## Existence of differentiable connections on top spaces

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#### **Abstract**

In this paper, differentiable connections on top spaces are studied and some conditions on which there is no differentiable connection passing from a given point in the top space are found. In a special case, the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is considered as a top space and the existence of differentiable connections is studied. Finally, we prove that the smoothness condition of the inverse map in the definition of a top space is redundant.

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#### 1. Introduction

A top space is a generalization of the concept of Lie groups [1, 2]. According to what has been proven already, each top space is a union of disjoint diffeomorphic Lie groups, and these diffeomorphic Lie groups can be considered as vertical lines [2-4].

A differentiable connection in a top space T is a one to one,  $C^{\infty}$  map  $\xi : [0,1] \to T$  that intersects each of the vertical lines of the top space in at most one point, and it can be considered as a horizontal line [1]. Note that, we can extend these structures on generalized local groups [5].

In sections 2 and 3, the existence of differentiable connections in some special cases are studied, and in section 4 we prove in proposition 14 that, under a poor condition, the smoothness condition of the inverse map in the definition of a top space is redundant.

Now, let us recall the definition of a top space:

**Definition 1.** A top space T is a smooth manifold with a generalized group structure such that the multiplication operation and the inverse map are smooth and for every  $s, t \in T$ , we have: e(s, t) = e(s).e(t), where e(t) is the identity element of t [1, 2].

The following lemma is a corollary in [3].

**Lemma 2.** Let *T* be a top space. The map  $e: T \to T$  defined by  $t \mapsto e(t)$ , is a continuous map.

**Example 3.** The Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the multiplication:

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$$(a,b).(c,d) = (a,b+d), \text{ for any } (a,b),(c,d) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

is a top space. In this example, the identity element of (a, b) is (a, 0) and its inverse is (a, -b).

**Theorem 4.** Let T be a top space, e(T) be the set of all identity elements of T and  $G_{e(t)} = e^{-1}(e(t))$ , then  $G_{e(t)}$  is a Lie group with the identity element e(t) and for all  $e(t_1), e(t_2) \in e(T)$ ;  $G_{e(t_1)}$  is diffeomorphic to  $G_{e(t_2)}$ , and we have:

$$T = \bigcup_{e(t) \in e(T)}^{\circ} G_{e(t)} \cong \prod_{e(t) \in e(T)} G_{e(t)}$$

(Note that, the first union and  $\sqcap$  denote the disjoint union and the direct sum of Lie groups, respectively) [3].

**Example 5.** In example 3, we have  $e^{-1}((a, 0)) = \{a\} \times \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\mathbb{R}^2 = \bigcup_{a \in \mathbb{D}}^{\circ} (\{a\} \times \mathbb{R}).$$

Now, we define a differentiable connection:

**Definition 6.** A differentiable connection in a top space T is a one to one,  $C^{\infty}$  map  $\xi : [0,1] \to T$  such that  $card(\xi[0,1] \cap e^{-1}(e(t))) \le 1$ , for any  $e(t) \in e(T)$  [6].

**Example 7.** In example 3, the map  $\xi : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $\xi(t) = (t, t)$ , is a differentiable connection.

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# 2. Cases in which there is no differentiable connection

Let us begin this section with the following proposition, which has been stated as a corollary in [6].

**Proposition 8.** Let T be a top space such that e(T), the set of all identity elements of T, be finite or countable, then there is no differentiable connection.

Before bringing the theorem, we need the following lemma:

**Lemma 9.** Let *T* be a top space and

$$T = \bigcup_{e(t) \in e(T)}^{\circ} G_{e(t)}.$$

If the dimension of  $G_{e(t)}$  is equal to the dimension of T, then  $G_{e(t)}$  has at least one interior point in T.

**Proof:** Let  $G_{e(t)}$  have no interior point in T. The map e is continuous, so  $G_{e(t)}$  is closed, and hence

$$G_{e(t)} = \overline{G_{e(t)}} = \partial G_{e(t)}$$

where  $\overline{G_{e(t)}}$  and  $\partial G_{e(t)}$  denote the closure and the set of boundary points of  $G_{e(t)}$ , respectively. Therefore,  $G_{e(t)}$  is equal to its boundary, so its dimension is less than the dimension of T and it is a contradiction.

Now, we state our main result.

**Theorem 10.** Let T be a top space and

$$T = \bigcup_{e(t) \in e(T)}^{\circ} G_{e(t)},$$

where  $G_{e(t)}$  is a Lie group in which its dimension is equal to the dimension of T, and  $g_o$  be an interior point of  $G_{e(s)}$  for some  $e(s) \in e(T)$ , then there exists no differentiable connection in T passing from  $g_o$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\xi:[0,1] \to T$  be a differentiable connection in T passing from  $g_o$ , i.e. there exists  $r_o \in [0,1]$  such that  $\xi(r_o) = g_o$ . Suppose U be an open neighborhood of  $g_o$  such that  $U \subseteq G_{e(s)}$ . Since  $\xi$  is continuous, the set  $\xi^{-1}(U)$  is open in the closed interval [0,1], and so there is a base V such that  $r_o \in V \subseteq \xi^{-1}(U)$ . V is an uncountable set, and

$$\xi(V) \subseteq U \subseteq G_{e(s)}$$
.

since  $\xi$  is one to one,  $card \xi(V) = card(V) = c$ , then

$$card\left(\xi([0\,,1])\cap G_{e(s)}\right)=c$$

which is in contradiction to the definition of a connection. Therefore, there is no differentiable connection in T passing from  $g_o$ 

**Corollary 11.** Let *T* be a top space and

$$T = \bigcup_{e(t) \in e(T)}^{\circ} G_{e(t)},$$

where the Lie group  $G_{e(t)}$  is open in T, then there exists no differentiable connection passing from each point of  $G_{e(t)}$ .

**Proof:** Each point of  $G_{e(t)}$  is an interior point, so one gets the result by the same proof of theorem 10.

**Example 12.** The space  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  with the multiplication:

$$a \cdot b = a|b|$$
, for every  $a, b \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ 

is a top space with the identity elements  $\{1, -1\}$  and  $G_1 = \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $G_{-1} = \mathbb{R}^-$ . In this example, we see that the dimension of  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ ,  $G_1$  and  $G_{-1}$  are equal and so according to theorem 10, there is no differentiable connection passing from each point of  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ .

#### 3. One special case: the euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^2$

In this section, we study the existence of differentiable connections in the Euclidian space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with different top structures and determine the relation between the tangent space at a point t on the top space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , with the tangent spaces at this point on a Lie group which contains t (by theorem 4) and on the image of a connection passing from t (if it exists).

At first, we show by the following example that one cannot necessarily write the tangent space of T at t by any horizontal and vertical structures.

**Example 13.** The Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the multiplication:

$$(a,b).(c,d) = (a+c,b), \text{ for any}$$
  
 $(a,b).(c,d) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ 

is a top space, and

$$\mathbb{R}^2 = \bigcup_{a \in \mathbb{R}} (\mathbb{R} \times \{a\}).$$

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In this example,  $\gamma:[0,1]\to\mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $\gamma(t)=(t-1/2,(t-1/2)^3)$ , is a differentiable connection with  $\gamma(1/2)=(0,0)$  and  $\gamma_*(1/2)=(1,0)$ . We see that this tangent vector is in the tangent space on the Lie group  $\mathbb{R}\times\{0\}$  at (0,0). Therefore, they do not produce the tangent space on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  at (0,0).

Note that in the previous example, the map  $\xi(t) = (0, t - 1/2)$ , for any  $t \in [0, 1]$  is a connection with  $\xi(1/2) = (0, 0)$  and  $\xi_*(1/2) = (0, 1)$ , so these vertical and horizontal structures produce the tangent space on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  at (0, 0).

Now, we study the general state:

Let  $(\mathbb{R}^2,.)$  be a top space and with this top structure:

$$\mathbb{R}^2 = \bigcup_{e(t) \in e(T)}^{\circ} G_{e(t)} \cong \prod_{e(t) \in e(T)} G_{e(t)},$$

<u>Case 1</u>. dim  $G_{e(t)} = 0$ 

In this case, at every point one can find two connections with independent tangent vectors that produce the tangent space on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\underline{Case\ 2}$$
. dim  $G_{e(t)} = 1$ 

Since the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is connected,  $G_{e(t)}$  is connected for all  $e(t) \in e(T)$ . We know that every one dimensional connected Lie group is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $S^1$  [7], and so we have:

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \cong \prod_{e(t) \in e(T)} \mathbb{R}$$

or

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \cong \prod_{e(t) \in e(T)} S^1,$$

since  $S^1$  is compact,  $\prod_{e(t) \in e(T)} S^1$  is also compact. So  $\mathbb{R}^2 \cong \prod_{e(t) \in e(T)} S^1$  is impossible. Therefore, we just have:

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \cong \prod_{e(t) \in e(T)} \mathbb{R},$$

then there exist some connections at every point similar to example 11.

Case 3. dim 
$$G_{e(t)} = 2$$

According to theorem 8, there is no differentiable connection passing from each interior point of  $G_{e(t)}$ , moreover, the tangent space on  $G_{e(t)}$  is equal to the tangent space on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  at these points.

## 4. A redundant condition in definition of top space

In this section, we prove that under a few conditions, checking the differentiability of the inverse map in a top space is not necessary.

Let M be a manifold with a differentiable map  $m: M \times M \to M$ , which defines an associative multiplication operation on M. Assume that for each  $t \in M$  there exists a unique  $e(t) \in M$  such that  $e(t) \cdot t = t \cdot e(t) = t$  and  $e(t \cdot s) = e(t) \cdot e(s)$ , for all  $t, s \in M$ . Let  $e: M \to M$  be the map defined by  $t \mapsto e(t)$  and for all  $t \in M$ ,  $e^{-1}(e(t))$  be open. Define  $M_{e(t)} = e^{-1}(e(t))$ , for all  $t \in M$ , then  $M_{e(t)}$  is an open submanifold of M and the restriction of m to  $M_{e(t)}$  gives us a  $C^{\infty}$  associative multiplication operation on the manifold  $M_{e(t)}$  denoted by  $m_{e(t)}$ .

**Lemma 14.** The differential of the multiplication map on  $M_{e(t)}$  at (e(t), e(t)) is given by

$$T_{(e(t),e(t))}(m_{e(t)})(X,Y) = X + Y,$$

for all X,  $Y \in T_{e(t)}(M)$  [7].

Let  $G_{e(t)}$  be the set of all invertible elements in  $M_{e(t)}$ , it is clear that  $G_{e(t)}$  is a group and we have:

**Lemma 15.** The group  $G_{e(t)}$  is an open submanifold of  $M_{e(t)}$  and with this manifold structure,  $G_{e(t)}$  is a Lie group [7].

This lemma implies that the inverse map  $\iota_{e(t)} \colon G_{e(t)} \to G_{e(t)}$  is  $C^{\infty}$ .

Let S be the set of all invertible elements in M, then

$$S = \bigcup_{e(t) \in e(M)}^{\circ} G_{e(t)},$$

so *S* is a generalized group. Moreover, we have:

**Proposition 16.** Let S be the set of all invertible elements in M, then S is an open submanifold of M and with this manifold structure, S is a top space.

**Proof:** Since  $S = \bigcup_{e(t) \in e(M)} G_{e(t)}$  and  $G_{e(t)}$  is open in  $M_{e(t)}$  and  $M_{e(t)}$  is open in M, S is an open submanifold of M. The inverse map  $\iota : S \to S$  is  $C^{\infty}$ , because the restriction of  $\iota$  to the open submanifold  $G_{e(t)}$  of S is  $C^{\infty}$ , for every  $e(t) \in e(M)$ .

We conclude this section with an example below.

**Example 17.** In example 12,  $G_i$  are open in  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ , for i = 1, 2. In this example, the inverse map  $\iota : \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \to \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  defined by  $x \mapsto 1/x$  is  $C^{\infty}$ 

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### وجود التصاق هاي مشتق پذير روي فضا هاي تاپ

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#### چکیده:

دراین مقاله، التصاق های مشتق پذیر روی فضا های تاپ را بررسی می کنیم و شرایطی را می یابیم که تحت آن ها هیچ التصاقی گذرنده از یک نقطه داده شده از فضای تاپ وجود ندارد. در یک حالت خاص، فضای اقلیدسی آی را به عنوان یک فضای تاپ در نظر گرفته و وجود التصاق های مشتق پذیر را در آن بررسی می کنیم. در نهایت، ثابت می کنیم که سرط همواری گاشت وارون در تعریف فضای تاپ شرطی زاید است.

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