

# Non-holonomic equations for sub-Riemannian extremals and metrizable parabolic geometries

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Sheaf  $\mathcal{D}^{-1} = \mathcal{D}$  of vector fields valued in  $D$  generates the filtration by sheafs

$$\mathcal{D}^j = \{[X, Y], X \in \mathcal{D}^{j+1}, Y \in \mathcal{D}^{-1}\}, \quad j = -2, -3, \dots$$

We say that  $D$  is a bracket generating distribution if for some  $k$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^k$  is the sheaf of all vector fields on  $M$ .

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$(M, D, S)$  is a *sub-Riemannian geometry with constant symbol* if  $D$  is bracket generating, and the nilpotent algebra  $\text{gr } T_x M$ , **together with the metric**, is isomorphic to a fixed graded Lie algebra

$$\mathfrak{g}_- = \mathfrak{g}_{-k} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$$

with a fixed metric  $\sigma$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ .

The sub-Riemannian metric can be viewed as  $h : T^*M \rightarrow TM$  with the image  $D$  and kernel  $D^\perp$ .

There are the equivalent short exact sequences:

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow T^*M \xrightarrow{h} D \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow D \rightarrow TM \xrightarrow{q} Q \rightarrow 0.$$

There is also the  $D$ -valued Levi-form defined by projecting the Lie bracket of vector fields in  $D$

$$L : D \times D \rightarrow Q.$$

Splittings of the sequences correspond to splittings of  $TM$  or  $T^*M$ .



# Tractor-like view

A change of splitting from  $s$  to another  $\hat{s} : Q \rightarrow TM$  may be naturally identified with a bundle map  $f : Q \rightarrow D$ .

Changes of splitting induce:

$$[TM]_s \ni [v]_s = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^a \\ u^i \end{pmatrix}_s \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\sigma}^a \\ \hat{u}^i \end{pmatrix}_{\hat{s}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^a \\ u^i - f_a^i \sigma^a \end{pmatrix}_{\hat{s}} = [v]_{\hat{s}} \in [TM]_{\hat{s}}$$

and similarly

$$\begin{pmatrix} u^i \\ \nu_a \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} u^i \\ \nu_a + f_a^i u_i \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad u_i = h_{ij} u^j,$$

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When  $\alpha$  approaches zero we charge each of the  $D^\perp$  components of the velocities  $\dot{c}(t)$  by a  $1/\alpha$  multiple of its original size with respect to  $g$ . At the  $\alpha = 0$  limit we obtain the original sub-Riemannian geometry.

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## The Schouten connection

The projections of the Levi Civita connection to  $D$  and  $D^\perp$  provide the Schouten connection  $\nabla$ . This is a metric connection preserving  $D \oplus D^\perp$ .

## The Hladky connection

Given a sub-Riemannian geometry  $(M, D, h)$ , let  $g$  be a Riemannian metric on  $TM$  that restricts to  $h$  on  $D$  and write  $D^\perp$  for the orthogonal complement of  $D$ . Then there is the unique metric connection<sup>a</sup>  $\nabla$  on  $TM$  such that both  $D$  and  $D^\perp$  are preserved, and

$$T_{DD}^D = 0, \quad T_{D^\perp D^\perp}^{D^\perp} = 0$$

$T_{DD^\perp}^{D^\perp}$  is symmetric with respect to  $g|_{D^\perp}$

$T_{D^\perp D}^D$  is symmetric with respect to  $g|_D$ .

This connection  $\nabla$  is invariant with respect to constant rescalings of  $g$  on  $D$  or  $D^\perp$ .

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<sup>a</sup>R.K. Hladky, Connections and curvature in sub-Riemannian geometry. Houston J. Math. 38 (2012), no. 4, 1107-1134, see also F. Baudoin, E. Grong, G. Molino, L. Rizzi, Comparison theorems on H-type sub-Riemannian manifolds, arXiv:1909.03532

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Fix extension metric  $g$  of the given sub-Riemannian metric  $h$ , write  $TM = D \oplus D^\perp$ , consider the family of metrics  $g|_D = g$  and  $g|_{D^\perp} = \epsilon g$ . They all share the Hladky connection  $\nabla$ .

We rewrite the geodesic equation for the metric minimizers of  $g^\epsilon$  in term of  $\nabla$  and its torsion.

Write  $D^\epsilon$  for the Levi Civita connection of  $g^\epsilon$  and  $A^\epsilon : TM \otimes TM \rightarrow TM$  be the contorsion tensor,

$$D_X^\epsilon Y = \nabla_X Y + A^\epsilon(X, Y).$$

Consider local non-holonomic frames spanning  $D$  and  $D^\perp$  and use indices  $i, j, k, \dots$  and  $a, b, c, \dots$  in relation to  $D$  and  $D^\perp$ , respectively, i.e.,  $u = u^i + u^a$  is the tangent curve  $u = \dot{c}$ ,  $\nabla = \nabla_i + \nabla_a$ .

Similarly, write  $g_{ij}$  and  $\epsilon g_{ab}$ , and torsions

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## Observations

The symmetric parts of the torsions  $T^i_{ja}$  and  $T^a_{ib}$  are given by the formula (via polarization)

$$\langle X, T(Z, X) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} Z \|X\|^2 + \langle X, [X, Z] \rangle$$

The torsion  $T^a_{ij}$  is just the Levi form  $L^a_{ij}$ , i.e. the projection of the Lie bracket of vector fields.



# Variational equations for extremals

The variational equations  $D_u^\epsilon u = 0$  for the tangent curves  $u = \dot{c}^\epsilon$  of the  $g^\epsilon$  critical curves  $c^\epsilon$  are

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= g_{ij} u^k \nabla_k u^j + g_{ij} u^a \nabla_a u^j + g_{kj} u^k T^j_{ia} u^a \\ &\quad + \epsilon g_{ab} u^a T^b_{ic} u^c + \epsilon g_{ab} u^a T^b_{ik} u^k \\ 0 &= \epsilon g_{ab} u^k \nabla_k u^b + \epsilon g_{ab} u^c \nabla_c u^b + g_{ij} u^i T^j_{ab} u^b \\ &\quad + g_{ij} u^i T^j_{ak} u^k + \epsilon g_{cb} u^b T^c_{ak} u^k. \end{aligned}$$

# The renormalization

Next we "renormalize" the  $D^\perp$  component  $u^a$  as

$$u^a = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nu^a$$

and consider  $\delta = 1/\epsilon$ . In the limit  $\delta = 0$  we arrive at

$$0 = g_{ij} u^k \nabla_k u^j + g_{ab} \nu^a T^b_{ik} u^k$$

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### Theorem

*For each set of initial conditions  $x \in M$ ,  $u(0) \in \mathcal{D} \subset T_x M$ , and  $\nu(0) \in \mathcal{D}^\perp \subset T_x^* M$ , the component  $u(t)$  of the unique solution of the equations*

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= u^k \nabla_k u^i + g^{ij} \nu_a L^a_{ik} u^k \\ 0 &= u^k \nabla_k \nu_a + g_{ij} u^i T^j_{ak} u^k + \nu_b T^b_{ak} u^k \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

*projects to a locally defined normal extremal  $c(t)$  of the sub-Riemannian geometry with  $c(0) = x$  and  $\dot{c}(t) = u(t)$ .*

# generalized Heisenberg in 5D

Holonomic coordinates  $(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4, z)$ ,  $D$  spanned by

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The set of first 5 equations reads (here  $u(t) = \alpha^i X_i$  in the non-holonomic frame)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}^1 &= \alpha^1, & \dot{x}^2 &= \lambda \alpha^2, & \dot{x}^3 &= \alpha^3, & \dot{x}^4 &= \lambda \alpha^4, \\ \dot{z} &= x^1 \alpha^3 - x^3 \alpha^1 + \lambda x^2 \alpha^4 - \lambda x^4 \alpha^2, \end{aligned}$$

Our "non-holonomic equations" then get

$$\dot{\alpha}^1 = \frac{\lambda_{x^1} - x^3 \lambda_z}{\lambda} (\alpha^2 \alpha^2 + \alpha^4 \alpha^4) - \nu \alpha^3,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\alpha}^2 = & -\frac{\lambda_{x^1} - x^3 \lambda_z}{\lambda} \alpha^1 \alpha^2 - \frac{\lambda_{x^3} + x^1 \lambda_z}{\lambda} \alpha^2 \alpha^3 - (\lambda_{x^3} + x^2 \lambda_z) \alpha^2 \alpha^4 \\ & - (x^4 \lambda_z - \lambda_{x^2}) \alpha^4 \alpha^4 - \lambda^2 \nu \alpha^4, \end{aligned}$$

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$$\dot{\nu} = \frac{2\lambda_z}{\lambda} (\alpha^2 \alpha^2 + \alpha^4 \alpha^4).$$

In particular, if  $\lambda_z = 0$  then  $\nu$  is a free constant parameter. These equations coincide with the standard ones if  $\lambda$  is a constant function.

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## Observation 1

The Tanaka prolongation of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is finite.<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>Corollary 2 of Theorem 11.1 in *Tanaka, N.*, On differential systems, graded Lie algebras and pseudo-groups, *J. Math. Kyoto Univ.*, 10, 1 (1970), 1-82.

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## Theorem

*For each subriemannian manifold  $(M, D, S)$  with constant symbol, there is the unique Cartan connection  $(\mathcal{G} \rightarrow M, \omega)$  of type  $(\mathfrak{g}, G_0)$  with the curvature function  $\kappa : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \Lambda^2 \mathfrak{g}_-^*$  satisfying  $\partial^* \kappa = 0$ . Via the Bianchi identities, the entire curvature is obtained from its harmonic projection  $\kappa_H$ , i.e. the component with  $\partial \kappa_H = 0$  as well.<sup>a</sup>*

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<sup>a</sup>Morimoto, T., *Cartan connection associated with a subriemannian structure*, Differential Geometry and its Applications 26 (2008), 75-78.

# Underlying filtered geometry

The distribution  $D$  on  $M$  itself often defines a nice finite type filtered geometry which enjoys a canonical Cartan connection, too. Many of them belong to the class of the parabolic geometries, for which the full Tanaka prolongation of  $\mathfrak{g}_-$  is a semisimple Lie algebra

$$\bar{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}_{-k} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_0 \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_k$$

and  $\mathfrak{g}_- = \mathfrak{g}_{-k} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  is the opposite nilpotent radical to the parabolic subalgebra  $\mathfrak{p} = \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_0 \oplus \cdots \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_k \subset \bar{\mathfrak{g}}$ , with  $\mathfrak{g}_0 \subset \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_0$ .

Fix one such graded semisimple  $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$  and consider the frame bundle  $\mathcal{G}_0 \rightarrow M$  of  $\text{gr } TM$  giving a parabolic geometry. Often the structure group  $G_0$  of  $\mathcal{G}_0$  is the full group of graded automorphisms of  $\mathfrak{g}_-$ .<sup>1</sup> Adding a metric  $S$  on  $D$ , we have got two (related) Cartan connections there.

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*Consider a bracket generating distribution  $D$  on  $M$  with the constant symbol equal to the negative part of a graded semisimple Lie algebra  $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$  and the corresponding frame bundle  $\mathcal{G}_0 \rightarrow M$  of  $\text{gr } TM$ . Then there is the unique Cartan connection  $(\bar{\mathcal{G}} \rightarrow M, \omega)$  of type  $(\bar{\mathfrak{g}}, P)$  with the curvature function  $\bar{\kappa} : \bar{\mathcal{G}} \rightarrow \bar{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \Lambda^2 \mathfrak{g}_-$  satisfying  $\partial^* \bar{\kappa} = 0$ . Via the Bianchi identities, the entire curvature is obtained from its harmonic projection  $\bar{\kappa}_H$ , i.e. the component with  $\partial \bar{\kappa}_H = 0$  as well.*

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Consider a parabolic geometry  $(M, D)$  equipped by the metric  $S$  on  $D$ , assume  $(M, D, S)$  has got constant symbol.

Thus we have got:

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{-k} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0$$

$$\bar{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}_{-k} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_0 \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_k$$

This is an instance of a  $\mathfrak{g}_-$ -submodule  $W$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_-$ -module  $V$ .



The short exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow W \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow V/W \longrightarrow 0.$$

induces the short exact sequence of differential complexes

$$0 \longrightarrow C^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}_-, W) \xrightarrow{i} C^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}_-, V) \xrightarrow{\pi} C^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}_-, V/W) \longrightarrow 0$$

and thus the long exact sequence in cohomologies

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \longrightarrow & H^n(\mathfrak{g}_-, W) & \xrightarrow{i} & H^n(\mathfrak{g}_-, V) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & H^n(\mathfrak{g}_-, V/W) & \longrightarrow \\ & & & \delta & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & \longleftarrow & H^{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}_-, W) & \xrightarrow{i} & H^{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}_-, V) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & H^{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}_-, V/W) \longrightarrow \end{array}$$

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### Theorem

Let  $\bar{\mathfrak{g}} = \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_- \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_0 \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_+$  be a graded Lie algebra and  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_- \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0$  be a non-positively graded Lie algebra such that  $\mathfrak{g}_- = \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_-$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_0 \subset \bar{\mathfrak{g}}_0$ . The cohomology  $H_{>0}^2(\mathfrak{g}_-, \mathfrak{g})$  as a  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -submodule is isomorphic to a direct sum of 2 parts:

- ①  $H_{>0}^1(\mathfrak{g}_-, \bar{\mathfrak{g}}/\mathfrak{g})/H_{>0}^1(\mathfrak{g}_-, \bar{\mathfrak{g}})$ ,
- ②  $\ker \pi \subset H_{>0}^2(\mathfrak{g}_-, \bar{\mathfrak{g}})$ ,

where  $\pi: H_{>0}^2(\mathfrak{g}_-, \bar{\mathfrak{g}}) \rightarrow H_{>0}^2(\mathfrak{g}_-, \bar{\mathfrak{g}}/\mathfrak{g})$  is the projection induced by the projection in cochains  $\pi: C_{>0}^2(\mathfrak{g}_-, \bar{\mathfrak{g}}) \rightarrow C_{>0}^2(\mathfrak{g}_-, \bar{\mathfrak{g}}/\mathfrak{g})$ .

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### sub-Riemannian metrization

With  $G$  semisimple and  $P \subset G$  parabolic, there is the class  $[\nabla|_{\mathcal{H}}]$  of partial Weyl connections on  $M$  and we may look for metrics on  $\mathcal{H}$  parallel in the  $\mathcal{H}$ -directions for at least one of the connections in the class.

# The homogeneous model

On  $M = G/P$ , the exponential coordinates identify the big cell  $\exp \mathfrak{g}_- \subset M$  with the nilpotent group.

This identification yields the reduction of  $G \rightarrow G/P$  to the Levi factor  $P_0$  of  $P$  and thus the (very flat) Weyl connection  $\nabla$  (as a reduction of the Maurer Cartan form  $\omega$ ).

Any metric on  $\mathfrak{h} \subset T_0M$  in the origin can be uniquely extended by left shifts and this provides a parallel metric on the big cell.

This is the usual *nilpotent approximation* in the geometric control theory.



# The homogeneous model

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Still true for those solutions on general curved geometries which are determined by parallel sections of the corresponding tractor bundle, the so called **normal solutions**.

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$A_\ell^h$	$\overset{1}{\bullet} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \dots \times \quad \times \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \dots \text{---} \overset{1}{\bullet}$	$\mathfrak{sl}(\ell + 1, \mathbb{C}) \quad \ell \geq 2$	$2\ell$
$B_\ell^h$	$\overset{1}{\bullet} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \dots \bullet \text{---} \rightleftarrows \times \quad \times \leftleftarrows \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \dots \text{---} \overset{1}{\bullet}$	$\mathfrak{so}(2\ell + 1, \mathbb{C}) \quad \ell \geq 2$	$2k, 2k + k(k - 1)$
$G_2^h$	$\begin{array}{c} \overset{1}{\bullet} \\ \leftleftarrows \bullet \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \overset{1}{\bullet} \\ \bullet \leftleftarrows \end{array}$	$G_2^{\mathbb{C}}$	4, 6, 10

Real geometries with absolutely irreducible  $\mathfrak{h}$ 

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$A_\ell^{1,1}$		$\mathfrak{sl}(\ell + 1, \mathbb{R}) \quad \ell \geq 2$	$\ell$
$A_\ell^{1,2}$		$\mathfrak{sl}(\ell + 1, \mathbb{R}), \mathfrak{sl}(p + 1, \mathbb{H})$ $\ell = 2p + 1, p \geq 2$	$4p$
$B_\ell^{1,k}$		$\mathfrak{so}(p, q), k \leq p \leq q$ $p + q = 2\ell + 1$	$d = k(2\ell - 2k + 1),$ $n = d + \frac{1}{2}k(k - 1)$
$B_\ell^{1,\ell}$		$\mathfrak{so}(\ell, \ell + 1) \quad \ell \geq 2$	$k, k + \frac{1}{2}k(k - 1)$
$C_4^{1,2}$		$\mathfrak{sp}(8, \mathbb{R})$ $\mathfrak{sp}(2, 2) \quad \mathfrak{sp}(1, 3)$	8, 11
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$D_\ell^{1,k}$		$\mathfrak{so}(p, q) \quad \mathfrak{so}^*(2\ell)$ $2\ell = p + q \quad k = 2j$ $k \leq p \leq q \quad k \leq \ell - 2$	$d = k(2\ell - 2k),$ $n = d + \frac{1}{2}k(k - 1)$
$E_6^{1,1}$		$E_{6(6)}, E_{6(-26)}$	16
$G_2^{1,1}$		$G_{2(2)}$	2, 3, 5

Real geometries with  $\mathfrak{h}$  not absolutely irreducible

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$A_3^{2,1}$		$\mathfrak{su}(1, 3), \mathfrak{su}(2, 2)$	4, 5
$A_\ell^{2,k}$		$\mathfrak{su}(p, q), k \leq p \leq q$ $\ell = p + q - 1 \geq 4$	$d = 2k(\ell - 2k + 1)$ $n = d + k^2$
$A_\ell^{2,h}$		$\mathfrak{su}(p, q), 2 \leq p \leq q$ $\ell = p + q - 1 \geq 6$	$4(\ell - 3), 4(\ell - 2)$
$A_{2k+1}^{2,s}$		$\mathfrak{su}(k, k + 2),$ $\mathfrak{su}(k + 1, k + 1)$ $\ell = 2k + 1 \geq 7$	$4k, 4k + k^2$
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$E_6^{2,h}$		$E_{6(2)}$	16, 24

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