



Diffeology, Groupoids & Morita Equivalence

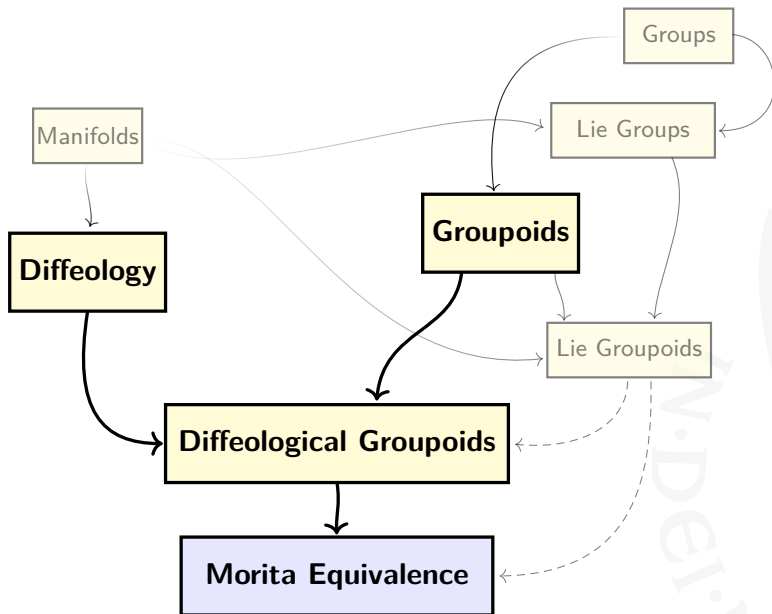
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General Idea: Diffeological Groupoids

- *Diffeological space* = generalised smooth space.
- *Groupoid* = generalised symmetry.
- *Diffeological groupoid* = generalised smooth symmetry.

Used in:

- General relativity
 - ▶ Blohmann, Fernandes, Weinstein,
[arXiv:1003.2857](#),
 - ▶ Jan Głowacki's MSc thesis.
- Singular foliations & algebroids
 - ▶ Garmendia, Zambon,
[arXiv:1803.00896](#),
 - ▶ Androulidakis, Zambon. *Integration of singular subalgebroids*.
(In preparation.)
- (Differentiable) Stacks
 - ▶ Watts, Wolbert, [arXiv:1406.1392](#).

General Idea: Morita Equivalence

- Origin: Morita equivalence of *rings* (Morita, 1950s):

$$R_1 \simeq_{\text{ME}} R_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{equivalent rep. theory.}$$

- Morita equivalence of C^* -algebras (Rieffel, 1970s).
- Morita equivalence of *Lie groupoids* (1980s).

General Idea: Morita Equivalence

There are two ways to define Morita equivalence:

- *Internally*: the existence of a special '*bimodule*'.
- *Externally*: as an *isomorphism* in a category.

Morita's Fundamental Theorem (1958)

These definitions are the same.

Our Main Theorem is a version of this:

Our Morita Theorem

A **diffeological bibundle** between **diffeological** groupoids is **weakly invertible** if and only if it is **biprincipal**.

- Groupoids
- Diffeological Groupoids
- Diffeology
- (Diffeological) Bibundles
- Biprincipality (of Bibundles) (= ‘special bimodules’)
- Weak Invertibility (of Bibundles) (= ‘isomorphism in category’)

Diffeology

- Throughout, fix a set X .

Definition

A *Euclidean domain* is an open subset $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, for some $m \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}$.

Definition

A *parametrisation* is a function $U \rightarrow X$ defined on a Euclidean domain.

Diffeology

- Determines which parametrisations are '*smooth*'.

Definition

A *diffeology* is a subset $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \text{Param}(X)$, whose elements are called *plots*, satisfying three axioms:

Covering

Constant maps $U \rightarrow X$ are plots.

Compatibility

Plots can be reparametrised by smooth functions $V \rightarrow U$.

Locality

If $U \rightarrow X$ is locally a plot everywhere, then it is a plot.

A pair $(X, \mathcal{D}_X)$ is called a *diffeological space*.

Smooth Maps

- Plots are the 'smooth' functions $U \xrightarrow{\alpha} X$.
- A function $f : X \longrightarrow Y$ gives a composition $U \xrightarrow{\alpha} X \xrightarrow{f} Y$.

Definition

A function $f : (X, \mathcal{D}_X) \longrightarrow (Y, \mathcal{D}_Y)$ is *smooth* if it takes plots to plots:

$$\forall \alpha \in \mathcal{D}_X \text{ we have } f \circ \alpha \in \mathcal{D}_Y.$$

First Examples

- $\text{Param}(X)$ is always a diffeology.
 - ▶ Every $Z \rightarrow X$ is smooth.
- $\mathcal{D}_X = \{\text{constant parametrisations}\}$ violates Locality.
- $\mathcal{D}_X = \{\text{locally constant}\}$ *does* form a diffeology.
 - ▶ Every $X \rightarrow Y$ is smooth.

Manifolds as Diffeologies

- Every smooth manifold M gets a canonical diffeology $\mathcal{D}_M$.
 - ▶ Plots are just the usual smooth functions!
- We get a fully faithful embedding:

Manifold $\hookrightarrow$ **Diffeology**.

Quotients

- Let $\sim$ be any equivalence relation on X .
- The quotient space $X/\sim$ *always* has a natural diffeology.
- Important example, the *irrational torus*:

$$T_\theta := \mathbb{R}/(\mathbb{Z} + \theta\mathbb{Z}).$$

- ▶ Is topologically trivial,
- ▶ but carries *non*-trivial diffeological information!

Function Spaces & Convenience

- Let X and Y be diffeological spaces.
- Then $C^\infty(X, Y)$ itself has a natural diffeology!
- More generally, typical ∞ -dimensional manifolds all embed fully faithfully into **Diffeology**.

Convenience Theorem

Diffeology is complete, cocomplete and Cartesian closed.

Groupoids

The idea: *Groupoid* = group with *partially defined* multiplication.

Definition

A *groupoid* $G \rightrightarrows G_0$ consists of:

- Set of *objects* G_0 ,
- Set of *arrows* G (between objects).

Arrows $g \in G$ denoted $g : x \rightarrow y$, for objects $x, y \in G_0$.

Together with five *structure maps*:

- ① Source: $s(g) = x$,
- ② Target: $t(g) = y$,
- ③ Identity arrows: $u(x) = \text{id}_x$,
- ④ Inverse: $i(g) = g^{-1}$,
- ⑤ Multiplication/composition: if $h : y \rightarrow z$, then $m(h, g) = h \circ g$.

First Examples

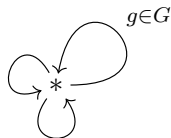
- Unit groupoid: $A \rightrightarrows A$.
 - ▶ $G_0 = A$ is an arbitrary set.
 - ▶ *Only* identity arrows.
 - ▶ All structure maps are id_A , no non-trivial multiplication.
- Pair groupoid: $A \times A \rightrightarrows A$.
 - ▶ $G_0 = A$ is an arbitrary set.
 - ▶ For every two points $a, b \in A$, there is a *unique* arrow $a \rightarrow b$.
 - ▶ Denote this arrow by $(b, a) : a \rightarrow b$. This means $G = A \times A$.
 - ▶ Structure maps:

$$s(b, a) = a, \quad \text{and} \quad t(b, a) = b,$$

$$(c, b) \circ (b, a) := (c, a).$$

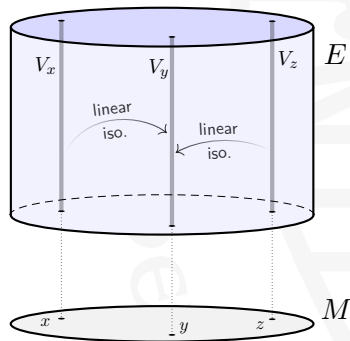
First Examples

- Any *group* G is also a *groupoid* $G \rightrightarrows 1$:
 - ▶ $G_0 = 1 = \{*\}$ is the one-point set.
 - ▶ Arrows are just the group elements G .
 - ▶ Groupoid composition is the group multiplication:



First Examples

- Any vector space V gives the general linear *group* $GL(V)$.
 - Contains linear isomorphisms $V \rightarrow V$.
- Now take a collection E of vector spaces V_x , indexed by $x \in M$, e.g. a smooth *vector bundle* $E \rightarrow M$.
 - For each x we still get $GL(V_x)$.
 - But we can also look at linear isomorphisms $V_x \rightarrow V_y$.
 - Thus we get a *groupoid*: $GL(E) \rightrightarrows M$, the *general linear groupoid*.
 - If $E \rightarrow M$ is a smooth vector bundle, it is a *Lie groupoid*.



Diffeological Groupoids

- *Diffeological groupoid* = groupoid + diffeological structure.

Definition

A *diffeological groupoid* is a groupoid $G \rightrightarrows G_0$, where G_0 and G are equipped with diffeologies, such that all structure maps become smooth.

Groupoid Actions

- *Groupoid action* = generalisation of *group action*.
- The idea: a *partially defined* group action.

Definition

A *smooth left groupoid action* of $G \rightrightarrows G_0$ on X consists of:

- A smooth function $l_X : X \rightarrow G_0$.
- A function

$$(g, x) \longmapsto g \cdot x \in X,$$

only defined if $s(g) = l_X(x)$.

This has to be smooth in both g and x . We write:

$$G \curvearrowright^{l_X} X.$$

First Examples

- Groupoid multiplication from the left:

$$(g, h) \longmapsto g \circ h.$$

- Groupoid actions of $G \rightrightarrows 1$ are just group actions.

Definition

We assume a similar definition for *smooth right groupoid actions*:

$$X \overset{r_X}{\curvearrowright} H.$$

Groupoid Bibundles

- The idea: analogue of bimodules for rings/algebras.
- That is: *Bibundle* = 'compatible' smooth left- *and* right actions.

Definition

A (*diffeological*) *bibundle* consists of:

- $G \curvearrowright^l X$,
- $X \curvearrowright^r H$,

such that the actions commute. We write:

$$G \curvearrowright^l X \curvearrowright^r H.$$

Groupoid Bibundles

- X is a 'bundle' over G_0 and H_0 simultaneously:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 G & \curvearrowright & X & \curvearrowright & H \\
 \Downarrow & & \swarrow & \searrow & \Downarrow \\
 & & l_X & r_X & \\
 G_0 & & & & H_0
 \end{array}$$

- A bibundle $G \curvearrowright^{l_X} X \curvearrowright^{r_X} H$ is a new type of morphism $G \xrightarrow{X} H$.

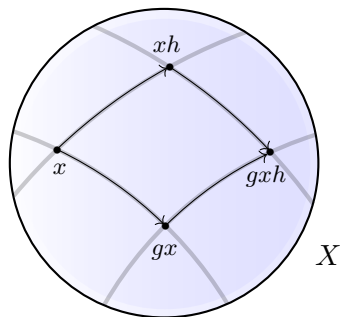
Morita Equivalence

- The idea: existence of a 'nice' bibundle.

Definition

A bibundle $G \curvearrowright^l X \curvearrowright^r H$ is called **biprincipal** both actions are 'nice'; in particular they are *free* and *transitive*.

- Meaning: the actions of G and H 'fill in' the entire X :



Morita Equivalence

Internal Definition

We say $G \rightrightarrows G_0$ and $H \rightrightarrows H_0$ are **Morita equivalent** if there exists a biprincipal bibundle between them. In that case we write $G \simeq_{\text{ME}} H$.

The Orbit Space

- Important ‘quantity’ of a groupoid $G \rightrightarrows G_0$: which objects are ‘connected’.

Definition

The *orbit* of an object $x \in G_0$ is:

$$\text{Orb}_G(x) := \{y \in G_0 : \exists x \xrightarrow{g} y\}.$$

The collection of all orbits is denoted G_0/G , the *orbit space*.

- As a quotient, it is naturally a diffeological space.

Morita Equivalence

- The interpretation is that Morita equivalence measures:
 - ▶ The '*connectedness*',
 - ▶ but also the *way* in which objects are connected.
- In particular:

Theorem

If $G \simeq_{\text{ME}} H$ then $G_0/G \cong H_0/H$.

- More generally:
Morita equivalence preserves: *orbit space* + '*isotropy data*'.

First Examples

- Unit groupoids: $A \rightrightarrows A$ and $B \rightrightarrows B$ (recall: only identity arrows):

- ▶ The orbit spaces are just A and B .
- ▶ There is no non-trivial isotropy data,
- ▶ preservation of orbit spaces is all that matters:

$$(A \rightrightarrows A) \simeq_{\text{ME}} (B \rightrightarrows B) \quad \text{iff} \quad A \cong B.$$

- Pair groupoids: $A \times A \rightrightarrows A$ (recall: $\exists! a_1 \rightarrow a_2$) are *'the most trivial'*:

- ▶ The orbit spaces are trivial,
- ▶ contains only trivial isotropy data, so:

$$(A \times A \rightrightarrows A) \simeq_{\text{ME}} (1 \rightrightarrows 1).$$

First Examples

- Morita equivalence for *groups* $G \rightrightarrows 1$ is just isomorphism.
 - ▶ Orbit spaces are trivially preserved: $1 \cong 1$,
 - ▶ now isotropy data (i.e. the group structure) is all that matters:

$$(G \rightrightarrows 1) \simeq_{\text{ME}} (H \rightrightarrows 1) \quad \text{iff} \quad G \cong H.$$

A More Complicated Example

- Fix a space X that locally looks like U :
 - ▶ There exists *local diffeomorphisms* $U \rightarrow X$ that *cover* X .
 - ▶ We call these '*charts*' on X .
 - ▶ The collection $\mathcal{A}$ of charts is called an *atlas*.
- Just as for manifolds, we get *transition functions* between charts.
- These collect into a diffeological groupoid:
 - ▶ The *transition groupoid*: $\mathbf{Trans}(\mathcal{A})$.
 - ▶ This is not generally a Lie groupoid!

Theorem

If $\mathcal{A}_X$ is an atlas for X , and $\mathcal{A}_Y$ is an atlas for Y , then:

$$\mathbf{Trans}(\mathcal{A}_X) \simeq_{\text{ME}} \mathbf{Trans}(\mathcal{A}_Y) \quad \text{iff} \quad X \cong Y.$$

The Morita Theorem, Revisited

- We think of bibundles as morphisms $G \xrightarrow{X} H$.
- Composition of $G \xrightarrow{X} H$ and $H \xrightarrow{Y} K$ defined as:

$$X \otimes_H Y := \left(X \times_{H_0}^{r_X, l_Y} Y \right) / H.$$

- ▶ *Hilsum-Skandalis tensor product*,
 - ▶ also known as the *balanced tensor product*.
 - ▶ Diffeology is *convenient*!
- Gets a canonical bibundle structure:

$$G \curvearrowright X \otimes_H Y \curvearrowleft K,$$

representing an arrow $G \xrightarrow{X \otimes_H Y} K$.

The Morita Theorem, Revisited

- We get a (bi)category of diffeological groupoids and bibundles as morphisms.
- *Weak invertibility* = invertibility of bibundles in this category.
 - ▶ Concretely: $G \xrightarrow{X} H$ is *weakly invertible* if $\exists H \xrightarrow{Y} G$ such that

$$“X \otimes_H Y = \text{id}_G” \quad \text{and} \quad “Y \otimes_G X = \text{id}_H”.$$

Morita Theorem

Weak invertibility = *Biprincipality*.

Thanks for your attention!