

# Liouville–Arnold theorem for contact Hamiltonian systems

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# Symplectic geometry

- Symplectic geometry is the natural framework for classical mechanics.
- Recall that a symplectic form  $\omega$  on  $M$  is a 2-form such that  $d\omega = 0$  and  $v \mapsto \iota_v\omega$  is an isomorphism.
- Given a function  $f$  on  $M$ , its Hamiltonian vector field  $X_f$  is given by

$$\iota_{X_f}\omega = df.$$

- The Poisson bracket  $\{\cdot, \cdot\}$  is given by

$$\{f, g\} = \omega(X_f, X_g).$$

## Theorem (Liouville–Arnold theorem)

Let  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  be independent functions in involution (i.e.,  $\{f_i, f_j\} = 0 \forall i, j$ ) on a symplectic manifold  $(M^{2n}, \omega)$ . Let  $M_\Lambda = \{x \in M \mid f_i = \Lambda_i\}$ .

- 1 Any compact connected component of  $M_\Lambda$  is diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{T}^n$ .
- 2 On a neighborhood of  $M_\Lambda$  there are coordinates  $(\varphi^i, J_i)$  such that

$$\omega = d\varphi^i \wedge dJ_i,$$

and the Hamiltonian dynamics are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\varphi^i}{dt} &= \Omega^i(J), \\ \frac{dJ_i}{dt} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

# Contact geometry

## Definition

A (co-oriented) **contact manifold** is a pair  $(M, \eta)$ , where  $M$  is an  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional manifold and  $\eta$  is a 1-form on  $M$  such that  $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^n$  is a volume form.

- The contact form  $\eta$  defines an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \flat: \mathfrak{X}(M) &\rightarrow \Omega^1(M) \\ X &\mapsto \iota_X d\eta + \eta(X)\eta, \end{aligned}$$

- There exists a unique vector field  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $(M, \eta)$ , called the **Reeb vector field**, such that  $\flat(\mathcal{R}) = \eta$ , that is,

$$\iota_{\mathcal{R}} d\eta = 0, \quad \iota_{\mathcal{R}} \eta = 1.$$

# Contact geometry

- The **Hamiltonian vector field** of  $f \in C^\infty(M)$  is given by

$$\flat(X_f) = df - (\mathcal{R}(f) + f)\eta,$$

- Around each point on  $M$  there exist **Darboux coordinates**  $(q^i, p_i, z)$  such that

$$\eta = dz - p_i dq^i,$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z},$$

$$X_f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial q^i} - \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial q^i} + p_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} + \left( p_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_i} - f \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

# Contact geometry

- The **Jacobi bracket** is given by

$$\{f, g\} = -d\eta(b^{-1}df, b^{-1}dg) - f\mathcal{R}(g) + g\mathcal{R}(f).$$

- This bracket is bilinear and satisfies the Jacobi identity.
- However, unlike a Poisson bracket, it does not satisfy the Leibnitz identity:

$$\{f, gh\} \neq \{f, g\}h + \{f, h\}g.$$

# Dissipated quantities

- In contact Hamiltonian dynamics dissipated quantities are akin to conserved quantities in symplectic dynamics.
- Energy (Hamiltonian function) is no longer conserved, but dissipated in a certain manner:

$$X_H(H) = -\mathcal{R}(H)H$$

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# Dissipated quantities

## Example (linear dissipation)

Let

$$M = \mathbb{R}^3, \quad \eta = dz - pdq, \quad H = \frac{p^2}{2} + V(q) + \kappa z.$$

Then  $X_H(H) = -\kappa H$ , so

$$H(q(t), p(t), z(t)) = e^{-\kappa t} H(q(0), p(0), z(0)).$$

## Definition

An  **$H$ -dissipated quantity** is a function  $f$  on  $M$  such that

$$X_H(f) = -\mathcal{R}(H)f.$$

# Dissipated quantities

- A function  $f$  is  $H$ -dissipated iff

$$\{f, H\} = 0.$$

- Noether's theorem: symmetries  $\leftrightarrow$  dissipated quantities.

- Let  $M_{\langle\Lambda\rangle_+} = \{x \in M \mid \exists r \in \mathbb{R}^+ : f_\alpha(x) = r\Lambda_\alpha\}$ .

## Theorem (Colombo, de León, Lainz, L.-G., 2023)

Let  $(M, \eta)$  be a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional contact manifold. Suppose that  $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n$  are functions in involution such that  $(df_\alpha)$  has rank at least  $n$ . Then,  $M_{\langle\Lambda\rangle_+}$  is invariant by the Hamiltonian flow of  $f_\alpha$  and diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{T}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1-k}$ .

Moreover, there is a neighborhood  $U$  of  $M_{\langle\Lambda\rangle_+}$  such that

- There exists coordinates  $(y^0, \dots, y^n, \tilde{A}_1, \dots, \tilde{A}_n)$  on  $U$  such that the equations of motion are given by

$$\dot{y}^\alpha = \Omega^\alpha(\tilde{A}_i), \quad \dot{\tilde{A}}_i = 0.$$

- There exists a conformal change  $\tilde{\eta} = \eta/A_0$  such that  $(y^i, \tilde{A}_i, y^0)$  are Darboux coordinates for  $(M, \tilde{\eta})$ , i.e.  $\tilde{\eta} = dy^0 - \tilde{A}_i dy^i$ .

# Steps of the proof

- 1 Symplectize  $(M, \eta)$  and  $f_\alpha$ , obtaining an exact symplectic manifold  $(M^\Sigma, \theta)$  and homogeneous functions in involution  $f_\alpha^\Sigma$ .
- 2 Prove a Liouville–Arnold theorem for exact symplectic manifolds with homogeneous functions in involution.
- 3 “Un-symplectize” the action-angle coordinates  $(y_\Sigma^\alpha, A_\Sigma^\alpha)$  on  $M^\Sigma$ , yielding functions  $(y^\alpha, A_\Sigma)$  on  $M$ .
- 4 Introduce action-angle coordinates  $(y^\alpha, \tilde{A}_i)$  on  $M$ , where  $\tilde{A}_i = -\frac{A_i}{A_0}$ .

# Exact symplectic manifolds: Liouville geometry

## Definition

An **exact symplectic manifold** is a pair  $(M, \theta)$ , where  $M$  is a manifold and  $\theta$  a one-form on  $N$  such that  $\omega = -d\theta$  is a symplectic form on  $M$ .

- The **Liouville vector field**  $\Delta$  of  $(M, \theta)$  is given by

$$\iota_{\Delta}\omega = -\theta.$$

- A tensor  $T$  is called **homogeneous of degree**  $n$  if  $\mathcal{L}_{\Delta}T = nT$ .

# Symplectization of contact manifolds

## Definition

Let  $(M, \eta)$  be a contact manifold. A **symplectization** is a fibre bundle  $\Sigma: M^\Sigma \rightarrow M$ , where  $(M^\Sigma, \theta)$  is an exact symplectic manifold, such that

$$\sigma \Sigma^* \eta = \theta,$$

for a function  $\sigma$  on  $M^\Sigma$  called the **conformal factor**.

# Symplectization of contact manifolds

- Contact geometry  $\longleftrightarrow$  Liouville geometry
- Contact form  $\eta$   $\longleftrightarrow$  symplectic potential  $\theta$
- Functions  $\longleftrightarrow$  homogeneous functions of degree 1
- Hamiltonian vector fields  $\longleftrightarrow$  Hamiltonian vector fields,  
homogeneous of degree 0

# Symplectization of contact manifolds

## Theorem

Given a symplectization  $\Sigma: (M^\Sigma, \theta) \rightarrow (M, \eta)$  with conformal factor  $\sigma$ , there is a bijection between functions  $f$  on  $M$  and homogeneous functions of degree 1  $f^\Sigma$  on  $M^\Sigma$  such that

$$\Sigma_*(X_{f^\Sigma}) = X_f.$$

This bijection is given by

$$f^\Sigma = \sigma \Sigma^* f.$$

Moreover, one has

$$\{f^\Sigma, g^\Sigma\}_\theta = \{f, g\}_\eta^\Sigma.$$



# Symplectization of contact manifolds

## Example

$\Sigma = \pi_1: (M \times \mathbb{R}^+, \theta = r\eta) \rightarrow (M, \eta)$  is a symplectization with conformal factor  $\sigma = r$ , for  $r$  the global coordinate on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ .

# Liouville–Arnold theorem for exact symplectic manifolds

- We want to obtain action-angle coordinates  $(\varphi_\Sigma^\alpha, J_\alpha^\Sigma)$  on  $(M^\Sigma, \theta)$  in order to define functions  $(\varphi^\alpha, J_\alpha)$  on  $(M, \eta)$
- We need homogeneous objects on  $(M^\Sigma, \theta)$  so that they have a correspondence with objects on  $(M, \eta)$ .
- However, the classical Liouville–Arnold theorem does not take into account the homogeneity of  $\theta$  and  $f_\alpha^\Sigma$ .
- Moreover, we need to consider non-compact level sets of  $f_\alpha^\Sigma$ .

# Liouville–Arnold theorem for exact symplectic manifolds

## Theorem (Colombo, de León, Lainz, L.-G., 2023)

Let  $(M, \theta)$  be an exact symplectic manifold. Suppose that the functions  $f_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha = 1, \dots, n$ , on  $M$  are independent, in involution and homogeneous of degree 1. Let  $U$  be an open neighborhood of  $M_\Lambda$  such that:

- 1  $f_\alpha$  have no critical points in  $U$ ,
- 2 the Hamiltonian vector fields of  $X_{f_\alpha}$  are complete,
- 3 the submersion  $(f_\alpha): U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a trivial bundle over  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then,  $U \simeq \mathbb{R}^{n-m} \times \mathbb{T}^m \times V$ , provided with action-angle coordinates  $(y^\alpha, A_\alpha)$  such that

$$\theta = A_\alpha dy^\alpha, \quad \frac{dy^\alpha}{dt} = \Omega^\alpha, \quad \frac{dA_\alpha}{dt} = 0.$$

# Sketch of proof

- Since  $X_{f_\alpha}$  are  $n$  vector fields tangent to  $M_\Lambda$ , linearly independent and pairwise commutative, they generate the algebra  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $M_\Lambda \simeq \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^k$ .
- Thus there are coordinates  $y^\alpha = M_\alpha^\beta s^\beta$ , where  $X_{f_\alpha}(s^\beta) = \delta_\alpha^\beta$ .
- The values of  $f_\alpha$  define coordinates  $(J_\alpha)$  on  $V$ .
- Since  $M_\Lambda$  is Lagrangian,  $\theta = A_\alpha(J)dy^\alpha + B^\alpha(y, J)dJ_\alpha$ .
- Since  $f_\alpha$  are homogeneous of degree 1,  $\theta(X_{f_\alpha}) = f_\alpha$ .
- By construction,  $\Delta(y^\alpha) = 0$ .
- With additional contractions with  $\theta$  and  $\omega$ , one concludes that  $\theta = A_\alpha dy^\alpha$ , where  $J_\beta = M_\beta^\alpha J_\alpha$ .

# From conditions on $f_\alpha^\Sigma$ to conditions on $f_\alpha$

- In order to apply the Liouville–Arnold theorem for exact symplectic manifolds, we need to translate the conditions on  $f_\alpha$  to conditions on  $f_\alpha^\Sigma$ .
- Let  $M_{\langle\Lambda\rangle+} = \{x \in M \mid \exists r \in \mathbb{R}^+ : F(x) = r\Lambda\}$ .
- Let  $F^\Sigma = (f_\alpha^\Sigma)$  and  $\tilde{M}_\Lambda = (F^\Sigma)^{-1}(\Lambda)$ .
- Given the functions  $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , let  $F = (f_\alpha)$  and

$$\hat{F} = S \circ F : M \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^n,$$

where  $S : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^n$  denotes the projection on the sphere.

# From conditions on $f_\alpha^\Sigma$ to conditions on $f_\alpha$

## Lemma

Given  $\langle \Lambda \rangle_+ \in S^n$ , let  $\hat{B} \subseteq S^n$  be an open neighborhood of  $\langle \Lambda \rangle_+$  and let  $\pi: U \rightarrow M_{\langle \Lambda \rangle_+}$  be a tubular neighborhood of  $M_{\langle \Lambda \rangle_+}$  such that  $\hat{F}|_U: U \rightarrow \hat{B}$  is a submersion with diffeomorphic fibers. Define  $B = S^{-1}(\hat{B})$  and  $\tilde{U} = \Sigma^{-1}(U)$  and  $\tilde{\pi} = \Sigma_{\tilde{M}_\Lambda}^{-1} \circ \pi \circ \Sigma$ . Then,  $\tilde{\pi}: \tilde{U} \rightarrow \tilde{M}_\Lambda$  is a tubular neighborhood of  $\tilde{M}_\Lambda$  such that  $F|_{\tilde{U}}: \tilde{U} \rightarrow B$  is a submersion with diffeomorphic fibers.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \tilde{U} & \xrightarrow{\Sigma} & U \\
 \downarrow \tilde{\pi} & & \downarrow \pi \\
 \tilde{M}_\Lambda & \xrightarrow{\Sigma|_{\tilde{M}_\Lambda}} & M_{\langle \Lambda \rangle_+} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 B & \xrightarrow{S} & \hat{B}
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## Theorem (Colombo, de León, Lainz, L.-G., 2023)

Let  $(M, \eta)$  be a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional contact manifold. Suppose that  $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n$  are functions in involution such that  $(df_\alpha)$  has rank at least  $n$ . Assume that the Hamiltonian vector fields  $X_{f_\alpha}$  are complete. Given  $\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ , let  $\hat{B} \subseteq S^n$  be an open neighborhood of  $\langle \Lambda \rangle_+$  and let  $\pi: U \rightarrow M_{\langle \Lambda \rangle_+}$  be a tubular neighborhood of  $M_{\langle \Lambda \rangle_+}$  such that  $\hat{F}|_U: U \rightarrow \hat{B}$  is a submersion with diffeomorphic fibers. Then

- 1  $M_{\langle \Lambda \rangle_+}$  is invariant by the Hamiltonian flow of  $f_\alpha$  and diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{T}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1-k}$ .
- 2 There exists coordinates  $(y^0, \dots, y^n, \tilde{A}_1, \dots, \tilde{A}_n)$  on  $U$  such that the equations of motion are given by

$$\dot{y}^\alpha = \Omega^\alpha, \quad \dot{\tilde{A}}_i = 0.$$

- 3 There exists a conformal change  $\tilde{\eta} = \eta/A_0$  such that  $(y^i, \tilde{A}_i, y^0)$  are Darboux coordinates for  $(M, \tilde{\eta})$ .

# Sketch of the proof

- ① Symplectize  $(M, \eta)$  and  $f_\alpha$ , in order to apply the Liouville–Arnold theorem for exact symplectic manifolds
  - $\{f_\alpha, f_\beta\} = 0 \Rightarrow \{f_\alpha^\Sigma, f_\beta^\Sigma\} = 0$ .
  - $X_{f_\alpha}$  complete  $\Rightarrow X_{f_\alpha^\Sigma}$  complete.
  - $\text{rank } df_\alpha \geq n \Rightarrow \text{rank } d(\underbrace{\sigma \Sigma^* f_\alpha}_{f_\alpha^\Sigma}) \geq n + 1$ .
  - $\Sigma((F^\Sigma)^{-1}(\Lambda)) = \{x \in M \mid \exists s \in \mathbb{R}^+ : F(x) = \frac{\Lambda}{s}\} = M_{\langle \Lambda \rangle_+}$ .
  - $X_{f_\alpha}$  commute and are tangent to  $M_{\langle \Lambda \rangle_+} \Rightarrow M_{\langle \Lambda \rangle_+} \simeq \mathbb{T}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1-k}$ .
- ② “Un-symplectize” the action-angle coordinates  $(y_\Sigma^\alpha, A_\alpha^\Sigma)$  on  $\tilde{U}$ , yielding functions  $(y^\alpha, A_\alpha)$  on  $U$ .
- ③ Introduce action-angle coordinates  $(y^\alpha, \tilde{A}_i)$  on  $U$ 
  - Since  $\Lambda \neq 0$ ,  $\exists A_\alpha \neq 0$ . W.l.o.g., assume  $A_0 \neq 0$ .
  - Then  $(y^\alpha, \tilde{A}_i = -\frac{A_i}{A_0})$  are coordinates on  $U$ .



## Sketch of the proof

- By construction,  $y^\alpha$  are linear combinations of flows of  $X_{f_\alpha}$ , namely,

$$X_{f_\alpha} = M_\beta^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial s^\beta}.$$

- Therefore, the dynamics are given by

$$\frac{dy^\alpha}{dt} = \Omega^\alpha, \quad \frac{d\tilde{A}_i}{dt} = 0.$$

- $\theta^\Sigma = A_\alpha^\Sigma dy^\alpha \rightsquigarrow \eta = A_\alpha dy^\alpha$ , so

$$\tilde{\eta} = \frac{1}{A_0} \eta = dy^0 - \tilde{A}_i dy^i.$$

## Other notions of integrability

- Khesin and Tabachnikov, Liberman, Banyaga and Molino, Lerman, etc. have defined notions of contact complete integrability which are geometric but not dynamical, e.g. a certain foliation over a contact manifold.
- Boyer considers the so-called good Hamiltonians  $H$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{R}(H) = 0 \rightsquigarrow$  no dissipated quantities, “symplectic” dynamics.
- Miranda considered integrability of the Reeb dynamics when  $\mathcal{R}$  is the generator of an  $S^1$ -action.
- We are interested in complete integrability of contact Hamiltonian dynamics.

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