

# 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

$J(z) = (J \circ u)(z)$ . 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 then 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  $\Phi$ .

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  $\Phi$ , 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  $B \in L^\alpha(D; \mathbb{C}^{n \times n})$ .

Cartan  
 $\Rightarrow$  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 similarity 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

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

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