

Concerning Def. 3.24 let us recall how the derivative, or tangent map, at $p \in M$ of a smooth map $\varphi: M \rightarrow M'$ is defined: let $X_p \in C^\infty(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a tangent vector and $f \in C^\infty(\varphi(p))$. Let by abuse of notation (U, f) be a representative, $U \ni \varphi(p)$ open. Then

$$(\mathbb{D}_p \varphi)(f) := X_p(f \circ \varphi).$$

When working with M being an open subset of a f.d. \mathbb{R} -vector space V then we will use a certain number of conventions and identifications.

Let $\Omega \subset V$ be open. We have then the identification (see remark after

Def. 1.13)

$$\begin{aligned} V &\longrightarrow T_v \mathcal{R}, \quad v \in \mathcal{R} \\ w &\longmapsto W_v \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{via } W_v(f) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} f(v + tw) \right|_{t=0}, \quad f \in C^\infty(\mathcal{R})$$

If then $L: V \rightarrow U$ is any linear

map:

$$(D_v L)(W_v) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} L(v + tw) \right|_{t=0} = L(w)$$

In particular $\forall \lambda \in V^*$:

$$\underbrace{D_v 1}_{W_v(\lambda)} = \lambda(w)$$

3.3. The Lie Algebra of a Lie group.

Definition and examples.

Let G be a Lie group and M a smooth manifold.

Def 3.28 A left action of G on M is called smooth if $G \times M \rightarrow M$ is smooth.

In particular every $g \in G$ gives rise to a diffeomorphism

$$L_g : M \rightarrow M \\ x \mapsto gx$$

and hence (see Cor. 3.27) to a Lie algebra isomorphism

$$(L_g)_* : \text{Vect}^*(M) \rightarrow \text{Vect}^*(M)$$

Def. 3.29 $X \in \text{Vect}^\infty(M)$ is G -invariant if $\forall g \in G: (L_g)_* X = X$.

The subspace $\text{Vect}^\infty(M)^G$ of G -invariant vector fields is then a Lie subalgebra of $\text{Vect}^\infty(M)$.

Let now G act on the left on itself:

$$\begin{aligned} G \times G &\rightarrow G \\ (g, x) &\mapsto g \cdot x \end{aligned}$$

Then $\text{Vect}_L^\infty(G)^G$ the space of left invariant vector fields is a Lie algebra

and

Lemma 3.30 $\text{Vect}_L^\infty(G)^G \xrightarrow{\cong} T_e G$
 $X \mapsto X_e$

is a vector space isomorphism.

Proof: We define a map $T_e G \rightarrow \text{Vect}^\infty(G)$
 $v \mapsto v^L$

it follows:

$$v_g^L := D_e L_g(v).$$

The fact that $v^L \in \text{Vect}_L^\infty(G)$ follows from the chain rule.

Also $v_e^L = v$ since $L_e = \text{id}_G$.

Finally if $X \in \text{Vect}_L^\infty(G)$, we

have in particular:

$$X_g = (D_e L_g)(X_e)$$

and hence $X = (X_e)^L$.

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~~Now we proceed to identify explicitly the Lie algebra of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$, which is a key step in computing the Lie~~

Def. 3.31: The Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} of a

Lie group G is the vector space

$\mathfrak{g} = T_e G$ endowed with the bracket:

$$[v, w] := [v^L, w^L]_e \quad \forall v, w \in T_e G.$$

We now proceed to identify explicitly

the Lie Algebra of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$. Recall

that since $GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \subset M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$ is open

we have the identification:

$$M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow T_I GL(n, \mathbb{R})$$

$$A \longmapsto A_I$$

Let us denote $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$ the Lie

algebra of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ and for

convenience $\tilde{A} = (A_I)^L$ the left

invariant vector field corresponding to $A_{\mathbb{I}}$. Then:

Proposition 3.32 The map

$$\begin{aligned} M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R}) &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R}) \\ A &\longmapsto A_{\mathbb{I}} \end{aligned}$$

induces an isomorphism between the Lie algebra $M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$, with matrix bracket and the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$.

In other words:

$$[\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}] = \widetilde{[A, B]} \quad \forall A, B \in M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R}).$$

Proof: Since $[\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}]$ and $\widetilde{[A, B]}$ both are left invariant vector fields, it

suffices to show that

$$[\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}]_{\mathbb{I}} = \widetilde{[A, B]}_{\mathbb{I}}.$$

But (see p. 3.20) two tangent vectors of \mathbb{I} coincide iff their evaluations on a (ℓ $\lambda \in M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})^*$ do.

Thus we want to show:

$$\widetilde{[\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}]_{\mathbb{I}}}(\lambda) = \widetilde{[A, B]_{\mathbb{I}}}(\lambda)$$

$$\forall \lambda \in M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})^*$$

But $\widetilde{[A, B]_{\mathbb{I}}} = [A, B]_{\mathbb{I}}$ and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{[A, B]_{\mathbb{I}}}(\lambda) &= [A, B]_{\mathbb{I}}(\lambda) = \lambda(AB - BA) \\ &= \lambda(AB) - \lambda(BA). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand:

$$[\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}]_{\mathbb{I}}(\lambda) = (\tilde{A}\tilde{B} - \tilde{B}\tilde{A})(\lambda)(\mathbb{I})$$

and we proceed to show:

$$\tilde{A}\tilde{B}(\lambda)(\mathbb{I}) = \lambda(AB).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \tilde{A} \tilde{B}(\lambda)(\mathbb{I}) &= A_{\mathbb{I}}(\tilde{B}(\lambda)) \\ &= A_{\mathbb{I}}(g \mapsto \tilde{B}_g(\lambda)) \\ &= A_{\mathbb{I}}(g \mapsto D_{\mathbb{I}} L_g(B_{\mathbb{I}})(\lambda)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } D_{\mathbb{I}} L_g(B_{\mathbb{I}})(\lambda) = B_{\mathbb{I}}(h \mapsto \lambda(gh))$$

But $h \mapsto \lambda(gh)$ is the restriction to $\mathcal{L}(n, \mathbb{R})$ of a linear form on $M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$,
hence $B_{\mathbb{I}}(h \mapsto \lambda(gh)) = \lambda(gB)$.

Again for the same reason:

$$A_{\mathbb{I}}(g \mapsto \lambda(gB)) = \lambda(AB)$$

and we are done. \square

Now we turn to the natural question of whether a smooth homomorphism of Lie groups induces a Lie algebra homomorphism.

This will in particular allow us to determine the Lie algebras of certain subgroups of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$.

Prop. 3.33 Let $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$ be a smooth homomorphism of Lie groups and

$\mathfrak{g} = T_e G$, $\mathfrak{h} = T_e H$ their Lie algebras.

Then $D_e \varphi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ is a Lie algebra homomorphism.

Proof:

Let $v \in T_e G$, $v^L \in \text{Vect}^\infty(G)$ the corresponding left inv. vector field,

$w := D_e \varphi(v) \in T_e H$ and $w^L \in \text{Vect}^\infty(H)$.

Claim: v^L and w^L are φ -related

(see Def. 3.24).

Indeed:

$$w_{\varphi(g)}^L = D_{e_{\varphi(g)}} L_{\varphi(g)}(w) = D_{e_{\varphi(g)}} L_{\varphi(g)} D_e \varphi(v)$$

$$= D_{e_{\varphi(g)}} (L_{\varphi(g)} \circ \varphi)(v)$$

since φ is a homomorphism,

$$L_{\varphi(g)} \circ \varphi = \varphi \circ L_g,$$

hence

$$= D_{e_{\varphi(g)}} (\varphi \circ L_g)(v) = D_g \varphi (D_e L_g(v))$$

$$= D_g \varphi(v_g^L)$$

Thus if $v_1, v_2 \in T_e G$, and

$w_i := D_e \varphi(v_i)$ then since v_i^L and w_i^L

are φ -related, it follows from prop 3.26

that $[v_1^L, v_2^L]$ and $[w_1^L, w_2^L]$ are

φ -related. Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} D_e \varphi([v_1, v_2]) &= D_e \varphi([v_1^L, v_2^L]_e) = [w_1^L, w_2^L]_e \\ &= [w_1, w_2] = [D_e \varphi(w_1), D_e \varphi(w_2)]. \end{aligned}$$

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Corollary 3.34. Let G be a Lie group

and $H < G$ a subgroup which is

also a regular submanifold. Then the

inclusion $H \rightarrow G$ realizes $\mathfrak{h} = T_e H$

as Lie subalgebra of $\mathfrak{g} = T_e G$.

Examples 3.35

(1) The Lie algebra of $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is

$$\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{ X \in M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R}) : \text{tr } X = 0 \}$$

(Ex. 3.12 (1))

Indeed, indeed $SL(n, \mathbb{R}) = \det^{-1}(1)$

~~(2)~~ and $\det: GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$ has

constant rank with $\begin{pmatrix} D \det \\ \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}(X) = \text{tr } X$.

(2) The Lie algebra of $O(n, \mathbb{R})$ is

$$\mathfrak{o}(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{ X \in M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R}) : X + {}^t X = 0 \}$$

for the same reason (see Ex. 3.12 (2)).

$$(3) N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & * \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{is}$$

obviously a subgroup and a regular

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submanifold of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ and its Lie algebra is:

$$\mathcal{L} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & x \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

$$(4) \mathcal{A} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} : \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\text{then } \mathcal{L} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & x_n \end{pmatrix} : x_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Observe that $[,]$ vanishes on \mathcal{L} .

Exercise 3.36

(1) Compute the Lie algebra of $O(p, q)$, $SO(p, q)$, $p+q=n$;

(2) Realize $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$, $SL(n, \mathbb{C})$, $U(n)$

as Lie groups and compute their Lie algebras.

Example 3.37: Let G, H be Lie groups with Lie algebras $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}$. Then the Lie algebra of $G \times H$ can be identified with $\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{h}$ with the bracket:

$$[(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)] = \left(\underbrace{[x_1, x_2]}_{\mathfrak{g}}, \underbrace{[y_1, y_2]}_{\mathfrak{h}} \right).$$

(left as an exercise).

At this point we are left with lots of questions: we have constructed a functor

$$\text{Lie} : \text{Lie Grps} \longrightarrow \text{Lie Algs},$$

and the fundamental question is how much information we lose by going

from Lie groups to Lie algebras. Loosely

here are some informal answers:

(1) Every Lie algebra is the Lie algebra of a Lie group.

(2) (Faithfulness).

If G is a Lie group and F a finite group with discrete topology then

$G \times F$ and G have the same Lie algebra. Even if G is connected,

its Lie algebra doesn't determine G :

$$\pi: \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2$$

is a covering map and it is easy to

see that it induces an isomorphism

between the invariant vector-fields.

In fact if G_1, G_2 are connected
Lie groups then any isomorphism

$$\mathfrak{g}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_2$$

comes from an isomorphism

$$\tilde{G}_1 \rightarrow \tilde{G}_2.$$

(3) It is desirable that the category
of Lie groups is closed under certain
natural operations like taking
the center $Z(G)$ of a Lie group G ,
or G° the connected comp. of identity
etc.

In this direction we will show a
striking thm. of Cartan, namely:
if $H < G$ is a closed subgroup of
a Lie group G then it is a regular

submanifold, hence a Lie group.

3.4. The exponential map

The exponential map is, among other things, a computational tool that links a Lie group to its Lie algebra. It is obtained from the simple observation that a left invariant vector field generates a one parameter group of diffeomorphisms of a special type.

In the special case of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ the Lie group exponential will turn out to be the matrix exponential which we proceed to study first.

Choose any norm $\| \cdot \|$ on \mathbb{R}^n and
endow $M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$ with the operator norm

$$\|A\| := \sup_{\|u\| \leq 1} \|Au\|$$

which clearly satisfies

$$\|A \cdot B\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\|.$$

We have then

Prop. 3.38 :

(1) The series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^n}{n!}$ converges
uniformly on balls of finite radius
in $M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$ to a smooth map
called Exp .

(2) For all A, B with $[A, B] = 0$,

$$\text{Exp}(A+B) = \text{Exp}(A) \cdot \text{Exp}(B)$$

in particular Exp takes values in $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$.

(3) For all $A \in M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$, the

$$\text{map } \gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \quad t \mapsto \text{Exp}(tA)$$

is a smooth homomorphism with

$$\dot{\gamma}(0) = A$$

(4) Any smooth homomorphism

$$\gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{R})$$

is of the form $\gamma(t) = \text{Exp}(t\dot{\gamma}(0))$.

Proof:

(1) For all A with $\|A\| \leq R$ and $N \geq 1$

$$\text{we have } \left\| \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{A^n}{n!} \right\| \leq \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{R^n}{n!}$$

Which shows uniform convergence on balls

of radius R .

Concerning partial derivatives:

we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{ij}} X^n = \sum_{k_1+k_2=n-1} X^{k_1} \Xi_{ij} X^{k_2} \quad (*)$$

which implies

$$\left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{ij}} X^n \right\| \leq n \cdot \|X^{n-1}\|$$

and applying (*) iteratively shows

that if $\frac{\partial^I}{\partial x_I}$ is a partial derivative

of order k :

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^I}{\partial x_I} X^n \right\| \leq n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1) \|X^{n-k}\|$$

for $n \geq k$.

This shows that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^I}{\partial x_I} \frac{X^n}{n!}$

converges uniformly on balls of finite radius and hence Exp is smooth. In fact real analytic.

(2) This follows from the fact that if $AB = BA$ then

$$(A+B)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} A^k B^{n-k}.$$

Also:

$$I = \text{Exp}(0) = \text{Exp}(A) \text{Exp}(-A)$$

which shows Exp takes values in $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$.

(3) Clear from (1) and (2).

(4) $\gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ then

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \gamma(t+s) = \gamma(t) \dot{\gamma}(0).$$

By uniqueness of solutions of ODE we
got $\gamma(t) = \text{Exp}(t \cdot \dot{\gamma}(0))$. \square

Now we turn to the construction of the
exponential map for a general Lie group.
For this we recall an existence result
concerning integral curves of smooth
vector fields.

Definition 3.33 An integral curve of
a smooth vector field X on M is
a smooth map $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$
with $\dot{\gamma}(t) = X_{\gamma(t)}$, $\forall t \in I$.

Here: $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ is an open interval
and $\dot{\gamma}(t) := \left(\frac{d}{dt} \gamma \right) (t)$, $t \in I \subset \mathbb{R}$.

The fundamental existence and uniqueness theorem for first order ordinary differential equations in \mathbb{R}^n implies: (See Boothby IV.4)

Thm. 3.40 Let $X \in \text{Vect}^\infty(M)$. For every $m \in M$ there exist $a(m), b(m) \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ and a smooth curve

$$\gamma_m: (a(m), b(m)) \rightarrow M$$

s.t.

(1) $0 \in (a(m), b(m))$ and $\gamma(0) = m$.

(2) γ_m is an integral curve of X

(3) if $\mu: (c, d) \rightarrow M$ is a smooth curve satisfying (1) and (2) then

$$(c, d) \subset (a(m), b(m)) \text{ and } \gamma|_{(c, d)} = \mu.$$

Def. 3.41. The vector field $X \in \text{Vect}^\infty(M)$

is complete if $\forall m \in M,$

$$(a(m), b(m)) = \mathbb{R}$$

that is, the integral curves given by Thm 3.40 are defined on \mathbb{R} .

Corollary 3.42 Let $X \in \text{Vect}^\infty(M)$ be

complete. Then the map

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\Phi}^X : \mathbb{R} \times M &\rightarrow M \\ (t, m) &\mapsto \sigma_m(t) \end{aligned}$$

is a smooth map satisfying

$$\underline{\Phi}^X(t_1 + t_2, m) = \underline{\Phi}^X(t_1, \underline{\Phi}^X(t_2, m))$$

$$\forall t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \forall m \in M.$$

One calls $t \mapsto \underline{\Phi}^X(t, ?)$ a 1-parameter group of diffeomorphisms.

Proof: The map $t \mapsto \gamma_m(t_2+t)$ is an integral curve through $\gamma_m(t_2)$: by uniqueness we get

$$\gamma_m(t_2+t) = \gamma_m(t_2)(t)$$

Reformulating this in terms of Φ^X gives the result. \square

Let $X, Y \in \text{Vect}^\infty(M)$, which we assume complete for simplicity. Then the Lie derivative of Y wrt X at $p \in M$

$$L_X Y|_p = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \left(\Phi^X(t, p) Y|_{\Phi^X(t, p)} - Y|_p \right)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \left[\mathcal{D}_{\Phi^X(t, p)} \Phi^X \left(Y|_{\Phi^X(t, p)} - Y|_p \right) \right]$$

which leads to the following interpretation of the bracket of two vector fields:

$$L_X Y = [X, Y] \quad (\text{Boothby, Thm 7.8}) \\ (\text{chap. IV})$$

This is used in the proof of

Prop. 3.43

Let X, Y be complete smooth vector

fields on M . Then: $\Phi_t^X \circ \Phi_s^Y = \Phi_s^Y \circ \Phi_t^X$

$\forall t, s \in \mathbb{R} \iff [X, Y] = 0.$

Now we come back to Lie groups and invariant vector fields:

Prop. 3.44 Let G be a Lie group.

(1) Left invariant vector fields are complete.

(2) For every $v \in T_e G$, let $v^L \in \text{Vect}^\infty(G)$