

## IV. Cartan Geometry

### Some Complement on grps and Lie alg

- Consider  $\text{Lie} H$  subalg of  $\text{Lie} G$ . The coset  $\text{Lie} G / \text{Lie} H$  is a vect space, with element written:  $X + \text{Lie} H = [X]$ .

Sum is  $[X] + [Y] = (X + \text{Lie} H) + (Y + \text{Lie} H) = X + Y + \text{Lie} H = [X + Y]$ .

Scalar mult is  $\lambda[X] = \lambda(X + \text{Lie} H) = \lambda X + \lambda \text{Lie} H = \lambda X + \text{Lie} H = [\lambda X]$ .

- $\text{Lie} G / \text{Lie} H$  is a rep space for  $H$  via  $\text{Ad}$ :

$$\text{Ad}_h[X] = h[X]h^{-1} = h(X + \text{Lie} H)h^{-1} = hXh^{-1} + \text{Lie} H = [h^*Xh^{-1}] \quad \checkmark$$

- $\text{Lie} G / \text{Lie} H$  is also a rep space for  $\text{Lie} H$  via  $\text{ad}$ :

$$\text{ad}_Y[X] = [Y, [X]] = [Y, X + \text{Lie} H] = [Y, X] + [Y, \text{Lie} H] = [Y, X] + \text{Lie} H = [C_Y X] = [\text{ad}_Y X]$$

- $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  if: for  $h \in H$ ,  $g^{-1}hg \in H \quad \forall g \in G$ . Noted  $H \triangleleft G$ .

$\text{Lie} H$  is an ideal of  $\text{Lie} G$  if: for  $X \in \text{Lie} H$ ,  $[X, Y] \in \text{Lie} H \quad \forall Y \in \text{Lie} G$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  IF  $H \triangleleft G$ ,  $\text{Lie} H$  is an ideal of  $\text{Lie} G$ . IF  $\text{Lie} H$  ideal,  $\text{Lie} G / \text{Lie} H$  is a Lie alg!

- A vect space is a  $(\text{Lie} G, H)$ -module if:  $V$  is both a  $\text{Lie} G$ -module via  $\bar{p}_*$  and a rep space for  $H$  via  $\rho$  s.t the induced rep  $\rho_*$  for  $\text{Lie} H$  coincide with  $\bar{p}_*$ .  
 $\hookrightarrow$  Automatic if  $H \subset G$ , and  $V$  a rep space for  $G$ .

- A morphism of grps is a map  $\varphi: G \longrightarrow G'$  s.t  $\varphi(zy) = \varphi(z)\varphi(y)$ ,  
 $g \longmapsto \varphi(g)$

on the left product in  $G$ , on the right product in  $G'$ .

From this it follows that  $\varphi(e) = e'$ , for  $e \in G$  and  $e' \in G'$  neutral, and  $\varphi(z^{-1}) = \varphi(z)^{-1}$

$\hookrightarrow$  grp automorphism  $\text{Aut}(G) = \{\varphi: G \rightarrow G \mid \varphi \text{ is grp morph}\}$ .

- Semidirect product: Given  $H$  and  $K$ , and a grp morphism  $\varphi: H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(K)$ , a new grp is formed by def the product of pairs  $(h, k) \in H \times K$

$$(h_1, k_1) \cdot (h_2, k_2) \equiv (h_1 h_2, k_1 \varphi(h_2)[k_2]) \quad , \text{ note } H \ltimes K$$

The neutral elmt is  $(e, e')$ , the inverse of  $(h, k)$  is  $(h^{-1}, \varphi(h^{-1})[k^{-1}])$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} (h, k)(h, k)^{-1} \text{ is clear} \\ (h, k)^{-1}(h, k) = (h^{-1}, \varphi(h^{-1})[k^{-1}])(h, k) = (h h^{-1}, \varphi(h^{-1})[k^{-1}] \varphi(h^{-1})[k]) \\ \quad = (e, \varphi(h^{-1})[k^{-1}k]) = (e, \varphi(h^{-1})[e']) = (e, e') \quad \checkmark \end{array} \right.$$

Rmk:  $K \triangleleft (H \ltimes K)$  indeed  $(h^{-1}, \varphi(h^{-1})[k^{-1}])(e, e')(h, k) = (h^{-1}, \varphi(h^{-1})[k^{-1}] \varphi(h^{-1})[e']) (h, k)$   
 $= (h^{-1}, \varphi(h^{-1})[k^{-1}e']) (h, k) = (h^{-1}h, \varphi(h^{-1})[k^{-1}e] \varphi(h^{-1})[k])$   
 $= (e, \varphi(h^{-1})[k^{-1}e k]) \in (e, K) \simeq K \quad \checkmark$

Noted that  $H \simeq (H, e')$  and  $K \simeq (e, K)$ .

NB: IF  $K$  is abelian,  $k^{-1}ek = e$ , so the above result is  $(e, \varphi(h^{-1})[e])$ .

Ex:  $\text{ISO}(n) = \text{Eucl}(n) \equiv \text{SO}(n) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^n$  abelian (Poincaré  $n \rightarrow (1, n-1)$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} (\Lambda, t) \cdot (\Lambda', t') &\equiv (\Lambda \Lambda', t + \Lambda t') & \varphi: \text{SO} &\rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ natural matrix } (n \times n) \\ (\Lambda, t)^{-1} &= (\Lambda^{-1}, \Lambda^{-1}(-t)) = (\Lambda^{-1}, -\Lambda^{-1}t) & s &\mapsto \Lambda = \Lambda(s) \text{ rep of SO.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R}^n \triangleleft (\text{ISO}(n)) : (\Lambda^{-1}, -\Lambda^{-1}t) \cdot (e, T) \cdot (\Lambda, t) &= (\Lambda^{-1}, -\Lambda^{-1}t + \Lambda^{-1}T) \cdot (\Lambda, t) \\ &= (\Lambda^{-1}, \Lambda^{-1}(-t + T)) \cdot (\Lambda, t) = (\Lambda^{-1}\Lambda, \Lambda^{-1}(-t + T) + \Lambda^{-1}t) \\ &= (e, \Lambda^{-1}T) \end{aligned}$$

NB: There is a different way to rep this (very often used!).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Use the grp morphism } \text{ISO}(n) &\rightarrow \text{GL}(n+1) \text{ i.e. } (\Lambda, t) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ (e, 0) &\mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ neutral, } \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda^{-1} & -\Lambda^{-1}t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ inverse.} \end{aligned}$$

Because the semidirect prod is given simply by matrix multiplication!

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Lambda & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda' & t' \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda \Lambda' & \Lambda t' + t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{And clearly:}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda^{-1} & -\Lambda^{-1}t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda^{-1} & \Lambda^{-1}T - \Lambda^{-1}t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda^{-1}\Lambda & \Lambda^{-1}T - \Lambda^{-1}t + \Lambda^{-1}t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} e & \Lambda^{-1}T \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

# 1] Cartan connect°

- Consider  $P(M, H)$  a  $H$ -principal bundle, and  $\text{Lie } G \supset \text{Lie } H$  s.t.  $\dim \text{Lie } G = \dim P$ .  
A Cartan connect° on  $P$  is a  $\text{Lie } G$ -valued 1-form s.t.
  - $\omega_p(X_p^\nu) = X \in \text{Lie } H$
  - $R_h^* \omega_{ph} = \text{Ad}_h \omega_p$ ,  $\omega$  pseudotensorial of type  $(\text{Ad}, \text{Lie } G)$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega_{eq}^1(P, \text{Lie } G)$
  - $\omega_p: T_p P \rightarrow \text{Lie } G$  is a linear isomorphism  $\forall p \in P$ .

Last requirement (Cartan condit°) means  $P$  is a parallelizable manifold.

- let's define the curvature via the Cartan struct eq:  $\bar{\Omega} = d\omega + \frac{1}{2}[\omega, \omega]$ .  
Then, because of equiv of  $\omega$  we have:  $R_h^* \bar{\Omega} = \text{Ad}_h \bar{\Omega}$ , ie  $\bar{\Omega} \in \Omega_{eq}^2(P, \text{Lie } G)$ .  
By the way  $\bar{\Omega}$  is horizontal:  $\bar{\Omega}(X^\nu, Y) = 0$ .

Indeed,  $d\omega(X^\nu, Y) + [\omega(X^\nu), \omega(Y)] = X^\nu[\omega(Y)] - Y[\omega(X^\nu)] - \omega([X^\nu, Y]) + [X, \omega(Y)]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{but remember: } L_{X^\nu} \omega(Y) &= (i_{X^\nu} d + d i_{X^\nu}) \omega(Y) = d\omega(X^\nu, Y) + d(i_{X^\nu} \omega)(Y) \\ &= X^\nu[\omega(Y)] - Y[\omega(X^\nu)] - \omega([X^\nu, Y]) + Y[\omega(X^\nu)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \bar{\Omega}(X^\nu, Y) = L_{X^\nu} \omega(Y) + [X, \omega(Y)] = (L_{X^\nu} \omega + [X, \omega])(Y).$$

$$\text{but } L_{X^\nu} \omega \equiv \frac{d}{d\tau} \Big|_{\tau=0} R_{\exp \tau X}^* \omega = \frac{d}{d\tau} \Big|_{\tau=0} \text{Ad}_{e^{-\tau X}} \omega = \frac{d}{d\tau} \Big|_{\tau=0} e^{-\tau X} \omega e^{\tau X} = -X\omega + \omega X$$

ie  $L_{X^\nu} \omega = -[X, \omega]$  which is the infinitesimal version of  $\omega$ 's equivariance!

(and is relt° true also for a principal connect°)  $\hookrightarrow \bar{\Omega}(X^\nu, Y) = 0$  ✓

$\Rightarrow \bar{\Omega}$  is tensorial of type  $(\text{Ad}, \text{Lie } G)$  ie  $\bar{\Omega} \in \Omega_{\text{ten}}^2(P, \text{Lie } G)$ .

NB: From the very def we have the Bianchi identity:  $d\bar{\Omega} + [\omega, \bar{\Omega}] = 0$ .

Rmk: A Cartan geometry  $(P, \omega)$  is said flat iff  $\bar{\Omega} = 0$ .  
connect°  $\omega$

- The gauge grp  $\mathcal{H} \equiv \{ \gamma: P \rightarrow H \mid R_h^* \gamma = h \gamma h \} \simeq \text{Aut}_H(P)$  acts as usual:

$$\overline{\omega}^r \equiv \psi^* \omega = \text{Ad}_{\psi^{-1}} \omega + \tilde{r}^i dr^i \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\omega}^r \equiv \psi^* \bar{\omega} = \text{Ad}_{\psi^{-1}} \bar{\omega} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{Active GT.}$$

Locally, on  $U \subset M$ , given  $\sigma: U \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(u) \subset P$ , def  $\bar{A} \equiv \sigma^* \omega \in \Omega^1(U, \text{Lie } G)$

and  $\bar{F} \equiv \sigma^* \bar{\omega} \in \Omega^2(U, \text{Lie } G)$ . Given another  $\sigma'$  on  $U$ , let  $\sigma'$  on  $U'$  s.t.  $U' \cap U \neq \emptyset$ , so that  $\sigma' = \sigma h$  for some  $h: U \cap U' \rightarrow H$ :  $\bar{A}' \equiv \sigma'^* \omega$  and  $\bar{F}' \equiv \sigma'^* \bar{\omega}$  and

$$\bar{A}' = \text{Ad}_{h^{-1}} \bar{A} + h^{-1} dh, \quad \bar{F}' = \text{Ad}_{h^{-1}} \bar{F} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{Passive GT.}$$

- Consider the project  $\pi: \text{Lie } G \rightarrow \text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H$ ,  $\omega = \pi(\bar{\omega})$  is the torsion of  $\omega$ . If  $\bar{\omega}$  is LieH-valued, i.e. if  $\omega = 0$ ,  $\omega$  is torsion free.

NB: Since LieH is a subalgebra, torsion freeness is an  $\text{Ad}_H$ -inv property / a  $\mathcal{H}$  gauge-inv property, i.e. it is true of a whole gauge orbit.

or, also, remains true upon going over any  $u' \cap u$ : if  $\bar{A}$  is torsion free, so is  $\bar{A}'$ .

## 1.1 | Soldering form. (New!)

The Cartan connect<sup>o</sup> allows a new construct<sup>o</sup> establishing that  $TM \simeq P \times_{\text{Ad}_H} \text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H$ . It is as follows. First we show that this to  $\omega$  we have:

$C_{\text{eq}}^\infty(P, \text{Lie } G) \simeq \Gamma^H(P)$  i.e. isobtn equiv LieG-valued fct<sup>o</sup> and  $R_H$ -inv vect fields on  $P$ .

$$(i) \quad \mathcal{Q} \longmapsto \omega(\mathcal{Q})$$

$$(ii) \quad \omega(X^H) \longleftarrow X^H$$

Indeed

$$(ii) \quad \mathcal{Q}(p) \equiv \omega_p(X_p^H) \quad \text{for } X^H \in \Gamma^H(P).$$

$$\text{Then } \mathcal{Q}(p_h) \equiv \omega_{p_h}(X_{p_h}^H) = \omega_{p_h}(R_{h*} X_p^H) = R_h^* \omega_{p_h}(X_p^H) = \text{Ad}_{h^{-1}} \omega_p(X_p^H) = \text{Ad}_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{Q}(p)$$

$\uparrow$   $R_H$ -inv  $\uparrow$  Ad-equiv of  $\omega$

So indeed  $\mathcal{Q} = \omega(X^H)$  is Ad-equiv LieG-valued fct<sup>o</sup>  $\checkmark$



$$(i) \quad X_p \equiv \omega_p^{-1}(\varphi(p)) \quad \text{For } \varphi \in C_{eq}^\infty(P, \text{Lie } G).$$

$$\text{Then } X_{ph} \equiv \omega_{ph}^{-1}(\varphi(ph)) = \omega_{ph}^{-1}(\text{Ad}_{h^{-1}}(\varphi(p)))$$

$$\text{Now } \omega \text{ satisfies: } R_h^* \circ \omega_p = \omega_{ph} \circ R_{h*} = \text{Ad}_{h^{-1}} \circ \omega_p \rightarrow \omega_{ph} = \text{Ad}_{h^{-1}} \circ \omega_p \circ R_{h^{-1}*}$$

$$\text{So } X_{ph} = R_{h*} \circ \omega_p^{-1} \circ \text{Ad}_h(\text{Ad}_{h^{-1}}(\varphi(p))) = R_{h*} \omega_p^{-1}(\varphi(p)) \equiv R_{h*} X_p, \text{ i.e. } X \in \Gamma^H(P) \quad \checkmark$$

Now  $X^H \in \Gamma^H(P)$  projects on a well-def  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ :  $X = \pi_* X^H$ .

By the way via the above construct:  $C_{eq}^\infty(P, \text{Lie } H) \simeq \Gamma(VP)$  (because 1st prop of  $\omega$ !)  
and  $\Gamma(VP) = \ker \pi_*$ ! So we have  $C_{eq}^\infty(P, \text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H) \simeq \Gamma(TM)$   $\checkmark$

In other words we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} C_{eq}^\infty(P, \text{Lie } H) & \xrightarrow{i} & C_{eq}^\infty(P, \text{Lie } G) & \xrightarrow{\tau} & C_{eq}^\infty(P, \text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H) \simeq C_{eq}^\infty(P, \text{Lie } G) / C_{eq}^\infty(P, \text{Lie } H) \\ \text{is } \omega_{|VP} & & \text{is } \omega & \nearrow \theta & \text{is } e \uparrow \\ \Gamma(VP) & \longrightarrow & \Gamma^G(P) & \xrightarrow{\pi_*} & \Gamma(TM) \end{array}$$

Finally we know from general considerations that  $C_{eq}^\infty(P, \text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H) \simeq \Gamma(P \times_{\text{Ad}_H} \text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H)$

So that indeed:  $\Gamma(TM) \simeq \Gamma(P \times_{\text{Ad}_H} \text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H)$  and  $TM \simeq P \times_{\text{Ad}_H} \text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H$   $\checkmark$

↳ This is called a soldering:  $\text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H$  is "soldered" on  $TM$ !

This is done via the soldering form  $\left| \begin{array}{l} \theta_p \equiv \tau \circ \omega_p : T_p P \rightarrow \text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H \end{array} \right. \quad \checkmark$

NB:  $\theta \in \Omega_{\text{tors}}^1(P, \text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H)$ .

$e_u : T_u M \rightarrow \text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H \quad \checkmark$

Related, in view of the diagram:  $\theta_p(X_p) = e_u(\pi_* X_p)$  for  $X_p \in T_p P$ .

Given  $\sigma : UCM \rightarrow P$ :  $(\sigma^* \theta_p)(X_u) = \theta_p(\sigma_* X_u)$  for  $X_u \in T_u M$ .

$$= e_u(\pi_* \sigma_* X_u)$$

$$= e_u((\pi \circ \sigma)_* X_u) = e_u(\text{id}_M_* X_u) = e_u(X_u).$$

$e$  is then local rep of soldering it is a  $\text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H$ -valued 1-form on  $UCM$ ;  $e \in \Omega^1(U, \text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H)$

So given  $\{x^\mu\}$  on  $U$ :  $e = e_\mu dx^\mu = e_\mu^\alpha \tau_\alpha dx^\mu$  for  $\{\tau_\alpha\}$  basis of  $\text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H$ .

Can also write:  $e^\alpha = e_\mu^\alpha dx^\mu$ .

⇒ This is the "moving Frame" of Cartan, or "tetrad"/"vierbein"/"vielbein" of GR!

## 1.2 Reductive geometry

A Cartan geometry is reductive iff there is a  $\text{Ad}_H$ -inv splitting  $\text{Lie } G = \text{Lie } H + \mathfrak{m}$ ,  
 ie  $\text{Ad}_H \mathfrak{m} \subset \mathfrak{m}$ . In this case we have a clean splitting  $\omega = \omega + \theta$ , and  
 also  $\bar{\Omega} = \Omega + \Theta$ . The  $\text{Lie } H$ -valued part  $\omega$  is clearly a principal connect<sup>o</sup> on  $P$ .  
 So  $H_P$  can be defined the usual way:  $H_P = \ker \omega_p \quad \forall p \in P$ .

There is a cov deriv on  $\Omega_{\text{tors}}(P, V)$ , expressed via  $\omega$ :  $D = d + \rho_\omega(\omega)$

↳ In particular  $D\theta = d\theta + \rho_\omega(\theta) = d\theta + [\omega, \theta]$  this is  $\Theta$  if  $\mathfrak{m}$  is abelian or if  $[\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}] \in \text{Lie } H$ .

↳  $D\bar{\Omega} = d\bar{\Omega} + [\omega, \bar{\Omega}]$ , by Bianchi:  $D\bar{\Omega} = -[\theta, \bar{\Omega}]$

If  $\Theta = 0$  this is  $D\Omega = -[\theta, \Omega] \Rightarrow \begin{cases} D\Omega = 0 \in \text{Lie } H & \leadsto \text{diff Bianchi id on } \Omega \\ [\theta, \Omega] = 0 \in \mathfrak{m} & \leadsto \text{algebraic Bianchi id} \end{cases}$

Remark: In general  $\Omega$  is not necessarily the curvature of  $\omega$ !

↳  $\Omega \neq d\omega + \frac{1}{2}[\omega, \omega]$ . It is if  $\mathfrak{m}$  is abelian or if  $[\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}] \subset \mathfrak{m}$  (subalgebra!).

It may be that a term  $\frac{1}{2}[\theta, \theta]$  contribute to  $\Omega$ .  $\rightarrow$  GR  $\rightarrow$  de Sitter gravity.

$\rightarrow$  IF  $\mathfrak{m}$  is endowed with an  $(\text{Ad}_H\text{-inv})$  non-degenerate bilin form  $\eta: \mathfrak{m} \times \mathfrak{m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

then  $g \equiv \eta \circ e: T_x M \times T_x M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a metric on  $T_x M$ !  
 $(x, y) \mapsto g(x, y) \equiv \eta(e(x), e(y))$

in components this is:  $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{ab} e^a_\mu e^b_\nu$  ✓

Remark: At a point  $p \in P$  the diagram is

$\text{Lie } H$	$\hookrightarrow$	$\text{Lie } G$	$\xrightarrow{\Sigma}$	$\text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H = \mathfrak{m}$
$\omega = \omega_p _H$ is		$\text{Is } \omega_p = \omega + \theta$		$\text{Is } e \sim 0$
$V_p P$	$\hookrightarrow$	$T_p P$	$\longrightarrow$	$T_x M$

A reductive ckg means a sect<sup>o</sup>  $\Sigma$  for  $\tau$

so that  $\text{Lie } G / \text{Lie } H = \mathfrak{m}$ ,  $\Sigma: \mathfrak{m} \rightarrow \text{Lie } G$  and  $\tau \circ \Sigma = \text{id}_\mathfrak{m} \Rightarrow \text{Lie } G = \text{Lie } H + \mathfrak{m}$ .

↳ Splitting of the exact top row!

↳ Induce splitting of bottom row, that is a connect<sup>o</sup>  $\omega$  ✓

### 1.3] Parabolic geometry

- It is another wide and important class of Cartan geometry.

$$\mathfrak{Lie} G = \mathfrak{g} \text{ is a graded Lie alg: } \mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i=-k}^k \mathfrak{g}_i = \underbrace{\mathfrak{g}_{-k} + \dots + \mathfrak{g}_{-1}}_m + \underbrace{\mathfrak{g}_0 + \mathfrak{g}_1 + \dots + \mathfrak{g}_k}_{\mathfrak{Lie} H = \mathfrak{h}}.$$

$$\text{with } [\mathfrak{g}_i, \mathfrak{g}_j] \subseteq \mathfrak{g}_{i+j}.$$

Rank:  $[\mathfrak{g}_i, \mathfrak{g}_j] = 0$  if  $|i+j| > k$ , in particular  $\mathfrak{g}_{-k}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_k$  are abelian.

→  $\mathfrak{Lie} H = \mathfrak{h}$  and  $m$  are subalgebras.

But the geom is not reductive since  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-i}, \mathfrak{g}_i] \subset \mathfrak{h}$  if  $i > 0$ .

- Yet the Cartan conned<sup>s</sup> splits:  $\bar{\omega} = \Theta + \omega = \bigoplus_{i=-k}^{-1} \Theta_i + \bigoplus_{i=0}^k \omega_i = \Theta_{-k} + \dots + \Theta_{-1} + \omega_0 + \dots + \omega_k$ .  
and  $\omega$  is a principal conned<sup>s</sup> on  $P(M, H)$ .

$$\bar{\Omega} \text{ splits in the same way: } \bar{\Omega} = \Theta + \Omega = \bigoplus_{i=-k}^{-1} \Theta_i + \bigoplus_{i=0}^k \Omega_i.$$

↳ but in general cannot say that  $\Omega_i$  is the curvature of  $\omega_i$ !

Ex:  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$ , projective and conformal Cartan geometries are of this type.

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\omega} &= \Theta + \omega_0 + \omega_1 \\ \bar{\Omega} &= \Theta + \Omega_0 + \Omega_1 \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Theta = d\Theta + [\omega_0, \Theta] \leadsto \text{Torsion } \checkmark \\ \Omega_0 = d\omega_0 + \frac{1}{2}[\omega_0, \omega_0] + [\Theta, \omega_1] \leadsto \Omega_0 \text{ not curv of } \omega_0! \\ \Omega_1 = d\omega_1 + [\omega_0, \omega_1] \end{array} \right.$$

- Again if non-deg bilin form is given on  $m$  a metric on  $M$  ( $\pi^*M$ ) is induced  
viz  $\Theta$ :  $g(x, y) = \eta(e(x), e(y))$ .

↳ It is not necessary Riem, so that there may be gauge trst of  $g$ !

Notably this is the case in conformal geometry.

Rank: Any  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{k}} = \bigoplus_{i=k}^k \mathfrak{g}_i \subset \mathfrak{h}$  is a subalgebra, to which correspond  $K \subset H$  subgrps.

so that  $P(M, H)$  is "multiply fibred":  $P \xrightarrow{H} M$ , but also  $P \xrightarrow{K} P'$  with  $P'$  a bundle also if  $\mathfrak{Lie} K = \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{k}}$ .

## 1.4] Klein geometry

Consider a Lie group  $G$  with subgroup  $H$ ,  $G/H$  is an homogeneous space: Klein geometry.

$G$  is a  $H$ -bundle over  $G/H$ , and the Maurer-Cartan form is exactly a flat Cartan connection!

- $\omega_G(X^\vee) = X \in \mathfrak{Lie} H$  (a special case of  $\omega_G(X_g) = X_g \in \mathfrak{Lie} G$  for  $X_g$  left-inv!)
- $R_H^* \omega_G = \text{Ad}_H^* \omega_G$  (a special case of  $R_g^* \omega_G = \text{Ad}_g^* \omega_G$ )
- $\omega_G: T_g G \rightarrow T_e G = \mathfrak{Lie} G$  linear isomorphism  $\checkmark$ .

So a Klein geometry is the flat limit of a Cartan geometry of type  $(\mathfrak{Lie} G, H)$ !

Rank then that flatness in the sense of Cartan is not flatness in the sense of Riemann  $\checkmark$

## 1.5] (Pseudo) Riemannian Geometry

Considering  $\mathfrak{Lie} G = \mathfrak{so}(r,s) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{r,s}$  and  $H = \text{SO}(r,s)$ :  $\bar{\omega} = \omega + \Theta$  and

$\bar{\Omega} = \bar{\Theta} + R$  with  $\bar{\Theta} = d\Theta + \omega\Theta$  and  $R = d\omega + \frac{1}{2}[\omega, \omega]$  the torsion and Riemann tensor.

Given  $\eta$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{r,s}$ ,  $\text{SO}(r,s)$ -inv metric: a Riemannian metric on  $M$  is  $g(x,y) = \eta(e(x), e(y))$

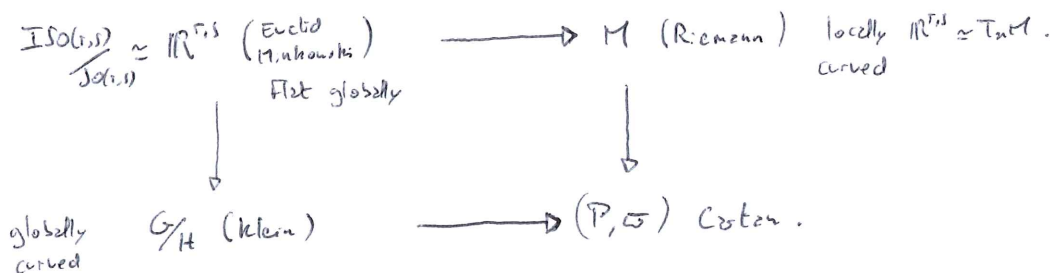
If  $\bar{\Theta} = 0$  then  $\omega$  is solved for  $\Theta = \omega = \omega(\Theta)$  is the Levi-Civita connection.

$\Rightarrow$  This is the "told" / Cartan formula of pseudo-Riemannian geometry.

- $(r,s) = (1, n-1)$ : Lorentz geom
- $(r,s) = (0, n)$ : Riemann geom.

In the case  $\bar{\Omega} = 0$ ,  $M = \mathbb{R}^{r,s}$ !

NB: This means that Cartan geom generalize both Klein and Riemann geom!





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