

Exercise 2.1.15 Recall that $\Omega(V)$ denotes the space of all symplectic forms on the vector space V . Consider the (covariant) action of the general linear group $GL(2n, \mathbb{R})$ on $\Omega(V)$ via $GL(2n, \mathbb{R}) \times \Omega(V) \rightarrow \Omega(V) : (\Psi, \omega) \mapsto (\Psi^{-1})^* \omega$ and show that $\Omega(V)$ is homeomorphic to the homogeneous space $GL(2n, \mathbb{R})/Sp(2n)$. \square

We show $\frac{GL(2n)}{Sp(2n)}$ is homeomorphic

to $\Omega(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$.

Identify $\Omega(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$ with the skew symmetric invertible matrices. Then $J_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1_n \\ 1_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

is the standard symplectic form.

Consider $GL(2n) \rightarrow \Omega(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$.

$$A \mapsto A^T J_0 A$$

This is surjective because of theorem 2.1.3.

It is obviously continuous.

Passing to quotient, we get

$$\frac{GL}{Sp} \rightarrow \Omega$$

continuous and bijective.

We show $GL \rightarrow \Omega$ is open, hence

$\frac{GL}{Sp} \rightarrow \Omega$ will be a homeom.

Since GL open subset of \mathbb{R}^{n^2} and Ω of $\mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}$, we show the image of the tangent map is surjective at every point.

The vector in direction B at point A gets sent to $B^T J_0 A + A^T J_0 B$.

To show surjectivity, we take C skew symmetric.

Then take $B := \frac{1}{2} J_0^{-1} (A^{-1})^T C$. \square

If the last part is unclear, check the proof that $O(n)$ is a Lie group.