

Exercise class 3, Symmetric Spaces

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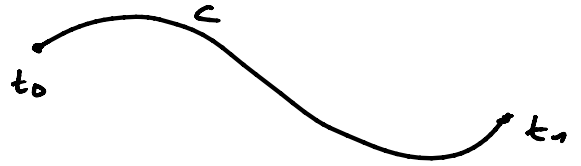
Sheet 3: Ex 2: To show: TFAE

(i) $N \subset M$ is totally geodesic

(ii) $c: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow N$, $T_{c; t_0, t_1}: T_{c(t_0)}M \rightarrow T_{c(t_1)}M$.

Actually sends

$$J_{c; t_0, t_1}(T_{c(t_0)}N) = T_{c(t_1)}N$$



Hints: $M = \mathbb{R}^m$, $N = \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{O}^{m-n}$ locally.

Let V be a vector field along c , then $\frac{D}{dt}V(t) = 0 \forall t$

$$\nabla_{e_i} e_j = \sum_{k=1}^m \Gamma_{ij}^k e_k, \quad \text{If } \gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow N \text{ is a geodesic, then } \nabla_j \dot{\gamma} = 0.$$

Note: The solution can be found in

Helgason: "Differential geometry, ... symmetric spaces" 1979. Chapter I. 14.

Ex 1: A geodesic is a curve that locally minimizes distance.

Ex 3: Good: $D_X \exp = (D_X L_{\exp}) \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-ad(X))^n}{(n+1)!}$.

Review: (G, K) RSP,

$$\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(\mathfrak{g}), \quad \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{p}, \quad \pi: G \rightarrow G/K \ni 0 = eK \stackrel{\pi(e)}{=} \pi(e), \quad e \in G.$$

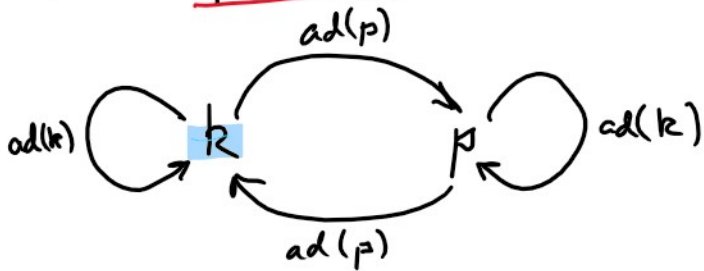
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{n} \subset \mathfrak{p} \text{ Lie triple system} \\ [\mathfrak{n}, [\mathfrak{n}, \mathfrak{n}]] \subset \mathfrak{n} \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} N \subset M \text{ totally geodesic} \\ \text{submanifolds with} \\ 0 \in N \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{n} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Exp}_0(D_X \pi(\mathfrak{n})) \\ (\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{p}) \cap \mathfrak{p} & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \mathfrak{n} \end{array}$$

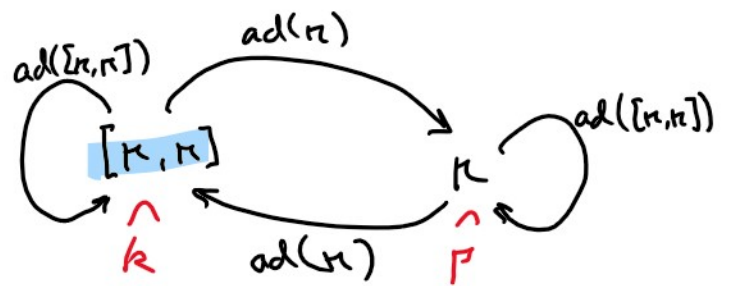
$$\mathfrak{K} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Exp}_0(\mathcal{D}_e \pi(\mathfrak{K}))$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_e \pi|_{\mathfrak{P}})^{-1} T_0 N \xleftarrow{\quad} \mathfrak{N}$$

Remark: $\cdot [p, p] \subset \mathfrak{k}$.



$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{p}$$



$$\mathfrak{g}' = [\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{n}] \oplus \mathfrak{n}$$

Ex: $G = SL(2, \mathbb{R}), K = SO(2)$.

$$\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R}) = \{ X \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \text{tr}(X) = 0 \} = \mathfrak{g}$$

$$\sigma(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathfrak{g}^{-1}$$

$$\Theta(X) = -{}^t X$$

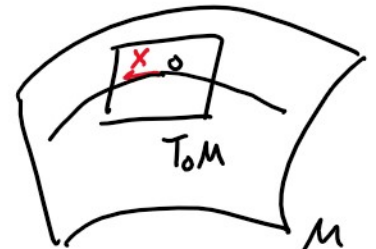
$$\mathfrak{g} = \langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rangle \oplus \langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rangle = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{p}$$

$$-{}^t X = X$$

- $\dim(\mathfrak{k}) = 2$: \mathfrak{p} .
- $\dim(\mathfrak{n}) = 1$: $\mathfrak{n} = \langle X \rangle, X \in \mathfrak{p}$. $[\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{n}] = 0, [\mathfrak{n}, [\mathfrak{n}, \mathfrak{k}]] = 0$.
- $\dim(\mathfrak{n}) = 0$: $0 < \mathfrak{p}$: Is a Lie triple system.

$$\text{Exp}_0(0) = \{0\}$$

Note: $\{0\}$ is not a symmetric space.



Ex: $M = \mathfrak{p} \times \{0\} \subset \mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{R})$ is a Lie triple system.

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{R}) / \mathfrak{so}(3)$ contains hyperbolic planes.

$$\mathfrak{p} \times \{0\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R}) \mid A \text{ is symmetric, and } \text{tr}(A) = 0 \right\}$$

Question: $d(\text{Exp } X_1, \text{Exp } X_2) = \dots = \exp(2\|X_1 - X_2\|) = \|X_2 - X_1\|$

$X_1, X_2 \in \mathfrak{p} \subset \mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{R})$

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$$B_g : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(X, Y) \mapsto \text{tr}(\text{ad}(X) \circ \text{ad}(Y)).$$

$$\text{ad}(X) : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}.$$

Ex: $\mathfrak{g} = \langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rangle \oplus \langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rangle = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3 \rangle = \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\text{ad}(e_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$[e_1, e_2] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \cdot e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[e_1, e_3] = \dots = -2e_2$$

$$\text{ad}(e_1)e_1 = [e_1, e_1] = 0$$

$$[e_2, e_1] = -[e_1, e_2] = -2e_3$$

$$\text{ad}(e_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[e_2, e_3] = \dots = -2e_1$$

$$\text{ad}(e_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$B_g(e_1, e_1) = \text{tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix} = -8$$

$$B_g(X, Y) = X^T \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix} Y$$

Note: $B_g|_{\mathfrak{k}} \ll 0$, (this always happens for $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(T_2(M)^0)$)

$B_g|_{\mathfrak{p}} \gg 0$, this is what's called: \mathfrak{g} is of non-compact-type.

Sheet 2: Ex 4: (2) Let (G, K) be a RSP, then $K / (K \cap Z(G)) \cong \text{Ad}_G(K)$.

$$\text{Ad} : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathfrak{g}).$$

Claim: $\ker(\text{Ad}) = Z(G)$

Proof: " $>$ " Let $g \in Z(G)$, i.e. $\forall h \in G : ghg^{-1} = h$. $\text{Int}(g)h = h$.

$$\text{Ad}(g) = D_e \text{Int}(g) = D_e \text{Id}_G = \text{Id}_{\mathfrak{g}}, \Rightarrow g \in \ker(\text{Ad}).$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{\text{Int}(g)} & G \\ \exp \uparrow & & \uparrow \exp \\ \mathfrak{g} & \xrightarrow{\text{Ad}(g)} & \mathfrak{g} \end{array}$$

Let $X \in \mathfrak{g}$, then: $\text{Int}(g) \exp(X) = \exp(\text{Ad}(g)X)$.

Let $g \in \ker(\text{Ad})$, i.e.: $\text{Ad}(g) = \text{Id}_{\mathfrak{g}}$.

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\text{Int}(g) \exp(X) = \exp(X)}.$$

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$$\delta \sim j \Rightarrow \underline{\text{Int}(j) \exp(X) = \exp(X)}$$

$$\underline{\text{Int}(g) h = h} \quad \forall h = \exp(X) \in \text{neighborhood of } e.$$

G connected $\Rightarrow G$ is generated by any open nbhd of e .



$\forall k \in G: k = h_1 \cdot \dots \cdot h_n$ with h_i in nbhd U .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Int}(g) k &= g k g^{-1} = g h_1 g^{-1} \cdot \dots \cdot g h_n g^{-1} = h_1 \cdot \dots \cdot h_n = k \\ &\Rightarrow g \in Z(G). \end{aligned}$$

□

$$\Rightarrow G/Z(G) \cong \text{Ad}(G) \Rightarrow \frac{K}{K \cap Z(G)} \cong \text{Ad}(K).$$

Ex: let (G, K) RSP, $G \curvearrowright G/K$.

Claim: $Z(G) \cap K$ fixes all elements in G/K .

Proof: let $k \in Z(G) \cap K$, $k \underline{g}K = gkK = \underline{g}K$ □

Now if (G, K) , $G = \text{Is}(M)^\circ$, then $Z(G) \cap K = \{\text{Id}\}$.

$$\Rightarrow \underline{K \cong \text{Ad}(K)}.$$

⚠ $\exists (G, K) \neq (G', K')$ RSP: $G/K = G'/K'$.

Ex: $(\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}), \text{SO}(2)) \neq (\widetilde{\text{SL}}(2, \mathbb{R}), \widetilde{\text{SO}}(2)) \Rightarrow \frac{\widetilde{G}}{K} = G'/K'$ is hyp. plane.

$$\downarrow \\ Z(\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})) \cap \text{SO}(2) = \{\pm \text{Id}\}.$$

$$(\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R}), \text{PSO}(2)) = (\text{Is}(\mathbb{H}^2)^\circ, \dots)$$

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Def: If $Z(G) \cap K$ is discrete, then (G, K) is called effective.

(1) G connected top. $N \triangleleft G$ normal, discrete.

$$\Rightarrow N \subset Z(G).$$