

# Geometry of Differential operators

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*Following the book of Nikulin-Schafarevitch "Geometries and groups" we will present here the classification of locally Euclidean 2-dimensional Riemannian manifold. The answer is:*

- 0) 1) *Cylindre,*
- 2) *Twisted cylindre,*
- 2) *Lobachevsky plane of tori*
- 3) *Klein bottle*

## 1 Locally Euclidean Geometry

Let  $(M, G)$  be a Riemannian manifold.

We say that it is locally Euclidean if in a vicinity of every point there are local coordinates  $u_i$  such that

$$G(u, v) = du_1^2 + \cdots + du_n^2,$$

where  $n$  is dimension of manifold. We mostly consider here the case  $n = 2$ .

The condition above means that for every point  $\mathcal{D} \in M$  there exists small neighborhood  $O_\varepsilon(\mathcal{D})$  such that  $O_\varepsilon(\mathcal{D})$  is isometric to the interior of the disc  $O_\varepsilon(D)$ , where  $D$  is an arbitrary point of Euclidean plane  $\mathbf{E}^2$ .

The radius  $\varepsilon$  of the neighborhood depends on a point. Suppose that the following additional condition is fixed: there exists positive constant  $r \geq 0$  such that radius of all neighborhoods is bigger or equal to  $r$ . (This condition automatically holds for compact manifolds.) We see that for every point  $\mathcal{D}$  there exist local coordinates  $(u_{\mathcal{D}}, v_{\mathcal{D}})$ <sup>1</sup> such that

$$G(u, v) = du_{\mathcal{D}}^2 + dv_{\mathcal{D}}^2, \quad u_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{D}) = v_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{D}) = 0, \quad (1.1)$$

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<sup>1</sup>now and later we will consider only 2-dimensional case. Sure these and many considerations can be easily generalised for an arbitrary  $n$ .

and the following additional condition is obeyed:

$$\text{local coordinates } u_{\mathcal{D}}, v_{\mathcal{D}} \text{ run in the disc } 0 \leq u_{\mathcal{D}}^2 + v_{\mathcal{D}}^2 < r, \quad (1.2)$$

where radius  $r$  does not depend on a choice of a point  $D$ .

In our consideration we will call the Riemannian manifold locally Euclidean if not only condition (??) but condition (??) is also obeyed.

Sometimes if we want to differ between these cases we will call Riemannian manifold strongly locally Euclidean if both conditions are obeyed.

In the case if  $M$  is compact manifold, then condition (??) implies condition (??) (under the suitable choice of  $r$ ). In general this is not true. E.g. the sheet  $-1 < x < 1$  of  $\mathbf{E}^2$  is evidently locally Euclidean in the sense of definition (??) but it is not locally Euclidean in the sense of (??) (the radius  $r$  becomes smaller and smaller when  $x \rightarrow 1$ ).

We will call coordinates  $(u_{\mathcal{D}}, v_{\mathcal{D}})$  Euclidean coordinates on  $M$  adjusted to the point  $\mathcal{D}$ .

## 2 Equivalence on $E^2$ and discontinuous action of group

Let  $r$  be an equivalence relation of points on  $\mathbf{E}^2$ , and there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for every two  $r$ -equivalent distinct points  $A, B$  the distance between these points is greater than  $\delta$ :  $d(A, B) > \delta$  if  $ArB$  but  $A \neq B$ .

We say that an isometry  $g$  is an  $r$ -isometry, if it preserves  $r$ -equivalence:

$$ARB \Leftrightarrow A^gRB^g.$$

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\Gamma = \Gamma_r$  be a set of isometries of  $\mathbf{E}^2$  such that*

$$ArB \Leftrightarrow \text{there exist } g \in \Gamma \text{ such that } B = A^g,$$

WLOG choose an arbitrary point  $A \in \mathbf{E}^2$ , since  $ArA$  then there exists  $F \in \Gamma$  such that  $F(A) = A$ . Hence  $F$  is identity. This follows from the lemma:

**Lemma 2.** *If  $F$  is an isometry with a fixed point such that sends any point to the equivalent point, then  $F = \text{identity}$ .*

Let  $F$  be an arbitrary isometry such that

$$\text{for an arbitrary point } D \text{ } DrF(D).$$

One can prove that  $F \in \Gamma_r$ . Indeed choose an arbitrary point  $D$ . Since  $DrF(D)$ , thus there exists an isometry  $g \in \Gamma$  such that  $F(D) = g(D)$ . Due to the lemma  $g^{-1} \circ Fi = \text{identity}$ , i.e.  $F = g$ .

Thus we see that the set  $\Gamma$  is a group.

It remains to prove the lemma. Let  $A$  be a fixed point of the isometry  $F$ , and  $BrF(B)$  for every point  $B$ . Consider the domain  $O_{\frac{\delta}{2}}(A)$ . For an arbitrary point  $X$  in this domain  $F(X)$  belongs to the domain too, since  $F$  is isometry, and  $F(A) = A$ . Let  $Y = F(X)$ . Then  $YrX$ , but the distance between these points is less than  $\delta$ . Hence  $F(X) = X$ . We proved that  $F$  is identity in the interior of the disc. Show that this is true for an arbitrary point  $X$ . Consider on the ray  $AX$  an arbitrary point  $B$  which is inside the disc  $O_{\frac{\delta}{2}}(A)$ . Isometry sends line to the line, and rays to the rays, and points  $A$  and  $B$  remain intact under the action of isometry  $F$ . Hence  $F(X) = X$ .

## 2.1 Properly discontinuous and uniformly discontinuous action

We say that group  $\Gamma$  acts on manifold  $M$  *properly discontinuous* if for arbitrary compact  $K \subset M$ , if the equation

$$g: K \cap g(K) \neq$$

has only finite number of solutions.

In the case if  $M$  is provided with metric, we say that group  $\Gamma$  acts on manifold  $M$  *uniformly discontinuous* if there exists  $\delta$  such that  $\delta > 0$  and for every point  $A \in M$ ,

$$d(A, g(A)) \leq \delta \Rightarrow g = \text{identity}$$

**Theorem 1.** *For manifold with metric these two definitions are equivalent. Metric is uniformly discontinuous if and only if it is properly discontinuous*

*Proof.* Let group  $\Gamma$  acts on manifold  $M$  with metric properly discontinuous. Show that its action is uniformly discontinuous. Pick an arbitrary point  $A \in M$  □

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be uniformly discontinuous subgroup of isometries, then an isometry  $F \in \Gamma$  is identity if it has at least one fixed point*

**Lemma 4.** (Chasles' lemma) *Let  $F$  be an isometry of  $\mathbf{E}^2$ . Then the following dichotomy is obeyed:*

*$F$  preserves orientation, and  $F$  is rotation, i.e. there exists a point  $O$  such that for an arbitrary point  $B$*

$$F(B) = A + \text{Rot}_\varphi(AB)$$

*or*

*$F$  changes the orientation, and there exist a line  $\mathbf{l}$ , and a vector  $\mathbf{N}$  directed along this line such that for arbitrary point  $B$*

$$F(B) = \text{Reflect}_{\mathbf{l}}(B) + \mathbf{N}$$

These two lemmas imply the Theorem:

**Theorem 2.**

We say that the subgroup  $\Gamma$  of isometries is *properly discontinuous* if for an arbitrary compact set  $K$  the equation

$$F: F \in \Gamma, K \cup F(K) \neq$$

there exist only finite number of isometries in  $\Gamma$  such that

**Lemma 5.** *If  $F$  belongs to*

These definitions are equivalent. Indeed let  $\Gamma$  be properly discontinuous. let  $g \in \Gamma$  such that  $g(F(D)) = D$ , i.e.  $F = g^{-1}$ . Due to the lemma  $g \circ F = \text{identity}$ , i.e.

it follows from this lemma that the set  $\Gamma$  contains all isometries which send isometries which preserve relation  $r$  Indeed let  $H$  be an arbitrary  $r$ -isometry,

One can see that  $\Gamma_r$  is subgroup of isometries.

We define the action of group  $\Gamma = \Gamma_R$  on  $\mathbf{E}^2$  in the following way.

Let  $\Gamma$  be a set of isometries of  $\mathbf{E}^2$  such that for arbitrary two points  $A, B \in \mathbf{E}^2$

$$ARB \Leftrightarrow \text{there exist } g \in \Gamma \text{ such that } B = A^g,$$

i.e.

## 2.2 Uniformly discontinuous groups on plane

Let  $\Gamma$  be properly discontinuous group acting on  $\mathbf{E}^2$ .

First suppose that  $\Gamma$  does not possess transformations changing orientation.

If  $\Gamma$  possesses at least one non-identity element, hence this element is a translation  $T = T_{\mathbf{a}}$  since rotations (presence of fixed points) and Chasles' transformation (it changes orientation) are forbidden. Choose a translation such that vector  $\mathbf{a}$  has minimal length. It can be maximum two elements of minimal length<sup>2</sup>. Thus we come to groups

- $\mathbf{Z}$  group of translation  $\{T_{m\mathbf{a}}\}$ :

$$\Gamma \ni A: A(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} + m\mathbf{a}, m = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

- $\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Z}$  group of translation  $\{T_{m\mathbf{a}+n\mathbf{b}}\}$ :

$$\Gamma \ni A: A(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} + m\mathbf{a} + n\mathbf{b}, m, n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Now suppose that the group  $\Gamma$  possesses at least one element which does not preserve orientation, i.e. Chasles' element

$$\Gamma \ni S: S(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{x}_{\perp} + \mathbf{c} \quad (2.1)$$

where vector  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c}_{\parallel}$ . We have  $S^2 = T_{2\mathbf{c}}$ , i.e. our group possess subgroup  $\{T_{n\mathbf{a}}\}$  or subgroup  $\{T_{m\mathbf{a}+n\mathbf{b}}\}$ , where  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$  are linearly independent.

I-case. Group  $\Gamma$  is generated by transformations  $S$  in (??) and translation  $T_{\mathbf{a}}$ , i.e.

$$S^2 = T_{2\mathbf{c}} = T_{m\mathbf{a}}, m = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

If  $m$  is even,  $m = 2k$ , then  $ST_{-k\mathbf{a}}$  is reflection, and it possess fixed points, Hence  $m$  is odd, and we see that  $\mathbf{c} = \frac{2k+1}{2}\mathbf{a}$ . One can consider  $\mathbf{c} = \frac{\mathbf{a}}{2}$  changing  $S \mapsto ST_{k\mathbf{a}}$ .

If we choose the basis  $\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f}$  such that  $\mathbf{e}$  is parallel to the axis of Chasles' reflection, and  $\mathbf{f}$  is orthogonal to the axis of Chasles' reflection, then we come to

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<sup>2</sup>if there are three vectors in general position, then equivalent points will be very close to each other

Thus we see that group  $G$  is equal to

$$\Gamma \ni A: A(x\mathbf{e} + y\mathbf{f}) = \left(x + \frac{m}{2}\right)\mathbf{e} + (-1)^m y\mathbf{f}$$

Now we consider the second case when group  $\Gamma$  possesses subgroup  $\{T_{m\mathbf{a}+n\mathbf{b}}\}$ .

Show that in this case  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  have to be orthogonal to each other. In the same way like above we conclude that Chasles' element is reflection with respect to axis directed along  $\mathbf{a}$  and translation on the vector  $\frac{\mathbf{a}}{2}$ .

Now notice that

$$S \circ T_{m\mathbf{b}} = T_{m\mathbf{b}'} \circ S, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{b}_{\parallel} - \mathbf{b}_{\perp}$$

and

$$S \circ T_{m\mathbf{b}} \circ S = T_{m\mathbf{b}'} \circ T_{\mathbf{a}}$$

This implies that vector  $\mathbf{b}$  has to be parallel to  $\mathbf{a}$  or orthogonal (not to produce too dense lattice of equivalent points.)

### 3 Main statement

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $(M, G)$  be locally Euclidean 2-dimensional manifold in stronger sense, i.e. both conditions (??) and (??) are obeyed.*

*Then*

We prove this Theorem in three steps.

I-st step. We will construct surjection  $\pi: \mathbf{E}^2 \rightarrow M$  which is isometry for small distances (less than  $r$ )

II-step On the base of this surjection we will consider the subgroup of isometries which preserve  $\pi$

$$\Gamma_{\pi} = \{F: F \text{ is isometry and } \pi \circ F = \pi\}$$

and will prove that this group is uniformly discontinuous.

*Proof.* Then we will prove that the Riemannian manifold  $M$  is isometric to the factor of  $\mathbf{E}^2$  with respect to the group  $\Gamma_{\pi}$ , i.e.  $M$  is plane  $\mathbf{E}^2$  or cylinder, or twisted cylinder, or torus, or Klein bottle.

Choose two arbitrary points  $D$  on  $\mathbf{E}^2$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  on  $M$  and consider the covering  $\pi: \mathbf{E}^2 \rightarrow M$  such that  $\pi(D) = \mathcal{D}$  and for every point  $X \in \mathbf{E}^2$   $\pi(X)$  is defined in the following way

Consider the vector  $\mathbf{X} = OX$ .

Choose points  $D = X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n = X$  on the segment  $DX$  such that the distance between these points is less than  $r$ , recurrently define  $F(X_i)$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

First define  $\pi(X_1)$  as a point on manifold  $M$  with coordinates  $u_{\mathcal{D}} = (X_1)_1, v_{\mathcal{D}} = (X_1)_2$  where  $(u_{\mathcal{D}}, v_{\mathcal{D}})$  are Euclidean coordinates adjusted to the point  $\pi(D) = \pi(X_0) = \mathcal{D}$  (see section) , and  $((X_1)_1, (X_1)_2)$  are components of the vector  $DX_1$ , then recurrently: if we already have defined  $\pi(X_i)$  for point  $X_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ) we define  $\pi(X_{i+1})$  as a point on manifold  $M$  with coordinates

$$u_{X_i} = (X_{i+1})_1 - (X_i)_1, v_{X_i} = (X_{i+1})_2 - (X_i)_2,$$

where  $(u_{X_i}, v_{X_i})$  are Euclidean coordinates adjusted to the point  $X_i$  and  $((X_{i+1})_1 - (X_i)_1, (X_{i+1})_2 - (X_i)_2)$  are components of the vector  $X_i X_{i+1}$ .

One can see that function  $\pi$  is well defined on all the plane, its value does not depend on on a choice of partition  $O = X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n = X$ .  $\square$

One can show that the map  $\pi: \mathbf{E}^2 \rightarrow M$  preserves small distances:

$$d(\varphi(A), \varphi(B)) = d(A, B), \quad \text{if } d(A, B) < r$$

(here as always  $r$  is parameter which defines locality of geometry on  $M$  (see (??)))

This is evident for points which are at the distance  $< r$  from initial point  $D$ , and one can prove this recurrently for arbitrary close point  $A, B$  considering partitions  $D = A_0, A_1, \dots, A_n = A$  and  $D = B_0, B_1, \dots, B_n = B$  and ‘small’ trapecies  $A_i B_i B_{i+1} A_{i+1}$ .

(see details in Shaf) One can see that the map  $\pi$  is surjection.

Prove it. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an arbitrary point on  $M$ . Consider the set of points  $\mathcal{B}_0 \mathcal{B}_1 \mathcal{B}_2 \dots \mathcal{B}_n$  such that  $\mathcal{B}_n = \mathcal{B}$  and the distance between points is less than  $r$ . Thus we will see recurrently that all these points are covered by  $\pi$ .

Choose an arbitrary point  $\mathcal{B} \in M$ .

Now we will consider a group  $\Gamma$  and will show that

$$M = \mathbf{E}^2 \backslash \Gamma$$

We define this group as a group of isometries which preserve the covering map  $\pi$ , i.e. Consider an arbitrary isometry  $F$  of  $\mathbf{E}^2$ . We say that isometry  $F$  belongs to group  $\Gamma$  for arbitrary point  $D \in \mathbf{E}^2$

$$\pi(F(D)) = \pi(D) ,$$

i.e.

$$\Gamma = \{\text{isometries } F \text{ of } \mathbf{E}^2 \text{ such that } \pi \circ F \equiv \pi\}$$

One can see that this is a group. We still know nothing about the group  $\Gamma$ , except that it possesses identity element. However we can easily prove that this group is uniformly discontinuous.

Let  $F \in \Gamma$  be an arbitrary non-identical element in  $\Gamma$ <sup>3</sup>, i.e. there exists  $B \in \mathbf{E}^2$  such that  $B' = F(B) \neq B$ .

Suppose that  $d(B, B') < r$ . Consider on manifold  $M$  points  $\mathcal{B} = \pi(B)$  and  $\mathcal{B}' = \pi(B')$ . Then due to the properties of surjection  $\pi$ ,  $d(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}') < r$  also, i.e. the point  $\mathcal{B}'$  belongs to the chart  $(u_{\mathcal{B}}, v_{\mathcal{B}})$ .  $\pi$  is local bijection, hence  $\mathcal{B} \neq \mathcal{B}'$ . On the other hand  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}'$  since  $F \in \Gamma$ . Contradiction.

**Theorem 4.** *The surjection  $\pi$  is a covering. The group  $\Gamma$  acts freely on the preimages  $\pi^{-1}(\mathcal{D})$ .*

Consider preimages of the point  $\mathcal{B} \in M$ .

Let  $\{B_i\}$  be a set of the points such that

$$\text{for every } B_i \quad \pi(B_i) = \mathcal{B}$$

This set possesses at least one point.

**Exercise**

Consider

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<sup>3</sup>notice that we still know nothing does this element exist or no.