

## Killing metric and Killing

Killing form on algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  is

$$K(X, Y) = \text{Tr}(ad_X ad_Y) \quad (1)$$

Killing metric on algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  is a metric, i.e. symmetric non-degenerate bilinear form on algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ , such that algebra acts on this form by antisymmetric operators, i.e. a form  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  such that for an arbitrary vector  $Z \in \mathcal{G}$

$$(ad_Z X, Y) = -(X, ad_Z Y) \quad (2)$$

Killing form obeys condition (2) and for semisimple Lie algebra a Killing metric is proportional to Killing form.

On Lie group  $G$  left invariant vector fields define canonical flat connection, but it is not symmetric connection. What about Levi-Civita for Killing metric?

Killing metric (arbitrary) on Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  define (pseudo)Riemannian metric on group via left-invariant vector fields:

$$\langle L_X, L_Y \rangle = (X, Y)$$

How to define connection compatible with this metric?

Answer: connection  $\nabla$  such that

$$\nabla_{L_X} L_Y = \frac{1}{2} L[X, Y]$$

is Levi-Civita connection of Killing metric.