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Smooth maps onto a Lie group

Definition. Left Darboux derivative of a map onto a Lie group

Let M be a smooth manifold, G be a Lie group with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$ and [Maurer-Cartan form](#) ω_G and

$$f : M \rightarrow G$$

a smooth map.

Then the **left Darboux derivative** of f is the $\mathfrak{g}$ -valued 1-form

$$\omega_f := f^* \omega_G \in \Omega^1(M, \mathfrak{g})$$

It is the composition

$$TM \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{D}f} TG \xrightarrow{\omega_f} \mathfrak{g}$$

Proposition:

$$d\omega_f(X, Y) + [\omega_f(X), \omega_f(Y)] = 0$$

Thus, we have

$$\text{EndMan}(M, G) \rightarrow \Omega^1(M, \mathfrak{g})^{\mathfrak{s}} \hookrightarrow \Omega^1(M, \mathfrak{g})$$

Proposition: (Uniqueness of the primitive) Let M be a connected manifold and $f_1, f_2 : M \rightarrow G$ be smooth maps onto a Lie group G . Then their left Darboux derivative are the same

$$\omega_{f_1} = \omega_{f_2}$$

$\iff$ there exists an element $g \in G$ such that

$$f_2 = gf_1$$

fundamental theorem

Proposition: Let G be a Lie group with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$ and M be a smooth manifold with a $\omega \in \Omega^1(M, \mathfrak{g})$ such that

$$d\omega(X, Y) + [\omega(X), \omega(Y)] = 0$$

Then for each $p \in M$ there is a neighborhood U_p of p and a smooth map $f : U_p \rightarrow G$ such that

$$\omega|_U = \omega_f$$

≡ Let G be a Lie group with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$, M be a smooth manifold with a $\omega \in \Omega^1(M, \mathfrak{g})$. Then ω is *left Darboux derivative* of some smooth map $M \rightarrow G \iff$

$$d\omega(X, Y) + [\omega(X), \omega(Y)] = 0$$

and the monodromy representation

$$\Phi_\omega : \pi_1(M, b) \rightarrow G$$

is trivial. Moreover, such an integral of ω , if it exists, is unique upto a left translation by a constant element of G .

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