

# **Review of Manifolds, Lie Groups, and Lie Algebras**

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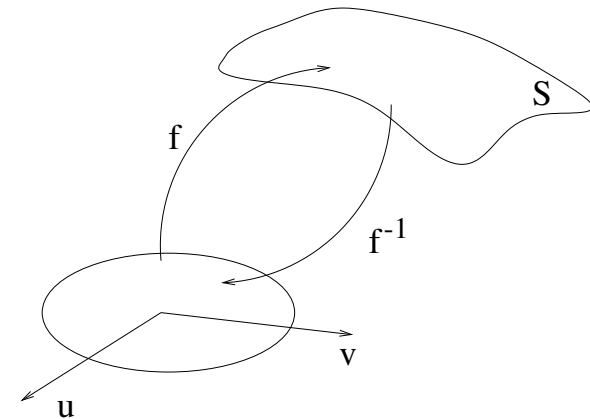
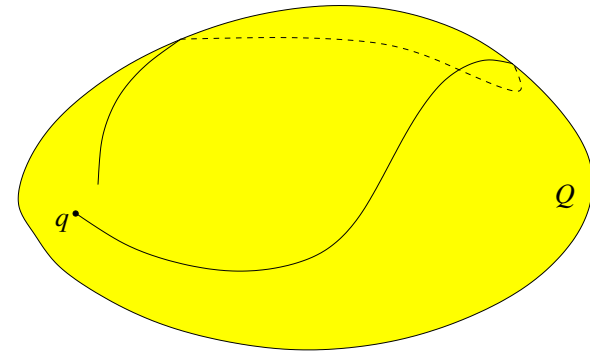
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# Manifolds

Systems evolve on a manifold,  $Q$ .

**Definition 1** Let  $X, Y$  be subsets of two Euclidean spaces and let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be bijective. If  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are continuous, then  $f$  is a homeomorphism. If  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are smooth, then  $f$  is a diffeomorphism.

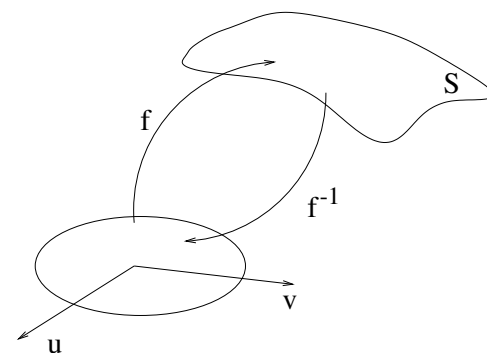
**Definition 2** A  $k$ -dimensional manifold,  $M$ , is locally diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^k$ . I.e., for each  $x \in M$ , there exists a nbhd of  $x$ ,  $V \subset M$ , which is diffeomorphic to an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ .



# Manifolds, continued

**Definition 3** A coordinatizable surface,  $S$ , is the image of a map  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  where

- $U$  is an open connected subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- The vectors  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial v}$  are linearly independent for all  $(u, v) \in U$ .
- $f$  is a homeomorphism.



$(f, U)$  is a *coordinate system* for  $S$  with coordinates  $u, v$ .

$f^{-1}$  is termed a *local parametrization*.

# Example (Unit Sphere)

One coordinate system for the sphere is:

$$U = \left\{ (u, v) \mid -\frac{\pi}{2} < u < \frac{\pi}{2}; -\pi < v < \pi \right\}$$

$$f(u, v) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(u) \cos(v) \\ -\cos(u) \sin(v) \\ \sin(u) \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} = 0$ , implying that  $(f, U)$  is an orthogonal coordinate system.

# Tangent Spaces, Vectors

**Definition 4** *The tangent space to  $M$  at  $x \in M$ , denoted by  $T_x M$ , is the image of  $df|_{f^{-1}(x)}$*

Remarks:

1.  $T_p S$ , is the closest linear approximation to  $M$  at  $p$ .
  2. Generally, if  $p_1 \neq p_2$ , then  $T_{p_1} S \neq T_{p_2} S$ .
  3. The *dimension* of a manifold,  $M$ , is defined as the dimension of its tangent space:  $\dim(M) = \dim(T_p M)$ .
  4. The definition of the tangent space is intrinsic.
- A *tangent vector* at  $p \in M$  is a vector in  $T_p M$ .
  - The union of all tangent spaces is the *tangent bundle*.

# Example (sphere continued)

Let  $p = f(0, 0) = [1 \ 0 \ 0]^T$  (where the  $x$ -axis intersects the sphere's surface). Then

$$df_{(0,0)} = \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \right]_{(0,0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,  $T_p M$  is the plane passing through  $p$  and parallel to the  $y$ - $z$  plane.

# Bundles

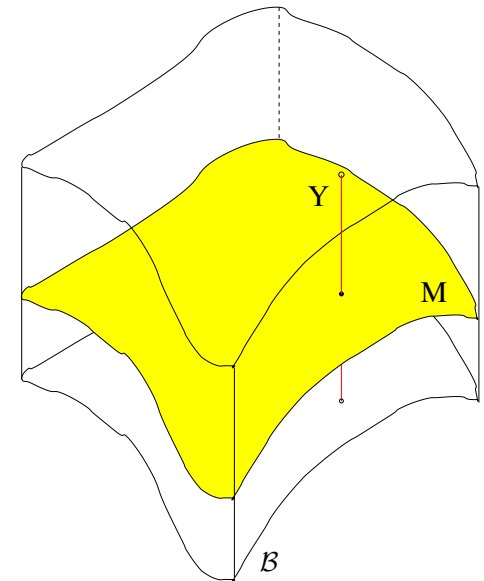
**Definition 5** *The manifold  $\mathcal{B}$  is a fiber bundle if the following exist:*

1. *a manifold  $M$  called the base space,*
2. *a projection  $\pi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow M$ , and*
3. *a space  $Y$  called the fiber .*

The set  $Y_x$ , defined by

$$Y_x = \pi^{-1}(x)$$

is called the *fiber over the point  $x$  of  $M$* .  
Each  $Y_x$  is homeomorphic to  $Y$ .



$\mathcal{B}$  is a *vector bundle* if  $Y$  is a vector space.

# Vector Fields

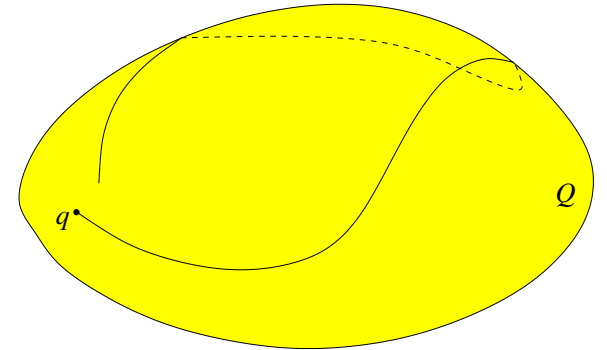
A vector field is a section defined on the tangent bundle  $TQ$ , denoted

$$X : Q \rightarrow TQ$$

For each element  $q \in Q$ ,  $X(q) \in T_qQ$ .

If the vector field is time dependent, then it is written  $X(q, t)$  with shorthand notation,

$$X_t(\cdot) \equiv X(\cdot, t)$$





# The Jacobi-Lie Bracket

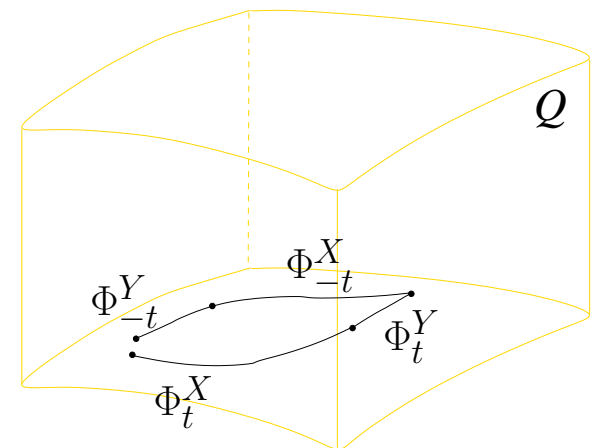
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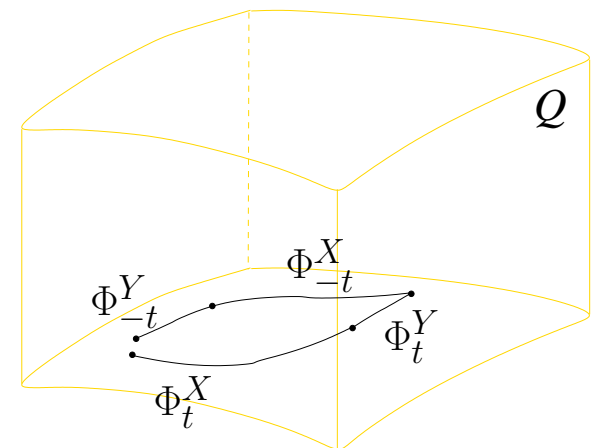
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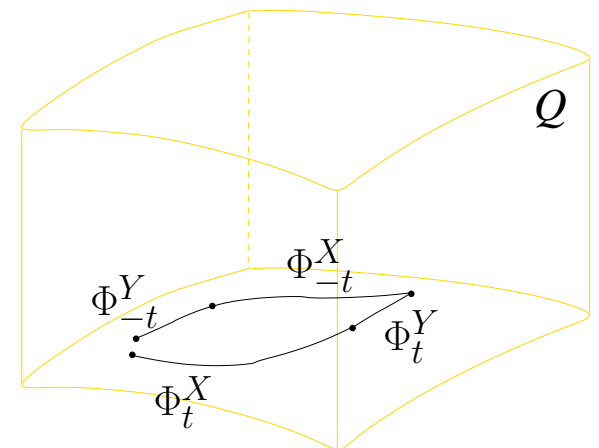
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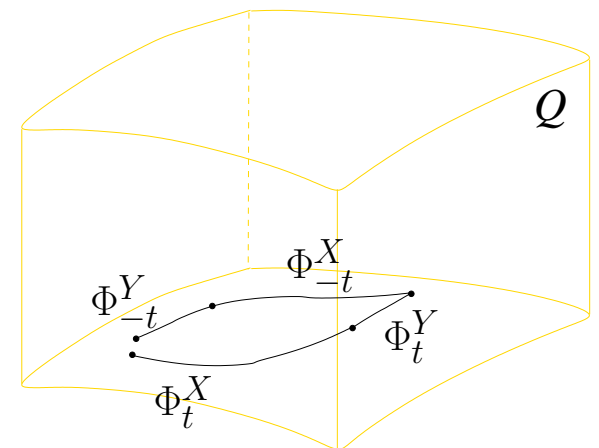
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$$[X(z), Y(z)] = \frac{\partial Y}{\partial z} X - \frac{\partial X}{\partial z} Y$$



# Lie Groups

# Definition of a Lie Group

**Definition 5** *A group is a nonempty set  $G$  with a product operation,  $*$ , such that the following hold:*

1. **Associativity Law:**  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ .
2. **Closed Operation:**  $a * b \in G$  if  $a, b \in G$
3. **Identity:**  $e * x = x * e = x$ .
4. **Inverse:**  $\forall x \in G, \exists y : x * y = y * x = e$ .

**Definition 5** *A Lie group is a manifold  $G$  whose group structure is consistent with its manifold structure. I.e., group multiplication,*

$$\mu : G \times G \rightarrow G, \quad (g, h) \mapsto gh,$$

*is  $C^\infty$ , as is inversion.*

# The Classical Matrix Groups

**Definition 5** *The set of  $n \times n$  invertible matrices under matrix multiplication forms group, denoted by  $GL(n)$ .*

**Definition 5** *A subset,  $H \subset G$ , is a subgroup of  $G$ , if  $H$  is itself a group under the operation of  $G$ .*

Some of the classical subgroups of  $GL(n)$ :

1.  $SL(n)$ :  $n \times n$  matrices with  $\det = +1$
2.  $O(n)$ :  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrices ( $A^T A = I$ )
3.  $SO(n)$ :  $n \times n$  in both  $SL(n)$  and  $O(n)$
4.  $U(n)$ :  $n \times n$  complex orthogonal matrices
5.  $SU(n)$ : matrices in  $U(n)$  with  $\det = +1$ .

# Actions of Lie Groups

The product structure can be used to define a *left translation*,

$$L_g : G \rightarrow G, \quad L_g(h) = gh,$$

and similarly a *right translation*,

$$R_g : G \rightarrow G, \quad R_g(h) = hg.$$

Note that,

$$L_{g_1} \circ L_{g_2} = L_{g_1 g_2} \quad \text{and} \quad R_{g_1} \circ R_{g_2} = R_{g_2 g_1}.$$

An *inner automorphism* may be defined,

$$I_g : G \rightarrow G, \quad I_g(h) = L_g R_{g^{-1}}(h) = R_{g^{-1}} L_g(h) = ghg^{-1}$$

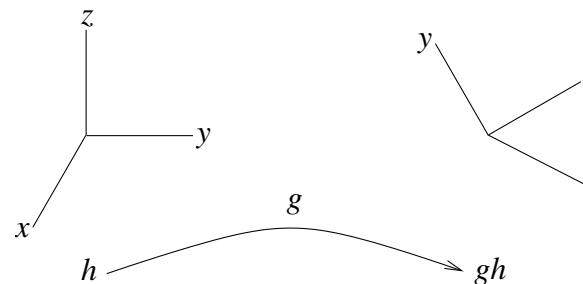


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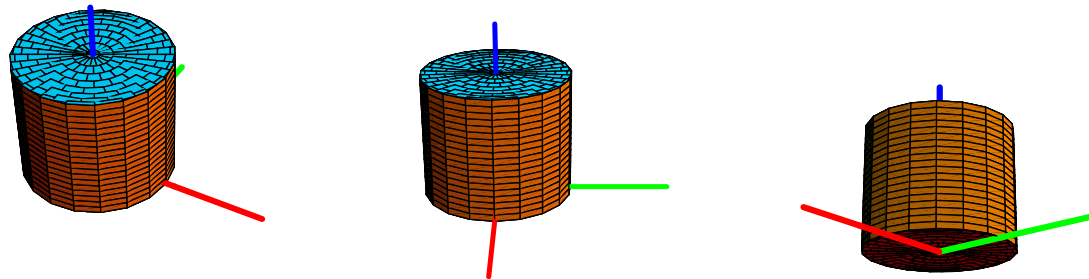
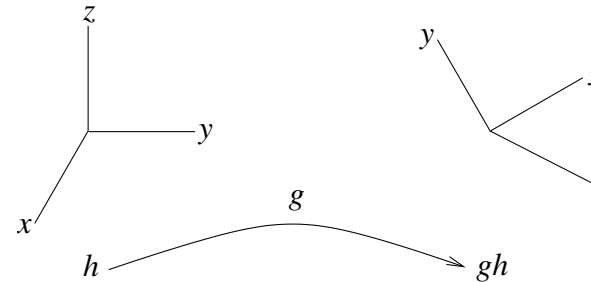
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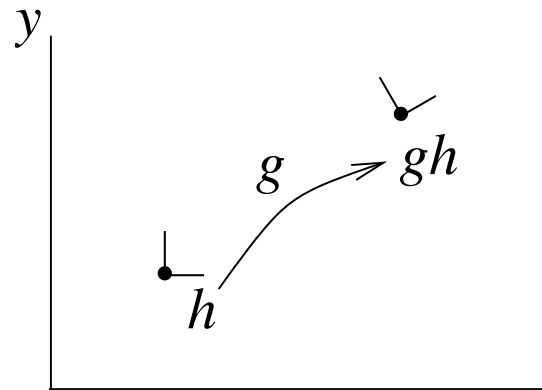
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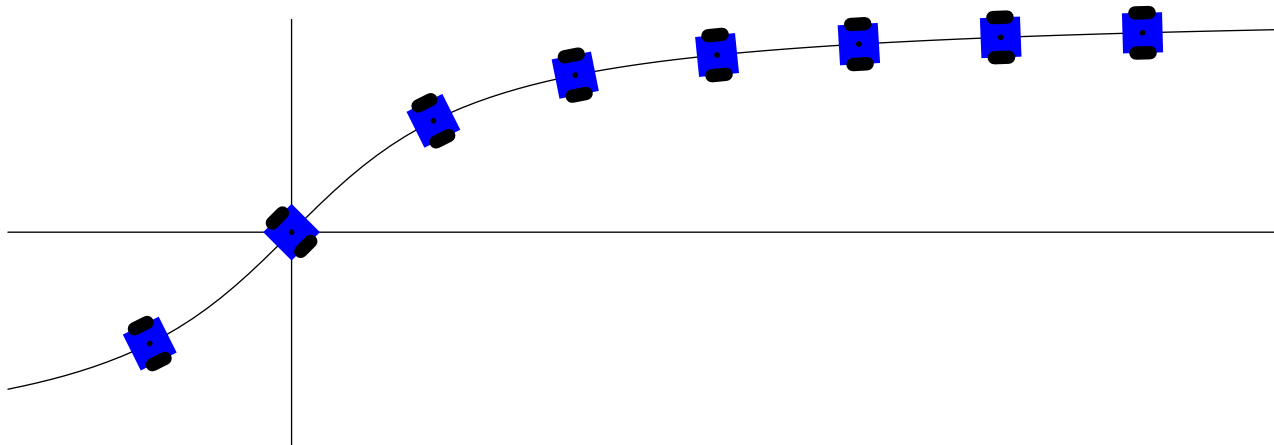
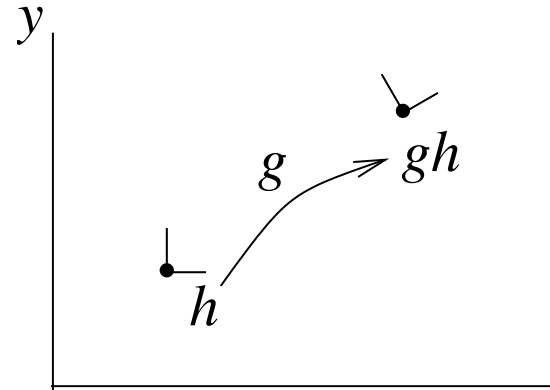
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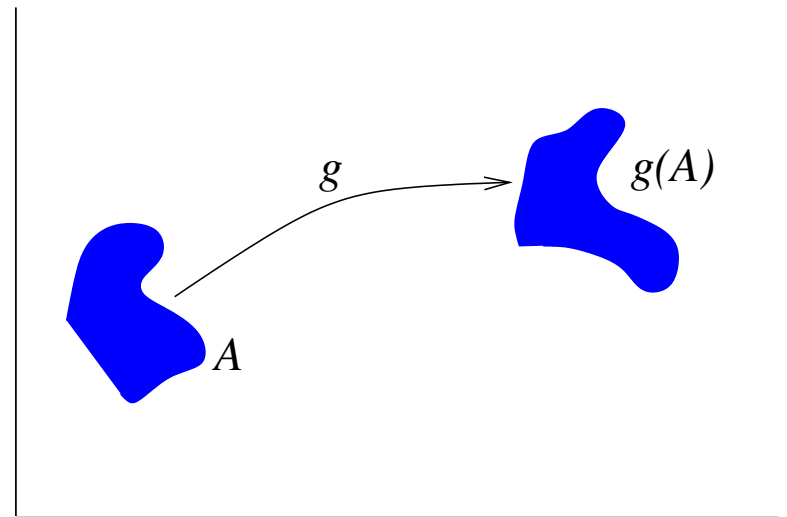


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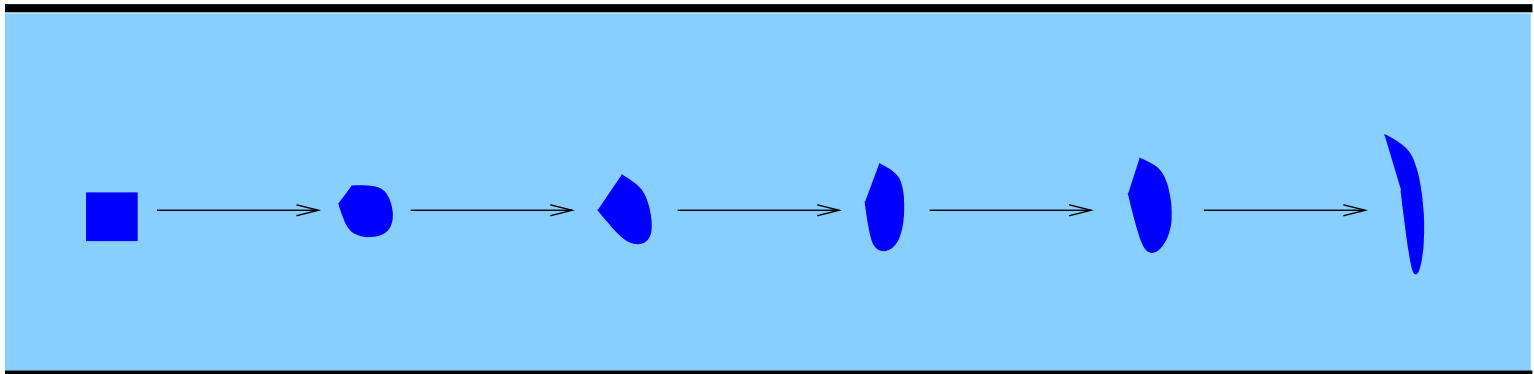
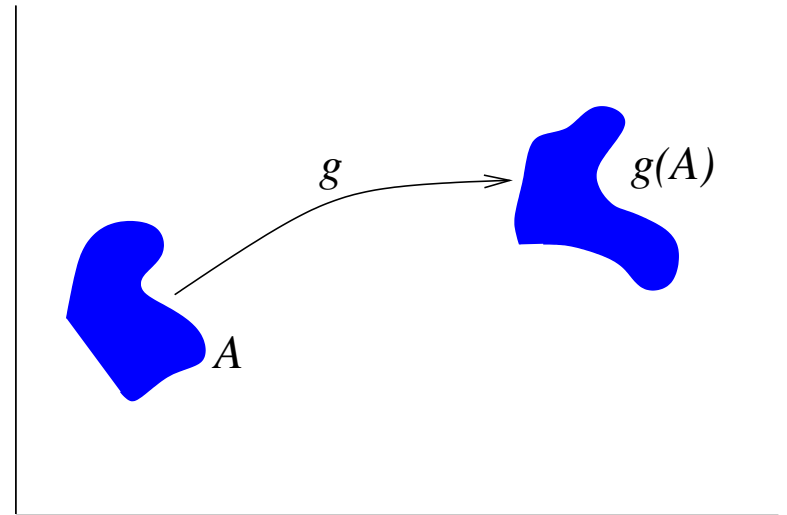


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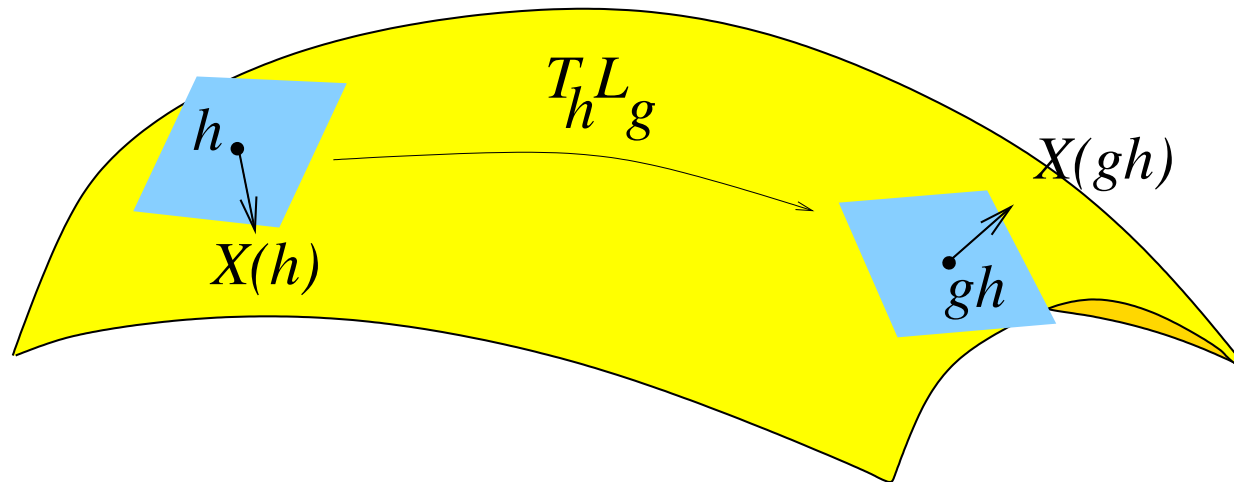
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# Invariant Vector Fields

A vector field  $X$  on  $G$  is *left-invariant* if

$$(T_h L_g)X(h) = X(gh)$$



The set of left-invariant vector-fields,  $\mathcal{X}_L(G)$ , form a Lie sub-algebra since,

$$L_g^* [X, Y] = [L_g^* X, L_g^* Y] = [X, Y]$$

# The Lie Algebra

Elements in  $\mathcal{X}_L(G)$  can be identified with  $T_eG$ .

$$X(g) = X_\xi(g) = T_eL_g\xi$$

The Jacobi-Lie bracket defined at the point  $e \in G$ ,

$$[\xi, \eta] = [X_\xi, X_\eta](e)$$

gives the tangent space  $T_eG$  a bracket structure.

This bracket is called the *Lie bracket*, and makes  $T_eG$ , denoted by  $\mathfrak{g}$  into a Lie algebra.



# Notes on Lie Algebras

**Lie Algebra:** A real vector space,  $V$ , with a multiplication operation  $[ , ]$  which satisfies for  $A, B \in V$ :

1.  $[A, B] = -[B, A]$ ;
2.  $[A, B + C] = [A, B] + [A, C]$ ;  $[A + B, C] = [A, C] + [B, C]$ ;
3. for  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $r[A, B] = [rA, B] = [A, rB]$
4.  $[A, [B, C]] + [B, [A, C]] + [C, [A, B]] = 0$

The set of smooth vectors fields on a manifold  $M$  forms a Lie Algebra under Jacobi-Lie bracket operation.

# Examples

**Lie Algebra of  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ :** Set of all  $n \times n$  real matrices

**Lie Algebra of  $SO(3)$ :** Set of  $3 \times 3$  skew-symmetric matrices, denoted by  $so(3)$ :

$$\hat{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The Lie Bracket is the matrix commutator:

$$\hat{\omega}_1, \hat{\omega}_2 = \hat{\omega}_1 \hat{\omega}_2 - \hat{\omega}_2 \hat{\omega}_1$$

# Examples Continued

**Lie Algebra of  $SE(3)$ :** Matrices in  $se(3)$  take the form:

$$\hat{\xi} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\omega} & \vec{v} \\ \vec{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \hat{\omega} \in so(3); \quad \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

The Lie Bracket is given by:

$$[\hat{\xi}_1, \hat{\xi}_2] = \hat{\xi}_1 \hat{\xi}_2 - \hat{\xi}_2 \hat{\xi}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} [\hat{\omega}_1, \hat{\omega}_2] & \hat{\omega}_1 \vec{v}_2 - \hat{\omega}_2 \vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{0}^T & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# The Adjoint

Differentiation of the inner automorphism leads to the *adjoint* operator:

$$\text{Ad}_g : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}, \quad \text{Ad}_g \eta \equiv T_e I_g \cdot \eta$$

Differentiation of the adjoint operator (with respect to  $g$ ) leads to the Lie bracket, sometimes denoted by  $\text{ad}$ ,

$$\text{ad}_\xi \eta \equiv T_e(\text{Ad}\eta) \cdot \xi = [\xi, \eta]$$

- Transformation of observer.
- Used for body/spatial transformations.

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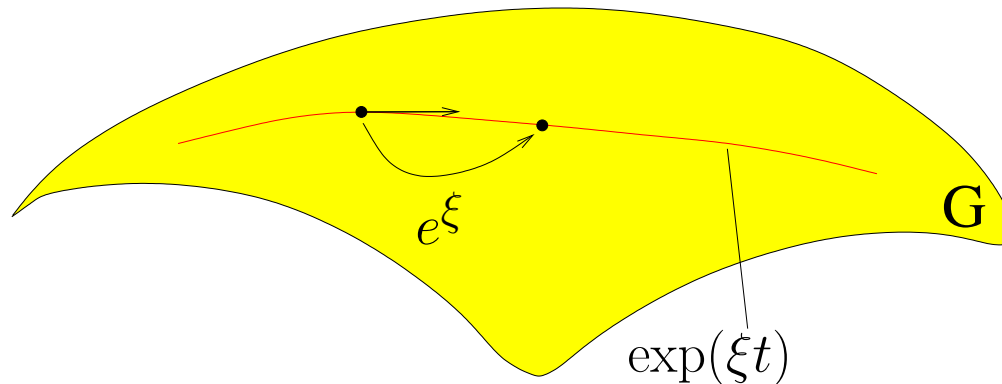
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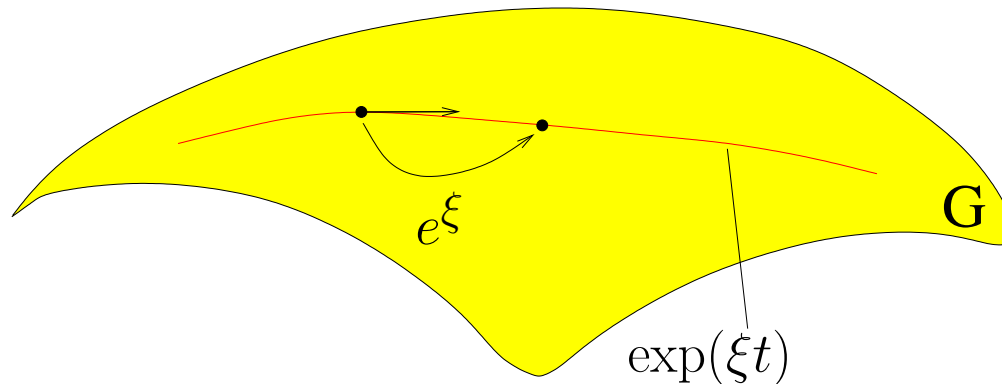
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# Actions of Lie Groups 2

**Definition 5** *Let  $Q$  be a manifold and let  $G$  be a Lie group. A left action of a Lie group  $G$  on  $M$  is a smooth mapping  $\Phi : G \times Q \rightarrow Q$  such that:*

1.  $\Phi(e, x) = x, \forall x \in Q$ , and
2.  $\Phi(g, \Phi(h, x)) = \Phi(gh, x), \forall g, h \in G$ .

The action of  $g \in G$  on  $q \in Q$  will typically be written as  $g \cdot q$  or simply  $gq$ .

1. *free*: for all  $x \in Q$ ,  $\Phi_g(x) = x$  implies that  $g = e$ .
2. *proper*:  $W \subset Q$  compact implies  $\Phi^{-1}(W) \subset G \times Q$  compact.

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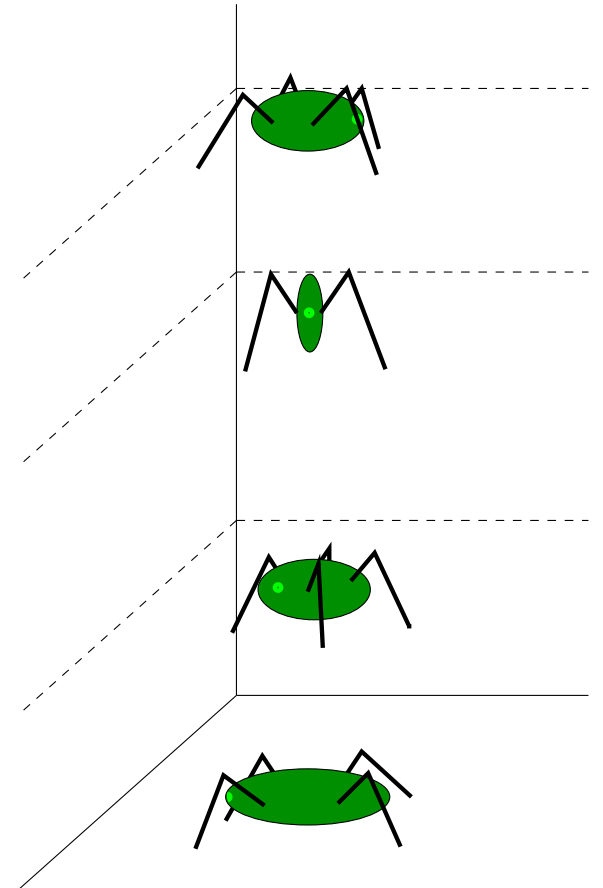
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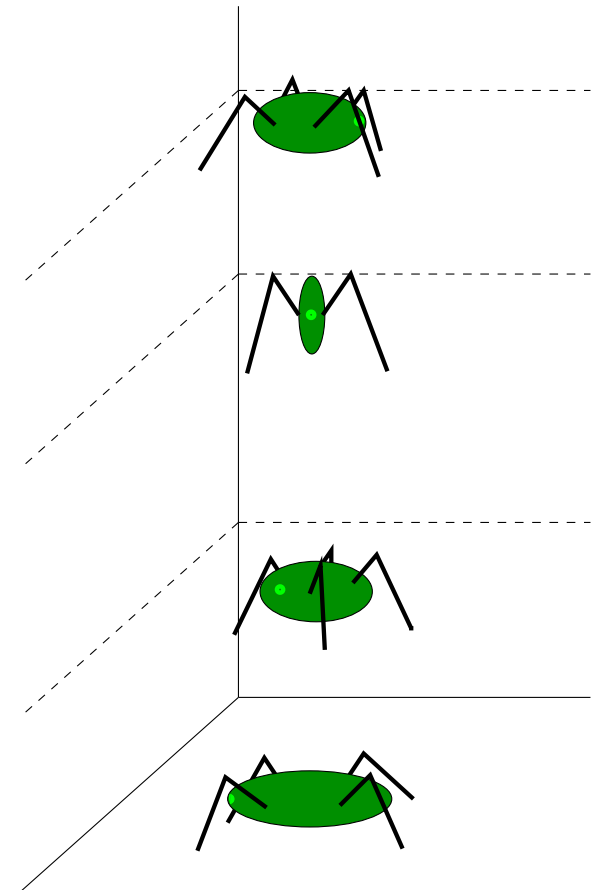
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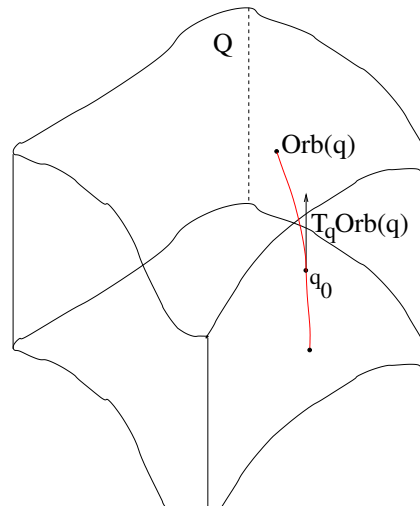
# Group Orbits

**Definition 5** *Given an action of  $G$  on  $Q$  and  $q \in Q$ , the orbit of  $q$  is defined by*

$$\text{Orb}(q) \equiv \{ \Phi_g(q) \mid g \in G \} \subset Q$$

The tangent space at  $q$  to the group orbit through  $q_0$  is given by,

$$T_q \text{Orb}(q_0) = \{ \xi_Q(q) \mid \xi \in \mathfrak{g} \}$$

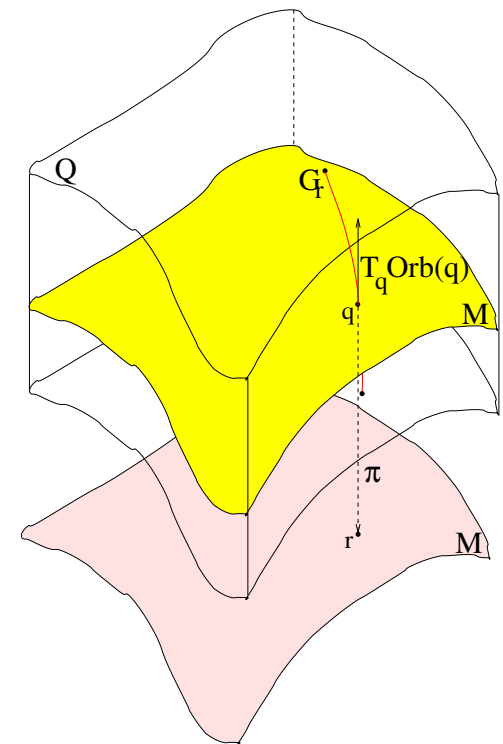


# Principal Bundles

**Definition 5** A principal bundle is a fiber bundle such that the model fiber is a Lie group,  $G$ .

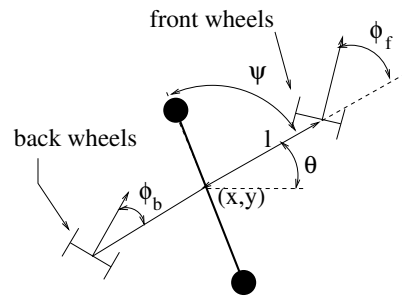
For mechanical systems the *base space*,  $M$ , is sometimes called the *shape space*.

- Many control systems decompose this way.
- Shape  $\rightarrow$  Directly controlled.
- Group  $\rightarrow$  What we want to control (locomote within).
- Inherits all structures discussed.



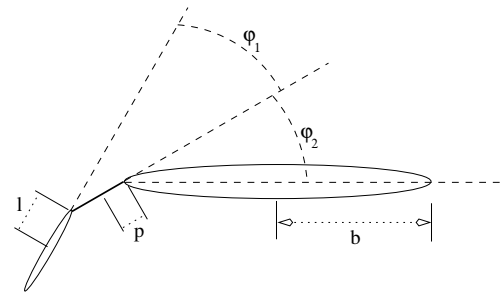
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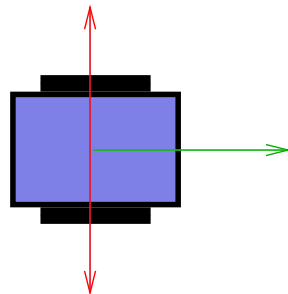
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## Planar Fish



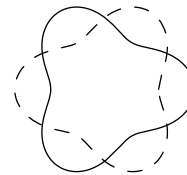
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## Hilare Robot



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## Planar Amoeba



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