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Lie 2-algebras of vector fields. (English summary)

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It was shown in [R. A. Hepworth, *Theory Appl. Categ.* **22** (2009), 542–587; [MR2591949](#)] that vector fields on a Lie groupoid form a category. The first main result of this paper (Theorem 3.4) is that the category of vector fields on a geometric stack has the structure of a Lie 2-algebra, answering a conjecture of Hepworth. The second main result of the paper (Theorem 4.1) is that the map

$$G \mapsto \mathbb{X}(G),$$

assigning to each Lie groupoid its category of vector fields, extends to a functor

$$\mathbb{X}: \mathbf{Bi}_{\text{iso}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Lie2Alg},$$

where $\mathbf{Lie2Alg}_{\text{strict}}$ denotes the strict 2-category of Lie 2-algebras, internal functors and internal natural transformations, being localized at the essential equivalence to yield a bicategory $\mathbf{Lie2Alg}$, while \mathbf{Bi} denotes the localization of the strict 2-category of Lie groupoids, internal functors and internal natural transformations at the class of functors that are fully faithful and essentially surjective, \mathbf{Bi}_{iso} being the sub-bicategory of \mathbf{Bi} consisting of Lie groupoids as objects, weakly invertible bibundles (i.e., Morita equivalences) as 1-morphisms and isomorphisms of bibundles as 2-morphisms. The third main result of the paper (Theorem 6.1) is 2-commutativity of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{Grp} & \\
 & \nearrow \text{Vect}' & \nwarrow u \\
 \text{GeomStack}_{\text{iso}} & \xleftarrow{\gamma} & \mathbf{Lie2Alg}, \\
 & \nwarrow \mathbb{B} & \nearrow \mathbb{X} \\
 & \mathbf{Bi}_{\text{iso}} &
 \end{array}$$

where:

- (1) Grp denotes the $(2, 1)$ -category of groupoids, functors and natural isomorphisms.
- (2) $\text{GeomStack}_{\text{iso}}$ is the $(2, 1)$ -category of geometric stacks, isomorphisms of stacks (i.e., weakly invertible 1-morphisms of stacks) and 2-morphisms.
- (3) To every Lie groupoid G there corresponds the stack $\mathbb{B}G$ of principal G -bundles, and Morita equivalent Lie groupoids G and H correspond to isomorphic stacks $\mathbb{B}G$ and $\mathbb{B}H$. The assignment $G \mapsto \mathbb{B}G$ extends to a fully faithful functor

$$\mathbb{B}: \mathbf{Bi} \rightarrow \mathbf{Stack}$$

whose essential image is the 2-category GeomStack of geometric stacks. Restricting the functor to the bicategory of groupoids and Morita equivalences gives an equivalence of bicategories

$$\mathbb{B}: \mathbf{Bi}_{\text{iso}} \rightarrow \text{GeomStack}_{\text{iso}}.$$

- (4) The functor

$$u: \mathbf{Lie2Alg} \rightarrow \text{Grp}$$

assigns to each Lie 2-algebra its underlying groupoid.

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