

Chapter 1 : Lie Groups and Algebra

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1.1 Fundamentals

1.1.1 Basic Lemmas

A topological group is a group coupled with a topological space. More precisely, it is a **group and topology** G such that the maps $(x, y) \rightarrow xy$ and $x \rightarrow x^{-1}$ are continuous.

For example, $(\mathbb{R}, +)$, (\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot) , $(GL_n(\mathbb{R}), \cdot)$

For any open $V \subset G$, $\forall g \in G : gV = \{gv \mid v \in V\}$ is open.

If H is an open subgroup of G , it is also closed.

The connected component G_0 of G containing e is a normal subgroup of G

If V is a connected open subset of G containing e then $G_0 = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} V^n$

Separable polynomials are dense in $\mathbb{C}[x]$ because their complement (polynomials with repeated roots) is a closed, measure-zero set. This fails over \mathbb{R} due to unavoidable complex conjugate roots.

1.1.2 Notable Subgroups

$GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is open in \mathbb{R}^{n^2} ; $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is closed but not compact

Proof follows easily using the fact that determinant is a continuous map

Orthogonal group $O(n)$ is a normal subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$

It's closed and bounded, hence compact by Heine-Borel. Same with $U(n, \mathbb{R})$, $SO(n, \mathbb{R})$

Matrix B associated with bilinear form $b : b(x, y) = \langle Bx, y \rangle = y^T Bx$

We define $O(b) = \{g \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) : b(gx, gy) = b(x, y) \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$

$SO(p, q) = I_{pq}$: usual identity for north p then minus identity for south q

$SP(n, \mathbb{R}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I_n \\ I_n & 0 \end{bmatrix}$: symplectic matrix

Every invertible matrix in $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ is similar to an upper triangular matrix

$GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ is path connected as there's a path from $A = CUC^{-1}$ to I via CDC^{-1}

$U(n)$ and $O(n)$ and their respective special subgroups are all connected

$SO(n)/SO(n-1) \cong S^{n-1}$ and thus $SO(n)$ is connected

1.1.3 Polar Decomposition

$\forall g \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \exists ! k \in O(n), p \in P_n : g = kp$. Orthogonal \times positive semi-definite.

The map $(k, p) \rightarrow kp$ from $O(n) \times P_n$ to $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is a homeomorphism

For $g \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ we have $g^T g = hDh^{-1} : h \in O(n)$. Then $p = h\sqrt{D}h^{-1}, k = gp^{-1}$.

$\forall g \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \exists k_1, k_2 \in O(n) : g = k_1 d k_2$ where d is a +ve diagonal matrix

1.2 Exponential Map

$e : \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ such that $e^A = I + A/1 + A^2/2! + A^3/3! + \dots = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} A^n/n!$

$$e^{A+B} = e^A \cdot e^B \iff [A, B] = AB - BA = 0$$

$$\forall g \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) : ge^Xg^{-1} = e^{gXg^{-1}} \text{ and } \det(e^X) = e^{\text{tr}(X)}$$

For diagonalisable $X : X = kDk^{-1}$ then $e^X = ke^Dk^{-1}$ (raising the diagonal)

For any $X \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$, $\exists S$ diagonalisable and N nilpotent such that $X = S + N$, $SN = NS$

Exponential map is neither injective nor surjective over \mathbb{R} -matrices

Exp map forms a bijective map from symmetric matrices to PSD matrices

$$\exp(tX) \cdot \exp(tY) = \exp(t(X + Y) + \frac{1}{2}t^2[X, Y] + O(t^3))$$

$$\exp(tX) \cdot \exp(tY) \cdot \exp(-tX) \cdot \exp(-tY) = \exp(t^2[X, Y] + O(t^3))$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (e^{X/k} e^{Y/k})^k = e^{X+Y}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (e^{X/k} e^{Y/k} e^{-X/k} e^{-Y/k})^{k^2} = e^{[X, Y]}$$

$$B(I, 1) = \{g \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) : \|g - I\| < 1\} \subset GL_n(\mathbb{R})$$

We define logarithm as $\log(g) = -\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k (g - I)^k / k$

1.3 Lie Groups

For topological group G , we define its 1-parameter subgroup as a continuous homomorphism $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$. Thus $\gamma(\mathbb{R})$ is a subgroup of G .

1-parameter subgroup γ of $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ is a smooth map and $\exists! A \in GL_n(\mathbb{R}) : \gamma(t) = e^{tA}$

Linear Lie Group G is a closed subgroup of $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$

Lie Algebra of G is defined as $\text{Lie}(G) = \mathcal{G} = \{x \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid e^{tX} \in G \forall t \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a submanifold of dimension k if $\forall x \in M$, \exists a neighbourhood U of x in M and an open set V in \mathbb{R}^k diffeomorphic to U

Lie Manifold Theorem: If G is a lie group and its lie algebra is \mathcal{G} , then G is a submanifold of $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ of dimension $\dim \mathcal{G}$

There exist diffeomorphic neighbourhoods of O in lie algebra \mathcal{G} and I in lie group G under the exponentiation map which is locally diffeomorphic

1.4 Haar Measure

Locally compact group G . Radon measure $\mu \geq 0$ is left-invariant if

$$\int_G f(gx)\mu(dx) = \int_G f(x)\mu(dx) \quad \forall g \in G, f \in \mathcal{C}_c(G) \iff \mu(gE) = \mu(E) \quad \forall g \in G, E \subset G$$

There exists a non-trivial left-invariant measure on G unique upto scaling: left **Haar**

$f \mapsto \int_G f(gxg^{-1})\mu(dx)$ defines a left Haar measure $\forall g \in G$ so by uniqueness upto scaling we have the existence of $\Delta(g) \in \mathbb{R}^+$: $\int_G f(gxg^{-1})\mu(dx) = \Delta(g) \int_G f(x)\mu(dx)$

Modular function Δ is multiplicative hence a continuous group morphism: $G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^*$
 Thus we also have for any borel set $E \subset G$: $\mu(gE) = \Delta(g)\mu(E)$

If $\Delta(g) = 1 \forall g \in G$ then G **unimodular**. $\{1\}$ is the only compact subgroup of \mathbb{R}_+^* .

All commutative, compact and discrete groups are unimodular.

$\Delta(x^{-1})\mu(dx)$ forms a right Haar measure on G and $\int_G f(x^{-1})\mu(dx) = \int_G f(x)\Delta(x^{-1})\mu(dx)$

For open $G \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ we have maps $L(g) : x \mapsto gx, R(g) : x \mapsto xg$ ($g \in G$)

Left Haar measure $\mu(dx) = h(x)\lambda(dx)$ for Lebesgue measure λ

$h(gx) \cdot |J(L(g))| = h(x) \implies h(x) = h(e) \cdot |J(L(x))|^{-1}$

Group $ax + b$ of affine linear transformations can be identified with $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Then $L(g)x = (au, av + b), R(g)x = (au, bu + v)$ and $\Delta(g) = 1/|a|$

For $x \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R}) : L(g)x = (gx^1, \dots, gx^n) \implies \det L(g) = \det R(g) = (\det g)^n$

Thus the measure $|\det x|^{-n} \prod dx_{ij}$ is invariant and $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ is unimodular

1.5 Group Representations

Topological group G normed vector space V over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} ; $L(V)$ bounded operator space

Representation $\pi : G \rightarrow L(V)$ of G is a multiplicative map $g \mapsto \pi(g)$ such that the map $g \mapsto \pi(g)v$ is continuous $\forall v \in V$

Subspace $W \subset V$ is invariant if $\forall g \in G : \pi(g)W = W$. Then $\pi_0(g) = \pi(g)|_W$

π is **irreducible** if the only invariant closed subspaces are $\{0\}$ and V , e.g. 1D reps

For (π_1, V_1) and (π_2, V_2) if there's a continuous linear map $A : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ such that $A\pi_1(g) = \pi_2(g)A \forall g \in G$ then A is an **intertwining operator**