

Contact vector field

Let J^1M be a space of first jets of functions on manifold M . Coordinates on J^1M are (p_i, q^j, u) , where q^j are coordinates on M . Jet of every function $u = u(x)$ has coordinates $(p_i = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x q^i}, q^i, u)$.

Consider \mathcal{C} , the Cartan distribution of $2n$ -dimensional planes in J^1M defined by the form $\omega = p_i dq^i - du$

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{p}} \subset T_{\mathbf{p}}J^1M = \{T_{\mathbf{p}}(J^1M) \ni \mathbf{X}: \omega(\mathbf{X}) = 0\},$$

Vector field

$$M^i \frac{\partial}{\partial q^i} + N_i \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} + A \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \text{ belongs to Cartan distribution } \mathcal{C} \text{ if } A = p_i M^i.$$

\mathcal{C} is non-integrable distribution.

Consider differential equation,

$$\mathcal{E}: F(p, q, u) = 0.$$

Differential equation is submanifold of codimension 1.

The Cartan distribution \mathcal{C} of hyperplanes on J^1M defines distribution $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{E})$ in $T\mathcal{E}$:

$$\mathcal{C}(E) = \mathcal{C} \cap T\mathcal{E}.$$

$$\mathbf{X} = M^i \frac{\partial}{\partial q^i} + N_i \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} + A \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{E}) \text{ if } A = p_i M^i \& \left(M^i \frac{\partial}{\partial q^i} + N_i \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} + A \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \right) F(p, q, u) \Big|_{F=0} = 0.$$

Definition 1 The vector field \mathbf{K} in $2n+1$ is *an infinitesimal symmetry* of differential equation $\mathcal{E} = 0$ if it belongs to $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{E})$:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{X}}\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{E}) = 0 \tag{2a}$$

In what follows we consider here mostly an empty differential equation. (We focus the attention on the equation in the next file tomorrow.)

Definition 2 The vector field \mathbf{K} in $2n+1$ is called *contact vector field* if it is an infinitesimal symmetry of empty differential equation, i.e. if it preserves the Cartan distribution \mathcal{C}

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{X}}\mathcal{C} = 0 \tag{2b}$$

Theorem *There is one-one correspondence between functions on M and contact vector fields:*

$$C^\infty(M) \ni F = F(p_i, q^j, u) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}_F$$

such that

$$F = \omega(\mathbf{X}_F), \text{ and } \mathbf{X}_F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_m} \frac{\partial}{\partial q^m} - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial q^m} + p_m \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_m} + \left(p_m \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_m} - F \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$$

The proof of the Theorem follows from the

Lemma If \mathbf{X} is contact vector field and $\omega(\mathbf{X}) \equiv 0$ then $\mathbf{X} \equiv 0$.

This lemma implies that for every function F there exists at most one contact vector field \mathbf{X}_F such that $\omega(\mathbf{X}_F) = F$.

On the other hand the vector field (3)

i) is defined for an arbitrary smooth function F

ii) it evidently obeys the condition $\omega(\mathbf{X}_F) = F$

iii) is contact vector field

Conditions ii) and iii) hold evidently. may be checked by direct calculations:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\mathbf{X}_F) &= (p_m dq^m - du) \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial p_m} \frac{\partial}{\partial q^m} - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial q^m} + p_m \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_m} + \left(p_m \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_m} - F \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \right) = \\ &= p_m \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_m} - \left(p_m \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_m} - F \right) = F \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{X}_F} \omega &= d(\omega \lrcorner \mathbf{X}_F) + d\omega(\lrcorner \mathbf{X}_F) = d(\omega(\mathbf{X}_F)) + dp_m \wedge dq^m(\lrcorner \mathbf{X}_F) = \\ &= dF - \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_m} dp_m - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial q^m} + p_m \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right) dq^m = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} (du - p_m dq^m) = F_u \omega, \end{aligned}$$

i.e. \mathbf{X}_F preserves the Cartan distribution \mathcal{C} .

It remains to prove the lemma.

Suppose that the vector field $\mathbf{X} = M^i \frac{\partial}{\partial q^i} + N_i \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} + A \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$ is contact vector field

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{X}} \omega = \lambda \omega, \quad (3a)$$

and

$$\omega(\mathbf{X}) = p_i M^i - A = 0. \quad (3b)$$

Condition (3a) means that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{X}} \omega &= d(\omega \lrcorner \mathbf{X}) + d\omega(\lrcorner \mathbf{X}) = d(\omega(\mathbf{X})) + dp_m \wedge dq^m(\lrcorner \mathbf{X}) = \\ &= 0 - M^m dp_m - N_m dq^m = \lambda(p_m dq^m - du). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\lambda \equiv 0$, and $M^m \equiv 0$, $N_m \equiv 0$ and due to equation (3b), $A \equiv 0$. Hence $\mathbf{X} \equiv 0$ ■.

Jacobi, Moyal and Poisson brackets

The bijection between algebra of smooth functions and algebra of contact vector fields (with respect to commutator) defines brackets on functions

i) Jacobi bracket:

$$\{F, H\}: , \mathbf{X}_{\{F, G\}} = [\mathbf{X}_F, \mathbf{X}_G] .$$

We have

$$\mathbf{X}_F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_m} \frac{\partial}{\partial q^m} - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial q^m} + p_m \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_m} + \left(p_m \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_m} - F \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial u} = F^m \partial_m - (F_m + p_m F_u) \partial^m + (p_m F^m -$$

where we denote

$$F_m = \frac{\partial F}{\partial q^m}, F^m = \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_m}, \partial_m = \frac{\partial}{\partial q^m}, \partial^m = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_m}, F_u = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}, \text{ and } \partial_u = \frac{\partial}{\partial u} .$$

Thus $[\mathbf{X}_F, \mathbf{X}_G] =$

$$\begin{aligned} & [F^m \partial_m - (F_m + p_m F_u) \partial^m + (p_m F^m - F) \partial_u, G^k \partial_k - (G_k + p_k G_u) \partial^k + (p_k G^k - G) \partial_u] = \\ & (F^m G_m^k - (F_m + p_m F_u) G^{mk} + (p_m F^m - F) G_u^k) \partial_k + \\ & (-F^m (G_{mk} + p_k G_{um}) + (F_m + p_m F_u) (G_k^m + \delta_k^m G_u + p_k G_u^m) - (p_m F^m - F) (G_{ku} + p_k G_{uu})) \partial^k \\ & (F^m (p_k G_m^k - G_m) - (F_m + p_m F_u) (\delta_k^m G^k + p_k G^{km} - G^m) + (p_m F^m - F) (p_k G_u^k - G_u)) \partial_u - \\ & (F \leftrightarrow G) = \\ & (F^m G_m^k - F_m G^{mk} - (F \leftrightarrow G)) \partial_k - ((F^m G_{mk} - F_m G_k^m) - (F \leftrightarrow G)) \partial^k + \quad (*) \\ & ((-p_m F_u G^{mk} + p_m F^m G_u^k - F G_u^k) - (F \leftrightarrow G)) \partial_k \\ & ((-p_m F^m G_{ku} + F G_{ku} + p_m F_u G_k^m) - (F \leftrightarrow G)) \partial^k + \\ & ((-p_k F^m G_{um} - p_m p_k F^m G_{uu} + F p_k G_{uu}) - ((F \leftrightarrow G)) \partial^k \\ & ((\delta_k^m F_m G_u + p_k F_u G_u + p_k F_m G_u^m + p_m p_k F_u G_u^m) - ((F \leftrightarrow G)) \partial^k + \mathbf{K}_{F, G} - \mathbf{K}_{F, G} \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{K}_{F, G} =$

$$(F^m (p_k G_m^k - G_m) - (F_m + p_m F_u) (\delta_k^m G^k + p_k G^{km} - G^m) + (p_m F^m - F) (p_k G_u^k - G_u)) \partial_u . \quad (***)$$

Introduce the field

$$P(F, G) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_m} \frac{\partial G}{\partial q^m} - \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_m} \frac{\partial F}{\partial q^m} = \{F, G\}_P .$$

(Later we see why) Then the contact vector field corresponding to this function is equal to

$$\mathbf{X}_{\{F, G\}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_k} (F^m G_m - G^m F_m) \frac{\partial}{\partial q^k} - \frac{\partial}{\partial q^k} (F^m G_m - G^m F_m) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_k} - \quad (**)$$

Notice also that the vector field (***) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{K}_{F,G} = & [p_k F^m G_m^k - F^m G_m - p_k F_m G^{km} - p_m p_k G^{km} F_u + p_m p_k F^m G_u^k - \\ & - p_k F G_u^k - p_m F^m G_u + F G_u - (F \leftrightarrow G)] \partial_u = \\ & \left[p_k \frac{\partial}{\partial p^k} \{F, G\} - \{F, G\} \right] + (F G_u - G F_u) - p_m (F G_u - G F_u)^m + \\ & p_m p_k (F^m G_u - F_u G^m)^k\end{aligned}$$

and it follows from the previous calculations that

$$[\mathbf{X}_F, \mathbf{X}_G] - \mathbf{X}_{\{F,G\}} =$$

since the line (*) is equal just to (**)

$$\begin{aligned}& ((-p_m F_u G^{mk} + p_m F^m G_u^k - F G_u^k) - (F \leftrightarrow G)) \partial_k \\ & ((-p_m F^m G_{ku} + F G_{ku} + p_m F_u G_k^m) - (F \leftrightarrow G)) \partial^k + \\ & ((-p_k F^m G_{um} - p_m p_k F^m G_{uu} + F p_k G_{uu}) - ((F \leftrightarrow G)) \partial^k \\ & ((\delta_k^m F_m G_u + p_k F_u G_u + p_k F_m G_u^m + p_m p_k F_u G_u^m) - ((F \leftrightarrow G)) \partial^k + \mathbf{K}_{F,G} - \mathbf{K}_{F,G}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p^k} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial p_m} \frac{\partial G}{\partial q^m} - \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_m} \frac{\partial F}{\partial q^m} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial q^k}$$