

# Lie Groupoids and Algebroids

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## 1 Lie groupoids

Let us start this lecture by an example.

**Example 1.1.** Let  $M$  be smooth manifold and let  $G$  be a Lie group. Let us consider

$$\mathcal{G} := M \times G \times M. \quad (1)$$

We have two canonical maps  $\mathfrak{s} : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow M$  and  $\mathfrak{t} : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow M$  defined by

$$\mathfrak{s}(m, g, m') := m', \quad \mathfrak{t}(m, g, m') := m. \quad (2)$$

Both are smooth surjective submersions. In particular, one can consider their fibered product

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G} &:= \{((m, g, m'), (n, h, n')) \in \mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G} \mid \mathfrak{s}(m, g, m') = \mathfrak{t}(n, h, n')\} \\ &= \{((m, g, m'), (m', h, n')) \in \mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G} \mid m, m', n' \in M, g, h \in G\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

We can define a *partial multiplication map*  $\mu : \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  by the formula

$$\mu((m, g, m'), (m', h, n')) \equiv (m, g, m') \cdot (m', h, n) := (m, gh, n'). \quad (4)$$

This map is obviously smooth. Finally, for each  $m \in M$ , we have the element  $\mathbf{1}_m = (m, e, m)$ , where  $e \in G$  is the group unit. It follows that

$$\mathbf{1}_m \cdot (m, g, m') = (m, g, m'), \quad (m, g, m') \cdot \mathbf{1}_{m'} = (m, g, m'), \quad (5)$$

and to every  $(m, g, m') \in \mathcal{G}$ , there is a unique element  $(m, g, m')^{-1} := (m', g^{-1}, m)$ , such that

$$(m, g, m') \cdot (m, g, m')^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_m, \quad (m, g, m')^{-1} \cdot (m, g, m') = \mathbf{1}_{m'}. \quad (6)$$

Note that the assignment  $m \mapsto \mathbf{1}_m$  can be viewed as a smooth map  $\mathbf{1} : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ .

This simple example gives the intuition to understand the following definition:

**Definition 1.2.** Let us consider the following data:

- (i) a pair of smooth manifolds  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $M$ ;
- (ii) a pair of smooth surjective submersions  $\mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{t} : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow M$ , where  $\mathfrak{s}$  is called the **source map** and  $\mathfrak{t}$  is called the **target map**;

(iii) a smooth map  $\mu : \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ , where  $\mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G}$  is the fibered product over a pair of maps  $(s, t)$ .

Then  $(\mathcal{G}, M, s, t, \mu)$  is called a **Lie groupoid  $\mathcal{G}$  over the base  $M$** , if it satisfies the following axioms. We assume that each identity holds for all elements of  $\mathcal{G}$ , such that everything is well defined. One also uses the short-hand notation  $g \cdot h := \mu(g, h)$ .

(i) One has  $s(g \cdot h) = s(h)$  and  $t(g \cdot h) = t(g)$ .

(ii)  $\mu$  is associative, that is  $g \cdot (h \cdot k) = (g \cdot h) \cdot k$ .

(iii) For each  $m \in M$ , there exists an element  $\mathbf{1}_m \in \mathcal{G}$ , such that  $s(\mathbf{1}_m) = t(\mathbf{1}_m) = m$  and

$$g \cdot \mathbf{1}_{s(g)} = g, \quad \mathbf{1}_{t(h)} \cdot h = h. \quad (7)$$

Moreover, the formula  $\mathbf{1}(m) := \mathbf{1}_m$  has to define a smooth map  $\mathbf{1} : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ .

(iv) For each  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ , there exists  $g^{-1} \in \mathcal{G}$  with  $s(g^{-1}) = t(g)$  and  $t(g^{-1}) = s(g)$ , such that

$$g \cdot g^{-1} = \mathbf{1}_{t(g)}, \quad g^{-1} \cdot g = \mathbf{1}_{s(g)}. \quad (8)$$

One usually writes  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$ . The set  $\mathcal{G}$  is called the **arrows** of  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$ .  $\mu$  is called the **partial multiplication**,  $\mathbf{1}$  is the **object inclusion map**,  $g^{-1}$  is called the **inverse arrow of  $g$** .

**Exercise 1.3.** Note that neither  $\mathbf{1} : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  and  $i : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  defined as  $i(g) := g^{-1}$  are not part of the data  $(\mathcal{G}, M, s, t, \mu)$ . This is because if they exist, they are unique. Prove this.

**Example 1.4.** The structure in Example 1.1 is called a **trivial Lie groupoid**. It contains two special cases:

(a) If  $G = \{e\}$ , we have  $\mathcal{G} \cong M \times M$  and  $M \times M \rightrightarrows M$  is called the **product Lie groupoid**.

(b) If  $M = \{*\}$ , we have  $\mathcal{G} \cong G$  and  $G \rightrightarrows \{*\}$  is just a Lie group.

*Remark 1.5.* Lie groupoid can be viewed as a small category whose set of objects is  $M$ , its set of arrows is  $\mathcal{G}$ . Axioms (i) – (iii) are just a reformulation of category axioms. The axiom (iv) is equivalent to it being a groupoid, that is a category with invertible arrows.

**Definition 1.6.** For each  $m, n \in M$ , we define the following subsets of  $\mathcal{G}$ :

(i) The **s-fiber over  $m$**  is a set  $\mathcal{G}_m := \{g \in \mathcal{G} \mid s(g) = m\}$ ;

(ii) The **t-fiber over  $n$**  is a set  $\mathcal{G}^n := \{g \in \mathcal{G} \mid t(g) = n\}$ ;

(iii)  $\mathcal{G}_m^n := \mathcal{G}_m \cap \mathcal{G}^n$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{G}_m^m$  is called the **isotropy group at  $m$** .

All of those subsets are actually closed embedded submanifolds of  $\mathcal{G}$ . For  $\mathcal{G}_m^n$ , the statement is non-trivial and it will be proved later.

They are some immediate consequences of the definition.

**Proposition 1.7.** *Let  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  be a Lie groupoid. Then the following facts can be deduced:*

(i) *The object inclusion map  $\mathbf{1} : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  is a closed embedding. In particular  $\mathbf{1}(M) \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  is a closed embedded submanifold diffeomorphic to  $M$ .*

(ii) The inversion map  $i : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  is a diffeomorphism.

**Exercise 1.8.** Prove the preceding proposition. Here are some hints

- (i) Use the fact that  $t \circ i = \mathbb{1}_M$  to argue that  $i$  is an injective immersion. Then prove that it is a closed map. Every closed injective immersion is a closed embedding.
- (ii) Define a smooth map  $\theta : \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \times_t \mathcal{G}$  as  $\theta(g, h) = (g, g \cdot h)$ . Find its inverse to prove that  $\theta$  is a bijection. Use a global rank theorem to prove that  $\theta$  is a diffeomorphism.

Then observe that

$$i = \pi_2 \circ \theta^{-1} \circ (\mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{G}}, \mathbb{1} \circ t) \quad (9)$$

Finally, show that  $i^{-1} = i$  to finish the proof.

Let us continue with more examples:

**Example 1.9.** Let  $\theta : G \times M \rightarrow M$  be a left action of  $G$  on  $M$ . Let  $\mathcal{G} := G \times M$ .

- (i) The source map is  $s(g, m) := m$ . This is a smooth surjective submersion.
- (ii) The target map is  $t(g, m) := g \cdot m$ , that is  $t := \theta$ . It is surjective as  $\theta(e, m) = m$ . It is a submersion as its restriction to a fiber  $\{g\} \times M$  is a diffeomorphism.
- (iii) Note that  $((g, m), (h, n)) \in \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G}$ , if  $m = h \cdot n$ . We define the partial multiplication as

$$(g, m) \cdot (h, n) := (gh, n) \quad (10)$$

It is smooth as it just a restriction of a smooth map to the submanifold  $\mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G}$ . Then

$$s((g, m) \cdot (h, n)) = s(gh, n) = n = s(h, n), \quad (11)$$

$$t((g, m) \cdot (h, n)) = t(gh, n) = (gh) \cdot n = g \cdot (h \cdot n) = g \cdot m = t(g, m). \quad (12)$$

The associativity follows from the one of  $G$ .

- (iv) The object inclusion map is  $\mathbf{1}(m) = (e, m)$  and the inverse is  $(g, m)^{-1} = (g^{-1}, g \cdot m)$ .

One writes  $\mathcal{G} = G \triangleleft M$  and calls  $G \triangleleft M \rightrightarrows M$  the **action Lie groupoid** corresponding to the action  $\theta$ .

**Example 1.10.** Let  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$  be a principal  $G$ -bundle with the right action  $R : P \times G \rightarrow P$ .

There is an induced action on  $P \times P$ , namely set  $(p, q) \cdot g := (p \cdot g, q \cdot g)$ . This action is free and proper. Consequently, there is unique topology and smooth structure on the quotient

$$\mathcal{G} := \frac{P \times P}{G}, \quad (13)$$

making the canonical quotient map  $\natural : P \times P \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  into a surjective submersion. Let us write  $[p, q] := \natural(p, q)$ . By design, we thus have  $[p \cdot g, q \cdot g] = [p, q]$ .

- (i) Let  $s([p, q]) := \pi(q)$  and  $t([p, q]) := \pi(p)$ . They are obviously well-defined and surjective. Since  $s \circ \natural = \pi \circ \pi_2$  and  $t \circ \natural = \pi \circ \pi_1$ , they are smooth surjective submersions.

- (ii) Define a map  $\delta : P \times_{\pi} P \rightarrow P$  to satisfy the formula  $\delta(p \cdot g, p) := g$ . Such a map is unique and it is smooth. Since for  $([p, q], [p', q']) \in \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G}$ , one has  $(q, p') \in P \times_{\pi} P$ , one can define

$$[p, q] \cdot [p', q'] := [p, q' \cdot \delta(q, p')]. \quad (14)$$

Now, one has

$$\mathfrak{s}([p, q' \cdot \delta(q, p')]) = \pi(q' \cdot \delta(q, p')) = \pi(q') = \mathfrak{s}([p', q']), \quad (15)$$

$$\mathfrak{t}([p, q' \cdot \delta(q, p')]) = \pi(p) = \mathfrak{t}([p, q]). \quad (16)$$

Note that the associativity is non-trivial, it boils down to the fact that

$$\delta(p \cdot h, q) = \delta(p, q) \cdot h, \quad (17)$$

for all  $(p, q) \in P \times_{\pi} P$  and  $h \in G$ . We leave the smoothness of  $\mu$  as an exercise.

- (iii) For each  $m \in M$ , fix an arbitrary  $p \in \pi^{-1}(M)$ . We declare  $\mathbf{1}_m := [p, p]$ . It is easy to see that this is well-defined. Observe that for each  $[p', q'] \in \mathcal{G}^m$ , one

$$\mathbf{1}_m \cdot [p', q'] = [p', p'] \cdot [p', q'] = [p', q' \cdot \delta(p', p')] = [p', q' \cdot e] = [p', q']. \quad (18)$$

The proof that for any  $[p, q] \in \mathcal{G}_m$ , one has  $[p, q] \cdot \mathbf{1}_m = [p, q]$  is analogous.

- (iv) The inverse is easily seen to be  $[p, q]^{-1} = [q, p]$ .

Lie algebroid  $\frac{P \times P}{G} \rightrightarrows M$  is called the **gauge groupoid corresponding to  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$** .

**Exercise 1.11.** (i) Prove that the action on  $P \times P$  is proper.

Recall that the right action  $\theta : N \times G \rightarrow N$  is proper, if the maps  $(n, g) \mapsto (n, \theta(n, g))$  is a proper map. This is equivalent to the following statement: Suppose we are given sequences  $\{n_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{g_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  in  $N$  and  $G$ , respectively. Then if both  $\{n_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{n_k \cdot g_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  converge in  $N$ , some subsequence of  $\{g_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  must converge in  $G$ .

Finally, observe that if  $\{p_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $p \in P$ , for large enough  $k$ , the terms of the sequence end up in  $\pi^{-1}(U)$  for some open subset of  $U$  containing  $\pi(p)$ , such that  $P \cong U \times G$ . But since  $G$  acts along the fibers, the same is true for  $\{p_k \cdot g_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ . Modify this argument for  $P \times P$  and work locally to prove that the action is proper.

- (ii) Prove that  $\delta : P \times_{\pi} P \rightarrow G$  is smooth.  
 (iii) Prove that  $\mu : \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  is smooth. Hint: prove that a smooth map  $\mathfrak{h} \times \mathfrak{h}$  restricts to a surjective submersion

$$\mathfrak{h} \times \mathfrak{h} : P \times (P \times_{\pi} P) \times P \rightarrow \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G} \quad (19)$$

The partial multiplication  $\mu : \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G}$  then fits into the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P \times (P \times_{\pi} P) \times P & \xrightarrow{\hat{\mu}} & P \times P \\ \downarrow \mathfrak{h} \times \mathfrak{h} & & \downarrow \mathfrak{h} \\ \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & \mathcal{G} \end{array}, \quad (20)$$

where  $\hat{\mu}(p, q, p', q') = (p, q' \cdot \delta(q, p'))$  is obviously smooth.

(iv) Prove that  $\mathbf{1} : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  is smooth. Hint: observe that  $\mathbf{1}$  fits into the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & P \times P \\ \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \mathfrak{h} \\ M & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{1}} & \mathcal{G} \end{array} \quad (21)$$

**Example 1.12.** Let  $M$  be an arbitrary manifold. Let  $I = [0, 1]$  and let  $\mathcal{G} := \Pi(M)$  be a set of homotopy classes of continuous curves  $\gamma : I \rightarrow M$ .

- (i) One sets  $\mathfrak{s}([\gamma]) := \gamma(0)$  and  $\mathfrak{t}([\gamma]) = \gamma(1)$ .
- (ii) The partial multiplication is just the usual concatenation of curves, that is  $[\gamma] \cdot [\gamma'] = [\gamma * \gamma']$ , where  $\gamma * \gamma'$  is defined as  $\gamma'$  on  $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$  followed by  $\gamma$  on  $[\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ . It is a well-known fact that it has all the properties required of the partial multiplication.
- (iii) One has  $\mathbf{1}_m := [e_m]$ , where  $e_m : I \rightarrow M$  is a constant curve valued at  $m$ . Again, it is a standard argument to see that  $\mathbf{1}_m$  works as a unit element at  $m$ .
- (iv) Finally, one has  $[\gamma]^{-1} = [\gamma^{-1}]$ , where  $\gamma^{-1}(t) := \gamma(1 - t)$ .

$\Pi(M) \rightrightarrows M$  is called the **fundamental groupoid of  $M$** .

One has to introduce a topology and a smooth structure on  $\Pi(M)$ . This can be done in a rather interesting indirect way. Suppose  $M$  is connected.

- 1) There exists a universal covering space  $\pi : \widetilde{M} \rightarrow M$ . Fix  $m_0 \in M$ . Then  $\widetilde{M}$  is defined as a set of all homotopy classes of all continuous curves starting from  $m_0$ . For each  $[\gamma] \in \widetilde{M}$ , one has  $\pi[\gamma] := \gamma(1)$ . There is a topology and a smooth structure on  $\widetilde{M}$  making  $\pi$  into a smooth covering.
- 2) The fundamental group  $\pi_1(M, m_0)$  is at most countable, it thus forms a discrete Lie group. There is a canonical right action of  $\pi_1(M, m_0)$  on  $\widetilde{M}$ , namely  $[\gamma] \cdot [\omega] := [\gamma * \omega]$ . One can show that this makes  $\pi : \widetilde{M} \rightarrow M$  into a principal  $\pi_1(M, m_0)$ -bundle.
- 3) There is a canonical bijection  $\Psi : \Pi(M) \rightarrow \frac{\widetilde{M} \times \widetilde{M}}{\pi_1(M, m_0)}$ . Let  $[\gamma] \in \Pi(M)$ . Let  $x := \gamma(0)$  and  $y := \gamma(1)$ . Since  $M$  is connected, there exist a curve  $\gamma_0 : I \rightarrow M$  connecting  $m_0$  and  $x$ . Then  $\gamma * \gamma_0$  connects  $m_0$  and  $y$ . One defines

$$\Psi([\gamma]) := [[\gamma * \gamma_0], [\gamma_0],]. \quad (22)$$

With some work, one can show that  $\Psi$  is both injective and surjective, it intertwines both the source and target maps, and it is compatible with both partial multiplications.

We can thus use  $\Psi$  to *declare* the topology and a smooth structure on  $\Pi(M)$ , making it into a Lie groupoid.

## 2 Morphisms, local triviality

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(\mathcal{G}, M, \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{t}, \mu)$  and  $(\mathcal{H}, N, \mathfrak{s}', \mathfrak{t}', \mu')$  be a pair of Lie groupoids. A **morphism of Lie groupoids** is a pair of smooth maps  $(F, f)$ , where  $F : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  and  $f : M \rightarrow N$ , such that

- (i)  $s' \circ F = f \circ s$  and  $t' \circ F = f \circ t$ ;
- (ii)  $F(g) \cdot F(h) = F(g \cdot h)$  for all  $(g, h) \in \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G}$ ; Note that (i) ensures that  $(F(g), F(h)) \in \mathcal{H} * \mathcal{H}$ .

We say that  $F : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is a **LG morphism over**  $f$ . If  $M = N$  and  $f = \mathbb{1}_M$ , we say that  $F$  is a **LG morphism over**  $M$ .

**Exercise 2.2.** Let  $F : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be a LG morphism over  $f$ .

- (i) For each  $m \in M$ , one has  $F(\mathbb{1}_m) = \mathbb{1}_{f(m)}$ .
- (ii) One has  $F(g^{-1}) = F(g)^{-1}$  for each  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ .
- (iii)  $f$  is in fact completely determined by  $F$ , since it fits into the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{G} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{H} \\ \mathbb{1} \uparrow & & \uparrow \mathbb{1}' \\ M & \xrightarrow{f} & N \end{array} \quad (23)$$

In fact, if  $F$  is smooth,  $f$  is automatically smooth.

- (iv) Lie groupoids and their morphisms form a category.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  be any groupoid. Let  $\chi : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow M \times M$  be defined as

$$\chi(g) := (t(g), s(g)). \quad (24)$$

Then  $\chi$  is a morphism of  $\mathcal{G}$  and the pair groupoid  $M \times M$  called the **anchor of**  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Example 2.4.** Let  $q : E \rightarrow M$  be a vector bundle over  $M$ . For each  $m, n \in M$ , let

$$\Phi_m^n(E) := \text{Iso}(E_m, E_n) \quad (25)$$

Let  $\Phi(E) = \bigsqcup_{m,n} \Phi_m^n(E)$ . For each  $\varphi \in \Phi_m^n(E)$ , define  $s(\varphi) = m$  and  $t(\varphi) = n$ .

The partial multiplication is simply a composition of maps,  $\mathbb{1}_m = \mathbb{1}_{E_m}$  and  $i(\varphi) = \varphi^{-1}$ .

One only has to define a topology and a smooth structure on  $\Phi(E)$ . This is done as follows. For all open subsets  $U, V \subseteq M$ , let  $\Phi_U^V(E) := s^{-1}(U) \cap t^{-1}(V)$ . Let  $\{(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be a local trivialization for  $E$ . Without the loss of generality, we may assume that we also have an atlas  $\{(U_\alpha, \nu_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in I}$  for  $M$ , that is  $\nu_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow \hat{U}_\alpha \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

For each  $\alpha, \beta \in I$ , one produces a bijection

$$\Psi_{\alpha\beta} : \Phi_{U_\alpha}^{U_\beta}(E) \rightarrow \hat{U}_\beta \times \text{GL}(k, \mathbb{R}) \times \hat{U}_\alpha \quad (26)$$

as follows. For any  $\varphi \in \Phi_{U_\alpha}^{U_\beta}(E)$ , let

$$\Psi_{\alpha\beta}(\varphi) := \left( \nu_\beta(t(\varphi)), \phi_{\beta, t(\varphi)}^{-1} \circ \varphi \circ \phi_{\alpha, s(\varphi)}, \nu_\alpha(s(\varphi)) \right). \quad (27)$$

It is not difficult to find its inverse, since one finds.

$$\Phi_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(y, \mathbf{A}, x) = \phi_{\beta, \nu_\beta^{-1}(y)} \circ \mathbf{A} \circ \phi_{\alpha, \nu_\alpha^{-1}(x)}^{-1} \in \text{Iso}(E_{\nu_\beta^{-1}(y)}, E_{\nu_\alpha^{-1}(x)}). \quad (28)$$

$\{\Phi_{U_\alpha}^{U_\beta}(E)\}_{\alpha, \beta \in I}$  is an cover of  $\Phi(E)$ . Since  $\text{GL}(k, \mathbb{R}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$  is an open subset, we can now define a topology and a smooth structure on  $\Phi$  by declaring  $\{(\Phi_{U_\alpha}^{U_\beta}, \Psi_{\alpha\beta})\}_{\alpha, \beta \in I}$  into a smooth atlas.

It is then not difficult to prove that  $\Phi(E) \rightrightarrows M$  forms a Lie groupoid called the **frame groupoid of**  $E$ .

**Exercise 2.5.** Finish some technical details in the above example.

- (i) Calculate the transition maps of the above atlas and prove that they are smooth
- (ii) Prove that  $\mathfrak{s}$ ,  $\mathfrak{t}$  and  $\mu$  all have the required properties. Hint: locally, everything boils down to the trivial Lie groupoid.

**Example 2.6.** The frame groupoid  $\Phi(E)$  is in fact isomorphic to a gauge groupoid of the frame bundle  $\pi : \text{Fr}(E) \rightarrow M$ .

Let us only construct a mapping from  $\Phi(E)$  to the gauge groupoid. For any  $\varphi \in \Phi(E)$ , let us pick an arbitrary basis  $q = (q_\mu)_{\mu=1}^k$  of  $E_{\mathfrak{s}(\varphi)}$ . Then  $p := (\varphi(q_\mu))_{\mu=1}^k$  is a basis of  $E_{\mathfrak{t}(\varphi)}$ . Let

$$F(\varphi) := [p, q] \in \Phi. \quad (29)$$

It is easy to see that  $F$  is well-defined, since if  $q' := q \cdot \mathbf{A}$  is any other basis, then the induced basis of  $E_{\mathfrak{t}(\varphi)}$  is  $p' = p \cdot \mathbf{A}$ , so  $[p', q'] = [p, q]$ . Since  $\mathfrak{s}'(F(\varphi)) = \mathfrak{s}(\varphi)$  and  $\mathfrak{t}'(F(\varphi)) = \mathfrak{t}(\varphi)$ , the underlying map is  $\mathbb{1}_M$ . We proof of the smoothness of  $F$  is a straightforward exercise.

**Definition 2.7.** One says that a Lie groupoid  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  is **transitive**, if the anchor map  $\chi : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow M \times M$  is surjective.

It turns out that the set of arrows of any transitive Lie groupoid is necessarily bijective to the one of a trivial Lie groupoid.

**Lemma 2.8.** For any  $p \in M$ , the set  $\mathcal{G}$  is bijective to  $M \times \mathcal{G}_p^p \times M$ .

*Proof.* Pick any reference point  $p \in M$ . It follows that the restriction  $\mathfrak{t}_p : \mathcal{G}_p \rightarrow M$  remains surjective. There is thus a map  $\sigma : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_p$ , such that  $\mathfrak{t}_p \circ \sigma = \mathbb{1}_M$ .

Now, define  $F : M \times \mathcal{G}_p^p \times M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  as

$$F(n, g, m) := \sigma(n) \cdot g \cdot \sigma(m)^{-1}. \quad (30)$$

This defines a bijection. Indeed, for any  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ , define

$$F^{-1}(g) := (\mathfrak{t}(g), \sigma(\mathfrak{t}(g))^{-1} \cdot g \cdot \sigma(\mathfrak{s}(g)), \mathfrak{s}(g)). \quad (31)$$

Note that the middle term is indeed in  $\mathcal{G}_p^p$ , since  $\sigma(\mathfrak{s}(g)) \in \mathcal{G}_p^{\mathfrak{s}(g)}$  and  $\sigma(\mathfrak{t}(g))^{-1} \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathfrak{t}(g)}^p$ , so the multiplication is well-defined and the results in  $\mathcal{G}_p^p$ . The prove that inverse of  $F$  is easy. ■

Note that if  $\sigma$  is smooth,  $F$  is also smooth and defines a LG isomorphism of  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $M \times \mathcal{G}_p^p \times M$ . However, in general case, such a global smooth  $\sigma$  may not exist. We cannot ensure this globally. However, there is a notion suitable for smooth setting.

**Definition 2.9.** One says that a Lie groupoid  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  is **locally trivial**, if its anchor  $\chi : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow M \times M$  is a smooth surjective submersion.

**Example 2.10.** Most of Lie groupoids we have already met are (at least in some cases) locally trivial.

- (i) A trivial Lie groupoid is locally trivial.

- (ii) An action Lie groupoid  $G \ltimes M$  is locally trivial, iff  $\theta : G \times M \rightarrow M$  is transitive. Indeed, one has  $\chi(g, m) = (\theta(g, m), m)$ . This map is surjective, iff  $\theta$  is a transitive action. It is easy to see that this is always a submersion.
- (iii) For any principal  $G$ -bundle  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$ , the corresponding gauge groupoid is locally trivial. This is because the anchor fits into the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 P \times P & & \\
 \downarrow \mathfrak{h} & \searrow \pi \times \pi & \\
 \frac{P \times P}{G} & \xrightarrow{\chi} & M \times M
 \end{array} \quad . \quad (32)$$

Since  $\pi \times \pi$  is a surjective submersion, so is  $\chi$ . In particular,  $\Pi(M)$  and  $\Phi(E)$  are locally trivial.

Let us justify the name "locally trivial". Observe that for any open subset  $U \subseteq M$ , the subset  $\mathcal{G}_U^U = \mathfrak{s}^{-1}(U) \cap \mathfrak{t}^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $\mathcal{G}$ . It follows that all structure maps of a Lie groupoid can be restricted and one obtain a **restricted Lie groupoid**  $\mathcal{G}_U^U \rightrightarrows U$ . First, let us make a following important observation.

**Proposition 2.11.** *Let  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  be a locally trivial Lie groupoid.*

*Then for each  $p \in M$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_p^p$  is a closed embedded submanifold of  $\mathcal{G}$  and with respect to the restriction of  $\mu$  to  $\mathcal{G}_p^p$ , it forms a Lie group.*

*Proof.* Observe that  $\mathcal{G}_p^p = \chi^{-1}(p)$ . Since  $\chi$  is a surjective submersion,  $\mathcal{G}_p^p$  is a closed embedded submanifold. Moreover, notice that  $\mathcal{G}_p^p \times \mathcal{G}_p^p \subseteq \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G}$  is also a closed embedded submanifold, so  $\mu$  restricts to a smooth map  $\mu_p : \mathcal{G}_p^p \times \mathcal{G}_p^p \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_p^p$ . The fact that  $(\mathcal{G}_p^p, \mu_p)$  forms a group is straightforward. ■

**Proposition 2.12.** *Let  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  be a locally trivial Lie groupoid.*

*Then for every  $p \in M$ , there is an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $p$ , such that a restricted Lie groupoid  $\mathcal{G}_U^U$  is isomorphic to the trivial Lie groupoid  $U \times \mathcal{G}_p^p \times U$  over  $U$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $p \in M$  be an arbitrary but fixed point. Let us argue that  $\mathfrak{t}_p : \mathcal{G}_p \rightarrow M$  is also a surjective submersion. To do so, observe that  $\sigma_p : M \rightarrow M \times M$  defined by  $\sigma_p(n) = (n, p)$  is a closed embedding. Let  $j_p : \mathcal{G}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  be the embedding. Then  $\mathfrak{t}_p$  fits into the pullback diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{G}_p & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{t}_p} & M \\
 \downarrow j_p & & \downarrow \sigma_p \\
 \mathcal{G} & \xrightarrow{\chi} & M \times M
 \end{array} \quad . \quad (33)$$

This means that  $\mathcal{G}_p$  is precisely the inverse image submanifold of  $\sigma_p(M)$  under  $\chi$ . It is an easy exercise to check that  $\chi$  being a surjective submersion implies that  $\mathfrak{t}_p$  is also.

Now, for any surjective submersion, there exists an open subset  $U \subseteq M$  containing  $p$  and a smooth map  $\sigma : U \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_p$ , such that  $\mathfrak{t}_p \circ \sigma = \mathbb{1}_U$ . One can now use the same tactic as in Lemma 2.8 to construct a Lie groupoid isomorphism  $F : U \times \mathcal{G}_p^p \times U \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_U^U$ . ■



**Example 2.13.** Let  $G$  be a Lie group with a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . We will now make  $T^*G$  into a Lie groupoid over  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ .

For any  $\xi \in T_g^*G$ , let us define  $\mathfrak{t}(\xi) := R_g^*(\xi)$  and  $\mathfrak{s}(\xi) := L_g^*(\xi)$ .

Suppose  $\xi \in T_g^*\mathcal{G}$  and  $\eta \in T_h^*\mathcal{G}$  satisfy  $\mathfrak{s}(\xi) = \mathfrak{t}(\eta)$ , that is  $L_g^*(\xi) = R_h^*(\eta)$ . We propose that  $\xi \bullet \eta \in T_{gh}^*\mathcal{G}$ . We must ensure that

$$\mathfrak{t}(\xi \bullet \eta) = \mathfrak{t}(\xi), \quad \mathfrak{t}(\xi \bullet \eta) = \mathfrak{s}(\eta). \quad (34)$$

This forces  $R_k^*(\xi \bullet \eta) = R_g^*(\xi)$  and  $L_k^*(\xi \bullet \eta) = L_h^*(\eta)$ . This determines  $\xi \bullet \eta$  uniquely as

$$\xi \bullet \eta = R_{h^{-1}}^*(\xi) = L_{g^{-1}}(\eta). \quad (35)$$

For each  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ , the unit element  $1_\alpha$  is  $\alpha$  viewed as an element of  $T_e^*\mathcal{G}$ . Then

$$1_{\mathfrak{t}(\eta)} \bullet \eta = L_{e^{-1}}(\eta) = \eta, \quad \xi \bullet 1_{\mathfrak{s}(\xi)} = R_{e^{-1}}^*(\xi) = \xi. \quad (36)$$

Finally, for any  $\xi \in T_g^*\mathcal{G}$ , one has  $\xi^{-1} = I_{g^{-1}}^*(\xi)$ . The check of all the required properties is left as an exercise.

**Exercise 2.14.** Work out the technical details.

Hint: observe that one has a diffeomorphism  $F : T^*G \rightarrow G \times \mathfrak{g}^*$  taking  $\xi \in T_g^*G$  to  $F(\xi) = (g, L_{g^{-1}}^*(\xi))$ . Show that  $F$  defines a Lie groupoid isomorphism with the action Lie groupoid  $G \ltimes \mathfrak{g}^*$  with respect to the coadjoint action  $\text{Ad}_g^*$  of  $G$  on  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ .

### 3 Bisections

Recall that for a Lie group  $G$ , we have a class of diffeomorphisms forming a subgroup of  $\text{Diff}(G)$  isomorphic to  $G$ , namely left translations  $\{L_g\}_{g \in G}$ .

For a Lie groupoid  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  and each  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ , the corresponding **left translation**  $L_g(h) := g \cdot h$  is defined only for  $h \in \mathcal{G}$  with  $\mathfrak{t}(h) = \mathfrak{s}(g)$ . Since  $\mathfrak{t}(g \cdot h) = \mathfrak{t}(g)$ , we see that  $L_g$  can be viewed as a smooth map

$$L_g : \mathcal{G}^{\mathfrak{s}(g)} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^{\mathfrak{t}(g)}. \quad (37)$$

In fact, since  $L_{g^{-1}}$  is its inverse, we see that it defines a diffeomorphism.

Now, since  $\mathcal{G} = \bigsqcup_{m \in M} \mathcal{G}^m$ , we may try to choose a collection  $\{g_m\}_{m \in M}$  of elements of  $\mathcal{G}$ , each satisfying  $\mathfrak{s}(g_m) = m$ , and define the resulting diffeomorphism by the whole family of left translation. Since  $L_{g_m}(\mathcal{G}^m) = \mathcal{G}^{\mathfrak{t}(g_m)}$  and we reach every  $\mathfrak{t}$ -fiber of  $\mathcal{G}$ , we see that the map  $m \mapsto \mathfrak{t}(g_m)$  must be a bijection. Note that the resulting diffeomorphism preserves sources. This leads us to the following concept - we will consider diffeomorphisms of  $\mathcal{G}$  which arise in this way:

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  be a Lie groupoid. A **left translation of  $\mathcal{G}$**  is a pair of diffeomorphisms  $(\varphi, \varphi_\circ)$ , where  $\varphi : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  and  $\varphi_\circ : M \rightarrow M$ , such that

1.  $\mathfrak{t} \circ \varphi = \varphi_\circ \circ \mathfrak{t}$ ,  $\mathfrak{s} \circ \varphi = \mathfrak{s}$ ;
2. for each  $m \in M$ , the restriction  $\varphi^m : \mathcal{G}^m \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^{\varphi_\circ(m)}$  is of the form  $L_{g_m}$  for some  $g_m \in \mathcal{G}$ .

Now, the assignment  $m \mapsto g_m$  with  $\mathfrak{s}(g_m) = m$  can be viewed as a map  $\sigma : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  satisfying  $\mathfrak{s} \circ \sigma = \mathbb{1}_M$ . As already noted, the composition  $\mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma : M \rightarrow M$  must be a bijection. This leads to the following definition.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  be a Lie groupoid. A **bisection** of  $\mathcal{G}$  is a smooth map  $\sigma : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ , such that  $\mathfrak{s} \circ \sigma = \mathbb{1}_M$  and  $\mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma : M \rightarrow M$  is a diffeomorphism. The set of bijections of  $\mathcal{G}$  is denoted as  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{G})$ .

In fact, left translations and bisections are in one-to-one correspondence.

**Proposition 3.3.** *To each bisection  $\sigma$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ , there is an associated left translation  $L_\sigma : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ . Every left translation of  $\mathcal{G}$  is of this form for a unique bisection  $\sigma$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\sigma \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{G})$ . We have to construct a pair of diffeomorphisms  $\varphi : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  and  $\varphi_\circ : M \rightarrow M$ .

Obviously, let  $\varphi_\circ := \mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma$ . This is a diffeomorphism by definition. For each  $h \in \mathcal{G}$ , define

$$\varphi(h) := \sigma(\mathfrak{t}(h)) \cdot h. \quad (38)$$

This is well-defined and obviously smooth. The facts that  $\mathfrak{t} \circ \varphi = \varphi_\circ \circ \mathfrak{t}$  and  $\mathfrak{s} \circ \varphi = \mathfrak{s}$  are obvious. Its inverse is a smooth map

$$\varphi^{-1}(k) := \sigma(\varphi_\circ^{-1}(\mathfrak{t}(k)))^{-1} \cdot k, \quad (39)$$

To check that this is well-defined, the target of  $\sigma(\varphi_\circ^{-1}(\mathfrak{t}(k)))$  must be  $\mathfrak{t}(k)$ . But this is checked easily using the definition of  $\varphi_\circ$ . The proof that this is indeed an inverse to  $\varphi$  is straightforward and we leave it as an exercise. Finally, one has  $\varphi^m = L_{\sigma(m)}$ . Hence  $(\varphi, \varphi_\circ)$  is a left translation on  $\mathcal{G}$ , henceforth denoted as  $L_\sigma$ .

Conversely, let  $(\varphi, \varphi_\circ)$  be a left translation. Define  $\sigma := \varphi \circ \mathbb{1}$ . This is a smooth map. One has immediately obtains the required properties, since

$$\mathfrak{s} \circ \sigma = \mathfrak{s} \circ \varphi \circ \mathbb{1} = \mathfrak{s} \circ \mathbb{1} = \mathbb{1}_M, \quad (40)$$

$$\mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma = \mathfrak{t} \circ \varphi \circ \mathbb{1} = \varphi_\circ \circ \mathfrak{t} \circ \mathbb{1} = \varphi_\circ \circ \mathbb{1}_M = \varphi_\circ, \quad (41)$$

and one uses the fact that  $\varphi_\circ$  is a diffeomorphism. Hence  $\sigma \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{G})$ . To see that  $\varphi = L_\sigma$ , note that necessarily  $\varphi^m = L_{\sigma(m)}$  for each  $m \in M$ .

Indeed, we know that  $\varphi^m = L_{g_m}$  for some  $g_m \in \mathcal{G}$ . But since  $\mathbb{1}_m \in \mathcal{G}^m$ , one can write

$$g_m = L_{g_m}(\mathbb{1}_m) = \varphi^m(\mathbb{1}_m) \equiv (\varphi \circ \mathbb{1})(m) = \sigma(m). \quad (42)$$

For an arbitrary  $h \in \mathcal{G}$ , one has  $h \in \mathcal{G}^{\mathfrak{t}(h)}$ , so one can now write

$$\varphi(h) = \varphi^{\mathfrak{t}(h)}(h) = L_{\sigma(\mathfrak{t}(h))}(h) = \sigma(\mathfrak{t}(h)) \cdot h \equiv L_\sigma(h). \quad (43)$$

Also note that  $\sigma$  was uniquely determined by  $\varphi$ . This finishes the proof.  $\blacksquare$

**Proposition 3.4.** *Left translations form a subgroup of  $\text{Diff}(\mathcal{G})$ . Consequently, there is a unique group structure induced on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{G})$ .*

*Proof.* The first claim is easy to check.

Let  $\sigma, \sigma' \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{G})$ . Their product on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{G})$  is defined by requirement

$$L_{\sigma \star \sigma'} = L_\sigma \circ L_{\sigma'}. \quad (44)$$

By the above proof, one can write  $\sigma \star \sigma' = (L_\sigma \circ L_{\sigma'}) \circ \mathbb{1}$ . By plugging into the formulas for  $L_\sigma$  and  $L_{\sigma'}$ , one immediately obtains the expression

$$(\sigma \star \sigma')(m) = L_\sigma(L_{\sigma'}(\mathbb{1}_m)) = L_\sigma(\sigma'(m)) = \sigma(\mathfrak{t}(\sigma'(m))) \cdot \sigma'(m). \quad (45)$$

The group unit is obviously precisely the object inclusion map  $1 : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  and the group inverse is a bisection  $\sigma^{-1}$  defined by

$$\sigma^{-1}(m) := \sigma((\mathbf{t} \circ \sigma)^{-1}(m))^{-1}. \quad (46)$$

We can thus write  $(L_\sigma)^{-1} = \sigma^{-1}$ . This finishes the proof.  $\blacksquare$

**Example 3.5.** Let us examine  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{G})$  for the trivial Lie groupoid  $\mathcal{G} = M \times G \times M$ .

It is easy to see that the most general  $\sigma \in \mathcal{B}(G)$  takes the form  $\sigma(m) = (\varphi_\circ(m), \mathbf{g}(m), m)$ , where  $\varphi_\circ : M \rightarrow M$  is a diffeomorphism and  $\mathbf{g} : M \rightarrow G$  is a smooth map. If  $\sigma'(m) = (\varphi'_0(m), \mathbf{g}'(m), m)$ , their product has the form

$$\begin{aligned} (\sigma \star \sigma')(m) &= \sigma(\mathbf{t}(\sigma'(m))) \cdot \sigma'(m) = \sigma(\varphi'_0(m)) \cdot \sigma'(m) \\ &= (\varphi_0(\varphi'_0(m)), \mathbf{g}(\varphi'_0(m)), \varphi'_0(m)) \cdot (\varphi'_0(m), \mathbf{g}'(m), m) \\ &= ((\varphi \circ \varphi')(m), \mathbf{g}(\varphi'_0(m)) \cdot \mathbf{g}(m), m). \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

This shows that  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{G}) \cong \text{Diff}(M) \times C^\infty(M, G)$  with the multiplication given by  $(\varphi, \mathbf{g}) \star (\varphi', \mathbf{g}') = (\varphi \circ \varphi', (\mathbf{g} \circ \varphi'_0) \cdot \mathbf{g}')$ . The group unit is  $(\mathbb{1}_M, \mathbf{e})$ , where  $\mathbf{e}(m) := e$  for all  $m \in M$ .

**Example 3.6.** Let  $\Phi(E)$  be the frame groupoid. Let us examine the group  $\mathcal{B}(\Phi(E))$ . We claim that it corresponds to the group of all vector bundle automorphisms of  $E$ .

First, suppose  $\sigma : M \rightarrow \Phi(E)$  be a bisection. We shall define a corresponding vector bundle map  $\bar{\sigma} : E \rightarrow E$  as follows. Recall that  $q : E \rightarrow M$ . For each  $e \in E$ , let

$$\bar{\sigma}(e) := [\sigma(q(e))](e) \quad (48)$$

Let  $\varphi_\circ : M \rightarrow M$  be the diffeomorphism defined by  $\sigma$ , that is  $\varphi_\circ = \mathbf{t} \circ \sigma$ . Then

$$q(\bar{\sigma}(e)) = q([\sigma(q(e))](e)) = \mathbf{t}([\sigma(q(e))]) = \varphi_\circ(q(e)), \quad (49)$$

that is  $\bar{\sigma}$  satisfies  $q \circ \bar{\sigma} = \varphi_\circ \circ q$ . For each  $m \in M$ , its restriction to the fiber  $E_m$  is a linear isomorphism  $\sigma(m) \in \text{Iso}(E_m, E_{\varphi_\circ(m)})$ . One only has to argue that it is smooth. We leave that as an exercise.

Conversely,  $F : E \rightarrow E$  is a smooth vector bundle automorphism over  $\varphi_\circ : M \rightarrow M$ . For each  $m \in M$ , we will produce an element  $\sigma(m) \in \Phi(E)$  satisfying  $\mathbf{s}(\sigma(m)) = m$  and  $\mathbf{t}(\sigma(m)) = \varphi_\circ(m)$ . Obviously, set  $\sigma(m) := F_m \in \text{Iso}(E_m, E_{\varphi_\circ(m)})$ . One only has to show that  $\sigma$  so defined is smooth. Again, this is given as an exercise.

It is easy to see that these assignments are inverse to each other and that the group product  $\star$  on  $\mathcal{B}(\Phi(E))$  corresponds to the composition of vector bundle automorphisms.

**Exercise 3.7.** Prove the smoothness claims of the previous example. Hint: use suitable local trivialization charts for  $E$ .

**Example 3.8.** Let  $\mathcal{G} = G \triangleleft M$  be the action algebroid corresponding to  $\theta : G \times M \rightarrow M$ . Every bisection is thus of the form  $\sigma(m) = (\mathbf{g}(m), m)$ , where  $\mathbf{g} : M \rightarrow G$  is smooth.

By definition,  $\mathbf{t} \circ \sigma : M \rightarrow M$  must be a diffeomorphism. But this means that the map  $m \mapsto \mathbf{g}(m) \cdot m$  must be a diffeomorphism of  $M$ . We see that

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{G} \triangleleft M) \cong \{\mathbf{g} \in C^\infty(M, G) \mid m \mapsto \mathbf{g}(m) \cdot m \text{ is a diffeomorphism}\} \quad (50)$$

It is straightforward to see that the product on  $\mathcal{B}(G \triangleleft M)$  can be identified with

$$(\mathbf{g} \star \mathbf{g}')(m) = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{g}'(m) \cdot m) \cdot \mathbf{g}'(m). \quad (51)$$

Observe that for every  $g \in G$ , the constant map  $\mathbf{g}(m) \equiv g$  has the required property, since  $m \mapsto g \cdot m$  is indeed a diffeomorphism. In other words,  $G$  can be viewed as a subgroup of  $\mathcal{B}(G \triangleleft M)$ .

**Example 3.9.** Let  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$  be a principal  $G$ -bundle. We claim (without proof) that the following diagram is actually a pullback:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P \times P & \xrightarrow{\natural} & \frac{P \times P}{G} \\ \downarrow \pi_2 & & \downarrow \mathfrak{s} \\ P & \xrightarrow{\pi} & M \end{array} \quad (52)$$

Now, suppose  $\sigma : M \rightarrow \frac{P \times P}{G}$  is a bisection. In particular, one has  $\mathfrak{s} \circ \sigma = \mathbb{1}_M$  and  $\varphi_\circ := \mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma$  is a diffeomorphism.

Now the pair of maps  $\sigma \circ \pi : P \rightarrow \frac{P \times P}{G}$  and  $\mathbb{1}_P : P \rightarrow P$  fits into the pullback diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} P & & \xrightarrow{\sigma \circ \pi} & & \frac{P \times P}{G} \\ & \searrow \bar{\sigma} & & \xrightarrow{\natural} & \\ & & P \times P & & \\ & \searrow \mathbb{1}_P & \downarrow \pi_2 & & \downarrow \mathfrak{s} \\ & & P & \xrightarrow{\pi} & M \end{array} \quad (53)$$

There is thus a unique map  $\bar{\sigma} : P \rightarrow P \times P$ , such that  $\pi_2 \circ \bar{\sigma} = \mathbb{1}_P$  and  $\natural \circ \bar{\sigma} = \sigma \circ \pi$ . The first condition forces  $\bar{\sigma}(p) = (\varphi(p), p)$  for some smooth map  $\varphi : P \rightarrow P$ . The second condition shows that necessarily

$$[\varphi(p), p] = \sigma(\pi(p)). \quad (54)$$

For the above equation to hold, one must have  $[\varphi(p \cdot g), p \cdot g] = [\varphi(p), p]$  for every  $p \in P$  and  $g \in G$ . But this is equivalent to  $\varphi(p \cdot g) = \varphi(p) \cdot g$ , that is  $\varphi : P \rightarrow P$  is a  $G$ -equivariant map.

Finally, observe that

$$\varphi_\circ(\pi(p)) = \mathfrak{t}(\sigma(\pi(p))) = \mathfrak{t}([\varphi(p), p]) = \pi(\varphi(p)), \quad (55)$$

that is  $\varphi$  fits into the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & P \\ \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \pi \\ M & \xrightarrow{\varphi_\circ} & M \end{array} \quad (56)$$

that is  $(\varphi, \varphi_\circ)$  is an endomorphism of the principal bundle  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$ . In fact, since  $\varphi_\circ$  is a diffeomorphism,  $\varphi$  is automatically a diffeomorphism (prove that!) and thus  $(\varphi, \varphi_\circ)$  is a **principal bundle automorphism** of  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$ .

Conversely, for any principal bundle automorphism  $(\varphi, \varphi_\circ)$ , we can use the formula (54) to define a map  $\sigma : M \rightarrow \frac{P \times P}{G}$  which is well defined since  $\varphi$  is  $G$ -equivariant and smooth since  $\pi$  is a surjective submersion. It is easy to check that  $\sigma$  is a bisection, such that  $\mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma = \varphi_\circ$ . It follows that  $\mathcal{B}(\frac{P \times P}{G})$  is canonically isomorphic to the group of principal  $G$ -bundle automorphisms of  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$ .

We have the following related definitions.

**Definition 3.10.** Let  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  be a Lie groupoid and let  $\sigma \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{G})$ .

- (i) A **right translation by  $\sigma$**  is defined by  $R_\sigma(g) := g \cdot \sigma((\mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma)^{-1}(\mathfrak{s}(g)))$ , for all  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ .
- (ii) A **conjugation by  $\sigma$**  is defined by  $I_\sigma(g) := \sigma(\mathfrak{t}(g)) \cdot g \cdot \sigma(\mathfrak{s}(g))^{-1}$ , for all  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ .

Both maps are diffeomorphism of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

There is another equivalent, more intrinsic definition of a bisection, symmetric with respect to the target and source maps.

**Proposition 3.11.** *Let  $\sigma \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{G})$ . Then its image  $S := \sigma(M) \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  is a closed embedded submanifold, such that both  $\mathfrak{s}|_S : S \rightarrow M$  and  $\mathfrak{t}|_S : S \rightarrow M$  are diffeomorphisms.*

*Conversely, any such submanifold  $S \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  is obtained in this way from a unique bisection.*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathfrak{s} \circ \sigma = \mathbb{1}_M$ , it is easy to see that  $\sigma$  is an injective immersion. Similarly to Proposition 1.7, one proves that it is a closed map, hence a closed embedding. Hence  $S := \sigma(M) \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  is a closed embedded submanifold and  $\sigma : M \rightarrow S$  defines a diffeomorphism. Then  $\mathfrak{s}|_S : M \rightarrow S$  is its inverse and  $\mathfrak{t}|_S : S \rightarrow M$  is a diffeomorphism since  $\mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma : M \rightarrow M$  is a diffeomorphism.

Conversely, suppose  $S \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  be a closed embedded submanifold having those properties. Let  $\iota : S \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  be the inclusion. Since  $\mathfrak{s}|_S : S \rightarrow M$  is a diffeomorphism, we can define  $\sigma := \iota \circ (\mathfrak{s}|_S)^{-1} : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ . But then  $\mathfrak{s} \circ \sigma = (\mathfrak{s} \circ \iota) \circ (\mathfrak{s}|_S)^{-1} = \mathfrak{s}|_S \circ (\mathfrak{s}|_S)^{-1} = \mathbb{1}_M$  and  $\mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma = (\mathfrak{t} \circ \iota) \circ (\mathfrak{s}|_S)^{-1} = \mathfrak{t}|_S \circ (\mathfrak{s}|_S)^{-1} : M \rightarrow M$  is a diffeomorphism.  $\blacksquare$

There is no guarantee that the group  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{G})$  contains anything else then its unit  $\mathbf{1} : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ . Similarly to the space of sections of a fiber bundle, it is often convenient to consider local bisections only.

**Definition 3.12.** Let  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  be a Lie groupoid. Let  $U \subseteq M$  be an open subset.

A **local bisection over  $U$**  is a smooth map  $\sigma : U \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ , such that  $\mathfrak{s} \circ \sigma = \mathbb{1}_U$  and  $\varphi_\circ := \mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma : U \rightarrow \varphi_\circ(U)$  is a diffeomorphism of  $U$  and an open subset  $\varphi_\circ(U) \subseteq M$ . A set of local bisections of  $\mathcal{G}$  over  $U$  is denoted as  $\mathcal{B}_U(\mathcal{G})$ .

The **local left translation** induced by  $\sigma$  is a diffeomorphism  $L_\sigma : \mathcal{G}^U \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^{\varphi_\circ(U)}$  defined by the same formula as for  $U = M$ .

It turns out that for every point of a Lie groupoid, there is always a local bisection

**Proposition 3.13.** *For each  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ , there exists  $U \subseteq M$  and a local section  $\sigma \in \mathcal{B}_U(\mathcal{G})$ , such that  $g = \sigma(\mathfrak{s}(g))$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g \in \mathcal{G}$  be a given point. Let  $m := \mathfrak{s}(g)$  and  $n := \mathfrak{t}(g)$ . One can always find a linear subspace  $I \subseteq T_g \mathcal{G}$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} T_g \mathcal{G} &= T_g(\mathcal{G}_m) \oplus I \equiv \ker(T_g \mathfrak{s}) \oplus I, \\ T_g \mathcal{G} &= T_g(\mathcal{G}^n) \oplus I \equiv \ker(T_g \mathfrak{t}) \oplus I. \end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

Since  $\mathfrak{s} : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow M$  is a surjective submersion, there is an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $m$  and  $\sigma : U \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ , such that  $\mathfrak{s} \circ \sigma = \mathbb{1}_U$ , and  $\sigma(m) = g$  and  $(T_m \sigma)(T_m M) = I$ . But then  $T_m(\mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma) : T_m M \rightarrow T_n M$  is a linear isomorphism. This means that it is a local diffeomorphism and the claim follows.  $\blacksquare$

**Exercise 3.14.** Prove the technical details. Hint: use local coordinates adapted to a submersion.

**Corollary 3.15.** For each  $m \in M$ , the restriction  $\mathfrak{t}_m : \mathcal{G}_m \rightarrow M$  has a constant rank.

*Proof.* Suppose  $g, h \in \mathcal{G}_m$ . We must argue that  $T_g(\mathfrak{t}_m)$  and  $T_h(\mathfrak{t}_m)$  have the same rank. Let  $k := g \cdot h^{-1}$ . By the above proposition, there exists  $\sigma \in \mathcal{B}_U(\mathcal{G})$  with  $\mathfrak{t}(h) \in U$  and  $\sigma(\mathfrak{t}(h)) = k$ . The corresponding left translation is a diffeomorphism  $L_\sigma : \mathcal{G}^U \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^V$ , where  $V = (\mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma)(U)$ . By construction, one has  $L_\sigma(h) = \sigma(\mathfrak{t}(h)) \cdot h = k \cdot h = g$ .

Since  $\mathfrak{s} \circ L_\sigma = \mathfrak{s}$ , it restricts to a diffeomorphism  $L_\sigma : \mathcal{G}_m^U \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_m^V$ , and  $\mathfrak{t} \circ L_\sigma = (\mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma) \circ \mathfrak{t}$  gives

$$\mathfrak{t}_m \circ L_\sigma = (\mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma) \circ \mathfrak{t}_m. \quad (58)$$

Evaluating the tangent maps thus gives  $T_g(\mathfrak{t}_m) \circ T_h(L_\sigma) = T_{\mathfrak{t}(h)}(\mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma) \circ T_h(\mathfrak{t}_m)$ . Since both  $T_h(L_\sigma)$  and  $T_{\mathfrak{t}(h)}(\mathfrak{t} \circ \sigma)$  are linear isomorphisms, this proves the claim.  $\blacksquare$

**Corollary 3.16.** For each  $m, n \in M$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_m^n \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  is a closed embedded submanifold. In particular,  $\mathcal{G}_m^m \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  is a Lie group for any  $m \in M$ .

*Proof.* For a given  $m \in M$ ,  $\mathfrak{t}_m : \mathcal{G}_m \rightarrow M$  has a constant rank. Consequently, the level set  $\mathcal{G}_m^n := \mathfrak{t}_m^{-1}(n)$  is a closed embedded submanifold of  $\mathcal{G}_m$ , hence of  $\mathcal{G}$ , see Theorem 5.12 in [1]. If  $\mathcal{G}_m^m$  is a closed embedded submanifold of  $\mathcal{G}$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{G}_m^m \times \mathcal{G}_m^m$  is a closed embedded submanifold of  $\mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G}$  and the restriction of  $\mu$  gives the smooth multiplication on  $\mathcal{G}_m^m$ .  $\blacksquare$

## 4 Actions

Lie groups often arise through their actions on manifolds. Similarly, Lie groupoids act on the fibered spaces over the base  $M$ . Imagine  $f : N \rightarrow M$  is a fiber bundle. For each  $m \in M$ , we can “act” on the elements of the fiber  $N_m := f^{-1}(m)$  by arrows  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ , which “start at”  $m$ , that is  $\mathfrak{s}(g) = m$ . We obtain an element  $g \triangleright n$  at the fiber over *the end of*  $g$ , that is  $f(g \triangleright n) = \mathfrak{t}(g)$ . This leads to the following definition:

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  be a Lie groupoid, and let  $f : N \rightarrow M$  be a smooth map. Since  $\mathfrak{s} : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow M$  is a surjective submersion, the fibered product

$$\mathcal{G} * N := \{(g, n) \in \mathcal{G} \times N \mid \mathfrak{s}(g) = f(n)\} \quad (59)$$

is a closed embedded submanifold. An **action of  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $f : N \rightarrow M$**  is a smooth map  $\theta : \mathcal{G} * N \rightarrow N$  satisfying the following axiom. We write  $g \triangleright n := \theta(g, n)$ .

- (i)  $f(g \triangleright n) = \mathfrak{t}(g)$ .
- (ii)  $g \triangleright (h \triangleright n) = (g \cdot h) \triangleright n$  for all  $(g, h) \in \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G}$  and  $n \in N$ , such that  $(h, n) \in \mathcal{G} * N$ .
- (iii)  $1_{f(n)} \triangleright n = n$  for all  $n \in N$ . Note that  $(1_{f(n)}, n) \in \mathcal{G} * N$  since  $\mathfrak{s}(1_{f(n)}) = f(n)$ .

For a given  $n \in N$ , we have  $(g, n) \in \mathcal{G} * N$  whenever  $\mathfrak{s}(g) = f(n)$ , that is  $g \in \mathcal{G}_{f(n)}$ . The **orbit of the point  $n \in N$**  is then defined as a subset

$$\mathcal{G}[n] := \{g \triangleright n \mid g \in \mathcal{G}_{f(n)}\} \subseteq N. \quad (60)$$

**Exercise 4.2.** Prove the claim about  $\mathcal{G} * N$ . Hint: learn about the transversality.

**Proposition 4.3.** *Suppose  $f : N \rightarrow M$  in the above definition is a surjective submersion.*

*Then for every  $m, m' \in M$ , for every  $g \in \mathcal{G}_m^{m'}$ , the map  $\theta_g : N_m \rightarrow N_{m'}$  is a diffeomorphism.*

*Proof.* One needs the assumption to ensure that the fibers  $N_m$  are closed embedded submanifolds of  $N$ . The rest is clear.  $\blacksquare$

**Definition 4.4.** Let  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  be a Lie groupoid and let  $\theta_1 : \mathcal{G} * N_1 \rightarrow N_1$  and  $\theta_2 : \mathcal{G} * N_2 \rightarrow N_2$  be actions of  $\mathcal{G}$  over  $f_1 : N \rightarrow M$  and  $f_2 : N \rightarrow M$ , respectively. A smooth map  $\varphi : N_1 \rightarrow N_2$  is  **$\mathcal{G}$ -equivariant with respect to  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$** , if  $f_2 \circ \varphi = f_1$  and

$$\varphi(g \triangleright_1 n) = g \triangleright_2 \varphi(n), \quad (61)$$

for all  $(g, n) \in \mathcal{G} * N_1$ .

**Example 4.5.** Let  $\pi_1 : M \times K \rightarrow M$  be the projection with an arbitrary manifold  $K$ . Observe that the fiber product of  $\mathcal{G}$  and this space gives

$$\mathcal{G} * (M \times K) = \{(g, (s(g), k)) \mid (g, k) \in \mathcal{G} \times K\} \cong \mathcal{G} \times K. \quad (62)$$

The **trivial action** of  $\mathcal{G}$  over  $\pi_1$  is now defined as  $\theta(g, (s(g), k)) := (t(g), k)$ , for all  $(g, k) \in \mathcal{G} \times F$ . For any  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ , the induced map  $\theta_g : F \rightarrow F$  is just the identity.

For each  $(m, k) \in M \times K$ , the corresponding orbit is

$$\mathcal{G}[(m, k)] = \{g \triangleright (m, k) \mid g \in \mathcal{G}_m\} = \{(t(g), k) \mid g \in \mathcal{G}_m\} = t(\mathcal{G}_m) \times \{k\}. \quad (63)$$

Before the formulation of the next example, we will need the following structure:

**Proposition 4.6.** *Let  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$  be a principal  $G$ -bundle.*

*Let  $\theta : G \times N \rightarrow N$  be a Lie group action of  $G$  on a manifold  $N$ . Define a right action of  $G$  on  $P \times N$  as  $(p, n) \cdot g := (p \cdot g, g^{-1} \cdot n)$  for all  $(p, n) \in P \times N$  and  $g \in G$ .*

*Then there is a unique fiber bundle structure  $\varpi : \frac{P \times N}{G} \rightarrow N$  making the quotient map  $\natural : P \times N \rightarrow \frac{P \times N}{G}$  into a surjective submersion. Moreover, the diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P \times N & \xrightarrow{\natural} & \frac{P \times N}{G} \\ \downarrow \pi_1 & & \downarrow \varpi \\ P & \xrightarrow{\pi} & M \end{array} \quad (64)$$

*is a pullback in the category of smooth manifolds.  $P \times_\theta N := \frac{P \times N}{G}$  is called the **associated fibre bundle to  $P$  and the action  $\theta$** .*

*Proof.* Let  $\langle p, n \rangle \in P \times_\theta N$  denote the equivalence class of  $(p, n)$ . To make (64) commutative, we must set

$$\varpi(\langle p, n \rangle) := \pi(p). \quad (65)$$

The topology and a smooth structure on the total space  $P \times_\theta N$  is induced by the local trivialization. Let  $\{(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be a  $G$ -equivariant local trivialization for  $P$ . We have to produce bijections  $\mu_\alpha : U_\alpha \times N \rightarrow \varpi^{-1}(U_\alpha)$ . Let

$$\mu_\alpha(m, n) := \langle \phi_\alpha(m, e), n \rangle. \quad (66)$$

It is easy to see that  $\varphi \circ \mu_\alpha = \pi_1$ . Conversely, recall that for each  $\alpha \in I$ , there is a  $G$ -equivariant smooth map  $\mathbf{g}_\alpha : \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha) \rightarrow G$  defined by  $\mathbf{g}_\alpha := \pi_2 \circ \phi_\alpha^{-1}$ . For each  $\langle p, n \rangle \in \varpi^{-1}(U_\alpha)$ , let

$$\mu_\alpha^{-1}\langle p, n \rangle := (\pi(p), \mathbf{g}_\alpha(p) \cdot n). \quad (67)$$

This is well-defined, since  $\mathbf{g}_\alpha(p \cdot g) = \mathbf{g}_\alpha(p) \cdot g$ . It is easy to check that  $\mu_\alpha$  and  $\mu_\alpha^{-1}$  are inverse to each other. One only has to verify that the transition maps are smooth. Recall that the transition maps of  $P$  are given by smooth maps  $g_{\alpha\beta} : U_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow G$ , such that  $(\pi_2 \circ \phi_\alpha^{-1} \circ \phi_\beta)(m, g) = g_{\alpha\beta}(m) \cdot g$ . It is then a straightforward calculation that

$$[h_{\alpha\beta}(m)](n) := (\pi_2 \circ \mu_\alpha^{-1} \circ \mu_\beta)(m, n) = g_{\alpha\beta}(m) \cdot n. \quad (68)$$

One thus has  $h_{\alpha\beta}(m) = \theta_{g_{\alpha\beta}(m)} \in \text{Diff}(N)$  and for each  $n \in N$ , the map  $m \mapsto [h_{\alpha\beta}(m)](n)$  is smooth from  $U_{\alpha\beta}$  to  $N$ . This gives us a topology and a smooth structure on  $P \times_\theta N$  making  $\varpi : P \times_\theta N \rightarrow M$  into a fiber bundle with a typical fiber  $N$  and a local trivialization  $\{(U_\alpha, \mu_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in I}$ .

Let us argue that  $\natural : P \times N \rightarrow P \times_\theta N$  becomes a smooth surjective submersion. This also fixes the topology and a smooth structure uniquely. Since  $\natural(\pi^{-1}(U_\alpha) \subseteq \varpi^{-1}(U_\alpha))$ , we can form the composition

$$\mu_\alpha^{-1} \circ \natural \circ (\phi_\alpha \times \mathbb{1}_N) : (U_\alpha \times G) \times N \rightarrow U_\alpha \times N. \quad (69)$$

It suffices to prove that this is a smooth surjective submersion for each  $\alpha \in I$ . But one finds

$$[\mu_\alpha^{-1} \circ \natural \circ (\phi_\alpha \times \mathbb{1}_N)]((m, g), n) = (m, g \cdot n). \quad (70)$$

The claim follows from the fact that  $\theta : G \times M \rightarrow M$  is a smooth surjective submersion.

It remains to prove that the diagram is in fact a pullback. Let  $Q$  be any manifold together with a pair of maps  $\chi : Q \rightarrow P \times_\theta N$  and  $\chi' : Q \rightarrow P$ , satisfying  $\varpi \circ \chi = \pi \circ \chi'$ . We must construct a unique map  $\varphi : Q \rightarrow P \times N$  fitting into the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Q & & & & \\ & \searrow \varphi & & \searrow \chi & \\ & & P \times N & \xrightarrow{\natural} & \frac{P \times N}{G} \\ & & \downarrow \pi_1 & & \downarrow \varpi \\ & \searrow \chi' & P & \xrightarrow{\pi} & M \end{array} \quad (71)$$

The commutativity of the bottom-left triangle forces  $\varphi(q) = (\chi'(q), \varphi'(q))$  for some smooth map  $\varphi' : Q \rightarrow N$ . The other triangle forces  $\langle \chi'(q), \varphi'(q) \rangle = \chi(q)$  for all  $q \in Q$ . But an element representing a given class  $\chi(q)$  is uniquely determined once we fix the element  $\chi'(q)$ . This shows that for each  $q \in Q$ , there is a unique element  $\varphi'(q) \in N$  with this property, whence  $\varphi'$  exists and is uniquely determined.

We only have to prove the smoothness. Let us consider the open subset  $V_\alpha := \chi^{-1}(\varpi^{-1}(U_\alpha))$ . For each  $q \in V_\alpha$ , one can write  $\chi(q) = \mu_\alpha(\pi(\chi'(q)), \hat{\chi}_\alpha(q))$ , where  $\hat{\chi}_\alpha : V_\alpha \rightarrow N$  is smooth. Similarly, one has  $\chi'(V_\alpha) \subseteq \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha)$ , so  $\chi'(q) = \phi_\alpha(\pi(\chi'(q)), \hat{\mathbf{g}}_\alpha(q))$  for a smooth  $\hat{\mathbf{g}}_\alpha : V_\alpha \rightarrow G$ .

We claim that necessarily

$$\varphi(q) = (\phi_\alpha(\pi(\chi'(q)), \hat{\mathbf{g}}_\alpha(q)), \hat{\mathbf{g}}_\alpha^{-1}(q) \cdot \hat{\chi}_\alpha(q)), \quad (72)$$

for each  $q \in V_\alpha$ . By applying  $\natural$  on both sides, one obtains

$$\natural(\varphi(q)) = \mu_\alpha(\pi(q), \hat{\mathbf{g}}_\alpha(q) \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{g}}_\alpha^{-1}(q) \cdot \hat{\chi}_\alpha(q))) = \mu_\alpha(\pi(q), \hat{\chi}_\alpha(q)) = \chi(q), \quad (73)$$



But the formula (72) shows that the restriction of  $\varphi$  to  $V_\alpha$  is smooth. In fact, one has  $\varphi'(q) = \hat{\mathbf{g}}_\alpha^{-1}(q) \cdot \hat{\chi}_\alpha(q)$  for all  $q \in V_\alpha$ . Since  $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  covers  $Q$ , this proves the claim.  $\blacksquare$

**Exercise 4.7.** (i) Show that sections of  $P \times_\theta N$  are in one-to-one correspondence with  $G$ -equivariant smooth maps  $\varphi : P \rightarrow N$ .

(ii) Use the new knowledge to argue that (52) is a pullback.

**Example 4.8.** Let  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$  be a principal bundle and let  $\varphi : P \times_\theta N \rightarrow M$  be the fiber bundle associated to the left action  $\theta$ . Write  $\mathcal{G} := \frac{P \times P}{G}$  and  $E := P \times_\theta N$ .

Elements of  $\mathcal{G} * E$  are pairs  $([p, q], \langle r, n \rangle) \in \mathcal{G} \times E$  with  $s([p, q]) = \varphi(\langle r, n \rangle)$ . But this means that  $\pi(q) = \pi(r)$ . One can thus arrange those so that  $r = q$  and define

$$[p, q] \triangleright \langle q, n \rangle := \langle p, n \rangle. \quad (74)$$

To prove that this action is smooth, let  $\mathfrak{h} : P \times P \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathfrak{h}' : P \times N \rightarrow E$  denote the quotient maps. Then observe that the corresponding map  $\Theta : \mathcal{G} * E \rightarrow E$  fits into

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P \times (P \times_\rho P) \times N & \xrightarrow{\hat{\Theta}} & P \times N \\ \downarrow \mathfrak{h} \times \mathfrak{h}' & & \downarrow \mathfrak{h}' \\ \mathcal{G} * E & \xrightarrow{\Theta} & E \end{array}, \quad (75)$$

where  $\hat{\Theta}(p, q, r, n) := (p, \delta(q, r)^{-1} \cdot n)$  is smooth. Checking the action axioms is easy, since

- (i)  $\varpi([p, q] \triangleright \langle q, n \rangle) = \pi(p) = \mathfrak{t}([p, q])$ ,
- (ii)  $[p, q] \triangleright ([q, r] \triangleright \langle r, n \rangle) = [p, q] \triangleright \langle q, n \rangle = \langle p, n \rangle = [p, r] \triangleright \langle r, n \rangle = ([p, q] \cdot [q, r]) \triangleright \langle r, n \rangle$ .
- (iii)  $\mathbf{1}_{\varpi(\langle p, n \rangle)} \triangleright \langle p, n \rangle = \mathbf{1}_{\pi(p)} \triangleright \langle p, n \rangle = [p, p] \triangleright \langle p, n \rangle = \langle p, n \rangle$ .

Now, to any Lie *groupoid* action, there is also an associated Lie groupoid.

**Proposition 4.9.** Let  $\theta : \mathcal{G} * N \rightarrow N$  be a Lie groupoid action of  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  over  $f : N \rightarrow M$ .

Then there is a canonical Lie groupoid with the base  $N$  on  $\mathcal{G} * N$ , defined as follows:

- (i) The source map is  $s'(g, n) = n$ ; The target map is  $\mathfrak{t}'(g, n) := g \triangleright n$ .
- (ii) The multiplication is  $(g, h \triangleright n) \cdot (h, n) := (g, n)$ .
- (iii) The object inclusion map is  $\mathbf{1}'_n := (\mathbf{1}_{f(n)}, n)$ .

The resulting Lie groupoid is denoted as  $\mathcal{G} \triangleleft N$  and called the **action Lie groupoid associated to the action  $\theta$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $f : N \rightarrow M$** .

*Proof.* Recall that fiber product  $\mathcal{G} * N$  is a pullback, fitting into the commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{G} * N & \xrightarrow{\pi'_2} & N \\ \downarrow \pi'_1 & & \downarrow f \\ \mathcal{G} & \xrightarrow{s} & M \end{array}, \quad (76)$$

where  $\pi'_{1,2}$  are just the restrictions of the respective projections. Now, note that in fact  $s' \equiv \pi'_2$ . It is a general fact that whenever  $s$  is a surjective submersion, then so is  $\pi'_2$ .

Next, note that  $t' = \theta$ . To prove that  $\theta$  is a surjective submersion, let us consider the groupoid inverse  $i : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow G$  and observe that we have a smooth map  $(i \circ \pi'_1, \theta) : \mathcal{G} * N \rightarrow \mathcal{G} * N$ . Indeed, it maps each  $(g, n) \in \mathcal{G} * N$  to  $(g^{-1}, \theta(g, n))$ , which satisfies  $f(\theta(g, n)) = t(g) = s(g^{-1})$ , so it is indeed in  $\mathcal{G} * N$ . This map is in fact a diffeomorphism, since it is its own inverse.

The action axioms imply the commutativity of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{G} * N & \xrightarrow{(i \circ \pi'_1, \theta)} & \mathcal{G} * N \\ & \searrow \pi'_2 & \downarrow \theta \\ & & N \end{array} \quad (77)$$

Since  $\pi'_2$  is a surjective submersion and the horizontal map is a diffeomorphism,  $\theta$  must be a surjective submersion. Finally, it follows that the multiplication  $\mu' : (\mathcal{G} * N) * (\mathcal{G} * N) \rightarrow (\mathcal{G} * N)$  fits into the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\mathcal{G} * N) * (\mathcal{G} * N) & \xrightarrow{\mu'} & \mathcal{G} * N \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (\mathcal{G} * N) \times (\mathcal{G} * N) & \xrightarrow{\pi'_1 \times \pi'_2} & \mathcal{G} \times N \end{array}, \quad (78)$$

where the vertical maps are embeddings of the respective fiber products. Finally, the object inclusion map  $\mathbf{1}' : N \rightarrow \mathcal{G} * N$  fits into the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \mathcal{G} * N \\ & \nearrow \mathbf{1}' & \downarrow \\ N & \xrightarrow{(1 \circ \pi, \mathbb{1}_N)} & \mathcal{G} \times N \end{array} \quad (79)$$

That the described operations make  $\mathcal{G} \triangleleft N$  into a Lie groupoid is now easy to check. ■

**Example 4.10.** Let  $\mathcal{G} \rightrightarrows M$  be a Lie groupoid. Its multiplication  $\mu : \mathcal{G} * \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  can be viewed as a left action of  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $t : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow M$ .

The corresponding action Lie groupoid  $\mathcal{G} \triangleleft \mathcal{G}$  is given by  $s'(g, h) = h$ ,  $s'(g, h) = g \cdot h$  and  $(g, h \cdot \ell) \cdot (h, \ell) = (g, \ell)$ .

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