

Moving Frames for Lie Pseudo-Groups

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Sur la théorie, si importante sans doute, mais pour nous si obscure, des «groupes de Lie infinis», nous ne savons rien que ce qui trouve dans les mémoires de Cartan, première exploration à travers une jungle presque impénétrable; mais celle-ci menace de se refermer sur les sentiers déjà tracés, si l'on ne procède bientôt à un indispensable travail de défrichage.

— André Weil, 1947

What's the Deal with Infinite-Dimensional Groups?

- Lie invented Lie groups to study symmetry and solution of differential equations.
- ◇ In Lie's time, there were no abstract Lie groups. All groups were realized by their action on a space.
- ♠ Therefore, Lie saw no essential distinction between finite-dimensional and infinite-dimensional group actions.

However, with the advent of abstract Lie groups, the two subjects have gone in radically different directions.

- ♡ The general theory of finite-dimensional Lie groups has been rigorously formalized and applied.
- ♣ But there is still no generally accepted abstract object that represents an infinite-dimensional Lie pseudo-group!

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- Relativity
 - Noether's (Second) Theorem

- Gauge theory and field theories:
Maxwell, Yang–Mills, conformal, string, ...
- Fluid mechanics, meteorology: Navier–Stokes,
Euler, boundary layer, quasi-geostrophic, ...
- Solitons (in $2 + 1$ dimensions):
K–P, Davey–Stewartson, ...
- Kac–Moody
- Morphology and shape recognition
- Control theory
- Linear and linearizable PDEs
- Geometric numerical integration
- *Lie groups!*

Moving Frames

In collaboration with Juha Pohjanpelto, I have established a **moving frame** theory for infinite-dimensional Lie pseudo-groups mimicking the earlier equivariant approach for finite-dimensional Lie groups developed with Mark Fels and others.

The finite-dimensional theory and algorithms have had a very wide range of significant applications, including differential geometry, differential equations, calculus of variations, computer vision, Poisson geometry and solitons, numerical methods, relativity, classical invariant theory, ...

What's New?

In the infinite-dimensional case, the moving frame approach provides new constructive algorithms for:

- Invariant Maurer–Cartan forms
- Structure equations
- Moving frames
- Differential invariants
- Invariant differential operators
- Basis Theorem
- Syzygies and recurrence formulae

- Further applications:

⇒ Symmetry groups of differential equations

⇒ Vessiot group splitting; explicit solutions

⇒ Gauge theories

⇒ Calculus of variations

⇒ Invariant geometric flows

Symmetry Groups — Review

System of differential equations:

$$\Delta_\nu(x, u^{(n)}) = 0, \quad \nu = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

By a **symmetry**, we mean a transformation that maps solutions to solutions.

Lie: To find the symmetry group of the differential equations, work infinitesimally.

The vector field

$$\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^p \xi^i(x, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \varphi_\alpha(x, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial u^\alpha}$$

is an **infinitesimal symmetry** if its flow $\exp(t \mathbf{v})$ is a one-parameter symmetry group of the differential equation.

We prolong \mathbf{v} to the jet space whose coordinates are the derivatives appearing in the differential equation:

$$\mathbf{v}^{(n)} = \sum_{i=1}^p \xi^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \sum_{\#J=0}^n \varphi_{\alpha}^J \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{\alpha}^J}$$

where

$$\varphi_{\alpha}^J = D_J \left(\varphi^{\alpha} - \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^{\alpha} \xi^i \right) + \sum_{i=1}^p u_{J,i}^{\alpha} \xi^i$$

D_J — total derivatives

Infinitesimal invariance criterion:

$$\mathbf{v}^{(n)}(\Delta_{\nu}) = 0 \quad \text{whenever} \quad \Delta = 0.$$

Infinitesimal determining equations:

$$\mathcal{L}(x, u; \xi^{(n)}, \varphi^{(n)}) = 0$$

The Heat Equation

$$u_t = u_{xx}$$

Symmetry generator:

$$\mathbf{v} = \tau(t, x, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \xi(t, x, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \varphi(t, x, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$$

Prolongation:

$$\mathbf{v}^{(2)} = \mathbf{v} + \varphi^t \frac{\partial}{\partial u_t} + \varphi^x \frac{\partial}{\partial u_x} + \varphi^{xx} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{xx}} + \dots$$

$$\varphi^t = \varphi_t + u_t \varphi_u - u_t \tau_t - u_t^2 \tau_u - u_x \xi_t - u_t u_x \xi_u$$

$$\varphi^x = \varphi_x + u_x \varphi_u - u_t \tau_x - u_t u_x \tau_u - u_x \xi_x - u_x^2 \xi_u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^{xx} = & \varphi_{xx} + u_x (2\varphi_{xu} - \xi_{xx}) - u_t \tau_{xx} + u_x^2 (\varphi_{uu} - 2\xi_{xu}) \\ & - 2u_x u_t \tau_{xu} - u_x^3 \xi_{uu} - u_x^2 u_t \tau_{uu} + u_{xx} \varphi_u - u_x u_{xx} \xi_u - u_t u_{xx} \tau_u \end{aligned}$$

Infinitesimal invariance:

$$\mathbf{v}^{(3)}(u_t - u_{xx}) = \varphi^t - \varphi^{xx} = 0 \quad \text{whenever} \quad u_t = u_{xx}$$

Determining equations:

<u>Coefficient</u>	<u>Monomial</u>
$0 = -2\tau_u$	$u_x u_{xt}$
$0 = -2\tau_x$	u_{xt}
$0 = -\tau_{uu}$	$u_x^2 u_{xx}$
$-\xi_u = -2\tau_{xu} - 3\xi_u$	$u_x u_{xx}$
$\varphi_u - \tau_t = -\tau_{xx} + \varphi_u - 2\xi_x$	u_{xx}
$0 = -\xi_{uu}$	u_x^3
$0 = \varphi_{uu} - 2\xi_{xu}$	u_x^2
$-\xi_t = 2\varphi_{xu} - \xi_{xx}$	u_x
$\varphi_t = \varphi_{xx}$	1

General solution:

$$\xi = c_1 + c_4x + 2c_5t + 4c_6xt,$$

$$\tau = c_2 + 2c_4t + 4c_6t^2,$$

$$\varphi = (c_3 - c_5x - 2c_6t - c_6x^2)u + \alpha(x, t),$$

where $\alpha_t = \alpha_{xx}$ is an arbitrary solution to the heat equation.

Basis for the (infinite-dimensional) symmetry algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_1 &= \partial_x, & \mathbf{v}_2 &= \partial_t, & \mathbf{v}_3 &= u\partial_u, & \mathbf{v}_4 &= x\partial_x + 2t\partial_t, \\ \mathbf{v}_5 &= 2t\partial_x - xu\partial_u, & \mathbf{v}_6 &= 4xt\partial_x + 4t^2\partial_t - (x^2 + 2t)u\partial_u, \\ \mathbf{v}_\alpha &= \alpha(x, t)\partial_u, & \text{where} & & \alpha_t &= \alpha_{xx}. \end{aligned}$$

- x and t translations, scalings: λu , and $(\lambda x, \lambda^2 t)$, Galilean boosts, inversions, and the addition of solutions stemming from the linearity of the equation.

The Korteweg–deVries equation

$$u_t + u_{xxx} + uu_x = 0$$

Symmetry generator:

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$$\varphi^{xxx} = \varphi_{xxx} + 3u_x \varphi_u + \dots$$

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Infinitesimal determining equations:

$$\tau_x = \tau_u = \xi_u = \varphi_t = \varphi_x = 0$$

$$\varphi = \xi_t - \frac{2}{3}u\tau_t \quad \varphi_u = -\frac{2}{3}\tau_t = -2\xi_x$$

$$\tau_{tt} = \tau_{tx} = \tau_{xx} = \dots = \varphi_{uu} = 0$$

General solution:

$$\tau = c_1 + 3c_4t, \quad \xi = c_2 + c_3t + c_4x, \quad \varphi = c_3 - 2c_4u.$$

Basis for symmetry algebra \mathfrak{g}_{KdV} :

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \partial_t,$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \partial_x,$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = t \partial_x + \partial_u,$$

$$\mathbf{v}_4 = 3t \partial_t + x \partial_x - 2u \partial_u.$$

The symmetry group \mathcal{G}_{KdV} is four-dimensional

$$(x, t, u) \longmapsto (\lambda^3 t + a, \lambda x + ct + b, \lambda^{-2} u + c)$$

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Commutator table:

	\mathbf{v}_1	\mathbf{v}_2	\mathbf{v}_3	\mathbf{v}_4
\mathbf{v}_1	0	0	0	\mathbf{v}_1
\mathbf{v}_2	0	0	\mathbf{v}_1	$3 \mathbf{v}_2$
\mathbf{v}_3	0	$-\mathbf{v}_1$	0	$-2 \mathbf{v}_3$
\mathbf{v}_4	$-\mathbf{v}_1$	$-3 \mathbf{v}_2$	$2 \mathbf{v}_3$	0

Entries: $[\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j] = \sum_k C_{ij}^k \mathbf{v}_k$. C_{ij}^k — structure constants of \mathfrak{g}

Navier–Stokes Equations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \nu \Delta \mathbf{u}, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0.$$

Symmetry generators:

$$\mathbf{v}_\alpha = \boldsymbol{\alpha}(t) \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{x}} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}'(t) \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{u}} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}''(t) \cdot \mathbf{x} \partial_p$$

$$\mathbf{v}_0 = \partial_t$$

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{x}} + 2t \partial_t - \mathbf{u} \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{u}} - 2p \partial_p$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{x} \wedge \partial_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{u} \wedge \partial_{\mathbf{u}}$$

$$\mathbf{w}_h = h(t) \partial_p$$

Kadomtsev–Petviashvili (KP) Equation

$$\left(u_t + \frac{3}{2} u u_x + \frac{1}{4} u_{xxx} \right)_x \pm \frac{3}{4} u_{yy} = 0$$

Symmetry generators:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_f = & f(t) \partial_t + \frac{2}{3} y f'(t) \partial_y + \left(\frac{1}{3} x f'(t) \mp \frac{2}{9} y^2 f''(t) \right) \partial_x \\ & + \left(-\frac{2}{3} u f'(t) + \frac{2}{9} x f''(t) \mp \frac{4}{27} y^2 f'''(t) \right) \partial_u, \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{w}_g = g(t) \partial_y \mp \frac{2}{3} y g'(t) \partial_x \mp \frac{4}{9} y g''(t) \partial_u,$$

$$\mathbf{z}_h = h(t) \partial_x + \frac{2}{3} h'(t) \partial_u.$$

\implies Kac–Moody loop algebra $A_4^{(1)}$

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- Use symmetry reduction or group splitting to construct explicit solutions.

Pseudo-groups

M — smooth (analytic) manifold

Definition. A **pseudo-group** is a collection of local diffeomorphisms $\varphi: M \rightarrow M$ such that

- *Identity:* $\mathbf{1}_M \in \mathcal{G}$,
 - *Inverses:* $\varphi^{-1} \in \mathcal{G}$,
 - *Restriction:* $U \subset \text{dom } \varphi \implies \varphi|_U \in \mathcal{G}$,
 - *Continuation:* $\text{dom } \varphi = \bigcup U_\kappa$ and $\varphi|_{U_\kappa} \in \mathcal{G} \implies \varphi \in \mathcal{G}$,
 - *Composition:* $\text{im } \varphi \subset \text{dom } \psi \implies \psi \circ \varphi \in \mathcal{G}$.
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Lie Pseudo-groups

Definition. A Lie pseudo-group \mathcal{G} is a pseudo-group whose transformations are the solutions to an involutive system of partial differential equations:

$$F(z, \varphi^{(n)}) = 0.$$

called the nonlinear determining equations.

\implies analytic (Cartan-Kähler)

★ ★ Key complication: \nexists abstract object \mathcal{G} ★ ★

A Non-Lie Pseudo-group

Acting on $M = \mathbb{R}^2$:

$$\boxed{X = \varphi(x) \quad Y = \varphi(y)}$$

where $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ is any local diffeomorphism.

- ♠ Cannot be characterized by a system of partial differential equations

$$\Delta(x, y, X^{(n)}, Y^{(n)}) = 0$$

Theorem. (*Itskov, PJO, Valiquette*) Any regular non-Lie pseudo-group can be completed to a Lie pseudo-group with the same differential invariants.

Lie completion of previous example:

$$X = \varphi(x), \quad Y = \psi(y)$$

where $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$.

Infinitesimal Generators

\mathfrak{g} — Lie algebra of infinitesimal generators of
the pseudo-group \mathcal{G}

$z = (x, u)$ — local coordinates on M

Vector field:

$$\mathbf{v} = \sum_{a=1}^m \zeta^a(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z^a} = \sum_{i=1}^p \xi^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \varphi^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial u^\alpha}$$

Vector field jet:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{j}_n \mathbf{v} &\longmapsto \zeta^{(n)} = (\dots \zeta_A^b \dots) \\ \zeta_A^b &= \frac{\partial^{\#A} \zeta^b}{\partial z^A} = \frac{\partial^k \zeta^b}{\partial z^{a_1} \dots \partial z^{a_k}} \end{aligned}$$

The infinitesimal generators of \mathcal{G} are the solutions to the

Infinitesimal Determining Equations

$$\mathcal{L}(z, \zeta^{(n)}) = 0 \quad (*)$$

obtained by linearizing the pseudo-group's nonlinear determining equations at the identity.

- If \mathcal{G} is the symmetry group of a system of differential equations, then $(*)$ is the (involutive completion of) the usual Lie determining equations for the symmetry group.

The Diffeomorphism Pseudo-group

M — smooth m -dimensional manifold

$\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(M)$ — pseudo-group of all local diffeomorphisms

$$Z = \varphi(z)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} z = (z^1, \dots, z^m) \text{ — source coordinates} \\ Z = (Z^1, \dots, Z^m) \text{ — target coordinates} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L_\psi(\phi) = \psi \circ \phi \text{ — left action} \\ R_\psi(\phi) = \phi \circ \psi^{-1} \text{ — right action} \end{array} \right.$$

Jets

For $0 \leq n \leq \infty$:

Given a smooth map $\varphi: M \rightarrow M$, written in local coordinates as

$Z = \varphi(z)$, let $j_n \varphi|_z$ denote its **n -jet** at $z \in M$, i.e., its n^{th} order Taylor polynomial or series based at z .

$J^n(M, M)$ is the n^{th} order **jet bundle**, whose points are the jets.

Local coordinates on $J^n(M, M)$:

$$(z, Z^{(n)}) = (\dots z^a \dots Z_A^b \dots), \quad Z_A^b = \frac{\partial^k Z^b}{\partial z^{a_1} \dots \partial z^{a_k}}$$

Diffeomorphism Jets

The n^{th} order diffeomorphism jet bundle is the subbundle

$$\mathcal{D}^{(n)} = \mathcal{D}^{(n)}(M) \subset J^n(M, M)$$

consisting of n^{th} order jets of local diffeomorphisms $\varphi: M \rightarrow M$.

The Inverse Function Theorem tells us that $\mathcal{D}^{(n)}$ is defined by the non-vanishing of the Jacobian determinant:

$$\det(Z_b^a) = \det(\partial Z^a / \partial z^b) \neq 0$$

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♠ The pseudo-group jet bundle $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}$ does not form a group, but rather a **groupoid** under composition of Taylor polynomials/series.

Groupoid Structure

Double fibration:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{G}^{(n)} & \\ \sigma^{(n)} \swarrow & & \searrow \tau^{(n)} \\ M & & M \end{array}$$

$$\sigma^{(n)}(z, Z^{(n)}) = z \quad \text{— source map}$$

$$\tau^{(n)}(z, Z^{(n)}) = Z \quad \text{— target map}$$

You are only allowed to multiply $h^{(n)} \cdot g^{(n)}$ if

$$\sigma^{(n)}(h^{(n)}) = \tau^{(n)}(g^{(n)})$$

- ★ ★ Composition of Taylor polynomials/series is well-defined only when the source of the second matches the target of the first.

One-dimensional case: $M = \mathbb{R}$

Source coordinate: x Target coordinate: X

Local coordinates on $\mathcal{D}^{(n)}(\mathbb{R})$

$$g^{(n)} = (x, X, X_x, X_{xx}, X_{xxx}, \dots, X_n)$$

Diffeomorphism jet:

$$X[[h]] = X + X_x h + \frac{1}{2} X_{xx} h^2 + \frac{1}{6} X_{xxx} h^3 + \dots$$

\implies Taylor polynomial/series at a source point x

Groupoid multiplication of diffeomorphism jets:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_X, \mathbf{X}_{XX}, \dots) \cdot (x, \mathbf{X}, X_x, X_{xx}, \dots) \\ &= (x, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_X X_x, \mathbf{X}_X X_{xx} + \mathbf{X}_{XX} X_x^2, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

\implies Composition of Taylor polynomials/series

- The groupoid multiplication (or Taylor composition) is **only** defined when the source coordinate \mathbf{X} of the first multiplicand matches the target coordinate \mathbf{X} of the second.
- The higher order terms are expressed in terms of Bell polynomials according to the general Fàa-di-Bruno formula.

Structure of Lie Pseudo-groups

The structure of a finite-dimensional Lie group G is specified by its **Maurer–Cartan forms** — a basis μ^1, \dots, μ^r for the right-invariant one-forms:

$$d\mu^k = \sum_{i < j} C_{ij}^k \mu^i \wedge \mu^j$$

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The structure equations can be determined immediately from the infinitesimal determining equations.

The Variational Bicomplex

- ★ The differential one-forms on an infinite jet bundle split into two types:
 - horizontal forms
 - contact forms
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- ★ Consequently, the exterior derivative

$$d = d_M + d_G$$

on $\mathcal{D}^{(\infty)}$ splits into horizontal (manifold) and contact (group) components, leading to the variational bicomplex structure on the algebra of differential forms on $\mathcal{D}^{(\infty)}$.

For the diffeomorphism jet bundle

$$\mathcal{D}^{(\infty)} \subset J^\infty(M, M)$$

Local coordinates:

$$\underbrace{z^1, \dots, z^m}_{\text{source}}, \quad \underbrace{Z^1, \dots, Z^m}_{\text{target}}, \quad \underbrace{\dots, Z_A^b, \dots}_{\text{jet}}$$

Horizontal forms:

$$dz^1, \dots, dz^m$$

Basis contact forms:

$$\Theta_A^b = d_G Z_A^b = dZ_A^b - \sum_{a=1}^m Z_{A,a}^b dz^a$$

One-dimensional case: $M = \mathbb{R}$

Local coordinates on $\mathcal{D}^{(\infty)}(\mathbb{R})$

$$(x, X, X_x, X_{xx}, X_{xxx}, \dots, X_n, \dots)$$

Horizontal form:

$$dx$$

Contact forms:

$$\Theta = dX - X_x dx$$

$$\Theta_x = dX_x - X_{xx} dx$$

$$\Theta_{xx} = dX_{xx} - X_{xxx} dx$$

\vdots

Maurer–Cartan Forms

The Maurer–Cartan forms for the diffeomorphism pseudo-group are the right-invariant one-forms on the diffeomorphism jet groupoid $\mathcal{D}^{(\infty)}$.

Key observation:

The target coordinate functions Z^a are right-invariant.

Thus, when we decompose

$$dZ^a = \underbrace{\sigma^a}_{\text{horizontal}} + \underbrace{\mu^a}_{\text{contact}}$$

the two constituents are also right-invariant.

Invariant horizontal forms:

$$\sigma^a = d_M Z^a = \sum_{b=1}^m Z_b^a dz^b$$

Invariant total differentiation (dual operators):

$$\mathbb{D}_{Z^a} = \sum_{b=1}^m (Z_b^a)^{-1} \mathbb{D}_{z^b}$$

Thus, the invariant contact forms are obtained by invariant differentiation of the order zero contact forms:

$$\mu^b = d_G Z^b = \Theta^b = dZ^b - \sum_{a=1}^m Z_a^b dz^a$$

$$\mu_A^b = \mathbb{D}_{Z^A}^A \mu^b = \mathbb{D}_{Z^{a_1}} \cdots \mathbb{D}_{Z^{a_n}} \mu^b$$

$$b = 1, \dots, m, \#A \geq 0$$

One-dimensional case: $M = \mathbb{R}$

Contact forms:

$$\Theta = dX - X_x dx$$

$$\Theta_x = \mathbb{D}_x \Theta = dX_x - X_{xx} dx$$

$$\Theta_{xx} = \mathbb{D}_x^2 \Theta = dX_{xx} - X_{xxx} dx$$

Right-invariant horizontal form:

$$\sigma = d_M X = X_x dx$$

Invariant differentiation:

$$\mathbb{D}_X = \frac{1}{X_x} \mathbb{D}_x$$

Invariant contact forms:

$$\mu = \Theta = dX - X_x dx$$

$$\mu_X = \mathbb{D}_X \mu = \frac{\Theta_x}{X_x} = \frac{dX_x - X_{xx} dx}{X_x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{XX} &= \mathbb{D}_X^2 \mu = \frac{X_x \Theta_{xx} - X_{xx} \Theta_x}{X_x^3} \\ &= \frac{X_x dX_{xx} - X_{xx} dX_x + (X_{xx}^2 - X_x X_{xxx}) dx}{X_x^3} \end{aligned}$$

⋮

$$\mu_n = \mathbb{D}_X^n \mu$$

The Structure Equations for the Diffeomorphism Pseudo-group

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Maurer–Cartan series:

$$\mu^b \llbracket H \rrbracket = \sum_A \frac{1}{A!} \mu_A^b H^A$$

$H = (H^1, \dots, H^m)$ — formal parameters

$$d\mu \llbracket H \rrbracket = \nabla \mu \llbracket H \rrbracket \wedge (\mu \llbracket H \rrbracket - dZ)$$

$$d\sigma = -d\mu \llbracket 0 \rrbracket = \nabla \mu \llbracket 0 \rrbracket \wedge \sigma$$

One-dimensional case: $M = \mathbb{R}$

Structure equations:

$$d\sigma = \mu_X \wedge \sigma \quad d\mu[[H]] = \frac{d\mu}{dH} [[H]] \wedge (\mu[[H]] - dZ)$$

where

$$\sigma = X_x dx = dX - \mu$$

$$\mu[[H]] = \mu + \mu_X H + \frac{1}{2} \mu_{XX} H^2 + \dots$$

$$\mu[[H]] - dZ = -\sigma + \mu_X H + \frac{1}{2} \mu_{XX} H^2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{d\mu}{dH} [[H]] = \mu_X + \mu_{XX} H + \frac{1}{2} \mu_{XXX} H^2 + \dots$$

In components:

$$d\sigma = \mu_1 \wedge \sigma$$

$$d\mu_n = -\mu_{n+1} \wedge \sigma + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} \mu_{i+1} \wedge \mu_{n-i}$$

$$= \sigma \wedge \mu_{n+1} - \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor} \frac{n-2j+1}{n+1} \binom{n+1}{j} \mu_j \wedge \mu_{n+1-j}.$$

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$$\mathcal{L}(\dots z^a \dots \zeta_A^b \dots) = 0 \quad (*)$$

by replacing

- source variables z^a by target variables Z^a
- derivatives of vector field coefficients ζ_A^b by right-invariant Maurer–Cartan forms μ_A^b

The Structure Equations for a Lie Pseudo-group

Theorem. The structure equations for the pseudo-group \mathcal{G} are obtained by restricting the universal diffeomorphism structure equations

$$d\mu[H] = \nabla\mu[H] \wedge (\mu[H] - dZ)$$

to the solution space of the linearized involutive system

$$\mathcal{L}(\dots Z^a, \dots \mu_A^b, \dots) = 0.$$

The Korteweg–deVries Equation

$$u_t + u_{xxx} + uu_x = 0$$

Diffeomorphism Maurer–Cartan forms:

$$\mu^t, \mu^x, \mu^u, \mu_T^t, \mu_X^t, \mu_U^t, \mu_T^x, \dots, \mu_U^u, \mu_{TT}^t, \mu_{TX}^T, \dots$$

Infinitesimal determining equations:

$$\tau_x = \tau_u = \xi_u = \varphi_t = \varphi_x = 0$$

$$\varphi = \xi_t - \frac{2}{3} u \tau_t \quad \varphi_u = -\frac{2}{3} \tau_t = -2 \xi_x$$

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Basis ($\dim \mathcal{G}_{KdV} = 4$):

$$\mu^1 = \mu^t, \quad \mu^2 = \mu^x, \quad \mu^3 = \mu^u, \quad \mu^4 = \mu_T^t.$$

Substituting into the full diffeomorphism structure equations yields the structure equations for \mathfrak{g}_{KdV} :

$$d\mu^1 = -\mu^1 \wedge \mu^4,$$

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In general, the pseudo-group structure equations live on the principal bundle $\mathcal{G}^{(\infty)}$; if G is a finite-dimensional Lie group, then $\mathcal{G}^{(\infty)} \simeq M \times G$, and the usual Lie group structure equations are found by restriction to the target fibers $\{Z = c\} \simeq G$. Note that the constructed basis μ^1, \dots, μ^r of \mathfrak{g}^* might vary from fiber to fiber.

Lie–Kumpera Example

$$X = f(x) \quad U = \frac{u}{f'(x)}$$

Linearized determining system

$$\xi_x = -\frac{\varphi}{u} \quad \xi_u = 0 \quad \varphi_u = \frac{\varphi}{u}$$

Maurer–Cartan forms:

$$\sigma = \frac{u}{U} dx = f_x dx, \quad \tau = U_x dx + \frac{U}{u} du = \frac{-u f_{xx} dx + f_x du}{f_x^2}$$

$$\mu = dX - \frac{U}{u} dx = df - f_x dx, \quad \nu = dU - U_x dx - \frac{U}{u} du = -\frac{u}{f_x^2} (df_x - f_{xx} dx)$$

$$\mu_X = \frac{du}{u} - \frac{dU - U_x dx}{U} = \frac{df_x - f_{xx} dx}{f_x}, \quad \mu_U = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_X &= \frac{U}{u} (dU_x - U_{xx} dx) - \frac{U_x}{u} (dU - U_x dx) \\ &= -\frac{u}{f_x^3} (df_{xx} - f_{xxx} dx) + \frac{u f_{xx}}{f_x^4} (df_x - f_{xx} dx) \end{aligned}$$

$$\nu_U = -\frac{du}{u} + \frac{dU - U_x dx}{U} = -\frac{df_x - f_{xx} dx}{f_x}$$

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First order Maurer–Cartan determining equations:

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First order structure equations:

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- Cartan's structure equations for isomorphic pseudo-groups can be non-isomorphic. Ours are always isomorphic.

Action of Pseudo-groups on Submanifolds a.k.a. Solutions of Differential Equations

\mathcal{G} — Lie pseudo-group acting on p -dimensional submanifolds:

$$N = \{u = f(x)\} \subset M$$

For example, \mathcal{G} may be the symmetry group of a system of differential equations

$$\Delta(x, u^{(n)}) = 0$$

and the submanifolds the graphs of solutions $u = f(x)$.

Prolongation

$J^n = J^n(M, p)$ — n^{th} order submanifold jet bundle

Local coordinates :

$$z^{(n)} = (x, u^{(n)}) = (\dots x^i \dots u_J^\alpha \dots)$$

Prolonged action of $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}$ on submanifolds:

$$(x, u^{(n)}) \longmapsto (X, \hat{U}^{(n)})$$

Coordinate formulae:

$$\hat{U}_J^\alpha = F_J^\alpha(x, u^{(n)}, g^{(n)})$$

\implies Implicit differentiation.

Differential Invariants

A **differential invariant** is an invariant function $I: J^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for the prolonged pseudo-group action

$$I(g^{(n)} \cdot (x, u^{(n)})) = I(x, u^{(n)})$$

\implies curvature, torsion, ...

Invariant differential operators:

$$\mathcal{D}_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_p \implies \text{arc length derivative}$$

- If I is a differential invariant, so is $\mathcal{D}_j I$.

$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{G})$ — the algebra of differential invariants

The Basis Theorem

Theorem. The differential invariant algebra $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{G})$ is locally generated by a finite number of differential invariants

$$I_1, \dots, I_\ell$$

and $p = \dim S$ invariant differential operators

$$\mathcal{D}_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_p$$

meaning that *every* differential invariant can be locally expressed as a function of the generating invariants and their invariant derivatives:

$$\mathcal{D}_J I_\kappa = \mathcal{D}_{j_1} \mathcal{D}_{j_2} \cdots \mathcal{D}_{j_n} I_\kappa.$$

\implies Lie groups: *Lie, Ovsianikov*

\implies Lie pseudo-groups: *Tresse, Kumpera, Kruglikov–Lychagin, Muñoz–Muriel–Rodríguez, Pohjanpelto–O*

Key Issues

- **Minimal basis** of generating invariants: I_1, \dots, I_ℓ

- **Commutation formulae** for

the invariant differential operators:

$$[\mathcal{D}_j, \mathcal{D}_k] = \sum_{i=1}^p Y_{jk}^i \mathcal{D}_i$$

\implies Non-commutative differential algebra

- **Syzygies** (functional relations) among

the differentiated invariants:

$$\Phi(\dots \mathcal{D}_J I_\kappa \dots) \equiv 0$$

\implies Codazzi relations

Computing Differential Invariants

♠ The infinitesimal method:

$$\mathbf{v}(I) = 0 \quad \text{for every infinitesimal generator} \quad \mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{g}$$

\implies Requires solving differential equations.

♥ Moving frames.

- Completely algebraic.
- Can be adapted to arbitrary group and pseudo-group actions.
- Describes the complete structure of the differential invariant algebra $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{G})$ — **using only linear algebra & differentiation!**
- Prescribes differential invariant signatures for equivalence and symmetry detection.

Moving Frames

In the finite-dimensional Lie group case, a moving frame is **defined** as an equivariant map

$$\rho^{(n)} : \mathbf{J}^n \longrightarrow G$$

However, we do not have an appropriate abstract object to represent our pseudo-group \mathcal{G} .

Consequently, the moving frame will be an equivariant section

$$\rho^{(n)} : \mathbf{J}^n \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}^{(n)}$$

of the pulled-back pseudo-group jet groupoid:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{G}^{(n)} & & \mathcal{H}^{(n)} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \longleftarrow & \mathbf{J}^n. \end{array}$$

Moving Frames for Pseudo-Groups

Definition. A (right) *moving frame* of order n is a right-equivariant section $\rho^{(n)} : V^n \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{(n)}$ defined on an open subset $V^n \subset J^n$.

\implies Groupoid action.

Proposition. A moving frame of order n exists if and only if $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}$ acts *freely* and regularly.

Freeness

For Lie group actions, freeness means no isotropy. For infinite-dimensional pseudo-groups, this definition cannot work, and one must restrict to the transformation jets of order n , using the n^{th} order isotropy subgroup:

$$\mathcal{G}_{z^{(n)}}^{(n)} = \left\{ g^{(n)} \in \mathcal{G}_z^{(n)} \mid g^{(n)} \cdot z^{(n)} = z^{(n)} \right\}$$

Definition. At a jet $z^{(n)} \in \mathbf{J}^n$, the pseudo-group \mathcal{G} acts

- **freenly** if $\mathcal{G}_{z^{(n)}}^{(n)} = \{ \mathbf{1}_z^{(n)} \}$
- **locally freely** if
 - $\mathcal{G}_{z^{(n)}}^{(n)}$ is a discrete subgroup of $\mathcal{G}_z^{(n)}$
 - the orbits have $\dim = r_n = \dim \mathcal{G}_z^{(n)}$

Persistence of Freeness

Theorem. If $n \geq 1$ and $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}$ acts locally freely at $z^{(n)} \in \mathbf{J}^n$, then it acts locally freely at any $z^{(k)} \in \mathbf{J}^k$ with $\tilde{\pi}_n^k(z^{(k)}) = z^{(n)}$ for all $k > n$.

The Normalization Algorithm

To construct a moving frame :

I. Compute the prolonged pseudo-group action

$$u_K^\alpha \longmapsto U_K^\alpha = F_K^\alpha(x, u^{(n)}, g^{(n)})$$

by implicit differentiation.

II. Choose a cross-section to the pseudo-group orbits:

$$u_{J_\kappa}^{\alpha_\kappa} = c_\kappa, \quad \kappa = 1, \dots, r_n = \text{fiber dim } \mathcal{G}^{(n)}$$

III. Solve the normalization equations

$$U_{J_\kappa}^{\alpha_\kappa} = F_{J_\kappa}^{\alpha_\kappa}(x, u^{(n)}, g^{(n)}) = c_\kappa$$

for the n^{th} order pseudo-group parameters

$$g^{(n)} = \rho^{(n)}(x, u^{(n)})$$

IV. Substitute the moving frame formulas into the unnormalized jet coordinates $u_K^\alpha = F_K^\alpha(x, u^{(n)}, g^{(n)})$.

The resulting functions form a complete system of n^{th} order differential invariants

$$I_K^\alpha(x, u^{(n)}) = F_K^\alpha(x, u^{(n)}, \rho^{(n)}(x, u^{(n)}))$$

Invariantization

A moving frame induces an invariantization process, denoted ι , that projects functions to invariants, differential operators to invariant differential operators; differential forms to invariant differential forms, etc.

Geometrically, the invariantization of an object is the unique invariant version that has the same cross-section values.

Algebraically, invariantization amounts to replacing the group parameters in the transformed object by their moving frame formulas.

Invariantization

In particular, invariantization of the jet coordinates leads to a complete system of functionally independent differential

invariants: $\iota(x^i) = H^i \quad \iota(u_J^\alpha) = I_J^\alpha$

- Phantom differential invariants: $I_{J_\kappa}^{\alpha_\kappa} = c_\kappa$
- The non-constant invariants form a functionally independent generating set for the differential invariant algebra $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{G})$
- Replacement Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} I(\dots x^i \dots u_J^\alpha \dots) &= \iota(I(\dots x^i \dots u_J^\alpha \dots)) \\ &= I(\dots H^i \dots I_J^\alpha \dots) \end{aligned}$$

◇ Differential functions \implies differential invariant s

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◇ Differential forms \implies invariant differential forms

$$\iota(dx^i) = \varpi^i \qquad \iota(\theta_K^\alpha) = \vartheta_K^\alpha$$

◇ Differential operators \implies invariant differential operators

$$\iota(D_{x^i}) = \mathcal{D}_i$$

Recurrence Formulae

★★ Invariantization and differentiation
do not commute ★★

The *recurrence formulae* connect the differentiated invariants with their invariantized counterparts:

$$\mathcal{D}_i I_J^\alpha = I_{J,i}^\alpha + M_{J,i}^\alpha$$

$\implies M_{J,i}^\alpha$ — correction terms

- ♥ Once established, the recurrence formulae completely prescribe the structure of the differential invariant algebra $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{G})$ — thanks to the functional independence of the non-phantom normalized differential invariants.
- ★ ★ The recurrence formulae can be explicitly determined using only the infinitesimal generators and linear differential algebra!

Korteweg–deVries Equation

Prolonged Symmetry Group Action:

$$T = e^{3\lambda_4}(t + \lambda_1)$$

$$X = e^{\lambda_4}(\lambda_3 t + x + \lambda_1 \lambda_3 + \lambda_2)$$

$$U = e^{-2\lambda_4}(u + \lambda_3)$$

$$U_T = e^{-5\lambda_4}(u_t - \lambda_3 u_x)$$

$$U_X = e^{-3\lambda_4} u_x$$

$$U_{TT} = e^{-8\lambda_4}(u_{tt} - 2\lambda_3 u_{tx} + \lambda_3^2 u_{xx})$$

$$U_{TX} = D_X D_T U = e^{-6\lambda_4}(u_{tx} - \lambda_3 u_{xx})$$

$$U_{XX} = e^{-4\lambda_4} u_{xx}$$

⋮

Cross Section:

$$T = e^{3\lambda_4}(t + \lambda_1) = 0$$

$$X = e^{\lambda_4}(\lambda_3 t + x + \lambda_1 \lambda_3 + \lambda_2) = 0$$

$$U = e^{-2\lambda_4}(u + \lambda_3) = 0$$

$$U_T = e^{-5\lambda_4}(u_t - \lambda_3 u_x) = 1$$

Moving Frame:

$$\lambda_1 = -t, \quad \lambda_2 = -x, \quad \lambda_3 = -u, \quad \lambda_4 = \frac{1}{5} \log(u_t + uu_x)$$

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Invariantization:

$$\iota(u_K) = U_K \mid_{\lambda_1=-t, \lambda_2=-x, \lambda_3=-u, \lambda_4=\log(u_t+uu_x)/5}$$

Phantom Invariants:

$$H^1 = \iota(t) = 0$$

$$H^2 = \iota(x) = 0$$

$$I_{00} = \iota(u) = 0$$

$$I_{10} = \iota(u_t) = 1$$

Normalized differential invariants:

$$I_{01} = \iota(u_x) = \frac{u_x}{(u_t + uu_x)^{3/5}}$$

$$I_{20} = \iota(u_{tt}) = \frac{u_{tt} + 2uu_{tx} + u^2u_{xx}}{(u_t + uu_x)^{8/5}}$$

$$I_{11} = \iota(u_{tx}) = \frac{u_{tx} + uu_{xx}}{(u_t + uu_x)^{6/5}}$$

$$I_{02} = \iota(u_{xx}) = \frac{u_{xx}}{(u_t + uu_x)^{4/5}}$$

$$I_{03} = \iota(u_{xxx}) = \frac{u_{xxx}}{u_t + uu_x}$$

\vdots

Invariantization:

$$\begin{aligned} & \iota(F(t, x, u, u_t, u_x, u_{tt}, u_{tx}, u_{xx}, \dots)) \\ &= F(\iota(t), \iota(x), \iota(u), \iota(u_t), \iota(u_x), \iota(u_{tt}), \iota(u_{tx}), \iota(u_{xx}), \dots) \\ &= F(H^1, H^2, I_{00}, I_{10}, I_{01}, I_{20}, I_{11}, I_{02}, \dots) \\ &= F(0, 0, 0, 1, I_{01}, I_{20}, I_{11}, I_{02}, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Replacement Theorem:

$$0 = \iota(u_t + u u_x + u_{xxx}) = 1 + I_{03} = \frac{u_t + u u_x + u_{xxx}}{u_t + u u_x}.$$

Invariant horizontal one-forms:

$$\omega^1 = \iota(dt) = (u_t + u u_x)^{3/5} dt,$$

$$\omega^2 = \iota(dx) = -u(u_t + u u_x)^{1/5} dt + (u_t + u u_x)^{1/5} dx.$$

Invariant differential operators:

$$\mathcal{D}_1 = \iota(D_t) = (u_t + uu_x)^{-3/5} D_t + u(u_t + uu_x)^{-3/5} D_x,$$

$$\mathcal{D}_2 = \iota(D_x) = (u_t + uu_x)^{-1/5} D_x.$$

Commutation formula:

$$[\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2] = I_{01} \mathcal{D}_1$$

Recurrence formulae:

$$\mathcal{D}_1 I_{01} = I_{11} - \frac{3}{5} I_{01}^2 - \frac{3}{5} I_{01} I_{20},$$

$$\mathcal{D}_2 I_{01} = I_{02} - \frac{3}{5} I_{01}^3 - \frac{3}{5} I_{01} I_{11},$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1 I_{20} = I_{30} + 2I_{11} - \frac{8}{5} I_{01} I_{20} - \frac{8}{5} I_{20}^2,$$

$$\mathcal{D}_2 I_{20} = I_{21} + 2I_{01} I_{11} - \frac{8}{5} I_{01}^2 I_{20} - \frac{8}{5} I_{11} I_{20},$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1 I_{11} = I_{21} + I_{02} - \frac{6}{5} I_{01} I_{11} - \frac{6}{5} I_{11} I_{20},$$

$$\mathcal{D}_2 I_{11} = I_{12} + I_{01} I_{02} - \frac{6}{5} I_{01}^2 I_{11} - \frac{6}{5} I_{11}^2,$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1 I_{02} = I_{12} - \frac{4}{5} I_{01} I_{02} - \frac{4}{5} I_{02} I_{20},$$

$$\mathcal{D}_2 I_{02} = I_{03} - \frac{4}{5} I_{01}^2 I_{02} - \frac{4}{5} I_{02} I_{11},$$

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Generating differential invariants:

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Fundamental syzygy:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_1^2 I_{01} + \frac{3}{5} I_{01} \mathcal{D}_1 I_{20} - \mathcal{D}_2 I_{20} + \left(\frac{1}{5} I_{20} + \frac{19}{5} I_{01} \right) \mathcal{D}_1 I_{01} \\ - \mathcal{D}_2 I_{01} - \frac{6}{25} I_{01} I_{20}^2 - \frac{7}{25} I_{01}^2 I_{20} + \frac{24}{25} I_{01}^3 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Lie–Tresse–Kumpera Example

$$\boxed{X = f(x), \quad Y = y, \quad U = \frac{u}{f'(x)}}$$

Horizontal coframe

$$d_H X = f_x dx, \quad d_H Y = dy,$$

Implicit differentiations

$$D_X = \frac{1}{f_x} D_x, \quad D_Y = D_y.$$

Prolonged pseudo-group transformations on surfaces $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

$$X = f \qquad Y = y \qquad U = \frac{u}{f_x}$$

$$U_X = \frac{u_x}{f_x^2} - \frac{u f_{xx}}{f_x^3} \qquad U_Y = \frac{u_y}{f_x}$$

$$U_{XX} = \frac{u_{xx}}{f_x^3} - \frac{3u_x f_{xx}}{f_x^4} - \frac{u f_{xxx}}{f_x^4} + \frac{3u f_{xx}^2}{f_x^5}$$

$$U_{XY} = \frac{u_{xy}}{f_x^2} - \frac{u_y f_{xx}}{f_x^3} \qquad U_{YY} = \frac{u_{yy}}{f_x}$$

\implies action is free at every order.

Coordinate cross-section

$$X = f = 0, \quad U = \frac{u}{f_x} = 1, \quad U_X = \frac{u_x}{f_x^2} - \frac{u f_{xx}}{f_x^3} = 0, \quad U_{XX} = \dots = 0.$$

Moving frame

$$f = 0, \quad f_x = u, \quad f_{xx} = u_x, \quad f_{xxx} = u_{xx}.$$

Differential invariants

$$U_Y \longmapsto J = \frac{u_y}{u}$$

$$U_{XY} \longmapsto J_1 = \frac{uu_{xy} - u_x u_y}{u^3} \quad U_{YY} \longmapsto J_2 = \frac{u_{yy}}{u}$$

Invariant horizontal forms

$$d_H X = f_x dx \longmapsto u dx, \quad d_H Y = dy \longmapsto dy,$$

Invariant differentiations

$$\mathcal{D}_1 = \frac{1}{u} D_x \quad \mathcal{D}_2 = D_y$$

Higher order differential invariants: $\mathcal{D}_1^m \mathcal{D}_2^n J$

$$J_{,1} = \mathcal{D}_1 J = \frac{uu_{xy} - u_x u_y}{u^3} = J_1,$$

$$J_{,2} = \mathcal{D}_2 J = \frac{uu_{yy} - u_y^2}{u^2} = J_2 - J^2.$$

Recurrence formulae:

$$\mathcal{D}_1 J = J_1, \quad \mathcal{D}_2 J = J_2 - J^2,$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1 J_1 = J_3, \quad \mathcal{D}_2 J_1 = J_4 - 3J J_1,$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1 J_2 = J_4, \quad \mathcal{D}_2 J_2 = J_5 - J J_2,$$

The Master Recurrence Formula

$$d_H I_J^\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^p (\mathcal{D}_i I_J^\alpha) \omega^i = \sum_{i=1}^p I_{J,i}^\alpha \omega^i + \hat{\psi}_J^\alpha$$

where

$$\hat{\psi}_J^\alpha = \iota(\hat{\varphi}_J^\alpha) = \Phi_J^\alpha(\dots H^i \dots I_J^\alpha \dots ; \dots \gamma_A^b \dots)$$

are the invariantized prolonged vector field coefficients, which are particular linear combinations of

$\gamma_A^b = \iota(\zeta_A^b)$ — invariantized Maurer–Cartan forms prescribed by the invariantized prolongation map.

- The invariantized Maurer–Cartan forms are subject to the *invariantized determining equations*:

$$\mathcal{L}(H^1, \dots, H^p, I^1, \dots, I^q, \dots, \gamma_A^b, \dots) = 0$$

$$d_H I_J^\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^p I_{J,i}^\alpha \omega^i + \widehat{\psi}_J^\alpha(\dots \gamma_A^b \dots)$$

Step 1: Solve the phantom recurrence formulas

$$0 = d_H I_J^\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^p I_{J,i}^\alpha \omega^i + \widehat{\psi}_J^\alpha(\dots \gamma_A^b \dots)$$

for the invariantized Maurer–Cartan forms:

$$\gamma_A^b = \sum_{i=1}^p J_{A,i}^b \omega^i \quad (*)$$

Step 2: Substitute (*) into the non-phantom recurrence formulae to obtain the explicit correction terms.

- ◇ Only uses linear differential algebra based on the specification of cross-section.
- ♡ Does not require explicit formulas for the moving frame, the differential invariants, the invariant differential operators, or even the Maurer–Cartan forms!

The Korteweg–deVries Equation (continued)

Recurrence formula:

$$dI_{jk} = I_{j+1,k}\omega^1 + I_{j,k+1}\omega^2 + \iota(\varphi^{jk})$$

Invariantized Maurer–Cartan forms:

$$\iota(\tau) = \lambda, \quad \iota(\xi) = \mu, \quad \iota(\varphi) = \psi = \nu, \quad \iota(\tau_t) = \psi^t = \lambda_t, \quad \dots$$

Invariantized determining equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_x = \lambda_u = \mu_u = \nu_t = \nu_x = 0 \\ \nu = \mu_t \quad \nu_u = -2\mu_x = -\frac{2}{3}\lambda_t \\ \lambda_{tt} = \lambda_{tx} = \lambda_{xx} = \dots = \nu_{uu} = \dots = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Invariantizations of prolonged vector field coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} \iota(\tau) = \lambda, \quad \iota(\xi) = \mu, \quad \iota(\varphi) = \nu, \quad \iota(\varphi^t) = -I_{01}\nu - \frac{5}{3}\lambda_t, \\ \iota(\varphi^x) = -I_{01}\lambda_t, \quad \iota(\varphi^{tt}) = -2I_{11}\nu - \frac{8}{3}I_{20}\lambda_t, \quad \dots \end{aligned}$$

Phantom recurrence formulae:

$$0 = d_H H^1 = \omega^1 + \lambda,$$

$$0 = d_H H^2 = \omega^2 + \mu,$$

$$0 = d_H I_{00} = I_{10}\omega^1 + I_{01}\omega^2 + \psi = \omega^1 + I_{01}\omega^2 + \nu,$$

$$0 = d_H I_{10} = I_{20}\omega^1 + I_{11}\omega^2 + \psi^t = I_{20}\omega^1 + I_{11}\omega^2 - I_{01}\nu - \frac{5}{3}\lambda_t,$$

$$\implies \text{Solve for } \lambda = -\omega^1, \quad \mu = -\omega^2, \quad \nu = -\omega^1 - I_{01}\omega^2,$$

$$\lambda_t = \frac{3}{5}(I_{20} + I_{01})\omega^1 + \frac{3}{5}(I_{11} + I_{01}^2)\omega^2.$$

Non-phantom recurrence formulae:

$$d_H I_{01} = I_{11}\omega^1 + I_{02}\omega^2 - I_{01}\lambda_t,$$

$$d_H I_{20} = I_{30}\omega^1 + I_{21}\omega^2 - 2I_{11}\nu - \frac{8}{3}I_{20}\lambda_t,$$

$$d_H I_{11} = I_{21}\omega^1 + I_{12}\omega^2 - I_{02}\nu - 2I_{11}\lambda_t,$$

$$d_H I_{02} = I_{12}\omega^1 + I_{03}\omega^2 - \frac{4}{3}I_{02}\lambda_t,$$

⋮

$$\mathcal{D}_1 I_{01} = I_{11} - \frac{3}{5} I_{01}^2 - \frac{3}{5} I_{01} I_{20},$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1 I_{20} = I_{30} + 2I_{11} - \frac{8}{5} I_{01} I_{20} - \frac{8}{5} I_{20}^2,$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1 I_{11} = I_{21} + I_{02} - \frac{6}{5} I_{01} I_{11} - \frac{6}{5} I_{11} I_{20},$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1 I_{02} = I_{12} - \frac{4}{5} I_{01} I_{02} - \frac{4}{5} I_{02} I_{20},$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\mathcal{D}_2 I_{01} = I_{02} - \frac{3}{5} I_{01}^3 - \frac{3}{5} I_{01} I_{11},$$

$$\mathcal{D}_2 I_{20} = I_{21} + 2I_{01} I_{11} - \frac{8}{5} I_{01}^2 I_{20} - \frac{8}{5} I_{11} I_{20},$$

$$\mathcal{D}_2 I_{11} = I_{12} + I_{01} I_{02} - \frac{6}{5} I_{01}^2 I_{11} - \frac{6}{5} I_{11}^2,$$

$$\mathcal{D}_2 I_{02} = I_{03} - \frac{4}{5} I_{01}^2 I_{02} - \frac{4}{5} I_{02} I_{11},$$

$$\vdots$$

Lie–Tresse–Kumpera Example (continued)

$$\boxed{X = f(x), \quad Y = y, \quad U = \frac{u}{f'(x)}}$$

Phantom recurrence formulae:

$$0 = dH = \varpi^1 + \gamma, \quad 0 = dI_{10} = J_1 \varpi^2 + \vartheta_1 - \gamma_2,$$

$$0 = dI_{00} = J \varpi^2 + \vartheta - \gamma_1, \quad 0 = dI_{20} = J_3 \varpi^2 + \vartheta_3 - \gamma_3,$$

Solve for pulled-back Maurer–Cartan forms:

$$\gamma = -\varpi^1, \quad \gamma_2 = J_1 \varpi^2 + \vartheta_1,$$

$$\gamma_1 = J \varpi^2 + \vartheta, \quad \gamma_3 = J_3 \varpi^2 + \vartheta_3,$$

Recurrence formulae: $dy = \varpi^2$

$$dJ = J_1 \varpi^1 + (J_2 - J^2) \varpi^2 + \vartheta_2 - J \vartheta,$$

$$dJ_1 = J_3 \varpi^1 + (J_4 - 3 J J_1) \varpi^2 + \vartheta_4 - J \vartheta_1 - J_1 \vartheta,$$

$$dJ_2 = J_4 \varpi^1 + (J_5 - J J_2) \varpi^2 + \vartheta_5 - J_2 \vartheta,$$

Gröbner Basis Approach

Identify the cross-section variables with the complementary monomials to a certain algebraic module \mathcal{J} , which is the pull-back of the symbol module of the pseudo-group under a certain explicit linear map.

\implies Compatible term ordering.

\implies Algebraic specification of compatible moving frames of all orders $n > n^*$.

Theorem. Suppose \mathcal{G} acts freely at order n^* . Then a system of generating differential invariants is contained in the non-phantom normalized differential invariants of order n^* and those differential invariants corresponding to a Gröbner basis for the module $\mathcal{J}^{>n^*}$.

The Symbol Module

Linearized determining equations

$$\mathcal{L}(z, \zeta^{(n)}) = 0$$

$$t = (t_1, \dots, t_m), \quad T = (T_1, \dots, T_m)$$

$$\mathcal{T} = \left\{ P(t, T) = \sum_{a=1}^m P_a(t) T_a \right\} \simeq \mathbb{R}[t] \otimes \mathbb{R}^m \subset \mathbb{R}[t, T]$$

$\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{T}$ — symbol module

$$s = (s_1, \dots, s_p), \quad S = (S_1, \dots, S_q),$$

$$\widehat{\mathcal{S}} = \left\{ T(s, S) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^q T_\alpha(s) S_\alpha \right\} \simeq \mathbb{R}[s] \otimes \mathbb{R}^q \subset \mathbb{R}[s, S]$$

Define the linear map

$$s_i = \beta_i(t) = t_i + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q u_i^\alpha t_{p+\alpha}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p,$$

$$S_\alpha = B_\alpha(T) = T_{p+\alpha} - \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^\alpha T_i, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, q.$$

Prolonged symbol module:

$$\boxed{\mathcal{J} = (\boldsymbol{\beta}^*)^{-1}(\mathcal{I})}$$

- \mathcal{N} — leading monomials $s^J S_\alpha$
 \implies normalized differential invariants I_J^α
- \mathcal{K} — complementary monomials $s^K S_\beta$
 \implies phantom differential invariants I_K^β

The Symbol Module

Vector field:

$$\mathbf{v} = \sum_{a=1}^m \zeta^a(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z^a}$$

Vector field jet:

$$\begin{aligned} j_\infty \mathbf{v} &\iff \zeta^{(\infty)} = (\dots \zeta_A^b \dots) \\ \zeta_A^b &= \frac{\partial^{\#A} \zeta^b}{\partial z^A} = \frac{\partial^k \zeta^b}{\partial z^{a_1} \dots \partial z^{a_k}} \end{aligned}$$

Determining Equations for $\mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{g}$

$$\mathcal{L}(z; \dots \zeta_A^b \dots) = 0 \quad (*)$$

Duality

$$t = (t_1, \dots, t_m) \quad T = (T_1, \dots, T_m)$$

Polynomial module:

$$\mathcal{T} = \left\{ P(t, T) = \sum_{a=1}^m P_a(t) T_a \right\} \simeq \mathbb{R}[t] \otimes \mathbb{R}^m \subset \mathbb{R}[t, T]$$

$$\mathcal{T} \simeq (\mathbf{J}^\infty TM|_z)^*$$

Dual pairing:

$$\langle \mathbf{j}_\infty \mathbf{v}; t^A T_b \rangle = \zeta_A^b.$$

Each polynomial

$$\tau(z; t, T) = \sum_{b=1}^m \sum_{\#A \leq n} h_A^b(z) t^A T_b \in \mathcal{T}$$

induces a linear partial differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} L(z, \zeta^{(n)}) &= \left\langle \mathbf{j}_\infty \mathbf{v}; \tau(z; t, T) \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{b=1}^m \sum_{\#A \leq n} h_A^b(z) \zeta_A^b = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The Linear Determining Equations

Annihilator:

$$\mathcal{L} = (\mathbf{J}^\infty \mathfrak{g})^\perp$$

Determining Equations

$$\langle \mathbf{j}_\infty \mathbf{v}; \tau \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all } \eta \in \mathcal{L} \quad \iff \quad \mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{g}$$

Symbol = highest degree terms:

$$\Sigma[L(z, \zeta^{(n)})] = \Lambda[\tau(z; t, T)] = \sum_{b=1}^m \sum_{\#A=n} h_A^b(z) t^A T_b$$

Symbol submodule:

$$\mathcal{I} = \Lambda(\mathcal{L})$$

\implies Formal integrability (involutivity)

Prolonged Duality

Prolonged vector field:

$$\mathbf{v}^{(\infty)} = \sum_{i=1}^p \xi^i(x, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \sum_{\alpha, J} \hat{\varphi}_J^\alpha(x, u^{(k)}) \frac{\partial}{\partial u_J^\alpha}$$

$$\tilde{s} = (\tilde{s}_1, \dots, \tilde{s}_p), \quad s = (s_1, \dots, s_p), \quad S = (S_1, \dots, S_q)$$

“Prolonged” polynomial module:

$$\hat{\mathcal{S}} = \left\{ \sigma(s, S, \tilde{s}) = \sum_{i=1}^p c_i \tilde{s}_i + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \hat{\sigma}_\alpha(s) S_\alpha \right\} \simeq \mathbb{R}^p \oplus (\mathbb{R}[s] \otimes \mathbb{R}^q)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{S}} \simeq T^*J^\infty|_{z^{(\infty)}}$$

Dual pairing:

$$\langle \mathbf{v}^{(\infty)}; \tilde{s}_i \rangle = \xi^i$$

$$\langle \mathbf{v}^{(\infty)}; S^\alpha \rangle = Q^\alpha = \varphi^\alpha - \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^\alpha \xi^i$$

$$\langle \mathbf{v}^{(\infty)}; s^J S_\alpha \rangle = \hat{\varphi}_J^\alpha = \Phi_J^\alpha(u^{(n)}; \zeta^{(n)})$$

Algebraic Prolongation

Prolongation of vector fields:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p}: J^\infty \mathfrak{g} &\longmapsto \mathfrak{g}^{(\infty)} \\ j_\infty \mathbf{v} &\longmapsto \mathbf{v}^{(\infty)}\end{aligned}$$

Dual prolongation map:

$$\mathbf{p}^*: \mathcal{S} \longrightarrow \mathcal{T}$$

$$\langle j_\infty \mathbf{v}; \mathbf{p}^*(\sigma) \rangle = \langle \mathbf{p}(j_\infty \mathbf{v}); \sigma \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}^{(\infty)}; \sigma \rangle$$

★ ★ On the symbol level, \mathbf{p}^* is algebraic ★ ★

Prolongation Symbols

Define the linear map $\beta : \mathbb{R}^{2m} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$s_i = \beta_i(t) = t_i + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q u_i^\alpha t_{p+\alpha}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p,$$

$$S_\alpha = B_\alpha(T) = T_{p+\alpha} - \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^\alpha T_i, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, q.$$

Pull-back map

$$\begin{aligned} \beta^*[\sigma(s_1, \dots, s_p, S_1, \dots, S_q)] \\ = \sigma(\beta_1(t), \dots, \beta_p(t), B_1(T) \dots, B_q(T)) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma. The symbols of the prolonged vector field coefficients are

$$\Sigma(\xi^i) = T^i \quad \Sigma(\hat{\varphi}^\alpha) = T^{\alpha+p}$$

$$\Sigma(Q^\alpha) = \beta^*(S_\alpha) = B_\alpha(T)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma(\hat{\varphi}_J^\alpha) &= \beta^*(s^J S_\alpha) = \beta^*(s_{j_1} \cdots s_{j_n} S^\alpha) \\ &= \beta_{j_1}(t) \cdots \beta_{j_n}(t) B_\alpha(T) \end{aligned}$$

Prolonged annihilator:

$$\mathcal{Z} = (\mathbf{p}^*)^{-1}\mathcal{L} = (\mathfrak{g}^{(\infty)})^\perp$$
$$\langle \mathbf{v}^{(\infty)}; \sigma \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{g} \iff \sigma \in \mathcal{Z}$$

Prolonged symbol subbundle:

$$\mathcal{U} = \Lambda(\mathcal{Z}) \subset J^\infty(M, p) \times \mathcal{S}$$

Prolonged symbol module:

$$\boxed{\mathcal{J} = (\beta^*)^{-1}(\mathcal{I})}$$

Warning: : $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$

But

$$\mathcal{U}^n = \mathcal{J}^n \quad \text{when } n > n^*$$

n^* — order of freeness.

Algebraic Recurrence

Polynomial:

$$\sigma(\mathbf{I}^{(k)}; s, S) = \sum_{\alpha, J} h_J^a(\mathbf{I}^{(k)}) s^J S_\alpha \in \widehat{\mathcal{S}}$$

Differential invariant:

$$I_\sigma = \sum_{\alpha, J} h_J^a(\mathbf{I}^{(k)}) I_J^\alpha$$

Recurrence:

$$\mathcal{D}_i I_\sigma = I_{\mathcal{D}_i \sigma} \equiv I_{s_i \sigma} + R_{i, \sigma}$$

$$\text{order } I_\sigma = n$$

$$\sigma \in \widetilde{\mathcal{J}}^n, n > n^* \implies \text{order } I_{\mathcal{D}_i \sigma} = n + 1$$

$$\text{order } R_{i, \sigma} \leq n$$

Algebra \implies Invariants

\mathcal{I} — symbol module

- determining equations for \mathfrak{g}

$\mathcal{M} \simeq \mathcal{T} / \mathcal{I}$ — complementary monomials $t^A T_b$

- pseudo-group parameters
 - Maurer–Cartan forms
-

\mathcal{N} — leading monomials $s^J S_\alpha$

- normalized differential invariants I_J^α

$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{S} / \mathcal{N}$ — complementary monomials $s^K S_\beta$

- cross-section coordinates $u_K^\beta = c_K^\beta$
 - phantom differential invariants I_K^β
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$$\mathcal{J} = (\beta^*)^{-1}(\mathcal{I})$$

Freeness: $\beta^* : \mathcal{K} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{M}$

Generating Differential Invariants

Theorem. The differential invariant algebra is generated by differential invariants that are in one-to-one correspondence with the Gröbner basis elements of the prolonged symbol module plus, possibly, a finite number of differential invariants of order $\leq n^*$.

Syzygies

Theorem. Every differential syzygy among the generating differential invariants is either a syzygy among those of order $\leq n^*$, or arises from an algebraic syzygy among the Gröbner basis polynomials in $\widetilde{\mathcal{J}}$.