

# Exercise Class Lie Groups Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Exercise 1. (Discrete Subgroups of $\mathbb{R}^n$ ):

Let  $D < \mathbb{R}^n$  be a discrete subgroup. Show that there are  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in D$  such that

- $x_1, \dots, x_k$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}$ , and
- $D = \mathbb{Z}x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}x_k$ , i.e.  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  generate  $D$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -submodule of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Reference: (see lecture Nov <sup>28<sup>th</sup></sup>)

[ Any connected abelian Lie group is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{T}^l$ ,  $k, l \geq 0$ .

Solution: Via induction on  $n (= \dim \mathbb{R}^n)$

$n=1$ : Take  $\{0\} \neq D < \mathbb{R}$  discrete subgroup.

[ Let  $x_1 \in D$  with  $|x_1| = \min \{|x| \mid x \in D \setminus \{0\}\}$ .  
Then  $D = \mathbb{Z} \cdot x_1$  (check)

$n-1 \rightarrow n$ : Assume assertion holds for  $\{0\} \neq D \leq \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$

As before, pick  $x_1 \in D$  with  $\|x_1\| = \min \{\|x\| \mid x \in D \setminus \{0\}\}$ .

Consider quotient map  $\pi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{R} \cdot x_1 \cong \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$

Claim:  $D' := \pi(D) \leq \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  discrete

$\mathbb{R}$ : (see solution)  $\square$

By induction hypothesis:  $\exists x'_1, \dots, x'_k \in D' \leq \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$   
linearly indep. s.t.  $D' = \mathbb{Z}x'_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}x'_k$

Pick  $x_i \in \pi^{-1}(x'_i) \cap D$  ( $i=1, \dots, k$ ).

Then  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  are linearly indep. and generate  $D$ . (see solution)

indeed, let  $y \in D$ . Because  $D' = \mathbb{Z}x_1' \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}x_k'$   
 $\exists a_2, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$D' \ni \pi(y) = a_2 \cdot \underbrace{x_2'}_{=\pi(x_2)} + \dots + a_k \cdot \underbrace{x_k'}_{=\pi(x_k)} = \pi(\underbrace{a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_k x_k}_{=y'})$$

$$\Rightarrow y - y' \in \ker(\pi) \cap D.$$

Claim:  $\ker(\pi) \cap D = \mathbb{Z} \cdot x_1$

Pf:  $\supseteq$ :

$\subseteq$ : Suppose  $\exists t \cdot x_1 \in D$  with  $t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$

Then  $w = (t - \lfloor t \rfloor) \cdot x_1 \in D \setminus \{0\}$  &

$$\|w\| = \underbrace{(t - \lfloor t \rfloor)}_{\in (0,1)} \cdot \|x_1\| < \|x_1\| \quad \text{by minimality of } x_1.$$

$$\Rightarrow y - y' \in \mathbb{Z} \cdot x_1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists a_1 \in \mathbb{Z}:$$

$$y = a_1 \cdot x_1 + y' = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_k x_k. \quad \square$$

## Exercise 2. (Covering maps of Lie Groups):

Let  $G$  be a Lie group, let  $H$  be a simply connected topological space and let  $p: H \rightarrow G$  be a covering map.

- a) Show that there is a unique Lie group structure on  $H$  such that  $p$  is a smooth group homomorphism and that the kernel of  $p$  is a discrete subgroup of  $G$ .

Solution:

Existence (idea):  $p: H \rightarrow G$  a covering, hence it's a local homeomorphism. Use this to define smooth charts on  $H$  by "pulling-back" charts from  $G$ .

Uniqueness: Suppose there are two universal covering Lie groups  $p_1: H_1 \rightarrow G$ ,  $p_2: H_2 \rightarrow G$ . Because both  $H_1, H_2$  are simply connected, there are lifts

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \varphi_1 \rightarrow H_2 & \\ \dots & \swarrow & \downarrow p_2 \\ H_1 & \xrightarrow{p_1} & G \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} & \varphi_2 \rightarrow H_1 & \\ \dots & \swarrow & \downarrow p_1 \\ H_2 & \xrightarrow{p_2} & G \end{array}$$

$$\varphi_1(e_1) = e_2, \quad \varphi_2(e_2) = e_1$$

By uniqueness,  $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2^{-1}$  and  $H_1$  &  $H_2$  are isomorphic as Lie groups.

$p$  is a covering map

$\Rightarrow \ker(p) = p^{-1}(\{e\})$  is discrete.  $\square$

b) Show that  $p$  is a local isomorphism of Lie groups and that  $dp$  is an isomorphism of Lie algebras when  $H$  is equipped with the Lie group structure from part a).

Sol:  $p$  is a homomorphism & local diffeom  
 $\Rightarrow dp : \mathfrak{h} \cong T_e H \rightarrow T_e G = \mathfrak{g}$  is  
 an isomorphism.

Lemma  
lecture  $\Rightarrow p$  is a local isomorphism  $\square$

c) Let  $H, G$  be arbitrary Lie groups and let  $G$  be connected. Further, let  $\varphi : H \rightarrow G$  be a Lie group homomorphism. Show that  $\varphi$  is a covering map if and only if  $d\varphi : \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  is an isomorphism.

Sol:  $\Rightarrow$  is b)  $\checkmark$   
 $\Leftarrow$ :  $d\varphi : \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  isom.  $\stackrel{\text{IFT}}{\Rightarrow} \exists U \subset H, U \subset G$ :  
 $\varphi : U \xrightarrow{\sim} U$  diffeom.  
 $\varphi_e$   $\varphi_e$

$G$  is connected  $\Rightarrow \langle U \rangle_G = G \Rightarrow \varphi$  is surjective.

Evenly covered: Choose  $e \in W = W^{-1} \subseteq U$  &  $W^2 \subseteq U$ .

Set  $U' = \varphi(U)$ .

Claim:  $\varphi^{-1}(U') = \bigsqcup_{h \in \ker(\varphi)} W \cdot h$   
*disjoint union*

Pf: Clearly,  $\varphi^{-1}(U') = \bigcup_{h \in \ker(\varphi)} W \cdot h$  (see solution)

$W h \cap W h' \neq \emptyset$  then  $\exists w, w' \in W$  s.t.

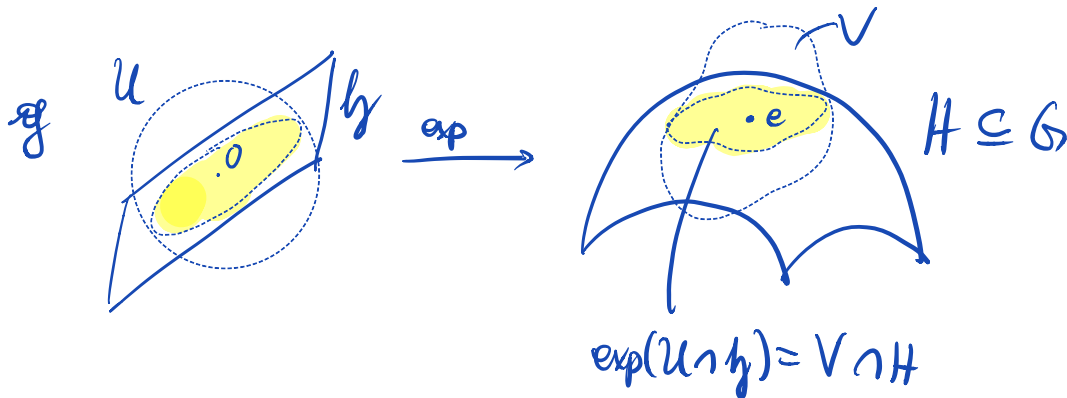
$$w h = w' h' \Rightarrow h (h')^{-1} = w^{-1} w' \in W \cdot W \subseteq V$$

$$\varphi|_V \text{ is injective} \Rightarrow h (h')^{-1} = e \Rightarrow h = h' \quad \square$$

### Exercise 3. (Abstract Subgroups as Lie Subgroups):

Let  $H$  be an abstract subgroup of a Lie group  $G$  and let  $\mathfrak{h}$  be a subspace of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of  $G$ . Further let  $U \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$  be an open neighborhood of  $0 \in \mathfrak{g}$  and let  $V \subseteq G$  be an open neighborhood of  $e \in G$  such that the exponential map  $\exp : U \rightarrow V$  is a diffeomorphism satisfying  $\exp(U \cap \mathfrak{h}) = V \cap H$ . Show that the following statements hold:

- $H$  is a Lie subgroup of  $G$  with the induced relative topology;
- $\mathfrak{h}$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ;
- $\mathfrak{h}$  is the Lie algebra of  $H$ .



Solution:  $\exp|_U^{-1} : V \rightarrow U$  gives a (local) slice chart at  $e$ . We can translate via left-transl.  $L_h : G \rightarrow G, g \mapsto hg$  to obtain slice charts about every point  $h \in H$ . Thus,  $H \subseteq G$  is an embedded submanifold.

Because multiplication and inversion are smooth maps on  $G$  and restrict to  $H$ , they are smooth maps on  $H$ .

$\Rightarrow H \leq G$  is an embedded Lie subgroup.

□

b) & c): Denote by  $\iota: H \hookrightarrow G$  the embedding. Let  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$  be a complementary subsp. to  $\mathfrak{h}$ , i.e.  $\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{g}$ . We get:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Lie}(H) & \xrightarrow{d\iota} & \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{g} \\ \downarrow \exp & \cong & \downarrow \exp \\ H & \xrightarrow{\iota} & G \end{array}$$

By defn.,  $d\iota: \text{Lie}(H) \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$  is an isom. of vector spaces.

Because  $\iota$  is a Lie group hom.

$d\iota: \text{Lie}(H) \rightarrow \mathfrak{h} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$  is a Lie algebra hom.

□

#### Exercise 4. (Lie Group homomorphisms and their differentials):

Let  $G$  be a connected Lie group, let  $H$  be a Lie group and let  $\varphi, \psi: G \rightarrow H$  be Lie group homomorphisms.

Show that  $\varphi = \psi$  if and only if  $d\varphi = d\psi$ .

Sol: If  $\varphi = \psi \Rightarrow d\varphi = d\psi$ . ✓

⇐: Suppose  $d\varphi = d\psi$ . Consider  
 $A = \{g \in G \mid \varphi(g) = \psi(g)\}$ .

WTS:  $A = G$ .

Note:  $e \in A$  &  $A$  is closed

Indeed,  $\Delta_H = \{(h, h) \in H \times H\} \subseteq H \times H$  is closed

s.t.  $A = (\varphi \times \psi)^{-1}(\Delta_H)$  is closed.

If  $A$  is open then  $A = G$  by connectedness of  $G$ .

Recall, that there are open nbds  $0 \in \mathfrak{g} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$ ,  
 $e \in V \subseteq G$  s.t.  $\exp|_U: U \xrightarrow{\sim} V$  is a diffeo.

Pick  $g_0 \in A$ . Let  $g = g_0 v \in g_0 V$  and  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$   
s.t.  $\exp(X) = v$ .

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(g) &= \varphi(g_0) \varphi(v) = \varphi(g_0) \varphi(\exp(X)) = \varphi(g_0) \exp(d\varphi(X)) \\ &= \psi(g_0) \exp(d\psi(X)) = \dots = \psi(g).\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow g_0 V \subseteq A \Rightarrow A$  is open. □

### Exercise 5. (Surjectivity of the Matrix Exponential):

Let  $\text{Exp} : \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{R})$  be the matrix exponential map given by the power series

$$\text{Exp}(X) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{X^n}{n!}.$$

Consider the Lie subgroup of upper triangular matrices  $N(n) < \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{R})$  with its Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{n}(n) < \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$  of strictly upper triangular matrices; cf. exercise sheet 4 problem 3.

Show that  $\text{Exp}|_{\mathfrak{n}(n)} : \mathfrak{n}(n) \rightarrow N(n)$  is surjective.

Hint: Consider the partially defined matrix logarithm  $\text{Log} : \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  given by

$$\text{Log}(I + A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{A^n}{n}.$$

Try to give answers to the following questions and then conclude:

What is its radius of convergence  $r$  about  $I$ ? Why is it a right-inverse of  $\text{Exp}$  on the ball  $B_r(I)$  of radius  $r$  about  $I$ ? Why is there no problem for matrices that are in  $N(n)$  but not in  $B_r(I)$ ?

In order to answer the last question prove that  $A^n = 0$  for all  $A \in \mathfrak{n}(n)$ .

Solution: As in the complex case

$$r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \cdot \frac{n+1}{(-1)^n} \right| = 1$$

$\Rightarrow \text{Log}(I+A)$  converges absolutely for all  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with  $\|A\| < 1$ .

Claim:  $\text{Exp}(\text{Log}(I+A)) = I+A \quad \forall \|A\| < 1$ .

Pf: Via comparison with the complex case:

There's a procedure to compute the coefficients of the series



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Exp}(\text{Log}(I+A)) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left( \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{h+1} \frac{A^h}{h} \right)^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \underline{\underline{d_k}} \cdot A^k \end{aligned}$$

and they are the same as in the complex case:

$$\exp(\text{Log}(1+z)) = 1+z \quad (\text{for } |z| < 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_0 = 1, d_1 = 1, 0 = d_2 = d_3 = \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Exp}(\text{Log}(I+A)) = I+A.$$

□

$g \in \mathcal{N}$  is of the form

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} * & \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} = I + A \quad \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^n = 0 \right)$$

Moreover,  $A^n = 0$ , s.t.

$$\text{Log}(I+A) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} A^k \quad \text{is a polynomial and is defined } \forall A \in \mathcal{N}.$$

Claim:  $\text{Exp}(\text{Log}(I+A)) = I+A$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{N}$

Pf: Let  $A \in \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ . Then  $\forall t \in (-\|A\|^{-1}, \|A\|^{-1})$   
 $(\Rightarrow \|t \cdot A\| < 1)$

$$\text{Exp}(\text{Log}(I + t \cdot A)) = I + t \cdot A.$$

Both sides are analytic functions in  $t$  and coincide on the open set  $(-\|A\|^{-1}, \|A\|^{-1})$ .

$\Rightarrow$  They must coincide on all of  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
 In particular, for  $t=1$ .

$$\text{Exp}(\text{Log}(I + A)) = I + A.$$

□

**Exercise 6. (Multiplication and exp):**

Let  $G$  be a Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Show that for all  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$  and small enough  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\exp(tX)\exp(tY) = \exp(t(X+Y) + O(t^2))$$

where  $O(t^2)$  is a differentiable  $\mathfrak{g}$ -valued function such that  $\frac{O(t^2)}{t^2}$  is bounded as  $t \rightarrow 0$ .

Solution: Let  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $U \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $V \subseteq G$   
 s.t.  $\exp|_U : U \xrightarrow{\sim} V$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $\exp(t \cdot X) \cdot \exp(t \cdot Y) \in V \quad \forall |t| < \varepsilon$ .

$\Rightarrow$  There is  $Z : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  s.t.  
 $\exp(Z(t)) = \exp(t \cdot X) \cdot \exp(t \cdot Y)$ .

Taylor:  $Z(t) = Z(0) + t \cdot Z'(0) + O(t^2)$ .

$$\exp(Z(0)) = \underbrace{\exp(0 \cdot X)}_{=e} \cdot \underbrace{\exp(0 \cdot Y)}_{=e} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow Z(0) = 0.$$

For  $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \overbrace{f(\exp(t \cdot X) \cdot \exp(t \cdot Y))}^{= \exp(Z(t))} \quad (t \mapsto (t, t)) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} f(\exp(t \cdot X) \cdot \cancel{\exp(0 \cdot Y)})^e + \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} f(\cancel{\exp(0 \cdot X)} \exp(t \cdot Y))^e \\ &= X \cdot f + Y \cdot f \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} f(\exp(Z(t))) = Z'(0) \cdot f$$

$$\Rightarrow Z'(0) = X + Y.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \exp(t \cdot X) \exp(t \cdot Y) &= \exp(Z(t)) \\ &= \exp(t \cdot (X+Y) + O(t^2)). \end{aligned}$$

□