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Smooth Lie group action on a smooth manifold

$$\Phi : G \curvearrowright M$$

Definition. Smooth Lie group action on a smooth manifold

A [\(left\)_group action](#) $\Phi : G \curvearrowright M$ by a Lie group G on a [smooth manifold](#) M

$$\Phi : G \times M \rightarrow M$$

is a **smooth Lie group action** if Φ is smooth.

We think of it as a "smooth" homomorphism

$$\Phi : G \rightarrow \text{Diff}(M)$$

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induced Lie group actions on the cotangent bundle

Let

$$G \curvearrowright M$$

be a smooth action, then this induces an action

$$\begin{aligned} G &\curvearrowright T^*M \\ (q, \eta) &\overset{\eta}{\mapsto} (gq, (\mathrm{d}g^{-1})_q^* \eta) \end{aligned}$$

and it commutes with the projection

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^*M & \xrightarrow{g} & T^*M \\ \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \pi \\ M & \xrightarrow{g} & M \end{array}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(gp) &= g\pi(p) \\ \implies \mathrm{d}_{gp}\pi \circ \mathrm{d}_p g &= \mathrm{d}_q g \circ \mathrm{d}_p \pi \\ \implies \mathrm{d}_p g^* \circ \mathrm{d}_{gp} \pi^* &= \mathrm{d}_p \pi^* \circ \mathrm{d}_q g^* \end{aligned}$$

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