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## ON LIE ALGEBROID ACTIONS AND MORPHISMS

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**Résumé:** Si  $AG$  est l'algebroïde de Lie d'un groupoïde de Lie  $G$ , nous démontrons que toute action infinitésimale de  $AG$  sur une variété  $M$ , par des champs complets de vecteurs fondamentaux, se relève en une unique action du groupoïde de Lie  $G$  sur  $M$ , si les  $\alpha$ -fibres de  $G$  sont connexes et simplement connexes. Nous appliquons ensuite ce résultat pour intégrer des morphismes d'algebroïdes de Lie, lorsque la base commune de ces algebroïdes est compacte.

### Introduction

It is known [12] that if a finite-dimensional Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  acts on a manifold  $M$  with complete infinitesimal generators, then this action arises from a unique action of the connected and simply connected Lie group  $G$  whose Lie algebra is  $\mathcal{G}$ , on the manifold  $M$ .

In the Lie algebroid case, the local integration of infinitesimal actions was studied by Pourreza in [5], and the local integration of Lie algebroid morphisms by Almeida and Kumpera in [2], following the earlier work of Pradines in [14].

In the local trivial case, the integration of Lie algebroid morphisms was dealt with in [8], and more recently Mackenzie and Xu have obtained in [9] a general version of the theorem 3.1. For a symplectic groupoid  $G$  on base  $B$  with  $\alpha$ -connected fibers and with a complete symplectic realization  $(M, f)$  of the Poisson manifold  $B$ , Dazard in [4] and Xu in [19] have showed that the Lie algebroid action  $\omega \mapsto P(f_*\omega)$  integrates to a (global) action of the groupoid  $G$  on the manifold  $M$ , here the Lie algebroid  $AG$  of  $G$  is identified with the cotangent bundle  $T^*B$ , and  $P$  denotes the bundle isomorphism  $P: T^*M \rightarrow TM$  induced by the symplectic structure on  $M$ . We prove here a global integration

result of Lie algebroid actions when the actions are by complete infinitesimal generators. As application, we prove that any Lie algebroid morphism

$F : AG \longrightarrow AG'$ , over the same base  $B$ , integrates to a unique base preserving Lie groupoid morphism  $f : G \longrightarrow G'$ , provided that the common base  $B$  is compact and the  $\alpha$ -fibres of  $G$  are connected and simply connected, where  $\alpha$  is the source map of  $G$ . This method of dealing with Lie algebroid morphisms applies only when the Lie algebroids are over a common compact base.

For a Lie groupoid  $G$  on base  $B$ , we denote by  $\alpha_G, \beta_G : G \longrightarrow B$  the source and the target maps of  $G$ , respectively. For  $g \in G$ , we denote by  $g^{-1}$  or by  $i_G g$  the inverse of  $g$ , and for  $b \in B$  we denote by  $1_b^G$  the value of the identity map  $1^G : B \longrightarrow G$  at  $b$ . We omit then the subscripts when there is no confusion in doing so.

If  $M$  and  $N$  are two manifolds, with a surjective submersion  $\pi : M \rightarrow N$ , we call  $M$  a  $\pi$ -(*simply*) *connected* manifold if for all  $b \in B$  the fibres  $\pi^{-1}(b)$  are (simply) connected subspaces of  $M$ . Lastly,  $C(M)$  refers always to the module of smooth real valued maps on a manifold  $M$ , and all manifolds are assumed  $C^\infty$ , real, Hausdorff and second countable.

## 1 Lie groupoids and Lie algebroids

We begin by recalling the notions of Lie groupoid actions and morphisms. Let  $G$  be a Lie groupoid on base  $B$ , and let  $p : M \longrightarrow B$  be a smooth map, where  $M$  is a manifold. A (*left*) *action* of  $G$  on  $M$  is a smooth map  $\Phi : G * M \longrightarrow M$ , where  $G * M = \{(g, m) \in G \times M \mid \alpha(g) = p(m)\}$ , such that

- (i)  $p(\Phi_g(m)) = \beta(g)$ , where  $\Phi_g(m) = \Phi(g, m)$ .
- (ii)  $\Phi_{gh}(m) = \Phi_g \Phi_h(m)$ ,
- (iii)  $\Phi_{1_{p(m)}}(m) = m$ ,

for all  $g, h \in G$  and  $m \in M$  which are suitably compatible. A right action of  $G$  on  $M$  is defined similarly.

We recall now the definition of a base preserving Lie groupoid morphism,

see [6] for the general case. Let  $G$  and  $G'$  be two Lie groupoids with a common base  $B$ . A smooth map  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  is a *Lie groupoid morphism* if

$$(iv) \quad \alpha_{G'} \circ f = \alpha_G,$$

$$(v) \quad \beta_{G'} \circ f = \beta_G,$$

$$(vi) \quad f(gh) = f(g)f(h),$$

for all composable pair  $(g, h) \in G \times G$ , that is  $\alpha_G(g) = \beta_G(h)$ .

A *Lie algebroid on base  $B$*  is a vector bundle  $q: A \rightarrow B$  together with a map  $a: A \rightarrow TB$  of vector bundles over  $B$ , called the *anchor* of  $A$ , and an  $\mathbb{R}$ -bilinear, antisymmetric bracket of sections  $[\cdot, \cdot]: \Gamma A \times \Gamma A \rightarrow \Gamma A$ , which obey the Jacobi identity, and satisfies the relations

$$(vii) \quad a[X, Y] = [a(X), a(Y)],$$

$$(viii) \quad [X, fY] = f[X, Y] + (a(X)f)Y,$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma A, f \in C(B)$ . Here  $a(X)(f)$  is the Lie derivative of  $f$  with respect to the vector field  $a(X)$ .

Let  $A$  be a Lie algebroid on  $B$  and let  $f: M \rightarrow B$  be a smooth map. Then an *action* of  $A$  on  $M$  is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear map  $X \mapsto X^\dagger, \Gamma A \rightarrow \chi(M)$  such that

$$(ix) \quad [X, Y]^\dagger = [X^\dagger, Y^\dagger], \text{ for } X, Y \in \Gamma A,$$

$$(x) \quad (uX)^\dagger = (u \circ f)X^\dagger \text{ for } X \in \Gamma A, u \in C(B),$$

$$(xi) \quad Tf(X^\dagger(m)) = a(X)(f(m)), \text{ for } X \in \Gamma A, m \in M,$$

where  $\chi(M)$  denotes the module of smooth vector fields on  $M$ .

The construction of the Lie algebroid of a Lie groupoid follows closely the construction of a Lie algebra of a Lie group; see [8] for a full account. Let  $G$  be a Lie groupoid on base  $B$ , and let  $T^\alpha G = \text{Ker}(T\alpha)$  be the vertical bundle along the fibres of  $\alpha$ . Let  $AG \rightarrow B$  be the

vector bundle pullback of the vector bundle  $T^\alpha G$  across the identity map  $1 : B \rightarrow G$ . Notice that a section  $X \in \Gamma AG$  is characterized by  $X(b) \in T_{1_b} G_b, \forall b \in B$ , where  $G_b = \alpha^{-1}(b)$ . Now take  $X \in \Gamma AG$  and denote by  $\overrightarrow{X}$  the right invariant vector field on  $G$ , defined by  $\overrightarrow{X}(g) = TR_g X(\beta(g))$ ; the correspondence  $X \mapsto \overrightarrow{X}$  from  $\Gamma AG$  to the module of right invariant vector fields is a bijection; we equip  $\Gamma AG$  with the Lie algebra structure obtained by transferring the Lie algebra structure of the module of right invariant vector fields on  $G$  to  $\Gamma AG$ , via the bijection  $X \mapsto \overrightarrow{X}$ . Namely, if  $X, Y \in \Gamma AG$ , we define  $[X, Y] = [\overrightarrow{X}, \overrightarrow{Y}] \circ 1$ , and  $a : AG \rightarrow TB$ , by  $a(X_b) = T\beta X_b$ . The vector bundle  $AG$  constructed above is called *the Lie algebroid of  $G$* ; we will denote it by  $q_G : AG \rightarrow B$ , and its anchor map by  $a_G : AG \rightarrow TB$ . If there is no confusion we will omit the subscripts. The pullback of  $\overrightarrow{X}$  by the inversion map  $i$  of  $G$ , is denoted by  $\overleftarrow{X}$  and is a left invariant vector field on  $G$ . Lastly, if  $(x_t)$  is the one parameter group of local diffeomorphisms which generates a right invariant vector field  $\overrightarrow{X}$  on  $G$ , then  $x_t(v) = x_t(1_{\beta(v)})v, \forall v \in G$ , and we write  $x_t(v) = \text{Expt}X(\beta(v))v$ , where  $\text{Expt}X(b) = x_t(1_b)$  [8].

A left action  $\Phi$  of a Lie groupoid  $G$  with base  $B$  on  $p : M \rightarrow B$  induces an action  $X \mapsto X_\Phi^\dagger$  of the Lie algebroid  $AG$  of  $G$  on the map  $p : M \rightarrow B$ , by the formula:

$$X_\Phi^\dagger(m) = T(g \mapsto \Phi_g(m)) X(p(m)), \forall m \in M. \tag{1}$$

The vector field  $X^\dagger$  is called *the fundamental vector field associated to  $X$*  or *the infinitesimal generator* of the action corresponding to the section  $X \in \Gamma AG$ .

Lastly, let  $A$  and  $A'$  be two Lie algebroids on a common base  $B$ , with anchor maps  $a$  and  $a'$ , respectively, and let  $F : A \rightarrow A'$  be a vector bundle map. Then,  $F$  is a *Lie algebroid morphism* if the relations

$$(xii) \quad F[X, Y] = [F(X), F(Y)],$$

$$(xiii) \quad a' \circ F = a$$

hold, for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma A$ .

A base preserving Lie groupoid morphism  $f : G \rightarrow G'$  differentiates to a Lie algebroid morphism  $Tf : AG \rightarrow AG'$ . The tangent linear map  $Tf$ , when restricted to  $AG$ , is sometimes called *the Lie functor* of  $f$  and is denoted by  $A(f)$ .

## 2 Integration of Lie Algebroid Actions

We assume here that there are given a Lie groupoid  $G$  on base  $B$ , a manifold  $M$  and a surjective submersion  $p : M \rightarrow B$ . For  $b \in B$ , we denote by  $G_b$  and by  $G^b$  the  $\alpha$ -fibre  $\alpha^{-1}(b)$ , and the  $\beta$ -fibre  $\beta^{-1}(b)$ , respectively. The following theorem is the main result of this section.

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $X \mapsto X^\dagger$  be an action of the Lie algebroid  $AG$  on the manifold  $M$ , by complete infinitesimal generators. Assume that the module of right invariant vector fields on  $G$  is composed of complete vector fields (hence, the module of left invariant vector fields is also composed of complete vector fields). Then, if the Lie groupoid  $G$  is  $\alpha$ -connected and  $\alpha$ -simply connected there exists a unique left action  $\Phi$  of  $G$  on  $p : M \rightarrow B$ , with*

$$X_\Phi^\dagger = X^\dagger, \forall X \in \Gamma AG. \quad (2)$$

Since  $p$  is a surjective submersion, the subspace  $G * M = \{(g, m) \in G \times M, \mid \alpha(g) = p(m)\}$  is a submanifold of  $G \times M$ . Let  $\Delta$  be the subbundle of  $T(G * M) = TG * TM$  generated by the set of pairs of vector fields of the form  $(\overleftarrow{X}, X^\dagger)$ , with  $X \in \Gamma AG$ . The subbundle  $\Delta$  is an involutive differentiable distribution of rank  $\dim G - \dim B$  on  $G * M$ , therefore  $\Delta$  is integrable by the Frobenius theorem. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the corresponding foliation on  $G * M$ , and let  $\mathcal{S}_{(g,m)}$  be the leaf through  $(g, m) \in G * M$ . We denote the leaf through  $(1_{p(m)}^G, m)$  simply by  $\mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$ .

**Lemma 2.2** *For all  $(g', m') \in \mathcal{S}_{(g,m)}$ , the relation  $\beta(g') = \beta(g)$  holds.*

**Proof:** For  $(g', m') \in \mathcal{S}_{(g,m)}$ , there exist  $p$  vector fields  $(\overleftarrow{X}_1, X_1^\dagger), \dots, (\overleftarrow{X}_p, X_p^\dagger)$ , tangent to the foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  such that if  $x_i^j$  and  $\xi_i^j$  are the flows of  $\overleftarrow{X}_i$  and of  $X_i^\dagger$ , respectively, then [17] (see also [16] or [11]).

$$(g', m') = (x_{t_1}^1 \circ \dots \circ x_{t_p}^p(g), \xi_{t_1}^1 \circ \dots \circ \xi_{t_p}^p(m)). \quad (3)$$

It follows that  $\beta(g') = \beta(g)$ , since the maps  $x_t^i$  are right translations, for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ .  $\square$

For  $h \in G$ , let  $l_h$  be the left translation defined in  $G^{\alpha(h)}$ , by  $l_h(g) = hg$ ; if we extend the map  $l_h$  to  $G^{\alpha(h)} * M$ , by setting  $l_h(g, m) = (hg, m)$ , then  $l_h$  is defined in the whole leaf  $\mathcal{S}_{(g,m)}$  by 2.2, provided that  $\alpha(h) = \beta(g)$ . In this case we have:

**Lemma 2.3** *For all  $(g, m) \in G * M$  with  $\beta(g) = \alpha(h)$ , the following relation*

$$l_h \mathcal{S}_{(g,m)} = \mathcal{S}_{(hg,m)} \tag{4}$$

*holds.*

**Proof:** The conclusion is clear, since the first factor of the distribution  $\Delta$  is invariant under left translations.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4** *For all  $b \in B$ , there exists an open connected neighbourhood  $V^b$  of  $1_b$  in the  $\beta$  fibre  $G^b$ , and for all  $m \in p^{-1}(b)$  there exists an open connected neighbourhood  $V_m$  of  $(1, m)$  in  $\mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$ , such that if  $P$  denotes the projection  $G \times M \rightarrow G$  of  $G \times M$  onto the first factor  $G$  then*

- (i)  $P_m: V_m \rightarrow V^b$  is a diffeomorphism, where  $P_m$  is the restriction of  $P$  to the leaf  $\mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$ ; furthermore,  $V_m$  is the connected component of  $(1, m)$  in  $P_m^{-1}(V^b)$ ;
- (ii) the union  $V = \cup_{b \in B} V^b$  is an open neighbourhood of the base  $B$  in  $G$ .

**Proof:** Fix  $b_0 \in B$ , and let  $X^1, X^2, \dots, X^p$  be  $p$  left invariant vector fields on  $G$ , such that for  $g$  in a connected neighbourhood  $U_{b_0}$  of  $1_{b_0}$  in  $G$ , the vector tangents  $X^i(g), i = 1, \dots, p$  generate the tangent space  $T_g G^{\beta(g)}$ . Furthermore, it is always possible to assume that  $U_{b_0}$  is  $\alpha$ -saturated, that is  $U_{b_0} = \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(U_{b_0}))$  [1]. Let  $Y^i = (X^i)^\dagger$  be the corresponding fundamental vector field on  $M$ , for  $i = 1, 2 \dots p$ . We denote

by  $x_t^i$  and by  $y_t^i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , the (global) flows of  $X^i$  and  $Y^i$ , respectively. Consider the maps  $f_{b_0}: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow G^{b_0}$ , and  $f: \mathbb{R}^p \times \overline{U}_{b_0} \rightarrow G$  defined, respectively, by

$$f_{b_0}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p) = x_{t_1}^1 \circ x_{t_2}^2 \circ \dots \circ x_{t_p}^p(1_{b_0}), \quad (5)$$

and by

$$f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p, b) = x_{t_1}^1 \circ x_{t_2}^2 \circ \dots \circ x_{t_p}^p(1_b), \quad (6)$$

where  $\overline{U}_{b_0} = \alpha(U_{b_0})$ .

The map  $f_{b_0}$  is étale at the origin 0 of  $\mathbb{R}^p$ , (the  $\beta$ -fibre  $G^{b_0}$  is equipped with the induced topology); so there is an open connected neighbourhood  $W_{b_0}$  of the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ , and an open connected neighbourhood  $V^{b_0}$  of  $1_{b_0}$  in  $G^{b_0}$ , such that  $f_{b_0}: W_{b_0} \rightarrow V^{b_0}$  is a diffeomorphism. It follows that, for  $m \in M$  with  $p(m) = b_0$ , the map

$$F_m(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p) = (x_{t_1}^1 \circ x_{t_2}^2 \circ \dots \circ x_{t_p}^p(1_{p(m)}), y_{t_1}^1 \circ y_{t_2}^2 \circ \dots \circ y_{t_p}^p(m)) \quad (7)$$

is a diffeomorphism, from  $W_{b_0}$  onto an open connected neighbourhood  $V_m = F_m(W_{b_0})$  of  $(1, m)$  in  $\mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$  (equipped with its own leaf topology). Now if  $P_m|_{V_m}$  denotes the restriction of the projection  $P_m$  to  $V_m$ , then  $P_m|_{V_m} = f_{b_0} \circ F_m^{-1}: V_m \rightarrow V^{b_0}$  is a diffeomorphism.  $V_m$  contains  $(1, m)$  and is open in  $P_m^{-1}(V^b)$ , and since  $P_m: V_m \rightarrow V^b$  is a diffeomorphism  $V_m$  is closed in  $P_m^{-1}(V^b)$ . It follows that  $V_m$  is the connected component of  $(1, m)$  in  $P_m^{-1}(V^b)$ .

We prove now the second assertion of the lemma. The left invariant vector fields  $X^1, X^2, \dots, X^p$  are nowhere tangent to the base  $1_B$ ; it follows then easily that the map  $f$  defined by the relation (6) is étale at  $(0, b_0) \in \mathbb{R}^p \times \overline{U}_{b_0}$ . Hence, we can select an open neighbourhood  $W'_{b_0}$  of the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ , and an open neighbourhood  $U'_{b_0}$  of  $b_0$  in  $\overline{U}_{b_0}$ , such that  $f: W'_{b_0} \times U'_{b_0} \rightarrow A(b_0) = f(W'_{b_0} \times U'_{b_0})$  is a diffeomorphism. By shrinking, if necessary,  $W'_{b_0}$  we can assume that  $W'_{b_0} \subset W_{b_0}$ ; hence,  $A(b_0)$  is an open neighbourhood of  $1_{b_0}$  in  $G$ , contained in  $V$ . Since this construction is valid for all  $b_0 \in B$ , the subset  $V$  is open in  $G$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5** *Under the notations of 2.4, the projection  $P_m: \mathcal{S}_{(1,m)} \rightarrow G^{p(m)}$  is a covering map, and since the fibres of  $G$  are  $\alpha$  simply connected,  $P_m$  is a diffeomorphism.*



**Proof:** We start by proving that the map  $P_m$  is étale. If  $(g, x) \in \mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$ , then  $\mathcal{S}_{(g,x)} = \mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$ , and hence

$$T_{(g,x)}\mathcal{S}_{(1,m)} = T_{(g,x)}\mathcal{S}_{(g,x)} = \left\{ \left( \overleftarrow{X}(g), X^\dagger(x) \right), \mid X \in \Gamma AG \right\}.$$

It is clear now that the projection on the first factor

$$T_{(g,x)}P_m : T_{(g,x)}\mathcal{S}_{(1,m)} \longrightarrow T_g G^{p(m)}$$

is surjective. By a dimension counting argument  $T_{(g,x)}P_m$  is a bijective map.

The map  $P_m$  is surjective: since the distribution  $D$  generated by the family of left invariant vector fields on  $G$  is completely integrable, with the  $\beta$ -fibres as the leaves of the corresponding foliation, for  $g \in G^{p(m)}$  there exist  $p$  left invariant vector fields  $X^1, X^2, \dots, X^p$  on  $G$ , such that  $g = x_{t_1}^1 \circ x_{t_2}^2 \circ \dots \circ x_{t_p}^p(1_{p(m)})$ , where  $x_t^i$  is the flow of  $X^i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ . If  $Y^i = X^{i\dagger}$ , then  $(g, y_{t_1}^1 \circ y_{t_2}^2 \circ \dots \circ y_{t_p}^p(1_{p(m)})) \in \mathcal{S}_m$ , where  $y_t^i$  is the flow of  $Y^i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ .

It is enough now to prove that any  $g \in G^{p(m)}$  has an open neighbourhood  $U_g$  in  $G^{p(m)}$ , such that if  $C$  denotes a connected component of  $P_m^{-1}(U_g)$  in  $\mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$ , then  $P_m : C \longrightarrow U_g$  is a diffeomorphism. In 2.4 we have constructed, for all  $m \in M$ , an open connected neighbourhood  $V_m$  of  $(1, m)$  in  $\mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$ , and an open neighbourhood  $V^{p(m)}$  of  $1_{p(m)}$  in  $G^{p(m)}$ , such that  $P_m : V_m \longrightarrow V^{p(m)}$  is a diffeomorphism, and  $V = \cup_{b \in B} V^b$  is open in  $G$ . By using the smoothness of the map  $(h, g) \longmapsto h^{-1}g$ , defined for  $\beta(h) = \beta(g)$ , we establish easily the existence of an open connected neighbourhood  $U$  of  $1_b$  in  $G$ , such that  $U^{-1}U \subset V$ , for all  $b \in B$ .

For  $g \in G^{p(m)}$ , let  $U_g$  be the connected open neighbourhood  $gU$  of  $g$  in  $G^{p(m)}$ , where  $U$  is the open neighbourhood of  $1_{p(m)}$ , with  $U^{-1}U \subset V$ . Let  $C$  be a connected component of  $P_m^{-1}(U_g)$ , and fix  $(h, x) \in C$ . In particular  $h = gl$  for some  $l \in U$ ; therefore  $\beta(h) = \beta(g) = p(m)$ . It follows from  $(h, x) \in G * M$ , that  $\alpha(h) = p(x)$ . Now we have  $(h, x) \in \mathcal{S}_{(1,m)} = \mathcal{S}_{(h,x)} = l_h \mathcal{S}_{(1,x)}$ , by 2.3, and the map  $l_h : \mathcal{S}_{(1,x)} \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$  is a diffeomorphism. We have  $h^{-1}gU = l^{-1}U \subset U^{-1}U \cap G^{p(x)} = V^{p(x)}$ ; in particular,  $h^{-1}gU$  is a connected neighbourhood of  $(1_{p(x)})$  in  $V^{p(x)}$ , and  $l_h : P_x^{-1}(h^{-1}gU) \longrightarrow P_m^{-1}(gU)$  is a diffeomorphism. It follows that  $C = l_h(K)$ , where  $K$  is the component of  $(1, x)$  in  $P_x^{-1}(h^{-1}gU)$ . Since, from 2.4(i),  $P_x : K \longrightarrow h^{-1}gU$  is a diffeomorphism, and since  $P_m \mid_C =$

$l_h \circ P_x \circ l_h^{-1}$ , the result follows.  $\square$

**Proof of the theorem 2.1:** Let  $(g, m) \in G * M$ , then  $ig \in G^{p(m)}$ . Let  $\Phi_g(m)$  be the unique element in  $M$  such that  $(ig, \Phi_g(m)) \in \mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$ . We start by proving that  $\Phi$  is a smooth map from  $G * M$  to  $M$ . The distribution  $D$  on  $G$  generated by the family of left invariant vector fields on  $G$  is completely integrable with the  $\beta$  fibres as leaves. Let  $p = \dim G - \dim B$  be its rank.

For  $g_0 \in G$ , there exists an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $g_0$  in  $G$ , and  $p$  left invariant vector fields  $X^1, X^2, \dots, X^p$  in  $G$ , such that  $X^1, X^2, \dots, X^p$  generate the distribution  $D$  in  $U$ , and the brackets  $[X^i, X^j], i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$ , vanish identically in  $U$  [11]. Let  $Y^i = (X^i)^\dagger$ , and let  $y_t^i$  be the (global) flow of  $Y^i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ . The open set  $U$  can always be taken in such a way that  $U = \beta^{-1}(\beta(U))$  [1]. Let  $x_t^i$  be the flow of  $X^i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ . Since  $U \cap G^b = G^b$  for all  $b \in \beta(U)$ , and since  $G$  is  $\beta$ -connected, the distribution  $D$  induces a distribution  $D_U$  on  $U$ , whose leaves of the corresponding foliation are the  $\beta$ -fibres  $G^b$ , with  $b \in \beta(U)$ . It follows that, for  $b_0 = \beta(g_0)$ ,

$$g_0 = x_{s_1}^1 \circ x_{s_2}^2 \cdots \circ x_{s_p}^p(1_{b_0}),$$

for some real numbers  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_p$ . Let now  $F: \mathbb{R}^p \times V \longrightarrow G$ , be the map defined by

$$F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p, b) = x_{t_1}^1 \circ x_{t_2}^2 \cdots \circ x_{t_p}^p(1_b),$$

where  $V$  is an open neighbourhood of  $b_0$  in  $B$ , contained in  $\beta(U)$ . A direct computation of the tangent linear map  $TF$  of  $F$ , using the relations  $[X^i, X^j] = 0$  for  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , shows that

$$T_{(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_p, b_0)} F(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p, X_{b_0}) = c_1 X^1(g_0) + c_2 X^2(g_0) + \cdots + c_p X^p(g_0) + T(1)X_{b_0}, \tag{8}$$

where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$  are  $p$  real numbers. Hence, if

$$T_{(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_p)} F(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p, X_b) = 0,$$

then  $X_{1_b} = 0$ , by applying  $T\beta$  to the left and the right hand side of (8), and then  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots c_p = 0$ . Now, by a dimensional counting

argument, the map  $F$  is étale at the point  $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_p, b_0)$ , and its image contains  $g_0$ . So, there exists an open neighbourhood  $I$  of  $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_p)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ , and an open neighbourhood  $V'$  of  $b_0$  in  $B$ , contained in  $V$ , such that  $F$  is a diffeomorphism from  $I \times V'$  to an open neighbourhood  $U'$  of  $g_0$ , contained in  $U$ .

For  $(g_0, m_0) \in G * M$ , let

$$W = \{(g, m) \in G * M \mid g \in U'\},$$

then  $W$  is an open neighbourhood of  $(g_0, m_0)$  in  $G * M$ . For  $(g, m) \in W$ , we have

$$\Phi_g(m) = y_{t_1}^1 \circ y_{t_2}^2 \circ \dots \circ y_{t_p}^p(m),$$

with  $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p) = p_1(F^{-1}(g))$ , where  $p_1$  is the projection of  $\mathbb{R}^p \times B$  onto the first factor  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . Since the smoothness is a local property,  $\Phi: G * M \rightarrow M$  is a smooth map.

We prove now that  $\Phi$  satisfies the relations (i), (ii) and (iii) in the definition of a Lie groupoid action, see §1.

(i) From  $(ig, \Phi_g(m)) \in G * M$ , we obtain

$$p(\Phi_g(m)) = \beta(g), \quad \forall (g, m) \in G * M.$$

(ii) Let  $(h, g)$  be a composable pair in  $G \times G$  and take  $m \in M$  such that  $\alpha(g) = p(m)$ , then  $\Phi_{hg}(m)$  is the unique element in  $M$  with

$$(i(hg), \Phi_{hg}(m)) \in \mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}.$$

If  $y = \Phi_g(m)$ , then  $(ig, y) \in \mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$  so  $\mathcal{S}_{(1,m)} = \mathcal{S}_{(ig,y)} = l_{ig}\mathcal{S}_{(1,y)}$ , by (4). Since  $(igih, \Phi_{hg}(m)) \in \mathcal{S}_{(1,m)} = l_{ig}\mathcal{S}_{(1,y)}$ , we deduce that  $(ih, \Phi_{hg}(m)) \in \mathcal{S}_{(1,y)}$ , then we have necessarily

$$\Phi_{hg}(m) = \Phi_h(y) = \Phi_h(\Phi_g(m)).$$

(iii) It follows from  $(1_{p(m)}, m) \in \mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$ , that  $\Phi_{1_{p(m)}}(m) = m, \forall m \in M$ .

We have now proved that the map  $\Phi$  is a left action of  $G$  on  $M$ . The curve  $(iExptX(p(m)), \Phi_{ExptX(p(m))}(m))$  lies in  $\mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$ , for all  $X \in \Gamma AG$ ,

and all  $m \in M$ . By differentiating this curve with respect to  $t$  at  $t = 0$ , we get

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \Phi_{\text{Expt}X(p(m))}(m) = X^\dagger(m), \forall X \in \Gamma AG, \forall m \in M,$$

and that proves that  $X_\Phi^\dagger = X^\dagger, \forall X \in \Gamma AG$ .

The uniqueness: assume the existence of a left action  $\Psi$  of  $G$  on  $M$  such that:

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \Psi_{\text{Expt}X(p(m))}(m) = X^\dagger(m), \forall X \in \Gamma AV, \forall m \in M.$$

For any  $(h, m) \in G * M$ , let

$$d_{(h,m)} = \{(hig, \Psi_g(m)), g \in G_{p(m)}\}.$$

Since  $G$  is  $\alpha$ -connected,  $d_{(h,m)}$  is a connected submanifold of  $G * M$  of dimension  $\dim G - \dim B$ . For any  $X \in \Gamma AG$ , the integral curve  $(\text{hiExpt}X(p(m)), \Psi_{\text{Expt}X(p(m))}(m))$  lies in  $d_{(h,m)}$ . It follows, by a differentiation process that

$$\Delta_{(h,m)} \subseteq T_{(h,m)}d_{(h,m)},$$

and then, by a dimensional argument,  $\Delta_{(h,m)} = T_{(h,m)}d_{(h,m)}$ ; that is,  $d_{(h,m)}$  is an integral manifold for the distribution  $\Delta$ . Therefore,  $(hig, \Psi_g(m)) \in \mathcal{S}_{(h,m)}$ . By the lemma 2.3, we have  $(ig, \Psi_g(m)) \in \mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$ . Since  $\Phi_g(m)$  is the unique element of  $M$  such that  $(ig, \Phi_g(m)) \in \mathcal{S}_{(1,m)}$ , we have  $\Phi = \Psi \quad \square$ .

**Remark 2.6** *The module of left (or right) invariant vector fields on  $G$  is composed of complete vector fields if  $B$  is compact [7](see also [1]).*

**Remark 2.7** The conclusion on the uniqueness subsistes if we assume that  $\Psi$  is only defined in an open neighbourhood  $W$  of  $M$  in  $G * M$ , the manifold  $M$  is then identified with the submanifold  $\{(1_{p(m)}, m) \mid m \in M\}$  of  $G * M$ . The properties (i), (ii) and (iii) defining a Lie groupoid action being satisfied locally by  $\Psi$ , that is  $\Psi$  is a *local action* of  $G$  on  $M$ .

**Remark 2.8** Replacing the left invariant vector field  $\overleftarrow{X}$  by the right invariant  $\overrightarrow{X}$  in the expression of the distribution  $\Delta$ , yields the existence of a unique right action of  $G$  on  $p : M \longrightarrow B$  such that the induced Lie algebroid action is the given Lie algebroid action.

### 3 Integration of morphisms

We assume here that there are given two Lie groupoids  $G$  and  $G'$  on a common compact base  $B$ , such that  $G$  is  $\alpha$ -simply connected and  $\alpha$ -connected. We denote by  $G * G'$  the submanifold  $\{(g, g') \in G \times G' \mid \alpha_G(g) = \beta_{G'}(g')\}$  of  $G \times G'$ . The following theorem is the main result of this section. It was pointed out to me by K. Mackenzie that he has obtained with P. Xu a general version in [9].

**Theorem 3.1** *If  $F : AG \longrightarrow AG'$ , be a base preserving Lie algebroid morphism, there exists then a unique Lie groupoid morphism  $f : G \longrightarrow G'$ , over the base  $B$ , such that  $Af = F$ .*

For  $X \in \Gamma AG$ , let  $X^\dagger$  be the right invariant vector field  $\overrightarrow{F(X)}$  on  $G'$ . We check easily that the map  $\longrightarrow X^\dagger$  is an action of  $AG$  on  $\beta : G' \longrightarrow B$ , by complete infinitesimal generators, since  $B$  is compact. Now since  $G$  is  $\alpha$ -connected and  $\alpha$ -simply connected, there exists a unique left action  $\Phi$  of  $G$  on  $\beta : G' \longrightarrow B$ , such that  $X_\Phi^\dagger = X^\dagger$ , by the theorem 2.1.

**Proposition 3.2** *For all  $(g, g') \in G * G'$  the relation*

$$\Phi_g(g') = \Phi_g(1_{\alpha(g)}^{G'})g \tag{9}$$

*holds.*

**Lemma 3.3** *1. The relation  $\alpha\Phi_g(g') = \alpha(g')$  holds, for all  $(g, g') \in G * G$*

*2. if  $g = g_1.g_2 \dots g_p$ , and if  $\Phi_{g_i}(g') = \Phi_{g_i}(1_{a_i}^{G'})g', \forall g' \in G^{\alpha(g_i)}$ , and for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots p$ , with  $a_i = \alpha(g_i)$ , then*

$$(a) \Phi_g(1_{\alpha g}^{G'}) = \Phi_{g_1}(1_{a_1}^{G'}) \cdot \Phi_{g_2}(1_{a_2}^{G'}) \cdot \dots \cdot \Phi_{g_p}(1_{\alpha g}^{G'}), \text{ and}$$

(b)  $\Phi_g(g') = \Phi_g(1_{\alpha g}^{G'})g'$ , for all  $g'$  such that  $\beta g' = \alpha g$ .

Proof: 1) For any  $X \in \Gamma AG$ , we have

$$T\alpha X^\dagger(g') = 0 = T(g \longmapsto \alpha\Phi_g(g'))X(\beta(g')), \forall g' \in G'.$$

Since the fibre  $G_{\beta(g')}$  is connected, the map  $g \longrightarrow \Phi_g(g')$  is constant on  $G_{\beta(g')}$ . It follows that

$$\alpha(\Phi_g(g')) = \alpha(\Phi_{1_b}(g')) = \alpha(g'),$$

where  $b = 1_{\beta(g')}^{G'} = 1_{\alpha(g')}^{G'}$ .

2) We prove simultaneously the assertions (a) and (b) by induction on the number of elements  $g_i$  involved in the decomposition of  $g$ . Assume that

(i)  $\Phi_{g_2 \dots g_p}(1_{\alpha(g)}^{G'}) = \Phi_{g_2}(1_{a_2}^{G'}) \dots \Phi_{g_p}(1_{a_p}^{G'})$ , and

(ii)  $\Phi_{g_2 \dots g_p}(g') = \Phi_{g_2 \dots g_p}(1_{\alpha(g')}^{G'})g'$ ,

then we get the relation (a) by applying  $\Phi_{g_1}$  to the left and the right hand side of (i); we get the relation (b) by applying  $\Phi_{g_1}$  to (ii), and by using the relation (a).  $\square$

**Proof of the proposition 3.2:** Let  $(g, g') \in G * G'$ ; since the  $\alpha$  fibres of  $G$  are connected, there exist, [1],  $p$  sections  $X^1, X^2, \dots, X^p$  of the Lie algebroid  $AG$  such that

$$g = x_{t_1}^1 \circ x_{t_2}^2 \circ \dots \circ x_{t_p}^p(1_{\beta(g')}^G),$$

where  $x_t^i$  denotes the (global) flow of the right invariant vector field  $\overrightarrow{X^i}$ . As the maps  $x_t^i$  are left translations, one can write

$$g = x_{t_1}^1(1_{a_1}^G) \cdot x_{t_2}^2(1_{a_2}^G) \cdot \dots \cdot x_{t_p}^p(1_{a_p}^G),$$

where each  $a_i$  is in  $B$  and depends on the numbers  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p$ . The vector fields  $X^{i\dagger}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$  are right invariant, by construction; hence [6]

$$\Phi_{x_{t_i}^i(1_{\beta(h)}^G)}(h) = \Phi_{x_{t_i}^i(1_{\beta(h)}^G)}(1_{\beta(h)}^{G'})h, \tag{10}$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$  and for all  $h \in G'$ . The conclusion now follows by applying the lemma 3.3, with  $g_i = x_i^i(1_{\alpha_i}^G)$ .  $\square$

**Proof of the theorem 3.1:** Let  $f : G \longrightarrow G'$  be the map defined by

$$f(g) = \Phi_g(1_{\alpha(g)}^{G'}), \forall g \in G, \quad (11)$$

then

- $\alpha'(f(g)) = \alpha'(\Phi_g(1_{\alpha(g)}^{G'})) = \alpha(g), \forall g \in G$ , by 3.3;
- $\beta'(f(g)) = \beta(g), \forall g \in G$ , since  $\Phi$  is a left action.
- $f(g_1g_2) = f(g_1)f(g_2)$ , by a straightforward calculation, using the proposition 3.2.

It follows from the above relations that, the map  $f$  is a Lie groupoid morphism. On the other hand, for any  $X \in \Gamma AG$ , we have

$$TfX(b) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} f(\text{Exp } tX(b)) = X^\dagger(1_b) = F(X)(b), \forall b \in B; \quad (12)$$

that is,  $Af = F$ .

Assume the existence of another Lie groupoid morphism  $h : G \longrightarrow G'$ , such that  $Ah = Af = F$ . Let  $\Psi$  be the map

$$\Psi_g(g') = h(g)g', \quad (13)$$

defined for all  $(g, g') \in G * G'$ . One can check then easily that the map  $\Psi$ , defined by the relation (10), is a left action of  $G$  on  $\beta : G' \longrightarrow B$ , such that

$$X_\Psi^\dagger = X_\Phi^\dagger, \forall X \in \Gamma AG.$$

By the theorem 2.1,  $\Psi = \Phi$ , hence  $f = h$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.4** *Let  $f : G \longrightarrow G'$  a Lie groupoid morphism. If*

- (1)  *$Af : G \longrightarrow G'$  is an injection then  $f$  is an immersion.*
- (2) *If  $Af$  is a Lie algebroid isomorphism, and if the  $\alpha'$ - fibres of  $G'$  are connected and simply connected, then  $f : G \longrightarrow G'$  is a Lie groupoid isomorphism.*

**Proof:** (1) Let  $X_g$  be a vector tangent to  $G$  such that  $Tf(X_g) = 0$ . It follows that  $T\alpha X_g = 0$ , and

$$TR_{f(g)}^{-1}Tf(X_g) = Tf(TR_g^{-1}X_g) = Af(TR_g^{-1}X_g) = 0,$$

which implies  $X_g = 0$ .

(2) Since the inverse  $(Af)^{-1}: AG' \rightarrow AG$  of the Lie algebroid isomorphism  $Af$  is a Lie algebroid isomorphism, there exists a unique Lie groupoid morphism  $f': G' \rightarrow G$  such that  $Af' = (Af)^{-1}$ . From the relation  $A(f \circ f') = A(f) \circ Af' = id_{AG'}$ , and from 3.1 we deduce that  $f \circ f' = id_{G'}$ , and similarly  $f' \circ f = id_G$   $\square$ .



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