

Generalised structure of manifold

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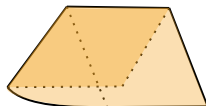
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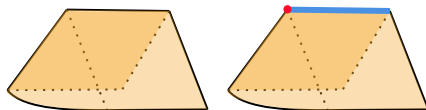


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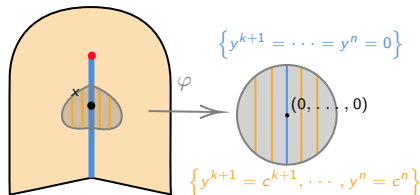
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$$[X, Y] \in D \quad \forall X, Y \in D,$$

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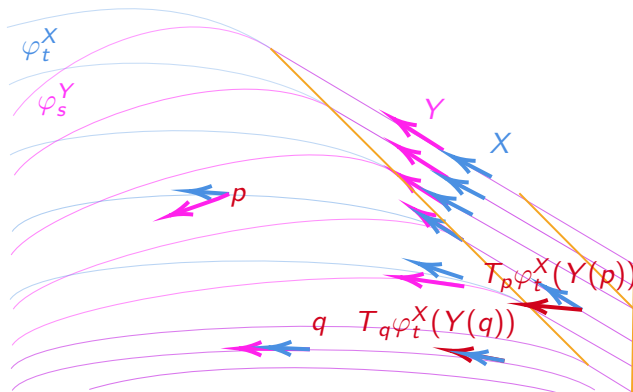
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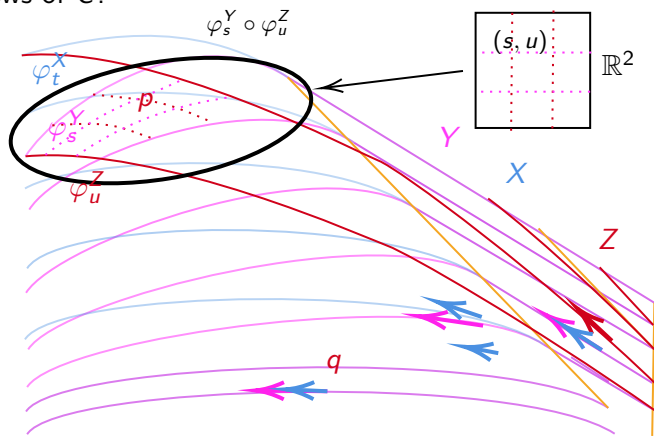
A singular distribution is integrable if and only if it is generated by a family C of vector fields and:

$$T_x \varphi_t^X(D_x) = D_x \quad \forall X \in C$$

It is indeed a necessary condition, since it implies being involutive:



And it is sufficient, because we can construct a foliated chart with the flows of C :



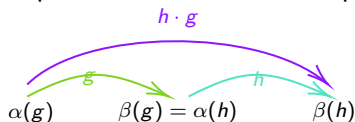
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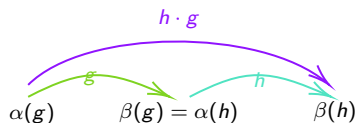
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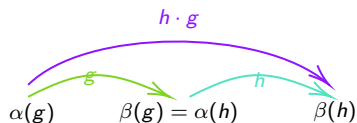
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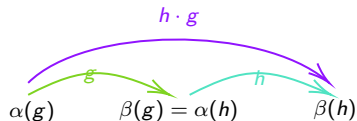
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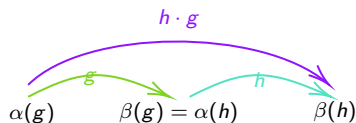
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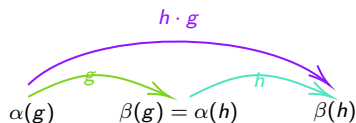
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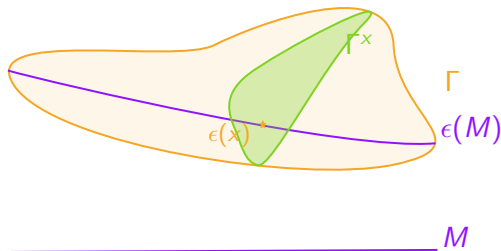
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And there must exist a set where α and β go, and where we want the identities to exist. Let's call it M .

Definition

A Lie groupoid is a groupoid $\Gamma \rightrightarrows M$ where Γ and M are smooth manifolds, the previous mentioned maps are smooth and the source and the target are submersions.



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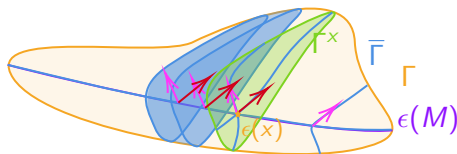
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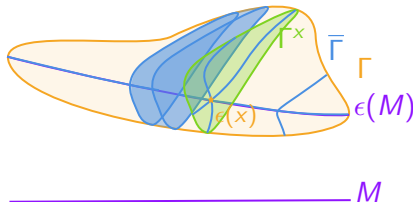
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The characteristic distribution is invariant by this family of vector fields that generate it, so is integrable.



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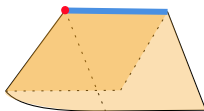
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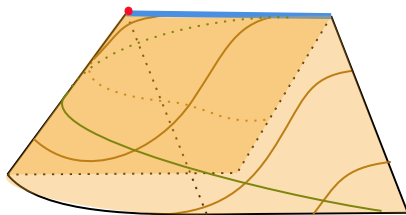
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In this case, the tangent distribution is generated by the vector fields $X \in \mathfrak{X}_{loc}(M)$ such that:

$$\varphi_t^X(x) \in N \quad \forall x \in N$$



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Thank you for your attention