpha)_{jk}} = \Gamma^{(\alpha)_{jk}} g^{is} \) and \( (g^{is}) \) is the inverse matrix of the metric matrix \( (g_{mn}) \).

Definition 2.6. We call the statistical manifold \( S \) \( \alpha \)-flat if \( R^{(\alpha)}_{ijkl} = 0 \) holds in some open set, and the coordinates \( \theta \) \( \alpha \)-affine if \( \Gamma^{(\alpha)}_{ijk} = 0 \) in some open set.

Definition 2.7. A (piecewise) smooth curve \( \gamma : [0, 1] \to S \) on \( S \) is called an \( \alpha \)-geodesic if

\[ \nabla^{(\alpha)}_{\gamma'(t)} \gamma'(t) = 0. \]

3. Principal Bundles

Definition 3.1. Suppose that \( P, M, \) and \( G \) are all smooth manifolds, where \( G \) is also a (right) Lie transformation group on \( P \) and \( \pi : P \to M \) is a smooth surjection. \((P, \pi, M, G)\) is called a principal (differentiable) (fibre) bundle if the following are true.

1. The action of \( G \) on \( P \) is free, i.e., if \( ug = g, \forall u \in P, g \in G \), then \( g \) is the identity in \( G \);
2. \( \pi^{-1}(\pi(p)) = pG := \{pg|g \in G\}, \forall p \in P; \)
3. \( \forall x \in M, \) there exist \( U \in \mathcal{N}(x) := \{U|x \in U, U \) is an open set in \( M\} \) and a diffeomorphism \( \Phi_U : \pi^{-1}(U) \to U \times G, \) where \( \Phi_U \) has two components, i.e, \( \Phi_U = (\pi, \phi_U), \) s.t. \( \phi_U : \pi^{-1}(U) \to G \) satisfying

\[ \phi_U(pg) = \phi_U(p)g, \ p \in P, \ g \in G. \]

\( G \) is called the structure group of principal bundle \( P \) and the pair \((\pi^{-1}(U), \Phi_U)\) is called the local trivialization.
Theorem 3.4. Amazingly, the transition functions of frame bundle are quite simple: the Jacobi matrix, as stated.
Theorem 3.9. Suppose that $(P, \pi, M, G)$ is a principal bundle, and $\mathfrak{g}$ is the Lie algebra $G$. The following definitions of connections are equivalent:

**Definition 1.** A connection on $P$ is a smooth $M$-distribution $H \subset TP$ s.t.

1. $T_p^2 P = V_p \oplus H_p$, $p \in P$.
2. $(R_g)_* (H_p) = H_{pg}$, $p \in P, g \in G$.

**Definition 2.** A connection on $P$ is a smooth $\mathfrak{g}$-valued-1-form field $\omega$ on $P$ s.t.

1. $\omega(\pi(A)) = A$, $A \in \mathfrak{g}$.
2. $R_g^*(\omega(X)) = Ad_{g^{-1}}(\omega(X))$, $g \in G, X \in TP$.

**Definition 3.** A connection on $P$ is a family of smooth $\mathfrak{g}$-valued-1-form fields $\omega_\alpha$ on $U_\alpha$ s.t.

1. $\omega_\beta(p) = Ad(g_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(p)) \circ \omega_\alpha(p) + \theta_{\alpha\beta}(p)$, $p \in U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$.

**Definition 3.10.** Assume that $(P, \pi, M, G)$ is a principal bundle, $\mathfrak{g}$ is the Lie algebra of $G$, and $H$ is a connection on $P$. $\omega : \mathfrak{X}(P) \to \mathfrak{g}$, defined by

$$\omega(X) := \sigma_u^{-1}(\nu(X)), \ X \in T_u P$$

is called the connection form of $(P, H)$. Here $\sigma_u : G \to uG$ is the left action of $G$ on $P$.

It is easy to check that $\omega$ is vertical: $\omega(H) = 0$. In fact, if we have a $\mathfrak{g}$-valued-1-form $\omega$ satisfying conditions (3) and (4) in Theorem 3.9, then $H := \ker(\omega)$ is a connection on $P$ with $\omega$ as its connection form, which is also right-covariant.

**Corollary 3.11.** Let $(E, \pi, M, \mathbb{R}^r, GL(r; \mathbb{R}))$ and $(F(E), \tilde{\pi}, M, GL(r; \mathbb{R}))$ be a vector bundle and its associated frame bundle, respectively. Then there exists a 1-1 correspondence between the connections on $E$ and the connections on $F(E)$.

**Corollary 3.12.** There exists a 1-1 correspondence between the connections on $M$ and $F(M)$.

**Definition 3.13.** Let $\pi_b : H_b \to T_{\pi(b)} M$. For any $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, there exists unique $\tilde{X} = \pi^{-1}_* (X) \in \mathfrak{X}(P)$, called the horizontal lift of $X$, s.t. $\pi_* (\tilde{X}) = X$.

**Theorem 3.14.** A vector field on $P$ is right-invariant if and only if it is the horizontal lift of some vector filed on $M$.

**Definition 3.15.** Let $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \to M$ be a smooth curve on $M$. $\tilde{\gamma} : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \to P$ is called the horizontal lift of $\gamma$ if

$$\pi(\tilde{\gamma}(t)) = \gamma(t), \ \tilde{\gamma}'(t) \in H_{\gamma(t)}, \ t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon).$$

**Theorem 3.16.** Let $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \to M$ be a smooth curve on $M$ with $\gamma(0) = p$. Then

1. For any $b \in \pi^{-1}(p)$, there exists a unique horizontal lift $\tilde{\gamma}$ s.t. $\tilde{\gamma}(0) = b$.
2. Let $\tilde{\gamma}_1$ be another smooth curve with $\tilde{\gamma}_1(0) = bg, g \in G$, then $\tilde{\gamma}_1$ is also a horizontal lift of $\gamma$ if and only if $\tilde{\gamma}_1(t) = \tilde{\gamma}(t) g, t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$.

Hence horizontal lift curve is unique when initial point is fixed. Furthermore, all other horizontal lifts are just formed by right-translations.

4. Geometry on Principal Bundles

**Definition 4.1.** Denote by $(P, \pi, M, G, H, \omega)$ a principal bundle with connection $H$ and connection form $\omega$.

$$\Omega := d\omega + \frac{1}{2} \omega \wedge \omega$$

is called the curvature form, where $\Omega$ is a $\mathfrak{g}$-valued-2-form on $P$.

**Proposition 4.2.** The second structure equation holds that

$$\Omega = d\omega + \frac{1}{2} [\omega, \omega] = d\omega \circ h.$$
Definition 4.3. Let \((F(M), \pi, M, GL(n; \mathbb{R}))\) be a frame bundle over \(M\). \(\theta : A^1(F(M)) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n\), defined by

\[
\theta(Y_u) := u^{-1}(\pi_*Y_u), \quad Y_u \in T_uF(M)
\]
is called the canonical 1-form on \(F(M)\), where

\[
u : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_{\pi(u)}M, \quad u(\xi) := u\xi, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n.
\]

In fact, the canonical 1-form \(\theta\) can only be defined on frame bundles.

Definition 4.4. For any \(\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n\), \(H(\xi) : F(M) \rightarrow H\) s.t.

\[
H(\xi)_u := \pi_*^{-1}(u\xi)
\]
is called the fundamental horizontal vector field, where \(\pi_* : H_u \rightarrow T_{\pi(u)}M\) is linear isomorphism.

Fundamental horizontal vector fields and fundamental vertical vector fields are horizontal and vertical, respectively, hence "orthogonal" to each other. In addition, they form a basis of \(T(F(M))\), which implies that \(T(F(M))\) is a trivial bundle, or parallelizable.

Definition 4.5. Let \((F(M), \pi, M, GL(n; \mathbb{R}), H, \omega)\) be a frame bundle with connection \(H\) and connection form \(\omega\).

\[
\Theta := d\theta \circ h
\]
is called the torsion form on \(F(M)\), where \(\Theta\) is a \(\mathbb{R}^n\)-valued-2-form on \(F(M)\).

Proposition 4.6. The first structure equation holds:

\[
\Theta = d\theta + \omega \wedge \theta.
\]

In fact, the first and the second structure equations are similar to the structure equations on a smooth manifold with a connection.

Theorem 4.7. Suppose that \((F(M), \pi, M, GL(n; \mathbb{R}), H, \omega)\) is a frame bundle with connection \(H\) and connection form \(\omega\). Then the torsion form \(\Theta\) and the curvature form \(\Omega\) satisfy the following equations

\[
d\Theta = \Omega \wedge \theta - \omega \wedge \Theta,
\]

and

\[
d\Omega = \Omega \wedge \omega,
\]

which are called the first and the second Bianchi identities, respectively.

Definition 4.8. Denote by \((F(M), \pi, M, GL(n; \mathbb{R}), H, \Omega, \Theta)\) a principal bundle with connection \(H\), connection form \(\omega\), curvature form \(\Omega\) and torsion form \(\Theta\). For any \(X, Y, Z \in T_pM, W \in \mathfrak{X}(M), u \in \pi^{-1}(p)\), we have

\[
\nabla_X W := u\widetilde{X}(\theta(W)),
\]

\[
T(X, Y) := u(\Theta(\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{Y})),
\]

and

\[
R(X, Y)Z := u(\Omega(\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{Y})u^{-1}(Z)),
\]

where \(\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{Y}\) and \(\widetilde{W}\) are the horizontal lifts of the vector fields \(X, Y\) and \(W\), respectively.

The right sides of all formulae involving geometric structures on frame bundle \(F(M)\) are irrelevant to base manifold \(M\), which means that geometric structures on base manifold can be calculated on bundles. The importance lies in that geometric structures on frame bundle are often easier to handle.
Theorem 4.9. Suppose that \((F(M), H, \Omega, \Theta)\) is a frame bundle over \((M, \nabla, T, R)\), where \(\nabla\) is the connection of \(M\) induced by \(H\). Also denote \(T\) and \(R\) the torsion tensor and curvature tensor on \(M\), respectively. For any \(X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)\), we have
\[
T(X, Y) = \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y],
\]
and
\[
R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X,Y]}Z.
\]

Corollary 4.10. Let \((F(M), H, \Omega, \Theta)\) be the frame bundle over \((M, \nabla, T, R)\). Then
\[
\gamma: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \to M \text{ is a geodesic} \iff \nabla_{\gamma'}\gamma' = 0 \iff \tilde{\gamma}'(\theta(\tilde{\gamma}')) = 0;
\]
\[(M, \nabla) \text{ is torsion free} \iff T = 0 \iff \Theta = 0;\]
\[(M, \nabla) \text{ is flat} \iff R = 0 \iff \Omega = 0.
\]

Based on these results, there are simple approaches to determine whether a curve \(\gamma\) on \((M, \nabla)\) is a geodesic, and whether \((M, \nabla)\) is torsion free, flat or not.

5. \(\alpha\)-structure on Frame Bundles over Statistical Manifolds

Throughout this section, we let \(S = \{p(x; \theta) \in \Theta\}\) be an \(n\)-dimensional statistical manifold with coordinates charts \(\{(U_\beta, x_\beta^j)|\beta \in J\}\). Moreover, Define \(e_\beta^i := \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\beta^i}\) and \(\omega_\beta^i := dx_\beta^i\), which is the dual 1-form of \(e_\beta^i\) on \(U_\beta\), \(\forall 1 \leq i \leq n\). Then, let \((\omega_\beta)^k_j := (\Gamma_\beta)^k_j\omega_\beta^i\) denote the connection form of the Riemannian connection \(\nabla\).

Definition 5.1. The \(\alpha\)-connection form is defined by
\[
(\omega_\beta^{(\alpha)})^k_j := (\Gamma_\beta^{(\alpha)})^k_j\omega_\beta^i,
\]
which is a \(GL(n; \mathbb{R})\)-valued-1-form on \(U_\beta\).

Remark 5.2. The indices here are of different meanings. The super index \(\alpha\) with parentheses is the same index with respect to \(\alpha\)-connection \(\nabla^{(\alpha)}\), while the lower index \(\beta\) follows from the index of coordinates \(\{(U_\beta, x_\beta^j)\}\).

Definition 5.3. Let \(F(S)\) be the frame bundle over \(S\) with local trivialization \(\{(U_\beta, \phi_\beta, \Phi_\beta)|\beta \in J\}\). Define
\[
\tilde{\omega}_\beta^{(\alpha)}(u) := Ad(\phi_\beta^{-1})\circ \pi^*\omega_\beta^{(\alpha)}(u) + \phi_\beta^*\theta(u), \ u \in \pi^{-1}(U_\beta).
\]

Then, by Theorem 3.9, \(\tilde{\omega}^{(\alpha)} := (\tilde{\omega}_\beta^{(\alpha)})\) is a well defined \(GL(n; \mathbb{R})\)-valued-1-form globally on \(F(S)\). Hence, there exists a unique connection on \(F(S)\) with \(\tilde{\omega}^{(\alpha)}\) as its connection form, which is denoted by \(H^{(\alpha)}\). Now, \((H^{(\alpha)}, \tilde{\omega}^{(\alpha)})\) is a family of connections on the principal bundle \(F(S)\).

With such connections on \(F(S)\), geometric structures can be defined as that in Section 4.

Definition 5.4. Let \((F(s), H^{(\alpha)}, \tilde{\omega}^{(\alpha)})\) be the frame bundle with respect to \(\alpha\)-connection over \(S\).
\[
\Theta^{(\alpha)} := d\theta \circ h^{(\alpha)}
\]
and
\[
\Omega^{(\alpha)} := d\tilde{\omega}^{(\alpha)} \circ h^{(\alpha)}
\]
are called the \(\alpha\)-torsion form and \(\alpha\)-curvature form on \(F(S)\), respectively.

Definition 5.5. \(\forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n\), a vector field \(H^{(\alpha)}(\xi): F(S) \to H^{(\alpha)}\) defined by
\[
H^{(\alpha)}(\xi)_u := \pi_*^{-1}(u\xi)
\]
is called the fundamental \(\alpha\)-horizontal vector field, where \(\pi_*: H^{(\alpha)}_u \to T_{\pi(u)}M\) is linear isomorphism.

This definition is an analog to definition 4.4, corresponding to different connections on frame bundles.

Properties of \(GL(n; \mathbb{R})\) and direct computation give the following lemma.
Lemma 5.6. Denote by \((F(S), H^{(\alpha)}, \tilde{\omega}^{(\alpha)}, \Theta^{(\alpha)}, \Omega^{(\alpha)})\) the frame bundle with \(\alpha\)-connection, \((H^{(\alpha)}, \tilde{\omega}^{(\alpha)})\), \(\alpha\)-torsion form \(\Theta^{(\alpha)}\) and \(\alpha\)-curvature form \(\Omega^{(\alpha)}\). Then we have

1. \(\theta(H^{(\alpha)}(\xi)) = \xi, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n\);
2. \(R_g(H^{(\alpha)}(\xi))_u = H^{(\alpha)}(g^{-1}\xi)u, g \in GL(n; \mathbb{R}^n), \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n;\)
3. \([\tau(A), H^{(\alpha)}(\xi)] = H^{(\alpha)}(A\xi), A \in gl(n; \mathbb{R}^n), \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n.\)

Also, following Proposition 4.6 and necessary computations, it is not hard to obtain the next proposition.

Proposition 5.7. Let \((F(S), H^{(\alpha)}, \tilde{\omega}^{(\alpha)}, \Theta^{(\alpha)}, \Omega^{(\alpha)})\) be the frame bundle over \(S\). Then we have

\[
\Theta^{(\alpha)} = d\theta + \tilde{\omega}^{(\alpha)} \wedge \theta,
\]

and

\[
\Omega^{(\alpha)} = d\tilde{\omega}^{(\alpha)} + \tilde{\omega}^{(\alpha)} \wedge \tilde{\omega}^{(\alpha)}.
\]

Now, the main theorem follows.

Theorem 5.8. \(\forall X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M),\) we have

\[
(5.1) \quad \nabla^{(\alpha)}_X Y = u(\tilde{X}^{(\alpha)}(\theta(\tilde{Y}^{(\alpha)}))),
\]

\[
(5.2) \quad T^{(\alpha)}(X, Y) = u(\Theta^{(\alpha)}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})) = \nabla^{(\alpha)}_X Y - \nabla^{(\alpha)}_Y X - [X, Y],
\]

and

\[
(5.3) \quad R^{(\alpha)}(X, Y)Z = u(\Omega^{(\alpha)}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})u^{-1}(Z)) = \nabla^{(\alpha)}_X \nabla^{(\alpha)}_Y Z - \nabla^{(\alpha)}_Y \nabla^{(\alpha)}_X Z - \nabla^{(\alpha)}_{[X, Y]} Z,
\]

where \(\tilde{X}^{(\alpha)}\) is the horizontal lift of \(X\) corresponding to connection \(H^{(\alpha)}\).

Proof. Directly from Corollary 3.11 and Definition 4.8,

\[
\nabla^{(\alpha)}_X Y = u(\tilde{X}^{(\alpha)}(\theta(\tilde{Y}^{(\alpha)}))).
\]

For any \(p \in M,\) and \(u \in \pi^{-1}(p),\) we get

\[
T^{(\alpha)}(X, Y) = u(\Theta^{(\alpha)}(\tilde{X}^{(\alpha)}_u, \tilde{Y}^{(\alpha)}_u))
= u(d\theta(h^{(\alpha)}(\tilde{X}^{(\alpha)}_u), h^{(\alpha)}(\tilde{Y}^{(\alpha)}_u)))
= u(d\theta(\tilde{X}^{(\alpha)}_u, \tilde{Y}^{(\alpha)}_u))
= u(\tilde{X}^{(\alpha)}(\theta(\tilde{Y}^{(\alpha)}))) - u(\tilde{Y}^{(\alpha)}(\theta(\tilde{X}^{(\alpha)}))) - u(\theta([\tilde{X}^{(\alpha)}, \tilde{Y}^{(\alpha)}]))
= \nabla^{(\alpha)}_X Y - \nabla^{(\alpha)}_Y X - [X, Y],
\]

and

\[
\pi_*(H^{(\alpha)}(\tilde{Y}^{(\alpha)}(\theta(\tilde{Z})))_u) = \pi_*(\pi^{-1}_*(u(\tilde{Y}^{(\alpha)}_u(\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(\alpha)})))))
= u(\tilde{Y}^{(\alpha)}_u(\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(\alpha)})))
= \nabla^{(\alpha)}_Y Z.
\]

This implies that \(H^{(\alpha)}(\tilde{Y}^{(\alpha)}(\theta(\tilde{Z})))_u\) is the horizontal lift of \(W := \nabla^{(\alpha)}_Y Z,\) then,

\[
\nabla^{(\alpha)}_X \nabla^{(\alpha)}_Y Z = u(\tilde{X}^{(\alpha)}_u(\theta(\tilde{W}^{(\alpha)})))
= u(\tilde{X}^{(\alpha)}_u(\theta(H^{(\alpha)}(\tilde{Y}^{(\alpha)}(\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(\alpha)})))))
= u(\tilde{X}^{(\alpha)}_u(\tilde{Y}(\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(\alpha)}))))).
\]
By computing the right side of (5.3),
\[\nabla_X^{(a)}\nabla_Y^{(a)} Z - \nabla_Y^{(a)}\nabla_X^{(a)} Z - \nabla_{[X,Y]}^{(a)} Z
\]
(5.4)
\[= u(\tilde{X}_u^{(a)}(\tilde{Y}^{(a)}(\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(a)})))) - u(\tilde{Y}_u^{(a)}(\tilde{X}^{(a)}(\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(a)})))) - u([\tilde{X}_u^{(a)}, \tilde{Y}_u^{(a)}]^{(a)}(\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(a)})))
\]
(5.5)
\[= u((\tilde{X}_u^{(a)}(\tilde{Y}^{(a)}) - \tilde{Y}_u^{(a)}(\tilde{X}^{(a)})) - h([X^{(a)}, Y^{(a)}])\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(a)}))
\]
\[= u(v([X^{(a)}, Y^{(a)}])(\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(a)}))),
\]
where \(v([X^{(a)}, Y^{(a)}]) \in V\) indicates \(\exists A \in gl(n; \mathbb{R})\) s.t. \(\tau(A) = v([X^{(a)}, Y^{(a)}])\).
\[v([\tilde{X}^{(a)}, \tilde{Y}^{(a)}])(\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(a)}))) = \tau(A)(\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(a)}))
\]
\[\frac{d}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} (\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(a)})(u \exp tA))
\]
\[\frac{d}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} (\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(a)}) \circ R_{\exp tA}(u))
\]
\[\frac{d}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} ((\exp tA)^{-1}\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(a)})(u))
\]
\[= -A\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(a)})(u).
\]
Computing the left side of (5.3) provides
\[R^{(a)}(X, Y)Z = u(\Omega^{(a)}(\tilde{X}_u^{(a)}, \tilde{Y}_u^{(a)})u^{-1}(Z))
\]
\[= u(d\omega^{(a)}(\tilde{X}_u^{(a)}, \tilde{Y}_u^{(a)})u^{-1}(Z))
\]
\[= u(-\tilde{\omega}^{(a)}([\tilde{X}^{(a)}, \tilde{Y}^{(a)}])(u)u^{-1}(Z))
\]
\[= -u(\tilde{\omega} \circ \tau(A)u^{-1}(Z))
\]
\[= -u(A\theta(\tilde{Z}^{(a)})).
\]
Therefore we obtain
\[R^{(a)}(X, Y)Z = u(\Omega^{(a)}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})u^{-1}(Z))
\]
as desired. \(\square\)

In addition, the following lemma verifies the step from (5.4) to (5.5).

**Lemma 5.9.** For any \(X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M),\)
\[\tilde{[X, Y]} = h([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]).
\]

**Proof.** Direct computation shows
\[\pi_*(h([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}])) = \pi_*(h([X, Y])) + 0
\]
\[= \pi_*(h([X, Y])) + \pi_*(v([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]))
\]
\[= \pi_*(h([X, Y])) + v([\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}])
\]
\[= \pi_*(\tilde{X}, \pi_*(\tilde{Y})
\]
\[= [X, Y].
\]

As a consequence of the Theorem 5.8 and analog of Corollary 4.10, the following corollary holds.

**Corollary 5.10.** Let \((F(S), H^{(a)}, \Theta^{(a)}, \Omega^{(a)})\) be the frame bundle with \(\alpha\)-structure over \((S, \nabla^{(a)}, T^{(a)}, R^{(a)})\).

\(\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M\) is an \(\alpha\)-geodesic \(\iff \nabla_{\gamma'}^{(a)}\gamma' = 0 \iff \tilde{\gamma}'(\theta(\tilde{\gamma}^{(a)})) = 0;\)
\((M, \nabla^{(a)})\) is torsion free \(\iff T^{(a)} = 0 \iff \Theta^{(a)} = 0;\)
\((M, \nabla^{(a)})\) is flat \(\iff R^{(a)} = 0 \iff \Omega^{(a)} = 0.\)
6. Application on Normal Distribution manifold.

Let us focus on a concrete case: manifold of one-dimensional normal distributions, defined by

\[ S := \{p(x; \theta^1, \theta^2) \mid (\theta^1, \theta^2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \}, \]

where \( \theta = (\theta^1, \theta^2) = (\mu, \sigma) \) are coordinates and

\[ p(x; \theta^1, \theta^2) = p(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left\{ -\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \]

is the probability density function of a one-dimensional normal distribution with expectation \( \mu \) and standard derivation \( \sigma \). For the geometric structures on it, directly we could compute that

\[
 l(x, \theta) = \log p(x, \theta) = -\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} - \log(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma),
\]

and

\[
 \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 g_{11} &= E[\partial_1 l \partial_1 l] = E[\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2}] = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}, \\
 g_{12} &= g_{21} = E[\partial_1 l \partial_2 l] = E[\frac{(x - \mu)}{\sigma^2}] \left( \frac{(x - \mu)^2}{\sigma^4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = 0, \\
 g_{22} &= E[\partial_2 l \partial_2 l] = E[\frac{1}{\sigma^2}] = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}.
\end{aligned} \right.
\]

Namely, the Riemannian metric is given by

\[ g = (g_{ij}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \end{bmatrix}. \]

Consequently, one can compute

\[
 \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 T_{111} &= T_{122} = T_{212} = T_{221} = 0, \\
 T_{112} &= T_{121} = T_{211} = \frac{2}{\sigma^2}, \\
 T_{222} &= \frac{8}{\sigma^4}.
\end{aligned} \right.
\]

and

\[
 \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 g^{(\alpha)}_{111} &= g^{(\alpha)}_{122} = g^{(\alpha)}_{212} = g^{(\alpha)}_{221} = 0, \\
 g^{(\alpha)}_{112} &= \frac{1 - \alpha}{\sigma^2}, \\
 g^{(\alpha)}_{121} &= g^{(\alpha)}_{211} = -\frac{1 + \alpha}{\sigma^2}, \\
 g^{(\alpha)}_{222} &= -\frac{2 + 4\alpha}{\sigma^4},
\end{aligned} \right.
\]

to obtain the curvature tensor

\[ R^{(\alpha)}_{1212} = \frac{1 - \alpha^2}{\sigma^4}. \]

After computing the main \( \alpha \)-structures on \( S \) above, we switch to the study of the same structures but in the "bundle version", which means all of them can be calculated on the principal bundle (the frame bundle \( F(S) \) over \( S \)). Before the calculation, we make some necessary preparations.

The inverse of metric matrix \( g \) is

\[ g^{-1} = (g^{ij}) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \end{bmatrix}. \]
Hence, coefficients of $\alpha$-connections are
\[
\left\{
\begin{array}{l}
\left( (\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^{1}_1 \right)_{12} = (\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^{2}_2 = (\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^{3}_1 = (\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^{4}_2 = 0, \\
(\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^{1}_1 = \frac{1-\alpha}{2\sigma}, \\
(\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^{1}_2 = (\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^{3}_1 = -\frac{1+\alpha}{\sigma}, \\
(\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^{2}_2 = -\frac{1+2\alpha}{\sigma}.
\end{array}
\right.
\]
and then follows the connection form on $S$
\[
\omega^{(\alpha)} = ((\omega^{(\alpha)})^{i}_j) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1+\alpha}{\sigma} d\theta^2 & -\frac{1+\alpha}{\sigma} d\theta^1 \\ -\frac{1-\alpha}{2\sigma} d\theta^1 & -\frac{1+2\alpha}{\sigma} d\theta^2 \end{bmatrix}.
\]
Now consider the frame bundle $F(S)$ over $S$. Since $S$ has a global coordinates neighbourhood, the bundle is trivial, i.e., $F(S) = S \times GL(2; \mathbb{R})$. For any $u \in F(S)$, $u$ represents a basis $(e_1, e_2)$ of $T_{\pi(u)}S$. If $(e_1, e_2) = A(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^2})$, the coordinates of $u$ is $u = (u^1, \ldots, u^6)$, where
\[
u^3 = A_{11}, \nu^4 = A_{12}, \nu^5 = A_{21}, \nu^6 = A_{22}.
\]
Furthermore, $\pi(u) = (\theta^1, \theta^2) = (u^1, u^2)$, hence we have
\[
\pi^*_a(\frac{\partial}{\partial u^1}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^1}, \pi^*_a(\frac{\partial}{\partial u^2}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^2}.
\]
And the local trivialization is
\[
\Phi : F(S) \to S \times GL(2; \mathbb{R}), \quad u \mapsto (u^1, u^2, A) = (\theta^1, \theta^2, A).
\]
By Definition 5.3,
\[
\bar{\omega}^{(\alpha)}(u) = Ad(\phi^{-1}(u)) \circ \pi^* \omega^{(\alpha)} + \phi^* \theta(u).
\]
Since $u = (u^1, u^2, \ldots, u^6)$ and $X_u = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial u^i} |_u$, we have
\[
\bar{\omega}^{(\alpha)}(X_u) = Ad(\phi^{-1}(u)) \circ \pi^* \omega^{(\alpha)}(X_u) + \phi^* \theta(X_u)
= Ad(\phi^{-1}(u)) \circ \omega^{(\alpha)}(\pi_u(X_u)) + \theta(\phi_u(X_u))
= A \omega^{(\alpha)}(X^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^1}|_{(\theta^1, \theta^2)}) + X^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^2}|_{(\theta^1, \theta^2)} A^{-1} + A^{-1} B
\]
\[
= A \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1+\alpha}{\sigma} X^2 & -\frac{1+\alpha}{\sigma} X^1 \\ -\frac{1-\alpha}{2\sigma} X^1 & -\frac{1+2\alpha}{\sigma} X^2 \end{bmatrix} A^{-1} + A^{-1} B,
\]
where
\[
A = \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^4 \\ u^5 & u^6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} X^3 & X^4 \\ X^5 & X^6 \end{bmatrix}.
\]
Hence the horizontal space is
\[
H^{(\alpha)}_u = \ker(\bar{\omega}^{(\alpha)}(u)) = \left\{ X \in T_u F(S) \mid A \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1+\alpha}{\sigma} X^2 & -\frac{1+\alpha}{\sigma} X^1 \\ -\frac{1-\alpha}{2\sigma} X^1 & -\frac{1+2\alpha}{\sigma} X^2 \end{bmatrix} A^{-1} + A^{-1} B = 0 \right\}.
\]
In particular, let $(e_1, e_2) = (\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^1}|_{\pi(u)}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^2}|_{\pi(u)})$, then $u = (u^1, u^2, 1, 0, 0, 1)$ and $\phi(u) = (\theta^1, \theta^2, I_{2 \times 2})$, where $I_{2 \times 2}$ is the $2 \times 2$ identity matrix. Furthermore, $\forall X \in T_u F(S)$, $X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial u^i} |_{u}$, we have
\[
\pi_u(X) = X^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^1}|_{(\theta^1, \theta^2)} + X^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^2}|_{(\theta^1, \theta^2)}.
\]
So, the corresponding horizontal space becomes
\[
H^{(\alpha)}_u = \left\{ X_u \in T_u F(S) \mid \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1+\alpha}{\sigma} X^2 & -\frac{1+\alpha}{\sigma} X^1 \\ -\frac{1-\alpha}{2\sigma} X^1 & -\frac{1+2\alpha}{\sigma} X^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} X^3 & X^4 \\ X^5 & X^6 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \right\}.
\]
Under such circumstance, the horizontal projection of $X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial u^i} \in T_u F(S)$ is
\[
h^{(\alpha)}(X) = X^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^1} + X^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^2} + \frac{1+\alpha}{\sigma} X^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^1} + \frac{1+\alpha}{\sigma} X^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^2} - \frac{1-\alpha}{2\sigma} X^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^5} + \frac{1+2\alpha}{\sigma} X^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^6}.
\]
Then the horizontal lift of $X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^i} \in T(\vartheta^1, \vartheta^2) S$ can also be expressed as

$$\tilde{X}_u = X^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^1} + X^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^2} + \frac{1 + \alpha}{\sigma} X^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^3} + \frac{1 + \alpha}{\sigma} X^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^4} - \frac{1 - \alpha}{2\sigma} X^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^5} + \frac{1 + 2\alpha}{\sigma} X^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^6}.$$  

In particular, letting $X = \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^1}$ and $Y = \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^2}$, we get

$$\tilde{X} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u^1} + \frac{1 + \alpha}{\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial u^4} - \frac{1 - \alpha}{2\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial u^5},$$  

and

$$\tilde{Y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u^2} + \frac{1 + \alpha}{\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial u^3} + \frac{1 + 2\alpha}{\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial u^6}.$$  

Thus,

$$\nabla_X^{(\alpha)} X = \nabla^{(\alpha)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^1} = (\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^1_{11} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^1} + (\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^2_{11} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^2} = \frac{1 - \alpha}{2\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^2},$$  

(6.1)

$$\nabla_X^{(\alpha)} Y = \nabla^{(\alpha)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^1} = (\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^1_{22} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^1} + (\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^2_{22} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^2} = -\frac{1 + \alpha}{\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^1},$$  

(6.2)

and

$$\nabla_Y^{(\alpha)} Y = \nabla^{(\alpha)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^2} = (\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^1_{22} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^1} + (\Gamma^{(\alpha)})^2_{22} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^2} = \frac{1 + 2\alpha}{\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^1}.\$$  

(6.3)

On the other hand, consider

$$\gamma_1(t) := (u^1 + t, u^2, 1, 0 + \frac{1 + \alpha}{\sigma} t, 0 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{2\sigma} t, 1)$$

and

$$\gamma_2(t) := (u^1, u^2 + t, 1 + \frac{1 + \alpha}{\sigma} t, 0, 0, 1 + \frac{1 + 2\alpha}{\sigma} t).$$

It is obvious that

$$\gamma_1(0) = \gamma_2(0) = u, \gamma_1'(0) = \tilde{X}, \gamma_2'(0) = \tilde{Y}.$$  

Thus,

$$u(\tilde{X}_u(\vartheta(\tilde{X}))) = u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \vartheta(\tilde{X}) \circ \gamma_1 \right)$$

$$= u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \left( \frac{1}{-1 + \frac{a}{\sigma} t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \frac{a}{\sigma} t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$$

$$= u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{a}{\sigma} t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \frac{a}{\sigma} t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$$

$$= u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \left( 1 + \frac{1 - \alpha}{2\sigma t^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{2\sigma t} \\ 1 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{2\sigma t} \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$$

$$= u \left( \frac{0}{\frac{1 - \alpha}{2\sigma t^2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{2\sigma t} \\ 1 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{2\sigma t} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1 - \alpha}{2\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta^1}$$

(6.4)

$$= \nabla_X^{(\alpha)} X,$$
\[ u(\tilde{X}_u(\theta(\tilde{Y}))) = u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} \theta(\tilde{Y}) \circ \gamma_1 \right) \]
\[ = u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{1+\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} t & 0 \\ \frac{1}{1+\frac{1+\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} t^2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \]
\[ = u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{1+\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} t & 0 \\ \frac{1}{1+\frac{1+\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} t^2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \]
\[ = u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{1+\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} t & 0 \\ \frac{1}{1+\frac{1+\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} t^2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \]
\[ = u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{1+\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} t & 0 \\ \frac{1}{1+\frac{1+\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} t^2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \]
\[ = u \left( \frac{1+\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \]
\[ = \nabla_X^{(\alpha)} Y, \]

(6.5)

and

\[ u(\tilde{Y}_u(\theta(\tilde{Y}))) = u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} \theta(\tilde{Y}) \circ \gamma_2 \right) \]
\[ = u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{1+2\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \]
\[ = u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{1+2\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \]
\[ = u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{1+2\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \]
\[ = u \left( \frac{d}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{1+2\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \]
\[ = u \left( \frac{1+2\alpha \sigma}{\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \]
\[ = \nabla_Y^{(\alpha)} Y. \]

(6.6)

Formulae from (6.1) to (6.6) verify (5.1) of Theorem 5.8 directly. Also, since both torsion \( T^{(\alpha)} \) and curvature \( R^{(\alpha)} \) can be derived by connection \( \nabla^{(\alpha)} \), similarly one could compute to check (5.2) and (5.3). In fact, we have

\[ g(u(\Omega^{(\alpha)}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}))u^{-1}(Y)), Y) = \frac{1-\alpha^2}{\sigma^4} = R^{(\alpha)}_{1212} \]
as desired.

These results show how our bundle approach simplifies the calculation because all operations on the structure group \( GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \) are easier to handle. Since \( GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \) is a matrix Lie group, the right translation and tangent mapping are actually products between matrices, which are linear and therefore convenient to calculate.

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