

G-VECTOR BUNDLES OVER G-MANIFOLDS

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At first I want to talk about some of my works, which I have stated in other seminar, but it is my starting point, so let me do that.

Definition. Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group. A real or complex vector bundle  $E \rightarrow X$  is a  $G$ -vector bundle if and only if

- (1)  $E$  and  $X$  are  $G$ -spaces,
- (2) the projection  $p$  is an equivariant map,
- (3) for each  $x \in X$  and  $g \in G$ , the action  $g: E_x \rightarrow E_{gx}$  is linear.

Let  $M$  be a compact  $G$ -manifold with orbit type  $((H), (K))$ , where  $H, K$  are closed subgroups of  $G$  with  $H \subset K$ .

Definition (K.Jänich). A  $G$ -manifold  $M$  is special if and only if, denoting by  $V_x$  the normal space to the orbit through  $x$  for each  $x \in M$ , the slice representation  $G_x \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_x)$  admits a decomposition

$V_x = F_x \oplus W_x$  such that  $G_x|_{F_x} = \text{the identity of } F_x$  and  $G_x|_{S(W_x)}$  (the unit sphere in  $W_x$ ) is transitive.

We use some notations.  $M_{(K)}$ : the union of all singular orbits, which is a closed submanifold of  $M$ .  $M_1 = \overline{M - N(M_{(K)})}$ : the closure of an invariant tubular neighborhood of  $M_{(K)}$ .  $\widehat{\text{Vect}}_K$ : the family of all  $K$ -vector bundles.

The projection  $p : \partial N(M_{(K)}) \rightarrow M_{(K)}$  induces a diffeomorphism  $p' : \partial \pi(M_1) \rightarrow \pi(M_{(K)})$ , where  $\pi$  is the projection  $M \rightarrow M/G$ . For a pair  $(F, E) \in \widehat{\text{Vect}}_K(\pi(M_{(K)})) \times \widehat{\text{Vect}}_H(\pi(M_1))$ , let  $\alpha_H : p'^*r^*F \rightarrow E|_{\partial \pi(M_1)}$  be an isomorphism of  $H$ -vector bundles, where we denote by  $r^*$  the restriction  $\widehat{\text{Vect}}_K \rightarrow \widehat{\text{Vect}}_H$ .

Definition 1. Two triples  $(F, E, \alpha_H)$  and  $(\bar{F}, \bar{E}, \bar{\alpha}_H)$  is equivalent if and only if there exists a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F & \xrightarrow{p'^*r^*} & p'^*r^*F & \xrightarrow{\alpha_H} & \partial E \subset E \\ \downarrow \rho_K & & \downarrow \rho_{H,K} & & \downarrow \partial \rho_H \quad \downarrow \rho_H \\ \bar{F} & \xrightarrow{p'^*r^*} & p'^*r^*\bar{F} & \xrightarrow{\bar{\alpha}_H} & \partial \bar{E} \subset \bar{E}, \end{array}$$

where  $\rho_K(\rho_H)$  is an isomorphism of  $K(H)$ -vector bundles, and  $\rho_{H,K}, \partial \rho_H$  are restrictions of them.

Theorem. Under the condition

(C)  $N(H) = H \times \Gamma(H)$ ,  $\Gamma(H) = N(H)/H$ ,  $N(K) = K \times \Gamma(K)$ ,  $\Gamma(K) = N(K)/K$ ,  $\Gamma(K) \subset \Gamma(H) \subset G$ , we have an isomorphism of semi-groups

$$\text{Vect}_G(M) \cong \{(E, F, \alpha_H)\} / (\sim),$$

where we mean by  $/(\sim)$  the classification due to Definition 1.

By the theorem and an analogy of the Atiyah-Bott's proof of Bott periodicity, and using H. Minami's result about  $R(O(n))$ , I have obtained  $K_{O(n)}(W^{2n-1}(d)) \cong R(O(n-1))$ . These results are to be appeared in Osaka Journal of Mathematics. ([1])

In the determination of the  $K_G$ -group, I have essentially used the splitting of the normalizer  $N(I_r \times O(n-r)) = O(r) \times O(n-r)$ ,  $r = 1, 2$ . The condition (C) is too restrictive for applications, so I want to improve it.

By a technical reason I take right actions. Let  $M$  be a compact right  $G$ -manifold with just one orbit type  $(H)$ . Denote by  $\Gamma$  the factor group  $H \backslash N(H)$ , then we have a differentiable principal bundle

$$(1) \quad \Gamma \longrightarrow M_H \longrightarrow M_H/\Gamma,$$

where  $M_H = \{x \in M; G_x = H\}$  and the  $G$ -manifold  $M$  is the total space of the associated fiber bundle, that is  $M \cong M_H \times_{\Gamma} (H \backslash G)$  as a  $G$ -manifold. By G.Segal

$$\text{Vect}_G(M) \simeq \text{Vect}_{N(H)}(M_H).$$

(Under the condition (C),  $\text{Vect}_{N(H)}(M_H) \simeq \text{Vect}_H(M_H/\Gamma)$ .) Since  $M_H$  is a compact differentiable manifold, there exists an open covering  $\{U_i\}$  of  $M_H/\Gamma$  such that  $U_i$  is deformable to a point  $x_i$  of  $U_i$  and a  $\Gamma$ -equivalence  $\varphi_i : U_i \times \Gamma \longrightarrow M_H|_{U_i}$  for each  $i$ . For any  $N(H)$ -vector bundle  $E \longrightarrow M_H$ , there are  $N$ -vector bundles  $E_i \longrightarrow U_i$  with  $\varphi_i^* E_i \cong E|_{\varphi_i(U_i \times \Gamma)}$ , ( $N = N(H)$ ). Further we have an isomorphism of  $N$ -vector bundles  $E_i \xrightarrow{N} U_i \times (E|x_i \times \Gamma)$ , because  $U_i \times \Gamma$  is  $N$ -deformable to  $x_i \times \Gamma$ , where  $N$ -action over  $\Gamma$  is given by the projection  $q : N \longrightarrow \Gamma = H \backslash N(H)$ . On the other hand, by G.Segal  $E_i|_{x_i \times \Gamma} \xrightarrow{N} V_i \times_{\Gamma} N$ , where  $V_i = E_i|_{x_i \times (e)}$ ,

which is an  $H$ -module. Thus we have an isomorphism of  $N$ -vector bundles,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U_i \times V_i \times_{H^N} & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\Psi_i} & E|_{\varphi_i(U_i \times \Gamma)} \\ \downarrow p_i & & \downarrow p \\ U_i \times \Gamma & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\varphi_i} & \varphi_i(U_i \times \Gamma) \end{array}$$

Denote the  $N$ -equivalence  $\Psi_j^{-1} \Psi_i : (U_i \cap U_j) \times V_i \times_{H^N} \rightarrow (U_i \cap U_j) \times V_j \times_{H^N}$  by  $\Psi_j^{-1} \Psi_i(x, [v, n]) = (x, G_{ji}(x)[v, n])$ , then with respect to the  $GO$ -topology of  $\text{Iso}_N(V_i \times_{H^N}, V_j \times_{H^N})$ ,  $G_{ji}$  is a continuous map for each  $i, j$ . By the usual verification (Part 1. [3]), we get the next propositions.

Proposition 1. For any  $N$ -vector bundle  $E \rightarrow M_H$ ,

$$E \cong^N [U_i U_i \times V_i \times_{H^N}] / (G_{ji}).$$

Proposition 2. Two  $N$ -vector bundles  $(E, G_{ji})$  and  $(E', G'_{lk})$  are equivalent if and only if there exist continuous maps  $\bar{G}_{ki} : U'_k \cap U_i \rightarrow \text{Iso}_N(V_i \times_{H^N}, V'_k \times_{H^N})$  with the property

$$\bar{G}_{kj} G_{ji} = \bar{G}_{ki} \quad \text{on } U'_k \cap U_j \cap U_i, \quad G'_{lk} \bar{G}_{kj} = \bar{G}_{lj} \quad \text{on } U'_l \cap U'_k \cap U_j$$

Now to proceed much more, we consider the case which satisfies the condition

$$(\delta) \quad N(H) = H \cdot \Gamma : \text{semi-direct product.}$$

For example, take  $SO(n)$  as  $G$  and  $I_r \times SO(n-r)$  as  $H$ , then  $N(I_r \times SO(n-r)) = SO(n-r) \cdot O(r)$ . In fact the section  $O(r) \rightarrow N(I_r \times SO(n-r))$  is given by

$$O(r) \ni A \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \det A & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in H.$$

The same property can be verified for  $G = SU(n)$  and  $H = I_r \times SU(n-r)$ , these cases happen actually (Chap. 4, [2]).

Define an  $H$ -action over  $V_i \times \Gamma$  by  $(v, \gamma)h = (v \cdot h^\gamma, \gamma)$ , where  $h^\gamma = \gamma h \gamma^{-1}$ , then under the condition (8), we have

$$V_i \times \Gamma \stackrel{N}{\cong} V_i \times_H H.$$

Then we can represent  $G_{ji}$  as follows :

$$\Psi_j^{-1} \Psi_i(x, v, \gamma) = (x, g_{ji}(x)(v), \gamma_{ji}(x)\gamma),$$

where  $\gamma_{ji}$  is the transition function of the principal bundle (1). We can prove that  $g_{ji} : U_i \cap U_j \rightarrow \text{Iso}(V_i, V_j)$  is continuous and

$$(*) \quad g_{ji}(x)(vh) = [g_{ji}(x)(v)]h \gamma_{ji}(x).$$

Thus in the semi-direct product case, Proposition 2 can be stated as

Proposition 2.8.  $(E, g_{ji}, \gamma_{ji})$  is  $N$ -equivalent to  $(E', g'_{lk}, \gamma'_{lk})$

if and only if there exist continuous maps  $\bar{g}_{ki} : U_i \cap U'_k \rightarrow \text{Iso}(V_i, V'_k)$

with the property

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}_{ki}(x)(vh) &= [\bar{g}_{ki}(x)(v)]h \bar{\gamma}_{ki}(x), \\ \bar{g}_{kj}(x)g_{ji}(x) &= \bar{g}_{ki}(x), \quad g'_{lk}(x)g_{kj}(x) = \bar{g}_{lj}(x), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\gamma}_{ki}$  is the equivalence between  $\gamma_{ji}$  and  $\gamma'_{lk}$ .

By Proposition 2.8, we define an equivalence relation of coordinate vector bundles  $[\cup U_i \times V_i] / (\mathfrak{g}_{ji}, \gamma_{ji})$  over  $M_H/\Gamma$  with the property (\*).

We will call these bundles local H-vector bundles. Denote by  $\text{Vect}_{H\Gamma}(M_H/\Gamma)$  the semi-group of equivalence classes. Then we have

Theorem. Let  $M$  be a  $G$ -manifold with just one orbit type  $(H)$ , then under the condition ( $\delta$ ),

$$\text{Vect}_G(M) \approx \text{Vect}_{N(H)}(M_H) \approx \text{Vect}_{H\Gamma}(M_H/\Gamma).$$

Examples.

Consider the standard  $m$ -sphere  $S^m = D_1^m \cup D_2^m$  (the union of the upper and lower hemi-spheres). Let  $\gamma_{ji} : D_i^m \cap D_j^m \rightarrow \Gamma$  be transition functions of a principal bundle  $\Gamma \rightarrow P \rightarrow S^m$ . For any local  $H$ -vector bundle  $E$ ,  $D_i^m \times V_i \approx E|_{D_i^m}$ , where  $V_i$  is an  $H$ -module for  $i = 1, 2$ . We fix a point  $x_0$  in  $S^{m-1} = D_1^m \cap D_2^m$ . By an appropriate choice of  $(\bar{\gamma}_{ki}, \bar{g}_{ki})$ , we can get a local  $H$ -vector bundle  $(\gamma'_{ji}, g'_{ji}, D_i^m \times V_i)$  which is equivalent to  $E = (\gamma_{ji}, g_{ji}, D_i^m \times V_i)$ , and  $g'_{12}(x_0) =$  the identity of  $V_1 = V_2$  as a vector space and  $\gamma'_{12}(x_0) =$  the unite of  $\Gamma$ . This is a usual normal form of a vector bundle over  $S^m$  (Part II, [3]). For each  $v \in V_1$ ,

$$v \cdot_1 h = g'_{12}(x_0)(v \cdot_1 h) = [g'_{12}(x_0)(v)] \cdot_2 h \gamma'_{12}(x_0) = v \cdot_2 h,$$

where we denote by  $\cdot_i h$  the action in  $V_i$ . Thus we have  $V_1 = V_2$  as an  $H$ -module. Now we investigate the case  $G = SO(n)$ ,  $H = I_r \times SO(n-r)$ .

(I) Case  $m \geq 2$ .

Since  $S^{m-1}$  is connected, then  $S_{12}^1(S^{m-1}) \subset SO(r) \subset O(r)$  and  $SO(n-r) \cdot SO(r) = SO(n-r) \times SO(r)$  direct product, further  $SO(r) \times I_{n-r}$ -action on  $I_r \times SO(n-r)$  by the conjugacy is trivial. Thus we have

$$\text{Vect}_{\mathbb{H}} \gamma(S^m) \cong \text{Vect}_{\mathbb{H}}(S^m).$$

(II) Case  $m = 1$ .

We can prove the next lemma by the normal form technique.

Lemma  $\text{Vect}_{\mathbb{H}}^{\mathbb{C}} \gamma(S^1) \cong \hat{H} \gamma$ , the semi-group of isomorphism classes of  $\gamma$ -invariant complex  $\mathbb{H}$ -modules.

Suppose to be  $\gamma_{12}(\pm 1) = \begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \pm 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Set  $n-r = 2s$  or  $2s+1$ .

We need a well known formula for the complex representation rings. Let  $T$  be the standard maximal torus of  $SO(n-r)$ , then  $R(T) = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha_1, \alpha_1^{-1}, \dots, \alpha_s, \alpha_s^{-1}]$ , where  $\alpha_k$  is the representation

$$\text{Diag} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_1 & -\sin \theta_1 \\ \sin \theta_1 & \cos \theta_1 \end{pmatrix} \dots \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_s & -\sin \theta_s \\ \sin \theta_s & \cos \theta_s \end{pmatrix} \right\} \rightarrow e^{2\pi i \theta_k},$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, s$ . Then we have  $R(SO(2s)) = \mathbb{Z}[\lambda^1, \dots, \lambda_+^s, \lambda_-^s]$  with a relation  $(\lambda_+^s + \lambda_+^{s-2} + \dots)(\lambda_-^s + \lambda_-^{s-2} + \dots) = (\lambda^{s-1} + \lambda^{s-3} + \dots)^2$ , where  $\lambda^k = \sigma^k[\alpha_1, \alpha_1^{-1}, \dots, \alpha_s, \alpha_s^{-1}]$   $k$ -th elementary symmetric function and  $\lambda_{\pm}^s = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_s \leq s \\ \varepsilon_i = \pm 1}} \alpha_{i_1}^{\varepsilon_1} \dots \alpha_{i_s}^{\varepsilon_s}$ .

By the relation

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \hline & & & & -1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \hline & & & & & & & & (a_{ij}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \hline & & & & 1 & -1 & \dots & \dots & \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \hline & & & & a_{11} & -a_{12} & \dots & -a_{1n} \\ & & & & -a_{21} & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & & & & \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ & & & & -a_{n1} & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha_1) \gamma_{12}^{(-1)} &= \alpha_1^{-1} ; & (\alpha_k) \gamma_{12}^{(-1)} &= \alpha_k, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots, s \\ ; & & & \\ (\lambda^k) \gamma_{12}^{(-1)} &= \lambda^k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, s ; & (\lambda_{\pm}^s) \gamma_{12}^{(-1)} &\neq \lambda_{\pm}^s, \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$K(\text{Vect}_{\mathbb{H}}^{\mathbb{C}} \gamma(S^1)) = \mathbb{Z} [\lambda^1, \dots, \lambda^s] \not\subseteq R(\text{SO}(n-r)).$$

When we treat the manifold  $W^{2n-1}(d)$  as an  $\text{SO}(n)$ -manifold,

$$W^{2n-1}(d)_{\text{SO}(n-1)} = S^1 = \{ (z_0, z_1) ; z_0^d + z_1^2 = 0, |z_0| = |z_1| = 1 \}.$$

If  $d$  is odd, then the double covering  $S^1 \rightarrow S^1/O(1)$  is non trivial,

and so  $\gamma_{12} : S^0 \rightarrow O(1)$  is surjective. Hence if  $n, d$  odd together, then

$$K_{\text{SO}(n)}(W^{2n-1}(d)_{\text{SO}(n-1)}) \cong \mathbb{Z} [\lambda^1, \dots, \lambda^s] \not\subseteq R(\text{SO}(n-1)).$$

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