

# Moving frames for Lie pseudo-groups (Junior Colloquium)

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# Outline

# Why study moving frames?

**Because it's COOL!** (My answer)

# Why study moving frames? (Peter's answer)

- Very general: Lie groups and Lie pseudo-groups,
- explicit expressions for the invariants of a group action and the structure of the “algebra” of invariants.
- structure equations,
- equivalence problems,
- invariant variational problems,
- geometric integration: invariant numerical schemes,
- computer vision (please direct your questions to Joe Kenney),
- ...

# Fiber bundle

## Definition

A **Fiber bundle** is a triple  $(E, \pi, B)$  where  $E$  and  $B$  are manifolds and  $\pi : E \rightarrow B$  is a surjective submersion such that  $\forall b \in B$  there exists a neighborhood  $W_b \subset B$  and a diffeomorphism

$$\phi_b : \pi^{-1}(W_b) \rightarrow W_b \times F_b.$$

## Example

- The cylinder:  $(S^1 \times \mathbb{R}, \text{pr}_1, S^1)$ ,
- The Mobius band  $E = \{(x, y) \in [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \mid (0, y) \sim (1, -y)\}$ :  
 $(E, \text{pr}_1, [0, 1])$ . For all  $x \in [0, 1]$  there exist a diffeomorphism  $\phi_x$  such that

$$\phi_x(\pi^{-1}((x - 1/2, x + 1/2))) = (x - 1/2, x + 1/2) \times \mathbb{R}.$$

# Jet space

## Definition

Two submanifolds  $S, \tilde{S} \subset M$  of dimension  $p$  have  $n^{\text{th}}$  order contact at  $z_0 \in S \cap \tilde{S}$  if there exists a local coordinate chart  $W$  containing  $z_0 = (x_0, u_0)$  such that  $S \cap W$  and  $\tilde{S} \cap W$  coincide with the graph of  $u = f(x)$ ,  $u = \tilde{f}(x)$  respectively and

$$\sum_{0 \leq \#J \leq n} \partial_J f(x_0) / J! = \sum_{0 \leq \#J \leq n} \partial_J \tilde{f}(x_0) / J!.$$

## Definition

The  $n$ -th extended jet bundle  $J^{(n)} = J^{(n)}(M, p)$  is defined as the equivalence classes of  $p$ -dimensional submanifolds  $S \subset M$  under the equivalence relation of  $n^{\text{th}}$  order contact. For  $M = X \times U \simeq \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^q$

$$j_n S|_{(x,u)} = (x, u^{(n)}) = (x^1, \dots, x^p, \dots, u_j^\alpha, \dots), \quad 1 \leq \alpha \leq q, 0 \leq \#J \leq n.$$

$J^{(n)}$  is a fiber bundle:  $J^{(n)} \xrightarrow{\pi_0^n} M$ ,  $\pi_0^n(x, u^{(n)}) = (x, u)$ .

## Example

Let  $M = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $S = \{(x, x^2) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and  $\tilde{S} = \{(x, x^3) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Since

$$j_2 S = (x, x^2, 2x, 2) \quad \text{and} \quad j_2 \tilde{S} = (x, x^3, 3x^2, 6x),$$

we have that

$$j_1 S|_{(0,0)} = j_1 \tilde{S}|_{(0,0)} = (0, 0, 0),$$

but

$$j_2 S|_{(0,0)} = (0, 0, 0, 2) \neq j_2 \tilde{S}|_{(0,0)} = (0, 0, 0, 0).$$

So  $S$  and  $\tilde{S}$  have first order contact at  $(0, 0)$ .

# Bicomplex structure of $\Lambda^*(J^{(\infty)})$

- Basis of **horizontal forms**:

$$dx^i, \quad i = 1, \dots, p,$$

- Basis of **vertical (contact) forms**:

$$\theta_J^\alpha = du_J^\alpha - \sum_{i=1}^n u_{J,i}^\alpha dx^i$$

The differential of a differential function  $F : J^{(\infty)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can then be written

$$dF = d_J F = d_H F + d_V F = \sum_{i=1}^n D_{x^i} F dx^i + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \sum_{\#J \geq 0} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_J^\alpha} \theta_J^\alpha.$$



## Example

For  $F : J^{(1)}(\mathbb{R}^2, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(x, u, u_x) \mapsto F(x, u, u_x)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}dF &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} du + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} du_x \\&= \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + u_x \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} + u_{xx} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} \right) dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} (du - u_x dx) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} (du_x - u_{xx} dx) \\&= (D_x F) dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \theta + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} \theta_x.\end{aligned}$$

# $n$ -th diffeomorphism jet bundle

$\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(M) =$  pseudo-group of all local diffeomorphisms.

## Definition

The  $n$ -th diffeomorphism jet bundle  $\mathcal{D}^{(n)}$  consists of the equivalence classes of diffeomorphisms under the equivalence relation

$$\phi(z_0) \sim \psi(z_0) \iff \sum_{0 \leq \#J \leq n} \frac{1}{J!} \frac{\partial^{\#J} \phi}{\partial z^J} \Big|_{z_0} (z - z_0)^J = \sum_{0 \leq \#J \leq n} \frac{1}{J!} \frac{\partial^{\#J} \psi}{\partial z^J} \Big|_{z_0} (z - z_0)^J.$$

The local coordinates on  $\mathcal{D}^{(n)}$  are indicated by  $(z, Z^{(n)})$ .

- Source map:  $z = \sigma^{(n)}(z, Z^{(n)})$ .
- Target map:  $Z = (X, U) = \tau^{(n)}(z, Z^{(n)})$ .

# Lie pseudo-groups

## Definition

$\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{D}$  is called a **Lie pseudo-group** if  $\exists n^* \geq 1$  such that  $\forall$  finite  $n \geq n^*$ :

- $\mathcal{G}^{(n)} \subset \mathcal{D}^{(n)}$  forms a smooth, embedded subbundle,
- $\pi_n^{n+1} : \mathcal{G}^{(n+1)} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^{(n)}$  is a bundle map,
- every smooth local solution  $Z = \phi(z)$  to the determining system  $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{G}$ ,
- $\mathcal{G}^{(n)} = \text{pr}^{(n-n^*)}\mathcal{G}^{(n^*)}$  is obtained by prolongation.

The minimal value of  $n^*$  is called the *order* of the Lie pseudo-group.

$\mathbf{g}^{(n)} = (z, g^{(n)})$  indicates the local coordinates of a jet  $\mathbf{g}^{(n)} \in \mathcal{G}^{(n)}$ , with the pseudo-group parameters  $g^{(n)} = (g_1, \dots, g_{r_n})$ .

## Note about Lie pseudo-groups

In contrast to the finite dimensional theory of Lie groups, there is still **no** generally accepted **abstract object** to play the role of an **infinite dimensional Lie group**. Lie pseudo-groups only arise through their action on a manifold.

Remember, a Lie group  $G$  is a manifold with a group structure such that

$$G \times G \rightarrow G, \quad (g, h) \mapsto gh^{-1}$$

is smooth.

## Example

Let  $M = \{(x, u) : u \neq 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . Consider the Lie pseudo-group of transformations

$$X = f(x), \quad U = \frac{u}{f'(x)},$$

where  $f(x) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ . The pseudo-group jets are given by

$$X = f, \quad U = \frac{u}{f_x}, \quad X_x = f_x, \quad X_u = 0, \quad U_x = -\frac{uf_{xx}}{f_x^2}, \quad U_u = \frac{1}{f_x}, \dots$$

The involutive system characterizing  $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}$  is given by the  $(n-1)$  prolongation of the involutive first order system

$$X_x = \frac{u}{U}, \quad X_u = 0, \quad U_u = \frac{U}{u},$$

obtained by recursively applying

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{D}_x &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + X_x \frac{\partial}{\partial X} + U_x \frac{\partial}{\partial U} + X_{xx} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_x} + X_{xu} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_u} + U_{xx} \frac{\partial}{\partial U_x} + U_{xu} \frac{\partial}{\partial U_u} + \dots, \\ \mathbb{D}_u &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + X_u \frac{\partial}{\partial X} + U_u \frac{\partial}{\partial U} + X_{xu} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_x} + X_{uu} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_u} + U_{xu} \frac{\partial}{\partial U_x} + U_{uu} \frac{\partial}{\partial U_u} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

## Infinitesimal generators and prolongation

Given a pseudo-group  $\mathcal{G}$  we denote by  $\mathfrak{g}$  the local **Lie algebra of infinitesimal generators**, i.e. the set of locally defined vector fields whose flows belong to the pseudo-group. Let

$$\mathbf{v} = \sum_{a=1}^m \zeta^a(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z^a} = \sum_{i=1}^n \xi^i(x, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \phi^\alpha(x, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial u^\alpha} \in \mathfrak{g},$$

then the  **$n$ -th prolongation of  $\mathbf{v}$**  is given by

$$\mathbf{v}^{(n)} = \mathbf{v} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \sum_{\#J=1}^n \phi_{J}^{\alpha}(x, u^{(n)}) \frac{\partial}{\partial u_J^{\alpha}},$$

where

$$\phi_{J,j}^{\alpha} = D_{x^j} \phi_J^{\alpha} - \sum_{i=1}^p D_{x^i} \xi^i \cdot u_{J,i}^{\alpha}, \quad 1 \leq \alpha \leq q, \quad 1 \leq j \leq p.$$

The coefficients of  $\mathbf{v}^{(n)}$  is the solution to the linearized determining equations of  $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}$  at the identity  $\text{jet } \mathbb{1}_z^{(n)}$ .

## Example

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The infinitesimal generator of the action is

$$\mathbf{v} = \xi(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - u \xi_x(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial u},$$

$\xi(x) = f'(x)$ . The first prolongation of  $\mathbf{v}$  is

$$\mathbf{v}^{(1)} = \xi \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - u \xi_x \frac{\partial}{\partial u} - (u \xi_{xx} + 2u_x \xi_x) \frac{\partial}{\partial u_x}.$$

The coefficients of  $\mathbf{v} = \xi(x, u) \partial_x + \phi(x, u) \partial_u$  is the solution to the linearized determining equations

$$\phi = -u \xi_x, \quad \xi_u = 0, \quad \phi_u = \frac{\phi}{u}.$$

## $n$ -th regularized jet bundle ( $n$ -th lifted bundle)

### Definition

The local coordinates of the  $n$ -th regularized jet bundle  $\mathcal{H}^{(n)}$  are  $(z^{(n)}, g^{(n)})$ , where  $\pi_0^n(z^{(n)}) = \sigma^{(n)}(g^{(n)})$ .

$\mathcal{G}$  acts on  $\mathcal{H}^{(n)}$  in the following way:

$$g \cdot (z^{(n)}, h^{(n)}) = (g^{(n)} z^{(n)}, h^{(n)}(g^{-1})^{(n)}) = ((g \cdot z)^{(n)}, (hg^{-1})^{(n)}).$$

### Definition

A function  $I(z^{(n)}, g^{(n)})$  is said to be a **lifted differential invariant** if

$$I(h^{(n)} \cdot (z^{(n)}, g^{(n)})) = I(z^{(n)}, g^{(n)}), \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{G}.$$

$\tilde{\tau}^{(n)}(z^{(n)}, g^{(n)}) = (g \cdot z)^{(n)}$  is a **lifted invariant**:

$$h^{(n)} \cdot (g^{(n)} \cdot z^{(n)}) = g^{(n)}(h^{-1})^{(n)} \cdot h^{(n)} z^{(n)} = g^{(n)} \cdot z^{(n)}.$$



# Tricomplex structure of $\Lambda^*(\mathcal{H}^{(\infty)})$

- Jet forms:

$$dx^i, \quad i = 1, \dots, p, \quad \theta_J^\alpha, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, q, \quad \#J \geq 0,$$

- group forms:

$$\Upsilon_A^b = \mathbb{D}_z^A \Upsilon^b = dZ_A^b - \sum_{a=1}^m Z_{A,a}^b dz^a, \quad b = 1 \dots, m, \quad \#A \geq 0.$$

This defines a contact structure on  $\Lambda^*(\mathcal{H}^{(\infty)})$ :

$$\Lambda^*(\mathcal{H}^{(\infty)}) = \Lambda^*(X) \oplus \mathcal{C}.$$

Let  $F : \mathcal{H}^{(\infty)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$dF = d_J F + d_G F = d_H F + d_V F + d_G F$$

where

$$d_H F = \sum_{i=1}^p (D_{x^i} F) dx^i, \quad d_V F = \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \left[ (\mathbb{D}_{u^\alpha} F) \theta^\alpha + \sum_{\#J \geq 1} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_J^\alpha} \theta_J^\alpha \right],$$

$$d_G F = \sum_{b=1}^m \sum_{\#A \geq 0} \frac{\partial F}{\partial Z_A^b} \gamma_A^b.$$

and

$$\mathbb{D}_{z^a} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z^a} + \sum_{b=1}^m \sum_{\#A \geq 0} Z_{A,a}^b \frac{\partial}{\partial Z_A^b}, \quad a = 1, \dots, m,$$

$$D_{x^i} = \mathbb{D}_{x^i} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \left[ \mathbb{D}_{u^\alpha} + \sum_{\#J \geq 1} u_{J,i}^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial u_J^\alpha} \right], \quad i = 1, \dots, p.$$

## Example

Consider the Lie pseudo-group  $X = f(x)$ ,  $U = u/f_x(x)$ , then

$$\Upsilon^x = dX - X_x dx - X_u du = df - f_x dx,$$

$$\Upsilon_x^x = df_x - f_{xx} dx, \quad \Upsilon_{xx}^x = df_{xx} - f_{xxx} dx, \quad \dots,$$

$$\Upsilon_u^x = \Upsilon_{uu}^x = \dots = 0,$$

$$\Upsilon^u = dU - U_x dx - U_u du = d\left(\frac{u}{f_x}\right) + \frac{uf_{xx}}{f_x^2} dx - \frac{1}{f_x} du$$

$$= -\frac{u df_x}{f_x^2} + \frac{uf_{xx}}{f_x^2} dx = -\frac{u}{f_x^2} \Upsilon_x^x,$$

$$\Upsilon_u^u = -\frac{1}{f_x^2} \Upsilon_x^x,$$

$$\Upsilon_x^u = u \left( \frac{2f_{xx}}{f_x^3} \Upsilon_x^x - \frac{1}{f_x^2} \Upsilon_{xx}^x \right),$$

⋮

# Invariant differential operators

## Definition

Let  $\pi : E \rightarrow M$  be a fiber manifold with a contact structure, i.e.

$$\Lambda^*(E) = \Lambda^*(M) \oplus \mathcal{C},$$

$\omega \in \Lambda^*(M)$  is **contact invariant** if given a group of transformations  $G$  acting on  $E$

$$g^*\omega = \omega + \theta_g, \quad \text{where} \quad \theta_g \in \mathcal{C}, \quad \forall g \in G.$$

## Definition

A differential operator  $D$  is said to be an **invariant differential operator** if

$$I \text{ invariant} \quad \Rightarrow \quad DI \text{ invariant}$$

## Proposition

Let  $\omega^1, \dots, \omega^m$  be a horizontal contact invariant basis of  $\Lambda^1(M)$  then the dual operators  $D_1, \dots, D_m$  form a complete set of invariant differential operators.

The operators  $D_a$  are defined by the identity

$$d_M F = \sum_{a=1}^m D_a F \omega^a.$$

## Proof.

Let  $l : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an invariant then

$$\sum_{a=1}^m D_a l \omega^a + \theta = dl = g^* dl = \sum_{a=1}^m g^*(D_a l) \omega^a + \theta_g$$



# Lifted invariant differential operators

On  $\mathcal{H}^{(\infty)}$

$$\omega^i = d_H X^i = \sum_{j=1}^p D_{x^j} X^i dx^j, \quad i = 1, \dots, p,$$

is a contact invariant horizontal coframe on the open dense set where  $\det(D_{x^i} X^j) \neq 0$ . This follows from the fact that  $X^i$  is a lifted invariant!

For simplicity consider  $M = \mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $(X, U) = \phi(x, u)$  be a group transformation, and  $I(x, u^{(n)})$  an invariant, then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^* d_H I(x, u^{(n)}) &= (D_x I)|_{\phi^{(n)}(x, u^{(n)})} dX = D_X I(X, U^{(n)}) D_X X dx + \theta_\phi \\ &= D_x (I \circ \phi^{(n)}(x, u^{(n)})) dx + \theta_\phi = D_x I(x, u^{(n)}) dx + \theta_\phi, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta_\phi$  is a contact form depending on  $\phi$ .

The associated invariant differential operators are

$$D_{X^i} = \sum_{j=1}^p W_j^i D_{x^j}, \quad (W_j^i) = (D_{x^i} X^j)^{-1},$$

i.e. for  $F : \mathcal{H}^{(\infty)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$d_H F = \sum_{i=1}^p D_{X^i} F d_H X^i.$$

So

$$\widehat{U}_J^\alpha = g^{(n)} \cdot u_J^\alpha = D_X^J U^\alpha = D_{X^{j_1}} \cdots D_{X^{j_{\#J}}} U^\alpha, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, q,$$

are lifted differential invariants.

## Some definitions

### Definition

A Lie pseudo-group  $\mathcal{G}$  acting on  $M$  is said to be **regular** if all its orbits have the same dimension and each point  $z \in M$  has arbitrarily small neighborhoods whose intersection with each orbit is a connected subset.

### Definition

The pseudo-group  $\mathcal{G}$  acts **freely** at  $z^{(n)} \in J^{(n)}$  if  $\mathcal{G}_{z^{(n)}}^{(n)} = \{\mathbb{1}_{z^{(n)}}\}$ , and **locally freely** at  $z^{(n)}$  if  $\mathcal{G}_{z^{(n)}}^{(n)}$  is a discrete subgroup of  $\mathcal{G}_z^{(n)}$ . The pseudo-group  $\mathcal{G}$  is said to act *(locally) freely at order  $n$*  if it acts (locally) freely on an open subset  $\mathcal{V}^{(n)} \subset J^{(n)}$ , called the set of *regular  $n$ -jets*.

### Definition

A **cross-section** to the pseudo-group orbits is a transverse submanifold to the orbits of complementary dimension.



## Definition

A **section** of a fiber bundle  $(E, \pi, B)$  is a smooth map  $s : B \rightarrow E$  such that  $\pi \circ s = id|_B$ .

## Example

A section of the trivial fiber bundle  $(X \times U, pr_1, X)$  is given by

$$s(x) = (x, f(x)), \quad \text{where } f : X \rightarrow U \text{ is a smooth function.}$$

# Moving frame

## Definition

A **right moving frame**  $\rho^{(n)}$  of order  $n$  is a right  $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}$ -equivariant local section of the bundle  $\mathcal{H}^{(n)} \rightarrow J^{(n)}$ , i.e.  $\rho^{(n)} : J^{(n)} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{(n)}$  satisfies

$$\sigma^{(n)}(\rho^{(n)}(z^{(n)})) = z^{(n)}, \quad \rho^{(n)}(\mathbf{g}^{(n)} \cdot z^{(n)}) = \rho^{(n)}(z^{(n)}) \cdot (\mathbf{g}^{(n)})^{-1},$$

for all  $\mathbf{g}^{(n)} \in \mathcal{G}^{(n)}|_z$ , with  $z = \pi_0^n(z^{(n)})$ , and groupoid inverse  $(\mathbf{g}^{(n)})^{-1} \in \mathcal{G}^{(n)}|_{\tau^{(n)}(\mathbf{g}^{(n)})}$ , such that  $z^{(n)}$  and  $\mathbf{g}^{(n)} \cdot z^{(n)}$  lie in the domain of definition of  $\rho^{(n)}$ .

A left moving frame can be obtained by group inversion

$$\rho_l^{(n)}(z^{(n)}) = (\rho_r^{(n)}(z^{(n)}))^{-1}.$$

## Theorem

Suppose  $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}$  acts freely and regularly on  $\mathcal{V}^{(n)} \subset J^{(n)}$ . Let  $\mathcal{K}^{(n)} \subset \mathcal{V}^{(n)}$  be a (local) cross-section to the pseudo-group orbits. Given  $z^{(n)} \in \mathcal{V}^{(n)}$ , define  $\rho^{(n)}(z^{(n)}) \in \mathcal{H}^{(n)}$  to be the unique groupoid jet such that  $\tilde{\tau}^{(n)}(\rho^{(n)}(z^{(n)})) \in \mathcal{K}^{(n)}$ . Then  $\rho^{(n)} : \mathcal{V}^{(n)} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{(n)}$  is a (right) moving frame for  $\mathcal{G}$  defined on an open subset of  $\mathcal{V}^{(n)}$ .

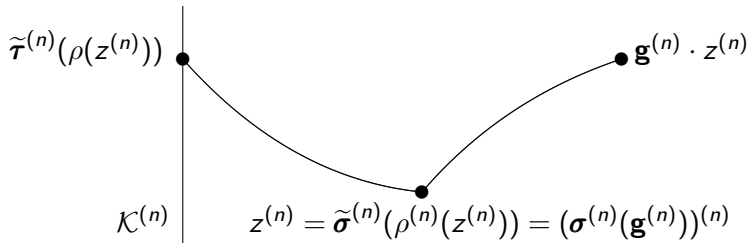


Figure: Moving frame.

# Moving frame construction

- Compute

$$\widehat{U}_J^\alpha = D_X^J U^\alpha, \quad D_X^J = D_{X^{j_1}} \cdots D_{X^{j_{\#J}}},$$

where  $D_{X^i} = \sum_{j=1}^p W_j^i D_{x^j}$ ,  $(W_j^i) = (D_{x^j} X^i)^{-1}$ .

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- Fix  $r_n$  transformed coordinates  $(X, \widehat{U}^{(n)}) = F^{(n)}(z^{(n)}, g^{(n)})$  to be constant

$$F_1(z^{(n)}, g^{(n)}) = c_1 \quad \dots \quad F_{r_n}(z^{(n)}, g^{(n)}) = c_{r_n}.$$

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- Solve the normalization equations for the pseudo-group parameters  $g^{(n)} = g^{(n)}(z^{(n)})$ .

# Invariantization

## Definition

The **lift** of a differential form  $\omega \in \Lambda^*(J^{(\infty)})$  is the jet form

$$\Omega = \lambda(\omega) = \pi_J((\tilde{\tau}^{(\infty)})^*\omega).$$

## Definition

Let  $\rho^{(\infty)} : J^{(\infty)} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{(\infty)}$  be a complete moving frame. The **invariantization** of  $\omega \in \Lambda^*(J^{(\infty)})$  is the invariant differential form

$$\iota(\omega) = (\rho^{(\infty)})^*[\lambda(\omega)].$$

In particular

$$\iota(x^i, u_j^\alpha) = (H^i, I_j^\alpha), \quad i = 1, \dots, p \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, q, \quad \#J \geq 0.$$

## Example

Let  $v = y' = f(x, y)$  and consider the Lie pseudo-group of transformations

$$(X, Y, V) = \left( \alpha(x), \beta(y), \frac{v\beta_y(y)}{\alpha_x(x)} \right) \Rightarrow D_X = \frac{1}{\alpha_x} D_x, \quad D_Y = \frac{1}{\beta_y} D_y.$$

$$\widehat{V}_X = \frac{v_x \beta_y}{\alpha_x^2} - \frac{v \beta_y \alpha_{xx}}{\alpha_x^3},$$

$$\widehat{V}_Y = \frac{v_y}{\alpha_x} + \frac{v \beta_{yy}}{\beta_y \alpha_x},$$

$$\widehat{V}_{XX} = \frac{v_{xx} \beta_y}{\alpha_x^3} - \frac{3v_x \beta_y \alpha_{xx}}{\alpha_x^4} - \frac{v \beta_y \alpha_{xxx}}{\alpha_x^4} + \frac{3v \beta_y \alpha_{xx}^2}{\alpha_x^5},$$

$$\widehat{V}_{YY} = \frac{v_{yy}}{\beta_y \alpha_x} + \frac{v_y \beta_{yy}}{\beta_y^2 \alpha_x} + \frac{v \beta_{yyy}}{\beta_y^2 \alpha_x} - \frac{v \beta_{yy}^2}{\beta_y^3 \alpha_x},$$

$$\widehat{V}_{XY} = \frac{v_{xy}}{\alpha_x^2} + \frac{v_x \beta_{yy}}{\beta_y \alpha_x^2} - \frac{v_y \alpha_{xx}}{\alpha_x^3} - \frac{v \beta_{yy} \alpha_{xx}}{\beta_y \alpha_x^3},$$



$$\widehat{V}_{xxx} = \frac{v_{xxx}\beta_y}{\alpha_x^4} - \frac{6v_{xx}\beta_y\alpha_{xx}}{\alpha_x^5} - \frac{4v_x\beta_y\alpha_{xxx}}{\alpha_x^5} + \frac{15v_x\beta_y\alpha_{xx}^2}{\alpha_x^6} - \frac{v\beta_y\alpha_{xxxx}}{\alpha_x^5}$$

$$+ \frac{10v\beta_y\alpha_{xxx}\alpha_{xx}}{\alpha_x^6} - \frac{15v\beta_y\alpha_{xx}^3}{\alpha_x^7},$$

$$\widehat{V}_{yyy} = \frac{v_{yyy}}{\beta_y^2\alpha_x} + \frac{2v_y\beta_{yyy}}{\beta_y^3\alpha_x} - \frac{3v_y\beta_{yy}^2}{\beta_y^4\alpha_x} + \frac{v\beta_{yyyy}}{\beta_y^3\alpha_x} - \frac{4v\beta_{yy}\beta_{yyy}}{\beta_y^4\alpha_x} + \frac{3v\beta_{yy}^3}{\beta_y^5\alpha_x},$$

$$\widehat{V}_{xxy} = \frac{v_{xxy}}{\alpha_x^3} + \frac{v_{xx}\beta_{yy}}{\beta_y\alpha_x^3} - \frac{3v_{xy}\alpha_{xx}}{\alpha_x^4} - \frac{3v_x\beta_{yy}\alpha_{xx}}{\beta_y\alpha_x^4} - \frac{v_y\alpha_{xxx}}{\alpha_x^4} - \frac{v\beta_{yy}\alpha_{xxx}}{\beta_y\alpha_x^4} + \frac{3v_y\alpha_{xx}^2}{\alpha_x^5}$$

$$+ \frac{3v\beta_{yy}\alpha_{xx}^2}{\beta_y\alpha_x^5},$$

$$\widehat{V}_{yyx} = \frac{v_{yyx}}{\beta_y\alpha_x^2} - \frac{v_{yy}\alpha_{xx}}{\beta_y\alpha_x^3} + \frac{v_{yx}\beta_{yy}}{\beta_y^2\alpha_x^2} - \frac{v_y\beta_{yy}\alpha_{xx}}{\beta_y^2\alpha_x^3} + \frac{v_x\beta_{yyy}}{\beta_y^2\alpha_x^2} - \frac{v\beta_{yyy}\alpha_{xx}}{\beta_y^2\alpha_x^3} - \frac{v_x\beta_{yy}^2}{\beta_y^3\alpha_x^2}$$

$$+ \frac{v\beta_{yy}^2\alpha_{xx}}{\beta_y^3\alpha_x^3}.$$

Cross-section:

$$(X, Y, V, \widehat{V}_X, \widehat{V}_Y, \widehat{V}_{XX}, \widehat{V}_{YY}, \widehat{V}_{XY}, \dots) = (0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, \dots).$$

$$\alpha = 0,$$

$$\beta = 0,$$

$$\alpha_x = \pm v \sqrt{\frac{v v_{xy} - v_x v_y}{v^3}},$$

$$\beta_y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{v v_{xy} - v_x v_y}{v^3}},$$

$$\alpha_{xx} = \pm v_x \sqrt{\frac{v v_{xy} - v_x v_y}{v^3}},$$

$$\beta_{yy} = \mp \frac{v_y}{v} \sqrt{\frac{v v_{xy} - v_x v_y}{v^3}},$$

$$\alpha_{xxx} = \pm v_{xx} \sqrt{\frac{v v_{xy} - v_x v_y}{v^3}},$$

$$\beta_{yyy} = \pm \frac{2v_y^2 - v v_{yy}}{v^2} \sqrt{\frac{v v_{xy} - v_x v_y}{v^3}}.$$

$$\iota(v_{xy}) = I_{21} = \left( \frac{v}{v v_{xy} - v_x v_y} \right)^{3/2} \left( v_{xy} + \frac{3v_x^2 v_y}{v^2} - \frac{3v_{xy} v_x}{v} - \frac{v_y v_{xx}}{v} \right),$$

$$\iota(v_{yx}) = I_{12} = \left( \frac{v}{v v_{xy} - v_x v_y} \right)^{3/2} \left( v_{yx} + \frac{v_y^2 v_x}{v} - v_{yy} v_x - v_{yx} v_y \right).$$

# Recurrence formulas

## Theorem

Let  $\omega \in \Lambda^*(J^{(\infty)})$ , then

$$d[\iota(\omega)] = \iota[d\omega + \mathbf{v}^{(\infty)}(\omega)].$$

## Definition

The **lift of a vector field jet coordinate** is

$$\lambda(\zeta_j^a) = \mu_j^a, \quad a = 1, \dots, m, \quad \#J \geq 0,$$

and more generally,

$$\lambda \left( \sum_{a=1}^m \sum_{\#J \leq n} \zeta_j^a \omega_j^a \right) = \sum_{a=1}^m \sum_{\#J \leq n} \mu_j^a \wedge \lambda(\omega_j^a).$$

## Theorem

The *recurrence formulas* between the differentiated invariants and the normalized invariants are

$$\sum_{j=1}^p (\mathcal{D}_j H^i) \varpi^j = \pi_H(\iota(dx^i + \xi^i)) = \varpi^i + \pi_H(\iota(\xi^i)), \quad i = 1, \dots, p$$
$$\sum_{j=1}^p (\mathcal{D}_j I_j^\alpha) \varpi^j = \pi_H(\iota(\sum_{j=1}^p u_{j,j}^\alpha dx^j + \theta_j^\alpha + \phi_j^\alpha)) = \sum_{j=1}^p I_{j,j}^\alpha \varpi^j + \pi_H(\iota(\phi_j^\alpha)),$$

$\varpi^i = \iota(dx^i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ . The  $\mathcal{D}_i$  are uniquely determined by

$$d_H F = \sum_{i=1}^p \mathcal{D}_i F \varpi^i.$$

## Commutation relations

The commutation relations  $[\mathcal{D}_i, \mathcal{D}_j] = \sum_{k=1}^p C_{ij}^k \mathcal{D}_k$  for the invariant differential operators  $\mathcal{D}_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , can be obtained from the identity  $d\iota(\omega) = \iota[d\omega + \mathbf{v}^{(\infty)}(\omega)]$ :

$$- \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} C_{ij}^k \varpi^i \wedge \varpi^j = d\omega^k = d\iota(dx^k) = \iota[d^2x^k + \mathbf{v}^{(\infty)}(dx^k)] = \iota[d\xi^k(x, u)].$$

This follows from the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d_H^2 F(x) = d_H \sum_{i=1}^p \mathcal{D}_i F \varpi^i = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} (\mathcal{D}_i \mathcal{D}_j - \mathcal{D}_j \mathcal{D}_i) F \varpi^i \wedge \varpi^j + \sum_{i=1}^p \mathcal{D}_i F d\varpi^i \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} \left( [\mathcal{D}_i, \mathcal{D}_j] F + \sum_{k=1}^p -C_{ij}^k \mathcal{D}_k F \right) \varpi^i \wedge \varpi^j \end{aligned}$$

## Continuation of the previous example

- Invariant horizontal frame:

$$\begin{aligned}\varpi^1 &= \iota(dx) = (\rho^{(\infty)})^*(\pi_J((\tilde{\mathcal{T}}^{(\infty)})^* dx)) = (\rho^{(\infty)})^*(\pi_J dX) \\ &= (\rho^{(\infty)})^*(d_J X) = (\rho^{(\infty)})^*(d_H X) \\ &= (\rho^{(\infty)})^*(X_x dx) = (\rho^{(\infty)})^*(\alpha_x dx) \\ &= v \sqrt{\frac{v v_{xy} - v_x v_y}{v^3}} dx,\end{aligned}$$

$$\varpi^2 = \iota(dy) = (\rho^{(\infty)})^*(\beta_y dy) = \sqrt{\frac{v v_{xy} - v_x v_y}{v^3}} dy.$$

- Invariant differential operators

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}_1 &= \frac{1}{v} \sqrt{\frac{v^3}{v v_{xy} - v_x v_y}} D_x, \\ \mathcal{D}_2 &= \sqrt{\frac{v^3}{v v_{xy} - v_x v_y}} dy.\end{aligned}$$

The infinitesimal generator of the Lie pseudo-group action  $(X, Y, V) = (\alpha(x), \beta(y), v\beta_y(y)/\alpha_x(x))$  is

$$\mathbf{v} = \xi(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \eta(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + v(\eta_y - \xi_x) \frac{\partial}{\partial v}, \quad \text{where } \xi(x) = \alpha_x, \quad \eta(x) = \beta_y.$$

The coefficients of the third prolongation, with  $\phi(x, y, v) = v(\eta_y - \xi_x)$ , are

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^x &= -v\xi_{xx} + (\eta_y - 2\xi_x)v_x, \\ \phi^y &= v\eta_{yy} - \xi_x v_y, \\ \phi^{xx} &= -v\xi_{xxx} - 3v_x\xi_{xx} + (\eta_y - 3\xi_x)v_{xx}, \\ \phi^{yy} &= v_y\eta_{yy} + v\eta_{yyy} - \xi_x v_{yy} - \eta_y v_{yy}, \\ \phi^{xy} &= v_x\eta_{yy} - \xi_{xx} v_y - 2\xi_x v_{xy}, \\ \phi^{xxx} &= -v\xi_{xxxx} - 4v_x\xi_{xxx} - 6v_{xx}\xi_{xx} + (\eta_y - 4\xi_x)v_{xxx}, \\ \phi^{yyy} &= 2v_y\eta_{yyy} + v\eta_{yyyy} - (\xi_x + 2\eta_y)v_{yyy}, \\ \phi^{xxy} &= -v_y\xi_{xxx} - 3v_{xy}\xi_{xx} + \eta_{yy}v_{xx} - 3\xi_x v_{xxy}, \\ \phi^{yyx} &= \eta_{yy}v_{xy} + \eta_{yyy}v_x - \xi_{xx}v_{yy} - (\eta_y + 2\xi_x)v_{yyx}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_1 H^1)\varpi^1 + (\mathcal{D}_2 H^1)\varpi^2 = \varpi^1 + \beta_0^1,$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_1 H^2)\varpi^1 + (\mathcal{D}_2 H^2)\varpi^2 = \varpi^2 + \beta_0^2,$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_1 l_{00})\varpi^1 + (\mathcal{D}_2 l_{00})\varpi^2 = l_{10}\varpi^1 + l_{01}\varpi^2 + l_{00}(\beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1),$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_1 l_{10})\varpi^1 + (\mathcal{D}_2 l_{10})\varpi^2 = l_{20}\varpi^1 + l_{11}\varpi^2 - l_{00}\beta_2^1 + l_{10}(\beta_1^2 - 2\beta_1^1),$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_1 l_{01})\varpi^1 + (\mathcal{D}_2 l_{01})\varpi^2 = l_{11}\varpi^1 + l_{02}\varpi^2 + l_{00}\beta_2^2 - l_{01}\beta_1^1,$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_1 l_{20})\varpi^1 + (\mathcal{D}_2 l_{20})\varpi^2 = l_{30}\varpi^1 + l_{21}\varpi^2 - l_{00}\beta_3^1 - 3l_{10}\beta_2^1 + l_{20}(\beta_1^2 - 3\beta_1^1),$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_1 l_{02})\varpi^1 + (\mathcal{D}_2 l_{02})\varpi^2 = l_{12}\varpi^1 + l_{03}\varpi^2 + l_{01}\beta_2^2 + l_{00}\beta_3^2 - l_{02}\beta_1^1 - l_{02}\beta_2^1,$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_1 l_{11})\varpi^1 + (\mathcal{D}_2 l_{11})\varpi^2 = l_{21}\varpi^1 + l_{12}\varpi^2 + l_{10}\beta_2^2 - l_{01}\beta_2^1 - 2l_{11}\beta_1^1,$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_1 l_{30})\varpi^1 + (\mathcal{D}_2 l_{30})\varpi^2 = l_{40}\varpi^1 + l_{31}\varpi^2 - l_{00}\beta_4^1 - 4l_{10}\beta_3^1 - 6l_{20}\beta_2^1 + l_{30}(\beta_1^2 - 4\beta_1^1),$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_1 l_{03})\varpi^1 + (\mathcal{D}_2 l_{03})\varpi^2 = l_{13}\varpi^1 + l_{04}\varpi^2 + 2l_{10}\beta_3^2 + l_{00}\beta_4^2 - l_{03}(\beta_1^1 + 2\beta_2^1),$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_1 l_{21})\varpi^1 + (\mathcal{D}_2 l_{21})\varpi^2 = l_{31}\varpi^1 + l_{22}\varpi^2 - l_{01}\beta_3^1 - 3l_{11}\beta_2^1 + l_{20}\beta_2^2 - 3l_{21}\beta_1^1,$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_1 l_{12})\varpi^1 + (\mathcal{D}_2 l_{12})\varpi^2 = l_{22}\varpi^1 + l_{13}\varpi^2 + l_{11}\beta_2^2 + l_{10}\beta_3^2 - l_{02}\beta_2^1 - l_{12}(\beta_1^2 + 2\beta_1^1),$$



Cross-section:

$$H^1 = 0, \quad H^2 = 0, \quad l_{00} = 1, \quad l_{10} = 0, \quad l_{01} = 0, \quad l_{20} = 0, \quad l_{02} = 0, \\ l_{11} = 1, \quad l_{30} = 0, \quad l_{03} = 0, \quad l_{40} = 0, \quad l_{04} = 0, \quad \dots$$

$$-\beta_0^1 = \beta_2^2 = \varpi^1, \quad -\beta_0^2 = \beta_2^1 = \varpi^2, \quad \beta_1^1 = \beta_1^2 = \frac{l_{21}\varpi^1 + l_{12}\varpi^2}{2}, \\ \beta_3^1 = l_{21}\varpi^2, \quad \beta_3^2 = -l_{12}\varpi^1, \quad \beta_4^1 = l_{31}\varpi^2, \quad \beta_4^2 = -l_{13}\varpi^1.$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1 l_{21} = l_{31} - \frac{3}{2} l_{21}^2, \quad \mathcal{D}_2 l_{21} = l_{22} - 3 - \frac{3}{2} l_{21} l_{12},$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1 l_{12} = l_{22} + 1 - \frac{3}{2} l_{12} l_{21}, \quad \mathcal{D}_2 l_{12} = l_{13} - \frac{3}{2} l_{12}^2.$$

$l_{12}$  and  $l_{21}$  generate the algebra of differential invariants.

## Commutation relation

$$\begin{aligned}d\varpi^1 &= \iota(d\xi) = \iota(\xi_x dx) = \beta_1^1 \wedge \varpi^1 = \left( \frac{l_{21}\varpi^1 + l_{12}\varpi^2}{2} \right) \wedge \varpi^1 \\ &= -\frac{l_{12}}{2} \varpi^1 \wedge \varpi^2,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}d\varpi^2 &= \iota(d\eta) = \iota(\eta_y dy) = \beta_1^2 \wedge \varpi_2 = \left( \frac{l_{21}\varpi^1 + l_{12}\varpi^2}{2} \right) \wedge \varpi^2 \\ &= \frac{l_{21}}{2} \varpi^1 \wedge \varpi^2.\end{aligned}$$

So

$$[\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2] = \frac{l_{12}}{2} \mathcal{D}_1 - \frac{l_{21}}{2} \mathcal{D}_2.$$

- If  $\mathcal{D}_2 l_{12} \neq 0$ , then

$$l_{21} = \frac{2[\mathcal{D}_2, \mathcal{D}_1]l_{12} + l_{12}\mathcal{D}_1 l_{12}}{\mathcal{D}_2 l_{12}},$$

- if  $\mathcal{D}_1 l_{21} \neq 0$ , then

$$l_{12} = \frac{2[\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2]l_{21} + l_{21}\mathcal{D}_2 l_{21}}{\mathcal{D}_1 l_{21}}.$$

Under the assumption  $(\mathcal{D}_2 l_{12})^2 + (\mathcal{D}_1 l_{21})^2 \neq 0$ , the algebra of differential invariants is generated by one invariant!

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