

1. Local properties of J-hol curve

Slogan: J-hol curve $\overset{\text{locally}}{\cong}$ holomorphic curve

Recall for a J-hol curve u , locally $u: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ satisfies
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 open subset containing 0 in \mathbb{C}

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} + J(u(s)) \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$$

Let's consider a more general equ (for $u: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$)

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} + J(z) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + C(z) u(z) = 0 \quad (*)$$

where $J(z): D \rightarrow \text{End}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$ (s.t. $J^2(z) = -\mathbb{1}$) and $C(z): D \rightarrow \text{End}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$,
 both varying smoothly for $z \in D$.

Prop A J-hol curve is a special case of (*) by choosing $C \equiv 0$ and

$J(z) = (J \circ \gamma)(z)$. Here we pre-assuming u satisfies certain regularity so that u is in fact smooth (see the end of SFT-2).

Prop A holomorphic curve is usually specifying $J(z) = J_0$ constant and the standard one.

To relate $J(z)$ with J_0 , let's start from the following lemma.

Lemma. Given $J(z): D \rightarrow \text{End}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$, a family of a.c.s on \mathbb{R}^{2n} ,
 there exists $\Phi: D' \subset D \rightarrow GL(2n, \mathbb{R})$ s.t. $\Phi(z)^T \cdot J(z) \cdot \Phi(z) = J_0$.

Pf. Consider map $GL(2n, \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{f} \{J \in GL(2n, \mathbb{R}) \mid J^2 = -\mathbb{1}\}$

by $\Phi \mapsto \Phi \cdot J_0 \cdot \Phi^{-1}$. (then $(\Phi \cdot J_0 \cdot \Phi^{-1})^2 = -\mathbb{1}$)

Then one can check that $J(0)$ is a regular point of f , so the implicit function theorem solve $f(\Phi(z)) = J(z)$ when z is sufficiently close to 0 (so $J(z)$ is sufficiently close to $J(0)$).

In particular, we know $\exists D' \subset D$ and $\Phi: D' \rightarrow GL(2n, \mathbb{R})$ s.t.

$$\Phi(z) \cdot J_0 \cdot \Phi(z)^{-1} = J(z) \iff \Phi(z)^{-1} \cdot J(z) \cdot \Phi(z) = J_0.$$

To check ② above, for $A \in M_{n \times 2n}(\mathbb{R})$ ($\cong T_{\Phi} GL(2n, \mathbb{R})$ where $\Phi J_0 \Phi^{-1} = J(0)$)

$$\begin{aligned} df|_{\Phi}(A) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\Phi + tA) - f(\Phi)}{t} \quad \text{when } t \text{ is small, it is invertible.} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\Phi + tA) \cdot J_0 \cdot (\Phi + tA)^{-1} - \Phi \cdot J_0 \cdot \Phi^{-1}}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\Phi + tA) \cdot J_0 \cdot ((1 + t\Phi^{-1}A)^{-1} \Phi^{-1}) - \Phi J_0 \Phi^{-1}}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\Phi + tA) J_0 (\Phi^{-1} - t\Phi^{-1}A\Phi^{-1} + o(t)) - \Phi J_0 \Phi^{-1}}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t(AJ_0\Phi^{-1} - \Phi J_0 \Phi^{-1}A\Phi^{-1}) + o(t)}{t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b/c } \Phi J_0 \Phi^{-1} = J(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow AJ_0\Phi^{-1} - J(0)A\Phi^{-1}$$

$$\text{b/c } J_0\Phi^{-1} = \Phi^{-1}J(0) = A\Phi^{-1}J(0) - J(0)A\Phi^{-1}$$

$$(J(0) + tB)^2 = -\mathbb{1} + t(J(0)B + BJ(0)) + \dots$$

On the other hand, at $J(0)$, the tangent space $T_{J(0)} \{J^2 = -\mathbb{1}\}$ consists of all matrices $B \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ s.t. $BJ(0) + J(0)B = 0$.

Note that
$$\begin{aligned} & (A\Phi^T J(0) - J(0)A\Phi^{-1})J(0) + J(0)(A\Phi^T J(0) - J(0)A\Phi^{-1}) \\ &= -A\Phi^{-1} - J(0)A\Phi^T J(0) + J(0)A\Phi^T J(0) + A\Phi^{-1} = 0 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

and for any such B (satisfying $BJ(0) + J(0)B = 0$), set

$$A := \frac{J(0)}{2} B \Phi$$

$$\left(\Rightarrow A\Phi^T J(0) - J(0)A\Phi^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(J(0)BJ(0) + B \right) = \frac{1}{2} (2B) = B \checkmark \right). \square$$

Therefore, if u satisfies (*) above, then set $V(z) := \Phi^{-1}(z) \cdot u(z)$
for $\Phi(z) : D' \rightarrow GL(2n, \mathbb{R})$ from Lemma above,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} + J(z) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + C(z)u(z) \\ &= \frac{\partial (\Phi \cdot V)}{\partial s} + J(z) \frac{\partial (\Phi \cdot V)}{\partial t} + C(z)(\Phi \cdot V)(z) \\ &= \Phi \cdot \frac{\partial V}{\partial s} + J(z) \Phi \cdot \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s} \cdot V + J(z) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \cdot V + C(z) \cdot \Phi(z) \cdot V(z) \\ &= \Phi \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial s} + \underbrace{\Phi^{-1} J \Phi}_{\text{by lemma} = J_0} \cdot \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \right) + \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s} + J(z) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + C(z) \cdot \Phi(z) \right) V(z) \\ &= \Phi \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial s} + J_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \right) + (\dots) V(z) \end{aligned}$$

Set $B(z) := \Phi^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \dots \\ \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s} + J(z) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + C(z) \Phi(z) \end{pmatrix} V(z)$, then we get the following pre-Cartan Similarity principle:

Prop If $u : D \xrightarrow{C^1} \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ satisfies (*) (or u is J -hol), then $\exists D' \subset D$ and $\Phi : D' \rightarrow GL(2n, \mathbb{R})$ s.t. for $V = \Phi^{-1} \cdot u$, we have

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial s} + \overset{\text{constant}}{J_0} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + B(z) \cdot V = 0 \quad (*)$$

related with derivatives of Φ .

We actually want more: could U be even holomorphic?

we have ~~fresh~~ start
from ~~(**)~~, D' relabelled by D
 V relabelled by u

(i.e. no extra term about B).

Goal: $\exists \alpha D' \subset D$ and $\Phi: D' \rightarrow \underbrace{GL(2n, \mathbb{R})}_{\text{hol part}} \text{ s.t.}$

$V := \Phi \cdot u$ and V is holomorphic.

An easy observation: for u satisfying $(**)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial V}{\partial s} + J_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial (\Phi \cdot u)}{\partial s} + J_0 \frac{\partial (\Phi \cdot u)}{\partial t} \\ \Phi J_0 = J_0 \Phi &\rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s} + J_0 \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right) u + \Phi \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} + J_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) \\ &= \left(\partial_{\bar{z}} \Phi \right) u - \Phi(z) \cdot B(z) \cdot u \\ &\quad \text{recall } \partial_{\bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + J_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if one can solve $\partial_{\bar{z}} \Phi = \Phi(z) \cdot B(z)$ (for Φ , given B), then V is holomorphic. In fact, we have the following result.

Then $B \in L^\alpha(D; \mathbb{C}^{n \times n})$, then $\exists \alpha D' \subset D$ and $\Phi: D' \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ s.t.

$$\partial_{\bar{z}} \Phi = \Phi \cdot B \quad \leftarrow \text{in a similar way solved via the operator } T \text{ introduced in SFT-3.}$$

Moreover, $\forall p < \infty$, $\Phi \in W^{1,p}(D; \mathbb{C}^{n \times n})$ and $\Phi(z)$ is invertible for every $z \in D'$.

Remark (Exe) Here is an implicit step, when reaching ~~(*)~~ in Prop above, one can furthermore upgrade it to replace $B: D' \rightarrow GL(2n, \mathbb{R})$ to $B \in L^\alpha(D; \mathbb{C}^{n \times n})$.

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 \Rightarrow If u satisfies $(*)$, then $\exists \Phi: D' \subset D \rightarrow GL(2n, \mathbb{R})$ (of class $W^{1,p}$) s.t. $\Phi \cdot u$ is holomorphic.
Simultaneous principle

Here is a useful corollary of Carleman's identity principle.

Recall any holomorphic map $u: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ admit local Taylor expansion near $p \neq 0 \in D$.

$$u(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \frac{a_2}{2!} z^2 + \dots \quad (\text{only involving power of } z)$$

Then if $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 0} \frac{|u(z)|}{|z|^k} = 0$ for every $k \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}$ then $u \equiv 0$ near 0.

\Rightarrow for two holomorphic fncs $u_0, u_1: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$,

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 0} \frac{|u_0(z) - u_1(z)|}{|z|^k} = 0 \text{ for every } k \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0} \Rightarrow u_0 = u_1 \text{ near } z_0.$$

\nearrow at z_0 , u_0 and u_1 agree "to infinite order".

Prop (unique continuation) $u_0, u_1: (\Sigma, j) \rightarrow (M, J)$ J -hol curve that agree to infinite order at some pt $z_0 \in \Sigma$, then $u_0 \equiv u_1$.
 \nwarrow connected

\leftarrow Another way to express this, either u has isolated zero or vanishes identically.

Pf $S = \{z \in \Sigma \mid u_0 \equiv u_1 \text{ to infinite order}\}$ is closed obviously and non-empty.
 ($z_0 \in S$)

Near z_0 , in local chart $\overset{D}{\chi}$ we have for $i=0,1$,

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial s} + J(u_i(z)) \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \underline{0} = 0$$

Then consider $w = u_1 - u_0$, then

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} + J(u_1(z)) \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} - J(u_0(z)) \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} + J(u_1(z)) \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \right) + \underbrace{\left(J(u_1(z)) - J(u_0(z)) \right)}_{(*)} \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial t} = 0$$