
RHEONOMIC SUPERGRAVITY

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1 Lecture 1

Mostly covered in [1]

1.1 Klein Geometry

Definition 1.1.1. Homogenous spaces, group action on LEFT (M, G) manifold, G Lie group action that is transitive. That is $\forall x, y \in M \exists g \in G | gx = y$. For element $o \in G$, the stab $G_o = \{g \in G | go = o\}$, it turns out that

$$G/G_o \cong M \quad (1.1)$$

a G -invariant diffeomorphism.

If G is a group and H a closed subgroup, then G/H is a homogeneous space.

Definition 1.1.2. (Klein Geometry)

A Klein geometry is a pair (G, H) where H closed subgroup of G and G/H is connected. The last condition is not necessary and not always there but is convenient.

Remark 1.1.1. Given a Klein geometry (G, H) , we can get a pair of Lie algebra $(G, H) \xrightarrow{Lie} (\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$. (See Lie functor??) gives a short exact sequence of H -modules

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \frac{\mathfrak{g}}{\mathfrak{h}} \rightarrow 0 \quad (1.2)$$

If the sequence splits then get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{g} &= \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{m} \\ \mathfrak{m} &\cong \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} \end{aligned}$$

as H -modules. \mathfrak{m} is a submodule, we call it reductive? Put in the table here and explain.

Given $G \curvearrowright M$ such that (M, G) homogeneous then the

$$(r_g)_* : T_x M \rightarrow T_{gx} M \quad (1.3)$$

Taking an origin $o \in M$ and let $H = G_o$ then for $h \in H$ $(l_h)_* \in \text{GL}(T_o M)$ that sends $h \rightarrow (l_h)_*$ is a rep of H on $T_o M$ called the linear isotropy rep of (M, G, o) .

If $M \cong G/H$,

$$T_o M \xrightarrow{\sim} T_H(G/H) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} \cong \mathfrak{m} \quad (1.4)$$

$$0 \rightarrow T_e H \rightarrow T_e G \rightarrow T_H(G/H) \rightarrow 0 \quad (1.5)$$

the upshot is we get

$$T_o M \cong \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} \cong \mathfrak{m} \quad (1.6)$$

and linear structures on $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$ induce a *geometric* structures on M .

The correspondances between H -invariant tensors of $T_o M$ and G -equivariant tensor fields on M .

Example 1.1.1.

$$\tau \in T_o M \rightarrow t_o = \tau \quad (1.7)$$

such that $t_{g \cdot o} = (l_g)_* \tau$ this is well defined because for $g'o = go$ we have $g'g^{-1} \in H$ by H -invariance of τ , meaning t is well defined. The other way is by evaluating at $o \in M$.

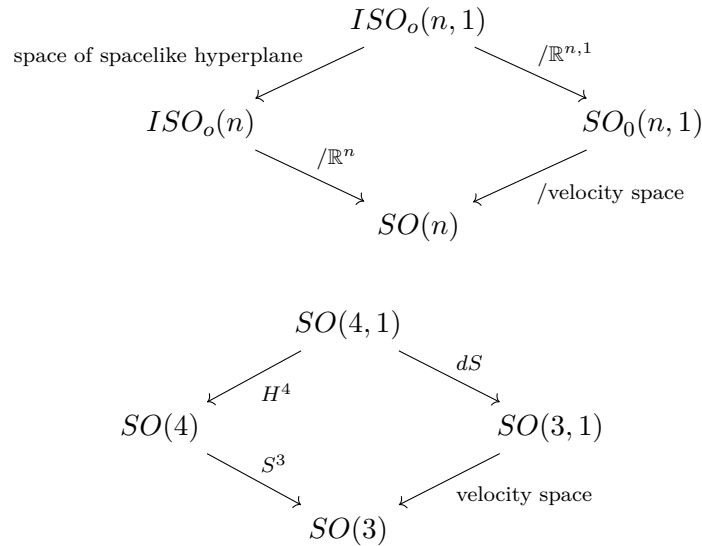
In particular, a pseudo inner product on $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$ gives rise to a pseudo-riemmanian metric on M .

Definition 1.1.3. (Metric Klein geometry)
 (G, H, η)

- (G, H) klein geo
- η is a pseudo inner product on $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$ which is H -invariant

Example 1.1.2. • $G = ISO_o(\mathbb{R}^{d-1,1}) \cong SO_o(d-1,1) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{d-1,1}$, with H the SO part, then $G/H \cong \mathbb{R}^{d-1,1}$ has the structure stemming from the lie algebra structure of $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} \cong \mathbb{R}^{d-1,1}$

- $G = ISO_o(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $H = SO(d)$ then $G/H \cong \mathbb{R}^d$



ISO means inhomogeneous something

1.2 Cartan geometry

Definition 1.2.1. (Cartan geom)

$(\pi : P \rightarrow M, A)$ modelled on a Klein geometry (G, H) is a principle right H -bundle $P \rightarrow M$ with a Cartan connection $A \in \Omega^1(P, \mathfrak{g})$. Noting that the cartan connection takes values in the larger Lie algebra. this satisfies the conditions

- $A_p : T_p P \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ is a linear isomorphism
- $(R_h)^* A = \text{Ad}_{h^{-1}} \circ A$ for all $h \in H$
- $A(\xi_X) = X$ for $X \in \mathfrak{h}$ for fundamental vector field ξ of $H \curvearrowright P$, an Ehresmannn-like connection

Remark 1.2.1. Because of the first condition,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim P &= \dim G \\ \dim M &= \dim(G/H) \\ (A_p)^{-1} : \mathfrak{g} &\rightarrow T_p P \\ (A_0)^{-1} : \mathfrak{g} &\rightarrow \mathfrak{X}(P) \\ (A_0)^{-1} : \mathfrak{h} &\rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_{\text{vert}}(P) \\ X &\mapsto \xi_X \end{aligned}$$

If G/H is metrci klein, M inherits a ùetric of saùe sign with

$$T_x M \cong T_p P / \ker(\pi_*) \cong \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} \cong \mathfrak{m} \quad (1.8)$$

$$TM \cong P \times_H \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} \quad (1.9)$$

Definition 1.2.2. The curvature of a cartan geometry

$$F(A) = dA + \frac{1}{2}[A, A] \in \Omega^2(P, \mathfrak{g}) \quad (1.10)$$

Diagrams diagrams

Take curvature of cartan connection

$$\begin{aligned} F[A] &= dA + \frac{1}{2}[A, A] \\ &= d\omega + de + \frac{1}{2}[\omega + e, \omega + e] \\ &= \left(d\omega + \frac{1}{2}[\omega, \omega]_h + [\omega, e]_h + [e, e]_h + de + \frac{1}{2}[\omega, \omega]_m + [\omega, e]_m + \frac{1}{2}[e, e]_h \right) \end{aligned}$$

colors:

$$\hat{F} = \Omega(\omega) + \frac{1}{2}[e, e]_h, T = d_\omega e + \frac{1}{2}[e, e]_m \text{ If } \hat{F} \text{ is flat, then } \Omega(\omega) = -\frac{1}{2}[e, e]_h \text{ and } T = 0 \text{ then } d_\omega e = \frac{1}{2}[e, e]_m$$

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