

Math 214 Notes

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Recap

- Last time, we defined Lie Groups (ossessing both group and smooth manifold structure) and Lie Group Homomorphisms.
- This time we'll define Lie Subgroups.

1.1 Lie Subgroups

Given a Lie group G , $H \subseteq G$ is a **Lie subgroup** if it is the image of an injective Lie Group Homomorphism.

Remark: If $H \subseteq G$ is an embedded(immersed? check later) submanifold and subgroup, then H is a Lie subgroup.

Examples:

- $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ has lie subgroups $SK(n, \mathbb{R})$ and $O(n)$.
- Taking $G = T^2 = \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ consider the map $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow T^2$ defined by

$$t \mapsto (e^{2\pi i t}, e^{2\pi i \alpha t})$$

- If $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$, then F is periodic and thus not injective, so $\ker F$ is nontrivial.

If we find the period k , we can define $\tilde{F} : \mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow T^2$ by

$$e^{2\pi i t} \mapsto (e^{2\pi i t \cdot k}, e^{2\pi i t k \alpha})$$

With this map, we see that $\mathbb{S}^1 \subseteq T^2$ is a Lie Subgroup.

- If $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$, then $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow T^2$ is injective, so $F(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq T^2$ is a Lie Subgroup. This is an example of a lie subgroup which is not embedded, but it immersed.

Lemma: If $H \subseteq G$ is an open subgroup, then H is the union of connected components of G .

Proof:

$$G = \bigcup_{g \in G} gH = \bigcup_{g \in G} \underbrace{L_g(H)}_{\text{open}}$$

Theorem: If G is connected, then any neighborhood of $e \in G$ generates G .

Proof: Let $H \subseteq G$ be the subgroup generated by a neighborhood U of the identity i.e. $e \in U$. Thus, $U \subseteq H$.

Now, notice that for any $g \in H$, $L_g(U) \subseteq H$ and $L_g(U)$ is open so H is open.

Then, by the previous lemma, H is the union of connected subgroups of G . This implies $H = G$.
[Add more detail later]

There are many examples of Lie Groups which are *not* connected eg. $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ (Look at the determinant map).

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he **Identity component** $G_0 \subseteq G$ is the connected component of G containing $e \in G$.

Theorem: G_0 is a Lie group.

Proof:

$$e \in$$

[Finish later]

Theorem: If $H \subseteq G$ is a Lie subgroup which is also an embedded submanifold, then H is closed in G i.e. it is a proper submanifold.

(Read in textbook; also in Chapter 20 we'll show that $H \subseteq G$ closed $\implies H$ is a Lie Subgroup submanifold)

1.2 Group actions

If G is a group and M is a set, then **Left Group Action** (denoted as [fill later]) is the map

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O} : G \times M &\rightarrow M \\ (g, p) &\mapsto g \cdot p\end{aligned}$$

such that

$$e \cdot p = p$$

and

$$(g_1 \star g_2) \cdot p = g_1 \cdot (g_2 \cdot p)$$

Similarly, a **Right group action** (denoted as [fill later]) is the map

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O} : G \times M &\rightarrow M \\ (p, g) &\mapsto p \cdot g\end{aligned}$$

such that

$$p \cdot e = p$$

and

$$p \cdot (g_1 \star g_2) = (p \cdot g_1) \cdot g_2$$

If G is a Lie Group and M is a smooth manifold, then these actions are smooth if \mathcal{O} is a smooth map.

Remark: [Fill from image]

Examples: [fill from image]

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Let's discuss some more notions related to group actions.

- Suppose Lie Group G acts on M . The **Orbit** of $p \in M$ is

$$G_p = \{gp : g \in G\}$$

- Note that two orbits are either equal or disjoint.
- We denote the set of orbits as G/M .
- the **Isotropy group** is
- The action is **transitive** if $G \cdot p = M$
- The action is **free** if $G_p = \{e\}$ for all $p \in M$.

Examples:

- Fill later from image.

1.3 Equivariant Maps

Suppose Lie Group G acts on manifolds M, N and we have a map $F : M \rightarrow N$. We say that F is **G -equivariant** if

$$\begin{aligned} F(g \cdot p) &= g \cdot F(p) \text{ (For left actions)} \\ F(p \cdot g) &= F(p) \cdot g \text{ (For right actions)} \end{aligned}$$

Examples:

- Let V be a vector space and let $GL(V)$ act on it from the left. Define the left action of $GL(V)$ on the tensor product space $V \otimes V$ as

$$g \cdot (v_1 \otimes v_2) = (g \cdot v_1) \otimes (g \cdot v_2)$$

Then, $F : V \rightarrow V \otimes V$ defined by $v \mapsto v \otimes v$ is G -equivariant.

Begin addition properties, equiv. rank theorem, and orbits.

1.4 Representations

A representation of a Lie group G is a Lie Group homomorphism $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$ where V is a vector space over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} .

The representations of F correspond to smooth actions of $[G \text{ acting on } V]$ such that $v \mapsto g \cdot v$, which are linear for all $g \in G$.

Examples:

- Fill later.

Theorem: Every compact Lie Group has a faithful (injective) representation

$$\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$$

for some V .

As a result, every compact Lie Group is isomorphic to the Lie subgroup of some $GL(V)$.

Lie Groups are especially useful in physics. Let's take a look at some low dimensional examples which are useful in physics.

1.5 The groups $SO(3)$, $SU(2)$