


Question G, H Lie groups

$\psi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ Lie algebra homo. Does there exist Lie group homo.

$\varphi: G \rightarrow H$ s.t. $\varphi' = \psi$?

Thm. 1.48 Let G and H be Lie groups and let $\psi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ be a Lie algebra homomorphism between their Lie algebras \mathfrak{g} and \mathfrak{h} .

Then \exists a local homomorphism $\varphi: U \rightarrow H$ s.t. $\varphi' = \psi$.
 $\subseteq G$

If G is simply connected, then \exists a homomorphism of Lie groups

$\varphi: G \rightarrow H$ s.t. $\varphi' = \psi$.

Proof Consider the Lie group $G \times H$ and recall that its Lie algebra is direct $\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{h}$

Set $\mathfrak{k} := \{(X, \psi(X)) : X \in \mathfrak{g}\} \subseteq \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{h}$ image of ψ .

• \mathfrak{k} is a linear subspace, since ψ is linear.

• It is also a subalgebra of $\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{h}$, since ψ is a Lie algebra homom.: :

$$[(X, \psi(X)), (Y, \psi(Y))] = \left(\underbrace{[X, Y]}_{\in \mathfrak{g}}, \underbrace{[\psi(X), \psi(Y)]}_{= \psi([X, Y])} \right) \in \mathfrak{k}.$$

By Thm. 1.33, \exists a virtual Lie subgroup $i: \mathfrak{k} \rightarrow G \times H$ with Lie algebra isomorphic to $\mathfrak{k} \subseteq \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{h}$.

• $pr_1 : G \times H \rightarrow G$ one Lie group homomorphism.

$$pr_2 : G \times H \rightarrow H$$

$\Rightarrow \underline{\pi} := pr_1 \circ i : K \rightarrow G$ is a Lie group homomorphism.

$\pi' : k \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ $\pi'(x, \psi(x)) = X$ is a linear isomorphism.

By ③ of Thm. 1.46, π is a covering map and a

a local diffeomorphism from K to G_0 :

$$\pi|_V : V \xrightarrow{\sim} U$$

diffeom. between open neighborhoods
 V and U of $e \in K$ in K resp. $e \in G$
 $U \subseteq G$.

Define $\varphi : U \rightarrow H$ by $\varphi := \underline{\text{pr}_2} \circ \underline{(\pi|_V)^{-1}} : U \rightarrow H$.

- φ is a local homeomorphism, since $(\pi|_V)^{-1}$ is a homeomorphism.
- By construction, $\varphi' : X \rightarrow (X, \varphi(x)) \rightarrow \varphi(x)$, i.e. $\varphi' = \varphi$.

If G is simply connected, $G = G_0$ and $\pi : K \rightarrow G$

is a homeomorphism and a local diffeomorphism.

\Rightarrow π is an isomorphism of Lie groups

and $\varphi := \text{pr}_2 \circ \pi^{-1}$ is the required map.

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We recall again some notions from algebraic topology:

X topological space

If X satisfies certain connectedness assumptions (always satisfied for manifolds), then \exists a covering map

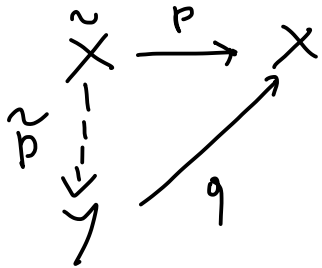
$$p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$$

with \tilde{X} a simply connected topological space.

It is called **the universal cover of X** . (It is unique up to isomorphism).

Properties

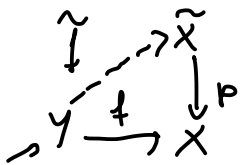
① If $q: Y \rightarrow X$ is another covering map and Y is path connected, then \exists a covering map $\tilde{p}: \tilde{X} \rightarrow Y$ s.t. $p = q \circ \tilde{p}: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$.



(Universal cover covers all connected covers of X).

\Rightarrow Universal cover of X is unique.

② Lifting property: Y simply connected, $f: Y \rightarrow X$ continuous, then \exists a continuous map $\tilde{f}: Y \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ s.t. commutes.



f is uniquely determined by its value in a point.

Suppose $p: N \rightarrow M$ is a covering of a smooth manifold M . \checkmark
with at most countably many sheets (for $U \subseteq M$ with $p^{-1}(U) = \bigcup_{i \in I} V_i$
 I is countable).

$\Rightarrow N$ is necessarily Hausdorff and AA2, since M is.

Moreover, ^{take} let $u(U)$ be a chart of M s.t. $p^{-1}(U) = \bigcup_{i \in I} V_i$
for open subsets V_i of N .

$\Rightarrow u \circ p|_{V_i}: V_i \rightarrow u(U)$ is a chart for N .

$\Rightarrow N$ is a smooth manifold and $p: N \rightarrow M$ is smooth and $p|_{V_i}$

is a diffeom.
 $V_i \xrightarrow{p|_{V_i}}$

Thm. 1.49 Let \mathfrak{g} be a finite-dim. Lie algebra.

Then there exist a unique (up to isomorphism) simply connected

Lie group \tilde{G} with Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} . Any other Lie group

G with Lie algebra (isomorphic to) \mathfrak{g} is isomorphic

to the quotient of \tilde{G} by a discrete normal subgroup $H \subseteq \tilde{G}$,

which is contained in the center $Z(\tilde{G})$ of \tilde{G} .

Proof By Thm. 1.35 (Lie's 3rd fund. Theorem), \exists a connected

Lie group G with Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} . Let $p: \tilde{G} \rightarrow G$ be

the universal cover of G . Then \tilde{G} can be made into a smooth
mfd. s.t. p is a local diffeomorphism.

\tilde{G} has a Lie group structure:

Fix $\tilde{e} \in \tilde{G}$ s.t. $p(\tilde{e}) = e \in G$.

$\mu \circ p \times p : \tilde{G} \times \tilde{G} \rightarrow G \times G \rightarrow G$ is a continuous map.

$\implies \exists!$ continuous lift $\tilde{\mu} : \tilde{G} \times \tilde{G} \rightarrow \tilde{G}$ s.t.
 $\tilde{\mu}(\tilde{e}, \tilde{e}) = \tilde{e}$.

Similarly, $\exists!$ lift $\tilde{\nu} : \tilde{G} \rightarrow \tilde{G}$ of $\nu \circ p : \tilde{G} \rightarrow G$
s.t. $\tilde{\nu}(\tilde{e}) = \tilde{e}$.

By restricting to open subsets, smoothness of μ, ν and p implies smoothness for $\tilde{\mu}$ and $\tilde{\nu}$.

Remains to show that $(\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\nu}, \tilde{e})$ satisfies the group axioms:

Associativity: $\tilde{\mu} \times (\text{id} \times \tilde{\mu})$ and $(\tilde{\mu} \circ (\tilde{\mu} \times \text{id}))$

lift the same map $\tilde{G} \times \tilde{G} \times \tilde{G} \rightarrow G$ and have the same value at $(\tilde{e}, \tilde{e}, \tilde{e})$. \implies they coincide, i.e.

$\tilde{\mu}$ defines an associative multiplication.

Similarly, one verifies the other group axioms.

$\implies (\tilde{G}, \tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\nu})$ is a Lie group. (with Lie algebra isomorphic to \mathfrak{g} . $\rho': \hat{\mathfrak{g}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{g}$.)

Suppose \hat{G} is another connected Lie group with Lie alg. \mathfrak{g} .

By Thm. 1.48, \exists a Lie group homomorphism $\varphi: \tilde{G} \rightarrow \hat{G}$

s.t. $\varphi' = \text{id}_{\mathfrak{g}}$.

By Thm. 1.46, φ is a covering map (and a local diffeom.)

which induces an isomorphism $\tilde{G}/\ker(\varphi) \cong \hat{G}$.

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discrete normal subgroup
contained in the center of \tilde{G} .

If \hat{G} is simply connected, then the local diffeom. φ must be a diffeom., and hence an isomorphism of Lie groups. \square

By Thm. 1.49, the map that associates to a Lie group its Lie algebra induces a bijection



Similarly, for complex Lie groups and Lie algebras.

Classifying connected Lie groups boils down to the classification of Lie algebras.

1.6 Remarks on the classification of Lie algebras

\mathfrak{g} Lie algebra

Then its **derived series** is inductively defined as follows:

$$\mathfrak{g}^{(1)} := \mathfrak{g} \quad \mathfrak{g}^{(k+1)} := [\mathfrak{g}^{(k)}, \mathfrak{g}^{(k)}]$$

$$\leadsto \mathfrak{g} \supseteq \mathfrak{g}^{(2)} \supseteq \mathfrak{g}^{(3)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq \mathfrak{g}^{(k)} \supseteq \dots$$

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ideals in \mathfrak{g} .

Def. 1.50 A Lie algebra is **solvable**, if $g^{(k)} = 0$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ex. $\mathfrak{g} \subseteq \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$ the subalgebra of upper triangular matrices.

Ex. Abelian Lie algebras.

Def. 1.51 (1) A Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} is called **simple**, if $\dim(\mathfrak{g}) > 1$ and \mathfrak{g} and $\{0\}$ are ^{the} only ideals of \mathfrak{g} .

(2) \mathfrak{g} is called **semisimple**, if $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_k$ where \mathfrak{g}_i is a simple ideal of \mathfrak{g} $\forall i=1, \dots, k$.

For semisimple Lie algebras one has $\mathfrak{g} = \underline{[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]}$.

Hence, the intersection of solvable and semisimple Lie algebras is empty.

Thm. 1.52 (Levi decomposition)

Suppose \mathfrak{g} is a Lie algebra over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} . Then \exists a semisimple subalgebra $\mathfrak{e} \leq \mathfrak{g}$ s.t.

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{e} \overset{\downarrow}{\times} \mathfrak{r} \quad \left(\text{as a vector space } \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{e} \oplus \mathfrak{r} \right)$$

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Semidirect product

where \mathfrak{r} is radical of \mathfrak{g} , the largest solvable ideal of \mathfrak{g} .

Thm. 1.53 (Classification^{of} complex simple Lie algebras) ✓

If \mathfrak{g} is a complex simple Lie algebra, then it is isomorphic to either of the following Lie algebras:

• $\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C})$
• $\mathfrak{so}(n, \mathbb{C})$
• $\mathfrak{sp}(n, \mathbb{C})$

} $\xrightarrow{\dots} \xrightarrow{\dots}$
classical families of simple Lie algebras.

• E_6
• E_7
• E_8
• F_4
• G_2

} exceptional ones.

~~• H_4~~

Classifying the real forms of these complex simple Lie algebras gives a classification of the real simple Lie algebras.

1.7 Some more information on representations of Lie groups and algebras

G Lie group

$\varphi : G \times V \rightarrow V$ V vector space - ($\varphi_g : V \rightarrow V$)

φ is a complex representation of G , if V is a complex vector space and $\varphi(g, -) : V \rightarrow V$ is complex linear $\forall g \in G$.

Def. 1.54 G Lie group and V, W representations of G .

Then a morphism (resp. isomorphism) between V and W

is a linear map (resp. a linear isomorphism) $f: V \rightarrow W$

s.t. $f(g \cdot v) = g \cdot f(v) \quad \forall g \in G, \forall v \in V$.

Such a morphism is also called a G -equivariant map between the G -represent. V and W .

Some constructions with representations

① Direct sums of representations

V, W representations of G

\Rightarrow then there is a natural representation of G on $V \oplus W$:

$$\begin{aligned} G \times V \oplus W &\longrightarrow V \oplus W \\ (g, (v, w)) &\longmapsto (g \cdot v, g \cdot w) \end{aligned}$$

② A **subrepresentation** of a G -representation V is a G -invariant subspace W of V , that is, $g \cdot w \in W \quad \forall g \in G, \forall w \in W$.

Restricting the representation of G on V to W gives a representation of G on W .

③ Quotients of representations

Suppose $W \subseteq V$ is a G -invariant subspace, then there is a natural representation of G on V/W ,

$$\begin{aligned} G \times V/W &\rightarrow V/W \\ (g, v+W) &\mapsto g \cdot v + W \end{aligned}$$

④ Tensor product of representations : V, W repres. of G

G has a natural representation on $V \otimes W$

$$G \times V \otimes W \longrightarrow V \otimes W$$

$$(g, v \otimes w) \longmapsto (g \cdot v \otimes g \cdot w)$$


⑤ Dual representation

V is a representation of G , then G has a natural representation on V^* :

$$G \times V^* \longrightarrow V^*$$

$$(g, \lambda) \longmapsto g \cdot \lambda = V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(g \cdot \lambda)(v) = \lambda(g^{-1} \cdot v)$$

 inverse
of g .

Def. 1.55 G Lie group, V a represent. of G .

① V is called **irreducible**, if $\{0\}$ and V are the only G -invariant subspaces of V .

② V is called **decomposable**, if \exists two G -representations V_1 and V_2 with $\dim(V_1), \dim(V_2) > 0$

s.t. $V \cong V_1 \oplus V_2$
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as G -representations

It is called **indecomposable** otherwise.

Remark There are representations that are not irreducible but indecomposable!

Def. 1.56 A representation V of a Lie group G is called **completely reducible**, if any G -invariant subspace of V has a G -invariant complement.

If this is the case, then $V \cong V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k$
for V_i irreducible representations of G .

Lemma 1.57 V, W are representations of G and
 $f: V \rightarrow W$ a morphism between them.

① $\ker(f) \subseteq V$ and $\text{im}(f) \subseteq W$ are G -invariant subspaces
and f induces an isomorphism of representations

$$f: V/\ker(f) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{im}(f).$$

② If V and W are irreducible, then f is either zero
or an isomorphism.

③ If V is a complex irreducible repres. and $W = V$,
then f is a complex multiple of the identity on V .

Schur's Lemma

Proof

$$\textcircled{1} \quad v \in \ker(f) \quad f(g \cdot v) = g \cdot \underbrace{f(v)}_{=0} = 0$$

and similarly for $\text{Im}(f)$.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{By irreducibility of } V, \ker(f) = V \quad (\text{i.e. } f = 0)$$

or $\ker(f) = \{0\}$ - by $\textcircled{1}$.

If $\ker(f) = \{0\}$, then $\text{Im}(f) \neq \{0\}$ and hence $\text{Im}(f) = W$

by $\textcircled{1}$ and irreducibility of W .

$\implies f: V \rightarrow W$ is an isomorphism.

③ $f: V \rightarrow V$ complex linear map.

$\Rightarrow \exists$ at least one eigenvalue λ

Denote by W the eigenspace corresp. to λ

Then W is G -invariant: $f(g \cdot w) = \underbrace{g \cdot f(w)}_{\lambda w} = \lambda \underbrace{(g \cdot w)}_{w}$

By irreducibility of W , $\text{act. } V = W$,

$\forall g \in G$
 $\forall w \in W$.

□

Def. 1.58 G Lie group

A representation V is called **unitary**, if \exists a positive definite inner product \langle, \rangle on V (Hermitian, if V is complex)

s.t.

$$\langle g \cdot v, g \cdot w \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle \quad \forall g \in G, \forall v, w \in V.$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \varphi : G \rightarrow O(V, \langle, \rangle) \subseteq GL(V) \\ U(V, \langle, \rangle) \subseteq GL(V) \end{array} \right) \quad ,$$

Prop. 1.59 Any unitary representation is completely reducible.

Proof. $W \subseteq V$ a G -invariant subspace of a unitary G -repr. V .

Then $W^\perp = \{v \in V : \langle v, w \rangle = 0 \ \forall w \in W\}$ (orthog. compl. w.r. to \langle, \rangle of W)

(1) a G -invariant complement of W .

Let $v \in W^\perp$, $g \in G$, $w \in W$,

$$\langle g \cdot v, w \rangle = \langle \underbrace{g^{-1} \cdot g \cdot v}_= v, g^{-1} \cdot w \rangle = \langle v, \underbrace{g^{-1} \cdot w}_{\in W} \rangle = 0$$

Hence, W^\perp is G -invariant ($V \cong W \oplus W^\perp$).

Thm. 1.60 Let G be a compact Lie group. Then any representation of G is unitary and hence completely reducible.

Proof. see literature, or homework.

Analogously one defines modules of representations of Lie algebras, invariant subspaces, direct sums, quotients (also tensor products and dual representations \rightarrow formulae a bit different).

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{g} \times V \otimes W \rightarrow V \otimes W \quad X \cdot v \otimes w = Xv \otimes w + v \otimes Xw \\ \mathfrak{g} \times V^* \rightarrow V^* \quad (X \cdot f)(v) := -f(X \cdot v) \end{array} \quad \forall X \in \mathfrak{g}, \forall v \in V, \forall w \in W, \forall f \in V^* \right)$$

and also irreducible, indecomposable, completely reducible.

Unitary : $\varphi : G \rightarrow \begin{matrix} O(V) \\ U(V) \end{matrix}$ $\varphi' : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \mathfrak{o}(V) \\ \mathfrak{u}(V) \end{matrix}$.

\exists inner product (Hermitian if V is complex) on V s.t.

\mathfrak{g} acts by \langle, \rangle - skew symmetric (resp. skew Hermitian)

linear maps : $\langle X.v, w \rangle = -\langle v, X.w \rangle \quad \forall X \in \mathfrak{g} \text{ and}$
 $\forall v, w \in V$.

Prop. 1.61 G is a connected Lie group, $\varphi : G \rightarrow GL(V)$

is a repres. on a finite-dim. vector space V and $\varphi' : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$

the induced represent. of \mathfrak{g} .

① A subspace $W \subseteq V$ is G -invariant \iff it is \mathfrak{g} -invariant.

In particular, V is indecomposable, irreducible or completely reducible as a G -rep. \iff it is as a \mathfrak{g} -rep.

② V is unitary as a G -rep. \iff it is unitary as a \mathfrak{g} -representation.

Proof. Exercise.

Thm. 1.62. (Thm of Weyl) Suppose \mathfrak{g} is a complex or real finite-dim. semisimple Lie algebra. Then any finite-dim. representation is completely reducible. Proof see literature.