

# Lie group methods

## *Part 2, the Methods*

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In the language of **flows**, this is just

$$y_{n+1} = \exp(hF_{y_n}) y_n$$

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But for  $y_{n+1}$  we could write either

$$y_{n+1} = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}h(K_1 + K_2)\right)y_n$$

or (for instance)

$$y_{n+1} = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}hK_2\right) \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}hK_1\right) y_n$$

# Review of ODE representation on manifold

Given a formulation of the ODEs on the manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  with either

## 1. Frames

$$\dot{y} = F(y) = \sum_i f_i(y) E_i(y)$$

2. Lie group actions;  $G \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ ,  $(g, m) \mapsto g.m$  induces a map  $\mathfrak{g} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow T\mathcal{M}$

$$v.m = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} g(t).m, \quad g'(0) = v \in \mathfrak{g}$$

ODE is written

$$\dot{y} = f(y).y, \quad f : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$$

# Examples

Manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  could be some submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ , Lie group  $G \subseteq GL(n)$  and action is left multiplication.

$$\dot{y} = f(y) \cdot y, \quad f : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$$

where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is the Lie algebra of  $G$ .

**Lie-Euler.** Obtained as the **exact** flow of the frozen ODE field

$$\dot{y} = F_{y_n}(y) = f(y_n) \cdot y \quad \Rightarrow \quad y_{n+1} = \expm(h f(y_n)) \cdot y_n$$

# Examples (2)

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$$y_{n+1} = \expm\left(\frac{h}{2}K_2\right) \cdot \expm\left(\frac{h}{2}K_1\right) \cdot y_n \quad \text{Crouch-Grossman}$$

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**Classification.** We distinguish methods based on...

- local coordinates for the Lie group (**RKMK**+generalisations)
- **local coordinates** in terms of tangent space parametrisations (**Retractions**)
- composition of (approximate) flows (**Commutator-free methods**)
- other approaches (e.g. **Zanna's methods**)

# RKMK methods and their generalisations

Suppose we have a transitive Lie group action by  $G$  on the manifold  $\mathcal{M}$ .

**Idea.** Consider  $g(t) \in G$  such that  $y(t) = g(t).p := \Lambda_p(g(t))$  where  $g(0) = e$ .

Use some local diffeomorphism  $\phi : \mathfrak{g} \supset U \rightarrow G$ ,  $\phi(0) = e$  (e.g.  $\phi = \exp$ ) such that  $g(t) = \phi(\sigma(t))$  with  $\sigma(t) \in \mathfrak{g}$

$$y(t) = \phi(\sigma(t)).p, \quad \text{near } p$$

Derive differential equation for  $\sigma(t)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} T\mathcal{M} & \xleftarrow{T\Lambda_p} & TG & \xleftarrow{T\phi} & T\mathfrak{g} \\ \uparrow F & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \tilde{f} \\ \mathcal{M} & \xleftarrow{\Lambda_p} & G & \xleftarrow{\phi} & \mathfrak{g} \end{array}$$

# Trivialisation of $T\phi$

Clearly  $T\mathfrak{g} \cong \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}$ .

Every Lie group is trivial, i.e.  $TG \cong G \times \mathfrak{g}$ .

Set  $\mathfrak{g} \sim T_e G$  and identify  $v \in T_g G$  with  $\xi = v \cdot g^{-1} \in \mathfrak{g}$  (**right trivialisation**).

Thus, we can think of

$$\begin{aligned} T\phi : \quad & (\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow (G \times \mathfrak{g}) \\ & (u, \xi) \mapsto (\phi(u), (T_u\phi)(\xi) \cdot \phi(u)^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Following tradition (Varadarajan (84), Munthe-Kaas, Engø, O. and others) we define the map in the second factor to be

$$\begin{aligned} d\phi_u : \quad & \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \\ & \xi \mapsto (T_u\phi)(\xi) \cdot \phi(u)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

# Example ( $SO(2)$ )

$G = SO(2)$  Orthogonal  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{so}(2)$  Skew-symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

$$\exp : \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & u \\ -u & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \cos u & \sin u \\ -\sin u & \cos u \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $\gamma(t) \in \mathfrak{so}(2)$  such that  $\gamma(0) = \mathbf{u}$  and  $\dot{\gamma}(0) = \underline{\xi}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\mathbf{u}} \exp(\underline{\xi}) &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 \exp(\gamma(t)) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 \begin{pmatrix} \cos u(t) & \sin u(t) \\ -\sin u(t) & \cos u(t) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -\xi \sin u & \xi \cos u \\ -\xi \cos u & -\xi \sin u \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \xi \\ -\xi & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \exp(\mathbf{u}) = \underline{\xi} \cdot \exp(\mathbf{u}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, in this case,  $d \exp_u = I$  (identity map on  $\mathfrak{g}$ ).

# Derivative of the exponential map

In general,  $d \exp_u \neq I$ . Recall matrix exponential

$$\exp(u(t)) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{u(t)^k}{k!}$$

But generally

$$\frac{d}{dt} u(t)^k = \dot{u}(t) \cdot u(t)^{k-1} + u(t) \cdot \dot{u}(t) \cdot u(t)^{k-2} + \dots + u(t)^{k-1} \cdot \dot{u}(t) \neq k \dot{u}(t) \cdot u(t)^{k-1}$$

**Notation.** Let  $\text{ad}_v : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  be the linear map

$\text{ad}_v(w) = [v, w](= v \cdot w - w \cdot v)$ . Similarly

$\text{ad}_v^2(w) = \text{ad}_v(\text{ad}_v(w)) = [v, [v, w]]$  and so on.

$$\exp(\text{ad}_v) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\text{ad}_v^k}{k!}$$

# Derivative of the exponential map (2)

**Lemma A.** For  $v, w \in \mathfrak{g}$

$$\exp(v) \cdot w \cdot \exp(-v) = \exp(\operatorname{ad}_v)(w)$$

**Lemma B.** For  $v, w \in \mathfrak{g}$

$$d \exp_v(w) = \int_0^1 \exp(r \operatorname{ad}_v)(w) dr$$

**Proof.** For  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $y_s(t) = \exp(t(v + sw))$  so that

$$d \exp_v(w) = \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right|_0 y_s(1) \exp(-v)$$

$y_s(t)$  satisfies the ODE

$$\dot{y}_s(t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} y_s(t) = (v + sw) \cdot y_s(t), \quad y_s(0) = e.$$

# Derivative of the exponential map (3)

Clearly  $y_s(t) = e^{tv} + \mathcal{O}(s)$  so

$$\dot{y}_s - v y_s = s w e^{tv} + \mathcal{O}(s^2)$$

Solving this linear ODE yields

$$y_s(t) = e^{tv} + s \int_0^t e^{rv} w e^{-rv} dr e^{tv} + \mathcal{O}(s^2)$$

and so

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right|_0 y_s(1) e^{-v} = \int_0^1 e^{rv} w e^{-rv} dr$$

and the result follows by **Lemma A**.



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# Alternative expression for $d \exp_v(w)$

From **Lemma B** we get, by setting  $z = \text{ad}_v$

$$d \exp_v = \int_0^1 \exp(rz) dr \Big|_{z=\text{ad}_v} = \frac{\exp(z) - 1}{z} \Big|_{z=\text{ad}_v}$$

or in terms of series expansion

$$d \exp_v = I + \frac{1}{2} \text{ad}_v + \frac{1}{6} \text{ad}_v^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \text{ad}_v^k + \cdots$$

In particular we see from this expression that

1.  $d \exp_v = I$  if  $\text{ad}_v = 0$  ( $[v, w] = 0 \forall w \in \mathfrak{g}$  – commutative Lie group/algebra).
2.  $d \exp_0 = I$  for every Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

# Deriving $\tilde{f}$

Differentiate  $y(t) = \phi(\sigma(t)).p$  and compare to  $\dot{y} = f(y).y$  .

$$\dot{y} = T_\sigma \phi (\dot{\sigma}).p = d\phi_\sigma(\dot{\sigma}) \cdot \phi(\sigma).p = d\phi_\sigma(\dot{\sigma}).y = f(\phi(\sigma).p).y$$

A sufficient (but not always necessary) condition for this is

$$d\phi_\sigma(\dot{\sigma}) = f(\phi(\sigma).p)$$

Assumption: For  $\sigma$  'small',  $d\phi_\sigma : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  is invertible. In particular, we usually assume that  $d\phi_0 = T_0\phi = I$ . Check for exp.

$$\dot{\sigma} = d\phi_\sigma^{-1} f(\phi(\sigma).p) = \tilde{f}(\sigma)$$

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When  $g$  is an analytic function of a, say matrix, the (formal) inverse of  $g(A)$  is given as  $1/g(z)|_{z=A}$ .

In particular, for the linear operator  $d \exp_v = g(\text{ad}_v)$  with  $g(z) = (\exp(z) - 1)/z$ , we get that

$$d \exp_v^{-1} = h(z)|_{z=\text{ad}_v} = \frac{z}{\exp(z) - 1} \Big|_{z=\text{ad}_v}$$

It is easily checked that  $h(z) + z/2$  is **even**, in fact,

$$h(z) = 1 - \frac{z}{2} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2m}}{(2m)!} z^{2m}$$

convergent in the open disk  $\{z : |z| < 2\pi\}$ .  $B_{2m}$ : **Bernoulli numbers**. Concluding,

$$d \exp_v^{-1}(w) = w - \frac{1}{2}[v, w] + \frac{1}{12}[v, [v, w]] - \frac{1}{720}[v, [v, [v, [v, w]]]] + \dots$$

# The original RKMK algorithm

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$$p := y_n$$

**for**  $r = 1 : s$  **do**

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- In practice, **approximation** is often used for  $d \exp_{u_r}^{-1}$ .
- **Important observations:** Every truncation of the infinite series for  $d \exp_v^{-1}(w)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{g}$ .
- In RKMK algorithm,  $u_r = \mathcal{O}(h)$ , thus  $\text{ad}_{u_r}^k = \mathcal{O}(h^k)$
- Some clever transformations on  $\mathfrak{g}$  can lead to a reduced number of commutators to be calculated in the RKMK algorithm. **Graded free Lie algebras.**

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- The exponential mapping is often expressed in terms of the matrix exponential.  
General software is very expensive,  $25 - 30 n^3$  arithmetic complexity.

# Other choices of $\phi : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$

The exponential map  $\exp : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$  can be thought of as a coordinate map.

Suppose  $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_d$  is a basis for  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_d)$  are coordinates on  $G$  expressed through

$$(v_1, \dots, v_d) \mapsto \exp(v_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + v_d \mathbf{e}_d) \in G$$

Such coordinates are called: **Canonical coordinates of the first kind**, they work for any Lie group  $G$ .

Other choices of  $\phi$  include

1. Canonical coordinates of the second kind.
2. Coordinates for special groups, e.g. Cayley coordinates.

# Second kind coordinates

Let  $\phi : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$  be the map

$$\phi(v_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + \cdots + v_d \mathbf{e}_d) = \exp(v_1 \mathbf{e}_1) \cdot \exp(v_2 \mathbf{e}_2) \cdots \exp(v_d \mathbf{e}_d)$$

where  $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_d$  is some fixed basis for  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

**Example.** Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{so}(3)$  and consider the basis

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\phi(\cdot) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos v_1 & -\sin v_1 \\ 0 & \sin v_1 & \cos v_1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos v_2 & 0 & \sin v_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin v_2 & 0 & \cos v_2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos v_3 & -\sin v_3 & 0 \\ \sin v_3 & \cos v_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# The derivative

Letting  $v(t)$  be a curve in  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $v(0) = v$ ,  $\dot{v}(0) = w$ , we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 \phi(v(t)) &= w_1 \mathbf{e}_1 e^{v_1 \mathbf{e}_1} \dots e^{v_d \mathbf{e}_d} + e^{v_1 \mathbf{e}_1} w_2 \mathbf{e}_2 e^{v_2 \mathbf{e}_2} \dots e^{v_d \mathbf{e}_d} \\ &\quad + \dots + \\ &\quad e^{v_1 \mathbf{e}_1} \dots e^{v_{d-1} \mathbf{e}_{d-1}} w_d \mathbf{e}_d e^{v_d \mathbf{e}_d} \\ &= w_1 \mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \phi(v) + e^{v_1 \mathbf{e}_1} w_2 \mathbf{e}_2 e^{-v_1 \mathbf{e}_1} \cdot \phi(v) + \dots + \\ &\quad e^{v_1 \mathbf{e}_1} \dots e^{v_{d-1} \mathbf{e}_{d-1}} w_d \mathbf{e}_d e^{-v_{d-1} \mathbf{e}_{d-1}} \dots e^{-v_1 \mathbf{e}_1} \cdot \phi(v) \end{aligned}$$

Introduce the operator  $\text{Ad}_i(w) := \text{Ad}_{e^{v_i \mathbf{e}_i}}(w) = e^{v_i \mathbf{e}_i} w e^{-v_i \mathbf{e}_i}$ , so

$$d\phi_v(w) = \sum_{k=1}^d w_k \text{Ad}_1 \cdots \text{Ad}_{k-1}(e_k)$$

What about  $d\phi_v^{-1}$ ?

# Cayley transform

An important family of Lie matrix groups are those described as

$$G_J = \{A \in GL(n) : A^T \cdot J \cdot A = J\}$$

Its Lie algebra is readily shown to be

$$\mathfrak{g}_J = \{a \in \mathfrak{gl}(n) : a^T J + Ja = 0\}$$

Examples  $SO(n)$ ,  $SP(n)$ ,  $SO(p, q)$ .

Let  $\phi$  be any analytic function satisfying  $\phi(z) \cdot \phi(-z) = 1$ . Then

$$a \in \mathfrak{g}_J \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi(a) \in G_J$$

Most popular  $\phi$  is the **Cayley transform** which we define to be

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}z}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z}$$

# Retraction methods

Retractions can be thought of as a generalization of the exponential (flow) map. Suppose  $\mathcal{M}$  is a manifold and consider  $\mathcal{R} : T\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  whose restriction  $\mathcal{R}_p$  to  $T_p\mathcal{M}$  satisfies

- $\mathcal{R}_p$  is defined on some neighborhood of  $0 \in T_p\mathcal{M}$
- $\mathcal{R}_p(v) = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = 0$
- $T_0\mathcal{R}_p(v) = v$  for all  $v \in T_p\mathcal{M}$

Generalize local coordinate idea by setting (locally)

$$y(t) = \mathcal{R}_p(\sigma(t)), \quad \text{where } y(0) = p \text{ and } \sigma(0) = 0.$$

Similar to the RKMK idea we would now obtain, (for  $\dot{y} = F(y)$ )

$$\dot{\sigma}(t) = T_{\sigma}^{-1}F(\mathcal{R}_p(\sigma))$$

# Example – Retractions

$\mathcal{M}$  Stiefel manifold:  $\{Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} : Q^T Q = I_k\}$ .

Tangent space:  $\{v \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} : Q^T v \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k} \text{ is skew-symmetric}\}$ .

Define  $\mathcal{R}_p(v)$  through:  $p + v = Q \cdot R$  (reduced QR-factorisation).

Set  $\mathcal{R}_p(v) = Q$

# Commutator-free methods

$$Y_i = \exp \left( \sum_r \alpha_{i,J}^r K_r \right) \cdots \exp \left( \sum_r \alpha_{i,1}^r K_r \right) p$$

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Particularly well suited for

- Problems on manifolds with **large isotropy groups**
- **Stiff** problems

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$$Y_1 = p, \quad K_1 = hF_{Y_1}$$

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$$Y_3 = \exp\left(\frac{2}{3}K_2\right) p, \quad K_3 = hF_{Y_3}$$

$$y_1 = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{12}K_1 + \frac{3}{4}K_3\right) \exp\left(\frac{1}{3}K_1\right) p$$

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Generally, we have derived **CF** methods of

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- order 4 with 5 exponentials

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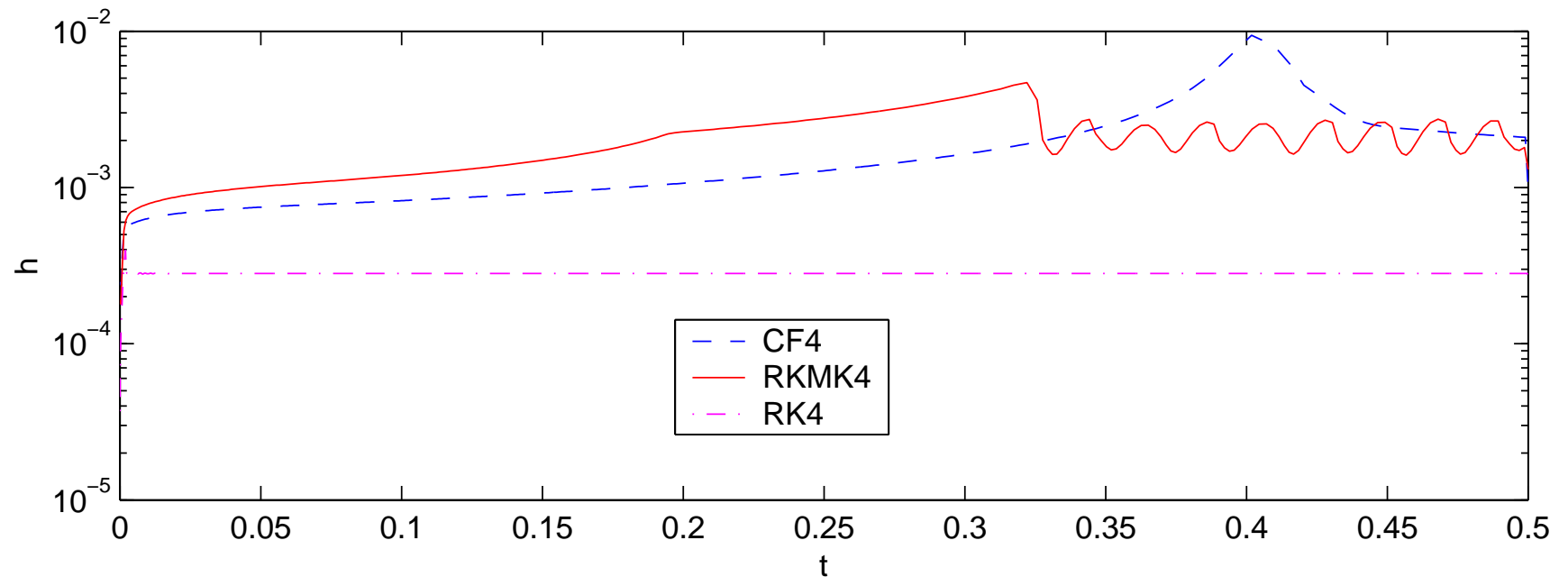
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