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Tori in Lie groups

Source: Adams "Lectures on Lie groups".

G compact connected Lie group

$\forall \xi \in \mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G) \quad \overline{\exp(\mathbb{R}\xi)} \subset G$ is a torus.

Conversely:

$\forall T \subset G$ torus $\exists \xi \in \mathfrak{L} \text{ s.t. } T = \overline{\exp(\mathbb{R}\xi)}$
 $\text{Lie}(T)$

Let $G \curvearrowright (M, \omega) \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathfrak{g}^*$ be a Hamiltonian G -m.f.d.

Let $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$. Then

$$\text{Crit } \mu^\xi = \{x \in M \mid \xi_M|_x = 0\} = M^T$$

where $T = \overline{\exp(\mathbb{R}\xi)}$

$\therefore \text{Crit } \mu^\xi$ is a locally finite disjoint union of symplectic subm.f.d.s.

Maximal tori

a torus in G is a Lie subgroup that is $\cong (S^1)^k$ for some k .

a maximal torus in a Lie group G is a torus $T \subset G$ s.t. $\forall$ torus $\hat{T} \subset G$
if $T \subseteq \hat{T}$ then $T = \hat{T}$.

Assume G is compact & connected.

- such T exist (easy)
- any element of G is contained in such a T .
(Nontrivial, uses Lefschetz fixed point theorem)
- any two maximal tori are conjugate:
 $T_2 = g T_1 g^{-1}$

equivalent to: $\exp: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$ is onto.

Example

$$G = U(n)$$

$$T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & a_n \end{pmatrix} \mid \forall j, |a_j| = 1 \right\} \cong (S^1)^n$$

Note Not every abelian subgroup is contained in a torus.

e.g. $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & & 0 \\ & \pm 1 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \pm 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \subseteq SO(n)$

The standard maximal torus of $so(n)$ is

n even: $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \square & & \\ & \square & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \square \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ each block: $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} c & -s \\ s & c \end{pmatrix} \mid c^2 + s^2 = 1 \right\}$

$$\text{Ad}^*: G \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$$

For generic $\beta \in \mathfrak{g}^*$, $\text{stab}(\beta)$ is a maximal torus in G .

Means:

$\{\text{such } \beta\} \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$ is residual:
 "big" in the sense of Baire category thm
 i.e. contained in a countable intersection
 of open dense sets.

In fact, $\{\text{such } \beta\}$ is itself open & dense.

It is the principal orbit type stratum in $\mathfrak{g}^*$
 Its complement is a finite union of proper suborbits
 of $\mathfrak{g}^*$.

Example

$$G = U(n)$$

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{u}(n) = \text{Lie}(G) \\ = \{ \text{anti Hermitian matrices} \} \\ \bar{\alpha}^T = -\alpha.$$

$$\text{Ad}^*: G \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$$

identify $\mathfrak{g}^* \longleftrightarrow \{ \text{Hermitian matrices} \}$
 $\beta \mapsto \beta^T = \beta$

$$\beta: \alpha \mapsto \underbrace{\text{Trace}(i\alpha\beta)}_{\text{real}}$$

$$\text{Ad}^* \longleftrightarrow \text{conjugation}$$

$$\beta \in \mathfrak{g}^*$$

Hermitian

$$\text{stabil}(\beta) = \{ A \in G \mid A\beta A^{-1} = \beta \}$$

is a torus iff the eigenvalues of β are distinct.

If so, up to change of basis

($\iff$ conjugation by an element of $G = U(n)$)

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & d_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$d_1, \dots, d_n \in \mathbb{R}$ distinct

$$\text{Stabil}(\beta) = T \quad \text{the standard maximal torus.}$$

Relation with symplectic geometry

G compact connected

$\beta \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ s.t. $T := \text{stab}(\beta) \subset G$
is a maximal torus

$M :=$ the coadjoint orbit through β .

$$G \curvearrowright (M, \omega) \xleftarrow{\mu} \mathfrak{g}^*$$

$$\parallel 2$$

$$G/T$$

Let $\hat{T} \subset G$ be any other torus.

Let $\xi \in \hat{\mathfrak{t}}$ be s.t. $\hat{T} = \overline{\exp(\mathbb{R}\xi)}$

$$M^{\hat{T}} = \underbrace{\text{Orb}^{\hat{T}}}_{\# \geq \text{Orb} M \geq 2} \neq \emptyset$$

Let $x \in M^{\hat{T}}$ write $x = \text{Ad}^*(a)(\beta)$

identifying $M = G/T$: $x = aT$

$$\forall g \in \hat{T} \quad g \cdot x = x$$

$$\text{so } gaT = aT$$

$$\text{so } a^{-1}gaT = T$$

$$\therefore a^{-1}\hat{T}a \subset T$$

i.e. $\hat{T}$ in G is conjugate to a subtorus of T .

Now Take arbitrary $g \in G$.

a path from 1 to g

$\rightsquigarrow$ Hamiltonian isotopy of the coadjoint orbit (M, ω)

$x \in M$ is fixed by g

$\Leftrightarrow$ identifying $M \leftrightarrow G/T$,
 $x \leftrightarrow aT$

$$gaT = aT$$

$\Leftrightarrow a^{-1}ga \in T$.

Thus, "every element of G is contained in a conjugate of T "

is an illustration of Arnold's conjecture:

the Hamiltonian symplectomorphism $g \in M$ has a fixed point.

Local normal form for Hamiltonian torus actions

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \hookrightarrow (M, \omega) & \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathfrak{t}^* \\ \cong & & \cong \\ (S^1)^k & & \mathbb{R}^k \end{array}$$

T-orbits are isotropic:

$$\forall \xi, \eta \in \mathfrak{t} = \text{Lie}(T)$$

$$\omega(\xi_M, \eta_M) = \pm (d\mu^\xi)(\eta_M) = \eta_M \int_M \xi = 0$$

μ is T-invariant

$$\text{so } \forall x \in M \quad \underbrace{T_x(T \cdot x)}_{\substack{\text{its tangent} \\ \text{the orbit}}} \subset T_x M$$

$$T_x(T \cdot x)^\omega \supseteq T_x(T \cdot x)$$

so

$$H := \text{stab}(x) \hookrightarrow V \xrightarrow{\mu_V} \mathfrak{g}^*$$

symplectic slice

$$\text{with } V = \frac{T_x(T \cdot x)^\omega}{T_x(T \cdot x)}$$

Local normal form: nbhd of x in $M \longleftrightarrow$ nbhd of 0 section in $T_H^* V \times \mathfrak{h}^0$

$$x \longleftrightarrow [1, 0, 0]$$

$$\mu([g, z, v]) = \underbrace{\mu_V(z)}_{\in \mathfrak{h}^*} + \underbrace{v}_{\in \mathfrak{h}^0} \in \mathfrak{h}^* \times \mathfrak{h}^0 \cong \mathfrak{t}^*$$

Linear symplectic torus actions

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T \hookrightarrow (V, \omega_V) & \xrightarrow[\text{quadrature}]{\mu} & \mathfrak{t}^* \\ i \downarrow & \parallel & \uparrow i^* \text{ linear projection} \\ (S')^n \hookrightarrow (\mathbb{C}^n, \omega_{\text{std}}) & \xrightarrow[\left((z_1, \dots, z_n) \mapsto \left(\frac{|z_1|^2}{2}, \dots, \frac{|z_n|^2}{2} \right) \right)]{\mu_T} & \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$

$$i: T \hookrightarrow (S')^n$$

$$i_*: \mathfrak{t} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$i^*: (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$$

$$\mu_T(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{|z_j|^2}{2} \alpha_j$$

$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ are the weights for the torus action on V .

$$i: T \hookrightarrow (S')^n$$

each component :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S' \\ \exp \uparrow & & \uparrow \exp \\ \mathfrak{t} & \xrightarrow{\alpha_j} & \mathbb{R} \end{array} \quad \text{homomorphism}$$

$$\text{Hom}(T, S') \cong \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^* \subset \mathfrak{t}^*$$

the lattice of weights.

e.g. $T = (S')^k$

$m_1, \dots, m_k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (S')^k & \xrightarrow{(a_1, \dots, a_k) \mapsto a_1^{m_1} \dots a_k^{m_k}} & S' \\ \exp \uparrow & & \uparrow \exp \\ \mathbb{R}^k & \xrightarrow{(x_1, \dots, x_k) \mapsto \sum m_j x_j} & \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

so $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^* \subset \mathfrak{t}^*$

$\mathbb{Z}^k \subset \mathbb{R}^k$

Note. for $T \ni (V, \omega_V) \xrightarrow{\mu_T} \mathfrak{t}^*$

$$\text{image } \mu_T = \sum_{j=1}^n R_{\geq 0} \alpha_j$$

where $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ are the weights for the T -action.

So $\text{image } \mu_T$ is a convex polyhedral cone.

Condevaux - Dazord - Molino approach to convexity properties of momentum maps.

Def. a continuous map

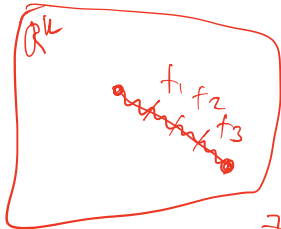
$$\mu: \underbrace{X}_{\text{connected Hausdorff}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$$

is CDM if every two points in X can be connected by a ^{continuous} path $\gamma: [0, 1] \longrightarrow X$ st.

$\mu \circ \gamma: [0, 1] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is "monotone straight"
i.e. is a weakly monotone parametrization
of a (possibly degenerate) closed interval.

CDM implies:

- X is connected
- image is convex
- level sets are connected



i.e. $\forall x_0, x_1 \in X$
 $\exists \gamma: [0, 1] \longrightarrow X$ st. $\gamma(0) = x_0, \gamma(1) = x_1$

$\forall 0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq t_3 \leq 1$

$$\mu(\gamma(t_2)) \in [\mu(\gamma(t_1)), \mu(\gamma(t_3))]$$

Special case: $\mu: X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$
inclusion map of a subset

- μ is CDM iff X is convex
- μ is proper iff X is closed

Conderaux - Dazord - Molino

Hilgert - Neel - Plank

See: | Bjorn Dahl - Karsten
Ratiu - Birtea - Ortega.

Lokal-global-prinzip

X connected Hausdorff

$\mu: X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ proper

or: proper as a map
to a convex subset of $\mathbb{R}^k$

If each point of X has a nbhd U s.t.

$$\mu|_U : U \longrightarrow \mu(U) \subset \mathbb{R}^k$$

is CDM & open

Then $\mu: X \longrightarrow \mu(X)$
is also CDM & open.

Special case:

1928 Tietze-Nakajima:

$X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$ closed, connected, locally convex

Then X is convex.

$\forall$ pt $\exists$ nbhd U s.t. $U \cap X$ is convex

Proposition

$$\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n \xrightarrow{\text{linear projection}} \mathbb{R}^k$$

$$(s_j) \mapsto \sum s_j \alpha_j$$

is CDM & is open as a map to its image.

This + local normal form implies: $\forall$ Hamiltonian T-mfld

$$T^* \mathcal{C}(M, \omega) \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathfrak{t}^*$$

$\forall$ pt in M $\exists$ nbhd U s.t.

$$\mu|_U : U \longrightarrow \mu(U)$$

is CDM & is open.

Corollary.

Convexity package

for Hamiltonian
torus actions:

$$T^* \mathcal{C}(M, \omega) \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathfrak{t}^*$$

assume M is connected

M is compact

or: μ is proper

or: μ is proper as a map
to some convex subset of $\mathfrak{t}^*$.

Then $\mu: M \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$ is CDM
 & is open as a map to its image.

Corollary $\mu(M)$ is convex
 $\mu^{-1}(\mathfrak{hpt})$ are connected.

(originally proved by Guillemin-Sternberg
 & Atiyah
 using Morse theory for components
 of the momentum map.
 Nonabelian version: Kirwan.)

Moreover:

$$T^*G(M, \omega) \xrightarrow[\substack{\text{connected} \\ \& \text{compact}}]{\mu} \mathfrak{t}^*$$

Then $\mu(M) = \text{Conv } \mu(M^T)$

Note: $\mu|_{M^T}: M^T \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$ is locally constant.

and $|\Pi_0(M^T)| < \infty$

So $|\mu(M^T)| < \infty$

So $\mu(M)$ is a convex polytope.

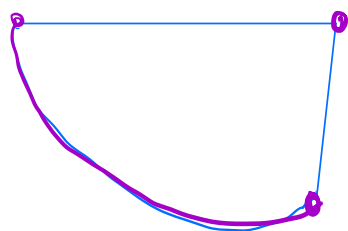
The proof uses the finite dim'l version of Krein - Milman:

$\forall$ compact convex subset of $\mathbb{R}^k$
is the convex hull of its extremal points

$x \in A \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ compact convex

x is extremal if $\forall x_0, x_1 \in A$
if $\exists 0 < t < 1$ s.t. $x = (1-t)x_0 + tx_1$
Then $x_0 = x_1 = x$.

e.g.



extremal pts.

It remains to show: $\mu(M^T) \supseteq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the extremal} \\ \text{pts of } \mu(M) \end{array} \right\}$

i.e., if $x \notin M^T$ then $\mu(x)$ is not extremal in $\mu(M)$.