

Lie's third theorem

Def: A Lie group G is a group that is also a smooth manifold such that the (algebraic) maps $\mu: G \times G \rightarrow G$ ($(g,h) \mapsto gh$), and $\iota: G \rightarrow G$, $g \mapsto g^{-1}$, are smooth. (Can use inverse function theorem to show inverse is automatically smooth.)

Ex: $(V, +)$, $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, GL_n (+ other matrix groups)
 $S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}$, $S^3 \cong SU(2)$ (S^0, S^1, S^3 only spheres that are Lie groups)

Def: A Lie algebra is a vector space \mathfrak{g} with a bilinear binary operation denoted $[,]: \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$, $(x,y) \mapsto [x,y]$, that satisfies

$$\textcircled{1} \quad [x,y] = -[y,x]$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad [x,[y,z]] + [z,[x,y]] + [y,[z,x]] = 0$$

Ex: $\mathfrak{X}(M)$, $(V, [,]=0)$, (\mathbb{R}^3, \times) , $(\text{End } V, [,]_{\text{comm.}})$

(and as we'll soon see $T_e G$, where G is Lie grp)
↑
e = identity elt.

Goal:

Lie groups $\xrightarrow{\text{tg sp.}}$ Lie algebras
 $\xrightarrow{\quad}$
(Lie's third thm)

Def.: Let G be a Lie group. For any $g \in G$, let $L_g: G \rightarrow G$ be $L_g(h) = gh$.

A vector field $X \in \mathcal{X}(G)$ is left-invariant if $(L_g)_* X = X \quad \forall g \in G$.

Recall pushforward:

$$\xrightarrow{\text{F diffeo.}} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad X \quad} \\ F(g) \end{array}$$

$$(F_* X) = (\tau_{F(g)} F)(X|_{F(e)})$$

So for X left-mv., we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h & \xrightarrow{X_h} & gh \\ & \xrightarrow{L_g} & \end{array} \quad X_{gh} = ((L_g)_* X)|_{gh} = (\tau_h L_g)(X_h)$$

In particular, taking $h = e$, we see $X_g = (\tau_e L_g)(X_e)$ is determined by $X_e \in T_e G$; and any $v \in T_e G$ determines a left-mv. v.f. v^L , $v_g^L = (\tau_e L_g)(v)$.

Denote $\{\text{left-invariant v.f.'s}\} = \mathcal{X}(G)^L$

NB $\Rightarrow \dim \mathcal{X}(G)^L < \infty$.

Prop.: If $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(G)^L$, then $[X, Y] \in \mathcal{X}(G)^L$.

proof: $X \sim_{L_g} X, Y \sim_{L_g} Y \Rightarrow [X, Y] \sim_{L_g} [X, Y] \Leftrightarrow [X, Y] \in \mathcal{X}(G)^L$. ■

Con: $[u, v] := [u^L, v^L]|_e$ defines a Lie bracket on $\mathfrak{g} = T_e G$.

$\text{EX} \text{ } \mathcal{D}G = (\mathbb{R}, +)$, $\mathfrak{g} = T_e G \cong \mathbb{R}$, $[,] = 0$ (dim=1); similarly for $G=S^1$.

② $G = GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \subset \text{Mat}_{n \times n} = \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ (open subset)

$$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{g} = T_e G \cong \text{Mat}_{n \times n} = \mathfrak{gl}_n$$

Bracket? Take $A \in \mathfrak{gl}_n$. $(A)^L_g = T_{\text{id}} L_g(A) = gA$.

To unpack this, take (global) coordinates x_{ij} on G ,

so basis for tangent space is $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{ij}} \Big|_g \right\}$

Can grind out formula in coord's to get

$$[A^L, B^L](g) = g(AB - BA), \text{ so } [,] = \text{commutator}.$$

Prop Let $\phi: G \rightarrow H$ be a Lie group homomorphism. Then $T_e \phi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ is a Lie algebra homomorphism.

proof: It suffices to show that for any $v \in \mathfrak{g}$, $(T_e \phi)^L \sim_{\phi} v^L$, for then given $u, v \in \mathfrak{g}$,

$$[(T_e \phi)^L, (T_e \phi)^L] \sim_{\phi} [v^L, v^L] \Rightarrow \phi_*([u, v]) = (T_e \phi)([u^L, v^L]_e) = [(T_e \phi)^L, (T_e \phi)^L]_e = [\phi_* u, \phi_* v].$$

Since $\phi(gh) = \phi(g)\phi(h)$, we have $\phi \circ L_g = L_{\phi(g)} \circ \phi$. Therefore,

$$(T_g \phi)(v^L_g) = (T_g \phi)(T_e L_g)(v) = T_e (\phi \circ L_g)(v) = T_e (L_{\phi(g)} \circ \phi)(v) = (T_e \phi)(T_e L_g)(v) = T_e L_{\phi(g)}(\phi_* v) = (\phi_* v)^L_{\phi(g)}$$

(So, we have a functor $\text{LieGrps} \rightarrow \text{LieAlg}_-$)

Let G be a Lie group with Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} . Given a Lie subalgebra $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$, we may define the following distribution D on G , $g \mapsto D_g = \{v^L_g = (T_e L_g)(v) \mid v \in \mathfrak{h}\} \subset T_g G$.

The distribution D is involutive: Indeed, let $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$ be a basis for \mathfrak{h} . Then the vector fields

v_1^L, \dots, v_r^L span D . Let $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(G)$ that lie in D , and write $X = \sum_i a_i v_i^L$, $Y = \sum_j b_j v_j^L$.

$$\text{Exercise: } [X, Y] = \sum_{i,j} a_i a_j [v_i^L, v_j^L] + a_i v_i^L(b_j) v_j^L - b_j v_j^L(a_i) v_i^L.$$

$\Rightarrow [X, Y]$ lies in D .

By Frobenius theorem, \exists maximal connected integral submanifold H through $e \in G$. Observe that for $g \in H$, $L_g^{-1}(H) \subset G$ is also an integral submanifold through e . Why? The diff. $L_{g^{-1}}$ preserves D : $(T_h L_{g^{-1}})(v_h^L) = (T_h L_{g^{-1}})(T_e L_h)(v) = (T_e L_{g^{-1}h})(v) = v_{g^{-1}h}^L$, and thus if $v \in h$, then $T_h L_{g^{-1}}$ sends $v_h^L \in D_h$ to $v_{g^{-1}h}^L \in D_{g^{-1}h}$. Therefore, $L_g^{-1}(H)$ is also an integral submanifold and it contains $L_g(g) = g^{-1}g = e$. In other words, $g \in H, h \in H \Rightarrow g^{-1}h \in H$, or H is a subgroup.

This proves most of the following

thm Let G be a Lie group w/ Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , and let $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ be a Lie subalgebra. Then there exists a unique connected Lie subgroup H whose Lie algebra is \mathfrak{h} .

pf (sketch) Argument above shows we have an immersed submanifold H that is also a subgroup. It also shows $T_e H = \mathfrak{h}$.

It remains to show H is a Lie subgroup, and that H is a unique such Lie subgroup. To show $\mu: H \times H \rightarrow H$, $(g, h) \mapsto g^{-1}h$ is smooth: it's clear that $H \times H \rightarrow G$ is smooth. Recall H is a leaf of a foliation that "integrates" the distribution D above. Since smoothness is a local property, we may find nbhds U around (g, h) and V around $g^{-1}h$ s.t. $\xrightarrow{\text{as map } H \times H \rightarrow H} \mu(U) \subset V$ and V is a submanifold chart for H , showing μ (as map $H \times H \rightarrow H$) is smooth.

Uniqueness — proof/sketch omitted. \blacksquare

Finally, we sketch how one can associate to any finite dimensional Lie algebra of a Lie group G with that Lie algebra.

Thm (Ado's theorem) Let \mathfrak{g} be a finite dim. Lie algebra. Then $\exists n > 0$ and an injective Lie algebra homomorphism $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(n)$.

Therefore, we may view \mathfrak{g} as a Lie subalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(n) = \text{Lie}(GL(n))$. By a prior theorem, \exists a Lie subgroup $G \subset GL(n)$ whose Lie algebra is \mathfrak{g} . ← We's
Third Thm.

Remark: Lie subgroups of $GL(n)$ are called "matrix Lie groups". So every fm.dim. \mathfrak{g} is the Lie algebra of a matrix Lie group. However, there are Lie groups G which are not isomorphic to any matrix Lie group (compare Ado's theorem).

Finally, consider now the following: does every Lie algebra homomorphism $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ arise as the tangent map $\varphi_* = T_e \varphi$ of a Lie group homom. $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$?

Similar to discussion above, the topology comes into play:

e.g. $\text{id}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a Lie algebra homomorphism. And $\mathbb{R} = \text{Lie}(S')$ and $\mathbb{R} = \text{Lie}(CR)$. But \nexists any non-trivial Lie group homomorphisms $S' \rightarrow CR$. (Why?)

(But $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow S'$, $t \mapsto e^{it}$ is a homomorphism whose derivative at 0 is $\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}$.)

Thm: Let G, H be Lie groups w/ Lie algebras \mathfrak{g} and \mathfrak{h} , respectively. If G is simply connected, then every Lie algebra homomorphism $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ is the tangent map of a unique Lie group homomorphism.

proof — omitted.

