

STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

I. Lie Groups

- Basic Theory
- Representations of lie groups
- Classification of lie groups (and lie algebras)
- Homogeneous spaces , Klein geometries

II. BUNDLES

- Fiber bundles, vector bundles and principal bundles
- Associated vector bundles
- Homogeneous vector bundles

III. CONNECTIONS

- Linear connections on vector bundles
(in particular, affine connections)
- Principal connections on principal bundles
- Geometric structures determining
(classes of) distinct connections
(e.g. Riem. mfd's, conformal structures,
projective structures, ...)

- Holonomy
- Cartan geometries

I. Lie groups (Čap, Lie groups, lecture notes)

1.1 Basic Theory

For a group G we write :

- $\mu : G \times G \rightarrow G$ for the multiplication map
- $\nu : G \rightarrow G$ for the inversion, $\nu(g) = g^{-1}$
- $e \in G$ for the identity / neutral element in G .

Def. 1.1 A topological group is a topological space G equipped with a group structure (μ, ν, e) s.t. μ and ν are continuous.

Remark Any abstract group can be made into a topological group by equipping it with the discrete topology.

Def. 1.2 A lie group is a smooth manifold G equipped with a group (μ, ν, e) s.t. μ and ν are smooth.

Rem. In Def. 1.2 it is enough to require that μ is smooth, since ν is then automatically smooth by applying the Inverse Function / Implicit Function Theorem to the equation $\mu(g, \nu(g)) = e$.

Def. 1.3

① A homomorphism between topological groups (resp. lie groups) G and H is a continuous (resp. smooth) map $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$ that is also a group homomorphism ($\varphi(g \cdot h) = \varphi(g)\varphi(h)$ for $g, h \in G$).

② A homomorphism $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$ as in ① is called an isomorphism between top. groups (resp. lie groups), if φ is a homeomorphism (resp. diffeomorphism). -

Note that in this case, φ^{-1} is also a group homomorphism.

Notation Two lie groups G and H are called isomorphic, if \exists a lie group isomorphism between them. We write $G \cong H$ in this case.

Groups of greatest interest in mathematics and physics consist of bijections $f: M \rightarrow M$ of a set M (space) with group multiplication given by composition.

$$\mu(f, \tilde{f}) = f \cdot \tilde{f} = f \circ \tilde{f}$$

$$f, \tilde{f} \in \text{Bij}(M) = \{\text{bijections of } M\}$$

$$v(f) = f^{-1} \quad e = \text{id}_M.$$

Examples

If M has some extra structure', one can consider subgroups of $(\text{Bij}(M), \circ)$ consisting of bijections preserving that extra structure.

- M topolog. space

$\text{Homeo}(M) := \{ f \in \text{Bij}(M) : f \text{ is a homeom.} \}$

- M smooth mfd (resp. smooth oriented mfd)

$\text{Diff}(M) = \{ f : M \rightarrow M : f \text{ is a diffeom.} \}$

$\text{Diff}_+(M) = \{ f : M \rightarrow M : \text{orientation preserv. diffeo} \}$

- Suppose M is a smooth manifold equipped with a geometric structure like a Riemannian metric g or a symplectic form ω :

$$\text{Isom}(M, g) = \{f: M \rightarrow M : f \text{ diffeom. s.t. } f^*g = g\}$$

$$\text{Symp}(M, g) = \{f \in \text{Diff}(M) : f^*\omega = \omega\}$$

With the exception of $\text{Isom}(M, g)$, these groups are infinite-dimensional and hence not Lie groups in our sense. These groups are all naturally topological groups.

$\text{Isom}(M, g)$ is a lie group of order $\leq \frac{\dim(M)(\dim(M)+1)}{2}$.

Now some examples of actual lie groups.

Typical examples arise from linear transformations of finite-dim. vector spaces.

Examples

- ① \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C} with respect to addition $+$ is a lie group and so is any finite-dim. vector space over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} w.r. to $+$.
 \mathbb{C} and any complex vector space is even a complex lie group

(i.e. a complex mfd with holomorphic group structure).

② $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ are lie groups w.r. to multiplication.

Also, $U(1) = S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$
is a lie group.

③ The product $G \times H$ of lie groups is again a lie group. In particular, the n -dim. torus $T^n := \underbrace{U(1) \times \dots \times U(1)}_{=n \text{ times}}$ is a lie group.

Also, for m, n natural numbers, $\mathbb{R}^m \times T^n$ is a lie group. The latter exhaust all connected commutative lie groups.

④ If G is a lie group, then a lie subgroup H of G is a subgroup $H \subseteq G$ that is also a submfld. Since the multpl. on H is just the restriction of the one from G , it smooth, and so H is a lie group.

5 Suppose V is a real or complex finite-dim. vector space.

$$GL(V) = \{ \text{linear isomorphisms of } V \} \subseteq \text{End}(V) =$$

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 $= \{ \text{linear maps } V \rightarrow V \}$

open
subset

is a lie group with respect to composition.

Via choice of basis, we may identify $V \simeq \mathbb{R}^n$ (resp. \mathbb{C}^n) and $GL(V)$ with

$$GL(n, \mathbb{K}) = \{ A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{K}) : A \text{ invertible} \} \text{ with } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C}.$$

and composition of linear maps becomes matrix multiplication.

Again, $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ is also a complex lie group.

It is called the general linear group.

⑥ Matrix groups (also called linear lie grps) are lie subgroups G of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ and $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$.

- Special linear group

$$G = SL(n, \mathbb{K}) = \{ A \in GL(n, \mathbb{K}) : \det_{\mathbb{K}}(A) = 1 \}$$

$\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} ($SL(n, \mathbb{C})$ is a complex lie group).

• Orthogonal groups: $I_{p,q} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Id}_p & 0 \\ 0 & -\text{Id}_q \end{pmatrix} \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & & p \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & \\ & & & -1 & \ddots & q \\ & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad n = p+q$$

defines inner product of signature (p,q) on \mathbb{R}^n

$$\langle x, y \rangle := x^T I_{p,q} y \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} G = O(p,q) &= \{ A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) : A^T I_{p,q} A = I_{p,q} \} \\ &= \{ A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) : \langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \\ &\quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \} \end{aligned}$$

Linear orthog. group of signature (p,q)

$$O(n, 0) = : O(n) = \{ A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) : A^t = A^{-1} \}$$

$O(n-1, 1)$ Lorentzian group.

Linear symplectic group: $J_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \text{Id}_n \\ -\text{Id}_n & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M_{2n \times 2n}(\mathbb{R})$

defines symplectic form on \mathbb{R}^{2n} : $\omega(x, y) := x^t J_n y$

$$\begin{aligned} G = Sp(2n, \mathbb{R}) &= \{ A \in GL(2n, \mathbb{R}) : A^t J_n A = J_n \} \\ &= \{ A \in GL(2n, \mathbb{R}) : \omega(Ax, Ay) = \omega(x, y) \\ &\quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^{2n} \} \end{aligned}$$

More examples in the seminar.

Suppose (G, μ, ν, e) is a lie group.

Then we denote by

- $\lambda_g : G \rightarrow G$ left-multipl. by $g \in G$
 $\lambda_g(h) := \mu(g, h) = g \cdot h = gh \quad \forall h \in G$
- $\rho_g : G \rightarrow G$ right-multipl. by $g \in G$
 $\rho_g(h) := \mu(h, g) = h \cdot g \quad \forall h \in G$

Lemma 1.4

For every $g \in G$, λ_g (resp. ρ^g) is a diffeomorphism with inverse $\lambda_{g^{-1}}$ (resp. $\rho^{g^{-1}}$). In particular, if $U \subseteq G$ is an open neighborhood of $g \in G$, then $\lambda_h(U)$ (resp. $\rho^h(U)$) is an open neighborhood of hg (resp. gh).

Moreover, for $g, h \in G$, $\lambda_{gh} = \lambda_g \circ \lambda_h$ and $\rho^{hg} = \rho^g \circ \rho^h$.

Proof

$\overbrace{\begin{array}{ccc} h & \mapsto & (g, h) \\ G & & G \times G \end{array}}^{\lambda_g} \xrightarrow{M} G$ is smooth by composition of two smooth maps.

Lemma 1.5

① For $g, h \in G$, $\varsigma \in T_g G$ and $\eta \in T_h G$ one has

$$T_{(g,h)}\mu(\varsigma, \eta) = \underline{T_h \rho_g \eta} + \underline{T_g \rho^h \varsigma}$$

$$(\underline{T(G \times G)}) \simeq TG \times TG$$

② For any $g \in G$,

$$T_g v = -T_e \rho^{g^{-1}} \circ T_g \lambda_{g^{-1}} = -T_e \lambda_{g^{-1}} \circ T_g \rho^{g^{-1}}$$

In particular, $T_e v = -\text{Id}_{T_e G}$

Proof $T_{(g,h)}\mu : T_g G \times T_h G \rightarrow T_{gh} G$ is linear

$$\simeq T_{(g,h)}(G \times G)$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{(g,h)}\mu(s, \eta) = \underline{\underline{T_{(g,h)}\mu(s, 0)}} + \underline{\underline{T_{(g,h)}\mu(0, \eta)}}$$

Let $c : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow G$ C^∞ -curve representing s :

$$c(0) = g \quad c'(0) = s.$$

Then $t \mapsto (c(t), h)$ represents $(s, 0) \in T_{(g,h)}(G \times G)$

$$\mu(c(t), h) = \rho^h(c(t))$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{(g,h)}\mu(s, 0) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \mu(c(t), h) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \rho^h(c(t)) = \underline{\underline{T_g \rho^h s}}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } T_{(g, \eta)} \mu (0, \eta) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \mu(g, c(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \lambda_g(c(t))$$

for a curve $c: (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow G$ with $c(0) = h$, $c'(0) = \eta$.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad e = \mu(g, \nu(g))$$

$$\Rightarrow D = T_{(g, g^{-1})} \mu (s, T_g \nu s) = \textcircled{1}$$

differentiate

$$= T_g \rho^{g^{-1}} s + \underline{T_{g^{-1}} \lambda_g T_g \nu s} \quad \forall s \in T_g G$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{T_g^{-1} \lambda_g T_g \nu \varsigma}} = -T_g \rho^{g^{-1}} \varsigma \iff T_g \nu \varsigma = -T_e \lambda_{g^{-1}} \circ T_g \rho^{g^{-1}} \varsigma$$

Second formula follows similarly from
 diff. $e = \mu(\nu(g), g)$.

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Recall that for any (local) diffeom. $f: M \rightarrow M$
 on a mfd, $f^*: \Gamma(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma(TM)$, given by

$$f^* \varsigma = [Tf]^{-1} \circ \varsigma \circ f, \text{ is linear and } f^*[s_{1\eta}] = [f^*s, f^*\eta].$$

Def. 1.6 Suppose G is a Lie group. Then a vector field $\zeta \in \Gamma_{= \mathfrak{X}(G)}(TG)$ is called left (resp. right) invariant, if $\lambda_g^* \zeta = \zeta \quad \forall g \in G$ (resp. $(f^g)^* \zeta = \zeta \quad \forall g \in G$).

Denote by $\mathfrak{X}_L(G)$ (resp. $\mathfrak{X}_R(G)$) the set of left- (resp right) invariant vector fields on G .

By linearity of the pull-back and its compatibility with $[\cdot, \cdot]$, it is a subalgebra of the infinite-dimensional Lie algebra $(\mathfrak{X}(G), [\cdot, \cdot])$.

