

Prequantization, differential cohomology and the genus integration

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(M, ω) satisfies the **prequantization condition** if $\text{Per}(\omega) \subset \mathbb{R}$ is a discrete subgroup, i.e., if there exists $a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\text{Per}(\omega) = a\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}.$$

One can also consider the weaker requirement that $\text{SPer}(\omega) \subset \mathbb{R}$ is a discrete subgroup. One of our aims is to understand the differences...

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- ▶ Choose lift $\tilde{\chi} : C_k(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and define $c : C_{k+1}(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by:

$$c(\sigma) := \int_{\sigma} \omega - \tilde{\chi}(\partial\sigma).$$

Then $c \in Z^{k+1}(M, a\mathbb{Z})$ and $[c] \in H^{k+1}(M, a\mathbb{Z})$ does not depend on $\tilde{\chi}$:

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where:

$$R^\bullet(M, a\mathbb{Z}) = \{(\omega, u) \in \Omega_{a\mathbb{Z}}^\bullet(M) \times H^\bullet(M, a\mathbb{Z}) : [\omega] = r(u)\}.$$

- Differential cohomology provides a refinement of integral cohomology and differential forms with $a\mathbb{Z}$ -periods.
- Differential cohomology has a graded ring structure:

$$* : \hat{H}^k(M, \mathbb{S}_a^1) \times \hat{H}^l(M, \mathbb{S}_a^1) \rightarrow \hat{H}^{k+l+1}(M, \mathbb{S}_a^1)$$

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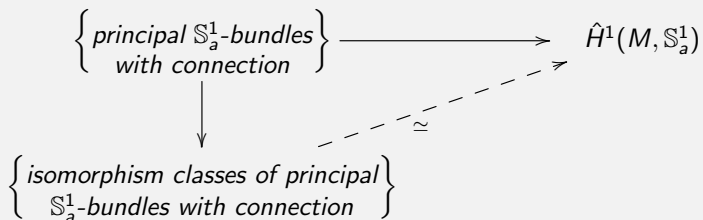
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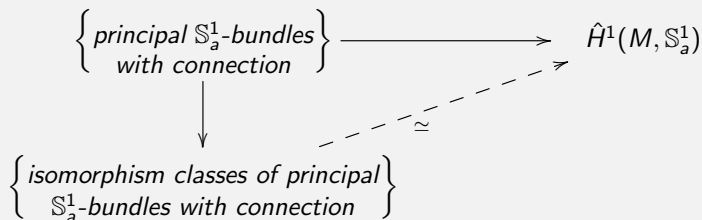
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- ▶ Lie groupoid theory leads to a natural section of the horizontal arrow (after a choice of a base point), and hence a simple proof/explanation of the theorem.
- ▶ This result generalizes to higher principal bundles and higher degree differential cohomology.

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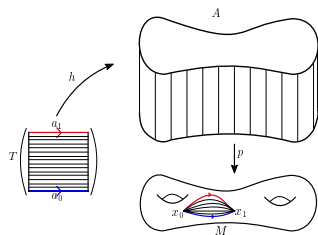
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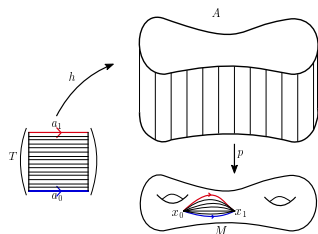
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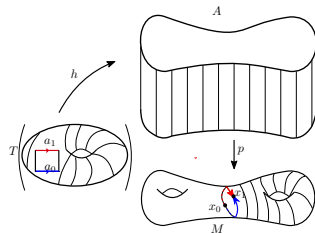
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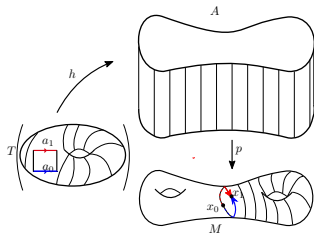
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Basic questions:

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- ▶ When is $\mathcal{H}_1(A)$ smooth?
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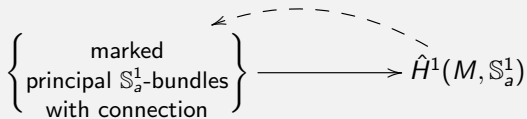
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