

Definition Let G be a group whose operation is written multiplicatively and let $m: G \times G \rightarrow G$ and $i: G \rightarrow G$ be the functions defined by $m(x, y) = xy$, $i(x) = x^{-1}$ for $x, y \in G$. In this case G is called a Lie group provided G is a manifold and the maps m and i are both smooth mappings. It is understood that $G \times G$ is to be given the product manifold structure induced from the manifold structure of G .

Examples. It is easy to show that $(\mathbb{R}^n, +)$ is a Lie group in which the operation is written additively. Another example is the set of complex numbers with modulus 1. Thus $U(1) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}$ is given the manifold structure induced on it as a submanifold of $\mathbb{R}^2$ and one must show the operations m and i are smooth relative to this structure. Still another example is the set $GL(n)$ of all nonsingular matrices. Since the set of all $n \times n$ matrices is a complete normed linear space under the usual definition

$$\begin{aligned} (A+B)_{ij}^i &= A_{ij}^i + B_{ij}^i \\ (cA)_{ij}^i &= cA_{ij}^i \\ \|A\| &= \sqrt{\sum_{i,j=1}^n (A_{ij}^i)^2} \end{aligned}$$

and since $GL(n)$ is an open subset of $gl(n)$, we see that $GL(n)$ has a rather trivial manifold structure it inherits as an open subset of a finite dimensional complete normed linear space.

The mapping $\tilde{m}: gl(n) \times gl(n) \rightarrow gl(n)$ defined by $\tilde{m}(A, B) = AB$ is bilinear and thus is smooth. Consequently $m = \tilde{m}|(GL(n) \times GL(n)): GL(n) \times GL(n) \rightarrow GL(n)$ is smooth. If $A \in GL(n)$ then A^{-1} may be written as $(\frac{1}{\det A}) A^c$ where A^c is the "cofactor" matrix of A . The entries of A^c are polynomials of the entries A_{ij} of A as is also $\det A$. Thus the entries of A^{-1} are rational functions of the entries of A and since $\det A \neq 0$ for all $A \in GL(n)$, it follows that the mapping $i: GL(n) \rightarrow GL(n)$ defined by $i(A) = A^{-1}$ is smooth. Thus $GL(n)$ is a Lie group.

Remark. Observe that the set of all $n \times n$ complex matrices, $gl(n, \mathbb{C})$, is a real vector space, its real dimension is the same as that of $gl(n) \oplus gl(n)$ and so is $2n^2$. Moreover $gl(n, \mathbb{C})$ is an inner product space relative to the inner product

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \sum_{i,j=1}^n A_{ij} \bar{B}_{ij}$$

where $\bar{z}$ denotes the conjugate of the complex number z .

This real inner product space is complete in its induced norm and so $gl(n, \mathbb{C})$ is a finite dimensional real normed linear space.

The set of all nonsingular $n \times n$ complex matrices $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ is an open subset of $gl(n, \mathbb{C})$ and is given the induced manifold structure. Thus $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ is a real manifold. It is not difficult to prove that $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ is a real Lie group. Many Lie groups of interest are a subgroup of this group.

Remark Notice that if G is any Lie group and $a \in G$ then $\{a\} \times G$ is a submanifold of $G \times G$. Moreover the mappings from G to $\{a\} \times G$ and from $\{a\} \times G$ to G defined by $x \rightarrow (a, x)$ and $(a, x) \rightarrow ax$ are smooth mappings. Thus their composite is smooth. This composite is called left multiplication (by a) and is denoted l_a . This $l_a: G \rightarrow G$ is smooth and is given by $l_a(x) = ax$ for all $x \in G$. Similarly the mapping $r_a: G \rightarrow G$ defined by $r_a(x) = xa$ is called right multiplication (by a) and is smooth.

Theorem Let G be a Lie group, e the identity of G , and (U, χ) an admissible chart of G with $e \in U$. Then $l_a(U)$ is open for each $a \in G$ and

$$\mathcal{A} = \{ (l_a(U), \chi \circ l_a^{-1}) \mid a \in G \}$$

is an atlas of admissible charts of G .

Proof First observe that for each $a \in G$, l_a has an inverse and $(l_a)^{-1} = l_{a^{-1}}$. Thus $(l_a)^{-1}$ is smooth and l_a is a diffeomorphism of G . Thus $l_a(U)$ is open in G and, for each $a \in G$, $x \circ l_a^{-1} : l_a(U) \rightarrow x(U)$ is a smooth mapping (since x is an admissible chart of G , clearly x is smooth!). Thus $\mathcal{A}$ is a family of admissible charts and so is a subatlas of the differentiable structure of G .

Most of the Lie groups which occur in Physics are groups of matrices and many of those are isometry groups of some metric. We now prepare to show that a large class of isometry groups of finite dimensional vector spaces are indeed Lie groups.

Let V denote a finite dimensional vector space and g a metric on V . Since g is symmetric we know that there exists a basis of V relative to which the matrix G of g satisfies $G_{ij} = \pm \delta_{ij}$. For each $x \in V$ let $\vec{x}$ denote the column vector of components of x relative to this preferred basis. Then $g(x, y) = \vec{x}^t G \vec{y}$ for all $x, y \in V$. If α is an isometry of (V, g) then its matrix A has the property that

$$(A\vec{x})^t G (A\vec{y}) = g(\alpha(x), \alpha(y)) = g(x, y) = \vec{x}^t G \vec{y}$$

so that

$$\vec{x}^t A^t G A \vec{y} = \vec{x}^t G \vec{y}$$

for all $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Thus

$$\vec{x}^t (A^t G A - G) \vec{y} = 0$$

for all $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and thus $A^t G A = G$.
 It is easy to show that when A is the matrix of a linear transformation α relative to our preferred basis such that $A^t G A = G$ then α is an isometry, so the condition $A^t G A = G$ characterizes isometries of G .

$\times$ Theorem Let $J \in \mathfrak{gl}(n)$ has the properties that $J^2 = -I$ and $J^t = -J$ then

$$G_J = \{ A \in \mathfrak{gl}(n) \mid A^t J A = J \}$$

is a Lie group. Moreover, for any such J ,

$$G_J^{\mathbb{C}} = \{ A \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{C}) \mid A^t J A = J \}$$

is also a real Lie group. Here A^t denotes A^* .

Remark. To prove the latter Theorem we must show G_J is a manifold. One way this can be done is to exhibit a single chart χ of G_J at the identity $e \in G_J$ and then to left translate this chart over all of G_J as in Theorem 1.1.1. We define

$$A = \{ (\phi_a(U), \chi \circ \phi_a^{-1}) \mid a \in G_J \}$$

and show that A is an atlas. There is a natural way to do this using the matrix exponential and we will discuss this idea in

more detail later, but at the moment we choose to define a manifold structure on G_J by showing that it is the level surface of an appropriate function. This method establishes that G_J is actually a submanifold of $GL(n)$. We will then show that the group operations are smooth relative to this submanifold structure. To show this we first need a technical lemma.

Lemma If S is a submanifold of a manifold M and $f: M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth function from M into a manifold N then $f|_S: S \rightarrow N$ is smooth.

Proof To show that $f|_S$ is smooth choose $p \in S$ and show that $f|_S$ is smooth on some neighborhood of p in S . Since S is a submanifold of M there is an admissible chart (U, x) of M such that $p \in U$, $x(p) = 0$ and $x(U \cap S) = x(U) \cap \mathbb{R}^k \times \{0\}$ where $x(U) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m = \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^l$ is open for $k < m$. Recall that the mapping x_0 defined on $U \cap S$ by $x_0 = x|_{(U \cap S)}$ is an admissible chart of S by the definition of the differentiable structure of S . Since $f: M \rightarrow N$ is smooth we know that each coordinate representative of f is smooth and so

matrices in $gl(n)$. So we apply the theorem to $f: gl(n) \rightarrow S(n)$. We must show that Df has rank $\dim S(n)$ for each $A \in f^{-1}(0)$. Let us compute Df by finding the "linear approximation" to f at A . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} f(A+H) - f(A) &= (A+H)^t J(A+H) - A^t J A \\ &= A^t J A + H^t J A + A^t J H + H^t J H - A^t J A \\ &= H^t J A + A^t J H + H^t J H. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly the mapping $H \rightarrow H^t J A + A^t J H$, $H \in gl(n)$, is linear and since $\|BC\| \leq \|B\| \|C\|$ for $B, C \in gl(n)$ we also see that $\|H^t J H\| \leq \|H\|^2 \|J\|$. Thus if we choose

$$Df_A(H) = H^t J A + A^t J H$$

then

$$\frac{\|f(A+H) - f(A) - Df_A(H)\|}{\|H\|} \leq \|H\| \|J\|$$

and since $\|H\| \|J\| \rightarrow 0$ as $\|H\| \rightarrow 0$ we see that the Frechet derivative of f at A is given by

$$Df_A(H) = (A^t J H) + (A^t J H)^t.$$

Recall that if $L: V \rightarrow W$ is a linear map from one vector space V to another vector space W

then the rank of L is $\dim V - \dim(\text{Ker } L)$

Observe that if $H \in \text{Ker } Df$, then $Df(H) = 0$ and this implies

$$A^t J H = -(A^t J H)^t$$

which implies that $B = A^t J H$ is skew-symmetric

Thus $H = (A^t J)^{-1} B$ for some skew-symmetric matrix B (note that $A^t J$ is invertible since

$A \in f^{-1}(0)$ implies that $A^t J A = J$ which in turn implies that $\det A \neq 0$. Conversely we claim that if $H = (A^t J)^{-1} B$ then H is in $\text{Ker } Df_A$. Indeed in this case $A^t J H = B$ and

$$Df_A(H) = A^t J H + (A^t J H)^t = B + B^t = 0.$$

So

$$\text{Ker } Df_A = (A^t J)^{-1}(A)$$

where A is the subspace of all skew-symmetric matrices in $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$. Since the mapping

$X \rightarrow (A^t J)^{-1} X$ is an isomorphism from $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ onto $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ which carries A onto $\text{Ker } Df_A$

we see that the mapping from $f^{-1}(0)$ into the integers defined by $A \rightarrow \dim \text{Ker } Df_A$

is constant and is equal to $\dim A$. Since every matrix A may be written as $\frac{1}{2}(A+A^t) + \frac{1}{2}(A-A^t)$

we see that $\mathfrak{gl}(n) = \mathfrak{sl}(n) + A$. Moreover since the only matrix which is both symmetric and anti-symmetric is 0 we see that

$$\mathfrak{gl}(n) = \mathfrak{sl}(n) \oplus A$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } \text{rk } Df_A &= \dim \mathfrak{gl}(n) - \dim \text{Ker } Df_A \\ &= \dim \mathfrak{gl}(n) - \dim A \\ &= \dim \mathfrak{sl}(n). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that f maps $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ into $\mathfrak{sl}(n)$

and that the rank of Df_A is the dimension of $\mathfrak{sl}(n)$ for each $A \in f^{-1}(0)$. Thus $f^{-1}(0)$ is

a submanifold of $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$. Since $\mathfrak{sl}(n)$ is an open subset of $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ which contains $f^{-1}(0)$, $f^{-1}(0)$ is also a submanifold of $\mathfrak{sl}(n)$.

The mappings $m: \mathcal{GL}(n) \times \mathcal{GL}(n) \rightarrow \mathcal{GL}(n)$ and $i: \mathcal{GL}(n) \rightarrow \mathcal{GL}(n)$ defined by $m(A, B) = AB$ and $i(A) = A^{-1}$, respectively are smooth mappings. Thus their restrictions to the respective submanifolds $f^{-1}(0) \times f^{-1}(0)$ and $f^{-1}(0)$ are smooth. It follows that $G_J = f^{-1}(0)$ is a Lie group.

Clearly the argument may be modified to show that $G_J^{\mathbb{C}}$ is a Lie group. One must replace A^t by $A^* = A^{\dagger}$ in the argument and so $\mathcal{S}(n)$ is just the set of hermitian matrices, $A^* = A$ while $\mathcal{A}$ is the set of anti-hermitian matrices $A^* = -A$. All dimensions are real dimensions, thus in this case $\dim \mathcal{S}(n) = 2(\frac{1}{2}(n^2 - n)) + n = n^2$. We leave the details to the reader. $\square$

Corollary The dimension of G_J is $\frac{1}{2}(n^2 - n)$ while that of $G_J^{\mathbb{C}}$ is n^2 .

Proof Recall that if $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ has constant rank on $f^{-1}(0)$ and $n > m$ then the dimension of $f^{-1}(0)$ is $n - m$. For $f: \mathfrak{gl}(n) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(n)$ defined by $f(A) = A^* J A - J$

$$\dim G_J = \dim f^{-1}(0) = n^2 - \left(\frac{n^2 + n}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}(n^2 - n).$$

In the complex case f maps $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{C})$ to the Hermitian matrices so

$$\dim G_J^{\mathbb{C}} = \dim f^{-1}(0) = 2n^2 - n^2 = n^2.$$

Another approach to obtaining charts for G_J uses the matrix exponential. This function is defined by $A \in \mathfrak{gl}(n)$ by the series

$$\exp(A) = e^A = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k, \quad A^0 = I.$$

To see that the series converges it is useful to consider the partial sums of the series. Let

$$S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} A^k.$$

We show that $\{S_n\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ and use the fact that $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ is a complete normed linear space to obtain the result. Notice that if $n > m$ then

$$\|S_n - S_m\| = \left\| \sum_{k=m+1}^n \frac{1}{k!} A^k \right\| \leq \sum_{k=m+1}^n \frac{1}{k!} \|A\|^k.$$

We used the fact that for $B, C \in \mathfrak{gl}(n)$, $\|BC\| \leq \|B\| \|C\|$.

Since $e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} x^k$ converges for each real number x we see that the partial sums

$S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} \|A\|^k$ of $e^{\|A\|}$ must have a limit. Thus $\{S_n\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ is a Cauchy sequence of real numbers.

But

$$\|S_n - S_m\| \leq |S_n - S_m|$$

from the estimate obtained above. Thus it follows that $\{S_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence and that the exponential e^A is well-defined.

We now show that the mapping $X \rightarrow \exp(X)$ is Frechet differentiable and that

$$(D_{\exp})_A(H) = H + \frac{1}{2} AH + \frac{1}{2} HA + \frac{1}{6} [A^2 H + AHA + HA^2 + \dots]$$

To show this we must examine the linear

approximation to $\exp$ near $X=A$. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}\exp(A+H) - \exp(A) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} [(A+H)^k - A^k] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} [(A+H)^k - A^k] \\ &= H + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=1}^k P(A^{k-i}, H^i)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$P(A^{2-1}, H^1) = P(A, H) = AH + HA$$

$$P(A^{2-2}, H^2) = P(A^0, H^2) = H^2$$

$$P(A^{3-1}, H^1) = P(A^2, H) = A^2H + AHA + HA^2$$

$$P(A^{3-2}, H^2) = P(A, H^2) = AH^2 + HAH + H^2A$$

$$P(A^{3-3}, H^3) = P(A^0, H^3) = H^3$$

and in general $P(A^a, H^b)$ denotes the sum of all distinct "products" where each "product" has A as a factor with multiplicity a and has H as a factor with multiplicity b .

Now for $\|H\| \leq \|A\|$,

$$\|\exp(A+H) - \exp(A) - [H + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} P(A^{k-1}, H)]\|$$

$$= \left\| \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=2}^k P(A^{k-i}, H^i) \right\|$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=2}^k \|A\|^{k-i} \|H\|^i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=2}^k \|A\|^{k-i+i-2} \|H\|^2 \\
&= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=2}^k \|A\|^{k-2} \|H\|^2 \\
&= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (k-2+1) \|A\|^{k-2} \|H\|^2 \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k+1}{(k+2)!} \|A\|^k \|H\|^2 \\
&\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \|A\|^k \|H\|^2 \\
&= e^{\|A\|} \|H\|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{\|\exp(A+H) - \exp A - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} P(A^{k-1}, H)\|}{\|H\|} \leq e^{\|A\|} \|H\|$$

and so the Fréchet derivative of $\exp$ exists at $X = A$ and

$$D_A(\exp)(H) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} P(A^{k-1}, H).$$

~~Theorem~~ There exists an open subset $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathfrak{gl}(n)$ about 0 such that $\exp(\mathcal{O}) \subseteq \text{GL}(n)$ is open and $\exp|_{\mathcal{O}} : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \exp(\mathcal{O})$ is a diffeomorphism. In particular $(\exp(\mathcal{O}), (\exp|_{\mathcal{O}})^{-1})$ is a chart.

Theorem There exists an open subset $\mathcal{O}$ about 0 in $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ such that $\exp(\mathcal{O}) \subseteq \mathcal{GL}(n)$ is open and $\exp|_{\mathcal{O}} : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \exp(\mathcal{O})$ is a diffeomorphism. Thus $(\exp(\mathcal{O}), (\exp|_{\mathcal{O}})^{-1})$ is a chart of $\mathcal{GL}(n)$ onto $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathfrak{gl}(n)$.

Proof For $A = 0$, $Df(H) = H$ for all H . Thus $Df|_A : \mathfrak{gl}(n) \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(n)$ is an isomorphism. By the inverse function theorem f is a local diffeomorphism near 0 .

Corollary If $\mathcal{G}_J = \{ B \in \mathfrak{gl}(n) \mid B^*J + JB = 0 \}$ then $\exists \hat{\mathcal{O}}$ open about $0 \in \mathfrak{gl}(n)$ such that

$$\exp(\mathcal{G}_J \cap \hat{\mathcal{O}}) = \exp(\hat{\mathcal{O}}) \cap G_J$$

and such that if

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{G}_J} = \{ B \in \mathcal{G}_J \mid \text{Tr}(B) = 0 \}$$

then

$$\exp(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{G}_J} \cap \hat{\mathcal{O}}) = \exp(\hat{\mathcal{O}}) \cap S(G_J)$$

where

$$S(G_J) = \{ A \in G_J \mid \det(A) = 1 \}$$

Proof (See following pages for complete proof)

$$B^*J + JB = 0 \Rightarrow B^*J = -JB$$

$$\Rightarrow B = -J B^*J = -J^{-1} B^*J$$

$$\Rightarrow \exp(-B) = J^{-1} \exp(B)^*J$$

$$\Rightarrow (\exp(B)^*J = J \exp(B))$$

$$\Rightarrow \exp(B)^*J = \exp(B)J \exp(B)^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \exp(B) \in G_J$$

$$\exp(G_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \mathcal{O}_0) = G_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \exp(\mathcal{O}_0)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Proof} \\ J=I \end{array} \right) A \in G_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \exp(\mathcal{O}_0) \iff A = \exp(B) \text{ and } \exp(B)^{\dagger} \exp(B) = I, B \in \mathcal{O}_0$$

$$\iff A = \exp(B), \exp(B^{\dagger}) \exp(B) = I, B \in \mathcal{O}_0$$

$$\iff A = \exp(B), \exp(B^{\dagger}) = \exp(-B), B \in \mathcal{O}_0$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{uses } \exp|_{\mathcal{O}_0} \\ \text{one-one} \end{array} \right) \iff A = \exp(B), B^{\dagger} = -B, B \in \mathcal{O}_0$$

Thus $\exp(G_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \mathcal{O}_0) = G_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \exp(\mathcal{O}_0)$ as claimed

Remark We used the fact that $B, -B$ commute in order that $\exp(-B) = \exp(B)^{-1}$. In general if A and B commute then $\exp(A+B) = \exp(A)\exp(B)$ and this implies that $\exp(B)^{-1} = \exp(-B)$.

Also observe that we used the fact that

$$\exp(B^{\dagger}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (B^{\dagger})^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (B^n)^{\dagger} = \exp(B)^{\dagger},$$

$$\exp(\lambda G_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \mathcal{O}_0) = \lambda(G_J^{\mathbb{C}}) \cap \exp(\mathcal{O}_0)$$

(Proof) Let $A \in \lambda(G_J^{\mathbb{C}}) \cap \exp(\mathcal{O}_0)$. Then $A = \exp(B)$ where

$$B \in \mathcal{O}_0 \text{ and } \exp(B)^{\dagger} \exp(B) = I, \det(\exp B) = 1.$$

As in the above proof we see that $B^{\dagger} = -B$.

Since $1 = \det(\exp B) = \exp(\text{Tr} B)$ we have in the real case

$$e^{\text{Tr} B} = 1 \text{ and } \text{Tr} B = 0. \text{ Note that in the complex}$$

case $\text{Tr} B$ is pure imaginary and so this implies only that $\text{Tr} B = 2\pi m i$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

But our choice of $\mathcal{O}_0$ implies that $|\text{Tr} B| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and so $2\pi|m| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $m=0$. So $\text{Tr} B = 0$ in this case as well.

It follows that in both the complex and real cases, $A = \exp(B) \in \exp(\mathfrak{sl}_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \mathfrak{o}_0)$

and $\exp(\mathfrak{sl}_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \mathfrak{o}_0) \supseteq \mathfrak{sl}_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \exp(\mathfrak{o}_0)$.

To show the converse let $A \in \exp(\mathfrak{sl}_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \mathfrak{o}_0)$.

Then $A = \exp(B)$ for $B \in \mathfrak{sl}_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \mathfrak{o}_0$. Thus

$B^+ = -B$ and $\text{Tr } B = 0$, it follows as

in the proof of Claim 3 that $\exp(B)^+ \exp(B) = I$

Moreover, since $\det(\exp(B)) = e^{\text{Tr } B} = e^0 = 1$

we see that $A = \exp(B)$ is in $\mathfrak{sl}_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \exp(\mathfrak{o}_0)$.

Thus $\exp(\mathfrak{sl}_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \mathfrak{o}_0) \subseteq \mathfrak{sl}_J^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \exp(\mathfrak{o}_0)$ and the claim follows.

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Let O be open about $0 \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{C})$ such that $\exp(O)$ is open in $\mathfrak{U}(n, \mathbb{C})$ and $\exp|_O$ is a diffeomorphism. Choose O_0 open about 0 such that $O_0 \subseteq O$ and $B \in O_0 \Rightarrow \bar{B}, B^\dagger, B^{\dagger\dagger}, -B$ all belong to O and $|\text{Tr} B| < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Claim 1 $T_I \mathfrak{U}(2) = \{ B \in \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{C}) \mid B^\dagger = -B \}$

Proof First we show $T_I \mathfrak{U}(2) \subseteq \{ B \in \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{C}) \mid B^\dagger = -B \}$.

Let $C \in T_I \mathfrak{U}(2)$. Then there is a curve $\gamma: (-a, a) \rightarrow \mathfrak{U}(2)$ such that $\gamma(0) = I$, $\gamma'(0) = C$. Since $\gamma(t) \in \mathfrak{U}(2)$ for all t , $\gamma(t)^\dagger \gamma(t) = I$. Thus $\gamma'(t)^\dagger \gamma(t) + \gamma(t)^\dagger \gamma'(t) = 0$.

Since $\gamma(0) = I$, $\gamma'(0)^\dagger + \gamma'(0) = 0$ and $C^\dagger + C = 0$.

So $C \in \{ B \in \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{C}) \mid B^\dagger = -B \}$ as asserted above.

Next we show that $\{ B \in \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{C}) \mid B^\dagger = -B \} \subseteq T_I \mathfrak{U}(2)$.

To see this let $B \in \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{C})$ such that $B^\dagger = -B$. Let $\gamma(t) = \exp(tB)$. We show that $\gamma(t) \in \mathfrak{U}(2)$ for all t and that $\gamma'(0) = B$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(t)^\dagger \gamma(t) &= [\exp(tB)]^\dagger [\exp(tB)] = \exp(tB^\dagger) \exp(tB) \\ &= \exp(-tB) \exp(tB) \\ &= \exp(0) = I, \end{aligned}$$

so $\gamma(t) \in \mathfrak{U}(2)$, $\forall t$. Now $\gamma'(t) = D(\exp)_{\exp(tB)}(tB)$

and $\gamma'(0) = D(\exp)_0(B) = \text{id}(B) = B$. So

$B = \gamma'(0)$, $\gamma(0) = I$ and $\therefore B \in T_I \mathfrak{U}(2)$. It

follows that $T_I \mathfrak{U}(2) = \{ B \mid B \in \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{C}), B^\dagger = -B \}$

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Claim 2 $T_I SU(2) = \{ B \in gl(2, \mathbb{C}) \mid B^+ = -B, \text{Tr } B = 0 \}$

Proof First assume that $C \in T_I SU(2)$, then there exists a curve $\gamma: (-a, a) \rightarrow SU(2)$ such that $\gamma(0) = I$ and $C = \gamma'(0)$. Since $\gamma(t) \in SU(2)$ for all t , $\gamma(t)^+ \gamma(t) = I$ and $\det(\gamma(t)) = 1$ for all t .

As in the proof of the first claim we see that $\gamma'(0)^+ + \gamma(0) = 0$ and so $C^+ + C = 0$. To prove that $\text{Tr } C = 0$ proceed as follows. Since $\gamma(0) = I$ there exists $\varepsilon > 0$, $\varepsilon < a$ such that $\gamma(t) \in \exp(\mathcal{O}_0)$ for $|t| < \varepsilon$. Let $B(t) = \exp^{-1}(\gamma(t))$, so that $\gamma(t) = \exp(B(t))$. We have that

$$1 = \det(\gamma(t)) = \det(\exp(B(t))) = e^{\text{Tr } B(t)}$$

for $|t| < \varepsilon$. Differentiate to get

$$0 = e^{\text{Tr } B(t)} \frac{d}{dt} [\text{Tr } B(t)] = e^{\text{Tr } B(t)} \text{Tr } (B'(t))$$

(Note that Tr is a continuous linear map so its Fréchet derivative is given by $D(\text{Tr}) = \text{Tr}$). Thus at $t=0$ we have $0 = e^{\text{Tr } B(0)} \text{Tr } (B'(0))$. But

$$B(0) = \exp^{-1}(\gamma(0)) = \exp^{-1}(I) = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$C = \gamma'(0) = D(\exp)(B'(0)) = B'(0).$$

So $0 = e^0 \text{Tr } (B'(0)) = \text{Tr } (C)$. Thus $\text{Tr } (C) = 0$

and $C \in \{ B \in gl(2, \mathbb{C}) \mid B^+ = -B, \text{Tr } B = 0 \}$ and

$$T_I SU(2) \subseteq \{ B \in gl(2, \mathbb{C}) \mid B^+ = -B, \text{Tr } B = 0 \}$$

Conversely, assume $B \in gl(2, \mathbb{C})$, $B^+ = -B$, $\text{Tr } (B) = 0$.

Let $\gamma(t) = \exp(tB)$. From the proof of Claim 1 we know $\gamma(t)^+ \gamma(t) = I$. But $\det \gamma(t) = \det(\exp(tB)) = e^{\text{Tr } (tB)} = e^0 = 1$

So $\gamma(t) \in SU(2)$, $\forall t$ and $B = \gamma'(0)$, $\gamma(0) = I$. So $B \in T_I SU(2)$

$$\{ B \mid B^+ = -B, \text{Tr } B = 0 \} \subseteq T_I SU(2) \quad \square$$

Theorem Let G be a Lie group and $v \in T_e G$.
 Define a mapping $X^v : G \rightarrow TG$ by

$$X^v(x) = d_l x(v).$$

Then X^v is a (smooth) vector field on G such that

$$d_l a(X^v(x)) = X^v(ax)$$

for all $a, x \in G$.

Proof. We first show X^v is smooth near the identity $e^2 = e \in G$. To do this we show that $X^v(f) \in C_{loc}^\infty(e)$ whenever $f \in C_{loc}^\infty(e)$. Let $(\tilde{U}, x)$ denote an arbitrary chart of G with $e \in \tilde{U}$. Let $U \subseteq G$ be open such that $U^2 \subseteq \tilde{U} \cap \text{dom}(f)$ (such exists by continuity of the operation of G). Consider the local coordinate representative $X^v(f) \circ x^{-1}$ of $X^v(f)$:

$$\begin{aligned} [X^v(f) \circ x^{-1}](v) &= X^v(f)(x^{-1}(v)) \\ &= X^v_{x^{-1}(v)}(f) \\ &= d_e l_{x^{-1}(v)}(v)(f) \\ &= df_{x^{-1}(v)}(d_e l_{x^{-1}(v)}(v)) \\ &= d_e (f \circ l_{x^{-1}(v)})(v) \\ &= v(f \circ l_{x^{-1}(v)}) \\ &= v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_e (f \circ l_{x^{-1}(v)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial u^i} (f \circ l_{\bar{x}'(v)} \circ \bar{x}')(0)$$

(where (u^i) are coordinates of $\mathbb{R}^m$, $m = \dim G$).

Since the mapping

$$(v, u) \mapsto f(m(\bar{x}'(v), \bar{x}'(u)))$$

is smooth on $x(U) \times x(U) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2m}$ it follows that all its partials exist and are continuous.

Thus

$$v \mapsto \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial u^i} [f(m(\bar{x}'(v), \bar{x}'(u)))] \right|_{u=0}$$

has continuous partials on $x(U)$ and thus $(X^v(f) \circ \bar{x}')(v) = v^i \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial u^i} [f(m(\bar{x}'(v), \bar{x}'(u)))] \right|_{u=0}$ is smooth on $x(U)$. So $X^v(f) \in C_{loc}^\infty(e)$.

Now let $p \in G$ be arbitrary. We show that X^v is smooth in a neighborhood of p .

To do this we show that for $f \in C_{loc}^\infty(p)$ $X^v(f) \in C_{loc}^\infty(p)$. This will be shown by proving the identity

$$X^v(f) = X^v(f \circ l_p) \circ l_p^{-1}.$$

Since $f \circ l_p \in C_{loc}^\infty(e)$, $X^v(f \circ l_p) \in C_{loc}^\infty(e)$ and it will follow that $X^v(f)$ is the composite of smooth functions and therefore is smooth. So we have only to prove the identity. Let q denote any element of G near e , then

$$\begin{aligned} X^v(f \circ l_p)(q) &= X_q^v(f \circ l_p) = d_{l_q}(v)(f \circ l_p) \\ &= d_q(f \circ l_p)(d_{l_q}(v)) = d_e(f \circ l_p \circ l_q)(v) \\ &= d_e(f \circ l_{pq})(v) = d_{pq} f(d_{l_{pq}}(v)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= df|_{pg}(\bar{X}_{pg}^v) = \bar{X}_{pg}^v(f) = \bar{X}^v(f)(pg) \\
 &= (\bar{X}^v(f) \circ l_p)(q).
 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{X}^v(f \circ l_p) &= \bar{X}^v(f) \circ l_p \quad \text{or} \\
 \bar{X}^v(f) &= \bar{X}^v(f \circ l_p) \circ l_p^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally we show that

$$d l_a(\bar{X}^v(x)) = \bar{X}^v(ax).$$

This follows trivially from

$$d l_a(\bar{X}^v(x)) = d l_a(d l_x(v)) = d l_{ax}(v) = \bar{X}^v(ax).$$

Definition A vector field $\bar{X}$ defined on a Lie group G is left (respectively, right) invariant iff for all $x, a \in G$

$$d l_a(\bar{X}(x)) = \bar{X}(ax) \quad (\text{respectively, } d r_a(\bar{X}(x)) = \bar{X}(xa)).$$

Remark Note that the set $\sqrt{\text{all left invariant vector fields}}$ is a subspace of the vector space $\mathcal{V}(G)$ of all vector fields on a Lie group G . It is easy to see that the set of all vector fields on G is an infinite dimensional vector space, but it is a consequence of our next theorem that the subspace of left-invariant vector fields is finite dimensional and has dimension $\dim(T_e G)$. Similar remarks may be made concerning the subspace of right-invariant vector fields.

fields on G .

Theorem Let G be a Lie group. The vector space $\Gamma_{\text{inv}}(G)$ of all left-invariant vector fields on G is vector space isomorphic to the vector space $T_e G$.

Proof Let $\Phi : T_e G \rightarrow \Gamma_{\text{inv}}(G)$ denote the mapping defined by $\Phi(v) = \bar{X}^v$ where

$$\bar{X}^v(x) = d\ell_x(v)$$

for all $x \in G$. First observe that for $v, w \in T_e G$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(v+w)(x) &= \bar{X}^{v+w}(x) = d\ell_x(v+w) = d\ell_x(v) + d\ell_x(w) \\ &= \bar{X}^v(x) + \bar{X}^w(x) = \Phi(v)(x) + \Phi(w)(x) = [\Phi(v) + \Phi(w)](x) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in G$. Thus $\Phi(v+w) = \Phi(v) + \Phi(w)$.

Similarly, $\Phi(cv) = c\Phi(v)$ for $c \in \mathbb{R}$, $v \in T_e G$. To see that Φ is injective assume that $\Phi(v) = 0$. Then

$$d\ell_x(v) = 0$$

for all $x \in G$. For $x = e$, $\ell_x = \text{id}_G$ and $d\ell_x(v) = v$. So $v = 0$ and $\text{Ker}(\Phi) = \{0\}$.

So Φ is a monomorphism. Let $\bar{X} \in \Gamma_{\text{inv}}(G)$ and let $v = \bar{X}(e)$. Then, for $x \in G$,

$$\bar{X}^v(x) = d\ell_x(v) = d\ell_x(\bar{X}(e)) = \bar{X}(xe) = \bar{X}(x)$$

So $\bar{X} = \bar{X}^v = \Phi(v)$ and Φ^* is an isomorphism from $T_e G$ onto $\Gamma_{\text{inv}}(G)$.

It is the intent of the next few paragraphs to show that $\Gamma_{\text{inv}}(G)$ has a naturally defined algebraic structure defined on it called a Lie algebra. The last theorem assures that $T_e G$ becomes a Lie algebra. Thus every Lie group induces a Lie algebra structure on its "linearization" $T_e G$ at e . There is a partial converse to this result.

If G is a simply connected (to be defined later) Lie group then G is uniquely determined by its Lie algebra. Thus there is a one-one correspondence between simply connected Lie groups and finite dimensional Lie algebras. An additional remarkable fact is that given any Lie group G there is a unique simply connected Lie group $\tilde{G}$ such that G is Lie-group isomorphic to $\tilde{G}/D$ for some normal discrete subgroup D of $\tilde{G}$. In particular, $\tilde{G}$ and G are "locally isomorphic".

First we show that the set of all vector fields of a manifold M is a Lie algebra (to be defined below). Let X and Y be vector fields on M . The Lie bracket $[X, Y]$ of X and Y is the vector field on M defined by

$$[X, Y](f) = X_x(Y(f)) - Y_x(X(f))$$

for $x \in M$, $f \in C^\infty_{\text{loc}}(x)$. We must show that $[X, Y]_x$ is in fact a tangent vector of M at x and that the mapping $x \mapsto [X, Y]_x$ is smooth.