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T-closed, exp-closed closed subgroups of $GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \leftrightarrow$ completely geodesic submanifolds of $\text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R})$

Definition. Embedded *completely* geodesic submanifolds

Let $S \subseteq M$ be a connected, *embedded* submanifold of a uniquely geodesic Riemannian manifold (M, g) . Then S is called **completely geodesic** if for every g -geodesic $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$, if γ meets S in two points then this implies $\gamma(\mathbb{R}) \subset \iota(S)$.

Proposition: Let $P \subseteq \text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R})$ be a completely geodesic, closed and embedded submanifold containing $I \in P$. Then P is also a $\text{CAT}(0)$ symmetric space.

Let $G \leq GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ be a closed, T-closed and exp-closed subgroup.

$$\begin{aligned} K &:= G \cap O(n, \mathbb{R}) \\ P &:= G \cap \text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R}) \ni I \\ \mathfrak{p} &:= T_I G \cap \text{Sym}(n, \mathbb{R}) \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$t_G(I) = P = \exp_I(\mathfrak{p}) \cong_G G/K$$

is a **completely geodesic, closed and embedded submanifold**, thus also a $\text{CAT}(0)$ symmetric space. Moreover, $K \leq G$ is a maximal compact subgroup which is unique upto conjugacy and the map

$$\begin{aligned} K \times P &\rightarrow G \\ (k, m) &\mapsto km \end{aligned}$$

is a diffeomorphism.

Let $V \subseteq \text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R})$ is a completely geodesic, embedded, closed submanifold containing $I \in V$ then

$$G := \{g \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \mid t_g(V) = V\} \leq GL(n, \mathbb{R})$$

is a closed, exp-closed, T-closed subgroup such that

$$V = G \cap \text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R})$$

$$t_G(I) = P = \exp_I(\mathfrak{p})$$

As

$$\begin{aligned} g \in G &\implies g^T \in G \implies gg^T \in G \\ gg^T &= t_g(I) \in \text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R}) \end{aligned}$$

we have the restricted orbit map to $G \leq GL(n, \mathbb{R})$

$$\begin{aligned} G &\rightarrow P := G \cap \text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R}) \\ g &\mapsto t_g(I) = gg^T \end{aligned}$$

- If $X \in \text{Sym}(n, \mathbb{R})$ and $p = \exp(X) \in G$ then $\exp(\frac{1}{2}X) \in G$ by assumption. Then

$$t_{\exp(\frac{1}{2}X)}(I) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}X\right)^2 = p$$

Thus we have $P \subseteq t_G(I)$ implying

$$P := G \cap \text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R}) = t_G(I)$$

- The **stabilizer** of I in G

$$\{g \in G \mid \forall p \in M, gIg^T = I\} = \underbrace{O(n, \mathbb{R})}_{\text{compact}} \cap G =: K$$

which is compact.

- Now by exp-closedness

$$\log(\underbrace{G \cap \text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R})}_M) \subset T_I G$$

and also

$$\exp(\underbrace{T_I G \cap \text{Sym}(n, \mathbb{R})}_{\mathfrak{p}}) \subset \underbrace{G \cap \text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R})}_P$$

- Thus

$$P = \exp(\underbrace{T_I G \cap \text{Sym}(n, \mathbb{R})}_{=: \mathfrak{p}})$$

- Hence, P is a closed and embedded submanifold of $\text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R})$ as it is a diffeomorphic image of an closed and embedded submanifold.

P is G -diffeomorphic to G/K

Proposition: The action

$$t : GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright \text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R})$$

is **proper**.

Let $\{p_i\} \subset \text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R})$ and $\{g_i\} \subset GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ be sequences such that

$$p_i, \boldsymbol{t}_{g_i}(p_i) = g_i p_i g_i^\top$$

converge.

- As $G \leq GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is a closed subgroup, then by

Let $G \curvearrowright X$ is a proper action and $H \leq G$ is a closed subgroup. Then

$$H \curvearrowright X := H \hookrightarrow G \curvearrowright X$$

is a **proper action**.

action $G \curvearrowright \text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R})$ is also **proper**.

- Thus by

Let $\theta : G \curvearrowright M$ be a smooth left Lie group action on a smooth manifold M and $p \in M$. Then the orbit map

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{(p)} : G &\rightarrow M \\ g &\mapsto gp \end{aligned}$$

is smooth and has constant rank, so the isotopy group $G_p = \theta_{(p)}^{-1}(p)$ is a **closed subgroup** of G . Then

$$\theta_{(p)} : \frac{G}{G_p} \hookrightarrow M$$

is an injective immersion making the image, that is, the orbit $\theta^G(p)$ is an **immersed submanifold**

$$\iota : (G \setminus \{p\}, \theta_{(p)*} \mathfrak{T}_{G/G_p}, \theta_{(p)*} \mathcal{A}_{G/G_p}) \hookrightarrow M$$

Moreover, if the action θ is *proper* then the orbit map $\theta_{(p)}$ is a proper smooth embedding (so in particular the orbit $\theta^G(p)$ is closed/properly embedded) and each stabilizer G_p is compact.

the orbit

$$M := \boldsymbol{t}_G(I)$$

is an **embedded submanifold** of $\text{Pd}(n, \mathbb{R})$.

- Thus in particular, we have a G -equivariant diffeomorphism

$$G/K \cong_{\text{Man}_G} P$$

by the orbit map.

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