

practical

- doodle poll on course website for lecture times] ...not yet...
- probably will might hold lectures during reading week.

Recall. For compact Lie groups G $\exists$ Ad-invariant inner product on $\mathfrak{g}$
 $\Rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \cong \mathfrak{g}^*$ G -equivariant linear isomorphism
 adjoint orbits $\longleftrightarrow$ coadjoint orbits

Coadjoint orbits for $U(n)$; Flag manifolds

$$G = U(n) = \{A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \mid \bar{A}^T A = I\} \quad \text{unitary matrices}$$

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{u}(n) = \{A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \mid \bar{A}^T + A = 0\} \quad \text{anti-Hermitian matrices}$$

$$\cong \{A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \mid \bar{A}^T = A\} \quad \text{Hermitian matrices}$$

$iA \leftrightarrow A$

A Hermitian or anti-Hermitian $A: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$

$$g \in U(n) \quad \text{Ad}(g): A \mapsto g A g^{-1}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}^n & \xrightarrow{A} & \mathbb{C}^n \\ g \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ \mathbb{C}^n & \xrightarrow{\text{Ad}(g)(A)} & \mathbb{C}^n \end{array}$$

Spectral decomposition

$A: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ is Hermitian iff

$\exists$ orthogonal decomposition $\mathbb{C}^n = E_1 \oplus \dots \oplus E_k$

$$\dim E_j = m_j \quad j=1, \dots, k$$

and real $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_k$ with respect to which

$$A \text{ acts by } \lambda_1 I_{E_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \lambda_k I_{E_k}.$$

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ are the distinct eigenvalues of A

$E_1, \dots, E_k$ are their eigenspaces

$m_1, \dots, m_k$ are their multiplicities.

$$\forall \text{ such } A \quad \forall g \in U(n) \quad \text{Ad}(g)(A) = g A g^{-1} = \lambda_1 I_{gE_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \lambda_k I_{gE_k}.$$

So the adjoint orbits are the sets of isospectral matrices:

$$\mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k} := \{ A \text{ as above} \}$$

← equivariant diffeo

$$\text{Let } \mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k} := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{decompositions} \\ \mathbb{C}^n = E_1 \oplus \dots \oplus E_k \\ \text{st. } \dim E_j = m_j \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{Identifying } \{ \text{Hermitian matrices} \} \cong \mathfrak{J}^*$$

using an Ad -invariant inner product
(and mult. by i),

we obtain for each $m_1, \dots, m_k$ a family of
(KKS) s. forms on $\mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k}$ parametrized by
 $\{ \lambda_1 > \dots > \lambda_k \}.$

$$U(n) \curvearrowright \mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k} \quad \text{transitively}$$

$$\text{Stabilizer of } \mathbb{C}^{m_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{C}^{m_k} \text{ is } U(m_1) \times \dots \times U(m_k).$$

$$\text{So } \mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k} \cong \frac{U(n)}{U(m_1) \times \dots \times U(m_k)}$$

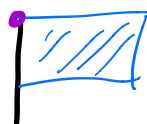
$$\text{also } \mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k} \cong \left\{ \{0\} \subseteq \underbrace{V_1 \subseteq V_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq V_k}_{\text{flags}} = \mathbb{C}^n \right\}$$

$$\dim V_j = m_1 + \dots + m_j$$

$$\text{by } V_j = E_1 \oplus \dots \oplus E_j, \quad E_j = \text{orthocomplement of } V_{j-1} \text{ in } V_j.$$

$$\text{Complete flags: } m_1 = \dots = m_n = 1 \quad k=n$$

$$\left\{ \{0\} \subset V_1 \subset \dots \subset V_n = \mathbb{C}^n \right\} \quad \dim V_j = j \quad \forall j.$$



$$k=2, \quad m_1=l, \quad m_2=n-l:$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{l, n-l} \cong \text{Grass}(l, n)$$

Grassmannian of l -planes in $\mathbb{C}^n$

$$\underline{l=1}: \quad \mathcal{H}_{1, n-1} \cong \mathbb{CP}^{n-1}$$

complex projective space
= complex lines through 0 in $\mathbb{C}^n$

For other ^{compact} Lie groups: get
 "generalized flag manifolds"
 "generalized Grassmannians".

$$\mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k} \xrightarrow{\pi_j} \text{Grass}(m_j, n)$$

$j=1, \dots, k$

$$(E_1 \oplus \dots \oplus E_k) \mapsto E_j$$

Take ω_j Kirillov-Kostant-Souriau form
 on $\text{Grass}(m_j, n)$

(e.g. normalized s.t. $[\omega_j]$ generates $H_{\text{dR}}^2(\text{Grass}(m_j, n), \mathbb{Z})$
 its deRham Coh. class $\frac{\text{image of } H^2}{\omega \text{ } \mathbb{Z}\text{-coeff}}$
 in H_{dR}^2)

Then ω_{KKS} on $\mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k}^{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k} \cong \mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k}$ is

$$\lambda_1 \pi_1^* \omega_1 + \dots + \lambda_k \pi_k^* \omega_k$$

(Need to check.)

Averaging of differential forms

Lemma
Let

$$G \hookrightarrow M$$

compact
Lie

Let $\alpha \in \Omega^k(M)$ be a k -form

that is exact and G -invariant.

Then α has a G -invariant primitive.

$$\beta \text{ s.t. } d\beta = \alpha$$

proof. Let β' be a $(k-1)$ -form s.t. $d\beta' = \alpha$.

$\forall a \in G$

$$a: M \rightarrow M$$

Consider

$$a^* \beta'$$

$$d a^* \beta' = \underbrace{a^* d\beta'}_{\alpha} = a^* \alpha = \alpha$$

$\uparrow$
 α is G -invariant

Let

$$\beta := \int_{a \in G} a^* \beta'$$

$\underbrace{da}_{\text{left invariant probability measure on } G}$

family of $(k-1)$ -forms
parametrized by $a \in G$

β is a (smooth) $(k-1)$ -form on M .

$$d\beta = d \int_{a \in G} a^* \beta' da = \int_{a \in G} \underbrace{d(a^* \beta')}_{\alpha} da = \alpha$$

In fact,

$$(\Omega(M)^G, d) \hookrightarrow (\Omega(M), d)$$

$\nearrow$
G-invariant diff. forms

induced

$$H^\bullet(\Omega(M)^G, d) \longrightarrow \underbrace{H^\bullet(\Omega(M), d)}_{=: H_{\text{dR}}^\bullet(M)}$$

The lemma shows that this map is an injection.

claim. If $G \curvearrowright M$
acts trivially on cohomology
(e.g. if G is connected)

then this map is an isomorphism.

office hr. Given $m_1, \dots, m_k$ and $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$:

$$\mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k} := \left\{ A: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{e. values } \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \\ \text{multiplicities } m_1, \dots, m_k \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \parallel \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k} := \left\{ \text{decompositions } \mathbb{C}^n = E_1 \oplus \dots \oplus E_k \right\}$$

Reference: Adams "lectures on lie groups".

$$T \subset G \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{g}$$

maximal
torus

$$\mathfrak{g}^T = \{ \eta \in \mathfrak{g} \mid A(a)(\eta) = a \quad \forall a \in T \}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{easy}}{=} \mathfrak{t}$$

$\supseteq$ easy
 $\subseteq$ requires something

$$\{ \eta \in \mathfrak{t} \mid \text{Stab}(\eta) \stackrel{\text{always}}{=} T \} \subset \mathfrak{t}$$

open
& dense

such η are called regular.

The adjoint orbit through a regular $\eta \in \mathfrak{g}^T$

$$T \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{t} \oplus \mathfrak{m}$$

$\mathfrak{m}$
complementary
T-invariant subspace.

$$\mathfrak{t} = \mathfrak{g}^T \Rightarrow T \curvearrowright \mathfrak{m}$$

has no nontrivial
fixed subspace
 $\Rightarrow \mathfrak{m} = \mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{R}^2$

$\uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow$
 $T \quad \quad T$

$$\Rightarrow \dim \mathfrak{m} \text{ is even}$$

But $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{t} = T(\mathfrak{g}/T)$

another argument
why adjoint orbits

have even dimension when G is compact

even dimension.

$$G = O(4) = \{ A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4} \mid A^T A = I \}.$$

$$\mathfrak{g} = \{ A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4} \mid A^T + A = 0 \}$$

anti symmetric.

$$L = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \lambda_1 \\ \hline -\lambda_1 & 0 \end{array} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \lambda_2 \\ \hline -\lambda_2 & 0 \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

two such $\mathfrak{g}$ matrices are conjugate in $O(4)$
 iff they differ by $\lambda_1 \leftrightarrow -\lambda_1$
 $\lambda_2 \leftrightarrow -\lambda_2$
 $\lambda_1 \leftrightarrow \lambda_2$.

assume $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0$

$$\mathbb{R}^4 = E_1 \oplus E_2$$

A acts on E_1 by $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda_1 \\ -\lambda_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

on E_2 by $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda_2 \\ -\lambda_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

So (I think) the corresponding gen. flag mod

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{decompositions } \mathbb{R}^4 = E_1 \oplus E_2 \\ + \text{orientation on each } E_1, E_2 \end{array} \right\}$$

other types: $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 > 0$, $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 = 0$, $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$.

$$\mathcal{R}_{\geq 0}^* \cong \mathcal{L}_+^* \subset \mathfrak{g}^* \quad \text{positive Weyl chamber}$$

fundamental domain for the coadjoint action.

The manifold structure.

$$\mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k} = \{ E_1 \oplus \dots \oplus E_n \} \cong \frac{U(n)}{U(m_1) \times \dots \times U(m_k)}$$

induces a metric on $\mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k}$

Theorem:

$$\forall \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \quad \mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k} \cong \mathcal{H}_{m_1, \dots, m_k}^{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}(n) \quad \text{is an embedding}$$