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Introduction

Semi-simplicial foliations have appeared in [2]-[3], where they form a linking between a group action on a manifold and characteristic classes of foliations and produce that way characteristic invariants of the group actions. In fact, the present paper arose while the author was trying to prepare a unified treatment of characteristic classes of foliations - on a manifold and, at the same time - on classifying spaces, which would cover the characteristic invariants studied in [1] (in future, we hope to continue that direction of an investigation). One of the questions was then: what is a geometrical setting in which the semi-simplicial manifold  $N\Gamma_q$  (nerve of  $\Gamma_q$ ) could play the role of a classifying space? The solution found by the author is presented in Chapter IV of the paper (cf IV; proposition 1.10 and corollary 2.3.1) and given by a special category of semi-simplicial manifolds. Another question was: how to extend the notion of holonomy to foliations of arbitrary ss-manifolds? A solution to that problem, given in Chapter III, is also an attempt to "close the category" , since it is reasonable (cf eg [4]) to look for the "manifold" of leaves of any foliation  $F$  among the nerves  $N\Gamma_{F,T}$  of the holonomy groupoids. The results of Chapter IV allow one to identify with each other all the ss-manifolds  $N\Gamma_{F,T}$  ,  $T$  being any complete transversal for  $F$ .

The paper consists of four chapters. Chapter I is of an introductory character and contains a brief account of foliations and  $\Gamma$ -structures (for a more complete treatment, see [11],[12],[13], and [14] as well as [7] and [8]).

Chapter II deals with semisimplicial objects and extends some ideas of [5].

In Chapter III we develop the notion of a holonomy pseudogroup  $G_{F,T}$  (and groupoid  $\Gamma_{F,T}$ ) of an ss-foliation with respect to a complete transversal  $T$ . Our main result here is theorem 2.2, in which the existence and minimality of a canonical semi-simplicial  $\Gamma_{F,T}$ -structure

are established. In examples 3.1 - 3.3, the theorem is then applied to classical situations (a standard foliation, a pointwise foliation of  $M$ , and a flag) and the corresponding holonomy objects are computed.

Chapter IV contains a presentation of a special category of  $ss$ -morphisms and their relations to  $ss$ -foliations. In particular, theorem 3.2 of the chapter assures a consistency of the notions of  $ss$ -foliations and  $ss$ -morphisms.

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Symbols and notations

$f^*F$	- I; 1.2	$(a_0, \dots, a_n; x)$	- 1.4	$\Phi^T$	- 2.3
$\Gamma_Q$	- 1.3	$X_n^{(K)}$	- 2.5	$\{\gamma_{ab}\}$	- 2.5
$E_F$	- 1.3&1.9	$X^{(K)}$	- 2.5.1	$E^\gamma$	- 2.5.2
$\alpha, \beta$	- 1.4	$E_F$	- 3.1	$[a; x, g]$	- 2.5.2
$f^*E$	- 1.6&1.8	$\Sigma: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$	- 3.4	$\Sigma_{T', T}$	- 3.3
$[\gamma, x]$	- 1.8	$\omega_\Sigma$	- 3.7	$F'_T$	- 3.3
$f^*\sigma$	- 1.12	$\Sigma' \circ \Sigma$	- 3.8	$F_U$	- 4.1
$\tilde{f}$	- 1.12	$\Gamma \approx \Gamma'$	- 3.8	$\omega_U$	- 4.1
$h_{C, T_1}^{T_0}$	- 2.1	$\Sigma_* \omega$	- 3.10	$\rho_\#$	-IV; 1.2
$h_C$	- 2.2	$\Sigma_* E$	- 3.10	$f \sim g$	- 1.3
$\Gamma_F$	- 2.3	$\omega_\Gamma$	- 3.11.1	$f \approx g$	- 1.3
$\Gamma_{F, T}$	- 2.5	$\bar{N}\Gamma, \bar{N}_n\Gamma$	- 3.11.1	$f: X \rightarrow Y$	- 1.3
$h_{C, T}$	- 2.5	$ \Phi $	- 3.12	$f^{-1}_V$	- 1.6
$G_{F, T}$	- 2.5	$\Phi_* \omega$	- 3.12.1	$f_V$	- 1.6
$\Phi: G \rightarrow G'$	- 2.6	$T^0, T^1$	-III; 1.1	$g \circ f$	- 1.6.1
$G \approx G'$	- 2.7	$G_{F, T^0} \cup T^1$	- 1.1	$l_X$	- 1.6.1
$\omega_{F, T}$	- 2.8	$id_1^0$	- 1.1	$\lambda: X_U \rightarrow X$	- 1.6.1
$H_{C, T}$	- 2.8	$G_{F, T}$	- 1.1	$[f]$	- 1.7
$E_{F, T}$	- 2.8	$\Phi_T$	- 1.1.1	$f^*\omega$	- 1.9
$\epsilon_i, \eta_i$	-II; 1.1	$id_0^1$	- 1.1.1	$f^*\omega$	- 1.9.2
$NU, N_n U$	- 1.3	$\omega_{F, T}$	- 2.2&2.3	$f^*E$	- 1.9.3
$NM$	- 1.3	$\Psi_T^\omega$	- 2.2&2.6	$X \approx Y$	- 1.12
$N\Gamma, N_n \Gamma$	- 1.3	$\omega'_{F, T}$	- 2.3	$f^*F$	- 2.2
$X_U$	- 1.4	$E'_{F, T}$	- 2.3	$f_{TS}$	- 3.1

## I. Foliations, pseudogroups, groupoids

In the present paper all manifolds, maps etc are of class  $C^\infty$  (unless otherwise specified), although we do not require the manifolds to be neither paracompact nor even Hausdorff. We propose the following:

Definition 1.1. A q-codimensional (smooth) foliation  $F$  of an  $n$ -dimensional manifold  $M$  ( $n \geq q \geq 0$ ) is a topology in  $M$  such that every point of  $M$  admits a chart  $\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{n-q} \times \mathbb{R}^q$  trivializing  $F$ , ie inducing a homeomorphism of  $(U, F|U)$  into  $\mathbb{R}^{n-q} \times (\mathbb{R}^q)_\delta$ , where  $\delta$  means the discrete topology.

On leaves of  $F$ , ie the connected components of  $(M, F)$ ,  $M$  induces a structure of  $(n-q)$ -dimensional submanifolds.

1.2 Any map  $f: M' \rightarrow M$  transverse to  $F$  (ie to the leaves) induces a  $q$ -codimensional foliation  $f^*F$  of  $M'$  which is the topology generated by the pull-back of  $F$  and by the manifold topology of  $M'$ . For any leaf  $L'$  of  $f^*F$  there is a unique leaf  $L$  of  $F$  such that  $f(L') \subset L$ ; the restriction  $f|L': L' \rightarrow L$  is a smooth map.

1.3 The above modification of the definition has little influence on standard results and constructions associated with foliations, as there is still a one-to-one correspondence between  $q$ -codimensional foliations of  $M$  and some  $\Gamma_q$ -structures on  $M$ ,  $\Gamma_q$  being the groupoid of germs of local diffeomorphisms of  $\mathbb{R}^q$ . If one interprets a  $\Gamma_q$ -structure as a collection of  $\Gamma_q$ -cocycles which are transition maps for a common principal  $\Gamma_q$ -bundle, then the  $\Gamma_q$ -bundle  $E_F$  that corresponds to a foliation  $F$  consists of all germs of submersions  $M \supset U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  locally constant on the leaves ([7]).  $E_F$  is an example of highly non-Hausdorff smooth manifolds which come into consideration while studying foliations

We recall the definitions which will be exploited throughout the paper.

Definition 1.4. A (differentiable) groupoid  $\Gamma$  is a small category with only invertible elements (morphisms), such that both  $\Gamma$  and its set of objects  $U$  are equipped with differentiable structures, and

- (i) the source  $\alpha: \Gamma \rightarrow U$  and the target  $\beta: \Gamma \rightarrow U$  are submersions;
- (ii) the composition  $\Gamma \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} \Gamma \ni (g_1, g_2) \rightarrow g_1 g_2 \in \Gamma$  and the inverse map  $\Gamma \ni g \rightarrow g^{-1} \in \Gamma$  are both smooth (by (i) the Whitney product

$$\Gamma \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} \Gamma = \{(g_1, g_2) \in \Gamma \times \Gamma; \alpha(g_1) = \beta(g_2)\}$$

is a manifold).

If one identifies objects with units, then  $U$  becomes a submanifold of  $\Gamma$ .

Definition 1.5. A principal  $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E$  over a manifold  $M$  is a manifold endowed with two maps, the projection  $\pi: E \rightarrow M$  and the source  $\alpha: E \rightarrow U$  (units of  $\Gamma$ ) and with a right  $\Gamma$ -action  $E \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} \Gamma \rightarrow E$  in the fibers of  $\pi$  (ie,  $z.g = z$  if  $g \in U$ , and  $(z.g_1)g_2 = z(g_1g_2)$ ). One requires a local triviality condition: on a neighbourhood of each point  $x \in M$  there is a section  $\sigma: M \supset V \rightarrow E$  of  $\pi$  such that the map

$$V \times_{(\alpha\sigma, \beta)} \Gamma \ni (y, g) \rightarrow \sigma(y)g \in \pi^{-1}(V) \subset E$$

is a diffeomorphism.

1.6 Many properties of principal  $G$ -bundles ( $G$  - a Lie group) carry over to the above, more general setting. In particular, any map  $f: M' \rightarrow M$  pulls back  $\Gamma$ -bundles over  $M$  to  $\Gamma$ -bundles over  $M'$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & & f^*E := M' \times_{(f, \pi)} E \\ \downarrow \rightsquigarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & & M' \end{array}$$

and the classical result that a homomorphism of a  $G$ -bundle  $E'$  into a  $G$ -bundle  $E$ , ie a commuting square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E' & \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M' & \xrightarrow{f} & M \end{array}$$

(where  $\bar{f}$  preserves the  $G$ -actions) yields an isomorphism  $E' \cong f^*E$ , remains valid if  $G$  is replaced with  $\Gamma$ . An important exception here is that a  $\Gamma$ -bundle over  $M \times \mathbb{R}$  cannot be, in general, induced from a single bundle over  $M$ .

1.7 Given a family of local sections of  $E$  with domains covering  $M$ , the corresponding transition functions with values in  $\Gamma$  form a so-called  $\Gamma$ -cocycle over the covering of  $M$ . All the  $\Gamma$ -cocycles obtained in that way from a fixed principal  $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E$  are in some natural sense equivalent ([7]) and constitute a  $\Gamma$ -structure on  $M$ . The last notion means essentially the same as "an isomorphy class of principal  $\Gamma$ -bundles over  $M$ " and the distinction comes from the tradition only.

1.8 Apart from Lie groups, a large and in some sense opposite class of

groupoids constitute groupoids of germs, namely of all germs of elements of a pseudogroup of diffeomorphisms. We accept the notation  $[\gamma, x]$  for the germ of a diffeomorphism  $\gamma$  at a point  $x$ , so that the composition  $[\gamma, x][\gamma', y]$  is defined and equal to  $[\gamma\gamma', y]$  iff  $x = \gamma'(y)$ .

While dealing with a groupoid of germs  $\Gamma$  it is convenient (for the notational reason) to consider principal  $\Gamma$ -bundles equipped with a left action of the groupoid. Such a bundle  $\pi: E \rightarrow M$  is then endowed with a target map  $\beta: E \rightarrow N$  ( $N$  - units of  $\Gamma$ ) and the action  $(g, z) \rightarrow gz$  is defined on the Whitney product  $\Gamma \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} E$ . If  $f: M' \rightarrow M$  is any map, then for the same reason we define the pull-back left  $\Gamma$ -bundle to be  $f^*E = E \times_{(\pi, f)} M'$ .

1.9 We have mentioned (cf 1.3.) that a  $q$ -codimensional foliation  $F$  of  $M$  gives rise to a principal  $\Gamma_q$ -bundle  $E_F$  over  $M$ .  $E_F$  is the set of all germs  $[\varphi, x]$  of submersions locally defining  $F$  at  $x \in M$ , equipped with the sheaf topology and the differentiable structure induced from  $M$ , so that the projection  $E_F \ni [\varphi, x] \xrightarrow{\pi} x \in M$  be locally a diffeomorphism.  $\Gamma_q$  acts on  $E_F$  (from the left!) by the formula  $[\gamma, y][\varphi, x] = [\gamma\varphi, x]$  iff  $y = \varphi(x)$ .

1.10 Let  $\Gamma$  be any groupoid of germs and  $\pi: E \rightarrow M$  a principal  $\Gamma$ -bundle such that the target map  $\beta$  of  $E$  into  $N$ , the manifold of units of  $\Gamma$ , is a submersion. Then there exists a unique foliation  $F$  of  $M$  such that at the level of  $E$  the foliation  $\pi^*F$  coincides with the one induced by  $\beta$  from the pointwise foliation of  $N$ . If this is the case, we shall call  $F$  the foliation defined by  $E$  or, by the  $\Gamma$ -structure corresponding to  $E$ . Clearly,  $\text{codim } F = \dim N$ . This definition agrees with the classical one which assumes the  $\Gamma$ -cocycles representing the  $\Gamma$ -structure to be generated by submersions of open subsets of  $M$  in  $N$  ([7]).

1.11 To any  $\Gamma$ -bundle  $\pi: E \rightarrow M$  defining  $F$  one associates its canonical form  $\tilde{E} \rightarrow M$  composed of all germs  $[\varphi, x]$  of the submersions  $\varphi: M \supset U \xrightarrow{\sigma} E \xrightarrow{\beta} N$  (the distinguished submersions for  $E$ ), where  $\sigma$  ranges over local sections of  $\pi$  (note that  $\pi$  is locally invertible for  $\Gamma$  a groupoid of germs) and  $x \in U$  (cf [7]).  $\Gamma$  acts on  $\tilde{E}$  from the left by the composition of maps. It can be easily seen that the map

$$(1.11.1) \quad E \ni g\sigma(x) \rightarrow g[\beta\sigma, x] \in \tilde{E}$$

is a well-defined canonical isomorphism. Clearly, the canonical form is the same for all  $\Gamma$ -bundles isomorphic to  $E$  and is canonically distinguished by the corresponding  $\Gamma$ -structure.

1.12 If  $f: M' \rightarrow M$  is a map transverse to  $F$  and a  $\Gamma$ -bundle  $\pi: E \rightarrow M$  defines  $F$  on  $M$ , then the pull-back bundle  $f^*E = E \times_{(\pi, f)} M'$  defines on  $M'$  the induced foliation  $f^*F$ . Clearly,  $f$  pulls any section  $\sigma: U \rightarrow E$  back to a section  $f^*\sigma = (\sigma \circ f, id): f^{-1}U \rightarrow f^*E$ ; thus any distinguished submersion  $\varphi$  for  $E$  gives rise to a distinguished submersion  $\varphi f$  for  $f^*E$ . In terms of the canonical forms of the bundles the projection  $f^*E \rightarrow E$  takes the form

$$[\varphi f, x'] \rightarrow [\varphi, f(x')].$$

In particular, since  $E_{f^*F}$  is necessarily the canonical form of the  $\Gamma_q$ -bundle  $f^*E_F$ ,  $q = \text{codim } F$ ,  $f$  lifts functorially to a  $\Gamma_q$ -equivariant map  $\tilde{f}: E_{f^*F} \ni [\varphi f, x'] \rightarrow [\varphi, f(x')] \in E_F$ .

For any foliation  $F$  there is a family of pseudogroups of diffeomorphisms (thus also: groupoids of germs) which are related to  $F$  more closely than any other pseudogroup. These are holonomy pseudogroups (resp.: holonomy groupoids) and describe the transverse structure of the foliation.

2.1 Given a continuous path  $c$  in a leaf of  $F$ , any local transversal  $T = T_0$  at  $c(0)$  can be continuously transported along  $c$  in such a way that each point of  $T$  remains all the time in the same leaf. As a result one gets a locally defined diffeomorphism of the transversal  $T_0$  at  $c(0)$  to a transversal  $T_1$  at  $c(1)$  which is called the holonomy translation along  $c$  (cf [12]; notation  $h_{c, T_1}^{T_0}$ ).

Any map  $f: M' \rightarrow M$  transverse to the foliation  $F$  carries transversals for the induced foliation  $f^*F$  to transversals for  $F$ . If  $c$  is a path in a leaf of  $f^*F$ , then for any two local transversals  $T$  and  $T'$  at the ends of  $c$ ,

$$h_{c, T'}^T = h_{fc, T'}^T.$$

2.2 An invariant description of the holonomy refers to the  $\Gamma_q$ -bundle  $E_F$  (cf 1.9): when restricted to a single leaf  $L$  of  $F$ ,  $E_F$  becomes a covering of  $L$ , hence any path  $c$  in  $L$  lifts uniquely to a path in  $E_F$  starting from an arbitrary but fixed point of the fiber through  $c(0)$ . As a result,  $c$  yields a  $\Gamma_q$ -equivariant bijection

$$h_c: \pi^{-1}(c(0)) \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(c(1))$$

which is just an alternative description of the holonomy ([7]); note that the target projection  $\beta: E_F \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  is locally constant on  $\pi^{-1}(L) \subset E_F$



and thus  $\beta \circ h_c = \beta$  on  $\pi^{-1}(c(0))$ ). For a connection between the two notions of holonomy translation,  $h_{c,T}$  and  $h_c$ , see (2.4.1) below.

**2.3** The fact that  $h_c$  depends on the homotopy class of  $c$  only suggests that the set  $\Gamma_F$  of all  $h_c$ 's can be organized in a manifold. This has been done eg in [15]. In fact,  $\Gamma_F$  with the obviously defined composition rule ( $h_c \cdot h_{c'} = h_{c' * c}$ ) is even a differentiable groupoid with  $M$  as the manifold of units; it is the graph of  $F$ . Topologically,  $h_c$  is close to  $h_{c_0}$  in  $\Gamma_F$  if there is a path  $\bar{c}$  close to  $c_0$  such that  $h_{\bar{c}} = h_c$ ; evidently,  $\alpha(h_c) = c(0)$  and  $\beta(h_c) = c(1)$ .

**2.4** The action of  $\Gamma_F$  can be canonically extended to the general case of any principal  $\Gamma$ -bundle  $\pi: E \rightarrow M$  ( $\Gamma$  - a groupoid of germs) defining the foliation  $F$ . A synthetic definition of holonomy translations in  $E$  is similar to the one given in 2.2: for any leaf  $L$  of  $F$  the deck transformations in the covering space  $E \supset \pi^{-1}(L) \rightarrow L$  depend on the holonomy of paths in  $L$  only. Consequently, any path  $c$  in  $L$  yields a  $\Gamma$ -equivariant bijection  $\pi^{-1}(c(0)) \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(c(1))$  understood as a (left) action of the holonomy  $h_c \in \Gamma_F$ .

Lemma. For an arbitrary  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega$  defining the foliation  $F$  and any path  $c$  in a leaf of  $F$ , the holonomy  $h_c$  acts on fibers of the canonical  $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E \rightarrow M$  distinguished by  $\omega$  (cf 1.11) according to the rule

$$(2.4.1) \quad (h_c[\varphi, c(0)])|T' = [(\varphi|T) \circ (h_{c,T})^{-1}, c(1)] \text{ for } [\varphi, c(0)] \in \pi^{-1}(c(0))$$

where  $T$  and  $T'$  are any local transversals at  $c(0)$  and  $c(1)$  resp., and  $\varphi$  is an arbitrary distinguished submersion for  $\omega$  over a neighbourhood of  $c(0)$  (see figure 1).

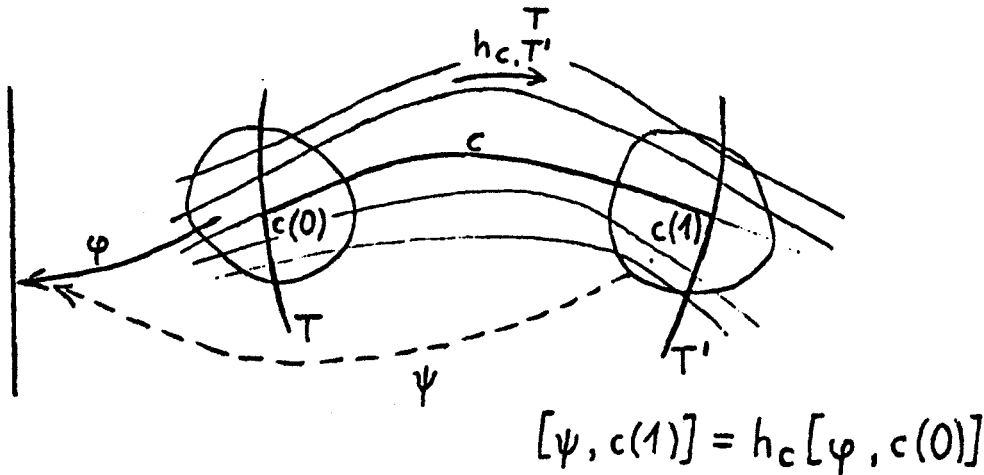


Figure 1.

Proof. When starting from a collection of sections  $\sigma_a: M \supset U_a \rightarrow E$ ,  $a \in A$ , such that the  $U_a$ 's cover  $M$  we get a  $\Gamma$ -cocycle  $\{\gamma_{ab}\}$  repre-

sending  $\omega$ . In particular, the maps  $\gamma_{aa} = \beta \circ \sigma_a: U_a \rightarrow N$  ( $N$  - the units of  $\Gamma$ ) are distinguished submersions such that for any  $x \in U_a \cap U_b$ ,  $a, b \in A$ , one has

$$\gamma_{aa} = \gamma_{ab}^{(x)} \gamma_{bb} \quad \text{over a neighbourhood of } x,$$

if  $\gamma_{ab}^{(x)}$  is a diffeomorphism representing the germ  $\gamma_{ab}(x) \in \Gamma$ . We fix a sequence of indices  $a_0, \dots, a_r$  such that  $c([\tau_i, \tau_{i+1}]) \in U_{a_i}$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, r$ , for some partition  $0 = \tau_0 \leq \tau_1 \leq \dots \leq \tau_{r+1} = 1$  of the unit interval. At every point  $c(\tau_i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, r+1$ , we choose a transversal  $S_i$  ( $S_0 = T$  and  $S_{r+1} = T'$ ). Let for shortness  $\gamma_{ij}$  denote  $\gamma_{a_i a_j}$ . Since  $\gamma_{ii}$  is a submersion locally constant on leaves of  $F$ , the composition  $(\gamma_{ii}|S_{i+1})^{-1}(\gamma_{ii}|S_i)$ , well-defined over a neighbourhood of  $c(\tau_i)$  in  $S_i$ , is the holonomy translation along  $c|[\tau_i, \tau_{i+1}]$ ,

$$(\gamma_{ii}|S_{i+1})^{-1}(\gamma_{ii}|S_i) = h_{c|[\tau_i, \tau_{i+1}], S_i}^{S_i} \quad \text{for } i = 0, \dots, r.$$

Consequently, at the level of germs one has

$$\begin{aligned} & [h_{c, T', c(0)}^T] = \\ & = [h_{c|[\tau_r, 1], T', c(\tau_r)}^{S_r}] \dots [h_{c|[\tau_1, \tau_2], S_2}^{S_1}, c(\tau_1)] [h_{c|[0, \tau_1], S_1}^T, c(0)] \\ & = [\gamma_{rr}|T', c(1)]^{-1} \dots [\gamma_{11}|S_1, c(\tau_1)] [\gamma_{00}|S_1, c(\tau_1)]^{-1} [\gamma_{00}|T, c(0)] \\ & = [\gamma_{rr}|T', c(1)]^{-1} \gamma_{r, r-1}(c(\tau_r)) \dots \gamma_{10}(c(\tau_1)) [\gamma_{00}|T, c(0)] \\ & = (\gamma_{01}(c(\tau_1)) \dots \gamma_{r-1, r}(c(\tau_r)) [\gamma_{rr}|T', c(1)])^{-1} [\gamma_{00}|T, c(0)]. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we are able to write down explicitly a lift  $\tilde{c}$  of  $c$  to  $E$  starting at  $\tilde{c}(0) = [\gamma_{00}, c(0)]$ . Namely, for  $\tau \in [\tau_i, \tau_{i+1}]$  we define  $\tilde{c}(\tau)$  to be the germ

$$\gamma_{01}(c(\tau_1)) \dots \gamma_{i-1, i}(c(\tau_i)) [\gamma_{ii}, c(\tau)] \in E$$

(observe that  $\gamma_{ii}(c(\tau)) = \gamma_{ii}(c(\tau_i)) = \gamma_{ii}(c(\tau_{i+1}))$ ). Clearly  $\tilde{c}$  is well-defined and thus continuous. By definition of the action of  $h_c$  one has

$$\begin{aligned} h_c[\gamma_{00}, c(0)] &= c(1) \\ &= \gamma_{01}(c(\tau_1)) \dots \gamma_{r-1, r}(c(\tau_r)) [\gamma_{rr}, c(1)] \end{aligned}$$

and a comparison of the above two formulas gives

$$h_c[\gamma_{00}, c(0)]|T' = [(\gamma_{00}|T) \circ (h_{c, T'}^T)^{-1}, c(1)].$$

The general formula follows now from the  $\Gamma$ -equivariance of  $h_c$ .

2.5 By fixing a complete transversal  $i: T \hookrightarrow M$  for  $F$  (complete means that  $i(T)$  cuts every leaf) one reduces  $\Gamma_F$  to a (transverse) holonomy groupoid  $\Gamma_{F,T}$  which is a groupoid of germs on  $T$ . The underlying holonomy pseudogroup  $G_{F,T}$  of diffeomorphisms of  $T$  is generated by all the holonomy translations  $h_{c,T}$  of open subsets of  $T$ ; we accept the notation  $h_{c,T} := [h_{c,T}, c(0)]$  for the element of  $\Gamma_{F,T}$  determined by an arbitrary path  $c$ . The holonomy pseudogroups for  $F$  with respect to different complete transversals are all canonically equivalent ([9]).

2.6 We recall here that a morphism  $\Phi: G \rightarrow G'$  of two pseudogroups of diffeomorphisms (on manifolds, resp.,  $N$  and  $N'$ ) is a maximal collection of diffeomorphisms  $\varphi: N \supset U_\varphi \rightarrow N'$  of open subsets of  $N$  on open subsets of  $N'$  subject to the conditions

- (i) the collection of all  $U_\varphi$ ,  $\varphi \in \Phi$ , covers  $N$ ;
- (ii)  $\varphi\gamma^{-1} \in G'$  if  $\varphi, \psi \in \Phi$ ,  $\gamma \in G$ ;
- (iii)  $\gamma'\varphi \in \Phi$  if  $\varphi \in \Phi$ ,  $\gamma \in G$  and  $\gamma' \in G'$ ;

(we emphasize the fact that  $\Phi$  is not a map by using the half-arrows).

One defines the composition  $G \xrightarrow{\Phi} G' \xrightarrow{\Phi'} G''$  to be the unique morphism containing the diffeomorphisms  $\varphi'\varphi$  ( $\varphi \in \Phi$ ,  $\varphi' \in \Phi'$ ). Clearly, any collection of diffeomorphisms (of open subsets of  $N$  on open subsets of  $N'$ ) which satisfies the conditions (i)-(ii) is contained in (hence: generates) a unique morphism  $G \rightarrow G'$ .

2.7 Given any two complete transversals  $T, T' \hookrightarrow M$  for a foliation  $F$ , the collection of all the holonomy translations from  $T$  to  $T'$  is a canonical invertible morphism  $G_{F,T} \rightarrow G_{F,T'}$ . In general, invertible morphisms will be called equivalences (notation " $\approx$ ").

2.8 For any complete transversal  $T \hookrightarrow M$ , there is a canonical  $\Gamma_{F,T}$ -structure  $\omega_{F,T}$  defining  $F$  on  $M$ , namely the one generated by those submersions of subsets of  $M$  on  $T$  which are holonomy projections  $H_{c,T}$  along paths  $c$  such that  $c(1) \in T \hookrightarrow M$  (see figure 2).

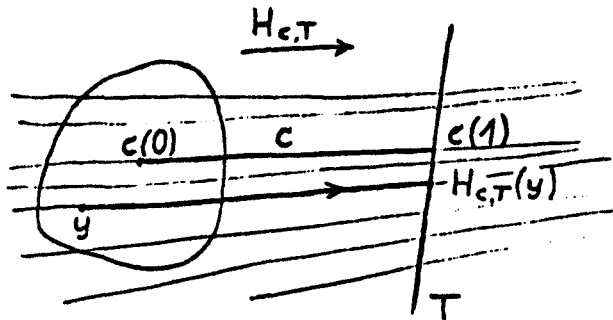


Figure 2.

The canonical  $\Gamma_{F,T}$ -bundle  $E_{F,T}$  over  $M$  distinguished by  $\omega_{F,T}$

consists of all germs  $[H_{c,T,x}]$  of the submersions. Note that  $\Gamma_{F,T}$  acts (from the left) on  $E_{F,T}$  by the formula

$$h_{c,T}[H_{c',T,c'(0)}] = [H_{c' * c, T, c'(0)}] \text{ iff } c(0) = c'(1) \text{ in } T.$$

2.9 The following minimality property of  $G_{F,T}$  and  $\omega_{F,T}$  belongs to the "folklore" although is rarely formulated in this way.

Under the above notations let  $\Gamma$  be a groupoid of germs such that some  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega$  defines on  $M$  the foliation  $F$ . Then the distinguished submersions for  $\omega$  restricted to  $T \hookrightarrow M$  form a morphism  $\Psi: G_{F,T} \rightarrow G$  such that  $\omega$  coincides with the induced  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\Psi^*\omega_{F,T}$  (cf II.3.12.1 below; here  $G$  stands for pseudogroup underlying  $\Gamma$ ).

It is worth noticing here that if the transversal  $T$  varies, then all the above morphisms  $G_{F,T} \rightarrow G$  come from the unique common morphism of groupoids described in 2.4,  $\Gamma_F \rightarrow \Gamma$  (cf also II.3.4 below).

## II. Semi-simplicial structures

Any  $\Gamma$ -structure on a paracompact manifold  $M$  can be obtained as a pull-back of the so-called universal  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega_0$  on  $B\Gamma$  - the classifying space of  $\Gamma$ , which unfortunately is no longer a manifold. One constructs  $B\Gamma$  as a realization of some semi-simplicial manifold  $N\Gamma$  (nerve of  $\Gamma$ ). We recall some of the definitions ([5]).

1.1 An ss- (semi-simplicial-) manifold  $X = (X_n)_{n=0,1,\dots}$  is a sequence of manifolds endowed with structure operators

$\varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_i^{(n)}: X_n \rightarrow X_{n-1}$  ( $i$ -th face operators; we require them to be submersions) and  $\eta_i = \eta_i^{(n)}: X_n \rightarrow X_{n+1}$  ( $i$ -th degeneracy operators),  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , which are subject to the conditions

$$(1.1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} (i) \quad & \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j = \varepsilon_{j-1} \varepsilon_i \quad \text{if } i < j \\ (ii) \quad & \varepsilon_i \eta_j = \begin{cases} \eta_{j-1} \varepsilon_i & \text{if } i < j \\ \text{id} & \text{if } i = j, j+1 \\ \eta_j \varepsilon_{i-1} & \text{if } i > j+1 \end{cases} \\ (iii) \quad & \eta_i \eta_j = \eta_{j+1} \eta_i \quad \text{if } i \leq j \end{aligned}$$

(which originate from purely combinatorial relations among face and degeneracy assignments for standard  $n$ -simplices).

Obviously, an ss-map (or homomorphism)  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  of  $X = (X_n)$  into another ss-manifold  $Y = (Y_n)$  is a sequence  $f = (f_n)$  of maps  $f_n: X_n \rightarrow Y_n$  commuting with the structure operators.

1.2 After introducing the  $i$ -th face imbeddings  $\epsilon^i: \Delta^{n-1} \rightarrow \Delta^n$  and  $i$ -th face projections  $\eta^i: \Delta^{n+1} \rightarrow \Delta^n$  between geometrical simplices (cf [5; p. 6]), one defines the (fat) geometrical realization  $||X||$  of  $X$  as the topological quotient of the disjoint union

$$\bigsqcup X_n \times \Delta^n$$

by the relations  $(\epsilon_i x, t) \sim (x, \epsilon^i t)$  for  $x \in X_{n+1}$ ,  $t \in \Delta^n$ .

Although the topological space  $||X||$  is less abstract than the ss-manifold  $X$  itself, it is lacking in the "smoothness" of  $X$ . In the present paper we shall treat ss-manifolds themselves as a sufficiently good completion of the category of manifolds (cf eg IV. proposition 1.10).

1.3 Keeping the above plan in mind, we begin with some examples ([5]).

Example 1.3.1. Any open covering  $U = \{U_a\}$  of a manifold  $M$  gives rise to an ss-manifold  $NU = (N_n U)$ , the nerve of  $U$ , such that

$$N_n U = \bigsqcup_{(a_0, \dots, a_n)} U_{a_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{a_n}$$

and the structure operators are the suitable inclusions

$$U_{a_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{a_n} \ni x \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{\epsilon_i} x \in U_{a_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{a_{i-1}} \cap U_{a_{i+1}} \cap \dots \cap U_{a_n} \\ \xrightarrow{\eta_i} x \in U_{a_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{a_i} \cap U_{a_i} \cap \dots \cap U_{a_n} \end{cases}$$

Roughly speaking,  $NU$  has the same differentiable structure as  $M$  whereas some part of the topological complexity of  $M$  is expressed in a combinatorial language.

The nerve  $NM$  of the trivial covering  $\{M\}$  can be identified with  $M$  itself.

Example 1.3.2. The nerve  $N\Gamma = (N_n \Gamma)$  of an arbitrary groupoid  $\Gamma$ . Here  $N_0 \Gamma = U$  (units of  $\Gamma$ ),

$N_n \Gamma = \{(g_1, \dots, g_n) \in \Gamma \times \dots \times \Gamma; \alpha(g_1) = \beta(g_2), \dots, \alpha(g_{n-1}) = \beta(g_n)\}$  and the structure operators are defined as follows:

on  $N_1 \Gamma = \Gamma$ ,  $\epsilon_0 = \alpha$  and  $\epsilon_1 = \beta$ ,

$$\epsilon_i(g_1, \dots, g_n) = \begin{cases} (g_2, \dots, g_n) & \text{if } i = 0 \\ (\dots, g_i g_{i+1}, \dots) & \text{if } i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1 \\ (g_1, \dots, g_{n-1}) & \text{if } i = n \end{cases}$$

$\eta_0: U \hookrightarrow \Gamma$ ,

$$\eta_i(g_1, \dots, g_n) = \begin{cases} (\beta(g_1), g_1, \dots, g_n) & \text{if } i = 0 \\ (\dots, g_i, \alpha(g_i), g_{i+1}, \dots) & \text{if } i > 0 \end{cases}$$

Clearly, all the  $N_n \Gamma$ 's are manifolds.

1.4 Localization. For an arbitrary ss-manifold  $X = (X_n)$  let  $U = \{U_a\}$  be any open covering of  $X_0$ . By the localization of  $X$  to  $U$  we shall mean an ss-manifold  $X_U$  such that

$$(X_U)_n = \bigsqcup_{(a_0, \dots, a_n)} \prod_{i=n}^n (\varepsilon_1^{n-i} \varepsilon_0^i)^{-1} U_{a_i}$$

and the structure operators are the maps

$$(a_0, \dots, a_n; x) \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{\bar{\varepsilon}_i} (\dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots; \varepsilon_i x) \\ \xrightarrow{\bar{\eta}_i} (\dots, a_i, a_i, \dots; \eta_i x) \end{cases}$$

where, for shortness, the coordinates before the semicolon point at the appropriate disjoint summand. A direct application of the axioms (1.1.1) proves that the maps  $\bar{\varepsilon}_i$  and  $\bar{\eta}_i$  are well-defined and again satisfy (1.1.1). Note that, given  $U$  as in example 1.3.1, the ss-manifolds  $NU$  and  $(NM)_U$  are evidently isomorphic. In general, the localization replaces a part of the topological structure of  $X_0$  with a combinatorial construction. This statement will be made more precise in IV.

We return to foliations now. An obvious observation is that, given any covering  $U$  of a manifold  $M$ , each foliation  $F$  of  $M$  induces a foliation, say  $F_n$ , on each  $N_n U$ . Note that a suitably chosen covering can even trivialize all the foliations. We pose a problem which will be our starting point.

Problem 2.1. Reconstruct the holonomy pseudogroup of  $F$  in terms of the foliations  $(F_n)_{n \geq 0}$  and the ss-structure of  $NU$ .

In fact, we shall solve a more general problem. Namely,

- 1° we shall give a construction of a holonomy pseudogroup for foliations of arbitrary ss-manifolds (cf III, theorem 2.2), and then
- 2° we prove its invariance under localizations (cf III, proposition 4.2).

Definition 2.2. A q-codimensional foliation  $F$  of an ss-manifold  $X = (X_n)$  is a sequence  $(F_n)$  of foliations such that

- (i) for each  $n$ ,  $F_n$  is a q-codimensional foliation of  $X_n$ ;
- (ii)  $\varepsilon_i * F_{n-1} = F_n$  for  $i \leq n$  (recall that all the  $\varepsilon_i$ 's are submersions).

2.3 The condition 2.2 (ii) together with (1.1.1;ii) implies transversality of all the degeneracy operators  $\eta_i: X_{n-1} \rightarrow X_n$  to  $F_n$  as well as the equalities  $\eta_i * F_n = F_{n-1}$ , for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Moreover,  $F$  is completely determined by  $F_0$  which is subject to the only condition  $\varepsilon_0 * F_0 = \varepsilon_1 * F_0$  on  $X_1$ ; then  $F_n = (\varepsilon_0^n) * F_0$  for every  $n$ . This allows

one to expect that the transverse structure of  $F$  (whatever this means) is not more complicated than that of ordinary foliations and can be described in terms of some differentiable groupoids.

2.4 We list a few naturally arising examples of ss-foliations.

Example 2.4.1. The foliation of  $NU$  induced from an ordinary foliation of  $M$  - already mentioned.

Example 2.4.2. If the structure operators of  $X = (X_n)$  are locally invertible, then  $X$  carries a pointwise foliation which consists of the pointwise foliations on every stage  $X_n$ . In particular, this is the case of the nerve  $N\Gamma$  of an arbitrary groupoid of germs  $\Gamma$ .

Example 2.4.3. Consider a flag  $F, F'$  of foliations of a manifold  $M$  (ie,  $\text{codim } F \geq \text{codim } F'$ , and the leaves of  $F'$  are foliated by leaves of  $F$ ). Every complete transversal  $T$  for  $F$  is transverse to  $F'$ , and the induced foliation  $F'|_T$  of  $T$  lifts to a foliation of  $N\Gamma_{F,T}$ . We shall see later that differently chosen transversals give rise to nerves  $N\Gamma_{F,T}$  equivalent as ss-manifolds, and that the corresponding foliations are in some sense identical (cf IV; corollary 3.3 & proposition 2.4).

Example 2.4.4. Any ss-manifold carries a unique 0-codimensional foliation.

2.5 Given an arbitrary foliation  $F = (F_n)$  of an ss-manifold  $X = (X_n)$ , let for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ ,  $L_n$  denote the set of all leaves of  $F_n$ . We consider an equivalence relation " $\sim$ " in  $L_0$  defined as the smallest one containing the pairs  $(L, L')$ ,  $L, L' \in L_0$ , such that there is a leaf  $\tilde{L} \in L_1$  with the property  $L \supset \varepsilon_0 \tilde{L}$  and  $L' \supset \varepsilon_1 \tilde{L}$ . For an arbitrary equivalence class  $K \subset L_0$  and each  $n \geq 0$  we define a manifold  $X_n^{(K)}$  to be the disjoint union of the leaves  $L \in L_n$  contained in the subset

$$\bigcup_{i=0}^n (\varepsilon_1^{n-i} \varepsilon_0^i)^{-1}(UK) \subset X_n.$$

Lemma 2.5.1. The manifolds  $X_n^{(K)}$  and  $X_n^{(K')}$  are disjoint if  $K$  and  $K'$  are different equivalence classes. Furthermore, for any class  $K$ , the structure operators of  $X$  induce on  $X^{(K)} := (X_n^{(K)})$  a semi-simplicial structure.

Proof. Suppose  $L \in L_n$  is a leaf such that

$$\varepsilon_1^{n-i} \varepsilon_0^i L \subset L' \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_1^{n-j} \varepsilon_0^j L \subset L'' \quad i < j$$

where  $L' \in K \subset L_0$  and  $L'' \in K' \subset L_0$ . For  $h = 1, \dots, j-i$ , let  $L_h \in L_1$  be the leaf in  $X_1$  such that  $\varepsilon_2^{n-i-h} \varepsilon_0^{i+h-1} L \subset L_h$ . Then the relations

$$\varepsilon_0(\varepsilon_2^{n-i-h} \varepsilon_0^{i+h-1}) = \varepsilon_1^{n-i-h} \varepsilon_0^{i+h}$$

and

$$\varepsilon_1(\varepsilon_2^{n-i-h} \varepsilon_0^{i+h-1}) = \varepsilon_1^{n-i-h+1} \varepsilon_0^{i+h-1}$$

prove that  $\varepsilon_1 L_1 \subset L'$  and  $\varepsilon_0 L_{j-i} \subset L''$ , whereas for  $h = 1, \dots, j-i-1$ ,  $\varepsilon_0 L_h$  and  $\varepsilon_1 L_{h+1}$  are contained in the same leaf. This immediately implies  $L' \sim L''$ , and thus  $K = K'$ .

Now we fix  $K$ . We have already shown that if a leaf  $L$  is in  $X_n^{(K)}$  then for every  $i$  the set  $\varepsilon_1^{n-i} \varepsilon_0^i L$  is contained in a leaf  $\tilde{L} \in K$ . Consequently, if  $\varepsilon_h L \subset L' \in L_{n-1}$  then  $L' \subset X_{n-1}^{(K)}$ , and if  $\eta_h L \subset L'' \in L_{n+1}$  then  $L'' \subset X_{n+1}^{(K)}$ , for  $h = 0, 1, \dots$ . It follows that the structure operators induce maps

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_h: X_n^{(K)} \rightarrow X_{n-1}^{(K)}, \quad \tilde{\eta}_h: X_n^{(K)} \rightarrow X_{n+1}^{(K)}$$

subject to the commutativity relations (1.1.1). By I.1.2, the maps are smooth.

2.5.2 We shall call the ss-manifolds  $X^{(K)}$  leaves of the ss-foliation  $F$ . In view of lemma 2.5.1, any foliation divides the foliated ss-manifold into "disjoint" leaves which are again ss-manifolds.

Like in the classical situation (cf I.1.3 - 1.9) a  $q$ -codimensional foliation  $F$  of an ss-manifold  $X$  yields a  $\Gamma_q$ -structure on  $X$ . The last notion could be naively understood as a sequence of  $\Gamma_q$ -structures, say  $\omega_n$  on  $X_n$ , such that  $\varepsilon_i^* \omega_{n-1} = \omega_n$ . In 3.3 below, we shall see that this condition would be too weak for our purposes.

3.1 Let us consider the distinguished  $\Gamma_q$ -bundles  $\pi_n: E_{F_n} \rightarrow X_n$  associated with the foliations  $F_n$ , forming an arbitrary ss-foliation  $F$  of  $X = (X_n)$ . In view of I.1.12, the sequence  $E_F = (E_{F_n})$  carries a canonical structure of an ss-manifold given by the lifts

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_i: E_{F_n} \ni [\varphi \circ \varepsilon_i, x] \rightarrow [\varphi, \varepsilon_i x] \in E_{F_{n-1}}$$

and

$$\tilde{\eta}_i: E_{F_n} \ni [\psi \circ \eta_i, x] \rightarrow [\psi, \eta_i x] \in E_{F_{n+1}}.$$

It follows directly from the above definitions that the structure operators commute with the actions of  $\Gamma_q$ , and that  $\pi = (\pi_n)$  is an ss-map of  $E_F$  in  $X$ .

Definition 3.2 (cf [5] for  $\Gamma$  a Lie group). Given any groupoid  $\Gamma$ , a (principal) ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E$  over an ss-manifold  $X = (X_n)$  is an ss-manifold  $E = (E_n)$  together with an ss-map  $\pi = (\pi_n): E \rightarrow X$  such that

- (i) for every  $n$ ,  $\pi_n: E_n \rightarrow X_n$  is a principal  $\Gamma$ -bundle;
- (ii) the structure operators of  $E$  are  $\Gamma$ -equivariant.



In other words, the structure operators yield homomorphisms of  $\Gamma$ -bundles

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} E_{n-1} & \xleftarrow{\varepsilon_i} & E_n & \xrightarrow{\eta_j} & E_{n+1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X_{n-1} & \xleftarrow{\varepsilon_i} & X_n & \xrightarrow{\eta_j} & X_{n+1}. \end{array}$$

We shall call isomorphism classes of principal  $ss$ - $\Gamma$ -bundles over  $X$   $\Gamma$ -structures on  $X$  (isomorphisms being meant as invertible  $\Gamma$ -equivariant  $ss$ -maps inducing the identity  $ss$ -map on the base  $X$ ).

3.3 Consider an arbitrary principal  $ss$ - $\Gamma$ -bundle  $\pi: E \rightarrow X$ . According to I;1.6, the maps

$$E_1 \ni e \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{(\pi_1, \varepsilon_0)} (\pi_1 e, \varepsilon_0 e) \in \varepsilon_0^* E_0 \\ \xrightarrow{(\pi_1, \varepsilon_1)} (\pi_1 e, \varepsilon_1 e) \in \varepsilon_1^* E_0 \end{cases}$$

as well as

$$E_2 \ni e \mapsto (\pi_2 e, \varepsilon_i e) \in \varepsilon_i^* E_1, \quad i = 0, 1, 2$$

are isomorphisms of  $\Gamma$ -bundles. Together with the axioms (1.1.1), this gives rise to the following commuting diagram of isomorphisms of principal  $\Gamma$ -bundles:

(3.3.1)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \varepsilon_0^* \varepsilon_0^* E_0 & \cong & \varepsilon_1^* \varepsilon_0^* E_0 \\ & \nearrow \cong & \uparrow & \nabla & \uparrow & \searrow \cong \\ & \varepsilon_0^* E_1 & & & \varepsilon_1^* E_1 & \\ \varepsilon_0^* \varepsilon_1^* E_0 & \xrightarrow{\cong} & E_2 & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \varepsilon_1^* \varepsilon_1^* E_0 & \\ \uparrow \cong & & \downarrow & & \uparrow \cong & \\ \varepsilon_2^* \varepsilon_0^* E_0 & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \varepsilon_2^* E_1 & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \varepsilon_2^* \varepsilon_1^* E_0 & \end{array}$$

where, for example in the pentagon  $\nabla$ , the arrows map an arbitrary  $e \in E_2$  to  $(\pi_2 e, (\pi_1 \varepsilon_0 e, \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0 e)) \in \varepsilon_0^* \varepsilon_0^* E_0$  or to  $(\pi_2 e, (\pi_1 \varepsilon_1 e, \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_1 e)) \in \varepsilon_1^* \varepsilon_0^* E_0$ , and these two elements correspond to each other under the isomorphism

$$\varepsilon_0^* \varepsilon_0^* E_0 \cong (\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0)^* E_0 = (\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_1)^* E_0 \cong \varepsilon_1^* \varepsilon_0^* E_0.$$

The resulted commutativity of the triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & (\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0)^* E_0 & \\ \nearrow \cong & & \searrow \cong \\ (\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0)^* E_0 & \cong & (\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1)^* E_0 \end{array}$$

is precisely what differs the above definition of an ss- $\Gamma$ -structure from the "naive" one (cf III;2.5 below).

3.4 We have already got an example of a  $\Gamma$ -structure on an ss-manifold, namely - the one associated with an ss-foliation  $F$  and represented by  $E_F$ . The next example is provided by morphisms of groupoids (ie generalized homomorphisms in the sense of [10]). We recall the definition.

Definition. A morphism  $\Sigma: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$  of a groupoid  $\Gamma$  in a groupoid  $\Gamma'$  is the isomorphism class represented by a principal  $\Gamma'$ -bundle  $\Sigma$  over units of  $\Gamma$ , equipped with a  $\Gamma$ -action (a left one if  $\Gamma'$  acts from the right)  $\Gamma \times_{(\alpha, \pi)} \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$  such that

- (i) the two actions commute with each other;
  - (ii)  $g.z = z$  for  $z \in \Sigma$  if  $g$  is a unit;
  - (iii)  $g_1(g_2.z) = (g_1.g_2).z$  if the elements are composable
- (we use the half-arrows to stress the fact that morphisms are not maps and to distinguish them from homomorphisms ie smooth functors).

Example 3.4.1. Let  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  be arbitrary groupoids. For any principal  $\Gamma'$ -bundle  $E$  over the nerve  $N\Gamma$  let  $\mu_E$  denote the product

$$\Gamma \times_{(\alpha, \pi_0)} E_0 = \varepsilon_0^* E_0 \xleftarrow{\cong} E_1 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_1} E_0.$$

We claim that the assignment  $E \rightsquigarrow (E_0, \mu_E)$  establishes a bijection between  $\Gamma'$ -structures on  $N\Gamma$  and morphisms  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$ . This follows (cf 3.7 below) from the following useful lemma.

Lemma 3.5. Let  $X = (X_n)$  be an arbitrary ss-manifold,  $\Gamma$  any groupoid and  $\pi: E_0 \rightarrow X_0$  a principal  $\Gamma$ -bundle over  $X_0$ . Assume that a map

$\bar{\varepsilon}_1: \varepsilon_0^* E_0 \rightarrow E_0$  satisfies the conditions

- (i)  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1$  is  $\Gamma$ -equivariant and induces the map  $\varepsilon_1: X_1 \rightarrow X_0$  on the bases;
- (ii)  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1(\eta_0 \pi e, e) = e$  for  $e \in E_0$ ;
- (iii)  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_2 x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_0 x, e)) = \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_1 x, e)$  for every  $(x, e) \in (\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0)^* E_0$ .

Then the projection  $\bar{\varepsilon}_0: \varepsilon_0^* E_0 \rightarrow E_0$  together with  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1$  and the maps

$$(\varepsilon_0^n)^* E_0 \ni (x, e) \xrightarrow{\bar{\varepsilon}_i} \begin{cases} (\varepsilon_i x, e) \in (\varepsilon_0^{n-1})^* E_0 & \text{if } i < n \\ (\varepsilon_n x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_0^{n-1} x, e)) \in (\varepsilon_0^{n-1})^* E_0 & \text{if } i = n \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} E_0 \ni e &\xrightarrow{\eta_0} (\eta_0 \pi e, e) \in \varepsilon_0^* E_0 \\ (\varepsilon_0^n)^* E_0 \ni (x, e) &\xrightarrow{\eta_i} (\eta_i x, e) \in (\varepsilon_0^{n+1})^* E_0 \quad \text{if } i \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

make the sequence  $E = ((\varepsilon_0^n)^* E_0)$  an ss-manifold which, when equipped with the projections  $(\varepsilon_0^n)^* E_0 \rightarrow X_n$ , is a principal ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle over  $X$ .

Conversely, if  $E = (E_n)$  is any principal ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle over  $X$ , then

the map  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1: \varepsilon_0^*E_0 \xleftarrow{\pi} E_1 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_1} E_0$  verifies the conditions (i) - (iii), and the maps

$$E_n \xrightarrow{(\pi, \varepsilon_0^n)} X_n \times_{(\varepsilon_0^n, \pi)} E_0 = (\varepsilon_0^n)^*E_0$$

form an isomorphism of  $E$  and the ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle reconstructed from  $E_0$  and  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1$ .

Proof. The maps  $\bar{\varepsilon}_i$  and  $\bar{\eta}_i$  are well-defined since

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_0^{n-1} \varepsilon_i x &= \begin{cases} \varepsilon_0^n x = \pi e & \text{if } i < n \\ \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0^{n-1} x & \text{if } i = n \end{cases} \\ &= \varepsilon_1 \pi_1(\varepsilon_0^{n-1} x, e) = \pi_1 \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_0^{n-1} x, e) \end{aligned}$$

for  $(x, e) \in (\varepsilon_0^n)^*E_0$ , and

$$\varepsilon_0^{n+1} \eta_i x = \varepsilon_0^n x \text{ for all } i\text{'s.}$$

In a similar way we check that the maps are subject to the commutativity axioms (1.1.1). The only nontrivial relations are those involving  $\bar{\varepsilon}_n: (\varepsilon_0^n)^*E_0 \rightarrow (\varepsilon_0^{n-1})^*E_0$ . One has  $\bar{\varepsilon}_{n-1} \bar{\varepsilon}_1 = \bar{\varepsilon}_1 \bar{\varepsilon}_n$  on  $(\varepsilon_0^n)^*E_0$  ( $i < n-1$ ), as both the maps applied to  $(x, e) \in (\varepsilon_0^n)^*E_0$  give

$$(\varepsilon_{n-1} \varepsilon_i x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_0^{n-2} \varepsilon_i x, e)) = (\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_n x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_0^{n-1} x, e)).$$

Similarly, for  $(x, e) \in (\varepsilon_0^n)^*E_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varepsilon}_{n-1} \bar{\varepsilon}_n(x, e) &= (\varepsilon_{n-1} \varepsilon_n x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_0^{n-2} \varepsilon_n x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_0^{n-1} x, e))) \\ &= (\varepsilon_{n-1} \varepsilon_n x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_0^{n-2} x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0^{n-2} x, e))) \\ &= (\varepsilon_{n-1} \varepsilon_n x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0^{n-2} x, e)) \\ &= (\varepsilon_{n-1} \varepsilon_{n-1} x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_0^{n-2} \varepsilon_{n-1} x, e)) \\ &= \bar{\varepsilon}_{n-1} \bar{\varepsilon}_{n-1}(x, e). \end{aligned}$$

The remaining relations involve  $\eta_i$ 's. Clearly, for  $(x, e) \in (\varepsilon_0^n)^*E_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varepsilon}_{n+1} \bar{\eta}_1(x, e) &= (\varepsilon_{n+1} \eta_1 x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_0^n \eta_1 x, e)) \\ &= (\eta_1 \varepsilon_n x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_0^{n-1} x, e)) = \bar{\eta}_1 \bar{\varepsilon}_n(x, e) \text{ if } i < n, \end{aligned}$$

whereas

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_{n+1} \bar{\eta}_n(x, e) = (x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\eta_0 \varepsilon_0^n x, e)) = (x, e)$$

as  $\varepsilon_0^n x = \pi e$ . This implies that  $E' = ((\varepsilon_0^n)^*E_0)$  is an ss-manifold. The fact that  $E' \rightarrow X$  is an ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle follows now immediately from (i).

In order to prove the second part of the lemma it suffices to show

that the isomorphisms  $E_n \rightarrow (\varepsilon_0^n) * E_0$  form an ss-map, ie commute with the structure operators. This is again a direct computation of symbols. For  $e \in E_n$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varepsilon}_i(\pi e, \varepsilon_0^n e) &= (\varepsilon_i \pi e, \varepsilon_0^n e) \\ &= (\pi, \varepsilon_0^{n-1}) \varepsilon_i e \quad \text{if } i < n \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varepsilon}_n(\pi e, \varepsilon_0^n e) &= (\varepsilon_n \pi e, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\pi \varepsilon_0^{n-1} e, \varepsilon_0^n e)) \\ &= (\varepsilon_n \pi e, \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0^{n-1} e) \\ &= (\pi, \varepsilon_0^{n-1}) \varepsilon_n e. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if  $e \in E_n$ , then

$$(\pi, \varepsilon_0^{n+1}) \eta_i e = (\pi \eta_i e, \varepsilon_0^n e) = \bar{\eta}_i(\pi, \varepsilon_0^n) e$$

as was to be shown.  $\square$

Corollary 3.6. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an ss-map and  $E \rightarrow X$  and  $E' \rightarrow Y$  any principal  $\Gamma$ -bundles over  $X$  and  $Y$ . Assume that  $I_0: E_0 \rightarrow E'_0$  is a  $\Gamma$ -equivariant map inducing  $f_0: X_0 \rightarrow X'_0$  on the bases. Then the maps

$$I_n: E_n \xrightarrow{(\pi, \varepsilon_0^n)} X_n \times_{(\varepsilon_0^n, \pi)} E_0 \xrightarrow{f_n \times I_0} Y_n \times_{(\varepsilon_0^n, \pi)} E'_0 \xrightarrow{(\pi, \varepsilon_0^n)^{-1}} E'_n$$

constitute an ss-map  $I = (I_n): E \rightarrow E'$  iff the condition

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_1(f_n \times I_0) = I_0 \bar{\varepsilon}_1 \quad \text{over } \varepsilon_0 * E_0$$

is fulfilled; here  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1$  stands for the maps  $\varepsilon_1(\pi, \varepsilon_0)^{-1}$  induced from  $\varepsilon_1$ .

3.7 Proof of 3.4.1. According to lemma 3.2, we know how to reconstruct the ss- $\Gamma'$ -bundle  $E$  from  $E_0$  and the product  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1 = \mu_E: \Gamma \times_{(\alpha, \pi)} E_0 \rightarrow E_0$ . It remains to observe that the conditions (i) - (iii) of the lemma correspond precisely to the conditions (i) - (iii) of definition 3.4.  $\square$

We reserve the symbol  $\omega_\Sigma$  for the  $\Gamma'$ -structure on  $N\Gamma'$  that corresponds to a morphism  $\Sigma: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$ .

3.8 Morphisms of groupoids form a category, in which the identity  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  is represented by  $\Gamma$  itself, and the composition  $\Gamma \xrightarrow{\Sigma} \Gamma' \xrightarrow{\Sigma'} \Gamma''$  is given by the  $\Gamma''$ -bundle (cf [10])

$$\Sigma' \circ \Sigma := \Sigma \times_{\Gamma'} \Sigma' = \Sigma \times_{(\alpha, \pi)} \Sigma' / (\text{the diagonal action of } \Gamma')$$

Any two groupoids  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  are said to be equivalent (notation

$\Gamma \approx \Gamma'$ ) if there exists an invertible morphism (an equivalence) of  $\Gamma$  in  $\Gamma'$ .

3.9 Remarks. 1. A simple criterion [10] of invertibility of a morphism  $\Sigma: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$  which says that the morphism is invertible iff the  $\Gamma$ -action makes  $\Sigma$  a principal  $\Gamma$ -bundle over units of  $\Gamma'$  (then the inverse morphism is represented by  $\Sigma$  with the transposed actions of the groupoids) allows one to treat the actions of the groupoids in a more symmetric manner. In particular, it is sometimes more convenient (especially, when the groupoids are groupoids of germs) to represent a morphism  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$  by a left principal  $\Gamma'$ -bundle equipped with a (right or left)  $\Gamma$ -action.

2. As shown in [10], for any foliation  $F$  of a manifold  $M$  and an arbitrary complete transversal  $T$ , the canonical  $\Gamma_{F,T}$ -bundle  $E_{F,T}$  over  $M$  endowed with the  $\Gamma_F$ -action (see I.2.4) establishes an equivalence of the graph  $\Gamma_F$  and  $\Gamma_{F,T}$ .

3.10 Like in the classical situation (cf [10]), every morphism  $\Sigma: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$  transforms any  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega$  on  $X = (X_n)$  to a  $\Gamma'$ -structure  $\Sigma_*\omega$  on  $X$ ; by definition, if  $\omega$  is represented by an ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E = (E_n)$ , then  $\Sigma_*\omega$  is the ss- $\Gamma'$ -structure represented by

$$\Sigma_*E := (E_n \times_{\Gamma} \Sigma)_{n \geq 0}$$

where the structure operators are induced from those of  $E$ .

3.11 Turning back to the bijective correspondence

$$" \Sigma: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma' " \rightsquigarrow " \omega_{\Sigma} - \text{a } \Gamma'\text{-structure on } N\Gamma "$$

described in example 3.4.1 and 3.7, we can actually prove what follows.

Proposition 3.11.1. (i) For any groupoid  $\Gamma$ , the  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega_{\Gamma}$  on  $N\Gamma$  corresponding to the identity morphism  $\Gamma: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  is the one represented by the universal ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $\bar{N}\Gamma \rightarrow N\Gamma$ , where  $\bar{N}\Gamma = (\bar{N}_n\Gamma)$ ,

$$\bar{N}_n\Gamma = \{(g_0, \dots, g_n) \in \Gamma \times \dots \times \Gamma; \alpha(g_0) = \dots = \alpha(g_n)\},$$

the projection is given by the maps

$$\bar{N}_n\Gamma \ni (g_0, \dots, g_n) \rightarrow (g_0g_1^{-1}, \dots, g_{n-1}g_n^{-1}) \in N_n\Gamma$$

and both the structure operators and the  $\Gamma$ -action are the classical ones ([5]).

(ii) For any two morphisms of groupoids  $\Sigma: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$  and  $\Sigma': \Gamma' \rightarrow \Gamma''$  there is

$$\Sigma'_* \omega_{\Sigma} = \omega_{\Sigma' \circ \Sigma}.$$

Proof. One has  $\bar{N}_0\Gamma = \Gamma$  with the standard right action of  $\Gamma$ . A computation of the corresponding left  $\Gamma$ -action,

$$\Gamma \times_{(\varepsilon_0, \pi)} \bar{N}_0\Gamma \xrightarrow{(\pi, \varepsilon_0)^{-1}} \bar{N}_1\Gamma \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_1} \bar{N}_0\Gamma$$

gives

$$(g, g_0) \rightarrow (gg_0, g_0) \rightarrow gg_0$$

as was to be shown. As for (ii), we recall that  $\omega_\Sigma$  is represented by the  $ss$ - $\Gamma'$ -bundle  $((\varepsilon_0^n)^*\Sigma)$  with the structure operators given by lemma 3.5. Consequently,  $\Sigma'_*\omega_\Sigma$  is represented by the  $ss$ - $\Gamma''$ -bundle  $((\varepsilon_0^n)^*\Sigma \times_{\Gamma'} \Sigma')$ . One can now easily see that the isomorphisms  $(\varepsilon_0^n)^*\Sigma \times_{\Gamma'} \Sigma' \cong (\varepsilon_0^n)^*(\Sigma \times_{\Gamma'} \Sigma')$  preserve the structure operators (actually the crucial  $\varepsilon_1$ ).

3.12 Important examples of morphisms of groupoids are supplied by morphisms of pseudogroups of diffeomorphisms (cf I.2.6). Namely, such a morphism  $\Phi: G \rightarrow G'$  yields functorially a morphism

$$|\Phi| : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$$

of the corresponding groupoids of germs, where

$$|\Phi| := \{[\varphi, x]; \varphi \in \Phi, x \in U_\varphi\}$$

is a manifold of germs (with the sheaf topology and the suitable differentiable structure), and the groupoids act by composition of germs.

We note that  $|\Phi|$  is a left principal  $\Gamma'$ -bundle endowed with a right action of  $\Gamma$  (cf remark 3.9.1).

3.12.1 For any  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega$ ,  $\Phi$  transfers  $\omega$  to the  $\Gamma'$ -structure  $\Phi_*\omega := |\Phi|_*\omega$ . Let us note here that  $\omega$  defines a foliation iff the induced  $\Gamma'$ -structure  $\Phi_*\omega$  defines a foliation. If this is the case, then the distinguished submersions for  $\Phi_*\omega$  are locally of the form  $\varphi \circ \gamma$ , where  $\varphi \in \Phi$  and  $\gamma$  ranges over the distinguished submersions for  $\omega$ .

3.13 In IV below we extend the notion of a morphism to  $ss$ -manifolds in such a way that

1° a morphism  $N\Gamma \rightarrow N\Gamma'$  (again a half-arrow) means exactly a morphism  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$ ;

2° a  $\Gamma$ -structure on any  $ss$ -manifold  $X$  means a morphism  $X \rightarrow N\Gamma$ ;

3° the transformation of  $ss$ - $\Gamma$ structures to  $ss$ - $\Gamma'$ -structures along an arbitrary morphism of groupoids  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$  corresponds to composition of morphisms of  $ss$ -manifolds.

The new category happens to be especially useful while studying semi-simplicial foliations.

III. Holonomy in the semi-simplicial context

In this paragraph we modify the notion of the holonomy groupoid in order that the minimality property I.2.9 be valid for ss-foliations.

1.1 Let us fix a q-codimensional foliation  $F$  of an ss-manifold  $M$  and consider an arbitrary complete transversal  $i: T \hookrightarrow X_1$  for  $F_1$  (cf remark 1.4.2 below). Clearly, the disjoint union  $T^0 \sqcup T^1$  of two copies of  $T$  immersed in  $X_0$  by the map  $\varepsilon_0 i \cup \varepsilon_1 i$  is a complete transversal for  $F_0$  (in fact, so are both  $T^0$  and  $T^1$ ). Indeed, for any leaf  $L$  of  $F_0$  there is a leaf  $\bar{L}$  of  $F_1$  such that  $\eta_0 L \subset \bar{L}$ ; since both  $\varepsilon_0 \bar{L}$  and  $\varepsilon_1 \bar{L}$  contain  $L$  and are contained in a leaf of  $F_0$ , the equalities  $\varepsilon_0 \bar{L} = L = \varepsilon_1 \bar{L}$  hold. Consequently, if  $\bar{L} \cap iT \neq \emptyset$  then also  $L \cap \varepsilon_i iT \neq \emptyset$ , for  $i = 0, 1$ .

We denote by  $G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  the pseudogroup (of diffeomorphisms of  $T^0 \sqcup T^1$ ) generated by the holonomy pseudogroup  $G_{F_0, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  and the identification map  $id_i^0: T^0 \rightarrow T^1$ . Finally, let  $G_{F, T}$  stand for the pseudogroup

$$G_{F, T} = \{ \gamma \in G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}; \text{domain } \gamma, \text{ image } \gamma \subset T^0 \}.$$

Lemma 1.1.1. (i) The inclusion  $T^0 \hookrightarrow T^0 \sqcup T^1$  generates an equivalence of pseudogroups

$$\Phi_T: G_{F, T} \rightarrow G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}.$$

Furthermore, if  $\bar{T} \hookrightarrow X_1$  is another complete transversal for  $F_1$ , then: (ii) the holonomy translations  $h_{c, \bar{T}}^T$  of  $T$  in  $\bar{T}$  along the paths in leaves of  $F_1$  generate an equivalence  $\Phi: G_{F, T} \rightarrow G_{F, \bar{T}}$ ;

(iii) the holonomy translations  $h_{c, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}^{T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  of  $T^0 \sqcup T^1$  in  $\bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1$  along the paths in leaves of  $F_0$  generate an equivalence  $\Phi': G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G_{F, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$ ; and

(iv) the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_{F, T} & \xrightarrow{\Phi_T} & G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \\ \Phi \downarrow & & \downarrow \Phi' \\ G_{F, \bar{T}} & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\bar{T}}} & G_{F, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} \end{array}$$

commutes.

Proof. (i) The fact that  $\Phi_T$  is invertible is a direct consequence of another one, that  $G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  contains the identification map  $id_i^0: T^1 \rightarrow T^0$ ; clearly, the two diffeomorphisms

$$T^0 \sqcup T^1 \supset \begin{array}{l} T^0 \xrightarrow{id} T^0 \\ T^1 \xrightarrow{id_i^0} T^0 \end{array}$$

generate a morphism  $\Phi^T: G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G_{F, T}$  inverse to  $\Phi_T$ .

We left the part (ii) for a moment and first prove (iii). Since the holonomy translations  $h_{c, \bar{T}}^T := h_{c, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}^{T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  establish a morphism  $G_{F_0, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G_{F_0, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$ , it suffices to check (cf I;2.6(ii)) that they transfer  $\text{id}_1^0$  to an element of  $G_{F, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$  (invertibility of the resulted morphism follows then from the symmetry arguments). So let  $c$  and  $c'$  be any two paths in  $X_0$  such that each one is contained in a leaf of  $F_0$ , and that  $c(0) = \varepsilon_0 t$  and  $c'(0) = \varepsilon_1 t$  for a  $t \in T \hookrightarrow X_1$ . Moreover, we require both the paths to have their ends in  $\bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1 \hookrightarrow X_0$ , and examine the diffeomorphism  $h_{c', \bar{T}}^T \text{id}_1^0 (h_{c, \bar{T}}^T)^{-1}$  defined over a neighbourhood of  $c(1)$ , in  $\bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1$ . If one choses a path  $C$  connecting  $t$  to a point of  $\bar{T}$  in a leaf of  $F_1$ , then one immediately gets

$$h_{c', \bar{T}}^T \text{id}_1^0 (h_{c, \bar{T}}^T)^{-1} = h_{(\varepsilon_1 C)^{-1} * c', \bar{T}}^{\bar{T}} h_{\varepsilon_1 C, \bar{T}}^T \text{id}_1^0 (h_{\varepsilon_0 C, \bar{T}}^T)^{-1} h_{c^{-1} * (\varepsilon_0 C), \bar{T}}^{\bar{T}}$$

In view of I.2.1, the holonomy translations along  $\varepsilon_0 C$  or  $\varepsilon_1 C$  are the same as those along  $C$  in  $X_1$  (up to the identification maps); this means the composition

$$h_{\varepsilon_1 C, \bar{T}}^T \text{id}_1^0 (h_{\varepsilon_0 C, \bar{T}}^T)^{-1} : \bar{T}^0 \rightarrow \bar{T}^1$$

is just the map  $\text{id}_1^0$ . Consequently, being a composition of three maps from  $G_{F, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$  the examined diffeomorphism is an element of the same pseudogroup.

Turning back now to the assertion (ii) we note that the domains of the holonomy translations from  $T$  to  $\bar{T}$  (in  $X_1$ !) cover the whole  $T$ . Furthermore, since one has  $h_{c, \bar{T}}^T = h_{\varepsilon_0 C, \bar{T}^0}^{T^0}$  for  $c$  in  $X_1$ , it follows from the above proof of (iii) that the collection of all the  $h_{c, \bar{T}}^T$ 's transfers the subset  $G_{F, T} \subset G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  to the subset  $G_{F, \bar{T}} \subset G_{F, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$ , and thus generates a morphism  $\Phi: G_{F, T} \rightarrow G_{F, \bar{T}}$  such that the square of (iv) commutes. Evidently,  $\Phi$  must be an equivalence.

Definition 1.2. We shall call  $G_{F, T}$  and  $G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  respectively the (reduced) holonomy pseudogroup and the non-reduced holonomy pseudogroup of  $F$  with respect to the complete transversal  $T \hookrightarrow X_1$ . Similarly, the corresponding groupoids of germs  $\Gamma_{F, T}$  and  $\Gamma_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  will be called the holonomy groupoid and the non-reduced holonomy groupoid of  $F$  with respect to  $T$ .

1.3 The lemma proves not only that the holonomy pseudogroups with respect to different transversals are all mutually equivalent, but also points, each time, at a particular canonical equivalence. Since no one invariant form of the holonomy pseudogroups or groupoids is known (at



least to the author; for standard foliations such a role plays the graph) let us put emphasis on the consistency of the canonical equivalences. Namely, for any three complete transversals  $T, \bar{T}$  and  $\tilde{T} \hookrightarrow X_1$  the corresponding triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & G_{F,T} & \\ \approx \swarrow & & \searrow \approx \\ G_{F,\bar{T}} & \xrightarrow{\approx} & G_{F,\tilde{T}} \end{array}$$

commutes; clearly, the same holds for any such triangle composed of either reduced or non-reduced holonomy pseudogroups and their canonical equivalences.

In what follows, we generally formulate our results in terms of the reduced holonomy pseudogroups or groupoids, whereas the non-reduced notions appear to be more convenient for the proofs.

1.4 Remarks. 1. It can be shown that if one choses a complete transversal  $T$  for  $F_n$ ,  $n$  arbitrary  $\geq 1$ , then maps it along all the boundary maps into  $X_0$  and, finally, extends the corresponding holonomy pseudogroup of  $F_0$  with the help of all the identification maps, then the resulted pseudogroup is equivalent to the holonomy pseudogroups of  $F$ .

2. Like in the standard (ie non-semi-simplicial) case the orbits  $\beta(\alpha^{-1}(t))$ ,  $t \in T$ , of the holonomy groupoid  $\Gamma_{F,T}$  are in a one-to-one correspondence with the leaves of  $F$ ; the correspondence being given by the assignment

$$\beta(\alpha^{-1}(t)) \rightsquigarrow X^{(K_t)}$$

where  $K_t$  denotes the equivalence class containing the leaves of  $F_0$  that pass through  $\varepsilon_1 i t$ ,  $i = 0, 1$  (cf II.2.5). Consequently, we may call  $T$  a complete transversal for  $F$ .

In order to justify the name: holonomy pseudogroup or holonomy groupoid, we shall now consider arbitrary groupoids of germs related to the foliation  $F$  as in I;1.10.

Definition 2.1. Let  $\Gamma$  be an arbitrary groupoid of germs such that  $\dim \Gamma = \text{codim } F$ . An  $ss$ - $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E = (E_n)$  over  $X$  defines the foliation  $F$  of  $X$  (and so does the  $ss$ - $\Gamma$ -structure represented by  $E$ ) if the  $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E_0 \rightarrow X_0$  defines  $F_0$ .

By I.1.10 the condition means that the target map  $\beta_0$  of  $E_0$  to the units of  $\Gamma$  is a submersion, and the foliation  $\pi^*F_0$  of  $E_0$  coincides with the foliation induced by  $\beta_0$  from the pointwise one. Clearly, this implies that for any  $n$  the  $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E_n \rightarrow X_n$  defines  $F_n$ .

Our main result is the following one.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $F = (F_n)$  be an arbitrary foliation of an ss-manifold  $X = (X_n)$ . For any complete transversal  $T \hookrightarrow X_1$  there exists a canonical principal  $\Gamma_{F,T}$ -structure  $\omega_{F,T}$  defining  $F$  on  $X$  and such that

(i) if  $\Gamma$  is any groupoid of germs and an ss- $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega$  on  $X$  defines  $F$ , then there is a canonically induced morphism  $\Psi = \Psi_T^\omega$  of  $G_{F,T}$  in  $G$ , the pseudogroup underlying  $\Gamma$ , such that

$$\omega = \Psi_* \omega_{F,T}$$

(ii) if  $\bar{T} \hookrightarrow X_1$  is another complete transversal for  $F$ , then the canonically induced morphism

$$\Psi_{\bar{T}}^{\omega_{F,\bar{T}}}: G_{F,\bar{T}} \rightarrow G_{F,T}$$

is the canonical equivalence of holonomy pseudogroups (cf 1.3);

(iii) if  $\omega$  and  $\bar{T}$  are as in (i) - (ii) and, moreover,  $\Lambda: G \rightarrow G'$  is an arbitrary morphism of pseudogroups, then the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_{F,T} & \xrightarrow{\Psi_T^\omega} & G \\ \Phi \downarrow & & \downarrow \Lambda \\ G_{F,\bar{T}} & \xrightarrow{\Psi_{\bar{T}}^{\Lambda_* \omega}} & G' \end{array}$$

commutes,  $\Phi$  being the canonical equivalence.

**Definition 2.2.1.** We shall call the morphism  $\Psi_T^\omega: G_{F,T} \rightarrow G$  constructed in the proof of theorem 2.2 (i) (cf 2.4 - 2.6 below), as well as the composition of  $\Psi_T^\omega$  and the canonical equivalence  $G_{F,T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G_{F,T}$ , the holonomy morphism for  $F$  with respect to  $T$ .

Our proof of theorem 2.2 will consist of several parts (cf 2.3 - 2.7 below).

**2.3** We begin the proof with a construction of a  $\Gamma_{F,T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ -structure  $\omega_{F,T}^1$  canonically associated with  $F$ . Namely, let us consider a (left!)  $\Gamma_{F,T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ -bundle over  $X_0$ ,

$$(2.3.1) \quad E_{F,0} := \Gamma_{F,T^0 \sqcup T^1} \times_{\Gamma_{F_0,T^0 \sqcup T^1}} E_{F_0,T^0 \sqcup T^1}$$

which is the result of an extension of the structure groupoid of  $E_{F_0,T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  (the canonical principal bundle associated with  $F_0$  and the transversal  $T^0 \sqcup T^1 \hookrightarrow X_0$ , cf I;2.8).

In view of lemma II;3.5, we may let  $E_{F,n} := (\varepsilon_0^n) * E_{F,0}$  and the question is how to construct the operator  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1: E_{F,1} \rightarrow E_{F,0}$ . To do that, we write an arbitrary element of

$$E_{F,1} = E_{F,0} * (\pi, \varepsilon_0) X_1$$

in a special way. Namely, for any  $x \in X_1$  we choose a path  $c$  in a leaf of  $F_1$ , connecting  $x$  to a point of  $T \hookrightarrow X_1$ . Then the path  $\varepsilon_0 c$  connects  $\varepsilon_0 x$  to a point of  $T^0 \hookrightarrow X_0$ , and the germ  $[H_{\varepsilon_0 c, T^0, \varepsilon_0 x}]$  (cf I.2.8) is an element of  $E_{F_0, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ . Consequently, any element of  $\pi^{-1}(\varepsilon_0 x) \subset E_{F,0}$  is of the form  $g[H_{\varepsilon_0 c, T^0, \varepsilon_0 x}]$  for a  $g \in \Gamma_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  such that  $\alpha(g) = c(1) \in T^0$ . We set

$$(2.3.2) \quad E_{F,1} \ni (g[H_{\varepsilon_0 c, T^0, \varepsilon_0 x}], x) \xrightarrow{\bar{\varepsilon}_1} g \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\varepsilon_1 c, T^1, \varepsilon_1 x}] \in E_{F,0}$$

where  $\text{id}_0^1$  stands for the suitable germ of the identification map. The resulted map  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1$  is well-defined. Indeed, if  $c'$  is another path in  $X_1$  starting at  $x$ , then (cf I.2.8)

$$[H_{\varepsilon_1 c', T^1, \varepsilon_1 x}] = h_{\varepsilon_1(c^{-1} * c'), T^1} [H_{\varepsilon_1 c, T^1, \varepsilon_1 x}] \text{ for } i=0,1,$$

where, by I.2.1,

$$\text{id}_0^1 h_{\varepsilon_1(c^{-1} * c'), T^1} = h_{\varepsilon_0(c^{-1} * c'), T^0} \text{id}_0^1$$

as both the holonomy translations are equal to  $h_{c^{-1} * c', T}$ . Now, an equality

$$g[H_{\varepsilon_0 c, T^0, \varepsilon_0 x}] = g'[H_{\varepsilon_0 c', T^0, \varepsilon_0 x}]$$

implies  $g = g' h_{\varepsilon_0(c^{-1} * c'), T^0}$ , and thus the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} g \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\varepsilon_1 c, T^1, \varepsilon_1 x}] &= g' \text{id}_0^1 h_{\varepsilon_1(c^{-1} * c'), T^1} [H_{\varepsilon_1 c, T^1, \varepsilon_1 x}] \\ &= g' \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\varepsilon_1 c', T^1, \varepsilon_1 x}] \end{aligned}$$

prove correctness of the definition (2.3.2). Clearly,  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1$  is  $\Gamma_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ -equivariant and the map it induces on the bases is  $\varepsilon_1: X_1 \rightarrow X_0$ .

Let us show now smoothness of  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1$ . Namely, if  $x$  is an arbitrary point of  $X_1$  and  $c$  is a fixed path in a leaf of  $F_1$  connecting  $x$  to a point of  $T$ , then it suffices to prove that  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1$  maps the section of  $E_{F,1}$ ,

$$y \xrightarrow{\sigma} ([H_{\varepsilon_0 c, T^0, \varepsilon_0 y}], y) \text{ for } y \text{ in a neighbourhood of } x \in X_1,$$

to the smooth map  $y \rightarrow \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\varepsilon_1 c, T^1, \varepsilon_1 y}]$ .

There is a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that any point  $y \in U$  can be connected to a point of  $T$  by a path  $c^Y$  continuously depending on  $y$  and contained in the leaf of  $F_1$  through  $y$  (with the condition  $c^x = c$ ). Now the paths  $\varepsilon_0 c^Y$  as well as  $\varepsilon_1 c^Y$  continuously depend on  $y$ , and it follows from the definition I.2.8 that for any  $y$  in a (possibly smaller) neighbourhood  $V \subset U$  of  $x$ , one has

$$[H_{\varepsilon_1 c^Y, T^1, \varepsilon_1 y}] = [H_{\varepsilon_1 c, T^1, \varepsilon_1 y}] \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1.$$

Consequently, if  $y \in V$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varepsilon}_1 \sigma(y) &= \bar{\varepsilon}_1 ([H_{\varepsilon_0 c^Y, T^0, \varepsilon_0 y}], y) \\ &= \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\varepsilon_1 c^Y, T^1, \varepsilon_1 y}] = \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\varepsilon_1 c, T^1, \varepsilon_1 y}] \end{aligned}$$

as was to be shown.

We verify the conditions (ii) - (iii) of lemma II.3.5 (according to I.1.8 we use the notation for left principal bundles).

"(ii)" For an arbitrary  $x \in X_0$  let  $c$  be a path connecting  $\eta_0 x \in X_1$  to a point of  $T$  in a leaf of  $F_1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varepsilon}_1 ([H_{\varepsilon_0 c, T^0, x}], \varepsilon_0 x) &= \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\varepsilon_1 c, T^1, x}] \\ &= \text{id}_0^1 h_{(\varepsilon_0 c)^{-1} * (\varepsilon_1 c), T^0 \sqcup T^1} [H_{\varepsilon_0 c, T^0, x}]. \end{aligned}$$

By choosing a local transversal  $R \hookrightarrow X_0$  for  $F_0$  at  $x$ , we get

$$h_{(\varepsilon_0 c)^{-1} * (\varepsilon_1 c), T^0 \sqcup T^1} = [h_{\varepsilon_1 c, T^1, x}]^R [h_{\varepsilon_0 c, T^0, x}]^R{}^{-1}$$

where (cf I.2.1) both the holonomy translations in  $X_0$  are equal to  $h_{c, T}^{\eta_0 R}$ , a holonomy translation in  $X_1$ . Consequently, the above composition of germs is a germ of the identification map  $T^0 \rightarrow T^1$ . In view of the  $\Gamma_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ -equivariance of  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1$ , the resulted equality

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_1 ([H_{\varepsilon_0 c, T^0, x}], \varepsilon_0 x) = [H_{\varepsilon_0 c, T^0, x}]$$

immediately implies (ii) of lemma II;3.5.

"(iii)" We fix an arbitrary element  $x$  of  $X_2$  and choose for each  $i = 0, 1, 2$ , a path  $c_i$  connecting the point  $\varepsilon_i x$  to some point of  $T$  in a leaf of  $F_1$  (see figure 3). Let  $e = [H_{\varepsilon_0 c_0, T^0, \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0 x}]$ , then one has  $(e, \varepsilon_0 x), (e, \varepsilon_1 x) \in E_{F, 1}$ , and

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_1 (e, \varepsilon_0 x) = \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\varepsilon_1 c_0, T^1, \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0 x}]$$

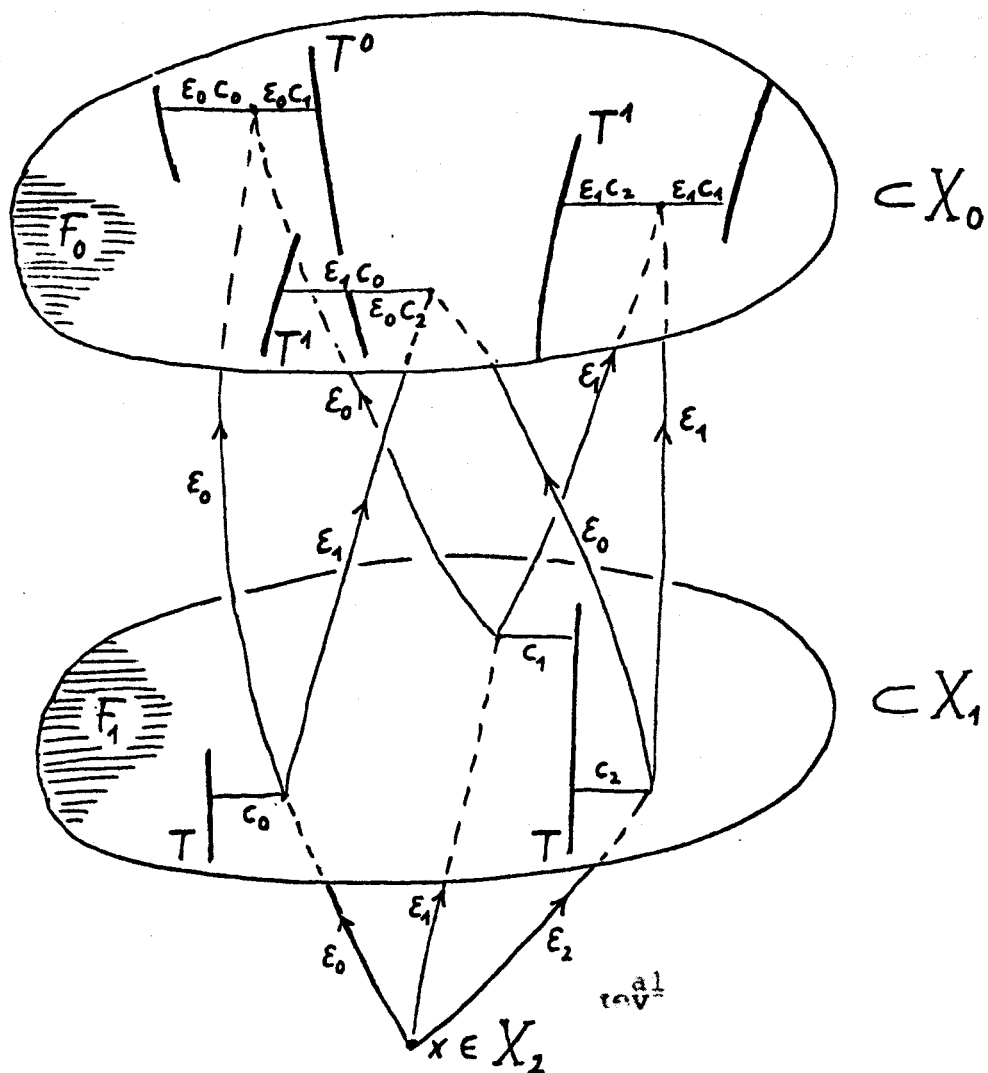


Figure 3.

whereas

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\epsilon}_1(e, \epsilon_1 x) &= \bar{\epsilon}_1(h_{(\epsilon_0 c_1)}^{-1} * (\epsilon_0 c_0), T^0 [H_{\epsilon_0 c_1}, T^0, \epsilon_0 \epsilon_1 x], \epsilon_1 x) \\ &= h_{(\epsilon_0 c_1)}^{-1} * (\epsilon_0 c_0) \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\epsilon_1 c_1}, T^1, \epsilon_1 \epsilon_1 x]. \end{aligned}$$

According to (2.3.2), we get also

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\epsilon}_1(\bar{\epsilon}_1(e, \epsilon_0 x), \epsilon_2 x) &= \bar{\epsilon}_1(\text{id}_0^1 h_{(\epsilon_0 c_2)}^{-1} * (\epsilon_1 c_0), T^0 \cup T^1 [H_{\epsilon_0 c_2}, T^0, \epsilon_0 \epsilon_2 x], \epsilon_2 x) \\ &= \text{id}_0^1 h_{(\epsilon_0 c_2)}^{-1} * (\epsilon_1 c_0), T^0 \cup T^1 \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\epsilon_1 c_2}, T^1, \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 x] \end{aligned}$$

and the condition (iii) of lemma II.3.5 reduces to the equality

$$(2.3.3) \quad h_{(\epsilon_0 c_1)}^{-1} * (\epsilon_0 c_0), T^0 \text{id}_0^1 h_{(\epsilon_1 c_2)}^{-1} * (\epsilon_1 c_1), T^1 =$$

$$= \text{id}_0^1 h_{(\varepsilon_0 c_2)^{-1} * (\varepsilon_1 c_0), T^0 \sqcup T^1} \text{id}_0^1$$

which remains to be shown. Keeping this goal in mind, we fix a local transversal  $Q \hookrightarrow X_2$  for the foliation  $F_2$  at  $x$ . This allows us to consider all the holonomy translations  $h_{c_i}: \varepsilon_i Q \rightarrow T$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2$ , as well as  $h_{\varepsilon_0 c_0}, h_{\varepsilon_0 c_1}: \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0 Q \rightarrow T^0$ , and  $h_{\varepsilon_1 c_0}, h_{\varepsilon_0 c_2}: \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0 Q \rightarrow T$  etc (for shortness we use abbreviated notations) which are, by I.2.1, subject to the relations (at the level of germs)

$$\begin{aligned} h_{\varepsilon_0 c_0} &= \text{id}_0 \circ h_{c_0} \circ (\varepsilon_0 | \varepsilon_0 Q)^{-1} \\ h_{\varepsilon_0 c_1} &= \text{id}_0 \circ h_{c_0} \circ (\varepsilon_0 | \varepsilon_1 Q)^{-1} \quad \text{etc,} \end{aligned}$$

$\text{id}_i$  standing for the identification map  $T \rightarrow T^i$  as  $i = 0, 1$ . Consequently, the left-hand side of (2.3.3) is a germ of the composition

$$\begin{aligned} &(\text{id}_0 \circ h_{c_0} \circ (\varepsilon_0 | \varepsilon_0 Q)^{-1}) (\text{id}_0 \circ h_{c_1} \circ (\varepsilon_0 | \varepsilon_1 Q)^{-1})^{-1} \circ \text{id}_0^1 \circ \\ &\quad \circ (\text{id}_1 \circ h_{c_1} \circ (\varepsilon_1 | \varepsilon_1 Q)^{-1}) (\text{id}_1 \circ h_{c_2} \circ (\varepsilon_1 | \varepsilon_2 Q)^{-1})^{-1} \\ &= \text{id}_0 h_{c_0} (\varepsilon_0 | \varepsilon_0 Q)^{-1} (\varepsilon_0 | \varepsilon_1 Q) (\varepsilon_1 | \varepsilon_1 Q)^{-1} (\varepsilon_1 | \varepsilon_2 Q) h_{c_2}^{-1} (\text{id}_1)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

whereas the right-hand side is a germ of

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{id}_0^1 (\text{id}_1 h_{c_0} (\varepsilon_1 | \varepsilon_0 Q)^{-1} (\text{id}_0 h_{c_2} (\varepsilon_0 | \varepsilon_2 Q)^{-1})^{-1} \text{id}_0^1 \\ &= \text{id}_0 h_{c_0} (\varepsilon_1 | \varepsilon_0 Q)^{-1} (\varepsilon_0 | \varepsilon_2 Q) h_{c_2}^{-1} (\text{id}_1)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since now both the intrinsic compositions of the  $\varepsilon_i$ 's are identical and equal to the map  $\varepsilon_2 Q \ni \varepsilon_2 z \mapsto \varepsilon_0 z \in \varepsilon_0 Q$ , the equality (2.3.3) holds. This finishes the above construction of an  $\text{ss-}\Gamma_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ -bundle  $E'_{F, T} = (E_{F, n})$  associated with the foliation  $F = (F_n)$  and the transversal  $T \hookrightarrow X_1$ . The fact that  $E_{F, T}$  defines  $F$  on  $X$  is obvious. Let  $\omega'_{F, T}$  denote the corresponding  $\text{ss-}\Gamma_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ -structure; we end the construction by setting

$$\omega_{F, T} := \phi^T * \omega'_{F, T}$$

where  $\phi^T: G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G_{F, T}$  is the canonical equivalence.

2.4 We consider now an arbitrary groupoid of germs  $\Gamma$  such that some  $\text{ss-}\Gamma$ -structure given by a (left) principal  $\text{ss-}\Gamma$ -bundle  $E \rightarrow X$ ,  $E = (E_n)$ , defines on  $X$  the foliation  $F$ . The submersions of subsets of  $X_0$  to the manifold of units of  $\Gamma$  which are distinguished by  $E_0$  can be restricted to  $T^0 \sqcup T^1 \hookrightarrow X_0$ ; we claim that the resulted collection of diffeomorphisms of open subsets of  $T^0 \sqcup T^1$  into the units of  $\Gamma$

generates a morphism

$$\Psi': G_{F, T^0, T^1} \rightarrow G$$

such that  $\omega = \Psi'_* \omega'_{F, T}$ . Before proving this, we first give a cocycle description of an arbitrary ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle.

Definition 2.5. Let  $\Gamma$  be an arbitrary groupoid,  $X = (X_n)$  an ss-manifold, and  $U = \{U_a, a \in A\}$  any open covering of  $X_0$ . A  $\Gamma$ -cocycle on  $X$  with respect to  $U$  is any collection  $\{\gamma_{ab}, (a, b) \in A \times A\}$  of maps

$$\gamma_{ab}: X_1 \supset \varepsilon_1^{-1}U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1}U_b \rightarrow \Gamma$$

such that

$$(2.5.1) \quad \gamma_{ab}(\varepsilon_2 x) \gamma_{bc}(\varepsilon_0 x) = \gamma_{ac}(\varepsilon_1 x)$$

for  $x \in (\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1)^{-1}U_a \cap (\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0)^{-1}U_b \cap (\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0)^{-1}U_c$  and for all triples of indices.

2.5.2 Any  $\Gamma$ -cocycle  $\gamma = \{\gamma_{ab}\}$ , as above, determines a (right) principal ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle over  $X$ . Indeed, when applied to  $\eta_0 \eta_0 x \in X_2$  the condition (2.5.1) implies that  $\{\gamma_{ab} \circ \eta_0\}$  is a  $\Gamma$ -cocycle on  $X_0$ . Consequently, the corresponding  $\Gamma$ -bundle

$$E_0^\gamma := \bigsqcup_{a \in A} U_a \times (\gamma_{aa} \eta_0, \beta)^\Gamma / \sim$$

where

$$(a; x, g) \sim (b; x', g') \text{ iff } x = x' \in U_a \cap U_b \text{ and } g' = \gamma_{ba}(\eta_0 x)g,$$

together with the map

$$E_1^\gamma := X_1 \times_{(\varepsilon_0, \pi)} E_0 \ni (x, [a; \varepsilon_0 x, g]) \xrightarrow{\bar{\varepsilon}_1} [b; \varepsilon_1 x, \gamma_{ba}(x)g] \in E_0^\gamma$$

where the braces "[ ]" stand for the equivalence classes and  $b \in A$  is an index such that  $U_b \ni \varepsilon_1 x$ , fulfill the assumptions of lemma II.3.5:

"(i)" If  $\varepsilon_1 x \in U_b \cap U_b$ , then one has

$$\eta_0 x \in (\varepsilon_1^2)^{-1}U_b \cap (\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0)^{-1}U_b \cap (\varepsilon_0^2)^{-1}U_a$$

and the equality  $\gamma_{b'b}(\varepsilon_2 \eta_0 x) \gamma_{ba}(\varepsilon_0 \eta_0 x) = \gamma_{b'a}(\varepsilon_1 \eta_0 x)$  implies

$$\begin{aligned} [b; \varepsilon_1 x, \gamma_{ba}(x)g] &= [b'; \varepsilon_1 x, \gamma_{b'b}(\eta_0 \varepsilon_1 x) \gamma_{ba}(x)g] \\ &= [b'; \varepsilon_1 x, \gamma_{b'a}(x)g]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1$  is well-defined (its smoothness and  $\Gamma$ -equivariance are obvious).

(ii) If  $x \in U_a$  and  $[a; x, g] \in E_0^Y$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\eta_0 x, [a; x, g]) &= [a; \varepsilon_1 \eta_0 x, \gamma_{aa}(\eta_0 x) g] \\ &= [a; x, g]. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) If  $x \in (\varepsilon_1^2)^{-1}U_a \cap (\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0)^{-1}U_b \cap (\varepsilon_0^2)^{-1}U_c$  and  $[c; \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0 x, g] \in E_0^Y$ , then

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_1 x, [c; \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0 x, g]) = [a; \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1 x, \gamma_{ac}(\varepsilon_1 x) g]$$

whereas

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_2 x, \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_0 x, [c; \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0 x, g])) &= \bar{\varepsilon}_1(\varepsilon_2 x, [b; \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0 x, \gamma_{bc}(\varepsilon_0 x) g]) \\ &= [a; \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 x, \gamma_{ab}(\varepsilon_2 x) \gamma_{bc}(\varepsilon_0 x) g]. \end{aligned}$$

In view of the lemma,  $E_0^Y$  and  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1$  give rise to an ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E^Y \rightarrow X$ .

**Lemma 2.5.3.** Every principal ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E \rightarrow X$  is isomorphic to a bundle  $E^Y$ , where  $\gamma$  is a  $\Gamma$ -cocycle on  $X$  with respect to a suitably chosen covering  $U$  of  $X_0$ .

**Proof.** Consider any collection of sections  $\sigma_a: X_0 \supset U_a \rightarrow E_0$  such that  $U = \{U_a\}$  covers  $X_0$ . If  $x \in \varepsilon_1^{-1}U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1}U_b$  then the elements  $\sigma_a(\varepsilon_1 x), \sigma_b(\varepsilon_0 x) \in E_0$  are defined. Since there are canonical isomorphisms

$$\varepsilon_1^* E_0 \xleftarrow{(\pi, \varepsilon_1)} E_1 \xrightarrow{(\pi, \varepsilon_0)} \varepsilon_0^* E_0$$

one can compare the inverse images  $(\pi, \varepsilon_1)^{-1}(x, \sigma_a(\varepsilon_1 x))$  and  $(\pi, \varepsilon_0)^{-1}(x, \sigma_b(\varepsilon_0 x))$  which are in the same fiber of  $E_1$ . Clearly, one has

$$(2.5.4) \quad (\pi, \varepsilon_0)^{-1}(x, \sigma_b(\varepsilon_0 x)) = (\pi, \varepsilon_1)^{-1}(x, \sigma_a(\varepsilon_1 x)) \cdot \gamma_{ab}(x)$$

for a  $\gamma_{ab}(x) \in \Gamma$ . We claim that the maps  $\gamma_{ab}: \varepsilon_1^{-1}U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1}U_b \rightarrow \Gamma$  form the desired cocycle and that the cocycle condition (2.5.1) is just an alternative description of the commutativity observed in II.3.3. Indeed, any element  $x$  of  $(\varepsilon_1^2)^{-1}U_a \cap (\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0)^{-1}U_b \cap (\varepsilon_0^2)^{-1}U_c$  determines three elements of  $E_0$ :  $\sigma_a(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1 x)$ ,  $\sigma_b(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0 x)$ , and  $\sigma_c(\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0 x)$ , six elements of  $E_1$ :

$$(\pi, \varepsilon_0)^{-1}(\varepsilon_0 x, \sigma_c(\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0 x)), (\pi, \varepsilon_1)^{-1}(\varepsilon_0 x, \sigma_b(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0 x)), (\pi, \varepsilon_0)^{-1}(\varepsilon_1 x, \sigma_c(\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_1 x))$$

etc, and three of  $E_2$ :  $(\pi, \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1)^{-1}(x, \sigma_a(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1 x))$ , etc. Starting from the equality (in  $E_1$ )

$$(\pi, \varepsilon_1)^{-1}(\varepsilon_1 x, \sigma_a(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1 x)) \gamma_{ac}(\varepsilon_1 x) = (\pi, \varepsilon_0)^{-1}(\varepsilon_1 x, \sigma_c(\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_1 x))$$

we get in  $E_2$  (cf II, diagram (3.3.1) )



$$\begin{aligned}
 (\pi, \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1)^{-1} (x, \sigma_a(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1 x)) \gamma_{ac}(\varepsilon_1 x) &= \\
 &= (\pi, \varepsilon_1)^{-1} (x, (\pi, \varepsilon_1)^{-1} (\varepsilon_1 x, \sigma_a(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1 x)) \gamma_{ac}(\varepsilon_1 x)) \\
 &= (\pi, \varepsilon_1)^{-1} (x, (\pi, \varepsilon_0)^{-1} (\varepsilon_1 x, \sigma_c(\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_1 x))) \\
 &= (\pi, \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_1)^{-1} (x, \sigma_c(\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_1 x)).
 \end{aligned}$$

In a similar way, we check the equalities

$$(\pi, \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2)^{-1} (x, \sigma_a(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 x)) \gamma_{ab}(\varepsilon_2 x) = (\pi, \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_2)^{-1} (x, \sigma_b(\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_2 x))$$

and

$$(\pi, \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0)^{-1} (x, \sigma_b(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0 x)) \gamma_{bc}(\varepsilon_0 x) = (\pi, \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0)^{-1} (x, \sigma_c(\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0 x)).$$

Since  $\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0 = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0 = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_2$  and  $\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2$ , this implies

$$\gamma_{ab}(\varepsilon_2 x) \gamma_{bc}(\varepsilon_0 x) = \gamma_{ac}(\varepsilon_1 x).$$

It remains to indicate an isomorphism between  $E$  and the reconstructed ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E^Y$ . Clearly, when applied to  $\eta_0 x$ ,  $x \in U_a \cap U_b$ , the equality (2.5.4) reduces to

$$\sigma_b(x) = \sigma_a(x) \gamma_{ab}(\eta_0 x)$$

what means that  $\{\gamma_{ab} \circ \eta_0\}$  is a cocycle describing  $E_0$ . In other words, the map

$$E_0^Y \ni [a; x, g] \xrightarrow{I_0} \sigma_a(x) g \in E_0$$

is a well-defined isomorphism. The only extension of  $I_0$  to an ss-map

$I: E^Y \rightarrow E$  must be of the form  $I = (I_n)$ , where  $I_n$  is the isomorphism

$$E_n^Y = X_n \times_{(\varepsilon_0^n, \pi)} E_0 \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times I_0} X_n \times_{(\varepsilon_0^n, \pi)} E_0 \xrightarrow{(\pi, \varepsilon_0^n)^{-1}} E_n, \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

and by corollary II.3.6, it suffices to check the commutativity relation  $I_0 \bar{\varepsilon}_1 = \varepsilon_1 I_1$ . For  $x \in \varepsilon_1^{-1} U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1} U_b$  and  $(x, [b; \varepsilon_0 x, g]) \in E_1$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varepsilon_1 I_1 (x, [b; \varepsilon_0 x, g]) &= \varepsilon_1 (\pi, \varepsilon_0)^{-1} (x, \sigma_b(\varepsilon_0 x) g) \\
 &= \varepsilon_1 (\pi, \varepsilon_1)^{-1} (x, \sigma_a(\varepsilon_1 x)) \gamma_{ab}(x) g \\
 &= \sigma_a(\varepsilon_1 x) \gamma_{ab}(x) g \\
 &= I_0 [a; \varepsilon_1 x, \gamma_{ab}(x) g] \\
 &= I_0 \bar{\varepsilon}_1 (x, [b; \varepsilon_0 x, g])
 \end{aligned}$$

as was to be shown.

2.6 Now we turn back to our assertion that the restrictions to  $T^0 \sqcup T^1 \hookrightarrow X_0$  of the submersions distinguished by  $E_0$  generate a morphism  $G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G$ . The fact that the restrictions form a morphism  $G_{F_0, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G$  is a part of the minimality property in the non-semi-simplicial case (I;2.9) and follows from the relation I(2.4.1). In order to prove that the morphism can be extended to  $G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  we consider any  $\Gamma$ -cocycle  $\{\gamma_{ab}\}$ ,  $\gamma_{ab}: X_1 \supset \varepsilon_1^{-1}U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1}U_b \rightarrow \Gamma$  associated with the examined ss- $\Gamma$ -structure. If an arbitrary but fixed point  $t$  of  $T \hookrightarrow X_1$  is in  $\varepsilon_1^{-1}U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1}U_b$ , then clearly

$$\eta_0 t \in (\varepsilon_1^2)^{-1}U_a \cap (\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0)^{-1}U_a \cap (\varepsilon_0^2)^{-1}U_b$$

and

$$\eta_1 t \in (\varepsilon_1^2)^{-1}U_a \cap (\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_0)^{-1}U_b \cap (\varepsilon_0^2)^{-1}U_b.$$

Consequently, the cocycle condition (2.5.1) gives

$$\gamma_{aa}(\varepsilon_2 \eta_0 t) \gamma_{ab}(t) = \gamma_{ab}(t)$$

and

$$\gamma_{ab}(t) \gamma_{bb}(\varepsilon_0 \eta_1 t) = \gamma_{ab}(t),$$

and it follows that

$$(2.6.1) \quad \gamma_{ab}(t) \in \Gamma \text{ is a germ of the locally defined diffeomorphism } (\gamma_{aa} \eta_0 \varepsilon_1 | T) \circ (\gamma_{bb} \eta_0 \varepsilon_0 | T)^{-1}.$$

In other words, the diffeomorphism, which is precisely the map  $(\gamma_{aa} \eta_0 | T^1) \circ id_1^0 \circ (\gamma_{bb} \eta_0 | T^0)^{-1}$  (see figure 4)

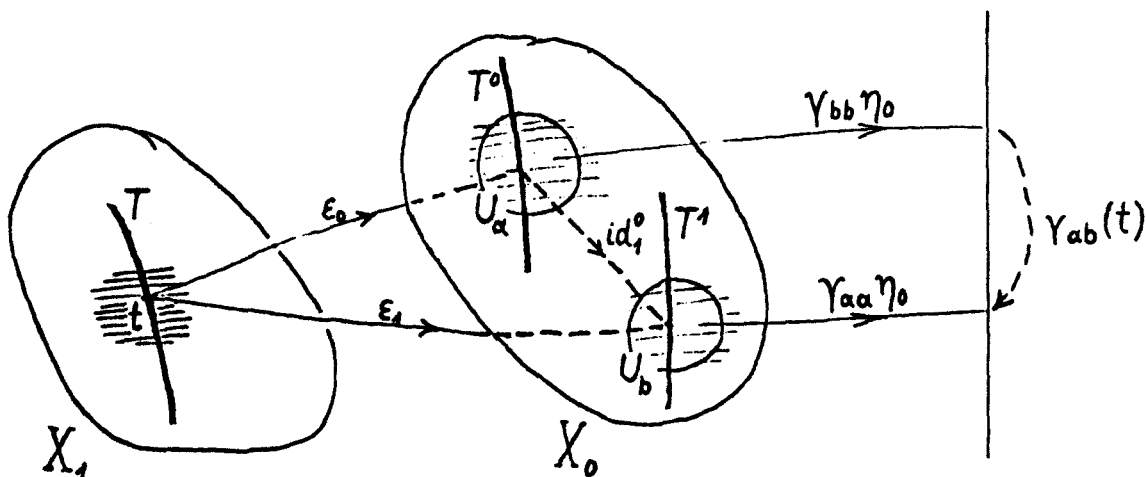


Figure 4.

belongs to  $G$ , the pseudogroup underlying  $\Gamma$ . This concludes our assertion; let  $\Psi' = \Psi'_T: G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G$  denote the resulted morphism of pseudogroups.

2.6.2 We have to find an isomorphism between  $E = (E_n)$  and the ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle

$$\Psi'_* E'_{F,T} = (\Psi'_* E_{F,0} \times (\pi, \varepsilon_0^n) X_n)$$

(cf 2.3; we use the convention of I;1.8 for left principal  $\Gamma$ -bundles).

At the zero level, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi'_* E_{F,0} &= |\Psi'| \times_{\Gamma_{F,T^0 \sqcup T^1}} (\Gamma_{F,T^0 \sqcup T^1} \times_{\Gamma_{F_0,T^0 \sqcup T^1}} E_{F_0,T^0 \sqcup T^1}) \\ &\cong |\Psi'| \times_{\Gamma_{F_0,T^0 \sqcup T^1}} E_{F_0,T^0 \sqcup T^1}. \end{aligned}$$

(with the multiplicative notation). We identify  $E_0$  with the corresponding  $\Gamma$ -bundle of germs of the distinguished submersions (the canonical form of  $E_0$ , cf I;1.11) and define  $J_0: E_0 \rightarrow \Psi'_* E_{F,0}$  to be the map

$$(2.6.3) \quad [\phi, x] \rightarrow [\psi|_{T^0 \sqcup T^1}, c(1)] \cdot [H_c, x]$$

where  $[\phi, x]$  is the germ at  $x \in X_0$  of a submersion  $\phi$ ,  $c$  is any path connecting  $x$  to a point of  $T^0 \sqcup T^1$  in a leaf of  $F_0$ , and  $[\psi|_{T^0 \sqcup T^1}, c(1)] = h_c([\phi, x])|_{T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  is the image of  $[\phi, x] \in E_0$  under the holonomy translation  $h_c$  (hence a germ  $[\psi, c(1)]$  of a distinguished submersion) restricted to the transversal. If  $\bar{c}$  is another path from  $x$  to  $T^0 \sqcup T^1$ , then

$$[H_{\bar{c}}, x] = h_{c^{-1} * \bar{c}, T^0 \sqcup T^1} [H_c, x]$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} h_{\bar{c}}([\phi, x])|_{T^0 \sqcup T^1} &= h_{c^{-1} * \bar{c}}(h_c([\phi, x])|_{T^0 \sqcup T^1}) \\ &= (h_c([\phi, x])|_{T^0 \sqcup T^1}) \cdot h_{c^{-1} * \bar{c}, T^0 \sqcup T^1}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

by I(2.4.1). This proves correctness of the definition of  $J_0$ . Smoothness of that map follows from the same argument as the one applied in 2.3. Now  $J_0$  is a  $\Gamma$ -equivariant map (because  $h_c$  acts  $\Gamma$ -equivariantly) inducing the identity map on  $X_0$ , hence an isomorphism. In view of corollary II;3.6,  $J_0$  can be extended to an isomorphism  $J: E \rightarrow \Psi'_* E'_{F,T}$  if the commutativity relation  $\bar{\varepsilon}_1 J_1 = J_0 \varepsilon_1: E_1 \rightarrow \Psi'_* E_{F,0}$  holds,  $J_1$  standing for the map

$$E_1 \cong E_0 \times (\pi, \varepsilon_0) X_1 \xrightarrow{J_0 \times \text{id}} \Psi'_* E_{F,0} \times (\pi, \varepsilon_0) X_1 \cong \Psi'_* E_{F,1}.$$

We fix an arbitrary element  $e$  of  $E_1$  and a path  $c$  connecting  $x = \pi e$  to a point of  $T \hookrightarrow X_1$  in a leaf of  $F_1$ ; then  $\varepsilon_1 c$  connects  $\varepsilon_1 x$  to  $T^1 \hookrightarrow X_0$ , for  $i = 0, 1$ . By definition

$$J_0 \varepsilon_1 e = (h_{\varepsilon_1 c}(\varepsilon_1 e) | T^1) \cdot [H_{\varepsilon_1 c}, \varepsilon_1 x]$$

whereas (cf 2.3.2)

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_1 J_1 e = (h_{\varepsilon_0 c}(\varepsilon_0 e) | T^0) \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\varepsilon_1 c}, \varepsilon_1 x];$$

it remains to show the equality

$$(2.6.4) \quad (h_{\varepsilon_0 c}(\varepsilon_0 e) | T^0) \text{id}_0^1 = h_{\varepsilon_1 c}(\varepsilon_1 e) | T^1.$$

To do that, we once more take advantage of lemma 2.5.3 (modified suitably for left  $\Gamma$ -bundles). So we fix a covering  $\{U_a; a \in A\}$  of  $X_0$  and a  $\Gamma$ -cocycle  $\{\gamma_{ab}\}$ ,  $\gamma_{ab}: X_1 \supset \varepsilon_1^{-1} U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1} U_b \rightarrow \Gamma$  associated with the examined ss- $\Gamma$ -structure. Since the submersions  $\gamma_{aa} \eta_0$  are distinguished for  $E_0$  and since  $E_1 \cong \varepsilon_i^* E_0$  for  $i = 0, 1$ , we see that among the distinguished submersions for  $E_1$  there are  $\gamma_{aa} \eta_0 \varepsilon_0$  as well as  $\gamma_{aa} \eta_0 \varepsilon_1$ ,  $a \in A$ . If  $x = \pi e \in \varepsilon_1^{-1} U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1} U_b$  then, after the identification of  $E_1$  with its canonical form (cf I;1.11), one may write

$$e = g[\gamma_{bb} \eta_0 \varepsilon_0, x] = g'[\gamma_{aa} \eta_0 \varepsilon_1, x]$$

for some  $g, g' \in \Gamma$ , and the double description of  $e$  implies

$$\varepsilon_0 e = g[\gamma_{bb} \eta_0, \varepsilon_0 x]$$

and

$$\varepsilon_1 e = g'[\gamma_{aa} \eta_0, \varepsilon_1 x]$$

(cf I;1.12). In order to find a relationship between  $g$  and  $g'$  we apply the canonical isomorphism I(1.11.1) to the equality

$$(\varepsilon_0, \pi)^{-1} (\sigma_b(\varepsilon_0 x), x) = \gamma_{ab}(x)^{-1} (\varepsilon_1, \pi)^{-1} (\sigma_a(\varepsilon_1 x), x)$$

obtained from (2.5.4) for left principal bundles. The resulted equality

$$[\gamma_{bb} \eta_0 \varepsilon_0, x] = \gamma_{ab}(x)^{-1} [\gamma_{aa} \eta_0 \varepsilon_1, x]$$

implies  $g = g' \gamma_{ab}(x)$ . Consequently, (2.6.4) reduces to

$$(2.6.5) \quad \gamma_{ab}(x) \cdot (h_{\varepsilon_0 c}[\gamma_{bb} \eta_0, \varepsilon_0 x] | T^0) \text{id}_0^1 = h_{\varepsilon_1 c}[\gamma_{aa} \eta_0, \varepsilon_1 x] | T^1.$$

Now we take any local transversal  $S \hookrightarrow X_1$  for  $F_1$  at  $x$  and apply the relation I(2.4.1). It follows that the left-hand side of (2.6.5) is a germ of the map

$$\gamma_{ab}^{(x)} \circ (\gamma_{bb} \eta_0 | \varepsilon_0 S) \circ (h_{\varepsilon_0 c, T^0}(\varepsilon_0 S)^{-1} \cdot \text{id}_0^1) = \gamma_{ab}^{(x)} \gamma_{bb} \eta_0 (\varepsilon_0 | S) (h_{\varepsilon_1 c, T^1}(\varepsilon_1 S)^{-1} \cdot \text{id}_1^1)$$

whereas the right-hand side -- of the map

$$(\gamma_{aa} \eta_0 | \varepsilon_1 S) \circ (h_{\varepsilon_1 c, T^1}^{\varepsilon_1 S})^{-1} = \gamma_{aa} \eta_0 (\varepsilon_1 | S) (h_{c, T}^S)^{-1} \cdot \text{id}^1$$

where  $\gamma_{ab}^{(x)} \in G$  is a diffeomorphism representing  $\gamma_{ab}(x)$ , and  $\text{id}^1$  is the identification map  $T^1 \rightarrow T$ . According to (2.6.1) the two maps yield the same germ.

To conclude our proof of theorem 2.2(i) and complete the construction we define the holonomy morphism  $\Psi = \Psi_T^\omega: G_{F, T} \rightarrow G$  to be the composition of  $\Psi': G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G$  and the canonical equivalence  $\phi_T: G_{F, T} \rightarrow G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ ; by the equality

$$\Psi_* \omega_{F, T} = (\Psi' \phi_T)_* \phi_T^T * \omega'_{F, T} = \Psi'_* \omega'_{F, T} = \omega$$

we are done.

2.7 We come to the proof of theorem 2.2(ii) now. By the above construction, the morphism

$$\phi' = \Psi_T^{\omega'_{F, \bar{T}}}: G_{F, T} \rightarrow G_{F, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$$

is the composition of the canonical equivalence  $G_{F, T} \rightarrow G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  and the morphism  $\Psi': G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G_{F, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$  generated by restrictions to  $T^0 \sqcup T^1$  of the distinguished submersions  $H_{c, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$  for  $\omega'_{F, \bar{T}}$ . Since the restriction of  $H_{c, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$  to the transversal  $T^0 \sqcup T^1$  is a holonomy translation along  $c$ , we see that  $\Psi'$  as well as  $\phi'$  are both the canonical equivalences. To and the proof of (ii) it suffices to show that

$$\Psi_T^{\omega_{F, \bar{T}}}: G_{F, T} \rightarrow G_{F, \bar{T}}$$

is the composition of  $\phi'$  and the equivalence  $\phi^{\bar{T}}: G_{F, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} \rightarrow G_{F, \bar{T}}$ . This will clearly follow from theorem 2.2(iii) (cf 2.8 below) as  $\omega_{F, \bar{T}}$  is, by the construction, equal to  $\phi^{\bar{T}}_* \omega'_{F, \bar{T}}$ .

2.8 The last step is a proof of theorem 2.2(iii). In fact (cf lemma 1.1.1(iv) ), it suffices to prove commutativity of the modified diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} & \xrightarrow{\Psi_T^\omega \circ \phi_T^{-1}} & G \\ \approx \downarrow \phi & & \downarrow \Lambda \\ G_{F, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} & \xrightarrow{\Psi_{\bar{T}}^{\Lambda * \omega} \circ \phi_{\bar{T}}^{-1}} & G' \end{array}$$

$\phi$  standing for the canonical equivalence. By the construction 2.4 (and 2.6)  $\Lambda \circ (\Psi_{\bar{T}}^\omega \circ \phi_{\bar{T}}^{-1})$  is the morphism generated by the compositions  $\lambda \circ (\varphi | T^0 \sqcup T^1)$  where  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , and  $\varphi$  ranges over the distinguished submer.

sions for  $E_0$ . One has to compare the above collection of diffeomorphisms with the one generating the morphism  $\Psi_{\overline{T}}^{\Lambda, \omega} \circ \phi$  and composed of the superpositions  $(\lambda \circ \varphi | \overline{T}^0 \sqcup \overline{T}^1) \circ h$ , where  $\lambda$  and  $\varphi$  are as above (cf II; 3.12-3.12.1) and  $h$  ranges over all the holonomy translations  $h_{c, \overline{T}^0 \sqcup \overline{T}^1}$ . We shall show that the second collection is contained by the first one.

Let  $c$  be an arbitrary path connecting  $T^0 \sqcup T^1$  to  $\overline{T}^0 \sqcup \overline{T}^1$  in a leaf of  $F_0$ , and  $\varphi$  any distinguished submersion over a neighbourhood of  $c(1)$ . By lemma I.2.4, one has (in the canonical form  $\tilde{E}$  of  $E_0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} [(\varphi | \overline{T}^0 \sqcup \overline{T}^1) \circ h_{c, \overline{T}^0 \sqcup \overline{T}^1}, c(0)] &= (h_{c^{-1}}[\varphi, c(1)] | T^0 \sqcup T^1) \\ &= [\psi | T^0 \sqcup T^1, c(0)] \end{aligned}$$

where  $h_{c^{-1}}$  is the holonomy translation and  $\psi$  is a distinguished submersion representing the germ  $h_{c^{-1}}[\varphi, c(1)] \in \tilde{E}$ . Consequently, for any  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , one has

$$(\lambda \circ \varphi | \overline{T}^0 \sqcup \overline{T}^1) \circ h_{c, \overline{T}^0 \sqcup \overline{T}^1} = \lambda \circ (\psi | T^0 \sqcup T^1) \text{ over a nbhd of } c(0),$$

and thus the morphism  $G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G$  generated by the first collection is the only one containing the second.

This concludes our proof of theorem 2.2.

According to theorem 2.2, foliations of ss-manifolds give rise to some pseudogroups of diffeomorphisms, canonical ss- $\Gamma$ -structures, morphisms, etc. We now "compute" those objects in several particular cases.

Example 3.1.  $X = NM$  is the trivial ss-manifold (cf II; example 1.3.1) endowed with a foliation  $F_0$  of  $M$ ; the foliation extends trivially to a foliation  $F$  of  $X$ . If  $T \hookrightarrow X_1 = M$  is any complete transversal for  $F$ , then the pseudogroup  $G_{F_0, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  (cf 1.1) contains the identification map  $T^0 \rightarrow T^1$  (as there is  $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_0$  on  $X_1$ ); hence the holonomy pseudogroups of  $F$  and of  $F_0$  are the same

$$G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} = G_{F_0, T^0 \sqcup T^1}, \text{ and } G_{F, T} = G_{F_0, T}.$$

Furthermore (and more precisely), it follows from the construction that also the canonical equivalences are the same. Similarly, a principal ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle over  $X$  is nothing more than a  $\Gamma$ -bundle over  $M$ , and it can be easily verified that the canonical  $\Gamma_{F, T}$ -structure on  $X$  as well as the holonomy morphisms  $G_{F, T} \rightarrow G$  (cf theorem 2.2(i)) are exactly the same as those corresponding to  $M$  and  $F_0$ .

Example 3.2.  $X = N\Gamma$  is the nerve of an arbitrary groupoid of germs  $\Gamma$ ;  $F$  is the pointwise foliation of  $X$ . Let  $N$  denote the manifold of

units of  $\Gamma$  and  $G$  the underlying pseudogroup of diffeomorphisms of  $N$ . We take  $T = \Gamma = X_1$  as a complete transversal for  $F$ . Since leaves of  $F_0$  are just points of  $X_0 = N$ , the holonomy translations of  $T^0 \sqcup T^1$  are all of the form  $\alpha^{-1}\alpha$ ,  $\alpha^{-1}\beta$ ,  $\beta^{-1}\alpha$ , or  $\beta^{-1}\beta$  and correspond to those parts of  $\Gamma$  where the source and target maps overlap. Precisely, the pseudogroup  $G_{F_0, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  consists of the diffeomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} [\gamma_0, x]^0 &\rightarrow [\gamma_1, x]^0, \quad x \in \text{domain } \gamma_0 \cap \text{domain } \gamma_1, \\ [\gamma_0, x]^0 &\rightarrow [\gamma_1, \gamma_1^{-1}(x)]^1, \quad x \in \text{domain } \gamma_0 \cap \text{image } \gamma_1, \end{aligned}$$

etc, where  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  range over elements of  $G$  and the upper indices indicate the appropriate copy of  $T = \Gamma$ . The non-reduced holonomy pseudogroup  $G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  is generated by  $G_{F_0, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  and the identification

$$[\gamma, x]^0 \rightarrow [\gamma, x]^1.$$

We apply theorem 2.2(i) to the  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega_\Gamma$  over  $X$  (cf II.3.11) which clearly defines the pointwise foliation; the resulted holonomy morphism  $\Phi: G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G$  is generated by the identity  $N \rightarrow N$  restricted to the transversal, ie by those restrictions of the projections  $\alpha \sqcup \beta: \Gamma \sqcup \Gamma \rightarrow N$  which are diffeomorphisms.

Proposition 3.2.1. (i)  $\Phi: G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G$  is an equivalence.

(ii) The canonical  $\Gamma_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ -structure  $\omega'_{F, T}$  (cf 2.3) on  $X = N\Gamma$  is equal to  $\omega_{|\Phi^{-1}|}$ , the one corresponding to the morphism of groupoids  $|\Phi^{-1}|: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$  (cf II;3.7).

(iii) If  $\omega$  is any ss- $\Gamma'$ -structure defining  $F$  ( $\Gamma'$  - a groupoid of germs) then the holonomy morphism  $\Psi: G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G'$  is the composition  $\Psi \circ \Phi$ , where  $\Psi: G \rightarrow G'$  is the only morphism of the pseudogroups underlying  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  such that  $\omega = \omega_{|\Psi|}$ .

Proof. (i) By [10], it suffices to show that the inverses

$$N \supset \text{domain } \varphi \ni x \xrightarrow{\varphi^0} [\varphi, x]^0 \in T^0, \quad \varphi \in G$$

and

$$N \supset \text{image } \varphi \ni x \xrightarrow{\varphi^1} [\varphi, \varphi^{-1}(x)]^1 \in T^1, \quad \varphi \in G$$

of the projections generating  $\Phi$  again generate a morphism  $G \rightarrow G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ . We verify the condition (ii) of I;2.6; one has

$$\varphi^1 \circ \gamma \circ (\varphi^0)^{-1}: [\psi, x]^0 \rightarrow x \rightarrow \gamma(x) \rightarrow [\varphi, \varphi^{-1}\gamma(x)]^1 \quad \text{for } \gamma \in G$$

which is exactly the composition

$$[\psi, x]^0 \rightarrow [\gamma, x]^0 \rightarrow [\gamma, x]^1 \rightarrow [\varphi, \varphi^{-1}\gamma(x)]^1$$

of elements of  $G_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ ; clearly, the same holds for the maps  $\varphi^i \circ \gamma \circ (\varphi^i)^{-1}$ ,  $i = 0, 1$ .

(ii) By theorem 2.2(i),  $\omega_\Gamma = \Phi_* \omega_{F,T}^1$ ; on applying II;3.11, one immediately gets

$$\omega_{F,T}^1 = (\Phi^{-1})_* \Phi_* \omega_{F,T}^1 = (\Phi^{-1})_* \omega_\Gamma = \omega|_{\Phi^{-1}|\circ\Gamma} = \omega|_{\Phi^{-1}|}.$$

(iii) It follows from II.3.7 that there is  $\omega = \omega_\Sigma$  for a morphism  $\Sigma: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$ .  $\omega$  defines the foliation  $F$  iff the target map  $\beta$  of the (left) principal  $\Gamma'$ -bundle  $\Sigma$  to the units of  $\Gamma'$  is locally a diffeomorphism; hence the only morphism of pseudogroups  $\Psi: G \rightarrow G'$  which underlies  $\Sigma$  (if any; cf II;3.12) must be generated by sections of  $\pi: \Sigma \rightarrow N$  followed by  $\beta$ . According to theorem 2.2(i) and to part (ii) already proved,

$$\omega = \Psi_* \omega_{F,T}^1 = \omega|_{\Psi \circ \Phi^{-1}|}$$

and we are done.

Remark. We have actually shown (cf the proof of (i) above) that the holonomy pseudogroup  $G_{F,T}$  consists of all the diffeomorphisms of the form  $[\varphi, x] \rightarrow [\psi, \gamma(x)]$ , for  $\varphi, \psi$  and  $\gamma \in G$ .

Example 3.3 Flags. Let  $(F, F')$  be an arbitrary flag of foliations of a manifold  $M$  (cf II; example 2.4.3). We recall that, given any transversals  $T, T' \hookrightarrow M$  for  $F$  and  $F'$ , respectively, there is a canonical morphism  $\Sigma = \Sigma_{T',T}: \Gamma_{F,T} \rightarrow \Gamma_{F',T'}$ ; when considered as a  $\Gamma_{F',T'}$ -bundle over  $T$ ,  $\Sigma$  consists of all the holonomy translations  $h'_c$  (prime " ' " means: with respect to  $F'$ ) along paths in leaves of  $F'$ , such that  $c(0) \in T$  and  $c(1) \in T'$ . Note that in terms of the graphs (cf II; remark 3.9.2) the corresponding morphism  $\Gamma_F \rightarrow \Gamma_{F'}$  comes from a smooth map (functor)  $h_c \rightarrow h'_c$  and thus is represented by  $\Gamma_{F'}$  with the left  $\Gamma_F$ -action  $(h_{c_1}, h'_{c_2}) \rightarrow h'_{c_1} h'_{c_2}$ .

We fix a complete transversal  $\lambda: T \hookrightarrow M$  for  $F$ . As mentioned in II;2.4.3, the foliation  $F'|_T = \lambda_* F'$  of  $T$  extends to a foliation  $F'_T$  of the ss-manifold  $N\Gamma_{F,T}$ . Now we choose a complete transversal  $\bar{T}$  for  $F'_T$  in a special way described below. Let  $\{V_a; a \in A\}$  be a fixed open covering of  $\Gamma_{F,T}$  such that for every  $a$  the restrictions  $\alpha|_{V_a}$  and  $\beta|_{V_a}$  be diffeomorphisms. If  $\varphi_a$  denotes the composition  $\beta \circ (\alpha|_{V_a})^{-1}: \alpha V_a \rightarrow \beta V_a$ , then there is  $\varphi_a \in G_{F,T}$  and  $V_a = \{[\varphi_a, t]; t \in \alpha V_a\}$  for  $a \in A$ . In every set  $\alpha V_a$  we fix a complete transversal

$$\lambda_a: T_a \hookrightarrow \alpha V_a \subset T;$$

then  $\bar{T} := \bigsqcup T_a$  immersed in  $\Gamma_{F,T}$  with the help of the map

$$\bar{\lambda} = \bigsqcup (\alpha|_{V_a})^{-1} \lambda_a$$



is a complete transversal for  $F'_T$ . Obviously, being complete transversals for  $F'|T$ , both  $\bar{T}^0$  and  $\bar{T}^1$  are also complete transversals for  $F'$ .

Proposition 3.3.1. (i) Given any complete transversal  $T' \subset M$  for  $F'$ , the  $\Gamma_{F',T'}$ -structure  $\omega_\Sigma$  on  $N\Gamma_{F,T}$  that corresponds to the canonical morphism  $\Sigma = \Sigma_{T',T}: \Gamma_{F,T} \rightarrow \Gamma_{F',T'}$  defines on the nerve  $N\Gamma_{F,T}$  the foliation  $F'_T$ . Furthermore, the corresponding holonomy morphism with respect to any complete transversal  $S \subset \Gamma_{F,T}$  for  $F'_T$ ,

$$\Psi: G_{F'_T, S} \rightarrow G_{F', T'}$$

is an equivalence of pseudogroups; if  $\tilde{S}$  and  $\tilde{T}'$  are any other complete transversals for  $F'_T$  and  $F'$ , then the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_{F'_T, S} & \longrightarrow & G_{F', T'} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ G_{F'_T, \tilde{S}} & \longrightarrow & G_{F', \tilde{T}'} \end{array}$$

where the vertical half-arrows are the canonical equivalences, commutes.

(ii) With respect to the specially chosen complete transversals, the holonomy morphism

$$G_{F'_T, \bar{T}} \longrightarrow G_{F', \bar{T}^0}$$

is the identity, and the canonical  $\Gamma_{F'_T, \bar{T}}$ -structure on  $N\Gamma_{F,T}$  is the one corresponding (cf II;3.4.1) to the morphism  $\Sigma_{\bar{T}^0, T}: \Gamma_{F,T} \rightarrow \Gamma_{F', \bar{T}^0}$ .

Proof. In order to verify the first assertion of (i), we consider an arbitrary continuous section of  $\Sigma$ . Since such a section can be obtained by taking the locally defined projection in  $T$  onto a local transversal for the foliation  $F'|T$  (along leaves of  $F'|T$ ) followed by a holonomy translation to  $T'$  (see figure 5), we conclude that  $\Sigma$  defines the foliation  $F'_T$ .

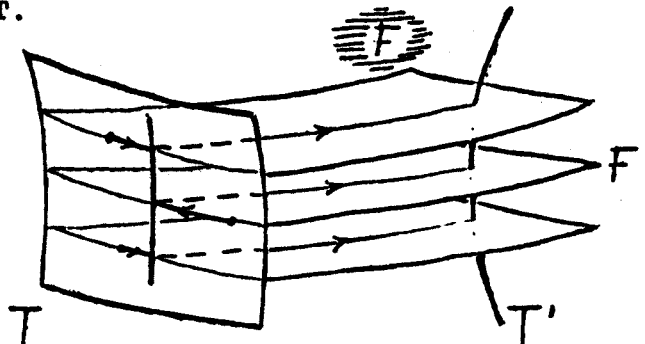


Figure 5

By theorem 2.2(iii), invertibility of the holonomy morphism  $\Psi$  (in

general) follows from the particular case (ii), whereas commutativity of the square is guaranteed by theorem 2.2(iii) and naturality of the morphism  $\Sigma: \Gamma_{F,T} \rightarrow \Gamma_{F',T'}$  with respect to  $T'$ . Furthermore, in view of theorem 2.2(i) the second assertion of (ii) is a straightforward consequence of the first one. Thus it remains to examine the holonomy morphism  $\Phi: G_{F',\bar{T}} \rightarrow G_{F',\bar{T}^0}$ . Clearly,

$$G_{F',\bar{T}^0} = \{ \gamma \in G_{F',\bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}; \text{domain } \gamma, \text{ image } \gamma \subset \bar{T}^0 \}$$

and we want to reduce the assertion to the non-reduced case of the holonomy morphism

$$\Phi': G_{F',\bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} \rightarrow G_{F',\bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}.$$

First of all, we shall show that  $\Phi'$  is the identity morphism. By construction,  $\bar{T}^0$  and  $\bar{T}^1$  coincide, respectively, with the transversals

$$\bigsqcup \lambda_a: \bigsqcup T_a \hookrightarrow T$$

and

$$\bigsqcup \varphi_a \lambda_a: \bigsqcup T_a \hookrightarrow T.$$

Consequently, the subpseudogroup

$$G_{F'|T, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} \subset G_{F', \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$$

consists of all the holonomy translations  $T_a \rightarrow T_b$ ,  $T_a \xrightarrow{\varphi_b} T_b$ , and  $\varphi_a T_a \rightarrow \varphi_b T_b$  along paths in leaves of  $F'|T$ , whereas the identification  $\bar{T}^0 \rightarrow \bar{T}^1$  adds all the holonomy translations along paths in leaves of  $F$ . In particular, one has

$$G_{F', \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} \subset G_{F', \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$$

and we claim that the holonomy morphism  $\Phi'$  is generated by (ie contains) the identity map on  $\bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1$ . Indeed, this is so, since among the distinguished submersions for  $\Sigma$  there are locally defined projections of  $T$  on  $\bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1$  along leaves of  $F'|T$ ; when restricted to  $\bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1$ , they reduce to the identity maps. Now we prove that actually the equality of the pseudogroups takes place. Namely, we fix an arbitrary path  $c: [0,1] \rightarrow M$  connecting two points of  $\bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1 \hookrightarrow T \hookrightarrow M$  in a leaf  $L$  of  $F'$  and denote by  $\Omega$  the set of all  $\tau \in [0,1]$  for which there are paths  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in a leaf of, resp.,  $F'|T$  and  $F$  such that (see figure 6)

$$h'_{c, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} = h'_{c_1 * c_2 * c | [\tau, 1], \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} \cdot g \quad \text{for a } g \in \Gamma_{F', \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}.$$

Clearly,  $0 \in \Omega$ . Let us assume for the moment that  $1 \in \Omega$ . Then the

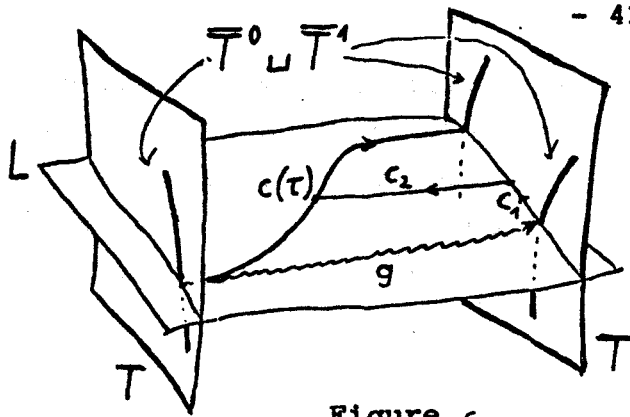


Figure 6

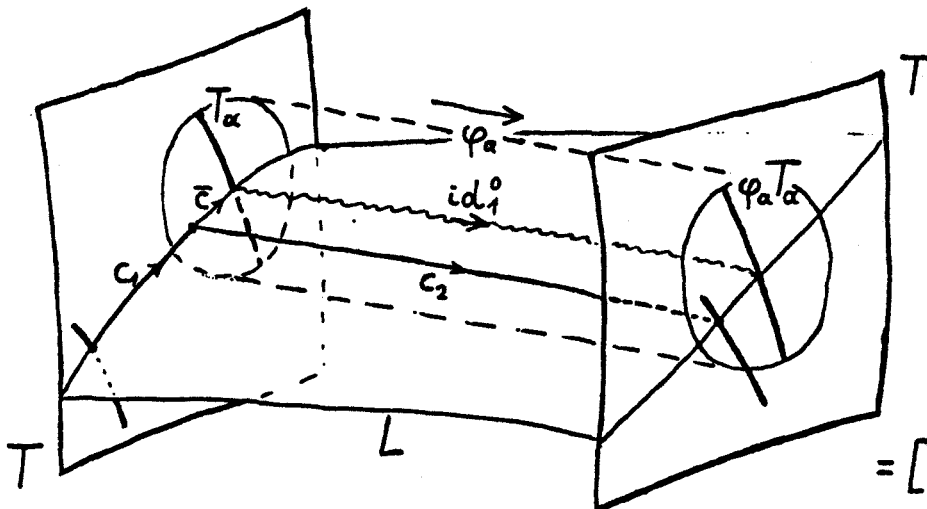
equality

$$h'_{c, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} = h'_{c_1 * c_2, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} g$$

holds for some  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  as above; clearly,  $c_1(0) = \beta(g) \in \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1$  and  $c_2(1) = c(1) \in \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1$ . In order to show that

$$h'_{c_1 * c_2, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} \in \Gamma_{F', \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$$

we consider the holonomy translation  $h_{c_2, T} \in \Gamma_{F, T}$  (observe that both ends of  $c_2$  are in  $T$ ). By the construction of  $\bar{T} = \bigsqcup T_a$ , there is an  $a \in A$  such that  $h_{c_2, T} \in V_a$ , and a path  $\bar{c}$  in  $\alpha V_a \subset T$  connecting  $c_2(0) = \alpha h_{c_2, T}$  to a point of  $T_a$  (in a leaf of  $F'|T$ ). Consequently,  $\varphi_a \bar{c}$  is a path in  $\beta V_a \subset T$  connecting  $c_2(1) = \beta h_{c_2, T}$  to a point of  $\varphi_a T_a$ , and we may write (see figure 7)



$$h_{c_2, T} = [\varphi_a, c_2(0)]$$

Figure 7

$$h'_{c_1 * c_2, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} = h'_{\bar{c}^{-1} * c_2, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} h'_{c_1 * \bar{c}, T_a}$$

$$= h'_{\varphi_a \bar{c}^{-1}, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} id_1 h'_{c_1 * \bar{c}, T_a} \in G_{F', \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$$

as was to be shown.

Continuing our proof of the proposition, we shall show now that the upper bound  $\tau_0 = \sup \Omega$  is an element of  $\Omega$ . Let  $c_0$  be any path in a leaf of  $F$  connecting the point  $c(\tau_0)$  to a point of  $T$ . In a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $c(\tau_0)$  on which the submersion  $H_{c_0, T}$  is defined, every point  $x$  can be connected to the point  $H_{c_0, T}(x) \in T$  by a path close to  $c_0$ , contained in a leaf of  $F$ , and continuously depending on  $x$ . In particular, if a  $\tau \in \Omega$  satisfies  $c([\tau, \tau_0]) \subset U$ , then there exists such a path  $\tilde{c}_0$  connecting  $c(\tau)$  to a point of  $T$ . Let a path  $c'$  in  $T$  be the projection of  $c|[\tau, \tau_0]$  with respect to  $H_{c_0, T}$ , and

$$h'_{c, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} = h'_{c_1 * c_2 * c|[\tau, 1], \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} g$$

be a decomposition guaranteed by the property  $\tau \in \Omega$ . We consider the holonomy translation  $h_{c_2 * \tilde{c}_0, T} \in \Gamma_{F, T}$ . Again, one has

$$h_{c_2 * \tilde{c}_0, T} = [\varphi_a, c_2(0)] \in V_a$$

for an  $a \in A$ , and there is a path  $\bar{c}$  in a leaf of  $F'|_{\alpha V_a}$  connecting  $c_2(0)$  to a point of  $T_a$  (see figure 8)

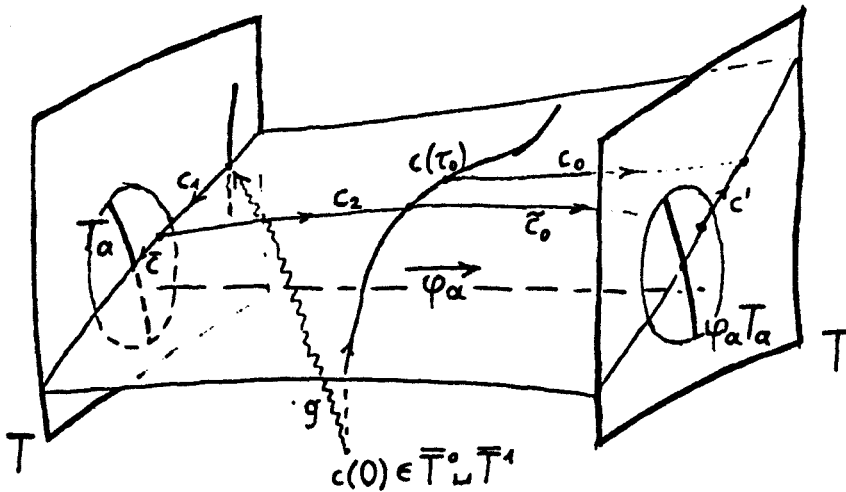


Figure 8

Since the path  $c|[\tau, \tau_0] * c_0$  is homotopic to  $\tilde{c}_0 * c'$ , we may write

$$\begin{aligned} h'_{c_1 * c_2 * c|[\tau, 1], \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} &= h'_{c_1 * c_2 * \tilde{c}_0 * c' * c_0^{-1} * c|[\tau_0, 1], \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} \\ &= h'_{(\varphi_a \bar{c})^{-1} * c' * c_0^{-1} * c|[\tau_0, 1], \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} h'_{\bar{c}^{-1} * c_2 * \tilde{c}_0 * (\varphi_a \bar{c}), \varphi_a T_a} h'_{c_1 * \bar{c}, T_a} \\ &= h'_{\bar{c}_1 * \bar{c}_2 * c|[\tau_0, 1], \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} \text{id} \circ h'_{c_1 * \bar{c}, T_a} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{c}_1 = (\varphi_a \bar{c})^{-1} * c'$  and  $\bar{c}_2 = c_0^{-1}$ . Since  $c_1 * \bar{c}$  is in a leaf of  $F'|_T$ , we are done. It remains to prove that  $\tau_0$  cannot be less than 1.

Indeed, if it was, then a decomposition

$$h'_{c, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} = h'_{c_1 * c_2 * c | [\tau_0, 1], \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} g$$

would immediately imply

$$h'_{c, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} = h'_{(c_1 * \bar{c}) * c'_2 * c | [\tau, 1], \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} g$$

for each  $\tau$  close enough to  $\tau_0$  (and  $> \tau_0$ ),  $\bar{c} := H_{c_2^{-1}, T}(c | [\tau_0, \tau])$ , and  $c'_2$  being a path close to  $c_2$  and connecting  $H_{c_2^{-1}, T}(c(\tau))$  to  $c(\tau)$  in a leaf of  $F$ . The resulted contradiction to the maximality of  $\tau_0$  proves that  $\tau_0 = 1$ .

We have come to the point that the holonomy morphism  $\phi': G_{F_T, \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} \rightarrow G_{F', \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$  is the identity. In particular, the equality

$$G_{F_T, \bar{T}} = G_{F', \bar{T}^0}$$

holds, and it follows from the construction of the holonomy morphisms that the reduced holonomy morphism

$$\phi'': G_{F_T, \bar{T}} \rightarrow G_{F', \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1}$$

is generated by the inclusion  $\bar{T}^0 \hookrightarrow \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1$ . By theorem 2.2(iii)

$$\phi: G_{F_T, \bar{T}} \rightarrow G_{F', \bar{T}^0}$$

is the composition of  $\phi''$  and the canonical equivalence  $G_{F', \bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1} \rightarrow G_{F', \bar{T}^0}$  which contains the diffeomorphism  $\bar{T}^0 \sqcup \bar{T}^1 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} \bar{T}^0$ . Hence  $\phi$  contains the superposition  $\text{id}: \bar{T}^0 \rightarrow \bar{T}^0$ , as was to be shown.

Remark 3.4. Roughly speaking, the above examples can be summarized as follows.

1° For standard manifolds and foliations the semi-simplicial constructions coincide with the classical ones.

2° If  $\Gamma$  is any groupoid of germs, then then the holonomy groupoid of the pointwise foliation of the nerve  $N\Gamma$  is  $\Gamma$  itself; the canonical ss- $\Gamma$ -structure associated with the foliation is the one corresponding to the identity morphism  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$ .

3° If  $(F, F')$  is a flag of foliations, then for any pair  $T, T'$  of complete transversals  $\Gamma_{F', T'}$  is a holonomy groupoid of the ss-foliation induced on  $N\Gamma_{F, T}$  from  $F'$ , and the canonical  $\Gamma_{F', T'}$ -structure on  $N\Gamma_{F, T}$  comes from the classical morphism  $\Sigma_{T', T}: \Gamma_{F, T} \rightarrow \Gamma_{F', T'}$ .

In II;2.1 we have posed a problem how to compute the holonomy pseudo-

group for a foliation  $F$  of a manifold  $M$ , starting from the foliation induced from  $F$  on the nerve  $NU$  of an arbitrary open covering  $U$  of  $M$ . Clearly, theorem 2.2 gives us a recipe for such a computation, and the fact that what we get is precisely the holonomy groupoid for  $F$  is a straightforward consequence of the general result formulated below.

4.1 Let us observe that in view of II;1.4 any foliation  $F$  of an ss-manifold  $X$  yields a foliation  $F_U$  of the localization  $X_U$ , for every covering  $U$  of  $X_0$  (each  $(X_U)_n$  is a disjoint union of open subsets of  $X_n$ ). Similarly, if  $\pi: E \rightarrow X$  is any ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle over  $X$ , and  $U = \{U_a\}$  is a covering of  $X_0$ , then the localization  $E_{\pi^{-1}U}$  of  $E$  with respect to the covering

$$\pi^{-1}U = \{\pi_0^{-1}U_a\}$$

carries an induced from  $E$  structure of an ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle over  $X_U$ . In this way any  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega$  on  $X$  induces a well-defined  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega_U$  on  $X_U$ .

Proposition 4.2. Let  $F$  be an arbitrary foliation of an ss-manifold  $X = (X_n)$  and  $U = \{U_a; a \in A\}$  an open covering of  $X_0$ . If for each pair  $(a,b) \in A \times A$ ,  $i_{ab}: T_{ab} \hookrightarrow \varepsilon_1^{-1}U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1}U_b$  is a complete transversal for the restriction of  $F_1$ , then the disjoint union  $T = \bigsqcup T_{ab}$  is a complete transversal for  $F$  as well as for the foliation  $F_U$  induced by  $F$  on the localization  $X_U$ . Moreover,

(i) the corresponding holonomy pseudogroups are equal,

$$G_{F,T} = G_{F_U,T}$$

(ii) the canonical  $\Gamma_{F_U,T}$ -structure on  $X_U$  associated with  $F_U$  and  $T$  is equal to the one induced from the  $\Gamma_{F,T}$ -structure on  $X$  associated with  $F$  and  $T$ ;

(iii) let  $G$  be a pseudogroup and  $\Gamma$  the groupoid of germ; a  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega$  on  $X$  defines the foliation  $F$  iff the induced  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega_U$  on  $X_U$  defines the foliation  $F_U$ . If this is the case, then both the ss- $\Gamma$ -structures give rise to the same holonomy morphism

$$G_{F,T} \rightarrow G.$$

Furthermore, if  $\bar{T} = \bigsqcup \bar{T}_{ab}$  is another complete transversal for  $F_U$ , then the canonical equivalences of holonomy pseudogroups

$$G_{F,T} \approx G_{F,\bar{T}} \quad \text{and} \quad G_{F_U,T} \approx G_{F_U,\bar{T}}$$

are given by the same invertible morphism.

Proof. Completeness of  $T$  as a transversal is obvious.

(i) We shall prove that the non-reduced holonomy pseudogroups are equal. Clearly,

$$G_{F_U, T^0 \cup T^1} \subset G_{F, T^0 \cup T^1}$$

and it remains to show the converse inclusion. Let  $c: [0,1] \rightarrow X_0$  be an arbitrary path in a leaf of  $F_0$  such that

$$c(0) = \varepsilon_0 i_{kl} t \in U_l \quad \text{and} \quad c(1) = \varepsilon_1 i_{mn} \bar{t} \in U_m$$

for some  $t \in T_{kl}$ ,  $\bar{t} \in T_{mn}$ , and some indices  $k, l, m, n \in A$  (observe that, since both  $T^0$  and  $T^1$  are complete transversals, it suffices to consider the holonomy translations from  $T^0$  to  $T^1$  only). There is a sequence of indices  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_s \in A$ ,  $a_0 = l$  and  $a_s = m$ , and a partition  $0 = \tau_0 < \tau_1 < \dots < \tau_{s+1} = 1$  of the unit interval such that

$$c([\tau_i, \tau_{i+1}]) \subset U_{a_i} \quad \text{for} \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, s.$$

For each  $i$ , we choose a path  $c_i$  in a leaf of the foliation  $(F_U)_1$  of  $(X_U)_1$  connecting the point

$$\eta_0 c(\tau_i) \in \varepsilon_0^{-1} U_{a_{i-1}} \cap \varepsilon_1^{-1} U_{a_i}$$

to a point

$$i_{a_i a_{i-1}} t_i \in (X_U)_1, \quad t_i \in T_{a_i a_{i-1}}.$$

Now,

$c'_0 = (c|_{[0, \tau_1]}) * (\varepsilon_0 c_1)$  connects  $c(0)$  to  $\varepsilon_0 i_{a_1 a_0} t_1$  in a leaf of  $F_0|_{U_l}$ ,

$c'_i = (\varepsilon_1 c_i)^{-1} * (c|_{[\tau_i, \tau_{i+1}]}) * (\varepsilon_0 c_{i+1})$  connects  $\varepsilon_1 i_{a_i a_{i-1}} t_i$  to

$\varepsilon_0 i_{a_{i+1} a_i} t_{i+1}$  in a leaf of  $F_0|_{U_{a_i}}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s-1$ , and

$c'_s = (\varepsilon_1 c_s)^{-1} * (c|_{[\tau_s, 1]})$  connects  $\varepsilon_1 i_{a_s a_{s-1}} t_s$  to  $c(1)$  in a leaf

of  $F_0|_{U_m}$ .

We claim that the holonomy translation  $h_{c, T^1}^{T^0}$  (for  $F_0$ ) is identical with the composition

$$h_{c'_s, T^1}^{T^1} \text{id}_i^0 h_{c'_{s-1}, T^0}^{T^1} \dots \text{id}_i^0 h_{c'_1, T^0}^{T^1} \text{id}_i^0 h_{c'_0, T^0}^{T^0} \in G_{F_U, T^0 \cup T^1}.$$

Indeed, by choosing local transversals at the points  $c(\tau_i)$  and lifting them to  $\eta_0 c(\tau_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, s$ , one immediately reduces our assertion to I;2.1.

(ii) Again, it suffices to compare the canonical  $\Gamma_{F_U, T^0 \cup T^1}$ -structure on  $X_U$  with the  $\Gamma_{F, T^0 \cup T^1}$ -structure on  $X$ . We recall the notation of

the proof of theorem 2.2. In view of (i), there is a well-defined map at the zero level,

$$\Gamma_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \times_{\Gamma_{(F_U)_0, T^0 \sqcup T^1}} E_{(F_U)_0, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \xrightarrow{I_0} \Gamma_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1} \times_{\Gamma_{F_0, T^0 \sqcup T^1}} E_{F_0, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$$

$$E_{F_U, 0} \ni g \cdot [H_{c, T^0 \sqcup T^1}, x] \longrightarrow g \cdot [H_{\lambda_0 c, T^0 \sqcup T^1}, \lambda_0 x] \in E_{F, 0}$$

where  $\lambda_0$  stands for the projection  $(X_U)_0 \rightarrow X_0$ . Let us consider the following map

$$E_{F_U, 0} \ni e \xrightarrow{J_0} (a_e; I_0 e) \in \bigsqcup \pi^{-1} U_a = ((E_{F, T})_{\pi^{-1} U})_0$$

where  $a_e$  is the unique index such that  $\pi(e) \in \{a_e\} \times U_a \subset (X_U)_0$ . Clearly,  $J_0$  is  $\Gamma_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ -equivariant and projects to the identity map on  $(X_U)_0$ . Hence  $J_0$  is an isomorphism of  $\Gamma_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ -bundles. According to II; corollary 3.6,  $J_0$  can be extended along the projection  $\lambda = (\lambda_n): X_U \rightarrow X$  to an ss-map

$$J: E_{F_U, T} \longrightarrow (E_{F, T})_{\pi^{-1} U}$$

(necessarily an isomorphism) if the commutativity relation

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_1(I_0 \times \lambda_1) = I_0 \bar{\varepsilon}_1$$

holds. So we consider an arbitrary element  $e$  of  $E_{F_U, 1}$  written in the form

$$e = (g[H_{\varepsilon_0 c, T^0}(b; \varepsilon_0 x)], (a, b; x))$$

where  $(a, b; x) \in (X_U)_1$ ,  $c$  is a path in  $\varepsilon_0^{-1} U_b \cap \varepsilon_1^{-1} U_a \subset (X_U)_1$  connecting  $x$  to a point of  $T$ , and  $g \in \Gamma_{F, T^0 \sqcup T^1}$ . One has

$$I_0 \bar{\varepsilon}_1 e = I_0 (g \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\varepsilon_1 c, T^1}(a; \varepsilon_1 x)])$$

$$= g \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\lambda_0 \varepsilon_1 c, T^1}, \varepsilon_1 x]$$

and

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_1(I_0 \times \lambda_1) e = \bar{\varepsilon}_1 (g [H_{\lambda_0 \varepsilon_0 c, T^0} \varepsilon_0 x], x)$$

$$= g \text{id}_0^1 [H_{\varepsilon_1 \lambda_1 c, T^1}, \varepsilon_1 x] = I_0 \bar{\varepsilon}_1 e$$

as  $\lambda$  commutes with the structure operators.

(iii) We shall show that both the ss- $\Gamma$ -structures yield the same holonomy morphism  $G_{F, T \sqcup T} \rightarrow G$ . Let an ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E \rightarrow X$  represent  $\omega$ . As  $\omega_U$  is represented by  $E_{\pi^{-1} U}$  and

$$(E_{\pi^{-1} U})_0 = \bigsqcup E_0 | U_a$$

the first statement of (iii) is obvious. By definition, the distinguished



submersions for  $\bigsqcup E_0|U_a$  are local sections of  $E_0$  over subsets of the  $U_a$ 's followed by the target projection on units of  $\Gamma$ . Hence they are distinguished also for  $E_0$ , and their restrictions to the transversal generate the same morphism  $G_{F,T^0 \sqcup T^1} \rightarrow G$  as the (possibly larger) collection obtained for  $E_0$  does.

A similar argument proves the last assertion of the proposition. Indeed, if  $\bar{T}$  is another complete transversal for  $F_U$ , then the equivalence

$$G_{F_U, T} \longrightarrow G_{F_U, \bar{T}}$$

is generated by the holonomy translations from  $T$  to  $\bar{T}$  along paths contained in some  $\varepsilon_1^{-1}U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1}U_b$ ,  $a, b \in A$  (cf III, lemma 1.1.1). Since the collection of such translations generates a morphism  $\Psi: G_{F, T} \rightarrow G_{F, \bar{T}}$ ,  $\Psi$  must be the morphism generated by the collection (larger, in general) of all the holonomy translations from  $T$  to  $\bar{T}$ . This ends the proof of proposition 4.2.

#### IV Morphisms of ss-manifolds

Proposition III;4.2 above suggests that an ss-manifold  $X$  carries the same information (whatever that means) as any of its localizations  $X_U$ . A hint in the same direction is also lemma III;2.5.3:

1.1 A direct verification shows that  $\Gamma$ -cocycles  $\{\gamma_{ab}; (a,b) \in A \times A\}$  on an ss-manifold  $X$  with respect to a covering  $U = \{U_a; a \in A\}$  of  $X_0$  are in a bijective correspondence with ss-maps  $X_U \rightarrow N\Gamma$ , the ss-map corresponding to a cocycle  $\{\gamma_{ab}\}$  being given by the formulas

$$(1.1.1) \quad (X_U)_0 \ni (a; x) \rightarrow \gamma_{aa}(x) \in N_0\Gamma, \text{ and}$$

$$(X_U)_n \ni (a_0, \dots, a_n; x) \longrightarrow (\gamma_{a_0 a_1}(\varepsilon_2^{n-1}x), \gamma_{a_1 a_2}(\varepsilon_2^{n-2}\varepsilon_0 x), \dots, \gamma_{a_{n-1} a_n}(\varepsilon_0^{n-1}x)) \in N_n\Gamma$$

for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ .

We follow that suggestion. This is also an attempt to deal with the non-uniqueness problem that has arisen in II; example 2.4.3. In that example we have examined foliated ss-manifolds of the form  $N\Gamma_{F, T}$  where  $F$  is fixed and  $T$  is arbitrarily chosen. The problem is: to what extent and in which sense are the ss-manifolds  $N\Gamma_{F, T}$  as well as the ss-foliations induced on them from  $F'$  really equivalent.

1.2 Given any two open coverings  $U = \{U_a; a \in A\}$  and  $V = \{V_i; i \in I\}$  of a manifold  $X_0$ , we say that  $V$  is subordinate to  $U$  if there is a comparing map  $\rho: I \rightarrow A$  such that

$$V_i \subset U_{\rho(i)} \quad \text{for } i \in I.$$

If  $X = (X_n)$  is an ss-manifold, then any comparing map  $\rho: I \rightarrow A$  induces an ss-map  $\rho_{\#}: X_V \rightarrow X_U$ ,

$$(X_V)_n \ni (i_0, \dots, i_n; x) \rightarrow (\rho(i_0), \dots, \rho(i_n); x) \in (X_U)_n.$$

Definition 1.3. Let  $X = (X_n)$  and  $Y = (Y_n)$  be any ss-manifolds. In the collection  $\Theta$  of all the ss-maps  $X_U \rightarrow Y$  ( $U$  ranges over all open coverings of  $X_0$ ) we consider the smallest equivalence relation " $\sim$ " generated by the relation " $\simeq$ ", where  $f \simeq g$  for some ss-maps  $f: X_U \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: X_V \rightarrow Y$  if there are:

- (i) a covering  $W$ , to which both  $U$  and  $V$  are subordinate,
- (ii) an ss-map  $h: X_W \rightarrow Y$ , and
- (iii) comparing maps  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$ ,

such that the following diagram commutes.

(1.3.1)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X_U & & \\
 \rho_{\#} \downarrow & \searrow f & \\
 X_W & \xrightarrow{h} & Y \\
 \rho'_{\#} \uparrow & \nearrow g & \\
 X_V & & 
 \end{array}$$

An ss-morphism  $f$  of  $X$  in  $Y$  (notation  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ) is any equivalence class of the relation " $\sim$ ".

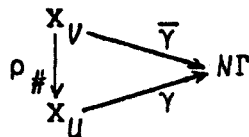
Remark 1.4. The above notion of an ss-morphism  $X \rightarrow Y$  can be defined in terms of equivalent ss-maps  $X_U \rightarrow Y$ , where  $U$  ranges over non-indexed coverings only (such a covering is indexed by its elements). Unfortunately, this would complicate the equivalence relation too much. Nevertheless, by considering only such elements of the ss-morphisms, one can assume ss-morphisms to be sets; then the collection of all the ss-morphisms of  $X$  in  $Y$  is clearly a set too.

Proposition 1.5. The description II;2.5.2 - 2.5.3 of an arbitrary ss- $\Gamma$ -structure through  $\Gamma$ -cocycles yields a bijective correspondence between  $\Gamma$ -structures on an arbitrary ss-manifold  $X$  and ss-morphisms  $X \rightarrow N\Gamma$ .

Proof. Let  $E \rightarrow X$  be an arbitrary but fixed principal ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle over  $X$ , and  $\{\gamma_{..}\}$  and  $\{\tilde{\gamma}_{..}\}$  any two  $\Gamma$ -cocycles on  $X$  such that

$E = E^Y = E^{\bar{Y}}$ . We shall show that the corresponding ss-maps  $\gamma: X \rightarrow N\Gamma$  and  $\bar{\gamma}: X \rightarrow N\Gamma$  (cf 1.1) yield the same ss-morphism  $X \rightarrow N\Gamma$ . Indeed, by II;2.5.2 -2.5.3 the cocycles correspond to some collections of sections  $\sigma_a: U_a \rightarrow E$ ,  $a \in A$ , and  $\bar{\sigma}_i: V_i \rightarrow E$ ,  $i \in I$ . Clearly, both  $U$  and  $V$  are subordinate to the disjoint union  $W := U \sqcup V$ , and all the sections together give rise to a  $\Gamma$ -cocycle such that the corresponding ss-map  $\gamma: X_W \rightarrow N\Gamma$  closes the diagram (1.3.1) (the comparing maps  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$  being the inclusions).

Conversely, it suffices to show that any commuting triangle of the form



yields an isomorphism of the ss- $\Gamma$ -bundles  $E^Y$  and  $E^{\bar{Y}}$  (cf II;2.5.3). Since for  $\gamma = \{\gamma_{ab}\}$  and  $\bar{\gamma} = \{\bar{\gamma}_{ij}\}$ , the commutativity means

$$\bar{\gamma}_{ij} = \gamma_{\rho(i)\rho(j)} | (\epsilon_1^{-1}V_i \cap \epsilon_0^{-1}V_j),$$

the map

$$E_0^{\bar{Y}} \ni [i;x,g] \rightarrow [\rho(i);x,g] \in E_0^Y$$

is a well-defined isomorphism at the zero level. By II; corollary 3.6, the isomorphism extends to an ss-map  $E^{\bar{Y}} \rightarrow E^Y$ , which is again an isomorphism.

Corollary 1.5.1. The bijection established in proposition 1.5 restricts to a canonical bijection between morphisms of groupoids and ss-morphisms of their nerves.

Proof. Cf II;3.4.1.

1.6. Suppose now that  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are arbitrary ss-manifolds and consider any ss-maps  $f: X_U \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y_V \rightarrow Z$ , where  $U = \{U_a; a \in A\}$  and  $V = \{V_i; i \in I\}$ . Let  $f^{-1}V$  denote the covering

$$\{f_{0a}^{-1}V_i; (a,i) \in A \times I\}$$

where

$$f_0 = \bigsqcup f_{0a}: (X_U)_0 = \bigsqcup U_a \rightarrow Y.$$

We define an ss-map  $f_V: X_{f^{-1}V} \rightarrow Y_V$  as follows

$$(X_{f^{-1}V})_n \ni ((a_0, i_0), \dots, (a_n, i_n); x) \rightarrow (i_0, \dots, i_n; f_n(a_0, \dots, a_n; x)) \in (Y_V)_n$$

for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ .

Definition 1.6.1. (i) By the composition  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  of ss-morphisms

$f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  represented, respectively, by ss-maps  $f: X_U \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y_V \rightarrow Z$  we shall mean the equivalence class of the ss-map  $g \circ f_V: X_{f^{-1}V} \rightarrow Z$ .

(ii) An identity ss-morphism  $1_X: X \rightarrow X$  is the one represented by the projections  $\lambda: X_U \rightarrow X$ ,

$$(X_U)_n \ni (a_0, \dots, a_n; x) \longrightarrow x \in X_n .$$

Proposition 1.7. Semi-simplicial manifolds and their ss-morphisms (cf remark 1.4) form a category with products.

Proof is straightforward but rather tedious and we left it to the reader.

Clearly, there is a canonical functor carrying any ss-map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  to the ss-morphism

$$[f]: X \rightarrow Y$$

represented by the composition  $X_{\{X\}} \cong X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ .

Proposition 1.8. If  $\omega$  is an ss- $\Gamma$ -structure on  $X$  and  $\Sigma: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$  is an arbitrary morphism of groupoids, then the induced ss- $\Gamma'$ -structure  $\Sigma_*\omega$  (cf II.3.10) corresponds, under the bijection established in proposition 1.5, to the composition

$$X \xrightarrow{\omega} N\Gamma \xrightarrow{\Sigma} N\Gamma' .$$

Proof. Let  $\omega$  be represented by an ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E \rightarrow X$ . We fix a collection of local sections

$$X_0 \supset U_a \xrightarrow{s_a} E_0 , \quad a \in A$$

such that  $U = \{U_a\}$  covers  $X_0$ , and a similar collection of sections

$$N \supset V_i \xrightarrow{\sigma_i} \Sigma$$

of the  $\Gamma'$ -bundle  $\Sigma \rightarrow N$  ( $N =$  units of  $\Gamma'$ ). Each pair  $(s_a, \sigma_i)$  gives rise to a section

$$X_0 \supset (\alpha s_a)^{-1} V_i \ni x \xrightarrow{s'_a} s_a(x) \sigma_i(\alpha s_a(x)) \in E_0 \times_{\Gamma} \Sigma = \Sigma_* E_0 .$$

Now, if  $\{\gamma_{ab}\}$  (resp.,  $\{\Sigma_{ij}\}$ ) is the  $\Gamma$ -cocycle over  $X$  (resp., the  $\Gamma'$ -cocycle over  $N$ ) defined by the equalities

$$\text{in } E_1: (\pi, \varepsilon_0)^{-1}(x, s_b(\varepsilon_0 x)) = (\pi, \varepsilon_1)^{-1}(x, s_a(\varepsilon_1 x)) \gamma_{ab}(x) ,$$

$$\text{(resp., in } \Sigma: g \cdot \sigma_j(\alpha g) = \sigma_i(\beta g) \cdot \Sigma_{ij}(g) \text{ ) ,}$$

then, in the induced  $\Gamma'$ -bundle  $\Sigma_* E_1 = E_1 \times_{\Gamma} \Sigma$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} (\pi, \varepsilon_0)^{-1}(x, s'_{bj}(\varepsilon_0 x)) &= (\pi, \varepsilon_0)^{-1}(x, s_b(\varepsilon_0 x)) \sigma_j(\alpha s_b(\varepsilon_0 x)) \\ &= (\pi, \varepsilon_1)^{-1}(x, s_a(\varepsilon_1 x)) \gamma_{ab}(x) \sigma_j(\alpha s_b(\varepsilon_0 x)) \\ &= (\pi, \varepsilon_1)^{-1}(x, s_a(\varepsilon_1 x)) \sigma_1(\alpha s_a(\varepsilon_1 x)) \Sigma_{ij}(\gamma_{ab}(x)) \\ &= (\pi, \varepsilon_1)^{-1}(x, s'_{ai}(\varepsilon_1 x)) (\Sigma_{ij} \circ \gamma_{ab})(x) \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in \varepsilon_1^{-1}(\alpha s_a)^{-1}V_i \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1}(\alpha s_b)^{-1}V_j$ . Consequently, the maps  $\Sigma_{ij} \circ \gamma_{ab}$  form a  $\Gamma'$ -cocycle over  $X$  generating the  $\Gamma'$ -bundle  $\Sigma_* E$ .

Turning back to ss-morphisms, we recall that the cocycles  $\gamma = \{\gamma_{ab}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\Sigma_{ij}\}$  are shortened descriptions (cf 1.1) of ss-maps  $\gamma: X_U \rightarrow N\Gamma$  and  $\sigma: (N\Gamma)_V \rightarrow N\Gamma'$  which represent the ss-morphisms  $\omega: X \rightarrow N\Gamma$  and, respectively,  $\Sigma: N\Gamma \rightarrow N\Gamma'$  (precisely, the ss-morphisms corresponding to  $\omega$  and to  $\Sigma$ ). Now, according to 1.6  $\gamma^{-1}V$  is precisely the covering  $\{(\alpha s_a)^{-1}V_i; (a,i) \in A \times I\}$ , and the composition

$$X_{\gamma^{-1}V} \xrightarrow{\gamma_V} (N\Gamma)_V \xrightarrow{\sigma} N\Gamma'$$

corresponds to the  $\Gamma'$ -cocycle  $\{\Sigma_{ij} \circ \gamma_{ab}\}$ . In view of the previous considerations we are done.

Corollary 1.8.1. The bijective correspondence of 1.5 describes groupoids and their morphisms as a complete subcategory of the category of ss-manifolds and ss-morphisms.

Proof. Cf corollary 1.5.1 and II; proposition 3.11.1.

Definition 1.9. For any ss- $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega$  on  $X$  and any ss-morphism  $f: Y \rightarrow X$ , a pull-back ss- $\Gamma$ -structure  $f^*\omega$  on  $Y$  is the one corresponding to the composition

$$Y \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{\omega} N\Gamma.$$

Corollary 1.9.1. Let  $\omega$  be an arbitrary  $\Gamma$ -structure on an ss-manifold  $X$ . (i) If  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  and  $g: Z \rightarrow Y$  are any ss-morphisms, then

$$(f \circ g)^*\omega = g^*f^*\omega.$$

(ii) If  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  is an ss-morphism and  $\Sigma: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$  an arbitrary morphism of groupoids, then

$$f^*(\Sigma_*\omega) = \Sigma_*(f^*\omega).$$

1.9.2 For any ss-map  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  the induced ss-morphism  $[f]: Y \rightarrow X$

pulls  $\omega$  back to an ss- $\Gamma$ -structure on  $Y$  which we shall denote simply by  $f^*\omega$ .

Corollary 1.9.3. (i) If  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  is any ss-map and if an ss- $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega$  on  $X$  is represented by a principal ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E = (E_n)$ , then the ss- $\Gamma$ -structure  $f^*\omega$  on  $Y$  is represented by the ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $f^*E := (f^*E_n)$ ; the structure operators being induced from those of  $E$  and  $Y$ .

(ii) For any ss-map  $f: Y_U \rightarrow X$  representing an arbitrary ss-morphism  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  the pull-back ss- $\Gamma$ -structures  $f^*\omega$  on  $Y_U$  and  $f^*\omega$  on  $Y$  correspond to each other under the localization of  $Y$  (cf III;4.1)

Proof. (i) We fix a collection of local sections  $s_a: X \supset U_a \rightarrow E_0$ ,  $a \in A$ , such that  $U = \{U_a\}$  covers  $X$ . Let  $\{\gamma_{ab}\}$  be the corresponding  $\Gamma$ -cocycle on  $X$ ; according to the formula (1.1.1), the cocycle extends to an ss-map  $\gamma: X_U \rightarrow N\Gamma$  representing the ss-morphism  $\omega: X \rightarrow N\Gamma$ . Now the pull-back ss- $\Gamma$ -structure  $f^*\omega$  is, as an ss-morphism, represented by the composition

$$Y_{f^{-1}U} \xrightarrow{f_U} X_U \xrightarrow{\gamma} N\Gamma$$

which clearly corresponds to the  $\Gamma$ -cocycle  $\{\gamma_{ab} \circ f_1\}$  on  $Y$  with respect to the covering  $f^{-1}U = \{f_0^{-1}U_a; a \in A\}$ . It suffices to observe that the same cocycle comes from a collection  $\{f_0 s_a\}$  of sections

$$f_0^{-1}U_a \ni y \rightarrow (y, s_a(f_0(y))) \in f_0^*E_0$$

of the pull-back  $\Gamma$ -bundle.

(ii) In view of proposition 1.11.1(ii) below and corollary 1.9.1(i),

$$f^*\omega = \lambda^*(f^*\omega)$$

where  $\lambda: Y_U \rightarrow Y$  is the projection. Consequently, it suffices to prove that for any ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E$  on  $Y$  the pull-back bundle  $\lambda^*E = (\lambda^*E_n)$  is isomorphic to the localization  $E_{\pi^{-1}U}$ . We write down an isomorphism  $I: E_{\pi^{-1}U} \rightarrow \lambda^*E$  explicitly, as follows

$$(E_{\pi^{-1}U})_n \ni (a_0, \dots, a_n; e) \xrightarrow{I_n} ((a_0, \dots, a_n; \pi e), e) \in (Y_U)_n \times (\lambda_n, \pi) E_n.$$

Clearly,  $I = (I_n)$  is an invertible ss-map commuting with the two right actions of  $\Gamma$  induced from  $E$ .

Proposition 1.10. For any groupoid  $\Gamma$  and arbitrary ss-manifold  $X$ , the bijective correspondence (cf proposition 1.5) between ss- $\Gamma$ -structures on  $X$  and ss-morphisms  $X \rightarrow N\Gamma$  is given by the assignment

$$" f: X \rightarrow N\Gamma " \rightsquigarrow " f^*\omega_\Gamma "$$

where  $\omega_\Gamma$  is the universal  $\Gamma$ -structure on  $N\Gamma$  represented by the ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $\overline{N}\Gamma$  (cf II;3.11.1).

Proof. Let  $E \rightarrow X$  be an arbitrary principal ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle over  $X$ . We fix a collection of local sections  $\sigma_a: X_0 \supset U_a \rightarrow E_0$ ,  $a \in A$ , such that  $U = \{U_a\}$  covers  $X_0$ ; the corresponding  $\Gamma$ -cocycle  $\{\gamma_{ab}\}$  extends to an ss-map  $\gamma: X_U \rightarrow N\Gamma$ . In view of corollary 1.9.3(ii), it suffices to prove that the localization  $E_{\pi^{-1}U}$  and the pull-back  $\gamma^*\overline{N}\Gamma$  are isomorphic ss- $\Gamma$ -bundles over  $X_U$ . Since, for every  $n$ ,  $\gamma_n^*\overline{N}_n\Gamma$  consists of the pairs

$$((a_0, \dots, a_n; x), (g_0, \dots, g_n)) \in (X_U)_n \times \overline{N}_n\Gamma$$

such that  $g_0 g_1^{-1} = \gamma_{a_0 a_1}$ ,  $g_1 g_2^{-1} = \gamma_{a_1 a_2}$  etc, one can easily see that the maps

$$\gamma_n^*\overline{N}_n\Gamma \ni ((a_0, \dots, a_n; x), (g_0, \dots, g_n)) \rightarrow (a_0, \dots, a_n; \sigma_{a_0}(x)g_0) \in (E_{\pi^{-1}U})_n$$

are well-defined and give rise to a desired isomorphism of the ss- $\Gamma$ -bundles.

1.11 We end the above categorical considerations by proving a proposition that makes precise an intuitive equivalence between an arbitrary ss-manifold and any of its localizations.

Proposition 1.11.1. Let  $X$  be an arbitrary ss-manifold and  $U \neq \{U_a; a \in A\}$  an open covering of  $X_0$ .

(i) The ss-morphism  $[\lambda]: X_U \rightarrow X$  defined (cf 1.7) by the projection  $\lambda: X_U \rightarrow X$  is invertible.

(ii) If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is an arbitrary ss-morphism and  $f: X_U \rightarrow Y$  any ss-map representing  $f$ , then the triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_U & \xrightarrow{[f]} & Y \\ [\lambda] \downarrow & \searrow f & \\ X & & \end{array}$$

commutes.

Proof. (i) We shall show that the ss-morphism  $\eta: X \rightarrow X_U$  represented by  $\text{id}: X_U \rightarrow X_U$  is inverse to  $[\lambda]$ . Clearly, the composition  $[\lambda] \circ \eta: X \rightarrow X$  is represented by  $\lambda$  and thus equal to the identity  $1_X$ .

On the other hand, the composition  $\eta \circ [\lambda]: X_U \rightarrow X_U$  is represented by the ss-map

$$(X_U)_{\pi^{-1}U} \xrightarrow{\lambda_U} X_U \xrightarrow{\text{id}} X_U$$

One has

$$\left( (X_U)_{\lambda^{-1}U} \right)_n = \bigsqcup_{(a_0, \dots, a_n)} (\varepsilon_1^n)^{-1} \lambda_0^{-1} U_{a_0} \cap \dots \cap (\varepsilon_0^n)^{-1} \lambda_0^{-1} U_{a_n}$$

where every summand is a subset of

$$(X_U)_n = \bigsqcup_{(b_0, \dots, b_n)} (\varepsilon_1^n)^{-1} U_{b_0} \cap \dots \cap (\varepsilon_0^n)^{-1} U_{b_n}.$$

Thus an arbitrary element of  $\left( (X_U)_{\lambda^{-1}U} \right)_n$  is of the form  $(a_0, \dots, a_n; (b_0, \dots, b_n; x))$ , where

$$x \in (\varepsilon_1^n)^{-1} (U_{a_0} \cap U_{b_0}) \cap \dots \cap (\varepsilon_0^n)^{-1} (U_{a_n} \cap U_{b_n}),$$

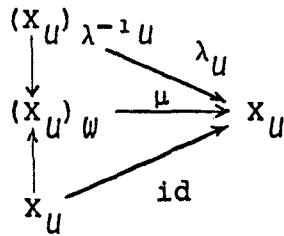
and the ss-map  $\lambda_U$  acts by the formulas

$$(a_0, \dots, a_n; (b_0, \dots, b_n; x)) \longrightarrow (a_0, \dots, a_n; x)$$

for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ . We consider the disjoint union  $\omega = \lambda^{-1}U \sqcup \{(X_U)_0\}$ , the last set being indexed by a star "\*". For  $n \geq 0$ , let  $\mu_n$  denote the map  $((X_U)_\omega)_n \rightarrow (X_U)_n$ ,

$$(\dots, a_{i-1}, *, a_{i+1}, \dots; (b_0, \dots, b_n; x)) \rightarrow (\dots, a_{i-1}, b_i, a_{i+1}, \dots; x)$$

where we replace all stars with the corresponding  $b_i$ 's. Now the sequence  $(\mu_n)$  is an ss-map  $(X_U)_\omega \rightarrow X_U$  such that the diagram



commutes (the details are left to the reader). In conclusion, we get  $\eta \circ [\lambda] = 1_X$ .

(ii) Since  $[\lambda]$  is invertible, it suffices to observe the equality

$$f = [f][\lambda]^{-1}.$$

As follows from the proof of (i), the right-hand ss-morphism is represented by  $f \circ id = f$ .

**Definition 1.12.** Two ss-manifolds  $X$  and  $Y$  are equivalent (notation  $X \approx Y$ ) if there is an invertible ss-morphism (an equivalence)  $X \rightarrow Y$ .

**Corollary 1.12.1.** Two groupoids are equivalent iff their nerves are.



We now turn back to foliations and shall show that some ss-morphisms act on ss-foliations, generalizing the action of transverse maps in the standard (ie non-ss-) case. We begin with an important

Lemma 2.1. Let  $F$  be a foliation of an ss-manifold  $X$ . For an arbitrary ss-morphism  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  the following four conditions are equivalent: (i) there is an ss-map  $f: Y_U \rightarrow X$  representing  $f$ , such that the map  $f_0: (Y_U)_0 \rightarrow X_0$  is transverse to the foliation  $F_0$ ;

(ii) for every ss-map  $f: Y_U \rightarrow X$  representing  $f$ ,  $f_0$  is transverse to  $F_0$ ;

(iii) there exist a foliation  $F'$  of  $Y$  and a  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega$  on  $X$  defining  $F$ , such that the pull-back  $\Gamma$ -structure  $f^*\omega$  defines  $F'$  on  $Y$ ;

(iv) there exists a foliation  $F'$  of  $Y$  such that for every  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega$  defining  $F$  on  $X$   $f^*\omega$  defines  $F'$  on  $Y$ .

Proof. (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): We shall prove that the foliation  $f_0^*F_0$  of  $(Y_U)_0 = \bigsqcup U_a$  comes from a foliation  $F'_0$  of  $Y_0$ . Let us observe first that the foliations  $\varepsilon_0^*(f_0^*F_0)$  and  $\varepsilon_1^*(f_0^*F_0)$  of  $(Y_U)_1$  are equal, as they both coincide with  $f_1^*F_1$ . Next, for any pair  $a, b$  of indices, let us consider the maps  $\eta_0'$  and  $\eta_0''$ ,

$$\begin{array}{l} (Y_U)_0 \supset \{a\} \times U_a \cap U_b \ni (a; x) \xrightarrow{\eta_0'} \\ (Y_U)_0 \supset \{b\} \times U_a \cap U_b \ni (b; x) \xrightarrow{\eta_0''} \end{array} \rightarrow (a, b; \eta_0 x) \in (Y_U)_1 .$$

Since

$$\varepsilon_1 \eta_0' = \text{id}_{\{a\} \times U_a \cap U_b} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_0 \eta_0'' = \text{id}_{\{b\} \times U_a \cap U_b}$$

$\eta_0'$  is transverse to any foliation pulled-back by  $\varepsilon_1$ , and  $\eta_0''$  - to any one pulled-back by  $\varepsilon_0$ . In particular,

$$f_0^*F_0|_{\{a\} \times U_a \cap U_b} = (\eta_0'')^* \varepsilon_0^*(f_0^*F_0) = (\eta_0'')^* f_1^*F_1$$

and

$$f_0^*F_0|_{\{b\} \times U_a \cap U_b} = (\eta_0')^* \varepsilon_1^*(f_0^*F_0) = (\eta_0')^* f_1^*F_1 ,$$

and finally

$$f_0^*F_0|_{\{b\} \times U_a \cap U_b} = (\text{id}_a^b)^*(f_0^*F_0|_{\{a\} \times U_a \cap U_b})$$

where  $\text{id}_a^b: \{b\} \times U_a \cap U_b \rightarrow \{a\} \times U_a \cap U_b$  is the identification map. Being the same over the overlaps, the foliations  $f_0^*F_0|_{\{a\} \times U_a}$  are restrictions of a uniquely defined foliation  $F'_0$  of  $Y_0$ .

Our next step is the equality  $\varepsilon_0^*F'_0 = \varepsilon_1^*F'_0$  on  $Y_1$ . Let, again,  $a$  and  $b$  be arbitrary indices. By the construction of  $F'_0$ , the restrict

ion

$$\varepsilon_0^* F'_0 | \varepsilon_1^{-1} U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1} U_b = (\varepsilon_0 | \varepsilon_1^{-1} U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1} U_b) * (F'_0 | U_b)$$

is the same as the foliation

$$\varepsilon_0^* f^* F_0 | \{(a,b)\} \times \varepsilon_1^{-1} U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1} U_b$$

of a summand of  $(Y_U)_1$ ; similarly,  $\varepsilon_1^* F'_0 | \varepsilon_1^{-1} U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1} U_b$  is the same as a suitable restriction of  $\varepsilon_1^* f^* F_0$ . Since the two last foliations are equal, we get

$$\varepsilon_0^* F'_0 = \varepsilon_1^* F'_0 \quad \text{over} \quad \varepsilon_1^{-1} U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1} U_b$$

and it remains to observe that the sets  $\varepsilon_1^{-1} U_a \cap \varepsilon_0^{-1} U_b$  cover  $Y_1$ .

Let us consider now an arbitrary ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E \rightarrow X$  defining  $F$ . By corollary 1.9.3, the bundles  $(f_0 | U_a) * E_0 \rightarrow U_a$  come from an ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E' \rightarrow Y$  representing the pull-back ss- $\Gamma$ -structure. If  $\sigma: V \rightarrow E_0$  is any local section, then the target map  $\beta'$  of  $E'_0$  into the units of  $\Gamma$  evaluated on the pull-back section  $(f_0 | U_a) * \sigma$  yields  $\beta' \circ \sigma \circ (f_0 | U_a) = \varphi \circ (f_0 | U_a)$ , where  $\varphi$  is a distinguished submersion for  $E_0$ . Now, the pull-back sections cover  $E'_0$  and thus the bundle defines a foliation of  $Y_0$ . Furthermore, the submersions  $\varphi \circ (f_0 | U_a)$  are distinguished for  $E'_0$  and define exactly the foliation  $F'_0$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let an ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $E \rightarrow X$  define  $F$  and  $f: Y_U \rightarrow X$  be an arbitrary ss-map representing  $f$ . Reasoning as above we see that if  $\varphi$  is any distinguished submersion for  $E_0$  then  $\varphi \circ f_0$  is again a submersion. Hence  $f_0$  is transverse to the foliation defined by  $E_0$ .

The parts (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii), and (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) are both trivial.

Definition 2.2. An ss-morphism  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  is transverse to a foliation  $F$  of  $X$ , if one of the conditions (i) - (iv) of lemma 2.1 is fulfilled; the corresponding foliation  $f^* F = F'$  of  $Y$  is the pull-back foliation induced by  $F$  and  $f$ .

Corollary 2.3.1. A  $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega$  on an ss-manifold  $X$  defines a foliation iff the corresponding ss-morphism  $X \xrightarrow{\omega} N\Gamma$  is transverse to the pointwise foliation of  $N\Gamma$ . If this is the case, then the foliation  $\omega$  defines is exactly the pull-back foliation.

Proof: follows immediately from lemma 2.1(iii)-(iv), proposition 1.10, and the fact that the ss- $\Gamma$ -bundle  $\bar{N}\Gamma \rightarrow N\Gamma$  defines the pointwise foliation.

Corollary 2.3.2. Let  $F$  be a foliation of an ss-manifold  $X$ , and  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  and  $g: Z \rightarrow Y$  be arbitrary ss-morphisms. Then, the compo-

sition  $f \circ g$  is transverse to  $F$  iff  $f$  is transverse to  $F$  and  $g$  - to the induced foliation  $f^*F$ . If this is the case, then the equality

$$(f \circ g)^*F = g^*f^*F$$

holds.

Proof. Clearly, if  $f: Y_U \rightarrow X$  and  $g: Z_V \rightarrow Y$  represent  $f$  and  $g$ , respectively, then  $g_0$  is transverse to the foliation  $(f^*F)_0$  iff  $(g_U)_0$  is transverse to  $f_0^*F_0$ , the foliation obtained from  $(f^*F)_0$  by a localization. Consequently, the first assertion of the corollary follows from its standard, non-semi-simplicial version. The second assertion follows easily from lemma 2.1(iii)-(iv).

We are now ready to solve the problem posed at the beginning of this chapter.

Proposition 2.4. Let  $(F, F')$  be any flag of foliations of a manifold  $M$ . For each pair  $T, \bar{T} \hookrightarrow M$  of complete transversals for  $F$ , let  $N\Phi: N\Gamma_{F, \bar{T}} \rightarrow N\Gamma_{F, T}$  be the ss-morphism induced from the canonical equivalence  $\Phi: G_{F, \bar{T}} \xrightarrow{\sim} G_{F, T}$ . Then one has

$$N\Phi^*F'_T = F'_{\bar{T}}$$

$F'_T$  and  $F'_{\bar{T}}$  being the foliations induced by  $F'$  on the ss-manifolds  $N\Gamma_{F, T}$  and  $N\Gamma_{F, \bar{T}}$ , respectively.

Proof. Since  $\Phi$  is the composition

$$G_{F, \bar{T}} \xrightarrow{\Psi_{\bar{T}}} G_{F, T} \sqcup \bar{T} \xrightarrow{\Psi_T^{-1}} G_{F, T}$$

where both  $\Psi_{\bar{T}}$  and  $\Psi_T$  are equivalences induced by an inclusion, we may restrict ourselves to the case  $\bar{T} \subset T$ . Consequently,  $\Phi$  is generated by the inclusion  $\bar{T} \hookrightarrow T$ , and the ss-morphism  $N\Phi$  is represented by an ss-map  $N\Phi: N\Gamma_{F, \bar{T}} \rightarrow N\Gamma_{F, T}$  which is just a sequence of inclusions. Evidently the map  $(N\Phi)_0: \bar{T} \hookrightarrow T$  is transverse to  $F'|_T$ , and one has

$$(N\Phi)_0^*(F'|_T) = F'_{\bar{T}}$$

which implies  $N\Phi^*F'_T = F'_{\bar{T}}$ . Turning back to the general case, we thus get

$$N\Phi^*F'_T = N\Phi^*N\Psi_T^*F'_{\bar{T}} \sqcup \bar{T} = N\Psi_T^*F'_{\bar{T}} \sqcup \bar{T} = F'_{\bar{T}}$$

where the transversality of  $N\Phi$  follows from that of  $N\Psi_{\bar{T}} = N\Psi_T \circ N\Phi$  (cf corollary 2.3.2).

3.1 If an ss-morphism  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  is transverse to a foliation  $F$  of  $X$ , and  $S \hookrightarrow Y_1$  and  $T \hookrightarrow X_1$  are arbitrary complete transversals for  $F' = f^*F$  and  $F$ , respectively, then by lemma 2.1, the pull-back  $\Gamma_{F,T}$ -structure on  $Y$  induced by  $f$  from the canonical one on  $X$  defines the foliation  $F'$ . In view of III; theorem 2.2(i), this gives rise to a holonomy morphism

$$f_{TS} = \Psi_S^{f^* \omega_{F,T}}: G_{F',S} \longrightarrow G_{F,T}$$

induced by the foliation from  $f$  with respect to the pair  $S, T$  of transversals.

Theorem 3.2. (i) Let an ss-morphism  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  be transverse to a foliation  $F$  of  $X$ , and  $S, \bar{S} \hookrightarrow Y_1$  and  $T, \bar{T} \hookrightarrow X_1$  be arbitrary complete transversals for, resp.,  $F' = f^*F$  and  $F$ . Then the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_{F',S} & \xrightarrow{f_{TS}} & G_{F,T} \\ \Phi' \downarrow & & \downarrow \Phi \\ G_{F',\bar{S}} & \xrightarrow{f_{\bar{T}\bar{S}}} & G_{F,\bar{T}} \end{array}$$

commutes,  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi'$  being the canonical equivalences.

(ii) If  $T, \bar{T}$  are any two complete transversals for  $F$ , then the holonomy morphism

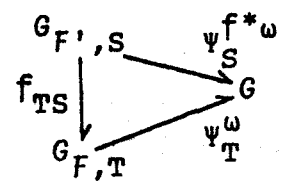
$$(\mathbb{1}_X)_{\bar{T}T}: G_{F,T} \longrightarrow G_{F,\bar{T}}$$

is the canonical equivalence of holonomy pseudogroups.

(iii) If  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  and  $g: Z \rightarrow Y$  are ss-morphisms such that the composition  $fg$  is transverse to a foliation  $F$  of  $X$  (cf corollary 2.3.2), then for any triple of complete transversals  $R, S, T$  for, respectively,  $F'' = (fg)^*F$ ,  $F' = f^*F$ , and  $F$ , the corresponding holonomy morphisms form a commuting triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_{F'',R} & \xrightarrow{(fg)_{TR}} & G_{F,T} \\ & \searrow g_{SR} & \downarrow f_{TS} \\ & & G_{F',S} \end{array}$$

(iv) If  $f$  and  $F$  are as in (i), then for any pair  $T, S$  of complete transversals for  $F$  and  $f^*F$ , respectively, and any ss- $\Gamma$ -structure  $\omega$  defining  $F$ , the following diagram composed of holonomy morphisms commutes.



Here  $G$  stands for the pseudogroup that underlies  $\Gamma$ .

Proof. (i) The equality  $\omega_{F,\bar{T}} = \Phi_*\omega_{F,T}$  of theorem III;2.2(ii) implies (cf corollary 1.9.1)

$$f^*\omega_{F,\bar{T}} = \Phi_*(f^*\omega_{F,T}).$$

Consequently, (i) follows from theorem III;2.2(iii).

(ii) is a part of theorem III;2.2(ii).

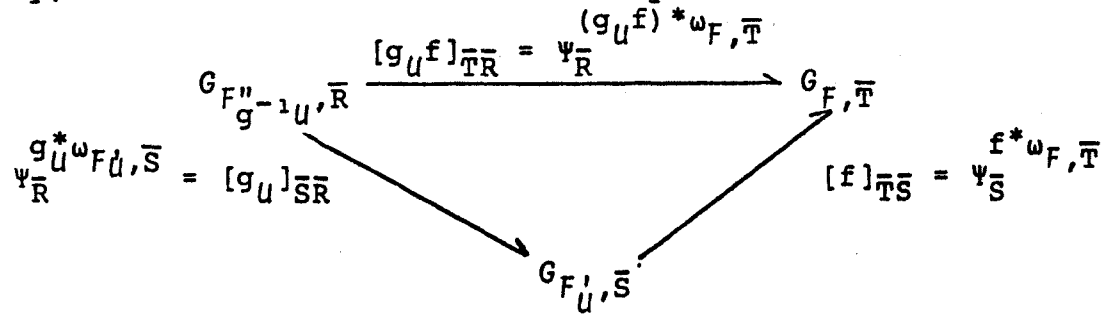
(iii) We first prove the commutativity for appropriately chosen transversals. Namely, let  $f: Y_U \rightarrow X$  and  $g: Z_U \rightarrow Y$  be any ss-maps representing  $f$  and  $g$ ,  $U = \{U_a\}$  and  $V = \{V_1\}$ ; by definition,  $f \circ g$  is represented by the composition

$$Z_{g^{-1}U} \xrightarrow{g_U} Y_U \xrightarrow{f} X.$$

If  $\bar{R} \hookrightarrow (Z_{g^{-1}U})_1$  is a complete transversal for  $(F''_{g^{-1}U})_1$ , then  $g_U$  maps  $\bar{R}$  to a transversal for  $(F'_U)_1$ . The new transversal need not be complete, so we extend it (by adding a suitable disjoint summand) to a complete one, say  $\bar{S} \hookrightarrow (Y_U)_1$ . In a similar vein, we extend  $\bar{S}$  transferred by  $f$  to a complete transversal  $\bar{T} \hookrightarrow X_1$  for  $F_1$ . Clearly,

$$G_{F''_{g^{-1}U}, \bar{R}} \subset G_{F'_U, \bar{S}} \subset G_{F, \bar{T}}$$

and the holonomy morphisms induced from the ss-maps  $f$ ,  $g_U$ , and  $f \circ g_U$  are generated by the inclusions  $\bar{S} \subset \bar{T}$ ,  $\bar{R} \subset \bar{S}$ , and  $\bar{R} \subset \bar{T}$ , respectively; at the moment the commutativity holds.



By III; proposition 4.2(i)-(ii), the morphism

$$[g_U]_{\bar{S}\bar{R}}: G_{F''_{g^{-1}U}, \bar{R}} \rightarrow G_{F'_U, \bar{S}} = G_{F', \bar{S}}$$

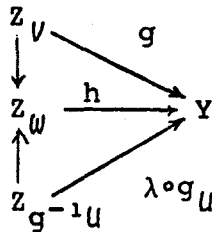
is the holonomy morphism for the ss- $\Gamma_{F', \bar{S}}$ -structure

$$g_U^*\omega_{F', \bar{S}} = (\lambda \circ g_U)^*\omega_{F', \bar{S}}$$

where  $\lambda: Y_U \rightarrow Y$  is the projection. We claim that the ss-map  $\lambda \circ g_U: Z_{g^{-1}U} \rightarrow Y$  represents the ss-morphism  $fg: Z \rightarrow Y$ . Indeed, one can easily check that for  $W = g^{-1}U \sqcup V$  (the disjoint union) the maps

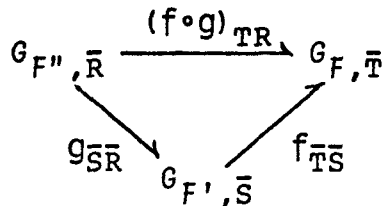
$$(Z_W)_n \ni (\dots, i_r, \dots, (i_s, a_s), \dots; z) \rightarrow g(\dots, i_r, \dots, i_s, \dots; z) \in Y_n$$

constitute an ss-map  $h: Z_W \rightarrow Y$  such that the diagram



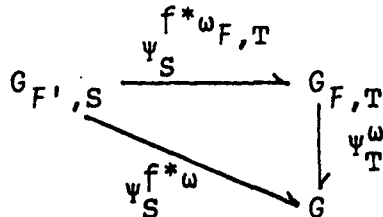
commutes; being equivalent to  $g$ ,  $\lambda \circ g_U$  represents the same ss-morphism  $Z \rightarrow Y$ . In conclusion, the  $\Gamma_F, \bar{S}$ -structure  $(\lambda \circ g_U)^* \omega_{F, \bar{S}}$  on  $Z_{g^{-1}U}$  is the one induced from  $g^* \omega_{F, \bar{S}}$  (cf corollary 1.9.3(ii)).

We are now able to apply theorem III;4.2(iii) to  $g^* \omega_{F, \bar{S}}$  and to the ss- $\Gamma_F, \bar{T}$ -structures  $f^* \omega_{F, \bar{S}}$  and  $(f \circ g)^* \omega_{F, \bar{S}}$ . As a result, we get the commuting triangle



By the part (i) already proved, the specially chosen transversals can be replaced by arbitrary  $R, S$  and  $T$ .

(iv) We can apply theorem III;2.2(iii) to the morphism  $\psi_T$  and to  $f^* \omega_{F, T}$  instead of  $\omega$ . The resulted commuting triangle is



as

$$(\psi_T^\omega)^* f^* \omega_{F, T} = f^* (\psi_T^\omega)^* \omega_{F, T} = f^* \omega$$

by corollary 1.9.1(ii). According to 3.1, the upper morphism is exactly  $f_{TS}$ .

**Corollary 3.3.** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are equivalent ss-manifolds, then any equivalence  $Y \rightarrow X$  is transverse to every foliation of  $X$ . Furthermore, let  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  be such an equivalence,  $F$  a fixed foliation of

$X$ , and  $T \hookrightarrow X_1$  and  $S \hookrightarrow Y_1$  arbitrary complete transversals for  $F$  and  $F' = f^*F$ , respectively. Then the holonomy morphisms

$$f_{TS}: G_{F',S} \rightarrow G_{F,T}$$

and

$$(f^{-1})_{ST}: G_{F,T} \rightarrow G_{F',S}$$

are inverse to each other, ie  $(f_{TS})^{-1} = (f^{-1})_{ST}$ .

Proof. Let  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  be any equivalence and  $F$  an arbitrary foliation of  $X$ . By corollary 2.3.2,  $f$  is transverse to  $F$  as the composition  $l_X = f \circ f^{-1}$  is. The rest follows directly from theorem 3.2(iii)

3.4 Remarks. 1. It can be shown that any ss-morphism  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  transverse to a foliation  $F$  of  $X$  induces well-defined ss-morphisms between appropriate leaves of  $f^*F$  and  $F$ . In particular, the assertion of corollary 3.3 completed by adding the following one:

If  $f$  is an equivalence, then leaves of  $f^*F$  are equivalent to the corresponding leaves of  $F$  (and there is a one-to-one correspondence between the leaves).

2. Our definition of ss-morphisms is a solution to the equivalence problem. The construction can be easily modified so as to cover the notion of simplicially homotopic ss-maps ([6]) which identifies any ss-set (in particular: any ss-manifold)  $X = (X_n)$  with  $X' = (X'_n)$  such that

$$X'_n = \bigsqcup_{\sigma} X_n$$

where  $\sigma$  ranges over non-decreasing  $(n+1)$ -sequences with the only elements 0 and 1, and the structure operators are

$$X'_n \ni (i_0, \dots, i_n; x) \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_h} (\dots, \hat{i}_h, \dots; \varepsilon_h x) \in X'_{n-1} \\ \xrightarrow{\eta_h} (\dots, i_h, i_h, \dots; \eta_h x) \in X'_{n+1} \end{cases}$$

Let us sketch the modification. We consider ordered coverings, ie indexed coverings  $U = \{U_a; a \in A\}$  endowed with a preorder  $<$  in the set  $A$  of indices, and generalize II;1.4 by requiring  $(X_U)_n$  to be the disjoint union over the ordered  $(n+1)$ -tuples  $a_0 < \dots < a_n$  (an unordered covering can be trivially ordered by taking the total preorder relation). The above  $X'$  is now equal to the localization of  $X$  to the ordered covering  $\{U_0, U_1\}$  of  $X_0$  such that  $U_0 = U_1 = X_0$ .

Another modification requires the equivalence relation 1.3. Namely, we say that an ordered covering  $U = \{U_a; a \in A\}$  has a supremum (infi-

mum) if the subset

$$A^+ := \{a \in A; \text{for every } b \in A, b < a\}$$

$$\text{(resp. } A^- := \{a \in A; \text{for every } b \in A, a < b\})$$

is non-empty and  $U^+ = \{U_a; a \in A^+\}$  ( $U^- = \{U_a; a \in A^-\}$ ) covers  $X_0$ .

The modified ss-morphism of  $X$  in  $Y$  is again an equivalence class of ss-maps  $X_U \rightarrow Y$  where  $U$  are non-ordered, but in the diagram (1.3.1)  $W = \{W_s; s \in S\}$  can be an arbitrary ordered covering having both supremum and infimum, whereas  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$  should map the indices into, resp.,  $S^+$  and  $S^-$ .

It can be shown that the modified ss-morphisms form a category with products, in which a localization  $X_U$  is equivalent to  $X$  if  $U$  has at least the supremum or infimum. Furthermore, the results: 1.5, 1.5.1, 1.8, 1.8.1, 1.9.1, 1.9.3, 1.10, and 1.12.1 concerning ss- $\Gamma$ -structures and morphisms of groupoids, as well as: 2.1, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.4, 3.2, and 3.3 concerning semi-simplicial foliations remain valid.



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