

Integral curves, flow of vector field and Lie bracket

Recapitulation from last week

(M, \mathcal{A}) ... smooth manifold with atlas $\mathcal{A} = \{\varphi_\alpha: U_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \mid \alpha \in A\}$
of dimension m

$\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ a chart from \mathcal{A} with coordinate functions x_1, \dots, x_m

$B_x^\varphi = \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m} \right\}$... a basis of $T_x M$ for any $x \in U$

•) tangent bundle (TM, \mathcal{A}_{TM}) of M , $TM = \bigcup_{x \in M} T_x M$, $v \in T_x M \dots (x, v)$
is a smooth manifold of dim $2m$, $\pi: TM \rightarrow M$, $\pi(x, v) = x$

$\mathcal{A}_{TM} = \{ \Phi_\alpha: \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2m} \mid \alpha \in A \}$

$$\Phi_\alpha: \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m = \mathbb{R}^{2m}$$

$$\Phi_\alpha(x, v) = (\varphi_\alpha(x), [v]_{B_x^{\varphi_\alpha}}) \quad [v]_{B_x^{\varphi_\alpha}} \dots \text{coordinates of } v \text{ w.r. to } B_x^{\varphi_\alpha}$$

$$\Phi_\alpha^{-1}: \varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha) \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow TM$$

$$\Phi_\alpha^{-1}(x_1, \dots, x_m, p_1, \dots, p_m) = (\varphi_\alpha^{-1}(x_1, \dots, x_m), \sum_{i=1}^m p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i})$$

•) (N, \mathcal{A}_N) ... smooth manifold of dim n

$f: M \rightarrow N$ be smooth, $x_0 \in M$

$$T_{x_0} M \xrightarrow{T_{x_0} f} T_{f(x_0)} N$$

$$T_{x_0} f([y]) = [f \circ y] \quad [y] \in T_{x_0} M$$

$T_{x_0} f$... the tangent map of f at x_0

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_{x_0} M & \xrightarrow{T_{x_0} f} & T_{y_0} N \\ \downarrow T_{x_0} \varphi & \uparrow T_0 \varphi^{-1} \circ & \downarrow T_{y_0} \rho \\ T_0 \mathbb{R}^m = \mathbb{R}^m & \xrightarrow{L} & T_0 \mathbb{R}^m = \mathbb{R}^m \end{array}$$

$$y_0 = f(x_0), \quad x_0 \in U$$

$$\varphi(x_0) = 0$$

$\rho: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a chart from \mathcal{A}_N
 $\rho(y_0) = 0$

$L = d\tilde{f}(0)$... total derivative
or total differential of

$$\tilde{f} = \rho \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}$$

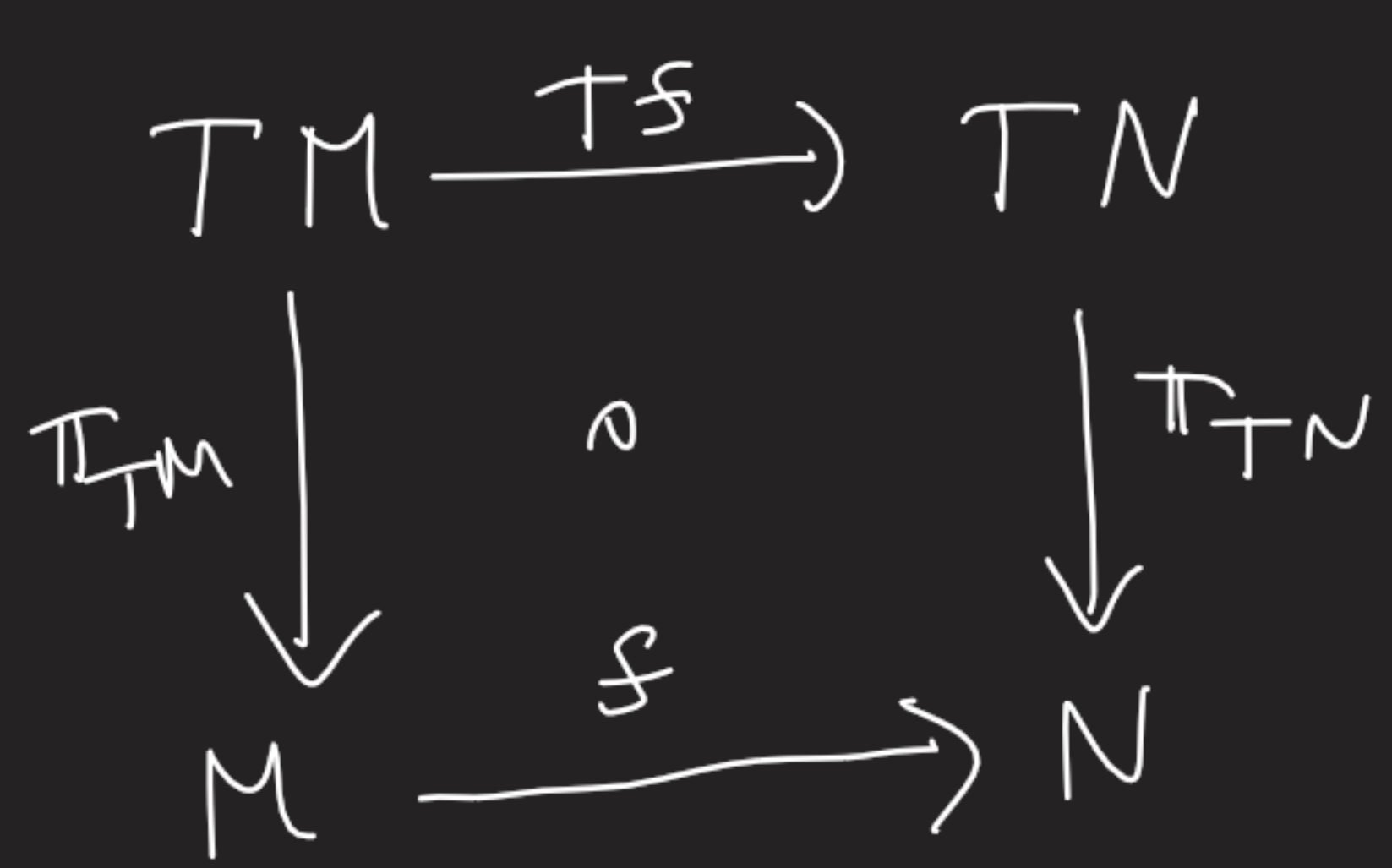
\tilde{f} ... smooth map $\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\tilde{f}(0) = 0$$

L is a linear map $\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ represented by $\left(\frac{\partial \tilde{f}_i}{\partial x_j}(0) \right)_{i=1, \dots, n}$

$\Rightarrow T_{x_0} f$ is linear map

$$M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$$



$Tf(x,v) = T_x f(v)$
 since the coefficients of the Jacobian matrix of L depend smoothly on $x_1, \dots, x_m \Rightarrow Tf$ is a smooth map of manifolds

$$\pi_{TM} = \pi$$

•) Vector field on M is $X: M \rightarrow TM$ such that X is smooth and $\pi \circ X = Id_M$.

$\forall x \in M: X(x) \in T_x M$ and this assignment depends smoothly on the footprint
 $\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is as above ($x \in U$)

$$X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

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 is a basis of $T_x M$

The smoothness of X just means that $a_i(x)$ are smooth functions of x_1, \dots, x_m

•) $\mathcal{X}(M)$. The vector space of all ^{smooth} vector fields on M
 $\mathcal{X}(M)$ is an (infinite dimensional) Lie algebra with Lie bracket $[\cdot, \cdot]: \mathcal{X}(M) \times \mathcal{X}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(M)$

1) $[-, -]$ bilinear

2) $[X, Y] = -[Y, X]$

3) $[X, [Y, Z]] = [[X, Y], Z] + [Y, [X, Z]]$ Jacobian identity

$$X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{X}(M)$$

$$Y(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \text{ on } U$$

$$[X, Y](x) = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

$$c_i(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m \left(a_j(x) \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} b_i \right)}_{\frac{\partial b_i \circ \varphi^{-1}}{\partial x_j}(\varphi(x))}(x) - b_j \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} a_i \right)(x) \right)$$

Examples 1) $M = \mathbb{R}^2$, $X = x_1^3 x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + x_2^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}$, $Y = x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [X, Y] &= \left[x_1^3 x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + x_2^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right] \\
 &= x_1^3 x_2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} x_1 \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + x_2^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} x_1 \right) - x_1 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} x_1^3 x_2 \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \\
 &\quad - x_1 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} x_2^2 \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \\
 &= x_1^3 x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} - 3 x_1^3 x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} - x_1 2 x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \\
 &= -3 x_1^3 x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + (x_1^3 x_2 - 2 x_1 x_2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

2) $M = \mathbb{R}^3$ $X_1 = -x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}$ $X_2 = -x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + x_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}$
 $X_3 = -x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + x_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}$

$$[X_1, X_2] = -x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + (x_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}) = X_3$$

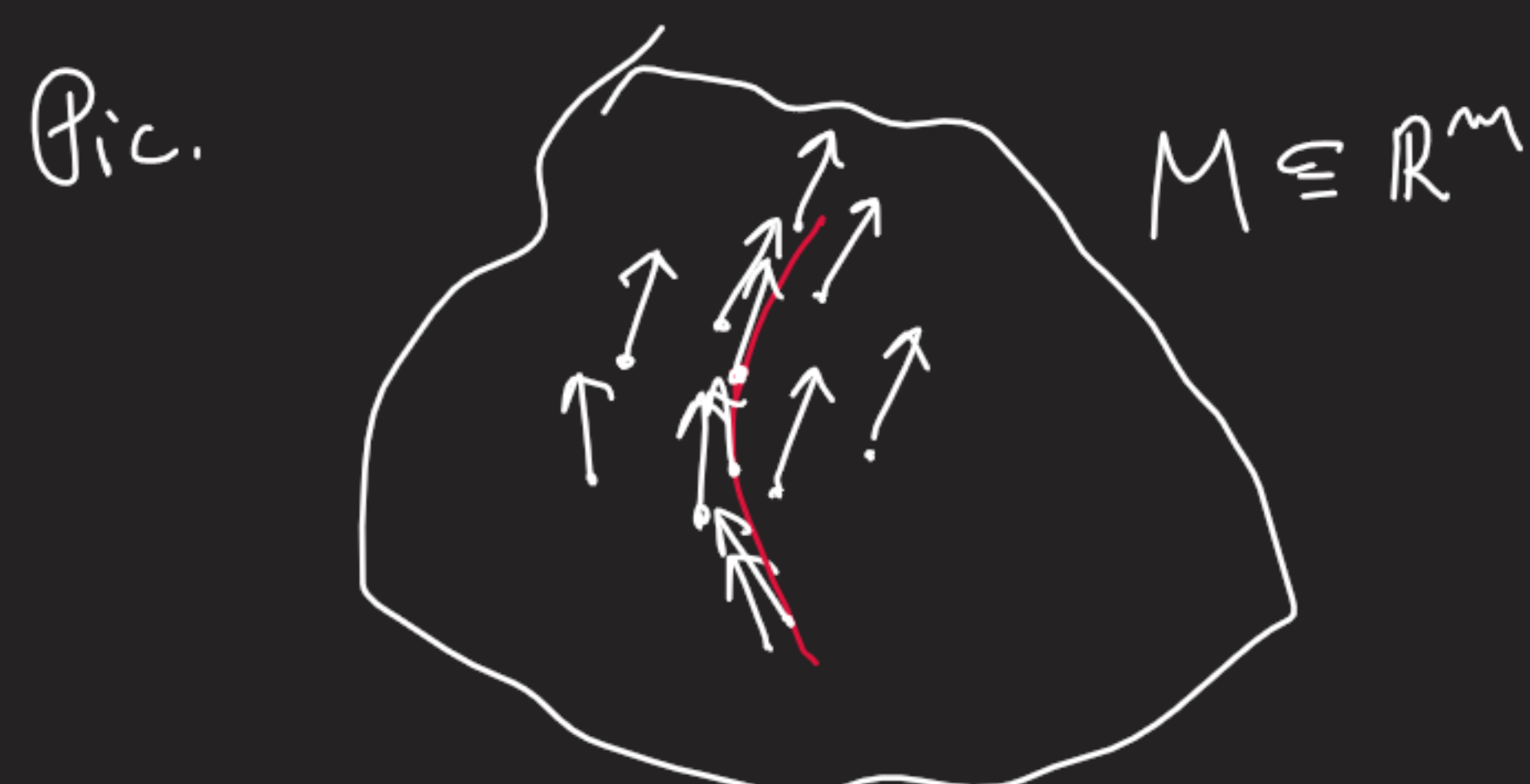
$$[X_1, X_3] = x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} - x_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} = -X_2$$

$$[X_2, X_3] = -x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + (x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}) = X_1$$

The linear span of X_1, X_2, X_3 is a 3-dimensional Lie subalgebra in $\mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$, (this is $\mathfrak{so}(3)$)

Integral curve

Definition Let $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$. A curve $c_x = c: I \rightarrow M$ where I is an open interval containing 0 is called integral for X at $x \in M$ if $c'_x(t) = X(c_x(t))$ for every $t \in I$ and $c_x(0) = x$.



Let us assume for simplicity that $c_x(I) \subseteq U$, $\varphi(x) = 0$, x fixed

Local description of integral curves

$\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ with coordinate functions x_1, \dots, x_m , $X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ on U

$$\tilde{c} = \varphi \circ c \quad \tilde{c}: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$c = c_x$ is integral for X at x iff

$\tilde{c} = (\tilde{c}_1, \dots, \tilde{c}_m)$ are solutions of

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{c}'_i(t) &= a_i(\tilde{c}(t)) \quad \forall t \in I, \text{ for every } i=1, \dots, m \\
 \tilde{c}_i(0) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

1-order ODE for m -functions $\tilde{c}_i, i=1, \dots, m$

Theorem Let $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ and $x \in M$. Then there exists an open interval I_x containing 0 and an integral curve $c_x: I_x \rightarrow M$ of X at x . Moreover there exists a unique maximal integral curve of X at x (i.e. a solution $c: I \rightarrow M$, $c'(t) = X(c(t))$, $c(0) = x$ which is defined on a maximal interval I).

Proof: Follows from the Picard-Lindelöf theorem. \square

Flow of vector fields

Definition Let $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ and c_x be the maximal integral curve of X at a fixed $x \in M$ defined on I_x (with $0 \in I_x$).

Put $I(X) = \bigcup_{x \in M} I_x \times \{x\} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times M$. We call

$$Fl^X: I(X) \rightarrow M, \quad Fl^X(t, x) = Fl_t^X(x) = c_x(t)$$

the flow of X or the flow generated by X .

Theorem A $I(X)$ is open $\mathbb{R} \times M$ and Fl^X is smooth (as map of manifolds). We have

$$(PF) \quad Fl^X(t+s, x) = Fl^X(t, Fl^X(s, x))$$

whenever

e) the right hand side exists (and so the left side exists and =) or

e) the left hand side exists and $t, s \geq 0$ or $t, s \leq 0$

(and so the right hand side exists and =).

Moreover, for every $x_0 \in M$ there is an open neigh. U of x_0 and an open interval J with $0 \in J$ such that for every $t \in J$ the map

$$U \rightarrow M, \quad x \mapsto Fl_t^X(x)$$

exists and is a diffeomorphism onto its image.

Definition By a 1-parametric family of local diffeomorphisms on M we understand a smooth map

$$\Phi: I(\Phi) \rightarrow M$$

where $I(\Phi)$ is an open neighbourhood of $\{0\} \times M$ in $\mathbb{R} \times M$

such that:

1) for every t the map $M \ni x \mapsto \Phi_t(x) = \Phi(t, x)$ is a local diffeom. (on its domain)

2) Φ_0 is the identity on M and

3) $\Phi(t+s, x) = \Phi(t, \Phi(s, x))$ in the same sense as in Theorem A.

$X \in \mathcal{X}(M) \rightarrow$ flow Fl^X is a 1-par. family of local diffeom. on M

it can be shown that this assignment is 1-1.

Definition $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ is called complete $I(X) = \mathbb{R} \times M$.

Theorem If $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ has compact support (= 0 outside a compact subset of M), then X is complete.

Examples 1) $X_1 = x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} - x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$

$$x_0 = (\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}, \tilde{c}) \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$c = c_{x_0} = (c_1, c_2, c_3)$$

c is a solution of

$c_1'(t) = x_2(c(t)) = c_2(t)$	$c_1(0) = \tilde{a}$
$c_2'(t) = -x_1(c(t)) = -c_1(t)$	$c_2(0) = \tilde{b}$
$c_3'(t) = 0(c(t)) = 0$	$c_3(0) = \tilde{c}$

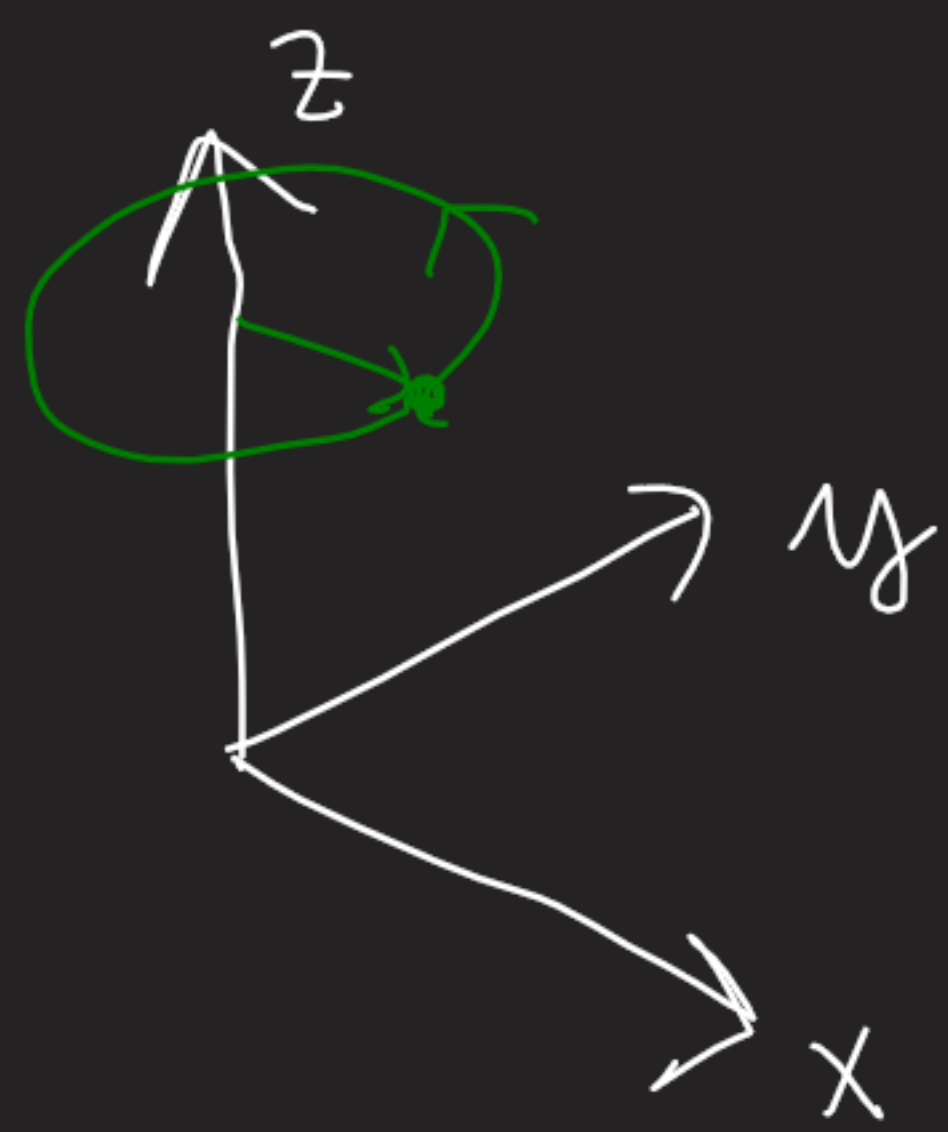
$$c_3(t) = \tilde{c}$$

$$c(t) = (\tilde{a} \cos t - \tilde{b} \sin t, \tilde{a} \sin t + \tilde{b} \cos t, \tilde{c}), t \in \mathbb{R}$$

is the integral curve of X_1 at $(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}, \tilde{c})$

$$Fl^{X_1}(t, y) = (y_1 \cos t - y_2 \sin t, y_1 \sin t + y_2 \cos t, y_3), t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$y = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$$



is rotation in \mathbb{R}^3 along z -axis with constant angular velocity

X_1 ... infinitesimal generator of rotation in \mathbb{R}^3

X_1 is complete

2) $M = \mathbb{R}^2, X = x_1^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, y = (y_1, y_2)$

c_y ... int. curve of X at y

$$c = (c_1, c_2)$$

$$c_1'(t) = c_1^2(t)$$

$$c_1(0) = y_1$$

$$c_2'(t) = 0$$

$$c_2(0) = y_2$$

$$c_2(t) = y_2$$

$$x(t) = c_1(t) \Rightarrow x'(t) = x^2(t)$$

$x'(t) = x^2(t)$ 1. ODE in separation of variables

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2} = -x^{-1}$$

$$-\frac{1}{x} = t + d$$

$$\int dt = t + d$$

$$x(t) = \frac{-1}{t+d}$$

$$c_1(t) = \frac{-1}{t+d}$$

$$c_1(0) = y_1 = -\frac{1}{d}$$

$$d = -\frac{1}{y_1}$$

makes sense when $y_1 \neq 0$

$$c_1(t) = \frac{1}{1 - y_1 t}$$

$$\begin{cases} t \in (-\infty, \frac{1}{y_1}) & | & y_1 > 0 \\ t \in (\frac{1}{y_1}, +\infty) & | & y_1 < 0 \end{cases}$$

X is not complete

Lie derivative of vector fields

Definition Assume that $f: M \rightarrow N$ is a diffeo. of smooth man.

(M, τ_M) and (N, τ_N) . If $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$, then

$\Phi_* X \in \mathcal{X}(N)$ is defined by

$$\Phi_* X(x) = T_x \Phi \circ X \circ \Phi^{-1}(x), \quad x \in N.$$

It is called the pushforward of X .

We have to verify: 1) $\Phi_* X(x) \in T_x N$ & 2) $\Phi_* X$ is smooth.

ad 1) $X \circ \Phi^{-1}(x) \in T_{\Phi^{-1}(x)} M$ (Φ has a smooth inverse Φ^{-1})

$$T_{\Phi^{-1}(x)} \Phi : T_{\Phi^{-1}(x)} M \rightarrow T_{\Phi(\Phi^{-1}(x))} N = T_x N$$

ad 2) $\Phi_* X$ is a composition of smooth maps \Rightarrow it is also smooth

Note that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TM & \xrightarrow{T\Phi} & TN \\ \uparrow \circ & & \uparrow \Phi_* X \\ M & \xleftarrow{\Phi^{-1}} & N \end{array}$$

Let $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$, if $x_0 \in M$ then we know that there is an open neigh. U of x_0 and an open interval J with $0 \in J$ such that

$x \mapsto \text{Fl}_{-t}^X(x)$ is defined for every $x \in U$ and every $t \in J$

and this map is a diffeomorphism onto its image for every fixed $t \in J$.

Now if $Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$, then $\forall t \in J$ the vector field

$(\text{Fl}_{-t}^X)_* Y$ is well defined on U .

Since this is true for any $x_0 \in M$, we have

Definition Let $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$. Then

$$\mathcal{L}_X Y = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \left((\text{Fl}_{-t}^X)_* Y \right) \right|_{t=0} \in \mathcal{X}(M)$$

is called the Lie derivative of Y along X .

Theorem If $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$, then

$$\mathcal{L}_X Y = [X, Y].$$

Sketch of proof: We fix a chart around x_0 , say

$\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, $\varphi(x_0) = 0$, assume that Fl_{-t}^X is defined for every $x \in U$ and for every $-t \in J$.

$\text{Fl}^X: I(X) \rightarrow M$ is smooth, $I(X) \cong \mathbb{R} \times M$ open

for every $t \in \mathbb{R}$, let $M_t = I(X) \cap (\{t\} \times M)$

M_t is the domain of Fl_t^X , we know that

$\text{Fl}_t^X: M_t \rightarrow M$ is smooth, its tangent map is

$$T\text{Fl}_t^X: TM_t \rightarrow TM, \quad T\text{Fl}_t^X(x, v) = T_x \text{Fl}_t^X(v)$$

$$\tilde{Fl}_t^X(x, v) := T_x Fl_t^X(v) \quad \text{so that}$$

$$\tilde{Fl}_t^X : T_x M_t \longrightarrow T_{Fl_t^X(x)} M \quad \mathcal{I}(X) = \bigcup_{x \in M} \mathcal{I}_x \times \{x\}$$

Consider

$$\tilde{Fl}^X : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}(X) \longrightarrow TM \quad \tilde{\mathcal{I}}(X) = \bigcup_{(x, v) \in TM} \mathcal{I}_x \times \{(x, v)\}$$

$$\tilde{Fl}^X(t, (x, v)) = \tilde{Fl}_t^X(x, v)$$

Now \tilde{Fl}^X is a 1-param. family of local diffeom. on TM , we know that there is a unique vector field on TM , whose flow is this

1-param. family

$$(X \in \mathcal{X}(M)) \longrightarrow Fl^X \text{ on } M \longrightarrow \tilde{Fl}^X \text{ on } TM \longrightarrow \tilde{X} \in \mathcal{X}(TM)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \tilde{X} \text{ is determined by} \\ Fl^{\tilde{X}} = \tilde{Fl}^X \end{array} \right\}$$

Def. \tilde{X} is called the lift X to TM .

How does \tilde{X} look in coordinates on TM ? Assume that $\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a chart on M with coordinate functions x_1, \dots, x_m and that

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \text{ on } U. \text{ In these coordinates the flow of } X \text{ is}$$

$$\text{given by } (t, x_1, \dots, x_m) \longmapsto (\Phi_1(t, x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, \Phi_m(t, x_1, \dots, x_m))$$

where Φ_i denotes the i -th component of $\Phi_t = Fl_t^X$.

Let us now fix a point $x_0 = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ and let

$$t \longmapsto (x_1(t), \dots, x_m(t)) = c_x(t) = \Phi(t, x) = \Phi_t(x)$$

be the integral curve of X at x . Then we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} (x_1(t), \dots, x_m(t)) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{d}{dt} (\Phi_i(t, x)) \Big|_{t=0} = a_i(x) \quad i=1, \dots, m.$$

The induced flow on TM in coordinates $(x_1, \dots, x_m, p_1, \dots, p_m)$ on $\pi^{-1}(U)$ is

$$(t, x_1, \dots, x_m, p_1, \dots, p_m) \longmapsto \left((\Phi_t)_1(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, (\Phi_t)_m(x_1, \dots, x_m), \sum_{j=1}^m p_j \frac{\partial (\Phi_t)_1}{\partial x_j}(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, \sum_{j=1}^m p_j \frac{\partial (\Phi_t)_m}{\partial x_j}(x_1, \dots, x_m) \right)$$

Let us now fix $x_1, \dots, x_m, p_1, \dots, p_m$. Then $C_{\tilde{X}}(x_1, \dots, p_m)$ is

$$t \mapsto \left(\Phi_1(t, x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, \sum_{j=1}^m p_j \frac{\partial \Phi_m}{\partial x_j}(t, x_1, \dots, x_m) \right)$$

Now if we differentiate and evaluate at $t=0$, we get for $k=1, \dots, m$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\sum_{j=1}^m p_j \frac{\partial (\Phi_t)^k}{\partial x_j}(x_1, \dots, x_m) \right) \Big|_{t=0} &= \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m p_j \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t \partial x_j}(0, x_1, \dots, x_m) = \sum_{j=1}^m p_j \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_j \partial t}(0, x_1, \dots, x_m) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t}(x_1, \dots, x_m) \right) = \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m p_j \frac{\partial a_j}{\partial x_j}(x_1, \dots, x_m). \quad \text{Hence} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{X} = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^m p_i \frac{\partial a_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j}.$$

Now if $\Psi = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ on \mathcal{U} , then inserting

$b_i(x)$ instead of p_i and differentiating with respect to t at $t=0$, we get that $L_{\tilde{X}} \Psi = [X, \Psi]$. \square