

This is not quite correct, since account may be taken of how the fundamental group $\pi_1(B, x_0)$ acts on the cohomology $H^q(\tilde{F}_{x_0}, Q)$ ($\tilde{F}_x = \pi^{-1}(x)$). More precisely, displacement of homology cycles in the fibers over a path γ from x_0 to x induces an isomorphism

$$H^q(\tilde{F}_x, Q) \cong H^q(\tilde{F}_{x_0}, Q)$$

that depends only on the homotopy class of γ . This is reasonably intuitive and is proven in standard books on topology. The upshot is that first there is a representation

$$\rho: \pi_1(B, x_0) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(H^q(\tilde{F}_{x_0}, Q))$$

that describes how cycles change when they are displaced around closed paths. Second, any representation of the fundamental group

$$\rho: \pi_1(B, x_0) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$$

gives locally constant sheaf \mathcal{V}_ρ on B . To construct \mathcal{V}_ρ , we take the vector bundle

$$V_\rho = \tilde{B} \times_{x_0} V$$

associated to the universal covering $\tilde{B} \rightarrow B$, and then the sections of \mathcal{V}_ρ over an open set $U \subset B$ are just those which lift to constant sections of $\tilde{B} \times V$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{B} \times V & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \tilde{B} \\ \downarrow \pi_1 & \swarrow \tilde{\sigma} & \downarrow \pi_1 \\ \tilde{B} \times_{\pi_1} V & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\sigma}: \tilde{B} \longrightarrow \tilde{B} \times V \\ x \longmapsto (x, v) \\ \text{for some } v \in V. \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(x^*) = [(x, v)]$$