



Vector field  $X$

$$(U, \phi), x^r, r=1 \dots n \quad (\tilde{U}, \tilde{\phi}), \tilde{x}^r, r=1 \dots n$$

On  $U \cap \tilde{U}$   $\tilde{x}^\mu = \tilde{x}^r(x^r)$

On  $U$ ,  $X = X^r(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^r}$ , on  $\tilde{U}$   $X = \tilde{X}^r(\tilde{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^r}$

On  $U \cap \tilde{U}$  (chain rule)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^r} = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^\mu}{\partial x^r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^\mu}$

$$X = X^r \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^\mu}{\partial x^r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^\mu} = \tilde{X}^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^\mu} \rightarrow \tilde{X}^\mu = A^\mu_r X^r, A^\mu_r = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^\mu}{\partial x^r}$$

May use a general (non-coordinate) basis  $\{e_r\}$   $r=1 \dots n$   $X = X^r e_r$

Def A Lie bracket of two vector fields  $X, Y$  is a vector field  $[X, Y]$  defined by its action on functions

$$[X, Y]f = X(Y(f)) - Y(X(f)) \quad \forall f \text{ on } M$$

properties: (i) antisymmetry  $[X, Y] = -[Y, X]$

(ii) Jacobi  $[X, [Y, Z]] + [Y, [Z, X]] + [Z, [X, Y]] = 0 \quad \forall X, Y, Z$  (j)

Example  $M = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $X = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ ,  $Y = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

$$[X, Y]f = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -Y(f)$$

$$\Rightarrow [X, Y] = -Y$$

Components (in coordinate basis)

$$[X, Y] = [X, Y]^r \frac{\partial}{\partial x^r}, [X, Y]^r = X^\mu \frac{\partial Y^r}{\partial x^\mu} - Y^\mu \frac{\partial X^r}{\partial x^\mu}$$

Note that  $[\frac{\partial}{\partial x^r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}] = 0$  but  $[e_r, e_\mu] \neq 0$  in general.

Corollary

If  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  where  $m \leq n$  are linearly independent v. fields on  $M$  and st.

$$[X_i, X_j] = 0 \quad \forall i, j \text{ then, near } p \in M, \exists \text{ coordinate chart}$$

$$(U, \phi) \text{ s.t. } p \in U \text{ and } X_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \quad (x^1, \dots, x^n)$$

Def A Lie algebra is a vector space  $\mathfrak{g}$  with an antisymmetric, bilinear operator  $[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  which satisfies the Jacobi identity.

If  $\mathfrak{g}$  is finite dimensional and  $X_\alpha \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, \dim(\mathfrak{g})$  is a basis

$$\exists f_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \text{ s.t. } [X_\alpha, X_\beta] = f_{\alpha\beta\gamma} X_\gamma \quad (\text{structure constants})$$

Example 1  $\exists$  two 2D Lie algebras up to isomorphism.

$$a) [X, Y] = -Y \quad b) [X, Y] = 0$$

Example 2 (infinite dimensional)  $\text{diff}(S^1)$  (or  $\text{diff}(\mathbb{R})$ )

$$x \in \mathbb{R} \quad X_\alpha = -x^{\alpha+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{Z} \quad [X_\alpha, X_\beta] = (\alpha - \beta) X_{\alpha+\beta}$$

[Later: Killing vector fields span a Lie algebra].

Group action on a manifold  $G = \text{group}, M = \text{manifold}$

$$\rho: G \times M \rightarrow M \text{ s.t. } \rho(g, \rho) \equiv g(\rho) \quad g \in G, \rho \in M$$

$$(i) e(\rho) = \rho \quad \forall \rho$$

$$(ii) g_1(g_2(\rho)) = (g_1 \circ g_2)(\rho) \quad \forall g_1, g_2 \in G, \rho \in M$$

Example (Euclidean Lie algebra  $E(2)$ ).  $M = \mathbb{R}^2$

$$g \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x} \\ \tilde{y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$G_\theta \subset G$  1-parameter subgroup

$$G_\theta \Rightarrow \tilde{x} = \cos \theta x - \sin \theta y, \quad \tilde{y} = \sin \theta x + \cos \theta y$$

$$G_a \Rightarrow \tilde{x} = x + a, \quad \tilde{y} = y$$

$$G_b \Rightarrow \tilde{x} = x, \quad \tilde{y} = y + b.$$

each is generated by a vector field

$$X|_p = \left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} G_\varepsilon(p)$$

$$X_\theta = x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad X_a = \left( \frac{d\tilde{x}}{da} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \frac{d\tilde{y}}{da} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{y}} \right) \Big|_{a=0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad X_b = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$$

$$[X_a, X_\theta] = X_b, \quad [X_a, X_b] = 0, \quad [X_b, X_\theta] = -X_a$$

### Covectors (forms)

Def  $E$  = real vector space,  $E^*$  = dual vector space i.e. space of all linear maps on  $E$  (i.e.  $E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ )

If  $E$  finite-dimensional then  $\dim(E) = \dim(E^*)$ .

Say  $\{e_\mu\}$   $\mu=1 \dots n$  span  $E$ . Dual basis  $\{f^\mu\}$  of  $E^*$  is defined by

$$f^\mu(e_\nu) = \delta^\mu_\nu$$

$$\text{by linearity } f^\mu(X) = f^\mu(X^\nu e_\nu) = X^\nu \underbrace{f^\mu(e_\nu)}_{\delta^\mu_\nu} = X^\mu$$

$\exists$  isomorphism  $\Phi: E \simeq (E^*)^*$

$$X \in E \quad \Phi(X)(w) = w(X) \quad \forall w \in E^*$$

Def A covector (1-form) at  $p$  is an element of  $T_p^*(M) =$  cotangent space

If  $w \in T_p^*(M)$ ,  $w = w_\mu f^\mu$  (in terms of  $f^\mu$ )

$$w(X) = w_\mu f^\mu(X^\nu e_\nu) = w_\mu X^\nu f^\mu(e_\nu) = w_\mu X^\mu$$

(no raising/lowering of indices)