

**LIE GROUPS 2013 FALL  
PROBLEM SET 2**

- (1) (a) Prove: The exponential map  $\exp : \mathfrak{so}(2) \rightarrow \mathrm{SO}(2)$  is surjective.  
 (b) Prove: The exponential map  $\exp : \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_+(2, \mathbb{R})$  is not surjective.  
 (c) Is  $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  connected? Is  $\exp : \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  surjective?
  
- (2) Suppose  $G$  is a Lie group, with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Its center is by definition
 
$$Z(G) = \{g \in G \mid gg' = g'g \text{ for all } g' \in G\}$$
 Prove  $Z(G)$  is a normal Lie subgroup of  $G$ , and find its Lie algebra  $Z(\mathfrak{g})$ .
  
- (3) (a) Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow G$  a Lie group automorphism. Let  $H$  be the set of fixed points of  $\varphi$ , i.e.
 
$$H = \{g \in G \mid \varphi(g) = g\}$$
 Prove  $H$  is a Lie subgroup of  $G$ , and find the Lie algebra of  $H$ .  
 (b) Realize  $\mathrm{O}(n)$  and  $\mathrm{SL}(n, \mathbb{R})$  as the fixed point set of some automorphism of  $\mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{R})$ .
  
- (4) (a) Show that the universal cover group of  $S^1 \times S^1$  is given by the map
 
$$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1 \times S^1, \quad (s, t) \mapsto (e^{2\pi i s}, e^{2\pi i t}).$$
 (b) Show that the group of Lie group automorphisms of  $S^1 \times S^1$  is  $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ .
  
- (5) Let  $G$  be a connected Lie group, and  $H$  and  $K$  two commuting closed Lie subgroups of  $G$  such that  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ . Moreover, assume  $\dim H + \dim K = \dim G$ . Prove:  $G$  is isomorphic to  $K \times H$ .
  
- (6) Let  $H \subset \mathrm{GL}(3, \mathbb{R})$  be the Heisenberg group, i.e. the group of all  $3 \times 3$  upper triangular real matrices whose diagonal entries are 1.
 (a) Find the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $H$ . What is  $Z(H)$ ? What is  $Z(\mathfrak{h})$ ?  
 (b) Prove: The exponential map  $\exp : \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow H$  is a diffeomorphism.  
 (c) Find the formula for  $\mu(X, Y)$  so that  $\exp(\mu(X, Y)) = \exp X \exp Y$ .
  
- (7) (a) Let  $G$  be the Lie group  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$  with group multiplication
 
$$(z, w) \cdot (z', w') = (z + z', w + e^z w').$$
 Check that  $G$  is a simply connected Lie group, and find its center.  
 (b) For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $G_n$  be the Lie group  $\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}$  with group multiplication
 
$$(z, w) \cdot (z', w') = (zz', w + z^n w').$$
 Check that  $G_n$  is a Lie group, and  $G$  is the universal cover group of  $G$ .  
 (c) Show that for  $n \neq m$ ,  $G_n$  is not isomorphic to  $G_m$ .
  
- (8) (a) Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a two dimensional Lie algebra. Prove: Either  $\mathfrak{g}$  is abelian, or there exists a basis  $\{X, Y\}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  so that  $[X, Y] = Y$ .  
 (b) For each case in (a), find a simply connected Lie group  $G$  whose Lie algebra is  $\mathfrak{g}$ .