

**Linear direct connections in Lie
groupoids, curvature and
characteristic classes**

International Conference

OPERATOR ALGEBRAS AND TOPOLOGY

Moscow, January 29 - February 03, 2007

Jan Kubarski

Technical University of Łódź, Poland

February 7, 2007

The plan of the talk

1. Linear direct connections τ (called also linear quasi-connections) in tangent bundles and in vector bundles. The Teleman's theorem
2. Underlying a usual linear connection ∇^τ and a direct proof of this theorem, the curvature of τ versus connection of ∇^τ .
3. Groupoids point of view and groupoids generalizations.

1 Linear direct connections in vector bundles and Teleman's theorem

Nicola Teleman in the papers

N.Teleman, *Distance Function, Linear quasi-Connections and Chern Character*, June 2004, IHES/M/04/27

N.Teleman, *Direct Connections and Chern Character*, Proceedings of the International Conference in Honor of Jean-Paul Brasselet, Luminy, May 2005,

shows how the Chern character of the tangent bundle of a smooth manifold may be extracted from the geodesic distance function by means of cyclic homology.

The processing has the following steps:

1. Let M be a smooth Riemannian manifold and let

$$r : M \times M \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

be the induced geodesic distance function.

The function r^2 is smooth on a neighbourhood of the diagonal.

2. Let χ be a cut-off smooth monotone decreasing real valued function, identically 1 on a neighbourhood of 0, having support on a sufficiently small interval, so that $\chi \circ r^2$ be well defined and smooth. For $x, y \in M$ a linear mapping

$$A(y, x) : T_x M \rightarrow T_y M$$

is given by the formula

$$A(y, x) \left(\sum_i \xi^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right) = \sum_{i,j,k} \xi^i \frac{\partial^2 (\chi \circ r^2)(x, y)}{\partial x^i \partial y^j} g^{jk}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k}$$

($A(y, x)$ is independent of the local coordinates).

For sufficiently close points x, y ,

- $A(y, x)$ is an isomorphism and
- $A(x, x)$ is the identity.

Therefore A is a linear direct connection (=linear quasi-connection), with respect to the definition below.

3. With the object A there is associated the function $\Phi_k : U_{k+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where U_{k+1} is a neighbourhood of the diagonal in M^{k+1}

$$\Phi_k(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k) := \text{Trace } A(x_0, x_1) \circ A(x_1, x_2) \circ \dots \circ A(x_{k-1}, x_k) \circ A(x_k, x_0).$$

4. Next, N. Teleman studies the function Φ_k in the context of cyclic homology:

— firstly, he notices that Φ_k , $k = \text{even}$, is a cyclic cycle over the algebra $\mathcal{A} = C^\infty(M)$,

— secondly, he uses the Connes' isomorphism which associates with Φ_k a closed differential form

$$\Omega(\Phi_k)(x) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1^{i_1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2^{i_2}} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k^{i_k}} \Phi_k(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k)_{x_0=x_1=\dots=x_k=x} dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k},$$

(we use the same local coordinate system on each factor).

— thirdly, he proves

Theorem 1 *The top degree component of the cyclic homology class of Φ_k is equal to*

$$[\Omega(\Phi_{2k})] = c \cdot Ch_k(M)$$

where c is a constant and $Ch_k(M)$ is the k -component of the Chern character of the tangent bundle of M .

The object A is a particular case of the linear direct connection introduced by N. Teleman.

Definition 2 Let E be a real or complex smooth vector bundle over the manifold M . A **linear direct connection** τ in E consists of assigning to any two points $x, y \in M$, sufficiently close one to each other, an isomorphism

$$\tau(y, x) : E|_x \rightarrow E|_y,$$

such that

$$\tau(x, x) = id,$$

and $\tau(y, x)$ depends smoothly on the pair x, y .

The parallel transport defined by a usual linear connection in E along the small geodesics of an affine connection in M induces a linear direct connection in E (see for example A.Connes and H.Moscovici, "*Cyclic cohomology, the Novikov conjecture and hyperbolic groups*", Topology 29, n 3 345-388, 1990).

-i) As for A with τ there is associated the function Φ_k by the formula

$$\Phi_k(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k) := \text{Trace } \tau(x_0, x_1) \circ \tau(x_1, x_2) \circ \dots \circ \tau(x_{k-1}, x_k) \circ \tau(x_k, x_0).$$

The function

$$\Phi_2(x_0, x_1, x_2) = \text{Trace } \tau(x_0, x_1) \circ \tau(x_1, x_2) \circ \tau(x_2, x_0)$$

plays a role of the *curvature* of τ and the differential form $\Omega(\Phi_2)$ - the *curvature form* of τ .

-ii) Any two smooth linear direct connections in a smooth vector bundle are smoothly homotopic. The results above imply

Theorem 3 (N. Teleman) *For any smooth linear direct connection τ in the smooth vector bundle E over the manifold M ,*

- i) Φ_k , $k = \text{even}$, is a cyclic cycle over the algebra $C^\infty(M)$,
- ii) the cohomology class of $\Omega(\Phi_{2k})$ is (up to a multiplicative constant) is the k -component of the Chern character of E .

2 Underlying linear connection ∇^τ and a direct proof of this theorem

In the paper

J.Kubarski, N.Teleman, *Linear direct connections*, Banach Center Publications, 2007, in print,

we study the geometry of direct connections τ :

- we construct the "infinitesimal part" ∇^τ and show that ∇^τ is a usual linear connection. We next determine the curvature tensor R of ∇^τ and show that the **equality of differential forms** holds

$$\Omega(\Phi_{2k}) = c \cdot Tr R^k.$$

We intend to extract from a direct connection its infinitesimal part along the diagonal.

Definition 4 *Let X be a smooth tangent field over M and ϕ a smooth section in E . Let x_0 be an arbitrary point in M and let $\gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$ be an integral path of the field X with the initial condition $\gamma(0) = x_0$.*

We define

$$\nabla_{X(x_0)}^\tau(\phi) = \frac{d}{dt} \{ \tau(\gamma(0), \gamma(t)) (\phi(\gamma(t))) \}_{|_{t=0}} \in E|_{x_0}.$$

Theorem 5 *The right hand side of the above formula depends only on the value of X at x_0 . The operator $\nabla_{X(x_0)}^\tau(\phi)$ is a usual linear connection in E .*

We intend to describe $\nabla_{X(x_0)}^\tau(\phi)$ locally.

Let (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m) ($\dim M = m$) be a local coordinate system on an open neighborhood \mathcal{V} of a point x_0 . Using the same local coordinate system on both factors of the direct product $M \times M$, any point $(x, y) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}$ will be given by local coordinates $(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m | y^1, y^2, \dots, y^m)$.

Theorem 6 *Let $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ be a local frame in E over \mathcal{V} . Let $\tau(x|y)$ be the matrix describing locally the direct connection τ :*

$$\tau(x|y) = \|\tau_i^j(x|y)\| \in M_{n,n}(\mathbb{K}),$$

$$\tau(x, y)(e_i(y)) = \sum_j \tau_i^j(x|y) \cdot e_j(x), \quad \tau_i^j(x|x) = \delta_i^j.$$

Then the coefficients $\Gamma_{i,\alpha}^j$ of the connection ∇^τ are given locally by

$$\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha}}^\tau e_i = \sum_j \Gamma_{i,\alpha}^j e_j,$$

where

$$\Gamma_{i,\alpha}^j(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha} \tau_i^j(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m | y^1, y^2, \dots, y^m)_{y=x}.$$

In conclusion, representing the tangent field X locally

$$X(x) = \sum_{\alpha} X^{\alpha}(x) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\alpha}},$$

one has the formula

$$\nabla_{X(x_0)}^{\tau} \left(\sum_i \phi^i e_i \right) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{i,j} \Gamma_{i,\alpha}^j(x_0) \cdot X^{\alpha}(x_0) \cdot \phi^i(x_0) e_j(x_0) \right\} + \sum_i (d\phi^i)(X)(x_0) e_i(x_0).$$

Remark 7 *The above formula also show that ∇^{τ} is a linear connection in the vector bundle E . The linear connection ∇^{τ} will be called associated, or underlying, linear connection to the direct connection τ .*

Proposition 8 Let $R = (\nabla^\tau)^2$ be the curvature tensor of the connection ∇^τ . The components of the curvature R are

$$\begin{aligned} R_{i\alpha\beta}^j(x) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} \Gamma_{i\beta}^j(x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\beta} \Gamma_{i\alpha}^j(x) + \Gamma_{k\alpha}^j(x) \cdot \Gamma_{i\beta}^k(x) - \Gamma_{k\beta}^j(x) \cdot \Gamma_{i\alpha}^k(x) \\ &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^\alpha \partial y^\beta} \tau_i^j(x|y)_{y=x} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^\beta \partial y^\alpha} \tau_i^j(x|y)_{y=x} + \\ &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha} \tau_k^j(x|y)_{y=x} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\beta} \tau_i^k(x|y)_{y=x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\beta} \tau_k^j(x|y)_{y=x} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha} \tau_i^k(x|y)_{y=x}. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 9 The curvature form R of the underlying linear connection ∇^τ , associated to the direct connection τ , is given by

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^\alpha \partial y^\beta} \tau_i^j(x|y)_{y=x} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^\beta \partial y^\alpha} \tau_i^j(x|y)_{y=x} + \right. \\ &+ \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha} \tau_k^j(x|y)_{y=x} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\beta} \tau_i^k(x|y)_{y=x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\beta} \tau_k^j(x|y)_{y=x} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha} \tau_i^k(x|y)_{y=x} \right) dx^\alpha \wedge dx^\beta. \end{aligned}$$

Although, $\tau(x, y) = (\tau(y, x))^{-1}$ is not true in general, it is true, however, that it holds infinitesimally. In fact, we have the

Proposition 10 *For any direct connection τ , its matrix components satisfy the identities*

-i)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} \tau_i^j(x|y)_{y=x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha} \tau_i^j(x|y)_{y=x} = 0.$$

-ii)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} \{\tau(x|y) \circ \tau(y|x)\}_{y=x} = 0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha} \{\tau(x|y) \circ \tau(y|x)\}_{y=x}.$$

As $\tau(x|x) = Id.$, we get that the directional derivative $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha})$ of τ along the diagonal **vanishes**. This proves -i). The second identity is a consequence of the first.

The above properties of any direct connection are fundamental for comparing the curvature tensor R to the differential form $\Omega(\Phi_{2k}^\tau)$.

We obtain an important explicit link between $\Omega(\Phi_{2k})$ and the classical Chern-Weil forms, at the level of **differential forms** rather than **cohomology classes**.

Theorem 11 *Let τ be a direct connection and let ∇^τ be its underlying linear connection. Then*

$$\Omega(\Phi_2^\tau) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \text{Tr } R,$$

and more generally,

$$\Omega(\Phi_{2k}^\tau) = \frac{1}{(2k)!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^k} \cdot \text{Tr } R^k,$$

where $R = (\nabla^\tau)^2$ is the curvature of the underlying linear connection ∇^τ .

In consequence, the mentioned above Teleman's theorem follows from this directly.

3 Groupoids point of view and groupoids generalizations

N.Teleman in yours papers said:

" *The arguments discussed here may be extended to the language of groupoids*".
My further talk is the first step in this direction.

3.1 Direct connections and the Lie groupoid $GL(E)$

Let E be a real or complex smooth vector bundle over the manifold M . Consider the **transitive Lie groupoid**

$$\Phi = GL(E)$$

of all linear fibre isomorphisms $h : E|_x \rightarrow E|_y$ of the vector bundle E , with the source α , $\alpha(h) = x$, and the target β , $\beta(h) = y$, and the unit $u_y = \text{id}_{E|_y}$. The mappings

$$\alpha, \beta : \Phi \rightarrow M, \quad (\alpha, \beta) : \Phi \rightarrow M \times M$$

are submersions, the injection

$$u : M \rightarrow \Phi, \quad y \rightarrow u_y,$$

is smooth, and the partial multiplication

$$\cdot : \Phi \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} \Phi \rightarrow \Phi, \quad (g, h) \longmapsto gh,$$

is also smooth. and $GL(E)$ be a Lie groupoid of linear fibre isomorphisms.

Remark 12 A linear direct connection in a vector bundle E is equivalently a smooth mapping

$$\tau : U \rightarrow GL(E)$$

where $U \subset M \times M$ is an open neighborhood of the diagonal $\Delta = \{(x, x); x \in M\}$, such that

$$\tau(x, y) : E|_y \rightarrow E|_x$$

i.e.

$$\alpha \circ \tau(x, y) = y, \quad \beta \circ \tau(y, x) = x,$$

and

$$\tau(x, x) = \text{id} : E|_x \rightarrow E|_x.$$

3.2 Lie Groupoids and point of view of linear direct connections and the using of the Lie algebroids

According to the Pradines definition, the **Lie algebroid** of an arbitrary transitive Lie groupoid Φ is equal to the vector bundle

$$A(\Phi) = u^*(T^\alpha\Phi)$$

where $u : M \rightarrow \Phi$, $y \rightarrow u_y$, and $T^\alpha\Phi = \ker \alpha_*$, equipped with the suitable structures: the bracket of cross-sections $[[\xi, \eta]]$, $\xi, \eta \in \text{Sec}A(\Phi)$ is defined in the following way. The cross-sections ξ, η can be extended to right invariant vector fields ξ', η' on Φ , their usual bracket $[\xi', \eta']$ is invariant too, so it determines a cross-section of $u^*(T^\alpha\Phi)$ denoting by $[[\xi, \eta]]$. The anchor is defined as the restriction of β_* .

We recall the definition of a Lie algebroid.

Definition 13 By a Lie algebroid on a manifold M we mean a system

$$A = (A, [\cdot, \cdot], \gamma) \quad (1)$$

consisting of a vector bundle A (over M) and mappings

$$[\cdot, \cdot] : \text{Sec } A \times \text{Sec } A \longrightarrow \text{Sec } A, \quad \gamma : A \longrightarrow TM,$$

such that

- (i) $(\text{Sec } A, [\cdot, \cdot])$ is an \mathbb{R} -Lie algebra,
- (ii) γ , called an A anchor, is a homomorphism of vector bundles,
- (iii) $\text{Sec } \gamma : \text{Sec } A \longrightarrow \mathfrak{X}(M)$, $\xi \longmapsto \gamma \circ \xi$, is a homomorphism of Lie algebras,
- (iv) $[\xi, f \cdot \eta] = f \cdot [\xi, \eta] + (\gamma \circ \xi)(f) \cdot \eta$ for $f \in C^\infty(M)$, $\xi, \eta \in \text{Sec } A$.

Lie algebroid (1) is called *transitive* if γ is an epimorphism. $\mathfrak{g} = \ker \gamma$ is a vector bundle, called the adjoint of (1), and the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g} \hookrightarrow A \xrightarrow{\gamma} E \longrightarrow 0 \quad (2)$$

is called the Atiyah sequence of (1).

Example 14 The following are simple fundamental examples of transitive Lie algebroids:

(1^o) Finitely dimensional Lie algebra.

(2^o) Tangent bundle TM to a manifold M with the bracket $[\cdot, \cdot]$ of vector fields and id_{TM} as an anchor.

(3^o) Trivial Lie algebroid $TM \times \mathfrak{g}$ (Ngo-Van-Que) where \mathfrak{g} is as in (1^o). The bracket is defined by the formula,

$$\llbracket (X, \sigma), (Y, \eta) \rrbracket = ([X, Y], \mathcal{L}_X \eta - \mathcal{L}_Y \sigma + [\sigma, \eta]),$$

$X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$, $\sigma, \eta : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$, and the anchor is the projection $TM \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow TM$.

(4^o) Bundle of jets $J^k TM$ (P.Libermann).

(5⁰) General form (K.Mackenzie, J.Kubarski). Let a system $(\mathfrak{g}, \nabla, \Omega_b)$ be given, consisting of a Lie algebra bundle \mathfrak{g} on a manifold M , a covariant derivative ∇ in \mathfrak{g} and a 2-form $\Omega_b \in \Omega^2(M, \mathfrak{g})$ on M with values in \mathfrak{g} , fulfilling the conditions:

- (i) $\nabla^2 \sigma = -[\Omega_b, \sigma], \quad \sigma \in \text{Sec } \mathfrak{g},$
- (ii) $\nabla_X [\sigma, \eta] = [\nabla_X \sigma, \eta] + [\sigma, \nabla_X \eta], \quad X \in X(M), \quad \sigma, \eta \in \text{Sec } \mathfrak{g},$
- (iii) $\nabla \Omega_b = 0.$

Then $TM \oplus \mathfrak{g}$ forms a transitive Lie algebroid with the bracket defined by

$$\llbracket (X, \sigma), (Y, \eta) \rrbracket = ([X, Y], -\Omega_b(X, Y) + \nabla_X \eta - \nabla_Y \sigma + [\sigma, \eta]),$$

the anchor being the projection onto the first component.

Every transitive Lie algebroid is — up to an isomorphism — of this form.

Example 15 The following are important examples of transitive Lie algebroids:

- (6⁰) The Lie algebroid $A(P) = TP/G$ of a G -principal bundle P (K.Mackenzie, J.Kubarski).
- (7⁰) The Lie algebroid $\text{CDO}(E)$ of covariant differential operators on a vector bundle E (K.Mackenzie). Another isomorphic construction of this object is the Lie algebroid $A(E)$ of a vector bundle E (J.Kubarski), here the fibre $A(E)|_x$ is the space of linear homomorphisms $l : \text{Sec } E \rightarrow E|_x$ such that there exists a vector $u \in T_x M$ for which $l(f \cdot \nu) = f(x) \cdot l(\nu) + u(f) \cdot \nu(x)$, $f \in C^\infty(M)$, $\nu \in \text{Sec}(E)$.
- (8⁰) The Lie algebroid $A(\Phi) := i^*T^\alpha\Phi$ of a Lie groupoid Φ (J.Pradines). (Remark: if $\Phi = GL(E)$ is the Lie groupoid of all linear fibre isomorphisms of fibres of E then $A(E) = A(\Phi)$).
- (9⁰) The Lie algebroid $A(M, \mathcal{F})$ of a transversally complete foliation (M, \mathcal{F}) (P.Molino); in particular,
- (10⁰) the Lie algebroid $A(G; H)$ of the foliation of left cosets of a Lie group G by a nonclosed connected Lie subgroup $H \subset G$ (for the construction independent of the theory of transversally complete foliations, see J.Kubarski).

There are many sources of nontransitive Lie algebroids: Lie equations, Differential groupoids, Poisson manifolds, etc.

Let $\Phi = GL(E)$ be the Lie groupoid of all linear fibre isomorphisms of fibres of E .

For $y \in M$ the submanifold $\Phi_y = GL(E)_y \subset GL(E)$ of all elements $u \in GL(E)$ for which $\alpha(u) = y$,

$$GL(E)_y = \alpha^{-1}(y),$$

is a $GL(E_y)$ -principal fibre bundle.

- Lie algebroid of the Lie groupoid is the infinitesimal object and play analogous role to that of Lie algebras for Lie groups.
- The space [Lie algebra] of global cross-sections $Sec(A(\Phi))$, $\Phi = GL(E)$ where E is a vector bundle, is naturally isomorphic to the Lie algebra of all Covariant Derivative Operators, i.e. to the space of differential operators of the rank ≤ 1

$$\mathfrak{L} : SecE \rightarrow SecE$$

such that $\mathfrak{L}(f \cdot \xi) = f \cdot \mathfrak{L}(\xi) + X(f) \cdot \xi$, for a vector field X called the anchor of \mathfrak{L} , $f \in C^\infty(M)$, $\xi \in SecE$.

Let $\tau : (M \times M)|_U \rightarrow GL(E)$ (where $U \subset M \times M$ is an open neighbourhood of the diagonal $\Delta = \{(x, x); x \in M\}$) be a linear quasi-connection,

$$\tau_{(x,y)} : E|_y \rightarrow E|_x,$$

so $\alpha(\tau_{(x,y)}) = y$ and $\beta(\tau_{(x,y)}) = x$ and let ∇^τ be the **underlying linear connection of τ in E** .

Now, we fix y and take

$$\tau(\cdot, y) : M \rightarrow GL(E)_y, \quad x \mapsto \tau(x, y).$$

It is a smooth mapping such that $\beta \circ \tau(\cdot, y) = \text{id}$. Therefore the composition of the differential

$$\tau(\cdot, y)_{*x} : T_x M \rightarrow T_{\tau(x,y)}(GL(E)_y)$$

with the differential of $\beta|_{GL(E)_y} \rightarrow M$ is identity

$$\text{id} : T_x M \xrightarrow{\tau(\cdot, y)_{*x}} T_{\tau(x,y)}(GL(E)_y) \xrightarrow{\beta_*} T_x M.$$

Taking $x = y$ and using the fact $\tau(y, y) = u_y = \text{id}_{E_y}$ we see that

$$\tau(\cdot, y)_{*y} : T_y M \rightarrow T_{u_y}(GL(E)_y).$$

Therefore τ determines a usual connection

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\nabla}^\tau &: TM \rightarrow u^*(T^\alpha\Phi) \\ \bar{\nabla}^\tau(v_y) &= \tau(\cdot, y)_{*y}(v_y).\end{aligned}$$

in the Lie algebroid $u^*(T^\alpha\Phi)$ ($\Phi = GL(E)$), i.e. a splitting of the Atiyah sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow A(\Phi) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\beta_*} \\ \xleftarrow{\nabla^\tau} \end{array} TM \rightarrow 0.$$

$\bar{\nabla}^\tau$ is the "usual covariant derivative" since the anchor of the Covariant Derivative Operator $\bar{\nabla}^\tau(X) : SecE \rightarrow SecE$ is just equal to X , therefore noticing $\bar{\nabla}^\tau(X)(\xi)$ in the form

$$\bar{\nabla}_X^\tau(\xi)$$

the usual axioms for covariant derivative are fulfilled.

Theorem 16 $\bar{\nabla}^\tau = \nabla^\tau$, i.e. the connection $\bar{\nabla}^\tau$ is equal to the *underlying linear connection of τ in E* .

Proof. (a sketch) Since we need to prove it at any point $y \in M$ so we can prove it locally for $E = M \times \mathbb{R}^n$ and $M = \mathbb{R}^m$. Then $GL(E) = M \times GL(\mathbb{R}^n) \times M$, $\alpha^{-1}(y) = GL(E)_y = M \times GL(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \{y\}$. Let $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be a trivial local basis of E , then the induced linear connection ∇^τ is determined by

$$\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}|_y}^\tau e_i = \frac{\partial \tau_i^j}{\partial x^{m+k}}(y, y) \cdot e_j.$$

We can obtain the same results for $\bar{\nabla}^\tau$. ■

3.3 Groupoids generalization

The above consideration has "groupoids sense" so we can it generalize to any transitive Lie groupoids.

Let Φ be an arbitrary transitive Lie groupoid with the anchor α and the target β . We denote by u_y the unit of Φ at y .

Definition 17 *By a linear direct connection in Φ we mean a mapping*

$$\tau : (M \times M)|_U \rightarrow \Phi,$$

such that

$$\alpha \circ \tau(x, y) = y, \quad \beta \circ \tau(x, y) = x,$$

and

$$\tau(x, x) = u_x.$$

For y the submanifold $\Phi_y \subset \Phi$ of all elements $h \in \Phi$ for which $\alpha(h) = y$ ($\Phi_y = \alpha^{-1}(y)$) is a Φ_y^y -principal fibre bundle where

$$\Phi_y^y = \{h \in \Phi; \alpha(h) = \beta(h) = y\}$$

is the isotropy Lie algebra of Φ at y . Now, we fix y and take

$$\tau(\cdot, y) : M \rightarrow \Phi_y, \quad x \longmapsto \tau(x, y).$$

It is a smooth mapping such that

$$\beta \circ \tau(\cdot, y) = \text{id}.$$

Taking the differential

$$\tau(\cdot, y)_{*x} : T_x M \rightarrow T_{\tau(x,y)}(\Phi_y)$$

such that the composition with the differential of $\beta|_{\Phi_y} \rightarrow M$ is identity

$$\text{id} : T_x M \xrightarrow{\tau(\cdot, y)_{*x}} T_{\tau(x,y)}(\Phi_y) \xrightarrow{\beta_*} T_x M$$

and taking $x = y$ and using the fact $\tau(y, y) = u_y$ we see that

$$\tau(\cdot, y)_{*y} : T_y M \rightarrow T_{u_y}(\Phi_y) = A(\Phi)|_y,$$

where $A(\Phi)$ is the Lie algebroid of the Lie groupoid Φ .

Therefore τ determines a splitting of the Atiyah sequence of Φ

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow A(\Phi) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\beta_*} \\ \xleftarrow{\nabla^\tau} \end{array} TM \rightarrow 0,$$

i.e. a usual connection in the Lie algebroid $A(\Phi) = u^*(T^\alpha\Phi)$,

$$\nabla^\tau : TM \rightarrow u^*(T^\alpha\Phi) = A(\Phi)$$

$$\boxed{\nabla^\tau(v_y) = \tau(\cdot, y)_{*y}(v_y)}$$

The connection ∇^τ will be called the **underlying linear connection of the linear direct connection** τ .

Now we can ask on a very important question:

- How can we reconstruct the curvature tensor of ∇ from the linear direct connection in the Lie groupoid Φ ? And next how can we reconstruct the Chern-Weil homomorphism of Lie groupoids Φ (i.e. equivalently of the principal bundle Φ_y) from arbitrary taken linear direct connection τ ?

3.4 Curvature tensor of the linear direct connection in transitive Lie groupoids

Take any transitive Lie groupoid Φ and its Lie algebroid $A(\Phi)$ with the Atiyah sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow A(\Phi) \longrightarrow TM \rightarrow 0.$$

The fibre of \mathfrak{g} at x

$$\mathfrak{g}|_x = T_{u_x} \Phi_x^x$$

is the **right** Lie algebra of the structural Lie group Φ_x^x . For a linear direct connection τ in Φ denote by

$$\nabla^\tau : TM \rightarrow A(\Phi)$$

the underlying linear connection in the Lie algebroid $A(\Phi)$ induced by τ . Consider the curvature tensor $\Omega^\tau \in \Omega^2(M; \mathfrak{g})$ of ∇^τ

$$\Omega^\tau(X, Y) = \llbracket \nabla_X^\tau, \nabla_Y^\tau \rrbracket - \nabla_{[X, Y]}^\tau.$$

The linear direct connection τ determines the mapping

$$\Psi_k^\tau : \left(\underbrace{M \times \dots \times M}_{k+1} \right)_{|U} \rightarrow \Phi,$$

$$\Psi_k^\tau(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k) = \tau(x_0, x_1) \cdot \tau(x_1, x_2) \cdot \dots \cdot \tau(x_{k-1}, x_k) \cdot \tau(x_k, x_0)$$

having the values in the associated **Lie group bundle**,

$$\Psi_k^\tau(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k) \in \Phi_{x_0}^{x_0}.$$

For example, for $k = 2$, the function

$$\Psi_2^\tau : (M \times M \times M)_{|U} \rightarrow \Phi,$$

$$\Psi_2^\tau(x_0, x_1, x_2) = \tau(x_0, x_1) \cdot \tau(x_1, x_2) \cdot \tau(x_2, x_0)$$

is called the *curvature* of τ .

Analogously to the previous cases we can associate some **differential form** to the function Ψ_k . Namely, fixing a point x_0 we define

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_k^\tau(x_0) : \left(\underbrace{M \times \dots \times M}_k \right)_{|U} &\rightarrow \Phi_{x_0}^{x_0}, \\ (x_1, \dots, x_k) &\longmapsto \Psi_k^\tau(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k) \in \Phi_{x_0}^{x_0}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we take a coordinate system (x^1, \dots, x^m) ($\dim M = m$) on an open neighborhood \mathcal{V} of the point x_0 . Using the same local coordinate system on each factors of the direct product $M \times \dots \times M$ we take for $(x_1, \dots, x_k) \in \mathcal{V} \times \dots \times \mathcal{V}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k^j} \Psi_k^\tau(x_0) \in T_{\Psi_k(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k)} \Phi_{x_0}^{x_0}.$$

This vector we can translate via **right** translation to the unit. Let $r_h : \Phi_{x_0}^{x_0} \rightarrow \Phi_{x_0}^{x_0}$ denote the right translation on the element h , $r_h(z) = z \cdot h$.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}_k^j} \Psi_k^\tau(x_0) := \left(r_{(\Psi_k(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k))^{-1}} \right)_{*\Psi_k(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k^j} \Psi_k^\tau(x_0) \right) \in T_{u_{x_0}}(\Phi_{x_0}^{x_0}) = \mathfrak{g}_{|x_0}.$$

The function obtained

$$(x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k) \mapsto \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}_k^j} \Psi_k^\tau(x_0) \in \mathfrak{g}_{|x_0}$$

can be differentiated usually as a vector valued function.

$$(x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k) \mapsto \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1^{i_1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2^{i_2}} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k-1}^{i_{k-1}}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}_k^{i_k}} \Psi_k^\tau(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k) \in \mathfrak{g}_{|x_0}.$$

We put

$$\Omega(\Psi_k^\tau)(x) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1^{i_1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2^{i_2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}_k^{i_k}} \Psi_k^\tau(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k)_{x_0=x_1=\dots=x_k=x} dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k}.$$

It is a k -form on M with values in the vector bundle \mathfrak{g}

$$\Omega(\Psi_k^\tau) \in \Omega^k(M; \mathfrak{g})$$

Considering $k = 2$ we obtain a 2-form with values in \mathfrak{g} ,

$$\Omega(\Psi_2^\tau) \in \Omega^2(M; \mathfrak{g}),$$

called the **curvature form** of τ .

The fundamental role is playing by the following

Theorem 18 *For an arbitrary linear direct connection $\tau : (M \times M)|_U \rightarrow \Phi$ in the Lie groupoid Φ the curvature form of τ and the curvature form of the underlying connection in $A(\Phi)$ are differs on a constant*

$$\Omega(\Psi_2^\tau) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \Omega^\tau.$$

Proof. (a sketch) three steps of the proof:

-1) Of course, we need to prove the equality point by point, so we can look at this locally. Assume that Φ is a trivial Lie groupoid $\Phi = M \times G \times M$ with the source pr_3 and the target pr_1 and the partial multiplication

$$(z, a, y) \cdot (y, b, x) = (z, ab, x).$$

Then $A(\Phi)|_x = T_x M \times \mathfrak{g}$ where \mathfrak{g} is the **right** ! Lie algebra of G ,

$$A(\Phi) = TM \times \mathfrak{g}.$$

The bracket in \mathfrak{g} will be denoted by $[v, w]^R$. The linear direct connection τ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &: (M \times M)|_U \rightarrow M \times G \times M \\ \tau(x, y) &= (x, \hat{\tau}(x, y), y), \\ \hat{\tau} &: (M \times M)|_U \rightarrow G, \quad \hat{\tau}(x, x) = e.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\tau}}{\partial x^i}|_{(x,x)} + \frac{\partial \hat{\tau}}{\partial x^{m+i}}|_{(x,x)} = 0$$

and

$$\Psi_2^\tau(x_0, x_1, x_2) = (x_0, \hat{\tau}(x_0, x_1) \cdot \hat{\tau}(x_1, x_2) \cdot \hat{\tau}(x_2, x_0), x_0).$$

The induced linear connection $\nabla^\tau : TM \rightarrow TM \times \mathfrak{g}$ is equal to

$$\nabla_{|y}^\tau(v) = \nabla_v^\tau = \tau(\cdot, y)_{*y}(v) = \left(v, \hat{\tau}(\cdot, y)_{*y}(v)\right).$$

We calculate the curvature tensor Ω^τ of ∇^τ .

$$\Omega_{|x_0}^\tau = 2 \sum_{i < j} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \hat{\tau}}{\partial x^j \partial x^{m+i}} - \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\tau}}{\partial x^i \partial x^{m+j}} + \left[\frac{\partial \hat{\tau}}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial \hat{\tau}}{\partial x^j} \right]^R \right)_{|(x_0, x_0)} dx^i \wedge dx^j.$$

-ii) Now we calculate the form $\Omega(\Psi_2)$:

$$\Omega(\Psi_2)(x_0) = \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi_2(x_0, x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_1^i \partial \tilde{x}_2^j} \Big|_{x_0=x_1=x_2} dx^i \wedge dx^j$$

for $\Psi_2(x_0, x_1, x_2) = \hat{\tau}(x_0, x_1) \cdot \hat{\tau}(x_1, x_2) \cdot \hat{\tau}(x_2, x_0)$.

-a) Firstly we calculate it for **the Lie group G of matrices**,

$$G \subset GL(V) \subset \mathbb{R}^{(\dim V)^2}$$

for some finitely dimensional vector space V , using the fact that the differential of the left and the right translations, l_g and r_g , are exactly respectively the left and the right multiplication by matrices,

$$(l_g)_{*h} = gh, \quad (r_g)_{*h} = hg.$$

After calculations we obtain the equality

$$\Omega(\Psi_2) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \Omega^\tau.$$

-b) For an arbitrary Lie group G we use the following "**IMPORTANT LOCAL TRICK**":

We need to consider only local Lie group structure near the unit. But every Lie algebra is isomorphic to a Lie algebra of matrices (because there exists a faithful representation in some finitely dimensional vector space V) and a Lie algebra of matrices is a Lie algebra of a Lie subgroup of the Lie group $GL(V)$. Therefore the above result concerning $G \subset GL(V)$ is valid for arbitrary Lie group G ! ■

3.5 Characteristic classes

The last theorem gives that we can extract the Chern-Weil homomorphism of Φ via any local direct connection τ on the level of differential forms. The Chern-Weil homomorphism of Φ is really the Chern-Weil homomorphism of the Lie algebroid $A(\Phi)$ of Φ .

We recall the construction of the Chern-Weil homomorphism for Lie algebroids

- Jan Kubarski, *The Chern-Weil homomorphism of regular Lie algebroids*, UNIVERSITE CLAUDE BERNARD – LYON 1, Publications du Département de Mathématiques, nouvelle série, 1991, 1-70.

Consider a transitive Lie algebroid A with the Atiyah sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow A \rightarrow TM \rightarrow 0$$

with the adjoint bundle of Lie algebras \mathfrak{g} .

The Chern-Weil homomorphism for transitive Lie algebroid A is defined as follows:

$$h_A : \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \left(\text{Sec } \bigvee^k \mathfrak{g}^* \right)_{I^0} \longrightarrow \mathbf{H}_{dR}(M)$$

$$\Gamma \longmapsto \left[\frac{1}{k!} \langle \Gamma, \Omega \vee \dots \vee \Omega \rangle \right]$$

where $\Omega \in \Omega_E^2(M; \mathfrak{g})$ is the curvature tensor of any connection in A , whereas $\left(\text{Sec } \bigvee^k \mathfrak{g}^* \right)_{I^0}$ is the space of invariant cross-sections of $\bigvee^k \mathfrak{g}^*$ with respect to the adjoint representation of A on $\bigvee^k \mathfrak{g}^*$, i.e. $\Gamma \in \left(\text{Sec } \bigvee^k \mathfrak{g}^* \right)_{I^0}$ if and only if

$$\forall \xi \in \text{Sec } A \forall \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k \in \text{Sec } \mathfrak{g} \left((\gamma \circ \xi) \langle \Gamma, \sigma_1 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_k \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle \Gamma, \sigma_1 \vee \dots \vee [[\xi, \sigma_i]] \vee \dots \vee \sigma_k \rangle \right)$$

The nontriviality of h_A means, of course, that in A there is no flat connection.

We explain also that $\Omega \vee \dots \vee \Omega$ is the usual skew multiplication of differential forms with values multiplying symmetrically

$$\Omega \vee \dots \vee \Omega (x; v_1, \dots, v_{2k}) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma^{2k}} \text{sgn } \sigma \cdot \Omega (x; v_{\sigma_1}, v_{\sigma_2}) \vee \dots \vee \Omega (x; v_{\sigma_{2k-1}}, v_{\sigma_{2k}}) \in \bigvee^k \mathfrak{g}_x.$$

For example: for the Lie algebroid $A(P)$ of a principal fibre bundle P (P is assumed to be connected) and equivalently for Lie algebroid of the Ehresmann Lie groupoid $\Phi = PP^{-1}$, there is a natural isomorphism of algebras ν such that the diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigoplus^{k \geq 0} \left(\text{Sec } \bigvee^k \mathfrak{g}^* \right)_{I^0} & & \\ \cong \uparrow \nu & \searrow^{h_{A(P)}} & H_{dR}(M) \\ \left(\bigvee \mathfrak{g}^* \right)_I & \nearrow_{h_P} & \end{array}$$

which means that the Chern-Weil homomorphism of a Lie algebroid is some generalization of this notion known on the ground of principal bundles. On the other hand, this also means that the Chern-Weil homomorphism of a principal bundle is a characteristic feature of its Lie algebroid (for connected principal bundles).

In addition, we must point out two things:

- 1) A Lie algebroid is - in some sense - a simpler structure than a principal bundle. Namely, nonisomorphic principal bundles can possess isomorphic Lie algebroids. For example, there exists a nontrivial principal bundle for which the Lie algebroid is trivial (the nontrivial Spin (3)-structure of the trivial principal bundle $\mathbb{R}P(5) \times SO(3)$).
- 2) There exist other sources of Lie algebroids than principal bundles, for example, transversally complete foliations, nonclosed Lie subgroups, Poisson manifolds and other.

Example 19 Let $\Phi = GL(E)$ be a Lie groupoid of all linear fibre isomorphisms. Then the Atiyah sequence of $A(\Phi)$ is

$$0 \rightarrow \text{End}(E) \rightarrow A(\Phi) \rightarrow TM \rightarrow 0.$$

Consider the Chern-Weil homomorphism

$$h : \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \left(\text{Sec} \bigvee_k \text{End}(E)^* \right)_{I^0} \rightarrow H_{dR}(M), \Gamma \mapsto \left[\frac{1}{k!} \langle \Gamma, \Omega \vee \dots \vee \Omega \rangle \right]$$

where $\Omega \in \Omega^2(M; \text{End}(E))$ is the curvature tensor of any connection in Φ .

Pontryagin classes. Take the *invariant* cross section $C_k \in \Gamma \left(\text{Sec } \bigvee^k \text{End}(E)^* \right)$

by

$$C_{k|x} = \text{tr} (\varphi_1 \square \dots \square \varphi_k)$$

where for $\varphi_i \in \text{End}(E|_x)$ the linear mapping $\varphi_1 \square \dots \square \varphi_k : \bigwedge^k E|_x \rightarrow \bigwedge^k E|_x$ is defined [Greub-Halperin-Vanstone] by

$$\varphi_1 \square \dots \square \varphi_k (v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_k) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma^k} \text{sgn} \sigma \cdot \varphi_1 (v_{\sigma_1}) \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_k (v_{\sigma_k}).$$

Then the Pontryagin class is equal to

$$p_k(E) = p_k(\Phi) = h(C_{2k}) = \frac{1}{(2k)!} \left[\langle C_{2k}, \underbrace{\Omega \vee \dots \vee \Omega}_{2k \text{ times}} \rangle_{dR} \right].$$

The class $p_k(E)$ is represented by the differential form

$$c \cdot \text{tr} (\Omega \square \dots \square \Omega).$$

According to the notation of Greub-Halperin-Vanstone, the forms $\Omega \vee \dots \vee \Omega$ and $\Omega \square \dots \square \Omega$ are the usual skew multiplication of differential forms for which the values are multiplied by the suitable mappings

$$\begin{aligned} \vee & : \text{End}(E) \times \dots \times \text{End}(E) \rightarrow \bigvee^{2k} \text{End}(E). \\ \square & : \text{End}(E) \times \dots \times \text{End}(E) \rightarrow \text{End} \left(\bigwedge^{2k} E \right). \end{aligned}$$

Trace classes. Take the *invariant* cross section $Tr_k \in \Gamma(\text{Sec } \bigvee^k \text{End}(E)^*)$

by

$$Tr_k(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma^k} tr(\varphi_{\sigma_1} \circ \dots \circ \varphi_{\sigma_k}).$$

Then the trace class is equal to

$$tr_k(E) = tr_k(\Phi) = h(Tr_{2k}) = \frac{1}{(2k)!} \left[\langle Tr_{2k}, \underbrace{\Omega \vee \dots \vee \Omega}_{2k \text{ times}} \rangle \right]_{dR}.$$

The class $tr_k(E)$ is represented by the differential form

$$c \cdot tr(\Omega \circ \dots \circ \Omega)$$

(the values of the skew multiplication of $\Omega \circ \dots \circ \Omega$ are multiplied by the composing of the linear mapping.

Pffafian class for oriented $2k$ -dimensional vector bundle E . Take the **invariant** cross-section $pf \in \Gamma(\text{Sec } \bigvee^k Sk(E)^*)$

$$pf^F(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k) = \langle e, \beta^{-1}(\varphi_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \beta^{-1}(\varphi_k) \rangle$$

where $\beta : \bigwedge^2(F) \xrightarrow{\cong} Sk_F$, $\beta(x \wedge y)(z) = \langle x, z \rangle y - \langle y, z \rangle x$ and $e \in \bigwedge^k F$ determine the orientation and $|\langle e, e \rangle| = 1$. Then the Atiyah sequence of $A(IsoE)$ is

$$0 \rightarrow Sk(E) \rightarrow A(IsoE) \rightarrow TM \rightarrow 0.$$

and the Pffafian class is equal to $i^k \cdot h(pf)$ and it is represented by

$$c \cdot \langle \Delta, (\beta^{-1}\Omega) \wedge \dots \wedge (\beta^{-1}\Omega) \rangle.$$

Take a local direct connection τ in Φ and consider once again the curvature form $\Omega(\Psi_2^\tau) \in \Omega^2(M; \mathbf{g})$,

$$\Omega_{|x_0}^\tau = 2 \sum_{i < j} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \hat{\tau}}{\partial x^j \partial x^{m+i}} - \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\tau}}{\partial x^i \partial x^{m+j}} + \left[\frac{\partial \hat{\tau}}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial \hat{\tau}}{\partial x^j} \right]^R \right)_{|(x_0, x_0)} dx^i \wedge dx^j.$$

We know that τ induces a usual connection ∇^τ in $A(\Phi)$ and that the curvature of it is a constant time the form $\Omega(\Psi_2^\tau)$,

$$\Omega^\tau = 4 \cdot \Omega(\Psi_2^\tau).$$

In conclusion, the Chern-Weil homomorphism of Φ (i.e. of the $A(\Phi)$) can be extracted via τ on the **level of differential forms** by

$$\langle \Gamma, \Omega \vee \dots \vee \Omega \rangle = 4^k \langle \Gamma, \Omega(\Psi_2^\tau) \vee \dots \vee \Omega(\Psi_2^\tau) \rangle.$$

Problem 20 *How can we express the form*

$$\Omega(\Psi_2^\tau) \vee \dots \vee \Omega(\Psi_2^\tau) \in \Omega^{2k} \left(M; \bigvee \mathbf{g} \right)$$

with the help of $\Omega(\Psi_{2k}^\tau)$? and the form $\langle \Gamma, \Omega(\Psi_2^\tau) \vee \dots \vee \Omega(\Psi_2^\tau) \rangle$ for an invariant cross-section $\Gamma \in \left(\text{Sec } \bigvee^k \mathbf{g}^ \right)_{I^0}$ with the help Γ and $\Omega(\Psi_{2k}^\tau)$?*

We know that for $\Phi = GL(E)$ we have the adjoint Lie algebra bundle \mathfrak{g} is equal to the vector bundle of linear homomorphisms $Aut(E)$. Therefore the Atiyah sequence of $A(\Phi)$ equals

$$0 \rightarrow Aut(E) \rightarrow A(\Phi) \rightarrow TM \rightarrow 0.$$

Using the composition of linear homomorphisms

$$\circ : Aut(E) \times \dots \times Aut(E) \rightarrow Aut(E)$$

we can obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 21 *The equality holds*

$$\Omega(\Psi_{2k}^\tau) = c \cdot \Omega(\Psi_2^\tau) \circ \dots \circ \Omega(\Psi_2^\tau) \quad (k \text{ times})$$

or equivalently

$$\Omega(\Psi_{2k}^\tau) = c_1 \cdot \Omega^\tau \circ \dots \circ \Omega^\tau \quad (k \text{ times}).$$

THE END

Remark concerning the above Problem (20): For an arbitrary Lie groupoid Φ we consider

$$\Psi_{2k}^\tau(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{2k}) = \tau(x_0, x_1) \cdot \tau(x_1, x_2) \cdot \dots \cdot \tau(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k}) \cdot \tau(x_{2k}, x_0) \in \Phi_{x_0}^{x_0}.$$

We define additionally

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{\Psi}_{2k}^\tau(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{2k}) \\ = & \tau(x_0, x_1) \cdot \tau(x_1, x_2) \cdot [\tau(x_2, x_0) \cdot \tau(x_0, x_3)] \cdot \tau(x_3, x_4) \cdot [\tau(x_4, x_0) \cdot \tau(x_0, x_5)] \cdot \dots \\ & \dots \cdot [\tau(x_{2k-2}, x_{2k}) \cdot \tau(x_0, x_{2k-1})] \cdot \tau(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k}) \cdot \tau(x_{2k}, x_0) \\ = & [\tau(x_0, x_1) \cdot \tau(x_1, x_2) \cdot \tau(x_2, x_0)] \cdot [\tau(x_0, x_3) \cdot \tau(x_3, x_4) \cdot \tau(x_4, x_0)] \cdot \dots \\ & \dots \cdot [\tau(x_0, x_{2k-1}) \cdot \tau(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k}) \cdot \tau(x_{2k}, x_0)] \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\tilde{\Psi}_{2k}^\tau(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{2k}) = \Psi_2^\tau(x_0, x_1, x_2) \cdot \Psi_2^\tau(x_0, x_3, x_4) \cdot \dots \cdot \Psi_2^\tau(x_0, x_{2k-1}, x_{2k})$$

Clearly $\Psi_{2k}^\tau \neq \tilde{\Psi}_{2k}^\tau$ in general, but (I think) the equality holds infinitesimally

$$\Omega(\Psi_{2k}^\tau)(x) = \Omega(\tilde{\Psi}_{2k}^\tau)(x). \quad (3)$$

Next, using (3), we can try to calculate $\Omega(\Psi_{2k}^\tau)(x)$ via $\Omega(\Psi_2^\tau)(x)$.