

Exercise Class: Lie Groups, Nov. 19th

Exercise 1. (Related Vector Fields):

Let M, N be smooth manifolds and let $\varphi : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map. Recall that two vector fields $X \in \text{Vect}(M)$, $X' \in \text{Vect}(N)$ are called φ -related if

$$d_p \varphi(X_p) = X'_{\varphi(p)}$$

for every $p \in M$.

Show that $[X, Y]$ is φ -related to $[X', Y']$ if $X \in \text{Vect}(M)$ is φ -related to $X' \in \text{Vect}(N)$ and $Y \in \text{Vect}(M)$ is φ -related to $Y' \in \text{Vect}(N)$.

Solution:

Key insight: $X \stackrel{\varphi}{\sim} X'$ (φ -related)

$$\forall f \in C^\infty(N) \quad \forall p \in M$$

$$\begin{aligned} (X'f)(\varphi(p)) &= X'_{\varphi(p)} \cdot f = d\varphi_p(X_p) \cdot f \\ &= X_p(f \circ \varphi), \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } (X'f) \circ \varphi = X(f \circ \varphi)$$

Now, compute:

$$\begin{aligned} [X', Y']_{\varphi(p)} f &= X'_{\varphi(p)}(Y'f) - Y'_{\varphi(p)}(X'f) \\ &= X_p((Y'f) \circ \varphi) - Y_p((X'f) \circ \varphi) \\ &= X_p(Y(f \circ \varphi)) - Y_p(X(f \circ \varphi)) \end{aligned}$$

$$= d\varphi_p([\chi, \gamma]_p) \cdot f \quad \square$$

Exercise 3. (Some Lie Algebras):

a) Let M, N be smooth manifolds and let $f : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map of constant rank r . By the constant rank theorem we know that the level set $L = f^{-1}(q)$ is a regular submanifold of M of dimension $\dim M - r$ for every $q \in N$. Show that one may canonically identify

$$T_p L \cong \ker d_p f$$

for every $p \in L = f^{-1}(q)$.

Solution: Two steps: 1) $T_p L \subseteq \ker(d_p f)$
2) $\dim T_p L = \dim \ker(d_p f)$

1) Let $v \in T_p L$, and let $\gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow L = f^{-1}(q)$ be a smooth curve with $\dot{\gamma}(0) = v$.

$$\text{Then } d_p f(v) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \underbrace{f(\gamma(t))}_{= q \text{ (const.)}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v \in \ker(d_p f).$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) \quad \dim \ker(d_p f) &= \dim T_p M - \text{rank}(d_p f) \\ &= \dim M - r = \dim L = \dim(T_p L). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

b) We will compute the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})$ of the Lie group $Sp(2n, \mathbb{C}) = \{g \in GL(2n, \mathbb{C}) \mid g^T J g = J\}$

where $J = \begin{pmatrix} \overbrace{0}^n & I_n \\ -I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$:

Define $F: GL(2n, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{2n \times 2n}$
 $g \mapsto g^T J g$

$\Rightarrow Sp(2n, \mathbb{C}) = F^{-1}(J)$

• F has constant rank:

$$d_g F(X) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} F(g + t \cdot X)$$

$$= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \left[(g + t \cdot X)^T \cdot J \cdot (g + t \cdot X) \right]$$

Ex. 2

$$= X^T J g + g^T J X$$

$$\underbrace{(g^T J^T X)^T}_{(g^T J^T X)^T} = -(g^T J X)^T$$

$$J^T = -J$$

$$= g^T J X - (g^T J X)^T \quad \text{invertible}$$

$$= P(g^T J X) = (P \circ L_{g^T J})(X)$$

where $P(Y) = Y - Y^T$.

$\Rightarrow F$ has constant rank.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By (a): } T_I \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{C}) &= \ker(d_I F) \\ &= \{X \in \mathbb{C}^{2n \times 2n} \mid X^T J + JX = 0\} \\ &\stackrel{(*)}{=} \mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{C}) \end{aligned}$$

Q: What's the Lie bracket?

A: Because $\text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{C}) \leq \text{GL}(2n, \mathbb{C})$, inclusion induces an injective Lie alg. hom

$$\begin{array}{ccc} d_I: \mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{C}) & \hookrightarrow & \mathfrak{gl}(2n, \mathbb{C}) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ T_e \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{C}) & \subseteq & T_e \text{GL}(2n, \mathbb{C}) \end{array}$$

In $\mathfrak{gl}(2n, \mathbb{C})$ the Lie bracket is given by the commutator:

$$[A, B] = AB - BA \quad \forall A, B \in \mathfrak{gl}(2n, \mathbb{C})$$

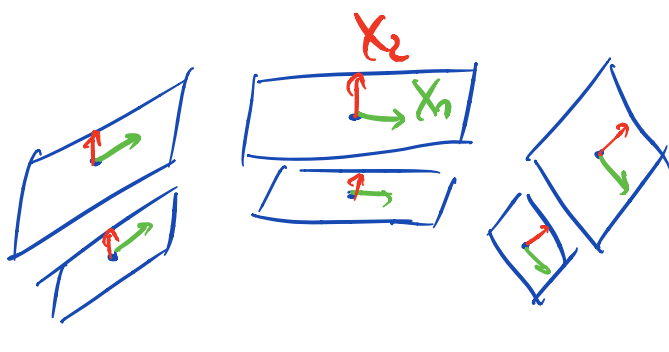
Recap: Distributions on manifolds

A (smooth) distribution \mathcal{D} on M (of dimension k) is a collection of tangent spaces $\mathcal{D} = \{D_p\}_{p \in M}$ where $D_p \subseteq T_p M \forall p \in M$ such that for every point $p \in M$ there is an open nbhd. $U \ni p$ and linearly indep. smooth vector fields $X_1, \dots, X_k \in \text{Vect}(U)$ that

span

$$D_q = \langle (X_1)_q, \dots, (X_k)_q \rangle \quad \forall q \in U.$$

Ex:

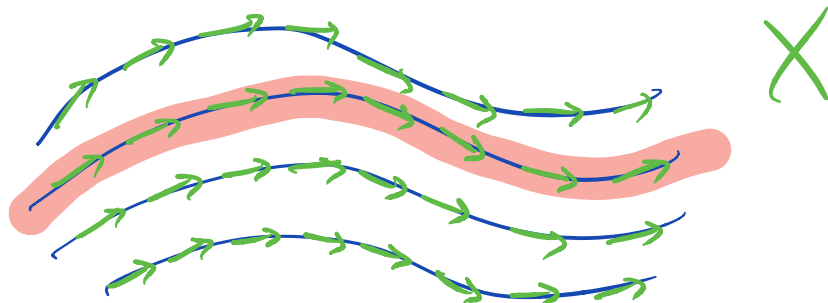


An injective immersion $\varphi: N \hookrightarrow M$ is called an integral submanifold through $q \in M$ if $q \in \varphi(N)$ and

$$d_p \varphi (T_p N) = D_{\varphi(p)} \quad \forall p \in N$$

Ex: Every non-vanishing vector field $X \in \text{Vect}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is a smooth distribution of dimension 1.

An integral submanifold $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ of X is then nothing but a flow line for X :



Ex (Hopf Fibration): Consider the 3-sphere

$$\mathbb{S}^3 = \{(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 = 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$$

and the map $p: \mathbb{S}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} = \text{one pt. cell.} \cong \mathbb{S}^2$
 $(z_1, z_2) \mapsto z_1/z_2$

In polar coordinates:

$$p(r_1 \cdot e^{i\theta_1}, r_2 \cdot e^{i\theta_2}) = \frac{r_1}{r_2} \cdot e^{i(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}; \quad r_1^2 + r_2^2 = 1$$

The preimage of a circle $s \cdot \mathbb{S}^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = s\}$ is a torus:

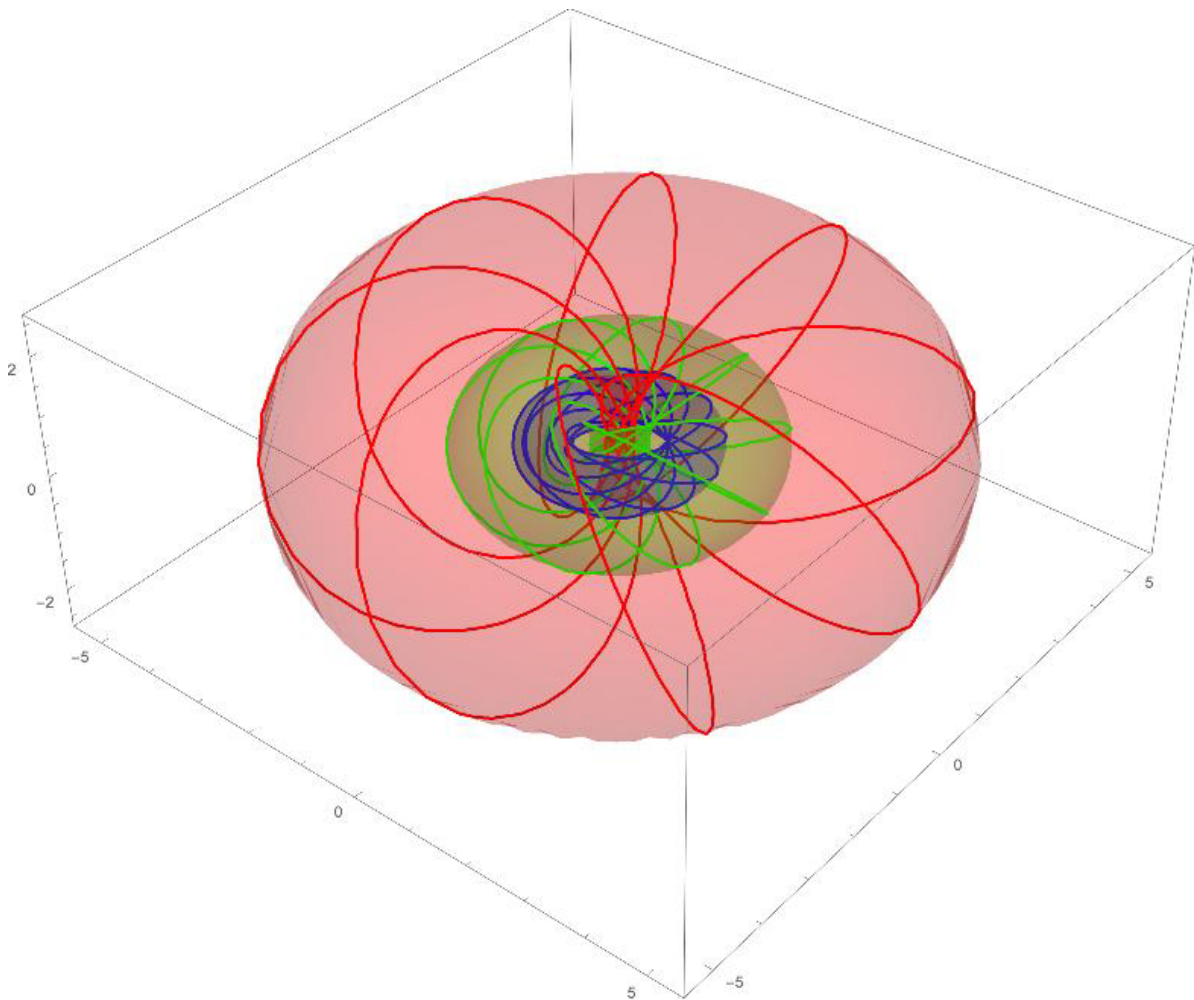
$$p^{-1}(s \cdot \mathbb{S}^1) = \left\{ \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{1+s^2}} e^{i\theta_1}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+s^2}} e^{i\theta_2} \right) \mid \theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \cong \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1$$

The preimage of a point $z = g \cdot e^{it}$ is a circle:

$$p^{-1}(g \cdot e^{it}) = \left\{ \left(\frac{g}{\sqrt{1+g^2}} e^{i(t+\theta)}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+g^2}} e^{i\theta} \right) \mid \theta \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \cong \mathbb{S}^1$$

Then $\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \ker(dp_{(z_1, z_2)}) \right\}_{(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{S}^2}$ is a smooth distribution of dimension 1.

Its integral submanifolds are just its fibers $p^{-1}(z) \cong \mathbb{S}^1$. (via stereographic projection:)



\mathcal{D} is called involutive if it is "closed under taking the Lie bracket": $[X_i, X_j] \in \mathcal{D}$

Ex: Any 1-dim. distribution is involutive:
 $[X, X] = 0.$

\mathcal{D} is called completely integrable if there is an integral submanifold through every point of M . (Some authors call this just "integrable")

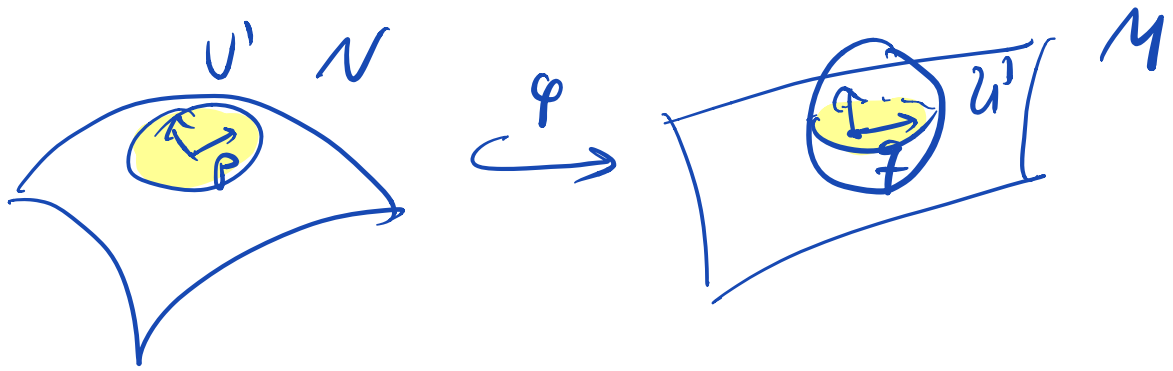
Theorem (Frobenius): A distribution \mathcal{D} is completely integrable if and only if it is involutive.

Ex. \Leftarrow shows: completely integrable \Rightarrow involutive.

Exercise 4. (Easy Direction of Frobenius' Theorem):

Let M be a smooth manifold and let \mathcal{D} be a distribution on M . Show that \mathcal{D} is involutive if it is completely integrable.

Solution: Let $U \subset M$ open, $\{X_1, \dots, X_r\}$ local basis for \mathcal{D} . Let $q \in U$, and let $\varphi: N \hookrightarrow M$ be an integral submanifold through q ; i.e. $\forall p \in N$: $\varphi(p) \in \mathcal{D}$



There are open nbhds $p \in V' \subset N, q \in U' \subset M$
st.

$\varphi|_{V'}: V' \rightarrow U'$ is a smooth embedding.

Pull-back vector fields:

$$(Y_i)_p := (d\varphi_p)^{-1}((X_i)_{\varphi(p)}) \quad \forall p \in V'$$

Thus: $Y_i \in \mathfrak{X}(V')$ (φ -related)

Ex 1
 \implies

$$[Y_i, Y_j] \in \mathfrak{X}(V')$$

Hence: $[X_i, X_j]_{\varphi(p)} = d\varphi_p(\underbrace{[Y_i, Y_j]_p}_{\in T_p V}) \in \mathcal{D}_{\varphi(p)}$
 \square

Exercise 6. (Functions with values in immersed submanifolds):

Let M', M, N be smooth manifolds and let $\iota: N \hookrightarrow M$ be an injective immersion, i.e. ι is an injective smooth map whose differential is injective. Further, let $f: M' \rightarrow M$ be a smooth map with $f(M) \subseteq \iota(N)$.

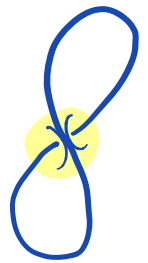
Show that $\iota^{-1} \circ f: M' \rightarrow N$ is smooth if it is continuous.

Does not hold without $\iota^{-1} \circ f$ being continuous:

Figure eight curve:

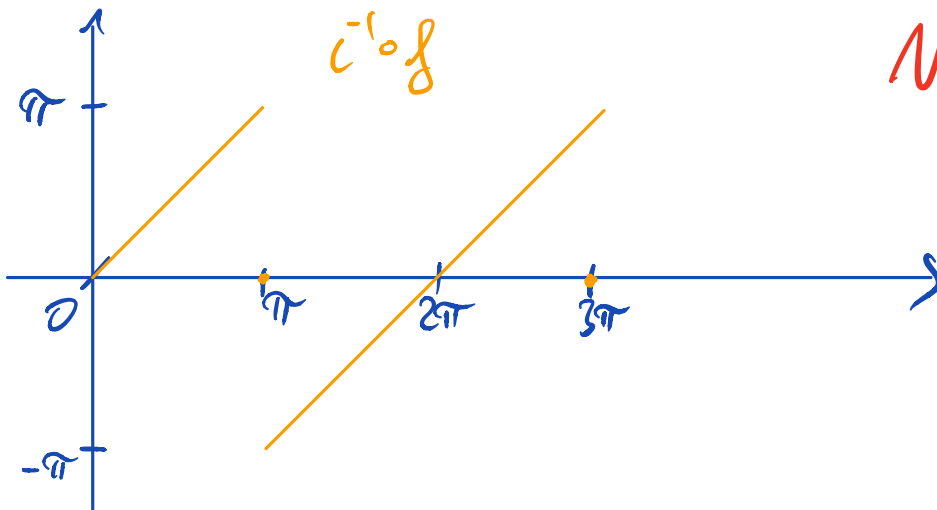
$$\iota: (-\pi, \pi) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$t \mapsto (\sin(2t), \sin(t))$$



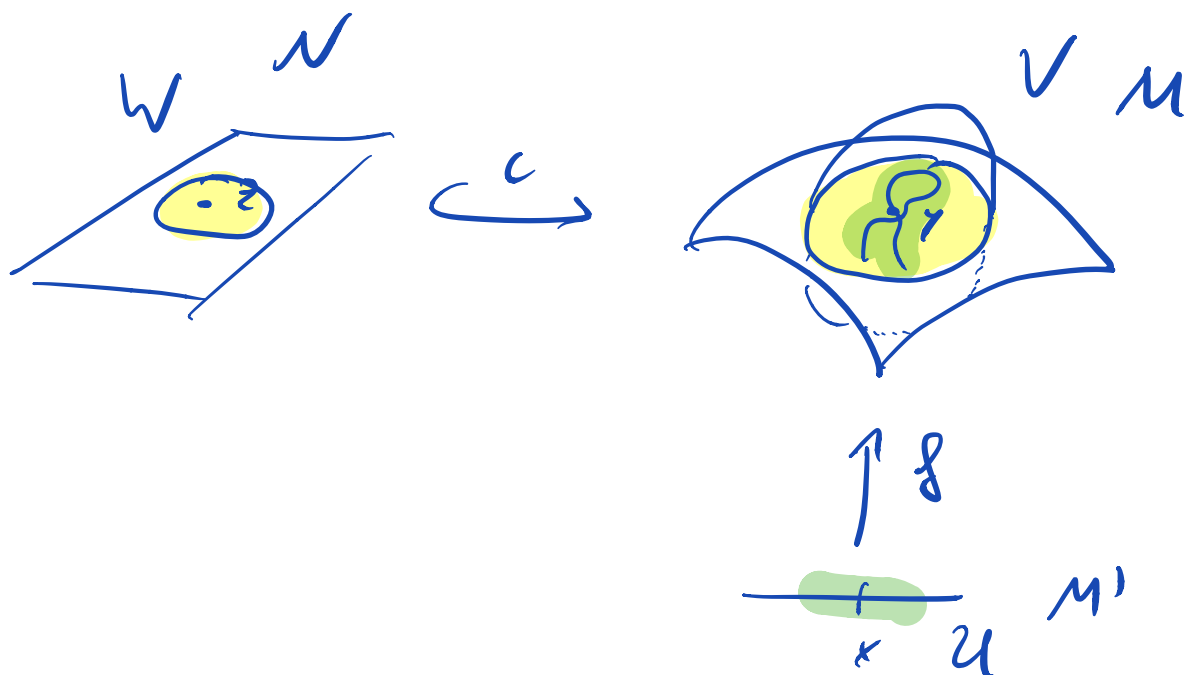
$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$t \mapsto (\sin(2t), \sin(t))$$



NOT even continuous!

Solution: Let $x \in M'$, $y = f(x) \in M$, $z = i^{-1}(y) \in N$



$\exists W \subseteq N, V \subseteq M$ open nbhds of z, y resp. & charts $\gamma: W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k, \psi: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ s.t. $i(W) \subseteq V$ and

$$j(x_1, \dots, x_k) := (\psi \circ i \circ \gamma^{-1})(x_1, \dots, x_k) \\ = (x_1, \dots, x_k, 0, \dots, 0)$$

The open (!) set $(i^{-1} \circ \psi^{-1})(W) \subseteq M'$ (continuous) contains a chart $\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ of x

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} W & \xleftarrow{i|_W} & V & \xleftarrow{f|_V} & U \\ \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \psi & & \downarrow \varphi \\ \mathbb{R}^k & \xleftarrow{j} & \mathbb{R}^k \times \{0\} & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{R}^m, \\ & \xrightarrow{\pi} & & & \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow c^{-1} \circ f$ is (locally) smooth. \square

Exercise 5. (Distributions and Lie Subalgebras):

b) Show that the Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} of a Lie subgroup H of a Lie group G determines a left-invariant involutive distribution.

Solution: Let $c: H \hookrightarrow G$ be an injective immersion.

Take a basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \in T_e H$.

Define $(X_i)_g := d_e L_g(d_e c(v_i)) \quad \forall g \in G$.

and set $D = \{ \langle (X_1)_g, \dots, (X_n)_g \rangle \subset T_g G \}$

By defn D is left-inv.

Claim: $L_g \circ c: H \hookrightarrow G$ is an integral submfd of D through $g \in G$.

Pf: $(X_i)_g = d_e L_g(d_e c(v_i)) = d_e(L_g \circ c)(v_i)$
 $\forall i=1, \dots, n \quad \forall g \in G$.

\Rightarrow D is completely integrable [For a direct proof see solution]
 $\xrightarrow{\text{Ex 4}} \Rightarrow D$ is involutive \square