

15) Local anholonomic frames and Frobenius theorem again

A set of vector fields  $\{X_\mu\}$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  is a FRAME in  $\mathcal{U}$   
 iff  $\{X_\mu|_p\}_{\mu=1,\dots,n}$  is a basis of  $T_p(M) \forall p \in \mathcal{U}$ .

1° example  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}\right)$  is a frame in  $(\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{R})$ .

2° A frame  $\{X_\mu\}$  is a holonomic frame if

$$[X_\mu, X_\nu] = 0 \quad \forall \mu, \nu$$

We know that locally holonomic frames are of the form  $\{X_\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}\}$ .

3° But there are nonholonomic frames, i.e. such that

$$[X_\mu, X_\nu] \neq 0.$$

In a coordinate system  $\{x^\mu\}$  they are of the form

$$X_\mu = A_\mu^\nu(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu}.$$

$A_\mu^\nu(x)$  invertible  
and GENERAL ENOUGH.

4° Maurer-Cartan theorem

$\{X_\mu\}$  a frame  $\Rightarrow [X_\mu, X_\nu] = C_{\mu\nu}^\rho X_\rho$   
 where  $C_{\mu\nu}^\rho = C_{\mu\nu}^\rho(x)$  functions in  $\mathcal{U}$  s.t.  $\oint$   
 $C_{\mu\nu}^\rho = -C_{\nu\mu}^\rho$

$C_{\mu\nu}^\rho \leftarrow$  coefficients of anholonomy.

$$C_{\mu\nu}^\rho \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow \exists x \text{ in } \mathcal{U} \text{ s.t. } X_\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}.$$

Let  $\{\omega^a\}$  be a basis in  $\Lambda^1 M$  dual to  $\{X_\mu\}$  i.e.

$$X_\mu \lrcorner \omega^r = \delta_\mu^r \quad (\omega^r(X_\mu) = \delta_\mu^r)$$

$\{\omega^a\}$  is called a COFRAME, dual to  $\{X_\mu\}$ .

The Maurer-Cartan

$[X_\mu, X_\nu] = C^{\rho}_{\mu\nu} X_\rho \iff d\omega^a = -\frac{1}{2} C^a_{rs} \omega^r \omega^s$

Proof

$$X_\rho \lrcorner X_\nu \lrcorner d\omega^a = d\omega^a(X_\rho, X_\nu) = X_\nu(\underbrace{\omega^a(X_\rho)}_{\delta_\rho^a}) - X_\rho(\underbrace{\omega^a(X_\nu)}_{\delta_\nu^a}) - \omega^a([X_\rho, X_\nu]) =$$
  
$$\cancel{0} = -C^a_{\rho\nu}$$

On the other hand if  $d\omega^a = \frac{1}{2} b^a_{rs} \omega^r \omega^s$  then:

$$X_\rho \lrcorner X_\nu \lrcorner d\omega^a = X_\rho \lrcorner X_\nu \lrcorner (\frac{1}{2} b^a_{rs} \omega^r \omega^s) =$$
  
$$= X_\rho \lrcorner (\frac{1}{2} b^a_{r\nu} \omega^r - \frac{1}{2} b^a_{\nu r} \omega^r) =$$
  
$$= X_\rho \lrcorner (b^a_{\nu\rho} \omega^\rho) = b^a_{\nu\rho} \Rightarrow b^a_{\nu\rho} = -C^a_{\nu\rho} \quad \square$$

6° Frobenius again!

Let  $S$  be a distribution of  $\dim$  in an  $M$

Define  $S^* = \{ \omega \in \Lambda^1 M ; X \lrcorner \omega = 0 \quad \forall X \in S \}$ .

Recall

a local frame for  $S$  is a set  $\{X_i\}$  of vector fields in  $\mathcal{LCM}$  s.t.  $\{X_i|_p\}$  is a basis for  $S_p$  for all  $p \in U$ .

Given  $\{X_i\}$  consider 1-forms  $\{\omega^a\}$  such that they constitute a basis of 1-forms spanning  $S^*$  in  $U$ .

~~We can always choose  $\{\omega^a\}$~~

By definition

$$X_i \lrcorner \omega^\mu = 0$$

and  $i = 1, \dots, m, \mu = m+1, \dots, n$  ( $\dim S^* = n - m, n = \dim M$ ).

We can now extend  $\{X_i\}$  to  $\{X_A\} = \{X_i, X_\mu\}$

so that  $\{X_A\}_{A=1, \dots, n}$  is a local frame in  $\mathcal{U}$ ,

We also extend  $\{\omega^\mu\}$  to  $\{\omega^A\} = \{\omega^i, \omega^\mu\}$  so that

$$X_A \lrcorner \omega^B = \delta_A^B$$

We just have:

$\{X_i\}$	$i = 1, \dots, m$	spanning $S$	} spanning $T(\mathcal{U})$
$\{X_\mu\}$	$\mu = m+1, \dots, n$		
$\{\omega^\mu\}$	$\mu = m+1, \dots, n$	Spanning $S^*$	} spanning $\Lambda^1 M$ .
$\{\omega^i\}$	$i = 1, \dots, m$		

The Frobenius

the following conditions are equivalent:

- ①  $S$  is involutive
- ② through every point of  $M$  passes precisely one integral manifold of  $S$
- ③  $[X_i, X_j] = c^k_{ij} X_k$
- ④  $\exists (x^A)$ -coordinate system in  $\mathcal{U} \subset M$  s.t.  $X_i = A_i^j(x^k, x^\alpha) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$
- ⑤  $d\omega^\mu \wedge \omega^{m+1} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^n = 0 \quad \forall \mu = m+1, \dots, n$
- ⑥  $\exists (x^A)$  s.t.  $\omega^\mu = B^\mu_r(x^k, x^\alpha) dx^r$

Proof

④  $\Rightarrow$  ⑥ obvious since  $X_i$  must annihilate  $\omega^\mu$ .

⑥  $\Rightarrow$  ⑤ obvious

⑤  $\Rightarrow$  ③  $d\omega^\alpha = -\frac{1}{2} c^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma} \omega^\beta \wedge \omega^\gamma - \frac{1}{2} c^{\alpha}_{ij} \omega^i \wedge \omega^j - \frac{1}{2} c^{\alpha}_{ip} \omega^i \wedge \omega^p$

⑤  $\Rightarrow c^{\alpha}_{ii} = 0$  M.C.  $\Rightarrow [X_i, X_i] = c^k_{ii} X_k + c^{\alpha}_{ii} X_\alpha = 0$   $\square$ .

7° A related theorem

Let  $\alpha$  be a 1-form and  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^k$  be functions on  $M$   
 Then we have

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \alpha \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^k \neq 0 \\ d\alpha \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^k = 0 \end{array} \right) \Leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{there exist functions} \\ x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k \text{ on } M \text{ s.t.} \\ \alpha = dx + y_1 dx^1 + y_2 dx^2 + \dots + y_k dx^k \\ dx \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^k \neq 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Proof

$\Leftarrow$  obvious

$\Rightarrow$  Since  $\alpha \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^k \neq 0$  then  $dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^k \neq 0$ , and hence  $x^1, \dots, x^k$  are independent at each point of  $M$ .

Supplement them by  $x^A = (x^{k+1}, \dots, x^n)$  to a coordinate system  $(x^1, \dots, x^k, x^{k+1}, \dots, x^n)$ .

Then  $\alpha = a_B dx^B + a_A dx^A$  where (\*)

$a_B = a_B(x^A, x^A)$ ,  $a_A = a_A(x^B, x^A)$  are functions on  $M$

But

$$0 = d\alpha \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^k = (da_B dx^B + da_A dx^A) \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^k$$

$$= \frac{\partial a_A}{\partial x^B} dx^B \wedge dx^A \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^k = 0$$

$$= a_{A,B} dx^B \wedge dx^A \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^k$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{[A,B]} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{a_{A,B} = a_{B,A}} \Rightarrow$$

$\Rightarrow$  there exists a function  $x \rightarrow x(x^B, x^A)$  s.t.

$$a_A = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x^A}$$

Thus we have:

$$dx = x_{,S} dz^S + x_{,A} dx^A = x_{,S} dz^S + a_A dx^A$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{a_A dx^A = dx - x_{,S} dz^S}$$

Inserting in (\*)

$$\boxed{\alpha = a_S dz^S + dx - x_{,S} dz^S =}$$

$$= dx + \overbrace{(a_S - x_{,S})}^{y_S} dz^S =$$

$$= dx + y_S dz^S = \underline{dx + y_1 dx^1 + \dots + y_k dx^k.}$$

Since  $dx \wedge dz^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dz^k \neq 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow dx \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^k \neq 0$$

□.

## 8<sup>o</sup> Theorems of Pfaff and Darboux

Let  $\alpha$  be a 1-form on  $M$ .

It always defines two integers:

- 1)  $s$  such that  $(d\alpha)^s \neq 0$  &  $(d\alpha)^{s+1} = 0$
- 2)  $r$  such that  $\alpha \wedge (d\alpha)^r \neq 0$  &  $\alpha \wedge (d\alpha)^{r+1} = 0$ .

Simple argument shows that only two cases may occur:

Either

①  $s = r$

or

②  $s = r + 1$

Thm

If ① then  $\alpha = dy^1 + y^2 dy^3 + \dots + y^{2r} dy^{2r+1}$  &  $dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{2r+1} \neq 0$

If ② then  $\alpha = y^0 dy^1 + y^2 dy^3 + \dots + y^{2r} dy^{2r+1}$  &  $dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{2r+1} \neq 0$

## Dimension 4

$$r=0 \Rightarrow s=0 \Rightarrow \boxed{d\alpha=0} \Rightarrow \boxed{\alpha = dy^1}$$

$$s=1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{matrix} dx \wedge d\alpha = 0, \\ d\alpha \neq 0 \end{matrix}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\alpha = y^0 dy^1}$$

$$r=1 \Rightarrow s=1 \quad \boxed{d\alpha \neq 0, \begin{matrix} dx \wedge d\alpha = 0, \\ \alpha \wedge d\alpha \neq 0 \end{matrix}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\alpha = dy^1 + y^2 dy^3}$$

$$s=2 \quad \boxed{d\alpha \wedge d\alpha \neq 0, \alpha \wedge d\alpha \neq 0} \Rightarrow \boxed{\alpha = y^0 dy^1 + y^2 dy^3}$$

## 16 An example of Exterior Differential System

Integrate:

Plebański!

$$\begin{cases} d\Gamma_{42} + \Gamma_{42\lambda} (\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) = 0 \\ d(\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) + 2\Gamma_{42} \wedge \Gamma_{31} = 0 \\ d\Gamma_{31} + (\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) \wedge \Gamma_{31} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

i.e. find 1-forms  $\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}$ ,  $\Gamma_{42}$ ,  $\Gamma_{31}$  on  $M$  such that  $(*)$  holds.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \underline{\Gamma_{42} \wedge \Gamma_{31} \neq 0}$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow d\Gamma_{42} \wedge \Gamma_{42} = 0 \stackrel{FR}{\Rightarrow} \underline{\Gamma_{42} = e^{\phi+\psi} dx}$$

$$d\Gamma_{31} \wedge \Gamma_{31} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\Gamma_{31} = e^{\phi-\psi} dy}$$

and the assumption  $\textcircled{1}$  says that  $dx \wedge dy \neq 0$

Inserting back:

$$e^{\phi+\psi} [d\phi + d\psi - \Gamma_{12} - \Gamma_{34}] \wedge dx = 0$$

$$e^{\phi-\psi} [d\phi - d\psi + \Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}] \wedge dy = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$d\phi + d\psi - \Gamma_{12} - \Gamma_{34} = -g dx$$

$$d\phi - d\psi + \Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34} = \sigma dy$$

$$+ \quad \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$
$$\Rightarrow 2d\phi = \sigma dy - g dx \quad | \wedge dx \wedge dy$$

$$\Rightarrow d\phi \wedge dx \wedge dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \phi(x, y) \text{ only !!!}$$

moreover:

$$2d\phi = 2\phi_x dx + 2\phi_y dy = \sigma dy - g dx$$

$$\Rightarrow g = -2\phi_x$$

$$\sigma = 2\phi_y$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}}} = d\phi + d\psi + g dx =$$
$$= d\psi + \phi_x dx + \phi_y dy - 2\phi_x dx =$$
$$= \underline{\underline{d\psi - \phi_x dx + \phi_y dy}}$$

Inserting this into the middle equation (\*):

$$d[\cancel{d\phi} - \phi_x dx + \phi_y dy] + 2e^{2\phi} dx \wedge dy = 0$$

$$2(\phi_{xy} + e^{2\phi}) dx \wedge dy = 0$$

$$\boxed{\phi_{xy} + e^{2\phi} = 0}$$

$\phi$  must satisfy Liouville equation!

# 17) Integration of the Liouville equation!

One of the most famous nonlinear equations.  
Because  $\rightarrow$  it may be integrated!

$$\phi_{xy} + e^{2\phi} = 0 \Rightarrow \phi_{xxy} + 2\phi_x e^{2\phi} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{xxy} - 2\phi_x \phi_{xy} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\phi_{xx} - \phi_x^2)_y = 0.$$

symmetry  $\Rightarrow$

$$(\phi_{yy} - \phi_y^2)_x = 0$$

But:

$$\phi_{xx} - \phi_x^2 = -e^\phi (e^{-\phi})_{xx} = -F(x)$$

$$\phi_{yy} - \phi_y^2 = -e^\phi (e^{-\phi})_{yy} = -G(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow (e^{-\phi})_{xx} - F(x)e^{-\phi} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [\partial_x^2 - F(x)]e^{-\phi} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$[\partial_y^2 - G(y)]e^{-\phi} = 0 \quad (2)$$

Think about (1) and (2) as ODEs for  $e^{-\phi}$ .

Then (1) should be solved as

$$e^{-\phi} = A_2(y)A_1(x) + B_2(y)B_1(x)$$

where  $A_1(x), B_1(x)$  are two indep. solutions of (1)  
and  $A_2(y), B_2(y)$  are arbitrary.

On the other hand (2) solves as:

$$e^{-\phi} = A_1(x)A_2(y) + B_1(x)B_2(y)$$

where now  $A_2, B_2$  are two indep. solutions  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-\phi} = A_1(x)A_2(y) + B_1(x)B_2(y)$$

where  $A_i, B_i$  are two sets of indep. solutions for the ODE (1).

We have:

$$0 = e^{-2\phi} (\phi_{xy} + e^{2\phi}) = 1 + e^{-2\phi} \phi_{xy} =$$

$$\dots = 1 - (A_{1,x}B_1 - B_{1,x}A_1)(A_{2,y}B_2 - B_{2,y}A_2)$$

$$\frac{1}{A_1B_1A_2B_2} = \left[ (\log A_1)_x - (\log B_1)_x \right] \left[ (\log A_2)_y - (\log B_2)_y \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{A_1B_1A_2B_2} = \frac{\left(\frac{A_1}{B_1}\right)_x \left(\frac{A_2}{B_2}\right)_y}{\frac{A_1}{B_1} \frac{A_2}{B_2}} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{A_1}{B_1}\right)_x \left(\frac{A_2}{B_2}\right)_y = \left(\frac{1}{B_1B_2}\right)^2$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} e^{2\phi} &= \frac{1}{(A_1A_2 + B_1B_2)^2} = \frac{1}{(B_1B_2)^2} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{A_1A_2}{B_1B_2}\right)^2} = \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{A_1}{B_1}\right)_x \left(\frac{A_2}{B_2}\right)_y}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{A_1}{B_1}\right)\left(\frac{A_2}{B_2}\right)\right)^2} = - \frac{\left(\frac{B_1}{A_1}\right)_x \left(\frac{A_2}{B_2}\right)_y}{\left(\frac{B_1}{A_1} + \frac{A_2}{B_2}\right)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Introduce

$$p = p(x) = \frac{B_1}{A_1}, \quad q = q(y) = -\left(\frac{A_2}{B_2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{2\phi} = \frac{p'(x)q'(y)}{(p(x) - q(y))^2}$$

check that

$$\boxed{e^\phi = \frac{\sqrt{p'(x)q'(y)}}{p(x)-q(y)}} \quad (*)$$

with arbitrary smooth functions  $p=p(x)$ ,  $q=q(y)$

satisfy  $\phi_{xy} + e^{2\phi} = 0$ ,

Returning to the EDS from point 16) ①

we now have  $\phi$  given by (\*).

We redefine  $\Psi$  to  $\Psi \rightarrow \Psi + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{p'}{q'}$

This leads to

$$\Gamma_{42} = e^{\phi+\psi} dx = \frac{\sqrt{p'q'}}{p-q} e^\psi \sqrt{\frac{p'}{q'}} dx = \frac{e^\psi p' dx}{p-q} = \frac{e^\psi}{p-q} dp$$

$$\Gamma_{31} = \dots = \frac{e^{-\psi}}{p-q} dq$$

$$\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34} = d\psi + \frac{dp+dq}{p-q}$$

$\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34} = d\psi + \frac{dp+dq}{p-q}$	$\psi, p, q$ arbitrary functions such that $dp \wedge dq \neq 0$	$(*)$ $(*)$
$\Gamma_{42} = \frac{e^\psi}{p-q} dp$		
$\Gamma_{31} = \frac{e^{-\psi}}{p-q} dq$		

We solved assuming ① i.e. that  $\Gamma_{42} \wedge \Gamma_{31} \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow dp \wedge dq \neq 0$ .

But one can see that (\*) is also a solution when  $dp \wedge dq = 0$ .

Actually (\*) is a general solution to 16) ②

Define

$$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) & \Gamma_{31} \\ -\Gamma_{42} & -\frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_{42} E_- + \frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) E_0 + \Gamma_{31} E_+$$

where

$$E_- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[E_0, E_{\pm}] = \pm 2 E_{\pm}, \quad [E_-, E_+] = E_0$$

Matrices  $(E_-, E_0, E_+)$  are closed w.r.t. taking of the commutator.

$$\underline{sl}(2, \mathbb{C}) = \{ d_+ E_+ + d_0 E_0 + d_- E_-, d_0, d_+, d_- \in \mathbb{C} \}$$

$\Gamma$  is an  $\underline{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$ -valued ~~matrix~~ form,

i.e. coefficients in the decomposition

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_+ E_+ + \Gamma_0 E_0 + \Gamma_- E_- \text{ are 1-forms on } M.$$

Define

$$\Omega = d\Gamma + \Gamma \wedge \Gamma$$

We calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} d(\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) & d\Gamma_{31} \\ -d\Gamma_{42} & -\frac{1}{2} d(\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) & \Gamma_{31} \\ -\Gamma_{42} & -\frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) & \Gamma_{31} \\ -\Gamma_{42} & -\frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} d(\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) - \Gamma_{31} \wedge \Gamma_{42} & d\Gamma_{31} + (\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) \Gamma_{31} \\ -d\Gamma_{42} - \Gamma_{42}(\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) & -\frac{1}{2} d(\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{34}) - \Gamma_{42} \wedge \Gamma_{31} \end{pmatrix} = \gamma \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega = \left( d\pi_{42} + \pi_{42} \wedge (\pi_{12} + \pi_{34}) \right) E_-$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \left( d(\pi_{12} + \pi_{34}) + 2\pi_{42} \wedge \pi_{31} \right) E_0$$

$$+ \left( d\pi_{31} + (\pi_{12} + \pi_{34}) \wedge \pi_{31} \right) E_+$$

Thus

$$\Omega = 0 \iff \begin{cases} d\pi_{42} + \pi_{42} \wedge (\pi_{12} + \pi_{34}) = 0 \\ d(\pi_{12} + \pi_{34}) + 2\pi_{42} \wedge \pi_{31} = 0 \\ d\pi_{31} + (\pi_{12} + \pi_{34}) \wedge \pi_{31} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence  $\begin{pmatrix} * \\ * \end{pmatrix}$  of 17) represents the most general flat  $sl(3, \mathbb{C})$  connection on  $M^4$ .