

# Lie Theory

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## 1 Background

### 1.1 Topology

**Definition 1.1.1.** A topological space is *locally connected* at point  $x$  if every neighborhood of  $x$  contains a connected open neighborhood.

## 2 Topological Groups

### 2.1 Introduction

**Definition 2.1.1.** A *topological group* is a group such that

1. the product  $p : G \times G \rightarrow G, p(g, h) = gh$ , is a continuous map if  $G \times G$  has the product topology;
2. The map  $\iota : G \rightarrow G, \iota(g) = g^{-1}$ , is continuous (hence, a homeomorphism, as  $\iota^{-1} = \iota$ ).

Each element  $g \in G$  defines the following maps.

- *left translation*:  $L_g : G \rightarrow G, L_g(h) = gh$ ;
- *right translation*:  $R_g : G \rightarrow G, R_g(h) = hg$ ;
- *conjugation*:  $C_g : G \rightarrow G, C_g(h) = ghg^{-1}$ .

## 2.2 Neighborhoods of Identity

An (open) neighborhood of  $x \in X$ , where  $X$  is a topological space, is an open set  $U$  that contains  $x$ .

Let  $G$  be a topological group, and  $1 \in G$  is the identity.  $V(1)$  refers to the set of all neighborhoods of 1.

**Proposition 2.2.1 (Proposition 2.2).** *Let  $G$  be a t.g. (topological group),  $V = V(1)$ . Then we'll have*

1. (T1) for all  $u \in V, 1 \in u$ ;
2. (T2)  $u, v \in V \implies u \cap v \in V$ ;
3. (TG1) for all  $u \in V$ , there exists  $v \in V$  s.t.  $v^2 \subseteq u$ ;
4. (TG2)  $u \in V \implies u^{-1} \in V$ ;
5. (TG3)  $u \in V, g \in G \implies gug^{-1} \in V$ .

**Definition 2.2.2.** Let  $G$  be a group, not necessarily topological group. A system of neighborhood of  $1 \in G$  is a family of sets satisfying (T1) to (TG3).

**Definition 2.2.3.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $x \in X$ . A fundamental system of neighborhoods of  $x$  is a family  $F$  of open sets containing  $x$  s.t. for all open  $u$  that contains  $x$ , there exists  $v \in F$  s.t.  $v \subseteq u$ .

**Theorem 2.2.4 (Proposition 2.5).** *Let  $G$  be an abstract group,  $V$  be a system of neighborhoods of 1. There exists a unique topology on  $G$  making  $G$  into a topological group and s.t.  $V$  is a fundamental system of neighborhoods of 1.*

*idea of proof.*

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**Proposition 2.2.5.** *Let  $G$  be a topological group. TFAE*

1. topology of  $G$  is a Hausdorff
2.  $\{1\}$  is closed in
3.  $\bigcap_{U \in V(1)} U = \{1\}$

## 2.3 Metrizable Groups

**Definition 2.3.1.** Let  $G$  be a topological group.  $G$  is metrizable if it has a left-(or right-) invariant distance which defines the topology left-invariant for all  $g \in G$  and  $d(gx, gy) = d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Theorem 2.3.2.** *A topological group  $G$  is metrizable iff it has a countable system of neighborhoods of 1.*

## 2.4 Homomorphisms

We need to talk about  $G \rightarrow H$  continuous homomorphisms.

**Example 2.4.1.** The determinant homomorphism  $\det : GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^* = GL(1, \mathbb{R})$  is continuous.

**Theorem 2.4.2.** Let  $G, H$  be topological group. A group homomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  is continuous iff  $\phi$  is continuous at  $1 \in G$ .

*Proof.*  $\implies$  is obvious. Let's look at the other direction.

Note that  $\phi \circ L_g = L_{\phi(g)} \circ \phi$  as maps  $G \rightarrow H$  because

$$(\phi \circ L_g)(g') = \phi(gg') = \phi(g)\phi(g') = (L_{\phi(g)} \circ \phi)(g').$$

Then

$$\phi = L_{\phi(g)} \circ \phi \circ L_{g^{-1}}$$

is continuous at  $g$ , as  $L_{g^{-1}}$  is continuous at  $g$ ,  $\phi$  continuous at  $1$ , and  $L_{\phi(g)}$  continuous everywhere.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.3.** A map  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  is a group homomorphism ( $G, H$  are just groups) iff

$$gr(\phi) := \{(g, \phi(g)) \mid g \in G\} \subseteq G \times H.$$

**Proposition 2.4.4.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces, such that  $Y$  is Hausdorff. A map  $\phi : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if and only if its graph  $gr(\phi)$  is closed and the projection  $p(x, \phi(x)) = x$  is a homeomorphism.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\phi$  is continuous. Then

$$gr(\phi) = \theta^{-1}(\Delta_Y) \text{ w.r.t. } \theta : X \times Y \rightarrow Y \times Y$$

is closed, since  $\theta$  is continuous and  $\Delta_Y$  is closed.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.5.** Suppose  $G, H$  are topological groups,  $H$  is Hausdorff. The map  $G \rightarrow H$  is a continuous homomorphism iff  $gr(\phi)$  is a closed subgroup and  $p : gr(\phi) \rightarrow G$  is a homeomorphism.

## 2.5 Subgroups

Let  $G$  be a topological group.  $H \subseteq G$  is a *topological subgroup* if  $H$  is a topological group w.r.t. the induced topology.

**Proposition 2.5.1.** Let  $G$  be a topological group. If  $H \subseteq G$  a subgroup, which is open. Then  $H$  is also closed.

*Proof.* Consider

$$Y = \bigcup_{g \in G-H} gH.$$

$Y$  is open, as it is a union of open sets.  $H$  is also closed, as  $G - Y = H$ . Hence,  $H$  is closed.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5.2.**  $G$  a topological group,  $H \subseteq G$  a subgroup. Then  $\overline{H}$  is also a subgroup of  $G$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $A \subseteq X$  (subset of a topological space),  $x \in \overline{A}$  iff for all open  $U$  that contains  $x$ ,  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Then we check the followings.

1.  $\overline{H}$  is closed under  $m : G \times G \rightarrow G$ .

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