

# Symplectic & Contact Winter School Feb 24-27, 2010 Tainan

Symplectic linear algebra: finite dimensional.

Def: Let  $V$  be a real vector space

A symplectic linear form is a skew-symmetric bilinear form that is non-degenerate, i.e.

$$\varphi_\omega : V \rightarrow V^* \quad \text{is an isomorphism.}$$

$$v \mapsto \omega(v, \cdot)$$

Prop  $(V, \omega) \cong (\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \omega_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix})$

proof Gram-Schmit

Alternatively  $e_1, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2n}$  basis of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ , then

$$\omega_0 = e_1 \wedge e_{n+1} + \dots + e_n \wedge e_{2n}$$

Def  $(V, \omega)$  sympl vector space

$U \subset V$  subspace

$$U^\omega = \{v \in V \mid \omega(v, u) = 0 \quad \forall u \in U\}$$

Rem  $U \cap U^\omega = \{0\}$  does not always hold

Def

- \*  $U \subset U^\omega$  then  $U$  is called isotropic
- \*  $U \supset U^\omega$  then  $U$  is called coisotropic
- \*  $U = U^\omega$  then  $U$  is called Lagrangian

(both isotropic and coisotropic)

Rem This can be done for vector bundle as well

$\rightarrow$  symplectic vector bundle  $(E, \omega)$

$\downarrow$   $\uparrow$  symplectic form on each fiber

Def A symplectic mfd is a pair  $(M, \omega)$ , where

1)  $M^{2n}$  is smooth mfd

2)  $\omega$  is diff 2-form s.t.  $(T_p M, \omega_p)$  is a symplectic vector space

3)  $d\omega = 0$

Def  $(M, \omega), (N, \eta)$  sympl mfds

$\Psi : M \rightarrow N$  diffeomorphism is called a symplectomorphism if  $\Psi^* \eta = \omega$ .

3)  $\leftrightarrow$  "Flatness" condition

In fact

Thm (Darboux)  $(M, \omega)$  sympl mfd  $p \in M$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  nbd  $U \ni p$  s.t.  $(U, \omega) \cong (V \subset \mathbb{R}^{2n}, \omega_0)$

Use: Symplectomorphism group is Large  
 of Riemannian geometry: isometry is rather small

(M, ω) sympl mfd

μ closed 1-form

$L_X \omega = \mu \Rightarrow \exists!$  sol X (ω non-deg)

Observe: X generates symplectomorphism i.e.  $L_X \omega = 0$

$$L_X \omega = \underbrace{d(L_X \omega)}_{=\mu} + \underbrace{L_X(d\omega)}_{=0} = 0$$

Cartan's formula

$\Rightarrow (\varphi_t^X)^* \omega = \omega$

Special case:

Let  $H: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  fct

Then  $\mu = dH$  is a closed 1-form

$\leadsto$  The corresponding vector field  $X = X_H$  is called Hamiltonian vector field

( $M = \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}^2, \omega = dp \wedge dq$ )

Let  $H: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a fct

$$L_{X_H} \omega = a dq - b dp = \mu = dH = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} dp + \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} dq$$

$$X_H = a \frac{\partial}{\partial p} + b \frac{\partial}{\partial q}$$

$$\Rightarrow X_H = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \frac{\partial}{\partial q}$$

Follow flow  $\begin{cases} \dot{p} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \\ \dot{q} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \end{cases}$  (minus Hamilton equations)

Contact mfd's:

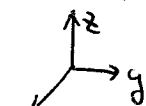
Def A contact mfd is a pair  $(M^{2n+1}, \xi)$ , where

\*  $M^{2n+1}$  is a smooth mfd

\*  $\xi \subset TM$  is maximally non-integrable, i.e.,

if locally  $\xi = \ker \alpha$ , then  $\alpha \wedge d\alpha^n \neq 0$

Ex  $(\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}, \xi_{st} = \ker(dz + \sum x_i dy_i)$



Def  $\xi$  is called contact structure

The defining form is called contact form

Suppose we have a contact form  $\alpha$

Then

Def The Reeb field is defined by

$$\mathcal{L}_{R_\alpha} \alpha = 0, \mathcal{L}_{R_\alpha} \alpha = 1$$

$d\alpha$  is maximally non-deg by contact condition, still 1-dim ker

Ex  $(\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}, \alpha_0 = dz + x dy)$  has Reeb field  $R_{\alpha_0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$

Exercise Sympl linear algebra

(V, ω) vector space and ω skew-symm bilinear form ( $\omega \in \wedge^2 V$ )

Then  $\omega^n \neq 0 \iff \omega$  is sympl

Rem Given a contact ~~form~~ structure  $\xi$  on M, a defining contact form is not unique:  $\alpha$  is a contact form  $\Rightarrow f\alpha$  is also  $f \neq 0$

Exercise Try to compare Reeb field of  $f\alpha$

Existence of contact form

$(M, \xi)$  contact  $\xi \subset TM$

$$0 \rightarrow \xi \rightarrow TM \xrightarrow{\alpha} L \rightarrow 0$$

↑ some line bdl  
"contact form"

Claim:  $\alpha \in \Omega^1 \otimes L$  defines well-defined  $\alpha \wedge d\alpha^n \in \Omega^{2n+1} \otimes L^{n+1}$

The contact condition is then given by  $\alpha \wedge d\alpha^n \neq 0$

as a section of  $\Omega^{2n+1} \otimes L^{n+1}$

Existence of contact form  $\iff$  coorientable contact structure because L is then

Prop: L is trivial  $\iff$  global contact ~~form~~ form

Rem  $(M, \xi = \ker \alpha)$

Then  $(\xi, d\alpha)$  sympl v.b

Prop  $L \subset (M^{2n+1}, \xi)$  s.t.  $TL \subset \xi$  then  $\dim L \leq n$

proof  $TL \subset \xi \Rightarrow \iota: L \hookrightarrow M$  so  $\iota^* \alpha = 0 \Rightarrow \iota^* d\alpha = 0$

So TL is an isotropic submdl of  $\xi \Rightarrow$  claim

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^n$$

cf Foliations  $\ker \alpha, \alpha \wedge d\alpha = 0$

foliations admit integrable submfd's of higher dimension

Contact  $(\mathbb{R}^3, dz + x dy)$  integrable submfd of dim 1

Remark: In foliations, it is not always possible to go from one pt to another.

there is an isotropic path connecting p and q

Def  $(M, \xi = \ker \alpha), (N, \eta = \ker \beta)$  are contact

$\psi: M \rightarrow N$  diffeomorphism is called contactomorphism

if  $\psi^* \beta = f\alpha, f \neq 0$

$\psi$  is called strict contactomorphism if  $f = 1$ .

Thm (Gray) M closed mfd,  $\alpha_t$  a family of contact forms  $t \in [0, 1]$

Then  $\exists$  isotopy  $\Psi_t: M \rightarrow M$  s.t.  $\Psi_t^* \alpha_t = f_t \alpha_0, f_t > 0$ .

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Thm (Darboux)  $(M, \xi = \ker \alpha)$  contact  $p \in M$  do  
 $\Rightarrow \exists$  nbd  $U \ni p$  s.t.  $(U, \alpha) \cong_{\text{strict}} (V \subset \mathbb{R}^{2n+1}, dz + \sum_i x_i dy_i)$

Rem  $\alpha_p = dz + c(x dy - y dx)$  is also called standard form  
 $c = \frac{1}{2}, 1$

Exercise  $(\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}, \alpha_0) \cong (\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}, \alpha_r)$

Idea Group of contactomorphism is large

$H: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightsquigarrow$  can ~~also~~ solve  $X_H$  satisfying

$$L_{X_H} \alpha = -H \quad L_{X_H} d\alpha = dH - (2R_0 dH) \alpha \Rightarrow L_{X_H} \alpha = d(i_{X_H} \alpha) + L_{X_H} d\alpha$$

i.e., flow preserve  
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