

Lecture - 17

We discuss the exponential map for Lie grps.

• G a Lie group, $\mathfrak{g}$ its Lie algebra, then $\exp: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$ is a local diffeom around 0. This is an extremely useful result for various reasons.

Proposition :- Let $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$ be a map of Lie groups, then the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & H \\ \exp \uparrow & & \uparrow \exp \\ \mathfrak{g} & \xrightarrow{d\varphi} & \mathfrak{h} \end{array} \quad \text{Commutates, so}$$

$$\exp(d\varphi(x)) = \varphi(\exp(x)) \quad \forall x \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

Proof :- Consider the curves $t \mapsto \varphi(\exp(tx))$ and $t \mapsto \exp(t d\varphi(x))$ on H . Both these pass through $e \in H$, have domain $\mathbb{R}$, and their derivatives at $t=0$ give $d\varphi(x) \in \mathfrak{h}$, hence they must be equal; thus, at $t=1$, we get $\exp(d\varphi(x)) = \varphi(\exp(x))$. $\square$

17-2. This equality gives, treating $t \mapsto \varphi(\exp(tx))$ as the max curve of $d\varphi(x)$,

$$d\varphi(x) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \varphi(\exp(tx)).$$

Another important result: applicⁿ of the above,

Proposition: $\varphi, \psi: G \rightarrow H$ be Lie group homomorphisms with $d\varphi = d\psi$. Then $\varphi = \psi$ if we assume G is connected.

Proof: We have, for any $X \in \mathfrak{g}$

$$\exp(d\varphi(x)) = \varphi(\exp(x)) = \exp(d\psi(x))$$

$$\begin{matrix} \mathfrak{h} & \longrightarrow & H \\ \exp & & \end{matrix} = \psi(\exp(x)).$$

Since $\exp: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$ is a local diffeom,

we conclude that $\varphi = \psi$ on a nbd of $e \in H$. The result now follows from

• In a connected topological group G , any nbd of e generates G

• φ & ψ are homomorphisms.



17-3

Discussion on Frobenius Thm, sketch of a proof: Let M be a manifold and $\mathcal{D}$ be a d -dim'l diff. system ($\equiv$ distribution) on M , What does this mean?

• $\mathcal{D}$ assigns to each $p \in M$, a d -dim'l subspace $\mathcal{D}_p$ of $T_p M$

" $\mathcal{D}$ is smooth"

• For every $p \in M$, $\exists U \subseteq M$, $p \in U$ and U open

smooth vector fields $X_1, \dots, X_d \in \mathcal{X}(U)$

such that $\forall q \in U$, (We then say $\mathcal{D}$ is smooth)

$$\mathcal{D}_q = \langle X_1(q), \dots, X_d(q) \rangle \quad (\text{lin. span})$$

→ This generalizes the situation of a

vector field on M which has no zeros on M .

Given such a vector field, we have integral curves through points of M , that 'fit' the field.

Q: Given smooth $\mathcal{D}$ on M & $p \in M$, $\exists$?

a manifold S & a smooth immersion/embedding

$$i: S \rightarrow M, \text{ s.t. } p \in i(S) \text{ \& } L_{i(q)*}: T_q(S) \rightarrow T_{i(q)} M$$

has image $\mathcal{D}_{i(q)} \in \mathcal{D} \forall q \in S$.

17.4

We then call S an integral (submanifold) of $\mathcal{W}$. We have a nec. condⁿ for existence for such S : first, recall that we say a vector field $X \in \mathcal{W}$ if $X(q) \in \mathcal{W}_q$ for any $q \in M$.

Now if $Y_1, Y_2 \in \mathcal{X}(S)$, then for $i: S \rightarrow M$, $i_*(Y_1), i_*(Y_2) \in \mathcal{W}$,

$$[i_*Y_1, i_*Y_2] = i_*([Y_1, Y_2])$$

This forces: Whenever $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ & $X, Y \in \mathcal{W}$, then $[X, Y] \in \mathcal{W}$, if $\mathcal{W}$ were to admit an int. manifold.

Such $\mathcal{W}$ is called integrable.

A non-example + exercise: The 2-dim'l

system spanned by $X = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$,

$Y = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$, is not integrable. Here

X, Y define a 2-dim'l distribution on $\mathbb{R}^3$.

17-5:

We call a distribution $\mathcal{W}$ involutive, if

$$X, Y \in \mathcal{W} \Rightarrow [X, Y] \in \mathcal{W}$$

(Note that $\mathcal{W}$ is not a set of vect. fields!)

Frobenius Thm (local): Let M be a manifold, $p \in M$. Then a d -dim'l distribution is integrable around p ($\equiv \exists$ an integral submanifold passing through p) if and only if $\mathcal{W}$ is involutive.

Let us discuss this. The system on $M: \mathbb{R}^3 - \{x=y=0\}$ spanned by $X = x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$, $Y = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ is involutive, since $[X, Y] = 0$;

Integral curves: For $(x, y, z) \in M$, the integral curve is a circle in the xy -plane, with center at the origin. The integral curve of Y is the line $\parallel$ to the z -axis. The integral manifold through (x, y, z) is the cylinder with z axis as its central axis (Exercise: verify this).

17-6: If $\mathcal{W} = \langle X_1, \dots, X_d \rangle$ on $U \ni p$,
 then $\forall i, j$ we can write

$$[X_i, X_j] = \sum_{k=1}^d C_{ijk} X_k, \quad C_{ijk} \text{ smooth on } U,$$

assuming $\mathcal{W}$ is involutive. One obvious
 case of this is when all X_i 's commute
 i.e. $C_{ijk} = 0 \quad \forall i, j, k$, so $[X_i, X_j] = 0$
 $\forall i, j$. There are a couple of technical
 lemmas that go into helping us:

1. Let $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$, $p \in M$ with $X(p) \neq 0$.
Then $\exists$ a coordinate chart $U \ni p$ such
 that $X = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}$ on U . (Thm 2.9.2, Kum)

2. $X_1, \dots, X_d \in \mathcal{X}(M)$, $p \in M$, be lin. indep
on $U \ni p$ (i.e. $\langle X_1(q), \dots, X_d(q) \rangle$ is
 d -dim'l $\forall q \in U$). Assume $[X_i, X_j] = 0$
 $\forall i, j$. Then $\exists$ a coord chart $V \ni p$
 s.t. $X_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$, $1 \leq i \leq d$, on V . $\square$

So, by (2), $\exists$ local coordinates s.t.
 $X_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$, $i = 1, \dots, d$; $x_i(p) = 0$, $1 \leq i \leq m = \dim M$

17-7

The submanifold S through p ~~has~~ should have

$$\langle X_1(p), \dots, X_d(p) \rangle = T_p S = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_d} \right\rangle.$$

S is the 'slice'

$$\{q \in U \mid x_j(q) = 0, d+1 \leq j \leq m\}$$

and for any $q \in U$, the integral submanifold of $\mathcal{W}$ through q is given by the slice

$$\{z \in U \mid x_j(z) = x_j(q), j \geq d+1\}.$$

The general case is reduced to the above:

Write $X_i = \sum_j f_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$, $f_{ij} \in C^0(U)$. The matrix $(f_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq d \\ 1 \leq j \leq m}}$ then has rank d .

Wlog can assume $(f_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq d \\ 1 \leq j \leq d}}$ is invertible in a smaller nbhd $V \subseteq U$ of p . Let $(g_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq d}$ be its inverse. Define

$$Y_i = \sum_j g_{ij} X_j. \text{ Then}$$

$$Y_i \in \mathcal{D} \quad \forall i,$$

$$\langle Y_1, \dots, Y_d \rangle = \mathcal{D}, [Y_i, Y_j] = 0$$

$$\forall i, j.$$

