Differential Geometry II

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The **frame bundle** $\mathcal{F}(E) \xrightarrow{\pi} M$ of E is given by

$$\mathcal{F}(E) := \coprod_{x \in M} (\{x\} \times \{(v_1, ..., v_k) \mid \text{ basis of } E_x\}).$$

and $\pi(x, e) = x$.

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Remark: $O(k) \subset SO(k) \subset Gl(k;\mathbb{R})$ are subgroups and submanifolds of the open subset $Gl(k;\mathbb{R}) \subset M(k;\mathbb{R})$, $= \mathbb{R}^{k^2}$ $U(n) \subset Gl(k;\mathbb{C}) \subset M(k;\mathbb{C})$ is a submanifold of the open subset $Gl(k;\mathbb{C}) \subset M(k;\mathbb{C})$, the latter a linear subspace of $M(2k;\mathbb{R})$. The group operation and the inverse are differentiable maps.

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(ii) The Hopf fibration is a principal fibre bundle with $G = S^1 = U(1) = SO(2)$.

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Condition (ii) translates to

$$\mathrm{Ad}_g \circ A_{pg} = A_p$$

where $\alpha_g : G \to G$, $\alpha_g(h) = ghg^{-1}$ is the **conjugation**, $\mathrm{Ad}_g := d_e\alpha_g : \underline{g} \to \underline{g}$ the **adjoint representation** of G.

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$$D_A\omega := d\omega + [A, \omega]$$

Exercise: Show that $D_A\omega \in \Omega^{k+1}(M; \underline{\mathbf{g}})$.

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