

# **DIFFEOMORPHISM GROUPS OF OPEN MANIFOLDS**

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## 1. Review COMPACT case:

Let  $M$  be a smooth **compact** manifold and  $Diff(M) = \{f : M \rightarrow M \mid \text{diffeomorphism}\}$  the group of diffeomorphisms. For different classes of diffeomorphisms we have the following classical results:

- diffeomorphisms of class  $C^k, k < \infty$   
 $Diff^k(M)$  is a Banach manifold  
(Palais 68, Omori 74)
- diffeomorphisms of class  $C^\infty$   
 $Diff^\infty(M)$  is a Fréchet manifold  
(Omori, Gutknecht, Schmid, 78)
- diffeomorphisms of Sobolev class  $H^s, s > \frac{1}{2}dim M$   
 $Diff^s(M)$  is a Hilbert manifold  
(Ebin-Fischer-Marsden 70, Ratiu-Schmid 79)

## Lie group structure of $Diff(M)$

The group multiplication

$$m : Diff^{s+t}(M) \times Diff^s(M) \rightarrow Diff^s(M)$$

$$m(f, g) = f \circ g \text{ is of class } C^t$$

e.g. if  $t = 0$  :  $m$  is only continuous.

The inversion map

$$i : Diff^{s+t}(M) \rightarrow Diff^s(M)$$

$$i(f) = f^{-1} \text{ is of class } C^t$$

e.g. if  $t = 0$   $i$  is only continuous.

In the notion of nested Lie groups (Adams, Ratiu, Schmid; Omori) we have the Fréchet Lie group  $Diff^\infty(M)$  as inverse limits

$$Diff^\infty(M) = \lim_{\leftarrow k} Diff^k(M), \quad ILB - Lie \text{ group}$$

$$Diff^\infty(M) = \lim_{\leftarrow s} Diff^s(M), \quad ILH - Lie \text{ group}$$

The **Lie algebra** of  $Diff(M)$  is identified as tangent space at the identity  $e = id$ ,  $T_e Diff(M) \simeq Vec(M)$  the space of vector fields on  $M$ . This is only a Lie algebra (i.e. closed under the bracket) for  $C^\infty$  vector fields.

The **exponential map**  $EXP : Vec(M) \rightarrow Diff(M) : X \mapsto \Phi_{t=1}$  the flow of  $X$  at time  $t = 1$  is **NOT** a local diffeomorphism, it is not locally onto !

## Important Subgroups of $Diff^\infty(M)$ :

### 1) Volume preserving diffeomorphisms

Let  $\mu$  be a volume form on  $M$  and

$Diff_\mu^\infty(M) = \{f \mid f^*\mu = \mu\}$  the group of volume preserving diffeomorphisms. Then  $Diff_\mu^\infty(M)$  is an ILH - (ILB) - Lie group (a closed subgroup of  $Diff^\infty(M)$ ) with Lie algebra  $Vec_\mu^\infty(M) = \{\xi \in Vec^\infty(M) \mid div_\mu \xi = 0\}$  the space of divergence free vector fields on  $M$ .

(  $Vec_\mu^\infty(M)$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $Vec^\infty(M)$ .)

### 2) Symplectomorphisms

Let  $\omega$  be a symplectic 2-form on  $M$  and

$Diff_\omega^\infty(M) = \{f \mid f^*\omega = \omega\}$  the group of canonical transformations, (symplectomorphisms). Then  $Diff_\omega^\infty(M)$  is an ILH - (ILB) - Lie group (a closed subgroup of  $Diff^\infty(M)$ ) with Lie algebra:  $Vec_\omega^\infty(M) = \{\xi \in Vec^\infty(M) \mid L_\xi \omega = 0\}$  the space of locally Hamiltonian vector fields on  $M$ .

(  $Vec_\omega^\infty(M)$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $Vec^\infty(M)$ .)

## 2. NON-COMPACT case:

**Boos-Bleecker:** Topology & Analysis: Atiyah-Singer Index formula & Gauge theoretic Physics:

*"In what follows, the manifolds  $M$  is "closed" i.e. compact, without boundary. We make this convention in part for convenience ( in order to make some proofs go easier) but also because otherwise some of the following theorems would be meaningless or false."*

**Eichhorn:** *"In the non-compact case there is exactly one thing that works: nothing ! "*

**Example:** Let  $M^n$  and  $N^{n'}$  be open manifolds, then a map  $f : M^n \rightarrow N^{n'}$  is of Sobolev class  $H^s$  if and only if the local representatives  $f_j^i : U_i \subset \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow V_j \subset \mathbf{R}^{n'}$  are of class  $H^s$ , where  $M \subset \cup(U_i, \phi_i)$ ,  $N \subset \cup(V_j, \psi_j)$ ,  $f_j^i := \psi_j \circ f \circ \phi_i^{-1}$ . These covers are **finite** if  $M, N$  are compact.

This definition is invariant  $\Leftrightarrow s > \frac{n}{2} + 1$

In the compact case we can define the distance by

$$d^s(f, g) := \left( \sum_{i,j} \|f_j^i - g_j^i\|_s^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

These definitions are meaningless if  $M, N$  are open !

## Idea: Bounded Geometry

- Control over the metric and its derivatives
- Control over the mappings and their derivatives by the metric, i.e. maps adapted to the geometry

**Definition:** A Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  has *bounded geometry of order  $k$* ,  $0 \leq k \leq \infty$ , if  $M$  has a positive injectivity radius  $r_{inj}(M)$  and the curvature tensor  $R$  and all its derivatives up to order  $k$  are uniformly bounded; i.e the following two conditions  $(I)$  and  $(B_k)$  are satisfied:

$$(I) : r_{inj}(M) = \inf_{x \in M} r_{inj}(x) > 0$$

$$(B_k) : |\nabla^i R| \leq C_i, \quad 0 \leq i \leq k.$$

Examples of manifolds with bounded geometry:

- compact manifolds
- Lie groups
- homogeneous spaces
- covering spaces of Riemannian manifolds
- leaves of foliations of compact manifolds

These conditions can be expressed as follows:

(I) The exponential map  $exp_x : T_x M \rightarrow M$  is a diffeomorphism from an open ball  $B_x(0, r) \subset T_x M$  of radius  $r$  around 0 in  $T_x M$  onto an open neighborhood  $U_{x,r} \subset M$  of  $x$  in  $M$ . Let  $r_x := \sup(r)$ , i.e. the biggest radius in  $T_x M$  such that  $exp_x$  is a diffeomorphism. Then the injectivity radius is def. by  $r_{inj} := \inf_{x \in M} r_x$ , i.e  $r_{inj}$  is the smallest distance from  $x$  where geodesics intersect.

Hence

(I)  $\Leftrightarrow$  there exists a ball around 0 in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  which is domain of normal (geodesic) coordinates **for all**  $x \in M$ .

( $B_k$ )  $\Leftrightarrow$  there exists a constant  $d_k$  (independent of  $x \in M$ ) such that  $\|g_{ij}\|_{C^k} \leq d_k$  in any normal coordinate system  
 $\Leftrightarrow |D^\alpha g_{ij}| \leq c_\alpha$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq k$  in any normal coordinate system  
 $\Leftrightarrow \|\Gamma_{ij}^m\|_{C^{k-1}} \leq d'_k$  in any normal coordinate system  
 $\Leftrightarrow |D^\beta \Gamma_{ij}^m| \leq c_\beta$ ,  $|\beta| \leq k - 1$ , in any normal coordinate system.

**Fact:** Given an open manifold  $M^n$  and  $k \geq 0$ , then there exists a complete Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $M^n$  satisfying the conditions (I) and ( $B_k$ ); i.e there is **no** topological obstruction for a metric with bounded geometry of any order.

**Bounded maps**  $C^{\infty,m}(M, N)$ :

Consider now  $(M^n, g), (N^{n'}, h)$  open, complete Riemannian manifolds satisfying (I) and  $(B_k)$  and  $f \in C^\infty(M, N)$ . Then the differential  $f_* = Tf$  is a section of  $T^*M \otimes f^*TN$ . We endow  $f^*TN$  with the induced connection  $f^*\nabla^h$ . Then  $\nabla^g$  and  $f^*\nabla^h$  induce connections  $\nabla$  in all tensor bundles  $T_s^q(M) \otimes f^*T_v^u(N)$ . Therefore  $\nabla^m df$  is well defined. Assume  $m \leq k$ . We denote by  $C^{\infty,m}(M, N)$  the set of all  $f \in C^\infty(M, N)$  satisfying

$${}_{b,m} |df| := \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sup_{x \in M} |\nabla^i df|_x < \infty.$$

Equivalently:

$f \in C^{\infty,m}(M, N) \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial x^\alpha} f^\nu$  is uniformly bounded in any normal coordinate system;  $|\alpha| \leq m, 1 \leq m \leq k$ .

What is the topology and geometry of  $C^{\infty,m}(M, N)$  ?

## Review COMPACT case:

### Local coordinates in $C^\infty(M, M)$

As for finite dimensional manifolds the parameter space at a point  $f \in C^\infty(M, M)$  is isomorphic to the tangent space  $T_f C^\infty(M, M) \simeq C^\infty(f^*TM)$  the space of vector fields along  $f$ .

**Canonical chart at  $e = id \in C^\infty(M, M)$ :**  $T_e C^\infty(M, M) \simeq Vec^\infty(TM)$  the space of vector field on  $M$ . The exponential map  $exp_x : T_x M \rightarrow M$ ,  $exp_x(v) :=$  geodesic tangent to  $v$  through  $x$  at  $t = 1$ . The map  $Exp : TM \rightarrow M \times M$ ,  $Exp(v_x) := (x, exp_x(v))$  is a local diffeomorphism from a neighborhood  $U(0) \subset TM$  onto an open neighborhood  $V(\Delta) \subset M \times M$ , ( $\Delta$  the diagonal in  $M \times M$ ).

### Definition:

- $f \in C^\infty(M, M)$  is close to  $id \in C^\infty(M, M)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow graph(f) \subset V(\Delta)$
- $\xi \in Vec^\infty(M)$  is close to  $0 \in Vec^\infty(M)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \xi(M) \subset U(0)$
- $\Phi(f) := Exp^{-1} \circ (id, f)$  is a local bijection

This defines a chart at  $id$  of  $C^\infty(M, M)$  if  $M$  is **compact!**

We can choose different topologies on the parameter space  $Vec(M) \simeq T_e C^\infty(M, M)$ :

- $C^k$  - top:  $Vec^k(M)$  is a Banach space,  $k < \infty$
- $C^\infty$  - top:  $Vec^\infty(M)$  is a Fréchet space,
- $H^s$  - top:  $Vec^s(M)$  is a Hilbert space,  $s \geq \frac{1}{2} \dim M$  independent of trivialisation if  $M$  is compact.

### Facts:

- $\{X \text{ close to } 0\} \subset Vec^\bullet(M)$  is open  $\Leftrightarrow M$  is compact.
- The change of coordinates is  $C^\infty$  if  $M$  is compact ( $\alpha$  - lemma,  $\Omega$  - lemma ).

**Theorem:** If  $M$  is compact then

$C^k(M, M)$ ,  $C^\infty(M, M)$ ,  $C^s(M, M)$  are smooth Banach-Fréchet-, Hilbert- manifolds.

$Diff^\bullet(M)$  is open in  $C^\bullet(M, M)$  hence a smooth Banach-Fréchet-, Hilbert- manifolds.

## NON compacc case

Let  $(M^n, g)$ ,  $(N^{n'}, h)$  be open, complete Riemannian manifolds satisfying the conditions (I),  $(B_k)$ .

Let  $f \in C^{\infty, m}(M, N)$  and  $\xi \in C^\infty(f^*TN)$ .

Define  $g_\xi : M \rightarrow N : g_\xi(x) := \exp_{f(x)}(\xi(f(x)))$ , ( $\equiv \exp \xi$ ).

**Proposition:** Assume  $m \leq k$ ,  $f \in C^{\infty, m}(M, N)$  and  $\xi \in C^\infty(f^*TM)$  with

$${}_{b,m} |\xi| := \sum_{i=0}^m \sup_{x \in M} |\nabla^i \xi|_x < \delta_N < r_{inj}(N).$$

Then  $g_\xi = \exp \xi \in C^{\infty, m}(M, N)$ .

**Definition:** We define "f close to g" in  $C^{\infty, m}(M, N)$  in the  $L_p$ -category: Let  $0 < \delta < \frac{1}{2}r_{inj}(N)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ .

$$V_\delta := \{f, g \in C^{\infty, m}(M, N) \mid \exists \xi \in C^\infty(f^*TN) \text{ s.t. } g = g_\xi \}$$

$$\text{and } |\xi|_{p,m} := \left( \int_M \sum_{i=0}^m |\nabla^i \xi|_x^p d \text{vol}_x(g) \right)^{1/p} < \delta \}.$$

**Theorem** (J.Eichhorn):  $\mathcal{V} := \{V_\delta\}_{0 < \delta < r_{inj}(M)/2}$  is a basis for a metrizable uniform structure on  $C^{\infty, m}(M, N)$ .

We denote by  $\Omega^{p,m}(M, N)$  the completion of  $C^{\infty,m}(M, N)$  with respect to this uniform structure. Explicit description of  $\Omega^{p,m}(M, N)$ :

**Proposition:**  $f \in \Omega^{p,m}(M, N) \Leftrightarrow f = \exp_g \xi \circ g$ ,  
 $f \in C^{\infty,m}(M, N)$ ,  $\xi \in C^{\infty}(g^*TN, g^*\nabla)$ ,  $|\xi|_{p,m} < \varepsilon$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $(M^n, g), (N^{n'}, h)$  be open, complete Riemannian manifolds of bounded geometry of order  $k$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $m \leq k$ ,  $m > \frac{n}{p} + 1$ . Then each component of  $\Omega^{p,m}(M, N)$  is a  $C^{k+1-m}$ -Banach manifold, and for  $p = 2$  it is a Hilbert manifold.

### Remarks:

- Neighborhood of  $f \in \Omega^{p,m}(M, N)$ : let  $0 < \varepsilon < r_{inj}(N)$

$$\mathcal{U}_\varepsilon = \{g \in \Omega^{p,m}(M, N) \mid g = \exp \xi, \xi \in C^{\infty}(f^*TN), |\xi|_{p,m} < \varepsilon\}$$

- $T_f \Omega^{p,m}(M, N) = \Omega^{p,m}(f^*TN)$

- Change of coordinates:  $\exp_g \circ \exp_f^{-1}$  is  $C^{k-m+1}$ .

If  $M$  is compact then  $k = \infty$ .

- If  $g \in \text{comp}(f)$  then  $T_f \Omega^{p,m}(M, N) \simeq T_g \Omega^{p,m}(M, N)$  otherwise not.

## The bounded diffeomorphism group $Diff^{p,m}(M)$ .

**Problem:**  $C^{\infty,m}(M) \cap Diff(M)$  is **not** a group, i.e  
 $f \in C^{\infty,m}(M) \cap Diff(M) \not\Rightarrow f^{-1} \in C^{\infty,m}(M)$ .

We need an additional assumption :

Let  $(M^n, g)$  be an oriented, open, complete Riemannian manifold of bounded geometry of order  $k$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $k \geq m > \frac{n}{p} + 1$ . A choice of an orthonormal basis in each  $T_x M$  implies that  $|\lambda|_{min}(df)$ , the absolute value of the eigenvalues of the Jacobian of  $f$ , is well defined. Set

$$Diff^{p,m}(M) := \{f \in \Omega^{p,m}(M, M) \mid f \text{ is injective, subjective, preserves orientation and } |\lambda|_{min}(df) > 0\}.$$

**Theorem:**  $Diff^{p,m}$  is open in  $\Omega^{p,m}(M, M)$  in particular, each component is a  $C^{k+1-m}$ -Banach manifold, and for  $p = 2$  it is a Hilbert manifold.

**Theorem;** Assume  $(M^n, g), k, p, m$  as above.

a) Assume  $f, g \in Diff^{p,m}, g \in comp(id_M) \subset Diff^{p,m}$ .  
 Then  $g \circ f \in Diff^{p,m}$  and  $g \circ f \in comp(f)$ .

b) Assume  $f \in comp(id_M) \subset Diff^{p,m}$ .

Then  $f^{-1} \in comp(id) \subset Diff^{p,m}$ .

c)  $comp(id)$  is a metrizable topological group.

## Differentiability of the group operations

The differentiability of group multiplication (composition) and inversion follows from the  $\alpha$  - and  $\omega$  - lemma.

### Theorem: ( $\alpha$ - lemma)

Assume  $m \leq k$ ,  $m > \frac{n}{p} + 1$ ,  $f \in Diff_0^{p,m}(M)$ .

Then the right multiplication

$$\alpha_f : Diff_0^{p,m}(M) \rightarrow Diff_0^{p,m}(M), \quad \alpha_f(g) = g \circ f$$

is of class  $C^{k+1-m}$ .

### Theorem: ( $\omega$ - lemma)

Let  $k + 1 - (m + s) > s$ ,  $f \in Diff_0^{p,m+s}(M) \subset Diff_0^{p,m}(M)$ ,  $m > \frac{n}{p} + 1$ .

Then the left multiplication

$$\omega_f : Diff_0^{p,m}(M) \rightarrow Diff_0^{p,m}(M), \quad \omega_f(g) = f \circ g$$

is of class  $C^s$ .

### Main Theorem:(J. Eichhorn)

Let  $(M^n, g)$  be an open, oriented, complete Riemannian manifold satisfying (I),  $(B_\infty)$ . Let  $Diff_0^{p,\infty}(M) := \lim_{\leftarrow} Diff_0^{p,m}(M)$  with the inverse limit topology. Then

$$\{Diff_0^{p,\infty}(M), Diff_0^{p,m}(M) \mid m > \frac{n}{p} + 1\}$$

is an ILB - Lie group; and for  $p = 2$  it is an ILH - Lie group.

## Volume preserving and symplectic diffeomorphisms

**Theorem:** Assume  $(M^n, g)$  is an open manifold satisfying the conditions (I) and  $(B_k), k \geq m \geq r > \frac{n}{2} + 1$  and the spectral condition  $\inf \sigma_{ess}(\Delta_1|_{(ker \Delta_1)^\perp}) > 0$ . Let  $\omega$  be a  $C^m$ -bounded closed  $q$ -form with  $\inf_{x \in M} |\omega|_x^2 > 0$ , and consider  $D_\omega^r = \{f \in D^r | f^*\omega = \omega\}$ . Then the group  $D_{\omega,0}^r = D_0^r \cap D_\omega^r$  is a  $C^{k-r+1}$  submanifold of  $D_0^r$ .

**Theorem:** Assume  $(M^n, g)$  with (I) and  $(B_\infty)$ . Let  $\omega$  be a  $C^\infty$ -bounded strongly nondegenerate  $q$ -form,  $q = n$  or  $q = 2$ , and assume the spectral condition above. Set  $D_{\omega,0}^\infty = \lim_{\leftarrow r} D_{\omega,0}^r$ . Then  $\{D_{\omega,0}^\infty, D_{\omega,0}^r | r > \frac{n}{2} + 1\}$  is an ILH-Lie group and the Lie algebra of  $D_{\omega,0}^\infty$  consists of divergence free ( $q = n$ ), or locally Hamiltonian ( $q = 2$ ) vector fields  $X$  with finite Sobolev norm  $|X|_r$  for all  $r$ .

## Applications

1) Euler's equations of incompressible fluids are equivalent to geodesics on  $Dif_{\mu,0}^{\infty,m}$ .

Analogous results hold for compressible fluids (in progress).

2) The group of bounded quantomorphisms on an open manifold form an ILH - Lie group.

3) The group of invertible , bounded pseudodifferential operators form an ILH - Lie group.

4) The group of invertible , bounded Fourier integral operators form an ILH - Lie group.