

Prop. 1.7 Suppose G is a Lie group and set
 $\mathfrak{g} := T_e G$.

① For any $X \in \mathfrak{g}$,

$$L_X(g) := T_e \lambda_g X \in T_g G \quad (\text{resp. } R_X(g) = T_e \rho_g X \in T_g G)$$

is a left- (resp. right) invariant vector field
on G .

② The maps $G \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow TG$, defined by
 $(g, X) \mapsto L_X(g)$ resp. $(g, X) \mapsto R_X(g)$,

are diffeomorphisms.

③ The maps $X \mapsto L_X$ (resp. $X \mapsto R_X$) define linear isomorphisms with inverse $\zeta \mapsto \zeta(e)$ between \mathfrak{g} and $\mathfrak{X}_L(G)$ (resp. $\mathfrak{X}_R(G)$).

Proof

② $(g, X) \mapsto L_X(g)$ is a diffeomorphism.

Define the map $F: G \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \underline{T}G \times TG$ given by

$$F(g, X) = (0_g, X) \quad (0_g \in T_g G \text{ zero tangent vector at } g)$$

It is smooth and so is $T\mu \circ F : G \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow TG$, which equals $(g, X) \mapsto L_x(g)$ by Lemma 1.5.

To show $T\mu \circ F$ is a diffeom. we construct a smooth inverse. Define $\tilde{F} : TG \rightarrow TG \times TG$ by

$$\tilde{F}(\xi_g) = (0_{g^{-1}}, \xi_g). \quad \text{It is smooth (by } \textcircled{2} \text{ of Lemma 1.5)}$$

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 $T_g G$

and so is $T\mu \circ \tilde{F}$, which is given by $\xi_g \mapsto T\lambda_{g^{-1}} \xi_g$.

$\Rightarrow \xi_g \mapsto (g, T\lambda_{g^{-1}} \xi_g) \in G \times \mathfrak{g}$ is smooth map

$TG \rightarrow G \times \mathfrak{g}$, which is inverse $(g, X) \mapsto L_x(g) = T\lambda_g X$

Similarly, one proves the statement for $(g, X) \mapsto R_X(g)$.

① By ② L_X and R_X are smooth vector fields on G .

$$\begin{aligned}(\lambda_g^* L_X)(h) &= (T\lambda_g)^{-1} (L_X(\lambda_g(h))) = \\ &= T_{gh} \lambda_{g^{-1}} T_e \lambda_{gh} X = T_e (\underbrace{\lambda_{g^{-1}} \lambda_{gh}}_{\lambda_{g^{-1}gh}}) X = L_X(h)\end{aligned}$$

$\forall g, h \in G$.

Similarly, one checks right-inv. of R_X .

③ By ①, $X \mapsto L_X$ defines a linear map

$$\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_L(G) \quad \text{and} \quad L_X(e) = X$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } \zeta \in \mathfrak{X}_L(G), \text{ then } \underline{\zeta(g)} &= (\lambda_{g^{-1}}^* \zeta)(g) = T_e \lambda_g \zeta(e) \\ &= \underline{L_{\zeta(e)}(g)} \quad \forall g \in G. \end{aligned}$$

Def. 1.8 G Lie group. $T_e G =: \mathfrak{g}$ □

① The diffeomorphism $G \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow TG$ given by $(g, X) \mapsto L_X(g)$ (resp. $(g, X) \mapsto R_X(g)$) of Prop. 1.7 is called the left- (resp. right) trivialization of

tangent bundle $TG \rightarrow G$:

$$TG \xrightarrow{\sim} G \times \mathfrak{g}$$

vector bundle isomorphism.



\rightarrow natural proj. to first factor.

② For $X \in \mathfrak{g}$, L_X (resp. R_X) is called the left- (resp. right) invariant vector field on G generated by X .

Note that any L_X (resp. R_X) is nowhere vanishing on G and choosing a basis X_1, \dots, X_n of the vector space \mathfrak{g} , $L_{X_1}(\mathfrak{g}), \dots, L_{X_n}(\mathfrak{g})$ (resp. $R_{X_1}(\mathfrak{g}), \dots, R_{X_n}(\mathfrak{g})$)

forms a basis of $T_g G$.

For any $g \in G$, $\lambda_g^* [\xi, \eta] = [\lambda_g^* \xi, \lambda_g^* \eta] = [\xi, \eta]$

$\forall \xi, \eta \in \mathfrak{X}_L(G)$.

The subspace $\mathfrak{X}_L(G) \subseteq \mathfrak{X}(G)$ is a subalgebra of $(\mathfrak{X}(G), [\cdot, \cdot])$. Via isomorphism, $\mathfrak{g} \cong \mathfrak{X}_L(G)$ of ③ of Prop. 1.7, we can transport $[\cdot, \cdot]$ to a bracket on \mathfrak{g} .

Def. 1.9 Suppose G is a Lie group. Then the tangent space $\mathfrak{g} := T_e G$ at $e \in G$ together with the map

$$[\cdot, \cdot]: \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$$

$$[X, Y] := [L_X, L_Y](e)$$

is called the Lie algebra of G .

One has $L_{[X, Y]} = [L_X, L_Y]$ by construction.

From the properties of the Lie bracket of vector fields it follows:

Prop. 1.10 The map $[\cdot, \cdot]: \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ as in Def. 1.9 has the following properties:

(i) it is bilinear (over \mathbb{R})

(ii) skew-symmetric: $[X, Y] = -[Y, X] \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$

(iii) it satisfies the Jacobi-identity:

$$[X, [Y, Z]] + [Y, [Z, X]] + [Z, [X, Y]] = 0$$

$$\forall X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

Def. 1.11

① A real (resp. complex) Lie algebra is real (resp. complex) vector space \mathfrak{g} equipped with a \mathbb{R} - (resp. \mathbb{C} -) bilinear map $[\cdot, \cdot]: \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ satisfying (ii) and (iii) of Prop. 1.10.

② A Lie algebra homomorphism (resp. isomorphism) between Lie algebras \mathfrak{g} and \mathfrak{h} is a linear map (resp. linear isomorphism) $\psi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ s.t.
$$\psi([X, Y]) = [\psi(X), \psi(Y)] \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

③ A subalgebra of a Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} is a subspace \mathfrak{h} of \mathfrak{g} s.t. $[X, Y] \in \mathfrak{h} \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{h}$.

Examples

① Consider a vector space V ($\dim(V) < \infty$) as Lie group w.r to addition $+$. Then the left-trivialization is just the usual identification of $TV = V \times V$ and the left-inv. vector fields corresp. to constant functions $V \rightarrow V$.
In particular, the Lie bracket of two left-inv. v.f.

vanishes and hence the Lie algebra is $T_0 V = V$ equipped with the zero bracket $[v, w] = 0 \quad \forall v, w \in V$.

② Let G and H be Lie groups with Lie algebras $(\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot]_{\mathfrak{g}})$ and $(\mathfrak{h}, [\cdot, \cdot]_{\mathfrak{h}})$.

Then $G \times H$ is a Lie group with Lie algebra

$$T_{(e,e)}(G \times H) = T_e G \times T_e H = \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{h}$$

with Lie bracket $[(X, Y), (X', Y')] = ([X, X']_{\mathfrak{g}}, [Y, Y']_{\mathfrak{h}})$
 $\forall X, X' \in \mathfrak{g}, Y, Y' \in \mathfrak{h}$.

Hence, the Lie algebra of $G \times H$ is what one calls the direct sum of the Lie algebras of \mathfrak{g} and \mathfrak{h} .

(check this as an exercise)

$$\textcircled{3} \quad G = GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \subseteq M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$$

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$$\mathfrak{g} = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$$

For $A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$, $\lambda_A : GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{R})$

is the restriction of the linear map $\lambda_A : M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$.

$$\Rightarrow T_B \lambda_A(B, X) = (AB, AX) \in T_{AB} GL(n, \mathbb{R})$$

$\in T_B GL(n, \mathbb{R})$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{L_x}(A) = T_{\text{Id}} \lambda_A X = \underline{AX}$$

Viewing L_x as a function $\underline{GL(n, \mathbb{R})} \rightarrow \underline{M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})}$,
we know that

$$\begin{aligned} [X, Y] &:= [L_x, L_y](\text{Id}) = \underline{T_{\text{Id}} L_y} \underset{= X}{L_x(\text{Id})} - \underline{T_{\text{Id}} L_x} \underset{= Y}{L_y(\text{Id})} \\ &= XY - YX \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{g} = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}).$$

Lie algebra of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is $\mathfrak{g} = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) =: \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$
with the commutator of matrices as Lie bracket.

Prop. 1.12 Suppose G and H are Lie groups and $\psi: G \rightarrow H$ is a Lie group homomorphism.

- ① Then $\psi' := T_e \psi: T_e G = \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow T_e H = \mathfrak{h}$
($\psi(e) = e$) is a homomorphism of Lie algebras.
- ② If G is commutative/abelian, then the Lie bracket on \mathfrak{g} is zero (i.e. $(\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot])$ is an abelian Lie algebra. (as one says)).

Proof Exercise .

Corollary 1.B Suppose G is a Lie group and $H \leq G$ a Lie subgroup. Then the Lie algebra of H is a subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} . In particular, the Lie algebra of any matrix group $H \leq GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is a subalgebra of $(\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R}), [\cdot, \cdot])$, where $[\cdot, \cdot]$ is the commutator of matrices.

Proof Apply ① of Prop. 1.12 to the inclusion $i: H \hookrightarrow G$.

Prop. 1.14 Suppose G is a Lie group with Lie alg.

$(\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot])$.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad R_x = v^* L_{-x} \quad \forall x \in \mathfrak{g}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad [R_x, R_y] = -R_{[x, y]} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad [L_x, R_y] = 0 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

Proof Exercise.

Prop. 1.15 Suppose G is a Lie group and ζ is a left- (resp. right)-invariant vector field on G .

$$\textcircled{1} \quad FL_t^\zeta(g) = g FL_t^\zeta(e) \quad \forall g \in G \quad (\text{resp. } FL_t^\zeta(g) = FL_t^\zeta(e)g \\ \forall g \in G)$$

$\textcircled{2}$ ζ is complete

Proof

$\textcircled{1}$ If ζ is left-invariant, then ζ is λ_g -related to itself

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \lambda_g^* \zeta(h) = \zeta(h) \\ \text{"} \\ T \lambda_{g^{-1}} \zeta(gh) = \zeta(h) \end{array} \right) \iff \underline{T \lambda_g \zeta(h) = \zeta(gh)}$$

which implies that the flow of ζ commutes with λ_g :

$$FL_t^\zeta \circ \lambda_g = \lambda_g \circ FL_t^\zeta \quad \forall g \in G.$$

Evaluating at e shows : $FL_t^\zeta(g) = \underline{g} FL_t^\zeta(e)$.

(2) Follows from criteria we proved in Global analysis :

If $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ s.t. any integral curve through any point of a vector field ζ is defined on $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$, then ζ is complete.

Def. 1.16 Suppose G is a Lie group.

A one parameter subgroup of G is a Lie group homomorphism $\alpha : (\mathbb{R}, +) \rightarrow G$ (i.e. a smooth curve $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$ s.t. $\alpha(s+t) = \alpha(t)\alpha(s) \forall s, t \in \mathbb{R}$).

In particular, $\alpha(0) = e$.

Lemma 1.17 G Lie group, $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$ smooth with $\alpha(0) = e$ and $X \in \mathfrak{g}$. Then the following are equivalent:

① α is a one parameter subgroup with $\alpha'(0) = X$.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \alpha(t) = \underbrace{\text{Fl}_t^{L_X}}(e) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \alpha(t) = \text{Fl}_t^{R_X}(e) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Proof

① \Rightarrow ②

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha'(t) &= \left. \frac{d}{ds} \right|_{s=0} \alpha(s+t) = \left. \frac{d}{ds} \right|_{s=0} \underbrace{\lambda_{\alpha(t)}(\alpha(s))}_{\text{"}} = T_e \lambda_{\alpha(t)}^X \\ &= L_X(\alpha(t)) \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow α is an integral curve of L_X and since $\alpha(0) = e$,

We must have $\alpha(t) = FL_t^{L_X}(e)$ by uniqueness.

② \rightarrow ① $\alpha(t) = \underline{FL_t^{L_X}(e)}$ is a smooth curve in G

with $\alpha(0) = e$ and $\alpha'(0) = L_X(\alpha(0)) = X$. Since

it is a flow we have

$$\alpha(t+s) = FL_{t+s}^{L_X}(e) = \underline{FL_t^{L_X}} \left(\underbrace{FL_s^{L_X}(e)}_{=\alpha(s)} \right) \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{① of Prop. 1.15}}}{=} \alpha(s)\alpha(t)$$

By exchanging roles of s and t , one proves

similarly that ① \Leftrightarrow ③.

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