

## LOCALLY TOPOLOGICAL GROUPOIDS

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### Abstract

The notion of locally topological groupoid was introduced by Aof and Brown in [2]. On the other hand in [6] by Mackenzie a topological groupoid  $MG$ , called monodromy groupoid, is constructed. In this paper we prove that this groupoid  $MG$  gives a locally topological groupoid.

### Introduction

A groupoid whose explicit definition is given in Definition 1.1 is a category such that each morphism has an inverse.

For example a group is a groupoid with only one object. If  $X$  is a topological space, the homotopy classes of the paths in  $X$  form a groupoid on  $X$ . The composition of the paths in  $X$  gives a composition of the homotopy classes. This groupoid is called *fundamental groupoid* of  $X$  and denoted by  $\pi_1 X$ .

A topological groupoid defined in Definition 1.3, is a groupoid having topology such that all maps are continuous.

A locally topological groupoid is a pair  $(G, W)$  of a groupoid  $G$  and a topological space  $W$  such that  $W \subseteq G$  and the conditions given in Definition 2.2 are satisfied.

Let  $G$  be a topological groupoid such that each fibre  $G_x = \alpha^{-1}(x)$  has a universal covering. Let  $(\overline{G}_x)_{1_x}$  be the universal covering of  $G_x$  at the base point  $1_x$ . On the other hand it is well known that if  $X$  is a topological space which has a universal covering, then

$$\beta_x : (\pi_1 X)_x \longrightarrow X,$$

the restriction of the final point map  $\beta$ , is the universal covering of  $X$  at the base point  $x$ . Here  $\pi_1 X$  is the fundamental groupoid of  $X$ . Hence we can take  $(\overline{G}_x)_{1_x}$  as  $(\pi_1 G_x)_{1_x}$ . So the elements of  $(\pi_1 G_x)_{1_x}$  are the homotopy classes of the paths  $a : [0, 1] \longrightarrow G_x$  such that  $a(0) = 1_x$ . Let

$$MG = \bigcup_{x \in O_G} (\overline{G}_x)_{1_x}.$$

In [6] on  $MG$  a groupoid is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} MG(y, z) \times MG(x, y) &\longrightarrow MG(x, z) \\ ([b], [a]) &\longmapsto [b \mathbf{0} a] \end{aligned}$$

where  $b \mathbf{0} a$  is defined to be

$$b \mathbf{0} a = \begin{cases} a(2t), & 0 \leq t \leq 1/2 \\ b(2t - 1)g, & 1/2 \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

for  $g = a(1)$ . This multiplication is well defined and  $MG$  is a groupoid on  $O_G$ . This groupoid is called monodromy groupoid. Monodromy groupoid of a topological groupoid is also the main object of [7] (see also [3]).

The main object of this paper is to prove that this groupoid  $MG$  gives rise to a locally topological groupoid.

## 1 Groupoids

**Definition 1.1** *A groupoid consists of two sets  $G$  and  $O_G$  called respectively the set of elements or morphisms and the set of objects of the groupoid, together with two maps  $\alpha, \beta : G \rightarrow O_G$ , called respectively the source and target maps, a map  $1_{(\cdot)} : O_G \rightarrow G, x \mapsto 1_x$  called the object map and a partial multiplication*

$$G * G \longrightarrow G, (h, g) \mapsto hg$$

*defined on the fibre product set*

$$G * G = \{(h, g) \in G \times G : \alpha(h) = \beta(g)\}.$$

*These maps are subject to the following conditions*

- i)  $\alpha(hg) = \alpha(g)$  and  $\beta(hg) = \beta(h)$  for all  $(h, g) \in G * G$ ;*
- ii)  $k(hg) = (kh)g$  for all  $g, h, k \in G$  such that  $\alpha(h) = \beta(g)$  and  $\alpha(k) = \beta(h)$ ;*
- iii)  $\alpha(1_x) = \beta(1_x) = x$  for all  $x \in O_G$ , where  $1_x$  is the identity at  $x$ ;*
- iv)  $g1_{\alpha(g)} = g$  and  $1_{\beta(g)}g = g$  for all  $g \in G$ ; and*
- v) each  $g \in G$  has an inverse  $g^{-1}$  such that  $\alpha(g^{-1}) = \beta(g)$ ,  $\beta(g^{-1}) = \alpha(g)$  and  $g^{-1}g = 1_{\alpha(g)}$ ,  $gg^{-1} = 1_{\beta(g)}$ .*

If the pair  $(G, O_G)$  is a groupoid we say  $G$  is a groupoid on  $O_G$ . If  $G$  is a groupoid and  $W$  is a subset of  $G$  containing all the identities we write  $O_G \subseteq W$ .

For a groupoid  $G$  we write  $G_x$  for  $\alpha^{-1}(x)$  and  $G(x, y)$  for  $\alpha^{-1}(x) \cap \beta^{-1}(y)$  where  $x, y \in O_G$ . In a groupoid  $G, \delta : G \times_{\alpha} G \longrightarrow G, (h, g) \mapsto hg^{-1}$  is called groupoid difference map, where

$$G \times_{\alpha} G = \{(h, g) \in G \times G : \alpha(h) = \alpha(g)\}.$$

**Definition 1.2** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be groupoids. A local morphism of groupoids is a map  $f : W \longrightarrow H$  from a subset of  $G$  containing all the identities in  $G$  such that for  $u \in W, \alpha_H(fu) = f(\alpha_G u), \beta_H(fu) = f(\beta_G u)$  and  $f(vu) = f(v)f(u)$  whenever  $v, u \in W$  and  $vu$  is defined and belongs to  $W$ .

A morphism from  $G$  to  $H$  is a pair of maps

$$f : G \longrightarrow H \text{ and } O_f : O_G \longrightarrow O_H$$

such that

$$\alpha_H O_f = O_f \alpha_G, \quad \beta_H O_f = O_f \beta_G$$

and  $f(vu) = f(v)f(u)$  for all  $(v, u) \in G * G$ , where

$$G * G = \{(v, u) \in G \times G : \alpha(v) = \beta(u)\}.$$

For such a morphism we simply write  $f : G \longrightarrow H$ .

**Definition 1.3** A topological groupoid is a groupoid  $G$  in which the sets  $G$  and  $O_G$  are topological spaces and the following maps are continuous.

i) partial multiplication  $G * G \longrightarrow G, (h, g) \mapsto hg$ , where  $G * G$  has the relative topology;

ii) inverse map  $G \longrightarrow G, g \mapsto g^{-1}$ ;

iii) source and target maps  $\alpha, \beta : G \longrightarrow O_G$ ;

iv) object map  $1_{(\cdot)} : O_G \longrightarrow G, x \mapsto 1_x$ .

## 2 Review of holonomy groupoids

We recall the following definition due to Ehresmann[5].

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a groupoid and  $O_G$  a topological space. An admissible local section of  $G$  is a function  $s : U \rightarrow G$  from an open neighbourhood in  $O_G$  such that

- i)  $\alpha s(x) = x$  for all  $x \in U$ ;
- ii)  $\beta s(U)$  is open in  $O_G$ ; and
- iii)  $\beta s$  maps  $U$  homeomorphically to  $\beta s(U)$ .

Let  $W$  be a subset of  $G$  such that  $O_G \subseteq W$ , that is  $W$  contains all the identities and let  $W$  have the structure of a topological space. We give  $O_G$  the subspace topology. We say that  $(\alpha, \beta, W)$  has enough continuous admissible local sections if for each  $w \in W$  there is an admissible local section  $s : U \rightarrow G$  of  $G$  such that

- i)  $s\alpha(w) = w$ ;
- ii)  $s(U) \subseteq W$ ; and
- iii)  $s$  is continuous from  $U$  to  $W$ .

Such an  $s$  is called a *continuous admissible local section*

Let  $G$  be a groupoid and  $W$  a subset of  $G$ . We say that  $W$  generates  $G$ , if each element of  $G$  is written as a multiplication of some elements of  $W$ .

The following definition is taken from [2].

**Definition 2.2.** A locally topological groupoid is a pair  $(G, W)$  consisting of a groupoid  $G$  and a topological space  $W$  such that

- i)  $O_G \subseteq W \subseteq G$  (that is,  $W$  is a subset of  $G$  including all the identities)
- ii)  $W = W^{-1}$ ;
- iii)  $W$  generates  $G$  as a groupoid;

iv) the set  $W_\delta = W \times_{\alpha} W \cap \delta^{-1}(W)$  is open in  $W \times_{\alpha} W$  and the restriction to

$W_\delta$  of the difference map  $\delta : G \times_{\alpha} G \rightarrow G, (g, h) \mapsto gh^{-1}$  is continuous, where

$$W \times_{\alpha} W = \{(v, u) \in W \times W : \alpha(u) = \alpha(v)\}.$$

and

v) the restriction to  $W$  of the source and target maps  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are continuous and the triple  $(\alpha, \beta, W)$  has enough continuous admissible local sections.

In this definition,  $G$  is a groupoid but not necessarily a topological groupoid. The locally topological groupoid  $(G, W)$  is said to be *extendible* if a topology can be found on

$G$  making it a topological groupoid such that  $W$  is an open subspace of  $G$ . See [2] for a locally topological groupoid which is not extendible.

From a locally topological groupoid  $(G, W)$  a topological groupoid, called *Holonomy groupoid*, is obtained in the following theorem. This theorem was first stated by Pradines in [8] and then completely proved in [1] (see also [2]).

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $(G, W)$  be a locally topological groupoid. Then there is a topological groupoid  $H$ , a morphism  $\phi : H \rightarrow G$  of groupoids and an embedding  $i : W \rightarrow H$  of  $W$  to an open neighbourhood of  $O_H$  such that the following conditions are satisfied.*

*i)  $\phi$  is the identity on objects,  $\phi i = id_W$ ,  $\phi^{-1}(W)$  is open in  $H$ , and the restriction  $\phi_W : \phi^{-1}(W) \rightarrow W$  of  $\phi$  is continuous;*

*ii) if  $A$  is a topological groupoid and  $\zeta : A \rightarrow G$  is a morphism of groupoids such that*

*a)  $\zeta$  is the identity on objects;*

*b) the restriction  $\zeta_W : \zeta^{-1}(W) \rightarrow W$  of  $\zeta$  is continuous and  $\zeta^{-1}(W)$  is open in  $A$  and generates  $A$ ;*

*c) the triple  $(\alpha_A, \beta_A, A)$  has enough continuous admissible local sections;*

*then there is a unique morphism  $\zeta' : A \rightarrow H$  of topological groupoids such that  $\phi \zeta' = \zeta$  and  $\zeta' a = i \zeta a$  for  $a \in \zeta^{-1}(W)$ .*

The groupoid  $H$  is called *holonomy groupoid* of the locally topological groupoid  $(G, W)$  and denoted by  $\text{Hol}(G, W)$ . See [7] for some applications of Theorem 2.3

### 3 Main Theorem

**Definition 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be a topological space which has a simply connected covering. A subset  $W$  of  $X$  is called *canonical* if it is open, path connected and for each  $x \in W$ , the fundamental group  $\pi_1(W, x)$  is singleton, that is, has just only one element.*

Let  $G$  be a topological groupoid and  $W$  a subspace of  $G$ . Then  $W$  is *star connected* if each  $W_x = W \cap G_x$  is connected and  $W$  is *star canonical* if each  $W_x$  is canonical. Thus  $G$  is *star connected* if for each  $x \in O_G$ ,  $G_x$  is connected.

It is well known that if  $G$  is a topological group and  $V$  is an open neighbourhood of the identity  $e$  in  $G$  then there exists an open neighbourhood  $W$  of  $e$  in  $G$  such that  $W = W^{-1}$  and  $W^2 \subseteq V$ . Because in a topological group  $G$  the group difference map

$$\delta : G \times G \rightarrow G, (g, h) \mapsto gh^{-1}$$

is continuous, and so there is an open neighbourhood  $N$  of  $e$  in  $G$  such that  $N \times N \subseteq \delta^{-1}(V)$ . If we take  $W = N \cap N^{-1}$  then  $W = W^{-1}$  and  $W^2 \subseteq V$ . Note that if  $V$  is canonical then  $W$  can be chosen as canonical.

In topological groupoid case in [1] Aof first proved that if  $G$  is a paracompact topological groupoid (that is the topologies of  $G$  and  $O_G$  are paracompact) and  $V$  is an

open subset of  $G$ , such that  $O_G \subseteq V$ , then there exists an open subset  $W$  of  $G$ , with  $O_G \subseteq W$ , satisfying the following conditions.

- i)  $W = W^{-1}$
- ii)  $W^2 \subseteq V$ .

Then by Paradines it was pointed out in a letter, an appendix to [1], that for such a neighbourhood  $W$  to exist the paracompactness of  $O_G$  is sufficient. Similarly if  $V$  is star canonical, then  $W$  can be chosen star canonical.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be a star connected topological groupoid such that each fibre  $G_x$  has a universal covering. Let  $V$  be an open neighbourhood of  $O_G$  in  $G$  such that  $V$  is star canonical in  $G$  and  $(\alpha, \beta, V)$  has enough continuous admissible local sections. Suppose that there exists an open neighbourhood  $W$  of  $O_G$  in  $G$  such that  $W = W^{-1}, W^2 \subseteq V$  and  $W_x$  is star canonical. Then  $MG$  may be given a locally topological groupoid structure.*

**Proof.** First of all we note that by the above remark by choosing  $O_G$  paracompact it is possible to have such a neighbourhood  $W$  from  $V$ . Construct the groupoid  $MG$  as above. Define a map  $f : W \rightarrow MG$  as follows: Let  $u \in W(x, y)$ , where  $W(x, y) = W \cap G(x, y)$ . Then  $u \in W_x$ . Since  $W_x$  is path connected, there is a path  $a$  from  $1_x$  to  $u$ . Note that  $1_x \in W_x$ . Define  $f(u)$  to be the unique homotopy class of the path  $a$  in  $W_x$ . Since  $W_x$  is canonical,  $f$  is well defined. Then we prove the following lemmas  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** *The map  $f : W \rightarrow MG$  is injective*

**Proof.** Consider the composition of the maps  $W \xrightarrow{f} MG \xrightarrow{p} G$ , where  $p : MG \rightarrow G$  is defined by  $p([a]) = a(1)$ . Then  $pf = i$ , and  $i$  is injective. Hence  $f : W \rightarrow MG$  is injective.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** *The map  $f : W \rightarrow MG$  is a local morphism*

**Proof.** Let  $u \in W(x, y), v \in W(y, z)$  and  $vu \in W$ . Since  $W^2 \subseteq V$  and  $V$  is star canonical we have  $\square$

$$f(vu) = f(v)f(u).$$

Hence the map  $f : W \rightarrow MG$  is a local morphism.  $\square$

Let  $\overline{W}$  denote the image of  $W$  under the map  $f : W \rightarrow MG$ . Hence  $\overline{W}$  has a topology such that  $f : W \rightarrow \overline{W}$  is a homeomorphism. We now prove that the pair  $(MG, \overline{W})$  satisfies the conditions of Definition 2.2.

- i) Since  $W$  is isomorphic to  $\overline{W}$ ,  $O_{MG} = O_G$  and  $O_G \subseteq W \subseteq G$ , we have that  $O_{MG} \subseteq \overline{W} \subseteq MG$

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ii) Since  $W = W^{-1}$  and  $W$  is isomorphic to  $\overline{W}$ , obviously  $\overline{W} = (\overline{W})^{-1}$ .

The main part of the proofs is to prove that  $\overline{W}$  generates  $MG$  as a groupoid, that is, each element of  $MG$  can be written as a multiplication of some elements of  $\overline{W}$ .

iii)  $W$  generates  $G$  as a groupoid. To prove this we use a technical method.

Let  $[a] \in MG(x, y)$ , so that by the construction of  $MG$ ,  $a$  is a path such that  $a(0) = 1_x$  and  $a(1) = g \in G(x, y)$ . Let  $S \subseteq [0, 1]$  be the set of  $s \in [0, 1]$  such that  $a^s = a|_{[0, s]}$  can be written  $a^s = a_n \mathbf{0} \cdots \mathbf{0} a_1$  for some  $n$  and  $Ima_i \subseteq W$ . Since  $S \subseteq [0, 1]$ ,  $S$  is bounded above by 1, and so  $u = \sup S$  exists. Then we have to prove that

**A)**  $u \in S$ ;

**B)**  $u = 1$

**Proof of A.** Let  $a(u) \in G(x, x_u)$ , where  $x_u = \beta a(u)$ . Then the map  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow G_{x_u}$  defined by  $t \mapsto a(t)a(u)^{-1}$  is continuous and  $f(u) = 1_{x_u} \in W$ . Hence there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $f([u - \varepsilon, u + \varepsilon]) \subseteq W$ . Hence the composition

$$\delta_W \mathbf{0}(f \times f) : [u - \varepsilon, u + \varepsilon] \times [u - \varepsilon, u + \varepsilon] \rightarrow W \underset{\alpha}{\times} W \rightarrow G$$

$$(t_1, t_2) \mapsto (a(t_1)a(u)^{-1}, a(t_2)a(u)^{-1}) \mapsto a(t_1)a(t_2)^{-1}$$

is continuous, where  $\delta_W$  is the restriction to  $W \underset{\alpha}{\times} W \rightarrow G$  of the difference map

$G \underset{\alpha}{\times} G, (g, h) \rightarrow gh^{-1}$ . Hence there is an  $\varepsilon' > 0$  such that  $\varepsilon' < \varepsilon$  and

$$\delta_W(f \times f)([u - \varepsilon', u + \varepsilon'] \times [u - \varepsilon', u + \varepsilon']) \subseteq W \quad (*)$$

Since  $u = \sup S$ , there is an element  $s \in S$  such that  $u - \varepsilon' < s$ . Hence  $a^s$  can be written  $a_n \cdots a_1$  for  $n$  with  $Ima_i \subseteq W$  and so we have

$$a_u = a_{n+1} \mathbf{0}(a_n \mathbf{0} \cdots \mathbf{0} a_1)$$

where  $a_{n+1}(t) = a(t)a(s)^{-1}$  for  $t \in [s, u]$ . By (\*) we have that  $Ima_{n+1} \subseteq W$ . Hence  $u \in S$ .

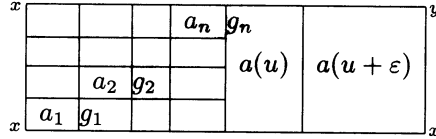
**Proof of B.** To prove this suppose that  $u < 1$ . Since  $u \in S$ , we have that

$$a^u = a_n \mathbf{0} \cdots \mathbf{0} a_1$$

for some  $n$  such that  $Ima_i \subseteq W$ . Let  $a_i(1) = g_i \in G(x_{i-1}, x)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  with  $x_0 = x$  and  $x_n = y$ . Hence we have

$$a(u) = g_n \mathbf{0} \cdots \mathbf{0} g_1$$

and the path  $a$  can be divided into small paths as follows:



where  $Ima_i \subseteq W$ . Since the map

$$[u, 1] \longrightarrow G_{x_n}, t \mapsto a(t)a(u)^{-1}$$

is continuous, there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $a(t)a(u)^{-1} \in W$  for  $t \in [u, u + \varepsilon]$ . Hence

$$a^{u+\varepsilon} = a_{n+1}\mathbf{0}(a_n\mathbf{0} \cdots \mathbf{0}a_1),$$

with  $a_{n+1}(t) = a(t)a(u)^{-1}$  for  $t \in [u, u + \varepsilon]$ .

Hence we have that  $a^{u+\varepsilon} \in S$ , which is a contradiction. This proves that  $u = 1$ . This completes the proof of (B).

iv) Since  $G$  is a topological groupoid the groupoid difference map

$$G \times_{\alpha} G, (g, h) \mapsto gh^{-1}$$

is continuous, so also the restriction map  $\delta_W : W \times_{\alpha} W \longrightarrow G$  is. So  $W_{\delta} = (W \times_{\alpha} W) \cap$

$\delta^{-1}(W)$  is open in  $W \times_{\alpha} W$ . Hence  $\overline{W} \times_{\alpha} \overline{W} \cap \delta^{-1}(\overline{W})$  is open in  $\overline{W} \times_{\alpha} \overline{W}$  and

$\overline{W} \times_{\alpha} \overline{W} \longrightarrow MG$  is continuous

v) Since  $\alpha, \beta : W \longrightarrow O_G$  are continuous, so also  $\alpha, \beta : \overline{W} \longrightarrow O_G$  are. Further since  $(\alpha, \beta, W)$  has enough continuous admissible local sections, so also  $(\alpha, \beta, \overline{W})$  is.

So  $(MG, \overline{W})$  (becomes a locally topological groupoid.  $\square$ )

By theorem 2.3 this locally topological groupoid  $(MG, \overline{W})$  gives a holonomy groupoid. In [4] it is also obtained a locally topological groupoid from a foliation.



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### Yerel Topolojik Groupoidler

#### Özet

Referanslardan [2] de Aof and Brown tarafından yerel topolojik groupoid kavramı tanıtıldı. Diğer yandan [6] da Mackenzie tarafından monodromy groupoidi olarak adlandırılan bir  $MG$  groupoidi inşa ediliyor. Bu makalede  $MG$  groupoidinden bir yerel topolojik groupoidinin elde edildiğini ispat ediyoruz.

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