

# Connected Lie groups with non-surjective exponential map

**Proposition:** There is *no* Riemannian metric on a Lie group  $G$  with non-surjective exponential map such that

$$\exp_{i_G} = \exp : \text{Lie}(G) \rightarrow G$$

💡 Let there is such a metric, then by

☰ **(Hopf-Rinow)** Let  $(M, g)$  be a connected Riemannian manifold. Then  $M$  is geodesically complete

$$\iff$$

$(M, d_g)$  is a complete metric space

$$\iff$$

$\exp_p : T_p M \rightarrow M$  is defined for some  $p \in M$

$$\iff$$

every closed  $d$ -bounded set in  $M$  is compact.

If  $(M, g)$  satisfies any (hence all) of the above, then each pair of points in  $M$  can be joined by a **length-minimizing** geodesic segment. In particular, for each  $p \in M$  the exponential

$$\exp_p : T_p M \rightarrow M$$

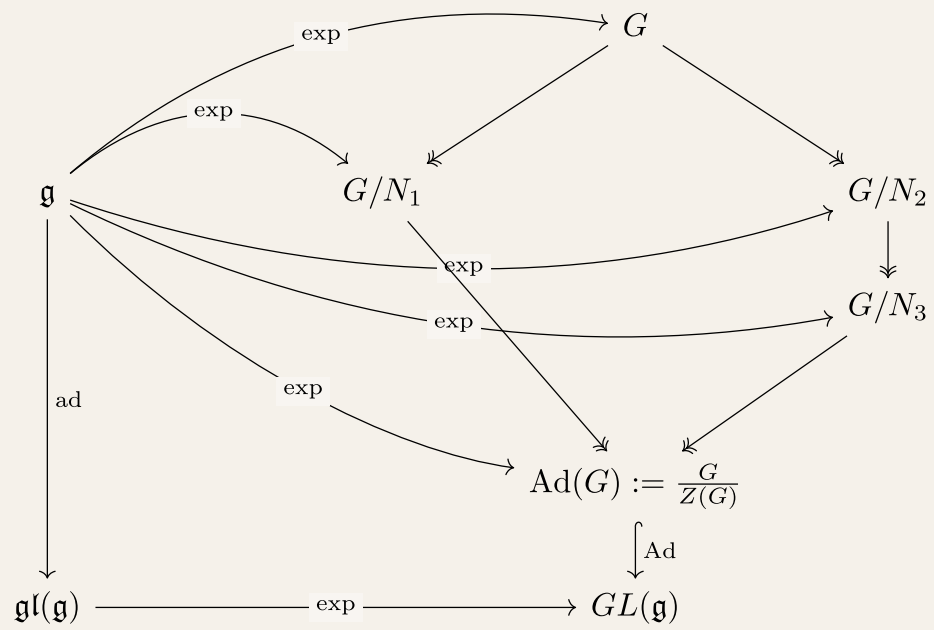
is surjective.

it is complete, hence  $\exp = \exp_{i_G}$  must be surjective.

## Covering of a *connected Lie group with non-surjective exponential map*

### *Connected Lie groups with non-surjective exponential map and discrete center*

$$\mathfrak{Z}(\mathfrak{g}) = 0$$



- If exponential is *not* surjective onto  $\text{Ad}(G)$  then it is not surjective onto any Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ .