

Moving Frames
for
Pseudo-Groups

Peter J. Olver

University of Minnesota

<http://www.math.umn.edu/~olver>

⇒ Juha Pohjanpelto.

⇒ Vladimir Itskov.

Madison, 2002

Pseudogroups in Action

- Lie — Medolaghi — Vessiot
- Cartan ... Guillemin, Sternberg
- Kuranishi, Spencer, Goldschmidt, Kumpera, ...
- Relativity
- Gauge theory and field theories
 Maxwell, Yang–Mills, conformal, string, ...
- Noether’s Second Theorem
- Fluid Mechanics, Metereology
 Euler, Navier–Stokes,
 boundary layer, quasi-geostropic , ...
- Solitons (in $2 + 1$)
 K–P, Davey-Stewartson, ...
- Kac–Moody
- *Lie groups!*

What's New?

- Invariant Maurer–Cartan forms and structure equations
- Moving frames
 - \implies direct method
 - \implies Taylor series method
- Differential invariants
- Invariant differential forms
- Invariant differential operators
- Recurrence formulae
- Tresse–Kumpera Basis Theorem
- Applications
 - \implies Symmetries of differential equations
 - \implies Vessiot group splitting
 - \implies Calculus of variations

Key Ingredients

- Groupoids
- Variational bicomplex
- Equivariant moving frames
- Gröbner basis methods
- *No* Spencer machinery

Diffeomorphism Pseudogroups

M — smooth m -dimensional manifold

$\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(M)$ — local diffeomorphism pseudo-group

$$Z = \varphi(z) \quad \begin{array}{l} z \text{ — source coordinates} \\ Z \text{ — target coordinates} \end{array}$$

$\mathcal{D}^{(n)} = \mathcal{D}^{(n)}(M) \subset J^n(M, M)$ — n^{th} order jets

$$Z^{(n)} = \varphi^{(n)}(z) \quad \begin{array}{l} Z_J^a \text{ — target jets} \\ \text{(Taylor coordinates)} \end{array}$$

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

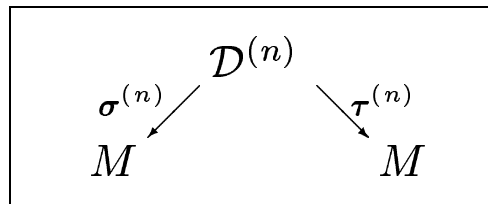
$$g^{(n)} = (z, Z^{(n)})$$

Frame bundle:

$$\mathcal{F}^{(n)} = \{z = Z\} \subset \mathcal{D}^{(n)}$$

Groupoid Structure

Double fibration:



$\sigma^{(n)}$ — source map

$\tau^{(n)}$ — target map

\implies Ehresmann

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

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

In other words, composing Taylor series is only well-defined if the target Z of the first Taylor series is the source of the second.

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

Source coordinate: x Target coordinate: X

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

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

Infinite jet: $g^{(\infty)} = (x, X^{(\infty)})$

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

\implies Taylor series at a source point x

Groupoid multiplication of diffeomorphism jets:

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

\implies Composition and truncation of Taylor series

The higher order terms are expressed in terms of Bell polynomials according to the general Fàa-di-Bruno formula.

Lie Pseudogroups

Definition. A *Lie pseudo-group* $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{D}$ is defined by an involutive system of partial differential equations.

Determining equations:

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

$$\mathcal{G}^{(n)} \subset \mathcal{D}^{(n)} \quad \text{— jet sub-groupoid (subbundle)}$$

Regularity:

- (a) $\pi_n^{n+1} : \mathcal{G}^{(n+1)} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^{(n)}$ is a bundle map,
- (b) $\mathcal{G}_0^{(n)} \subset \mathcal{F}^{(n)}$ forms a subbundle of the n^{th} order frame bundle,
- (c) every smooth local solution $Z = \varphi(z)$ to the determining system $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}$ belongs to \mathcal{G} ,
- (d) $\mathcal{G}^{(n)} = \text{pr}^{(n-n^*)} \mathcal{G}^{(n^*)}$ is obtained by prolongation.

for all $n \geq n^*$ — the *order* of the pseudo-group

Infinitesimal Generators

\mathfrak{g} — space of infinitesimal generators of \mathcal{G}

Locally defined vector fields:

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

Infinitesimal determining equations

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

\implies obtained by linearization

Remark: If \mathcal{G} is the symmetry group of a system of differential equations, then the linearized system is the usual determining equations for the symmetry group.

First Example

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

\implies Lie, Vessiot, Kumpera

Involutive system:

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= y, \\ X_x &= \frac{u}{U}, & Y_x &= Y_u = 0, & U_y &= 0, \\ X_y &= X_u = 0, & Y_y &= 1, & U_u &= \frac{U}{u}, \\ X_{xx} &= -\frac{u U_x}{U^2}, & X_{xu} &= X_{uu} = 0, & U_{xu} &= \frac{U_x}{u}, & U_{uu} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Infinitesimal generator:

$$\mathbf{v} = \xi \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial u} = a(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - a_x(x) u \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$$

Infinitesimal determining system:

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

Taylor coordinates:

$$x, y, u, X, U, U_x, U_{xx}, \dots, U_n.$$

Parametric coordinates:

$$x, y, u, f, f_x, f_{xx}, \dots, f_{n+1}$$

Parametrization of $\mathcal{G}^{(1)}$:

$$\begin{aligned} X_x &= f_x, & X_y &= X_u = 0, \\ Y_x &= Y_u = 0, & Y_y &= 1, \\ U_x &= -\frac{u f_{xx}}{f_x^2}, & U_y &= 0, & U_u &= \frac{1}{f_x}. \end{aligned}$$

Second Example

$$\begin{aligned} X &= f(x) & Y &= f'(x)y + g(x) \\ U &= u + \frac{f''(x)y + g'(x)}{f'(x)} \end{aligned}$$

Involutive system

$$\begin{aligned} X_y &= X_u = 0, & Y_u &= 0, \\ Y_x &= (U - u)X_x, & U_u &= 1. \\ Y_y &= X_x \neq 0, \end{aligned}$$

Infinitesimal generator:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \xi \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \eta \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \\ &= a(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + [a_x(x)y + b(x)] \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ &\quad + [a_{xx}(x)y + b_x(x)] \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \end{aligned}$$

Infinitesimal determining system:

$$\xi_x = \eta_y \quad \xi_y = \xi_u = \eta_u = \varphi_u = 0 \quad \eta_x = \varphi$$

Maurer–Cartan Forms for the Diffeomorphism Groupoid

Variational bicomplex over $\mathcal{D}^{(\infty)} \subset J^\infty(M, M)$:

Horizontal forms:

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

Contact forms:

$$\Upsilon_J^a = d_G Z_J^a = dZ_J^a - \sum_{i=1}^m Z_{J,i}^a dz^i$$

The Maurer–Cartan forms are right-invariant contact forms on $\mathcal{D}^{(\infty)}$!

Right-invariant coframe on $\mathcal{D}^{(\infty)}$

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

Decompose

$$dZ^a = \sigma^a + \mu^a$$

Right-invariant horizontal forms:

$$\sigma^a = d_M Z^a = \sum_{i=1}^m Z_i^a dz^i$$

Right-invariant contact forms:

$$\mu^a = d_G Z^a = \Upsilon^a = dZ^a - \sum_{i=1}^m Z_i^a dz^i$$

$$\mu_J^a = \mathbb{D}_Z^J \mu^a = \mathbb{D}_Z^J \Upsilon^a$$

\implies Maurer–Cartan forms

Invariant total differential operators:

$$\mathbb{D}_{Z^a} = \sum_{i=1}^m w_a^i \mathbb{D}_{z^i} \quad w_a^i(z, Z^{(1)}) = (Z_i^a)^{-1}$$

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

Contact forms:

$$\Upsilon = d_G X = dX - X_x dx$$

$$\Upsilon_x = \mathbb{D}_x \Upsilon = dX_x - X_{xx} dx$$

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

Right-invariant horizontal form:

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

Invariant differentiation:

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

Right-invariant Maurer–Cartan forms:

$$\mu = \Upsilon$$

$$\mu_X = \mathbb{D}_X \mu = \frac{\Upsilon_x}{X_x}$$

$$\mu_{XX} = \mathbb{D}_X^2 \mu = \frac{X_x \Upsilon_{xx} - X_{xx} \Upsilon_x}{X_x^3}$$

Two-dimensional case: $M = \mathbb{R}^2$

Coordinates on $\mathcal{D}^{(\infty)}(\mathbb{R}^2)$:

$$(x, u, X, U, X_x, X_u, U_x, U_u, X_{xx}, X_{xu}, \dots)$$

Contact forms on $\mathcal{D}^{(2)}(\mathbb{R}^2)$:

$$\Upsilon = dX - X_x dx - X_u du$$

$$\Phi = dU - U_x dx - U_u du$$

$$\Upsilon_x = dX_x - X_{xx} dx - X_{xu} du$$

$$\Phi_x = dU_x - U_{xx} dx - U_{xu} du$$

$$\Upsilon_u = dX_u - X_{xu} dx - X_{uu} du$$

$$\Phi_u = dU_u - U_{xu} dx - U_{uu} du$$

Maurer–Cartan forms:

$$\sigma = d_M X = X_x dx + X_u du,$$

$$\tilde{\sigma} = d_M U = U_x dx + U_u du,$$

$$\mu = \Upsilon = d_G X$$

$$\tilde{\mu} = \Phi = d_G U$$

$$\mu_X = \frac{U_u \Upsilon_x - U_x \Upsilon_u}{X_x U_u - X_u U_x}$$

$$\tilde{\mu}_X = \frac{U_u \Phi_x - U_x \Phi_u}{X_x U_u - X_u U_x}$$

$$\mu_U = \frac{X_x \Upsilon_u - X_u \Upsilon_x}{X_x U_u - X_u U_x}$$

$$\tilde{\mu}_U = \frac{X_x \Phi_u - X_u \Phi_x}{X_x U_u - X_u U_x}$$

Right-invariant differentiations:

$$\mathbb{D}_X = \frac{U_u \mathbb{D}_x - U_x \mathbb{D}_u}{X_x U_u - X_u U_x},$$

$$\mathbb{D}_U = \frac{-X_u \mathbb{D}_x + X_x \mathbb{D}_u}{X_x U_u - X_u U_x}.$$

The Diffeomorphism Structure Equations

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

$$d\sigma = -d\mu[[0]] = \nabla_H \mu[[0]] \wedge \sigma$$

Invariant contact forms:

$$\mu[[H]] = \Upsilon[[h]] \quad \text{when} \quad H = Z[[h]] - Z[[0]]$$

Invariant horizontal forms:

$$\sigma = dZ - \mu[[0]]$$

$$\Upsilon^a[[h]] = \sum_J \frac{1}{J!} \Upsilon_J^a h^J \quad \mu^a[[H]] = \sum_J \frac{1}{J!} \mu_J^a H^J$$

Contact forms

Maurer–Cartan forms

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

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma = X_x dx \quad \Upsilon[[h]] &= \Upsilon + \Upsilon_x h + \frac{1}{2} \Upsilon_{xx} h^2 + \dots \\ \mu[[H]] &= \mu + \mu_X H + \frac{1}{2} \mu_{XX} H^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Maurer–Cartan form series:

$$\mu[[H]] = \Upsilon[[h]]$$

when

$$H = X[[h]] - X = X_x h + \frac{1}{2} X_{xx} h^2 + \dots$$

Structure equations:

$$\begin{aligned} d\sigma &= \mu_X \wedge \sigma, \quad d\mu[[H]] = \mu_H[[H]] \wedge (\mu[[H]] - dZ), \\ \mu_H[[H]] &= \mu_X + \mu_{XX} H + \frac{1}{2} \mu_{XXX} H^2 + \dots \\ \mu[[H]] - dZ &= -\sigma + \mu_X H + \frac{1}{2} \mu_{XX} H^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

In components:

$$\begin{aligned} d\sigma &= \mu_1 \wedge \sigma \\ d\mu_n &= -\mu_{n+1} \wedge \sigma + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} \mu_{i+1} \wedge \mu_{n-i} \\ &= \sigma \wedge \mu_{n+1} - \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor} \frac{n-2j+1}{n+1} \binom{n+1}{j} \mu_j \wedge \mu_{n+1-j}. \end{aligned}$$

\implies Cartan

Two-dimensional case: $M = \mathbb{R}^2$

Maurer–Cartan form series:

$$dX = \sigma + \mu \quad dY = \tilde{\sigma} + \tilde{\mu}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \llbracket H, K \rrbracket &= \mu + \mu_H H + \mu_K K + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \mu_{HH} H^2 + \mu_{HK} H K + \frac{1}{2} \mu_{KK} K^2 + \dots, \\ \tilde{\mu} \llbracket H, K \rrbracket &= \tilde{\mu} + \tilde{\mu}_H H + \tilde{\mu}_K K + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\mu}_{HH} H^2 + \tilde{\mu}_{HK} H K + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\mu}_{KK} K^2 + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

Structure equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} d\mu \llbracket H, K \rrbracket \\ d\tilde{\mu} \llbracket H, K \rrbracket \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_H \llbracket H, K \rrbracket & \mu_K \llbracket H, K \rrbracket \\ \tilde{\mu}_H \llbracket H, K \rrbracket & \tilde{\mu}_K \llbracket H, K \rrbracket \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} \mu \llbracket H, K \rrbracket - dX \\ \tilde{\mu} \llbracket H, K \rrbracket - dU \end{pmatrix}$$

First order structure equations:

$$\begin{aligned} d\mu &= -d\sigma = -\mu_X \wedge \sigma - \mu_U \wedge \tilde{\sigma}, \\ d\tilde{\mu} &= -d\tilde{\sigma} = -\tilde{\mu}_X \wedge \sigma - \tilde{\mu}_U \wedge \tilde{\sigma}, \\ d\mu_X &= -\mu_{XX} \wedge \sigma - \mu_{XU} \wedge \tilde{\sigma} + \mu_U \wedge \tilde{\mu}_X, \\ d\tilde{\mu}_X &= -\tilde{\mu}_{XX} \wedge \sigma - \tilde{\mu}_{XU} \wedge \tilde{\sigma} + \tilde{\mu}_X \wedge (\mu_X - \tilde{\mu}_U), \\ d\mu_U &= -\mu_{XU} \wedge \sigma - \mu_{UU} \wedge \tilde{\sigma} + (\mu_X - \tilde{\mu}_U) \wedge \mu_U, \\ d\tilde{\mu}_U &= -\tilde{\mu}_{XU} \wedge \sigma - \tilde{\mu}_{UU} \wedge \tilde{\sigma} + \tilde{\mu}_X \wedge \mu_U \end{aligned}$$

The Structure Equations for a Pseudo-group

The Maurer–Cartan forms $\mu^{(\infty)}$ are obtained by restricting the diffeomorphism Maurer–Cartan forms to the pseudo-group $\mathcal{G}^{(\infty)} \subset \mathcal{D}^{(\infty)}$.

Theorem. The right-invariant Maurer–Cartan forms satisfy the right-invariant linearized determining equations

$$L^{(n)}(Z, \mu^{(n)}) = 0, \quad (*)$$

obtained from the infinitesimal determining equations

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

by replacing

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

Theorem. The structure equations for the pseudo-group are obtained by restriction of the diffeomorphism structure equations

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

to the kernel of the linearized involutive system

$$L^{(n)}(Z, \mu^{(n)}) = 0.$$

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:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= \frac{u}{U} dx = f_x dx, & \tilde{\sigma} &= U_x dx + \frac{U}{u} du = \frac{-u f_{xx} dx + f_x du}{f_x^2} \\ \mu &= dX - \frac{U}{u} dx = df - f_x dx, & \tilde{\mu} &= dU - U_x dx - \frac{U}{u} du = -\frac{u}{f_x^2} (df_x - f_{xx} dx) \\ \mu_X &= \frac{du}{u} - \frac{dU - U_x dx}{U} = \frac{df_x - f_{xx} dx}{f_x}, & \mu_U &= 0 \\ \tilde{\mu}_X &= \frac{U}{u} (dU_x - U_{xx} dx) - \frac{U_x}{u} (dU - U_x dx) \\ &= -\frac{u}{f_x^3} (df_{xx} - f_{xxx} dx) + \frac{u f_{xx}}{f_x^4} (df_x - f_{xx} dx) \\ \tilde{\mu}_U &= -\frac{du}{u} + \frac{dU - U_x dx}{U} \qquad \qquad \qquad = -\frac{df_x - f_{xx} dx}{f_x} \end{aligned}$$

Right-invariant linearized system:

$$\mu_X = -\frac{\tilde{\mu}}{U} \quad \mu_U = 0 \quad \tilde{\mu}_U = \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{U}$$

First order structure equations:

$$\begin{aligned} d\mu &= -d\sigma = \frac{\tilde{\mu} \wedge \sigma}{U}, & d\tilde{\mu} &= -\tilde{\mu}_X \wedge \sigma - \frac{\tilde{\mu} \wedge \tilde{\sigma}}{U} \\ d\tilde{\mu}_X &= -\tilde{\mu}_{XX} \wedge \sigma - \frac{\tilde{\mu}_X \wedge (\tilde{\sigma} + 2\tilde{\mu})}{U} \end{aligned}$$

Action on Submanifolds

$$J^n = J^n(M, p)$$

— n^{th} order jet bundle for p -dimensional submanifolds

Local coordinates

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

Variational Bicomplex

Horizontal forms:

$$dx^1, \dots, dx^p$$

Contact forms:

$$\theta_J^\alpha = du_J^\alpha - \sum_{i=1}^p u_{J,i}^\alpha dx^i$$

Decompose the differential:

$$d = d_H + d_V$$

$$d_H F = \sum_{j=1}^p D_{x^j} F dx^j \quad d_V F = \sum_{\alpha, J} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_J^\alpha} \theta_J^\alpha$$

D_{x^j} — total derivative

Prolongation

The action of the diffeomorphism pseudo-group \mathcal{D} on submanifolds $N \subset M$ induces an action of the jet groupoid $\mathcal{D}^{(n)}$ on J^n by prolongation.

- The prolonged group transformation formulae are obtained by implicit differentiation.

Pull-back diffeomorphism bundle:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{D}^{(n)} & \longleftarrow & \mathcal{E}^{(n)} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 M & \longleftarrow & J^n.
 \end{array}$$

Local coordinates $\mathbf{g}^{(n)} = (z^{(n)}, g^{(n)})$ on $\mathcal{E}^{(n)}$:

$$z^{(n)} = (x, u^{(n)})$$

$$g^{(n)} = (z, Z^{(n)}) = (x, u, X^{(n)}, U^{(n)})$$

Groupoid — double fibration

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \mathcal{E}^{(n)} & \\
 \sigma^{(n)} \swarrow & & \searrow \tau^{(n)} \\
 J^n & & J^n.
 \end{array}$$

Example $M = \mathbb{R}^2$

Local coordinates on $J^\infty = J^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2, 1)$:

$$z^{(\infty)} = (x, u^{(\infty)}) = (x, u, u_x, u_{xx}, \dots)$$

Induced coordinates on $\mathcal{E}^{(\infty)} \rightarrow J^\infty$:

$$(z^{(\infty)}, Z^{(\infty)}) = (x, u, u_x, u_{xx}, \dots, X, U, X_x, X_u, U_x, U_u, X_{xx}, X_{xu}, X_{uu}, U_{xx}, \dots)$$

Total derivative operator on $\mathcal{E}^{(\infty)}$

$$\begin{aligned} D_x &= \mathbb{D}_x + u_x \mathbb{D}_u + u_{xx} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_x} + u_{xxx} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{xx}} + \dots, \\ \mathbb{D}_x &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + X_x \frac{\partial}{\partial X} + U_x \frac{\partial}{\partial U} + X_{xx} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_x} + U_{xx} \frac{\partial}{\partial U_x} + X_{xu} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_u} + U_{xu} \frac{\partial}{\partial U_u} + \dots, \\ \mathbb{D}_u &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + X_u \frac{\partial}{\partial X} + U_u \frac{\partial}{\partial U} + X_{xu} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_x} + U_{xu} \frac{\partial}{\partial U_x} + X_{uu} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_u} + U_{uu} \frac{\partial}{\partial U_u} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Horizontal one-form:

$$d_H X = D_x X dx = (X_x + u_x X_u) dx$$

Implicit differentiation operator:

$$D_X = \frac{1}{X_x + u_x X_u} D_x$$

Prolonged action of $\mathcal{D}^{(\infty)}$ on J^∞ :

$$\begin{aligned} U_X &= D_X U = \frac{D_x U}{D_x X} = \frac{U_x + u_x U_u}{X_x + u_x X_u}, \\ U_{XX} &= D_X^2 U = \frac{D_x^2 U D_x X - D_x U D_x^2 X}{(D_x X)^3} \end{aligned}$$

Moving Frames for Pseudo-Groups

Pull-back pseudo-group jet bundle:

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

\implies In the finite-dimensional Lie group situation,

$$\mathcal{H}^{(n)} \sim \mathbb{J}^n \times G$$

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

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

Freeness

Isotropy subgroup

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

Definition. The pseudo-group \mathcal{G} acts

- *freely* at $z^{(n)} \in \mathbf{J}^n$ if $\mathcal{S}_{z^{(n)}}^{(n)} = \{ \mathbf{1}_z^{(n)} \}$
- *locally freely* if $\mathcal{S}_{z^{(n)}}^{(n)}$ is a discrete subgroup of $\mathcal{G}_z^{(n)}$

Theorem. If $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}$ acts locally freely on an open subset of \mathbf{J}^n for $n \gg 0$ then it acts locally freely on an open subset of \mathbf{J}^k for all $k > n$.

\implies Gröbner basis for the symbol module

Theorem. Suppose $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}$ acts freely and regularly on $\mathcal{V}^n \subset \mathbf{J}^n$. Let $\mathcal{K}^n \subset \mathcal{V}^n$ be a (local) cross-section to the pseudo-group orbits. Given $z^{(n)} \in \mathcal{V}^n$, if $\rho^{(n)}(z^{(n)}) \in \mathcal{E}^{(n)}$ denotes the unique groupoid jet such that

$$I^{(n)}(z^{(n)}) = \tau^{(n)}(\rho^{(n)}(z^{(n)})) \in \mathcal{K}^n.$$

Then $\rho^{(n)} : \mathcal{V}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^{(n)}$ is a moving frame for \mathcal{G} . The local cross-section coordinates of $I^{(n)}(z^{(n)})$ provide a complete system of functionally independent n^{th} order differential invariants for the pseudo-group action.

First Example

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

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 $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\begin{aligned} X = f & & Y = y & & U = \frac{u}{f_x} \\ \\ U_X = \frac{u_x}{f_x^2} - \frac{u f_{xx}}{f_x^3} & & U_Y = \frac{u_y}{f_x} \\ \\ U_{XX} = \frac{u_{xx}}{f_x^3} - \frac{3u_x f_{xx}}{f_x^4} - \frac{u f_{xxx}}{f_x^4} + \frac{3u f_{xx}^2}{f_x^5} \\ \\ U_{XY} = \frac{u_{xy}}{f_x^2} - \frac{u_y f_{xx}}{f_x^3} & & U_{YY} = \frac{u_{yy}}{f_x} \end{aligned}$$

\implies action is free at every order.

Coordinate cross-section

$$X = 0, \quad U = 1, \quad U_X = 0, \quad U_{XX} = 0.$$

Moving frame

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

Differential invariants

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

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

Horizontal invariant coframe

$$d_H X \longmapsto u dx, \qquad d_H Y \longmapsto dy,$$

Invariant differentiations

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

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

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

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

Taylor Series Method

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

Taylor parameters $f_n = f_{nx}$

$$H = f[[h]] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} f_n h^n, \quad K = k.$$

Taylor expansions for prolonged pseudo-group action

$$X = f[[h]] \quad Y = y$$

$$U[[H, K]] = \frac{u[[h, k]]}{f_h[[h]]} = \frac{u[[f^{-1}[[H]], K]]}{f_x[[f^{-1}[[H]]]]} = \sum_{m,n} \frac{1}{m! n!} U_{m,n} H^m K^n$$

Normalization equations

$$U[[H, 0]] = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad u[[h, 0]] = f_h[[h]]$$

Solution:

$$H = f[[h]] = \int u[[h, 0]] dh \quad \implies \quad f_m = u_{m-1,0}$$

Differential invariants

$$U[[H, K]] \longmapsto I[[H, K]] = 1 + K J[[H, K]],$$

where

$$J[[H, K]] = \sum_{m,n \geq 0} J_{m,n} \frac{H^m K^n}{m! (n+1)!} = \frac{u[[h, k]] - u[[h, 0]]}{k u[[h, 0]]}$$

when

$$H = \int u[[h, 0]] dh = u h + \frac{1}{2} u_x h^2 + \frac{1}{6} u_{xx} h^3 + \dots$$

\implies The Taylor coefficients $J_{m,n} = I_{m,n+1}$ are the fundamental differential invariants.

Explicitly,

$$\begin{aligned} J[[H, K]] &= \frac{u_y}{u} + \frac{u u_{xy} - u_x u_y}{u^3} H + \frac{u_{yy}}{2u} K \\ &\quad + \frac{u^2 u_{xxy} - u u_y u_{xx} - 3u u_x u_{xy} + 3u_x^2 u_y}{2u^5} H^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{u u_{xyy} - u_x u_{yy}}{2u^3} H K + \frac{u_{yyy}}{6u} K^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Second Example

$$X = f, \quad Y = f_x y + g, \quad U = u + \frac{f_{xx} y + g_x}{f_x}.$$

Horizontal coframe

$$d_H X = f_x dx, \quad d_H Y = (f_{xx} y + g_x) dx + f_x dy.$$

Implicit differentiation

$$D_X = \frac{1}{f_x} D_x - \frac{f_{xx} y + g_x}{f_x^2} D_y, \quad D_Y = \frac{1}{f_x} D_y,$$

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

$$U_X = \frac{u_x}{f_x} + \frac{f_{xxx} y + g_{xx} - (f_{xx} y + g_x) u_y}{f_x^2} - 2 \frac{f_{xx} (f_{xx} y + g_x)}{f_x^3}$$

$$U_Y = \frac{u_y}{f_x} + \frac{f_{xx}}{f_x^2}$$

$$U_{XX} = \dots$$

$$U_{XY} = \frac{u_{xy}}{f_x^2} - \frac{f_{xx} u_y + (f_{xx} y + g_x) u_{yy}}{f_x^3} + \frac{f_{xxx}}{f_x^3} - 2 \frac{f_{xx}^2}{f_x^4}$$

$$U_{YY} = \frac{u_{yy}}{f_x^2}$$

\implies free at every order ≥ 2 .

Normalizations

$$\begin{aligned}
 X = 0, & & f = 0, \\
 Y = 0, & & g = -y f_x, \\
 U = 0, & & g_x = -u f_x - y f_{xx}, \\
 U_Y = 0, & & f_{xx} = -u_y f_x, \\
 U_X = 0, & & g_{xx} = -u_x f_x - y f_{xxx}, \\
 U_{YY} = 1, & & f_x = -\sqrt{u_{yy}}, \\
 U_{XY} = 0, & & f_{xxx} = \sqrt{u_{yy}} (u_{xy} + u u_{yy} - u_y^2), \\
 U_{XX} = 0, & & g_{xxx} = \sqrt{u_{yy}} (u_{xx} - u u_{xy} - 2u^2 u_{yy} - 2u_x u_y + u u_y^2) \\
 & & \quad - y f_{xxxx}, \\
 U_{XXY} = 0, & & f_{xxxx} = \dots, \\
 U_{XXX} = 0, & & g_{xxx} = \dots.
 \end{aligned}$$

Differential invariants

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_{XY Y} & \longmapsto J_1 = -\frac{u u_{yyy} + u_{xyy} + 2u_y u_{yy}}{u_{yy}^{3/2}}, \\
 U_{Y Y Y} & \longmapsto J_2 = -\frac{u_{yyy}}{u_{yy}^{3/2}}, \\
 U_{X X Y Y} & \longmapsto J_3, \\
 U_{X Y Y Y} & \longmapsto J_4, \\
 U_{Y Y Y Y} & \longmapsto J_5.
 \end{aligned}$$

Invariant coframe

$$\begin{aligned}d_H X &\longmapsto \omega^1 = -\sqrt{u_{yy}} dx, \\d_H Y &\longmapsto \omega^2 = -\sqrt{u_{yy}} (dy - u dx).\end{aligned}$$

Invariant differential operators

$$\mathcal{D}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{u_{yy}}} (D_x + u D_y), \quad \mathcal{D}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{u_{yy}}} D_y.$$

Higher order differential invariants

$$\mathcal{D}_1^m \mathcal{D}_2^n J_1, \quad \mathcal{D}_1^m \mathcal{D}_2^n J_2.$$

\implies Syzygies come from the recurrence formulae.

Taylor Series Method

$$X = f, \quad Y = f_x y + g, \quad U = u + \frac{f_{xx} y + g_x}{f_x},$$

Taylor expansions

$$X = f[h], \quad Y = y + f_h[h](k - a[h]),$$
$$U[H, K] = u[h, k] + \frac{f_{hh}[h]}{f_h[h]}(k - a[h]) - a_h[h],$$

when

$$H = f[h], \quad K = y + f_h[h](k - a[h]).$$

Also

$$a(x+h) = -y - \frac{g(x+h)}{f_x(x+h)}$$

Normalizations

$$U[H, 0] = 0, \quad U_H[H, 0] = 0, \quad U_{HH}[0, 0] = 1.$$

Solution to first normalization equations

$$U[[H, 0]] = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad u[[h, a[[h]]] = a_h[[h]].$$

First order nonlinear ODE

$$a_0 = 0, \quad a_1 = u, \quad a_2 = u_x + u u_y, \quad \dots \quad a_k = (D_x + u D_y)^{j-1} u.$$

Solution to second normalization equations

$$U_H[[H, 0]] = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad f_{hh}[[h]] = -u_y[[h, a[[h]]] f_h[[h]].$$

First order linear ODE

$$f_0 = 0, \quad f_2 = -u_y f_1, \quad f_3 = (u_{xy} + u u_{yy} - u_y^2) f_1, \quad \dots$$

$$f_k = f_1 (D_x + u D_y - u_y)^{k-1}(1) \quad k \geq 2.$$

Solution to third normalization equation

$$U_{HH}[[0, 0]] = 1 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad u_{yy} = f_1^2$$

so that

$$f_1 = \sqrt{u_{yy}}$$

$$f_m = \sqrt{u_{yy}} (D_x + u D_y - u_y)^{m-1}(1), \quad a_m = (D_x + u D_y)^{m-1} u,$$

Fundamental differential invariants

$$U[[H, K]] \longmapsto K^2 (1 + J[[H, K]])$$

$$J[[H, K]] = -\frac{u u_{yyy} + u_{xyy} + 2u_y u_{yy}}{2u_{yy}^{3/2}} H - \frac{u_{yyy}}{6u_{yy}^{3/2}} K + \dots$$

Recurrence Formulae

The *recurrence formulae* serve to connect invariantly differentiated differential invariants and differential forms with their higher order normalized counterparts.

⇒ Using moving frames, they can be found using only the infinitesimal generators and linear differential algebra

Applications:

- Determination of a minimal basis I^1, \dots, I^ℓ of differential invariants:

$$I_{,K}^\alpha = \mathcal{D}_K I^\alpha$$

- Commutation formulae for the invariant differential operators:

$$[\mathcal{D}_j, \mathcal{D}_k] = \sum_{i=1}^p C_{j,k}^i \mathcal{D}_i$$

- Syzygies (functional relations) among differentiated invariants:

$$\Phi(\dots \mathcal{D}_K I^\alpha \dots) \equiv 0$$

- Equivalence and signatures of submanifolds
- Computation of invariant variational problems:

$$\int L(\dots \mathcal{D}_K I^\alpha \dots) \omega$$

Lifted Forms

Definition. The *lift* of a differential form ω on J^∞ is

$$\Omega = \lambda(\omega) = \pi_J((\tau^{(\infty)})^* \omega).$$

\implies Right-invariant form on $\mathcal{E}^{(\infty)} \rightarrow J^\infty$.

Differentials:

$$d_J \Omega = \lambda(d\omega) \qquad d_G \Omega = \mathbf{v}_\Psi^{(\infty)}(\Omega)$$

Lifted infinitesimal generator:

$$\mathbf{v}_\Psi^{(\infty)} = \sum_{i=1}^p \Xi^i \frac{\partial}{\partial X^i} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \sum_{\#K \geq 0} \Psi_K^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial U_K^\alpha},$$

$$\Xi^i = d_G X^i \qquad \Psi_K^\alpha = d_G U_K^\alpha$$

The coefficients of $\mathbf{v}_\Psi^{(\infty)}$ are obtained from the coefficients φ_K^α of a prolonged vector field by replacing:

- source jet variables u_j^α by their lifts U_j^α
(prolonged transformation formulae)
- derivatives of vector field coefficients ζ_j^a by
right-invariant Maurer–Cartan forms μ_j^a

Invariantization

Definition. If Ω is any differential form on J^∞ , then its *invariantization* is the invariant differential form

$$\iota(\Omega) = (\rho^{(\infty)})^* [\boldsymbol{\lambda}(\Omega)] = (\rho^{(\infty)})^* [\pi_J((\boldsymbol{\tau}^{(\infty)})^* \Omega)]$$

\implies Invariantization defines a projection from functions and forms to invariant functions and forms.

Invariantization of the jet coordinates and basis one-forms gives the fundamental differential invariants and invariant one-forms:

$$J^i = \iota(x^i) \qquad \varpi^i = \iota(dx^i) = \omega^i + \eta^i$$

$$I_J^\alpha = \iota(u_J^\alpha) \qquad \vartheta_J^\alpha = \iota(\theta_J^\alpha)$$

\implies invariant coframe

Pulled-back Maurer–Cartan forms:

$$\nu^{(\infty)} = (\rho^{(\infty)})^* \mu^{(\infty)}.$$

\implies These are determined from the recurrence formulae

Fundamental Recurrence Formula

$$d\iota(\Omega) = \iota \left[d\Omega + \mathbf{v}_\psi^{(\infty)}(\Omega) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{v}_\psi^{(\infty)} = \sum_{i=1}^p \eta^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \sum_{\alpha, K} \psi_K^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j^\alpha}$$

where $\eta^i = (\rho^{(\infty)})^* \Xi^i$ $\psi_K^\alpha = (\rho^{(\infty)})^* \Psi_K^\alpha$

The coefficients of $\mathbf{v}_\psi^{(\infty)}$ are obtained from the coefficients φ_K^α of a prolonged vector field by replacing:

- source jet variables u_j^α by their invariantizations $I_j^\alpha = \iota(u_j^\alpha)$
- derivatives of vector field coefficients ζ_j^α by the pull-backs ν_j^α of the Maurer–Cartan forms

- All recurrence formulae for differential invariants and invariant differential forms follow from specialization.
- In particular, the formulae for the pull-backs of the Maurer–Cartan forms ν_j^α are found by solving the recurrence formula for the phantom differential invariants.

First Example

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

Prolonged infinitesimal generator:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}^{(\infty)} = & a \partial_x - u a_x \partial_u - (u a_{xx} + 2 u_x a_x) \partial_{u_x} - u_y a_x \partial_{u_y} - \\ & - (u a_{xxx} + 3 u_x a_{xx} + 3 u_{xx} a_x) \partial_{u_{xx}} - \\ & - (u_y a_{xx} + 2 u_{xy} a_x) \partial_{u_{xy}} - u_{yy} a_x \partial_{u_{yy}} - \dots \end{aligned}$$

Lifted infinitesimal generator:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_{\Psi}^{(\infty)} = & \mu \partial_X - U \mu_X \partial_U - \\ & - (U \mu_{XX} + 2 U_X \mu_X) \partial_{U_X} - U_Y \mu_X \partial_{U_Y} - \dots \end{aligned}$$

Normalization

$$X = 0, \quad U = 1, \quad U_X = 0, \quad U_{XX} = 0, \quad \dots$$

Fundamental differential invariants:

$$\begin{aligned} \iota(x) = F = 0, \quad \iota(y) = y, \quad \iota(u) = I_{00} = 1, \\ \iota(u_x) = I_{10} = 0, \quad \iota(u_y) = I_{10} = J, \\ \iota(u_{xx}) = I_{20} = 0, \quad \iota(u_{xy}) = I_{11} = J_1, \quad \iota(u_{yy}) = I_{02} = J_2, \end{aligned}$$

Invariant horizontal forms:

$$\varpi^1 = \iota(dx) = u dx, \quad \varpi^2 = \iota(dy) = dy,$$

Invariantized contact forms:

$$\vartheta = \iota(\theta), \quad \vartheta_1 = \iota(\theta_x), \quad \vartheta_2 = \iota(\theta_y), \quad \dots$$

Recurrence formulae:

$$\mathbf{v}_{\psi}^{(\infty)} = \nu \partial_x - u \nu_1 \partial_u - (u \nu_2 + 2 u_x \nu_1) \partial_{u_x} - u_y \nu_1 \partial_{u_y} - \dots$$

Phantom invariants:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = dH &= \varpi^1 + \nu, & 0 = dI_{10} &= J_1 \varpi^2 + \vartheta_1 - \nu_2, \\ 0 = dI_{00} &= J \varpi^2 + \vartheta - \nu_1, & 0 = dI_{20} &= J_3 \varpi^2 + \vartheta_3 - \nu_3, \end{aligned}$$

Solve for pulled-back Maurer–Cartan forms:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu &= -\varpi^1, & \nu_2 &= J_1 \varpi^2 + \vartheta_1, \\ \nu_1 &= J \varpi^2 + \vartheta, & \nu_3 &= J_3 \varpi^2 + \vartheta_3, \end{aligned}$$

Recurrence formulae: $dy = \varpi^2$

$$\begin{aligned} dJ &= J_1 \varpi^1 + (J_2 - J^2) \varpi^2 + \vartheta_2 - J \vartheta, \\ dJ_1 &= J_3 \varpi^1 + (J_4 - 3J J_1) \varpi^2 + \vartheta_4 - J \vartheta_1 - J_1 \vartheta, \\ dJ_2 &= J_4 \varpi^1 + (J_5 - J J_2) \varpi^2 + \vartheta_5 - J_2 \vartheta, \\ \mathcal{D}_1 J &= J_1, & \mathcal{D}_2 J &= J_2 - J^2, & d_{\mathcal{V}} J &= \vartheta_2 - J \vartheta, \\ \mathcal{D}_1 J_1 &= J_3, & \mathcal{D}_2 J_1 &= J_4 - 3J J_1, & d_{\mathcal{V}} J_1 &= \vartheta_4 - J \vartheta_{10} - J_1 \vartheta, \\ \mathcal{D}_1 J_2 &= J_4, & \mathcal{D}_2 J_2 &= J_5 - J J_2, & d_{\mathcal{V}} J_2 &= \vartheta_5 - J_2 \vartheta, \end{aligned}$$

\implies All higher order differential invariants are obtained from J by invariant differentiation

Invariant horizontal forms

$$d\varpi^1 = -J \varpi^1 \wedge \varpi^2 + \vartheta \wedge \varpi^1, \quad d\varpi^2 = 0.$$

Commutation formula

$$[\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2] = J \mathcal{D}_1.$$

Invariant contact forms

$$d\vartheta = \varpi^1 \wedge \vartheta_1 + \varpi^2 \wedge (\vartheta_2 - J \vartheta).$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1 \vartheta = \vartheta_1, \quad \mathcal{D}_2 \vartheta = \vartheta_2 - J \vartheta,$$

and so on ...

Taylor Series Method

Differential invariant series

$$\iota(u[[h, k]]) = I[[H, K]] = 1 + K J[[H, K]].$$

Recurrence formulae

$$\begin{aligned} dI[[H, K]] &= \vartheta[[H, K]] + I_H[[H, K]] \varpi^1 + I_K[[H, K]] \varpi^2 - \\ &\quad - \partial_H(I[[H, K]] \tilde{\nu}[[H]]), \end{aligned}$$

Pulled-back Maurer–Cartan forms:

$$\tilde{\nu}[[H]] = \nu[[H]] - \nu[[0]] = \nu_1 H + \frac{1}{2} \nu_2 H^2 + \dots$$

Normalization:

$$I[[H, 0]] = 1 \implies I_H[[H, 0]] = 0, \quad dI[[H, 0]] = 0.$$

$$\tilde{\nu}_H[[H]] = I_K[[H, 0]] \varpi^2 + \vartheta[[H, 0]]$$

$$\tilde{\nu}[[H]] = \int (I_K[[H, 0]] \varpi^2 + \vartheta[[H, 0]]) dH$$

Complete system of recurrence formulae:

$$d_{\mathcal{H}} I[[H, K]] = I_H[[H, K]] \varpi^1 + \left[I_K[[H, K]] - \frac{\partial}{\partial H} \left(I[[H, K]] \int I_K[[H, 0]] dH \right) \right] \varpi^2,$$

or, in components,

$$\mathcal{D}_1 I_{jk} = I_{j+1,k}, \quad \mathcal{D}_2 I_{jk} = I_{j,k+1} - \sum_{i=0}^j \binom{j+1}{i} I_{ik} I_{j-i,1}.$$

Also

$$d_{\mathcal{V}} I[[H, K]] = \vartheta[[H, K]] - \frac{\partial}{\partial H} \left(I[[H, K]] \int \vartheta[[H, 0]] dH \right),$$

or, in components,

$$d_{\mathcal{V}} I_{jk} = \vartheta_{j,k} - \sum_{i=0}^j \binom{j+1}{i} I_{ik} \vartheta_{j-i,0}.$$