

Symplectic Geometry and Classical Mechanics: Exercises

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Exercise Sheet no. 0

Exercise 1: *Differential forms* (0 points).

On \mathbb{R}^4 , we consider the differential forms $\alpha \in \Omega^1\mathbb{R}^4 = \Gamma(T^*\mathbb{R}^4)$ and $\beta \in \Omega^2\mathbb{R}^4 = \Gamma(\wedge^2 T^*\mathbb{R}^4)$ given by

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= dx^1 + x^2 dx^2, \\ \beta &= \sin x^2 dx^1 \wedge dx^3 + \cos x^3 dx^2 \wedge dx^4.\end{aligned}$$

(As usual, the dx^i are formed with respect to the chart $x = (x^1, \dots, x^4) = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^4}$.) Calculate $\alpha \wedge \beta$ and $d\beta$.

Exercise 2: *Differentiation and insertion* (0 points).

Let M be a smooth manifold and $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ a vector field on M . Consider the graded ring of differential forms $\Omega^\bullet(M) = \Gamma(\wedge^\bullet T^*M)$ with its operations Cartan differentiation $d: \Omega^\bullet(M) \rightarrow \Omega^\bullet(M)$ and X -insertion $\iota_X: \Omega^\bullet(M) \rightarrow \Omega^\bullet(M)$. Show that

$$\iota_X \circ d + d \circ \iota_X = (\iota_X + d)^2$$

and that this operator is derivative (i. e. compatible with \wedge -product).

Exercise 3: *Cartan's magic formula* (0 points).

Let again M be a smooth manifold and $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ be a vector field on M . If Φ_X is the local flow of X , then the *Lie-derivative* on differential forms is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_X: \Omega^\bullet(M) &\longrightarrow \Omega^\bullet(M), \\ \omega &\longmapsto \frac{d}{dt}\bigg|_{t=0} \Phi_X(t)^*\omega.\end{aligned}$$

Show that $\mathcal{L}_X = \iota_X \circ d + d \circ \iota_X$.

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Exercise Sheet no. 1

Exercise 1: *Angular momentum* (4 points).

We consider the Newtonian equation of motion

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = -\text{grad}V(\mathbf{x}(t)),$$

where $m \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mathbf{x}: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ and $V(x) = f(\|x\|)$ for a smooth function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\|\cdot\|$ the standard norm on \mathbb{R}^3 . We define the angular momentum as $\mathbf{L}(t) := m\mathbf{x}(t) \times \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)$. Show that angular momentum is conserved, i. e. $\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{L}(t) = 0$ for all $t \in (a, b)$ and any solution $\mathbf{x}(t)$ of the equation of motion.

Exercise 2: *Symplectic basis* (4 points).

Let V be a finite-dimensional real vector space. Furthermore, let $\omega: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an anti-symmetric non-degenerate bilinear form.¹ Show: There is an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and a basis $(u_1, \dots, u_n, v_1, \dots, v_n)$ of V such that

$$\omega(u_j, u_k) = \omega(v_j, v_k) = 0, \quad \omega(u_j, v_k) = \delta_{jk}$$

for all $j, k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Hint: First construct suitable u_1 and v_1 , and then consider

$$V_1 := \{x \in V \mid \omega(x, u_1) = \omega(x, v_1) = 0\}.$$

Remark: In particular, this exercise shows that the dimension of V is even, $\dim V = 2n$.

Exercise 3: *Hermitian scalar products* (4 points).

Let V be complex vector space and g a real scalar product on (the underlying real vector space of) V . Define $\omega(X, Y) := g(iX, Y)$ for all $X, Y \in V$.

a) Show that ω is a non-degenerate bilinear form.

b) Prove that the following are equivalent:

i) $g(iX, iY) = g(X, Y)$ for all $X, Y \in V$.

ii) $\omega(X, Y) = -\omega(Y, X)$ for all $X, Y \in V$.

iii) $g + i\omega$ is a Hermitian scalar product on V .²

Exercise 4: *A special linear group* (4 points).

Let $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ be the set of all 2×2 -matrices with determinant 1. Show that $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ is a submanifold of $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \cong \mathbb{R}^4$. Prove that $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ is diffeomorphic to $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2$.

¹Recall: A bilinear form is called *anti-symmetric*, if $\omega(x, y) = -\omega(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in V$. A bilinear form is called *non-degenerate*, if $\omega(x, y) = 0$ for all $x \in V$ implies $y = 0$.

²We use the convention that Hermitian scalar products are \mathbb{C} -linear in the second argument.



Exercise Sheet no. 2

Exercise 1: Vector flows (4 points).

Let M be a manifold and X a smooth vector field on M . For $p \in M$, a *local flow* of X around p is a smooth map $\Phi^X: U \times (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$, $(x, t) \mapsto \Phi_t^X(x)$, where $\epsilon \in (0, \infty]$ and U is an open neighborhood of p , with the following properties:

- $\Phi_0^X = \text{id}_M$

- $\frac{d}{dt}\Phi_t^X = X \circ \Phi_t^X$.

- Show that a local flow exists around any $p \in M$ and is unique up to restriction. Show, moreover, that Φ_t^X is a diffeomorphism onto its image for all $t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$.
Hint: Reduce to an ODE on an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n .
- Give an example of a vector field on \mathbb{R}^n , where the local flow around 0 does not extend to all times, i. e. where $\epsilon = \infty$ is not possible.
- Assume now that M is closed. Prove that there exists a *global flow*, i. e. a local flow with $U = M$ and $\epsilon = \infty$.

Exercise 2: Lie derivative (4 points).

Recall the definition of pull-back of functions, differential 1-forms and vector fields: Along a smooth map $\phi: U \rightarrow V$ the pull-back of $f \in C^\infty(V)$ is $\phi^*f = f \circ \phi \in C^\infty(U)$ and the pull-back of $\alpha \in \Omega^1(V) = \Gamma(T^*V)$ is $\phi^*\alpha = \phi \circ d\phi \in \Omega^1(U)$. If $\phi: U \rightarrow V$ is a local diffeomorphism, then the pull-back of a vector field $X \in \Gamma(TV)$ along ϕ is the unique vector field $\phi^*X \in \Gamma(TU)$ with $d\phi \circ \phi^*X = X \circ \phi$.¹

Let X be a smooth vector field on a manifold M . For a function, 1-form or vector field (or more generally some tensor field) T , the *Lie derivative* $\mathcal{L}_X T$ is defined as follows:

$$(\mathcal{L}_X T)|_p = \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0} ((\Phi_t^X)^* T)|_p$$

for all $p \in M$, where Φ^X is any local flow of X around p .

- Show that $\mathcal{L}_X T$ is well-defined, i. e. smooth and independent of the choices made.
- Prove that $\mathcal{L}_X f = \partial_X f$ for a function $f \in C^\infty(M)$.
- Prove the product rule $\mathcal{L}_X(\alpha(Y)) = (\mathcal{L}_X \alpha)(Y) + \alpha(\mathcal{L}_X Y)$ for $\alpha \in \Omega^1(M)$ and $Y \in \Gamma(TM)$.
- Show that $\mathcal{L}_X Y = [X, Y]$ for $Y \in \Gamma(TM)$, where the Lie bracket is defined through $\partial_{[X, Y]} f = (\partial_X \partial_Y - \partial_Y \partial_X) f$ for all $f \in C^\infty(M)$.

¹In a similar fashion, pull-backs of differential k -forms, for arbitrary k , and of (r, s) -tensor fields on M can be defined.

Exercise 3: 2-out-of-3 for the unitary group (4 points).

Consider \mathbb{C}^n with the standard scalar product $\langle -, - \rangle$, which can be decomposed as in Exercise 3 on Sheet 1 into real and imaginary part: $\langle -, - \rangle = g(-, -) + i\omega(-, -)$. Note that g and ω are the canonical real scalar product and the canonical symplectic form, respectively, on \mathbb{C}^n , which we canonically identify with \mathbb{R}^{2n} .

We consider the following groups:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Gl}(2n, \mathbb{R}) &= \{T \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2n} \mid \det(T) \neq 0\} \\ \mathrm{Gl}(n, \mathbb{C}) &= \{T \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \mid \det(T) \neq 0\} \\ O(2n) &= \{T \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2n} \mid g(T \cdot -, T \cdot -) = g\} \\ \mathrm{Symp}(2n) &= \{T \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2n} \mid \omega(T \cdot -, T \cdot -) = \omega\} \\ U(n) &= \{T \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \mid \langle T \cdot -, T \cdot - \rangle = \langle -, - \rangle\}. \end{aligned}$$

Explain how all these groups (especially $\mathrm{Gl}(n, \mathbb{C})$ and $U(n)$) can be viewed as subgroups of $\mathrm{Gl}(2n, \mathbb{R})$ and show the following:

$$U(n) = \mathrm{Gl}(n, \mathbb{C}) \cap O(2n) = O(2n) \cap \mathrm{Symp}(2n) = \mathrm{Symp}(2n) \cap \mathrm{Gl}(n, \mathbb{C}).$$

Exercise 4: Fundamental group of $U(n)$ (4 points).

Show that $\det: U(n) \rightarrow S^1$ induces an isomorphism on fundamental groups. You may use without proof that $SU(2n) = \{T \in U(n) \mid \det(T) = 1\}$ is simply connected.

Hint: You could start as follows. Let $\iota: S^1 \rightarrow U(n)$ be the map $x \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & 1_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$. For a loop $\gamma: S^1 \rightarrow U(n)$ now consider $x \mapsto (\iota \circ \det \circ \gamma(x))^{-1} \cdot \gamma(x)$ and show that this is null-homotopic. Alternative approaches might be even more efficient, depending on your previous knowledge.

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Exercise Sheet no. 3

Exercise 1: *Locality of connections* (4 points).

Let ∇ be a connection on a vector bundle $E \rightarrow M$ over a smooth manifold M and $U \subset M$ be an open subset. Show that $(\nabla_X s)|_U = (\nabla_{X'} s')|_U$ for all $X, X' \in \Gamma(TM)$ and $s, s' \in \Gamma(E)$ with $X|_U = X'|_U$ and $s|_U = s'|_U$.

Hint: You may take for granted that for all $p \in U$ there is a smooth function η with $\eta \equiv 1$ on a neighborhood of p and $\text{supp}(\eta) \subset U$.

Exercise 2: *Torsion tensor* (4 points).

Let ∇ be a connection on $TM \rightarrow M$ for a smooth manifold M . We define its *torsion* $\mathcal{T}: \Gamma(TM) \times \Gamma(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma(TM)$ as $\mathcal{T}(X, Y) := \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y]$.

- Show that $\mathcal{T}(X, Y) = -\mathcal{T}(Y, X)$ and $\mathcal{T}(X + fX', Y) = \mathcal{T}(X, Y) + f\mathcal{T}(X', Y)$ for all $X, X', Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ and $f \in C^\infty(M)$.
- Show that a tensor $T \in \Gamma(T^*M \otimes T^*M \otimes TM)$ exists with $\mathcal{T}(X, Y) = T(X, Y)$ for all $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$.

Exercise 3: *A Lagrangian* (4 points).

Consider the Lagrange function

$$L(v) = \frac{1}{4}\|v\|^4 - \frac{1}{2}\|v\|^2$$

on \mathbb{R}^n . For $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, determine all stationary points $q \in \mathcal{D}_{x_1, x_2} = \{q: [t_1, t_2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ smooth} \mid q(t_1) = x_1, q(t_2) = x_2\}$ of the associated action functional $\mathcal{S}: \mathcal{D}_{x_1, x_2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{S}(q) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L(\dot{q}) dt$.
Hint: Show first that $\|\dot{q}\|^2$ is constant for the curves $q \in \mathcal{D}_{x_1, x_2}$ that are stationary for \mathcal{S} .

Exercise 4: *Legendre transformation* (4 points).

Let $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ be a finite dimensional normed real vector space. Assume that $L: V \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x \mapsto \frac{1}{2}\|x\|^2$ is smooth and $\text{Hess}_x L$ is positive definite for all $x \in V \setminus \{0\}$. Recall the definition of the dual norm on V^* : For $\alpha \in V^*$ it is given by $\|\alpha\|_* := \sup_{x \in V \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\langle \alpha, x \rangle}{\|x\|}$. Here, and in the following, $\langle \alpha, x \rangle := \alpha(x)$ denotes the duality pairing.

- Show that $dL: V \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow V^* \setminus \{0\}$, $x \mapsto d_x L$ is a well-defined local diffeomorphism.
- Show that $\langle d_x L, x \rangle = \|x\|^2 = \|d_x L\|_*^2$ for all $x \in V \setminus \{0\}$.
- Prove that dL is injective.
Hint: If $d_x L = d_y L$, consider $\langle d_x L, tx + (1-t)y \rangle$ for $t \in [0, 1]$.
- Conclude that dL is a diffeomorphism.
- Consider

$$H: V^* \setminus \{0\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ p \longmapsto \langle p, (dL)^{-1}(p) \rangle - L((dL)^{-1}(p)).$$

Prove that $H(p) = \frac{1}{2}\|p\|_*^2$.

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Exercise Sheet no. 4

Exercise 1: *Symplectic gradient* (4 points).

Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold, i. e. a pair of a smooth manifold M and a closed non-degenerate 2-form $\omega \in \Omega^2(M)$. Let furthermore $f \in C^\infty(M)$ be a smooth function on M .

- Show that there exists a unique vector field $X \in \Gamma(TM)$, called *symplectic gradient* of f , such that $df = \omega(X, -)$.
- Let $\phi: M \times \mathbb{R} \supset \mathcal{D} \rightarrow M$, $(p, t) \mapsto \phi_t(p)$ be a local flow of X (cf. Exercise 1 on Sheet 2). Show that ω is preserved by the flow, i. e. $(\phi_t^* \omega)|_p = \omega|_p$ for $(p, t) \in \mathcal{D}$.

Exercise 2: *Canonical symplectic structure* (4 points).

Let M be a smooth manifold and $\pi_{T^*M}: T^*M \rightarrow M$ be the cotangent bundle of M with its tangent bundle $\pi_{TT^*M}: TT^*M \rightarrow T^*M$. For $\alpha \in T_p^*M$ let $d_\alpha \pi_{T^*M}: T_\alpha T^*M \rightarrow T_p M$ be the differential of π_{T^*M} at α . We define $\lambda_{\text{can}} \in \Omega^1(T^*M)$ as follows: for $X \in T_\alpha T^*M$, with $\alpha \in T^*M$, we set

$$\lambda_{\text{can}}(X) := \alpha(d_\alpha \pi_{T^*M}(X)).$$

Denote by $q: M \supset U \rightarrow V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a chart of M .

- Show that

$$(p, q): \pi_{T^*M}^{-1}(U) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \times V$$
$$\alpha \longmapsto \left(\alpha \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial q^1} \right), \dots, \alpha \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial q^n} \right), q^1(\pi_{T^*M}(\alpha)), \dots, q^n(\pi_{T^*M}(\alpha)) \right)$$

defines a chart of T^*M .

- Show that λ_{can} is well-defined and prove that $\lambda_{\text{can}} = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i dq^i$ in the chart $(p, q) = (p_1, \dots, p_n, q^1, \dots, q^n)$ defined above.
- Prove that $\omega_{\text{can}} := -d\lambda_{\text{can}}$ is a symplectic form on T^*M and find its expression in the chart (p, q) .

Exercise 3: *Another Legendre transformation* (4 points).

Let $(V, \langle -, - \rangle)$ be a finite dimensional Euclidean \mathbb{R} -vector space. Consider the function $L: V \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x \mapsto \frac{1}{k} \|x\|^k$ for $k > 1$. Show that $dL: V \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow V^* \setminus \{0\}$, $x \mapsto d_x L$ is a diffeomorphism and calculate $H: V^* \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $p \mapsto \langle p, (dL)^{-1}(p) \rangle - L((dL)^{-1}(p))$.

Exercise 4: *Pullback connection* (4 points).

Let $V \rightarrow M$ be a smooth vector bundle of rank r with connection ∇ and let $F: N \rightarrow M$ be a smooth map. For a point $p \in N$, we choose a chart x of M and a local frame (S_1, \dots, S_r) of π , both defined on an open neighborhood U around $F(p)$. For a section s of the pullback bundle $F^*V \rightarrow N$ and a vector $Y \in T_p N$, we now define

$$\nabla_Y^F s := \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\partial_Y s^j + \sum_{i=1}^n \Gamma_{ik}^j(F(p)) X^i s^k(p) \right) S_j(F(p))$$

where $s|_{F^{-1}(U)} = \sum_{j=1}^r s^j(S_j \circ F)$, $d_p F(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_{F(p)}$ and $\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} S_k = \sum_{j=1}^r \Gamma_{ik}^j S_j$.

- a) Show that ∇^F yields a well-defined connection on $F^*V \rightarrow N$.
- b) Prove that $\nabla_Y^F(s \circ F) = (\nabla_X s) \circ F$ for all $s \in \Gamma(V)$, $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ and $Y \in \Gamma(TN)$ with $dF(Y) = X \circ F$.
- c) In the case $V = TM$, show that

$$\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}}^F dF \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \right) - \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial y^j}}^F dF \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} \right) = T \left(dF \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} \right), dF \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \right) \right),$$

where y is a chart of N and T is the torsion tensor (Exercise 2 on Sheet 3) of the connection ∇ on $TM \rightarrow M$.

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Exercise Sheet no. 5

Exercise 1: *Symplectic orthogonal complement* (4 points).

Let (V, ω) be a $2n$ -dimensional symplectic vector space, i. e. a $2n$ -dimensional real vector space V together with an anti-symmetric non-degenerate bilinear form $\omega: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Let $E \subset V$ be a linear subspace. We define the *symplectic orthogonal complement* of E in V as

$$E^{\perp\omega} := \{v \in V \mid \omega(v, w) = 0 \text{ for all } w \in E\}.$$

Show the following:

- $E^{\perp\omega}$ is a linear subspace of V .
- The following dimension formula holds: $\dim E + \dim E^{\perp\omega} = 2n$.
- $(E^{\perp\omega})^{\perp\omega} = E$.

Exercise 2: *Isotropic, Lagrangian and symplectic subspaces* (4 points).

Let again (V, ω) be a $2n$ -dimensional symplectic vector space. A linear subspace $E \subset V$ is called *isotropic* if $E \subset E^{\perp\omega}$ and *Lagrangian* if $E = E^{\perp\omega}$. It is *symplectic* if $E \cap E^{\perp\omega} = \{0\}$. Show that the following holds for any linear subspace $E \subset V$:

- E is isotropic if and only if $\omega|_{E \times E} \equiv 0$. In particular, E is Lagrangian if and only if $\dim E = n$ and $\omega|_{E \times E} \equiv 0$.
- E is symplectic if and only if $E^{\perp\omega}$ is symplectic.
- E is symplectic if and only if $E + E^{\perp\omega} = V$.
- E is symplectic if and only if the bilinear form $\omega|_{E \times E}$ is non-degenerate.

Exercise 3: *Legendre transformation geometrically* (4 points).

Let V be a finite-dimensional real vector space, $\Omega \subset V$ a convex open subset and $L: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a smooth convex function. Assume that $dL: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega^*$, $v \mapsto d_v L$ is a diffeomorphism onto its image $\Omega^* \subset V^*$, so that its Legendre transformation $H = \mathbb{L}(L): \Omega^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is well-defined.

- Show that for all $p \in \Omega^*$

$$H(p) = -\sup\{c \in \mathbb{R} \mid p(v) + c \leq L(v) \text{ for all } v \in \Omega\}. \quad (1)$$

- Graphically illustrate the procedure (1) for obtaining the Legendre transformation, in the case $\dim V = 1$.
- Show that $\text{Hess}_p H = (\text{Hess}_v L)^{-1}$ for $p = d_v L \in \Omega^*$.

Exercise 4: *Conserved quantities arising from Noether's theorem* (4 points).

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, a function $E_{\text{pot}}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and a non-degenerate symmetric matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, we consider the Lagrangian

$$L: T\mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$T_q\mathbb{R}^n \ni (q, v) \longmapsto \frac{1}{2}\langle v, Mv \rangle - E_{\text{pot}}(q).$$

- a) Assume that $n = 3k$, $M = \text{diag}(m_1 I_3, \dots, m_k I_3)$ and E_{pot} is translationally symmetric in the following sense:

$$E_{\text{pot}}(q_1, \dots, q_k) = E_{\text{pot}}(q_1 + a, \dots, q_k + a)$$

for all $q_1, \dots, q_k \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and all $a \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Determine the conserved momenta associated to the translational symmetry.

- b) Assume that $n = 3$, $M = mI_3$ and E_{pot} is rotationally symmetric:

$$E_{\text{pot}}(q) = E_{\text{pot}}(Aq)$$

for all $q \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and all $A \in \text{SO}(3)$. Determine the conserved momenta associated to the rotational symmetry. Compare your result to Exercise 1 on Sheet 1.

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Exercise Sheet no. 6

Exercise 1: *Electromagnetic field* (4 points).

The Lagrangian of a charged particle in an electromagnetic field is given by

$$L(x, v, t) := \frac{1}{2}m\|v\|^2 + e\langle A(x, t), v \rangle - e\phi(x, t),$$

where $m, e \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, $x, v \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $t \in (a, b)$, and both $A: \mathbb{R}^3 \times (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ and $\phi: \mathbb{R}^3 \times (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are smooth.

- Determine the Euler-Lagrange equation associated to L .
- Calculate the Hamilton function belonging to L .

Exercise 2: *Symplectic maps* (4 points).

Let (M_1, ω_1) and (M_2, ω_2) be symplectic manifolds. Denote by $\pi_i: M_1 \times M_2 \rightarrow M_i$, $i = 1, 2$, the canonical projections. Let furthermore $f: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ be a smooth map.

- Show that $\omega_W := \pi_1^*\omega_1 - \pi_2^*\omega_2$ is a symplectic form on $W := M_1 \times M_2$.
- We consider the graph of f ,

$$\text{Graph}(f) := \{(x, y) \in W \mid y = f(x)\} \subset W.$$

Show that the tangent space of $\text{Graph}(f)$ in $(x, y) \in \text{Graph}(f)$ is given by

$$T_{(x,y)}\text{Graph}(f) = \{(v, d_x f(v)) \mid v \in T_x M_1\} \subset T_x M_1 \times T_y M_2 = T_{(x,y)}W.$$

Hint: Here, you may use without proof that for a smooth map $f: M \rightarrow N$ between smooth manifolds the following holds: The graph of f is a smooth submanifold of $M \times N$ and the map $\text{id} \times f: M \rightarrow M \times N$, $x \mapsto (x, f(x))$ is a diffeomorphism onto the graph of f .

- Conclude that the map $f: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ is symplectic, i. e. $f^*\omega_2 = \omega_1$, if and only if $\text{Graph}(f)$ is an isotropic submanifold of W , i. e. $T_{(x,y)}\text{Graph}(f)$ is an isotropic subspace of $T_{(x,y)}W$ for all $(x, y) \in \text{Graph}(f)$.

Exercise 3: *Poisson bracket* (4 points).

Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold. For two functions $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$, we define their *Poisson bracket* by $\{f, g\} := \omega(\text{sgrad } f, \text{sgrad } g) \in C^\infty(M)$, where sgrad denotes the symplectic gradient defined in Exercise 1 on Sheet 4.

- Show that for any 2-form $\alpha \in \Omega^2(M)$ and all vector fields $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ the following formula holds:

$$\begin{aligned} d\alpha(X, Y, Z) &= \partial_X \alpha(Y, Z) + \partial_Y \alpha(Z, X) + \partial_Z \alpha(X, Y) \\ &\quad - \alpha([Y, Z], X) - \alpha([Z, X], Y) - \alpha([X, Y], Z). \end{aligned}$$

Hint: Apply Cartan's formula twice – once for 2-forms and once for 1-forms.

- Prove that for all $f, g, h \in C^\infty(M)$

$$0 = -d\omega(\text{sgrad } f, \text{sgrad } g, \text{sgrad } h) = \{\{f, g\}, h\} + \{\{g, h\}, f\} + \{\{h, f\}, g\}.$$

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Exercise Sheet no. 7

Exercise 1 (4 points).

Let (V, ω) be a $2n$ -dimensional symplectic vector space and $L \subset V$ be a Lagrangian subspace.

- a) Let v_1, \dots, v_n be a basis of L . Show that there exist $w_1, \dots, w_n \in V$, s.t. $(v_1, \dots, v_n, w_1, \dots, w_n)$ is a symplectic basis of V , i. e.,

$$\begin{aligned}\omega(v_i, v_j) &= \omega(w_i, w_j) = 0 \\ \omega(v_i, w_j) &= \delta_{ij}\end{aligned}$$

holds.

- b) Show that for every Lagrangian subspace $L \subset V$, there exists a *Lagrangian complement*, i. e., $L' \subset V$ a Lagrangian subspace with $L \oplus L' = V$.
- c) We call a map $J: V \rightarrow V$ a compatible complex structure for ω if $J^2 = -\text{id}_V$ holds and $g := \omega(\cdot, J\cdot)$ is a scalar product on V . Show that if $L \subset V$ is a Lagrangian subspace, then $L' := J(L)$ is Lagrangian complement for L .

Exercise 2: Hamiltonian action (4 points).

Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold. Let $H_1, \dots, H_k: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be Hamiltonian functions on M with compact support. We assume that

$$\{H_i, H_j\} = 0$$

holds for all $i, j = 1, \dots, k$.

- a) Show the induced flows of the Hamiltonians commute, i. e.,

$$\Phi_t^{H_i} \circ \Phi_t^{H_j} = \Phi_t^{H_j} \circ \Phi_t^{H_i}.$$

- b) Show that the following map is well-defined

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{R}^k &\rightarrow \text{Ham}_c(M, \omega) \\ (t_1, \dots, t_k) &\mapsto \Phi_{t_1}^{H_1} \circ \dots \circ \Phi_{t_k}^{H_k},\end{aligned}$$

and show that it is a group homomorphism.

Exercise 3 (4 points).

We consider the two-dimensional sphere as a symplectic manifold (S^2, ω_{S^2}) , where the symplectic form is given by

$$\omega_{S^2,p}(v, w) = \langle p, v \times w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^3}$$

with $p \in S^2$ and $v, w \in T_p S^2 = p^\perp$.

- For $H_i = x_i$ with $i = 1, 2, 3$ determine the induced flows $\Phi_t^{H_i}$ for all times $t \in \mathbb{R}$.
- Show that any element $A \in \text{SO}(3)$ acts as a Hamiltonian diffeomorphism on (S^2, ω_{S^2}) .
- Let $x_i: S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the coordinate functions of the sphere for $i = 1, 2, 3$. Show that the Poisson bracket of these functions satisfies

$$\{x_i, x_j\} = \epsilon_{ijk} x_k,$$

where ϵ_{ijk} is the Levi-Civita symbol. *Hint: Work in spherical coordinates.*

Exercise 4: Harmonic oscillator (4 points).

We consider the complex projective space $\mathbb{C}P^n$ and the following maps

$$\begin{aligned} i: S^{2n+1} &\hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \\ \pi: S^{2n+1} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n \end{aligned}$$

with i the inclusion and π the quotient map.

- Let $H: \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, z \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \langle z, z \rangle_{\mathbb{C}^{n+1}}$. Show that $\text{sgrad } H|_z = -i \cdot z$ holds.
- Determine the trajectories of the Hamiltonian system $(\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, \omega_{\text{st}}, H)$.
- Show that there exists a unique symplectic form on $\mathbb{C}P^n$ called the Fubini-Study form, s.t. $i^* \omega_{\text{st}} = \pi^* \omega_{\text{FS}}$ holds.

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Exercise Sheet no. 8

Exercise 1: *conformal symplectic maps* (4 points).

Let (M_1, ω_1) and (M_2, ω_2) be symplectic manifolds. A smooth map $f: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ is called a *conformal symplectic map* if there exists a smooth function $h: M_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with

$$f^* \omega_2 = h \cdot \omega_1.$$

- Show that if the dimension of M_1 is strictly bigger than 2, then the factor h is locally constant.
- Find conformal symplectic maps for $M_1 = M_2 = \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ and $n > 1$, s.t. the conformal factor h is 0 or ± 1 .
- Find a conformal symplectic map of $M_1 = M_2 = S^2$ s.t. the conformal factor is non-constant.
- Bonus:* Let $h \in C^\infty(S^2)$ be given. Can you find a conformal symplectic map $f: S^2 \rightarrow S^2$ with conformal factor h ?

Exercise 2 (4 points).

We consider the following map

$$\begin{aligned} \iota: (B_1(0), \omega_{\text{std}}) &\rightarrow (\mathbb{C}P^1, \omega_{\text{FS}}) \\ z &\mapsto [z: \sqrt{1 - |z|^2}], \end{aligned}$$

where $B_1(0) \subset \mathbb{C}$ is the standard open ball of radius 1 in the complex plane and the induced standard symplectic form of \mathbb{C} . The symplectic form ω_{FS} is the Fubini-Study form introduced on Exercise sheet 7, Ex. 4.

Show that the image of ι is open and dense, and that ι is a symplectomorphism on its image.

Exercise 3: *Calibrations* (4 points).

Let $G \subset \mathbb{C}$ be open, bounded and non-empty subset of the complex plane with smooth boundary.

- Show the following inequality for all $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$:

$$\omega_{\text{std}}(X, Y)^2 \leq \langle X, X \rangle \langle Y, Y \rangle - \langle X, Y \rangle^2,$$

where ω_{std} is the standard symplectic form on \mathbb{R}^{2n} . Moreover, the equality case in the inequality holds iff X, Y are linear dependent.

- Let $F: \overline{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ be a smooth map. Show the *Wirtinger inequality*, i.e.

$$\int_G F^* \omega_{\text{std}} \leq \text{area}(F(G)) := \int_G \sqrt{\langle \partial_x F, \partial_x F \rangle \langle \partial_y F, \partial_y F \rangle - \langle \partial_x F, \partial_y F \rangle^2} dx dy.$$

The equality case holds iff the map F is holomorphic on G .

- c) Let $H : \overline{G} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ be a homotopy of smooth maps which fixes the boundary of G , i.e. $H(t, x) = F_0(x)$ for all $x \in \partial G$ and $t \in [0, 1]$, where we write $F_i := H(i, \cdot)$ for $i = 0, 1$. Assume that F_0 is holomorphic on G . Show that:

$$\text{area}(F_1(G)) \geq \text{area}(F_0(G)).$$

Hint: One can use that the homotopy H given as above satisfies $\int_G F_0^ \omega_{std} = \int_G F_1^* \omega_{std}$.*

Exercise 4: *Action-angle coordinates* (4 points).

Let $E = (E_1, \dots, E_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$. We call a Hamiltonian system (M^{2k}, ω, H) *integrable* if there exist smooth function $H_1 = H, H_2, \dots, H_k$ on M , s.t.

- i) The Poisson-brackets vanish, i.e. $\{H_i, H_j\} = 0$ for all $i, j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$,
- ii) For all points $x \in N_E := \{y \mid H_i(y) = E_i \text{ for all } i \in \{1, \dots, k\}\}$ the symplectic gradients $\text{sgrad } H_1, \dots, \text{sgrad } H_k$ are linear independent at x .

Assume that N_E is non-empty, compact and connected and let $x_0 \in N_E$.

- a) Show that the map

$$F_{x_0} : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow M, (t_1, \dots, t_k) \mapsto \Phi_{t_1}^{H_1} \circ \dots \circ \Phi_{t_k}^{H_k}(x_0)$$

is well-defined and an immersion. Moreover the image of F is given by $\text{image}(F) = N_E$.

- b) The preimage $F_{x_0}^{-1}(x_0)$ is a discrete and closed subgroup of \mathbb{R}^k , which is generated by linear independent elements $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^k$.
- c) Construct a diffeomorphism $G : T^k := \mathbb{R}^k / \mathbb{Z}^k \rightarrow N_E$, s.t. there exist $w_0, w_1 \in \mathbb{R}^k$ with $\Phi_t^H(x_0) = G([w_0 + tw_1])$.
- d) Let $C := \overline{\{\Phi_t^H(x_0) \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}}$ be the trajectory of the gradient flow of H . Show that $G^{-1}(C) \subset T^k$ is a closed submanifold. Determine all possible dimensions of C for different Hamiltonian systems (M, ω, H) .

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Exercise Sheet no. 9

Exercise 1 (4 points).

Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold and recall that the Poisson bracket is given by $\{f, g\} := \omega(\text{sgrad } f, \text{sgrad } g)$. Show that in Darboux coordinates $(U, (q_i, p_i))$, i.e. $\omega|_U = \sum_i dp_i \wedge dq_i$ holds, the Poisson bracket $\{f, g\}$ can be written as

$$\sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_i}$$

Exercise 2 (4 points).

We consider the following complex structures on \mathbb{C}^2

$$I_1 = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \quad I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and define $J := \sum_{k=1}^3 f_k I_k$ for constants $f_k \in \mathbb{R}$ with the condition $f_1^2 + f_2^2 + f_3^2 = 1$.

- For which $(f_k)_k$ is the structure J a compatible complex structure for the symplectic form $\omega = -\Im(\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{C}^2})$?
- For which $(f_k)_k$ is the structure J a compatible complex structure for the symplectic form $\omega = -\Im(\langle I_1 \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{C}^2})$?

Bonus: Consider the almost complex structure $J := \sum_{k=1}^3 f_k I_k$ on the symplectic manifold $(\mathbb{C}^2, \omega_{\text{std}})$ with functions $f_k: \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which satisfy the constraint $f_1^2 + f_2^2 + f_3^2 = 1$ on \mathbb{C}^2 . Show that J is an integrable almost complex structure iff f_k is constant for all k .

Exercise 3 (4 points).

Show that the space of all complex structure on \mathbb{C}^n , which are compatible with the standard scalar product, is given by the space

$$O(2n)/U(n).$$

Show moreover, that for the case $n = 2$ this space can be identified with

$$S^2 \sqcup S^2.$$

Exercise 4 (4 points).

Consider the map

$$f: \mathbb{R}^4 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4 \setminus \{0\}$$
$$x \rightarrow \frac{x}{\|x\|^2}$$

and a complex linear structure $J \in \text{End}(\mathbb{R}^4)$.

- a) Show that the pullback $J_f := f^*J$ is a complex structure on $\mathbb{R}^4 \setminus \{0\}$. Is there an extension of J_f to all of \mathbb{R}^4 ?
- b) Let ∂_r the radial vector on $\mathbb{R}^4 \setminus \{0\}$. We decompose the space $\alpha: \mathbb{R}^4 \setminus \{0\} \cong S^3 \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, $x \mapsto (\frac{x}{\|x\|}, \|x\|)$ and thus also the tangent bundle as

$$d\alpha: T_p\mathbb{R}^4 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow T_{p/\|p\|}S^3 \oplus T_{\|p\|}\mathbb{R}_{>0}.$$

Show there exists a vector field $X \in \Gamma(TS^3)$, s.t. $(\partial_r, J\partial_r, X, JX)$ is an orthonormal frame of $T\mathbb{R}^4 \setminus \{0\}|_{S^3}$. Show moreover that df can be decomposed as

$$d\alpha \circ df \circ d\alpha^{-1} = \text{id}_{T_{\varphi p}S^3} \oplus -\text{id}_{T_1\mathbb{R}_{>0}}$$

for a point $p \in S^3$.

- c) Show that the commutator of the $[J, J_f] = 0$ vanishes. *Bonus: Can you generalize the argument for arbitrary linear complex structures $J_1, J_2 \in \text{End}(\mathbb{R}^4)$, which induce different orientations on \mathbb{R}^4 ?*
- d) We consider the restricted map J_f on the bundle $\pi^{S^3}: \mathbb{R}^4 \times S^3 \rightarrow S^3$. Show that for every point $p \in S^3$, the map J_f is constant along a Hopf circle $C_p := S^3 \cap \text{span}\{\partial_r, J_f\partial_r\}_p$.
- e) Let $H: S^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^1$ be the quotient map. Let $[p] = L \in \mathbb{C}P^1$ be a complex line and define the following map:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi: \mathbb{C}P^1 &\rightarrow S^2 \\ [p] &\mapsto J(C_p), \end{aligned}$$

where $J(C_p)$ is induced complex structure on \mathbb{R}^4 given by $(\partial_r, J_f\partial_r, X, J_fX)$. Show that φ is a diffeomorphism.

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Exercise Sheet no. 10

Exercise 1 (4 points).

Let (M, ω, g, J) be a manifold equipped with a non-degenerated 2-form ω , a Riemannian metric g and an almost complex structure J . Assume that ω and J are compatible with $g = \omega(\cdot, J\cdot)$. Show that if J is g -parallel, i.e. $\nabla^g J = 0$, then J is integrable and ω is parallel and moreover ω is closed.

Exercise 2 (4 points).

Let P_1, \dots, P_k be homogeneous Polynomials in $(n+1)$ -variables. Assume that for every point $z \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ with $P_1(z) = \dots = P_k(z) = 0$ the differentials

$$d_z P_1, \dots, d_z P_k$$

are linear independent. Show that subset

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^k P_i^{-1}(\{0\}) \subset \mathbb{C}P^n$$

is a complex submanifold.

Exercise 3: Segre embedding (4 points).

Let V, W be finite dimensional complex vector spaces. The map

$$\begin{aligned} \iota_{V,W}: \mathbb{P}(V) \times \mathbb{P}(W) &\rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V \otimes W) \\ ([v], [w]) &\mapsto [v \otimes w] \end{aligned}$$

is called the *Segre embedding*, where we denote the projectivization of V by $\mathbb{P}(V) = V \setminus \{0\} / \sim$ with the equivalence relation \sim given by: Let $v, w \in V \setminus \{0\}$ be equivalent $v \sim w$ if there exists $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ such that $v = \lambda w$. Show:

- Let M be a complex manifold and $N \subset M$ a real submanifold and assume that the integrable complex structure J^M of M preserves the tangent bundle of N , i.e. $J^M(TN) \subset TN$, then N is a complex submanifold of M .
- The map ι is an embedding and the image is a complex submanifold. What is the codimension of the image?

Exercise 4 (4 points).

Let M^{2n} be a complex manifold with real dimension $2n$. Recall that the complexified tangent bundle $T_{\mathbb{C}}M$ splits into the $\pm i$ -Eigensubbundles of the integrable complex structure J of M , i.e. $T_{\mathbb{C}}M := TM \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} = T^{1,0}M \oplus T^{0,1}M$. Write $\Lambda^{1,0} = T^{1,0}M$ and $\Lambda^{0,1} = T^{0,1}M$. We define $\Lambda^{p,0} := \bigwedge_{i=1}^p \Lambda^{1,0}$ and respectively $\Lambda^{0,q} := \bigwedge_{i=1}^q \Lambda^{0,1}$. We have the map

$$\begin{aligned} \iota: \Lambda^{p,0} \otimes \Lambda^{0,q} &\rightarrow \Lambda_{\mathbb{C}}^k := \Lambda^k \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \\ \alpha \otimes \beta &\rightarrow \alpha \wedge \beta \end{aligned}$$

and set $\Lambda^{p,q} := \text{image}(\iota)$.

- a) Show that $T^*M \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \cong (TM \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C})^*$ holds.
- b) Let $(\varphi: U \subset M \rightarrow V \subset \mathbb{C}^n, z_1, \dots, z_n, \bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n)$ be a complex chart of M such that $T_{\mathbb{C}}^*M$ is trivialized over U . Show that $dz_1, \dots, dz_n, d\bar{z}_1, \dots, d\bar{z}_n$ is a basis of $T_{\mathbb{C}}^*U$.
- c) Construct an isomorphism $\bigoplus_{p+q=k} \Lambda^{p,q} \cong \Lambda_{\mathbb{C}}^k$.

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Exercise Sheet no. 11

Exercise 1 (4 points).

Let G be a smooth manifold and a group. Assume that the group multiplication $m: G \times G \rightarrow G$ is a smooth map. Show that the inversion $\iota: G \rightarrow G$ is also smooth.

Hint: Use the equation $m(\iota(g), g) = e$ for all $g \in G$ and e the neutral element of the group.

Exercise 2 (4 points).

Let $S_1, S_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be symmetric matrices. Define for A and B in the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{so}(n) := \{M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid M^T = -M\}$ given by

$$\langle A, B \rangle_{S_1, S_2} := \text{tr}(S_2 A S_1 B^T). \quad (1)$$

- Let S_1 and S_2 be positive definit. Show that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{S_1, S_2}$ is a scalar product on $\mathfrak{so}(n)$.
- Show that for any scalar product $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle$ on $\mathfrak{so}(3)$, there exists a unique symmetric matrix $S_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{S_3, \text{id}} = \langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle$. Is S_3 always positive definit.
- Prove the existence of scalar products on $\mathfrak{so}(4)$ which are not of the form as in eq. (1).
- Show that every scalar product on $\mathfrak{so}(n)$ is a sum of scalar products as in eq. (1) with positive definit S_1 and S_2 .

Exercise 3 (4 points).

Let G be a Lie group. We consider the adjoint action of G on its Lie algebra:

$$\text{Ad}: G \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathfrak{g}), g \mapsto (X \mapsto d_e l_g \circ d_e r_{g^{-1}}(X))$$

where $l, r: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(G)$ are the left and right multiplication of the group G . Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ be a scalar product on \mathfrak{g} . We say that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is Ad-invariant if $\text{Ad}_g^* \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ holds for any $g \in G$. A tensor (field) on G is called bi-invariant, if it is both left- and right-invariant.

- Show: a scalar product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ on \mathfrak{g} can be extended to a bi-invariant Riemannian metric, if and only if $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is Ad-invariant.
- Assume that we know $d_e(\text{Ad})(X) = \text{ad}_X = [X, \cdot]$ for all $X \in T_e g = \mathfrak{g}$. Show: if $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is Ad-invariant, then ad_X is skew-symmetric w.r.t. $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. Is the converse true as well? Or is it true under additional assumptions?
- Let γ be a left-invariant Riemannian metric extending the scalar product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ on \mathfrak{g} . Show that ad_X is skew-symmetric w.r.t. $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, iff the Levi-Civita connection for γ is given by $\nabla_X^\gamma Y = \frac{1}{2}[X, Y]$ for all $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$. *Hint: Use the Koszul formula.*
- Show that the induced Riemannian exponential function and the Lie exponential on G coincide for a biinvariant metric γ .
- Bonus exercise:* Let G be a connected Lie group with a left invariant metric γ . Show that if the induced Riemannian exponential map and the Lie exponential map coincide, then γ is biinvariant.

Exercise 4: *Coadjoint orbit* (4 points).

Let G be a Lie group and \mathfrak{g} its Lie algebra and $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ be an element in the dual. We have the adjoint action $\text{Ad}: G \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathfrak{g})$ and the induced coadjoint action Ad^* given by $(\text{Ad}_g^* \xi)(X) = \xi(\text{Ad}_g X)$ for $X \in \mathfrak{g}, \xi \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ and $g \in G$. Note that the coadjoint action Ad^* is a right action, i.e. $\text{Ad}_{gh}^* = \text{Ad}_h^* \circ \text{Ad}_g^*$. Similarly we define $\text{ad}_X^* \xi \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ by

$$(\text{ad}_X^* \xi)(Y) := \xi(\text{ad}_X(Y)) = \xi([X, Y]) \quad \forall Y \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

For a fixed covector $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ we define the *coadjoint orbit* $\mathcal{O}_\mu := \{\text{Ad}_g^*(\mu) \mid g \in G\}$.

- a) Show that the coadjoint orbit \mathcal{O}_μ is submanifold of \mathfrak{g}^* , whose tangent space at ν is $\{\text{ad}_X^* \nu \mid X \in \mathfrak{g}\}$.

If helpful, you may use without proof, that any closed subgroup H of a Lie group G is a submanifold, and then G/H carries a unique manifold structure, such that the projection $G \rightarrow G/H$ is a submersion.

Show that Ad^* defines a smooth and transitive action of G on \mathcal{O}_μ .

- b) For $\nu \in \mathcal{O}_\mu$ and $X, Y \in T_\nu \mathcal{O}_\mu$ we define

$$\omega_\nu: T_\nu \mathcal{O}_\mu \times T_\nu \mathcal{O}_\mu \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \omega_\nu(\text{ad}_X^* \nu, \text{ad}_Y^* \nu) := \nu([X, Y]).$$

Show that ω_ν is an alternating, non-degenerate bilinear map.

- c) Show that this 2-form ω is a G -invariant symplectic form on the coadjoint orbit \mathcal{O}_μ . In fact, show that ω is closed and that for all $g \in G$ we have $(\text{Ad}_g^*)^* \omega = \omega$.