

Killing Vector Fields:  $X$  is Killing if  $\mathcal{L}_X g = 0$ .

$\sigma(t) = \exp(tX)$ : 1 psg. of transformations of  $X$  generated by  $X$ .  $\frac{d}{dt}\bigg|_{t=0} \sigma(t)^*g$



Killing  $\Leftrightarrow \sigma(t)$  is isometry of  $(M, g)$  [for  $|t| \ll 1$ ].

$$\text{isom}(M, g) \stackrel{\text{isom.}}{=} \{ \text{Killing vector fields on } M \}$$

Lemma:  $X$  is Killing  $\Leftrightarrow \nabla X: TM \rightarrow TM$  is skew symmetric.

$$Y \mapsto \nabla_Y X$$

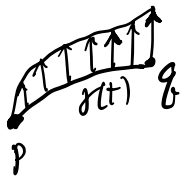
$$(\nabla_Y X, Z) = -(Y, \nabla_Z X) \quad \forall Y, Z \in TM$$

Prop:  $\text{isom} \rightarrow \underline{TM} \times \underline{so(TM)}$   
 $X \mapsto (X(P), \nabla X|_P)$   
 is an injective linear transformation.

$$A^T = -A \text{ under any o.n.b.}$$

Pf: Show kernel = 0. Assume  $X(P) = \nabla X(P) = 0$ .

$X|_\gamma$  is a Jacobi field.



$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} X'' + R(\gamma', X')\gamma' = 0 \\ X(0) = 0 \\ X'(0) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow X \equiv 0 \text{ along } \gamma$$

$X$  Killing  $\Rightarrow \exp(sX) \stackrel{\text{isom.}}{=} \sigma(s)$  isometry,  $|s| \ll 1 \Rightarrow \sigma(s) \circ \gamma$  is also geod.  $\forall |s| \ll 1$ .

$X|_\gamma = \frac{d}{ds}\bigg|_{s=0} (\sigma(s) \circ \gamma)$  is a Jacobi field

vector field generating geodesic variations.  $\blacksquare$

Cor:  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} \text{isom}(M, g) \leq n + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

Fact: " $\leq$ " holds iff  $(M, g)$  has constant curvature. e.g.  $S^n$   
 $\mathbb{R}^n$   
 $\mathbb{H}^n$

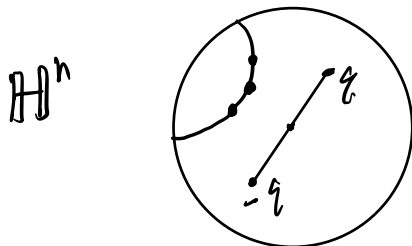
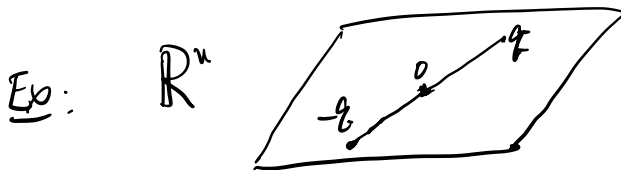
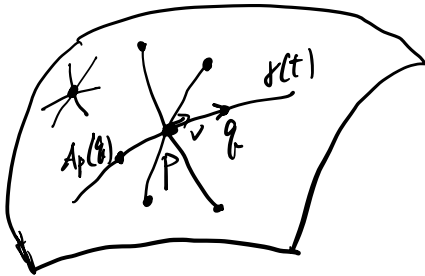
$\text{isom } \mathbb{R}^n = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{translations} \\ \text{rotations} \end{array} \right\}$

## Symmetric Spaces

Def: A Riem. mfd.  $(M, g)$  is a symmetric space if for any point  $P \in M$ , there is an isometry  $A_P: M \rightarrow M$  such that  $A_P(P) = P$  and  $dA_P: T_P M \rightarrow T_P M$  is  $-\text{Id}_{T_P M}$ .

$\Rightarrow A_P(\exp_P(t \cdot v)) = \exp_P(t \cdot (-v))$

geodesic symmetry at  $P$ .



Thm (Cartan):  $(M, g)$  symmetric space, then  $\nabla R = 0$

$R$ : (3,1) tensor

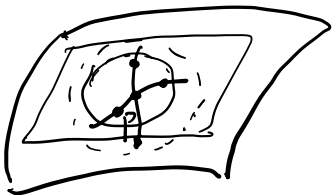
$(X, Y, Z) \rightarrow R(X, Y, Z) \in TM$ .

Pf:  $\nabla R$ : (4,1) tensor

$$dA_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_p M \text{ via } dA_p(\nabla R) \stackrel{dA_p = Id}{=} \nabla R \Rightarrow \nabla R = 0.$$

"  $\leftarrow A_p$  (isometry)

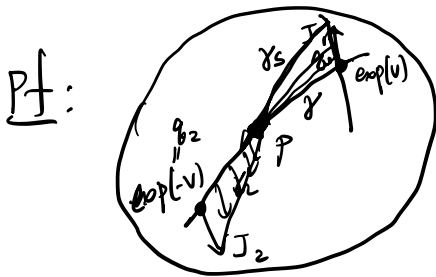
Thm (Cartan): If  $\nabla R = 0$  on  $(M, g)$ , then for any  $p \in M$ , there is a geodesic  $\gamma$  in a nbhd. of  $p \in M$ .



$$A_p: U \rightarrow U$$

$B_p(0) \xrightarrow{v} B_p(0)$   
"  $\leftarrow \exp_p$

$\exp(tv) \mapsto \exp(-tv)$ .



$$U \simeq B_p(0) \subset T_p M.$$

$\exp(v) \xleftarrow{A_p} v$

$\gamma_s(t)$

"  $\leftarrow \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} (\exp_p(t(v + sw_1)))$

$$J_1'' + R(\gamma', J_1)\gamma' = 0$$

$$\frac{J_1 = (d\exp_p)_v(w_1)}{J_1(1)} \quad \frac{J_1(t) = (d\exp_p)_{tv}(tw_1)}{J_1(1)}$$

$$dA_p \cdot \frac{J_1(t)}{\frac{d}{ds} \gamma_s(t)|_{s=0}} = \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} A_p(\gamma_s(t)) = \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \exp_p(-t(v + sw_1))$$

"  $\leftarrow (d\exp_p)_{-tv}(-tw_1) = J_2(t)$ .

$J_1'' + R(\gamma_1', J_1) \gamma_1' = 0$  : Choose o.n.b.  $\{e_i\}$  for  $T_p M$

$\rightsquigarrow$  parallel transport  $\{e_i(t)\}$  along  $\gamma$

$$J = \sum_i a_i(t) e_i(t), \quad e_i(t) = \gamma'(t)$$

$$|J|^2 = \sum_i |a_i(t)|^2$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \sum_i a_i'' \cdot e_i(t) + \underbrace{R(e_i, \sum_j a_j' \cdot e_j)}_{\text{"}} e_i = 0$$

$$\left\{ a_i'' + \sum_j R_{ij} a_j' = 0 \right\} \iff$$

$$\sum_j \underbrace{(R(e_i, e_j) e_i, e_i)}_{\text{"}} a_j' e_i$$

$$\sum_j R_{ij} a_j' e_i$$

$\nabla R = 0 \rightsquigarrow \frac{R_{ij} \text{ independent}}{\text{of } t}$

$$\underline{J_2'' + R(\gamma_2', J_2) \gamma_2' = 0} \rightsquigarrow J_2 = \sum_i b_i^{(t)} e_i(t)$$

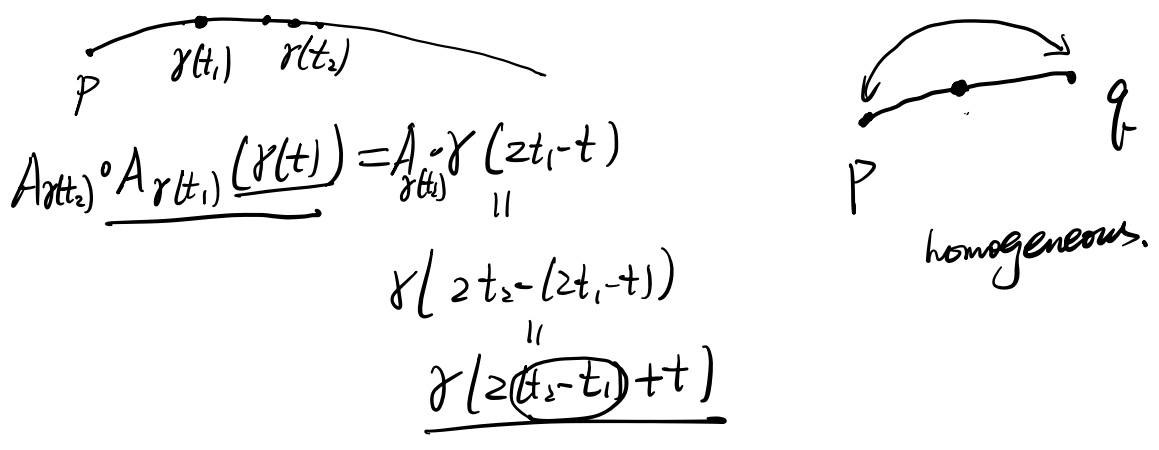
$$\rightsquigarrow b_i(t) = -a_i(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow |J_1|^2 = \sum_i |a_i(t)|^2 = \sum_i |b_i(t)|^2 = |J_2(t)|^2$$

Def:  $(M, g)$  is locally symmetric if  $\nabla R \equiv 0$ .

Fact:  $M$  locally symmetric  
simply connected  
complete  $\} \Rightarrow M$  symmetric

Fact:  $M$  symmetric  $\Rightarrow M$  is geodesic complete  
 $\Rightarrow M$  is homogeneous.



Thm (Cartan)  $M$  is symmetric space  $\Leftrightarrow \nabla R = 0$  locally symmetric  
 ( $\exists$  geodesic isometry at any pt.)

$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{m}$   
 $\downarrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $\mathfrak{so}(T_p M) \oplus T_p M$

$M \cong G/H$  where  $G$  is a connected Lie gp.  
 $H$  is a compact subgp. of  $G$

s.t.  $\exists$  an involutive automorphism  $\sigma: G \rightarrow G$   
 $(\sigma^2 = \text{Id}_G)$  (diffeomorphism that preserves the gp. str.)

for which  $\underbrace{G^\sigma}_\uparrow \subset \underbrace{H}_\parallel \subset \underbrace{G^\sigma}_\downarrow$   
 $\uparrow$  connected component of  $1 \in G^\sigma$       $\parallel$   $\{x \in G : \sigma(x) = x\}$

Ex:  $\underline{S^n = SO(n+1)/SO(n)}$

$\underline{RP^n = O(n+1)/O(n) \times \{1, -1\}}$

$\underline{HP^n = SO(n,1)/SO(n)}$

