

左不変計量の成す空間

— ミルナー枠の一般化について

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1 Introduction

1.1 Abstract

▼ We are studying:

- geometry of left-invariant metrics on Lie groups, from the viewpoint of the space of left-invariant metrics.

▼ Our Results:

- A study of this space provides Milnor-type theorems, a generalization of Milnor frames.
- They provide several existence and nonexistence results of “distinguished” left-invariant metrics.

1.2 Contents

▼ **This talk is organized as follows:**

§1: Introduction

§2: How to get Milnor-type theorems

§3: Trivial case

§4: Three-dimensional case

§5: Higher-dimensional examples

§6: A pseudo-Riemannian version

§7: Summary and Problems

1.3 Theme : Left-invariant metrics (1/2)

▼ Our theme:

- Left-invariant Riemannian metrics g on Lie groups G .

▼ They can be studied in terms of:

- $(\mathfrak{g}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$: the corresponding metric Lie algebras.
- The Levi-Civita connection $\nabla : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ satisfies

$$2\langle \nabla_X Y, Z \rangle = \langle [X, Y], Z \rangle + \langle [Z, X], Y \rangle + \langle X, [Z, Y] \rangle.$$

▼ They provide examples of:

- Einstein $:\Leftrightarrow \text{Ric} = c \cdot \text{id} \ (\exists c \in \mathbb{R}),$
- algebraic Ricci soliton
 $:\Leftrightarrow \text{Ric} = c \cdot \text{id} + D \ (\exists c \in \mathbb{R}, \exists D \in \text{Der}(\mathfrak{g})),$
- Ricci soliton $:\Leftrightarrow \text{ric} = cg + \mathfrak{L}_X g \ (\exists c \in \mathbb{R}, \exists X \in \mathfrak{X}(G)).$

1.4 Theme : Left-invariant metrics (2/2)

▼ Fact:

- Einstein \Rightarrow algebraic Ricci soliton \Rightarrow Ricci soliton.

▼ Example (Heisenberg Lie algebra):

- $\mathfrak{h}^3 := \text{span}\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ with $[e_1, e_2] = e_3$, $[e_1, e_3] = [e_2, e_3] = 0$.
- \langle, \rangle : canonical inner product ($\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$: o.n.b.)

$$\Rightarrow \circ \text{ Ric} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\circ \text{ Der}(\mathfrak{h}^3) = \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} a & * & 0 \\ * & b & 0 \\ \hline * & * & a+b \end{array} \right) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

- Hence, $(\mathfrak{h}^3, \langle, \rangle)$ is an algebraic Ricci soliton ($\text{Ric} = c \cdot \text{id} + D$).

1.5 Problem : The existence of distinguished metrics (1/2)

▼ Problem:

- For a given Lie group G , examine whether G admits a “distinguished” left-invariant metric.
(e.g., Einstein, (algebraic) Ricci soliton)

▼ Philosophy:

- This would be related to algebraic structure of the Lie group.
((Alekseevskii conjecture) G : noncompact Einstein \Rightarrow solvable)
- This is also related to GIT. (cf. Lauret)

▼ Known results:

- Classification for low dimensional ones.
(Einstein when $\dim \leq 5$, alg. Ricci soliton when $\dim \leq 4$, ...)
- Some higher-dimensional examples.

1.6 Problem : The existence of distinguished metrics (2/2)

▼ Problem:

- Examine whether G admits a distinguished left-invariant metric.

▼ Note:

- In general, this problem is difficult.
- One of the reasons: there are so many left-invariant metrics...

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{M}} := \{\text{left-invariant metrics on } G\}$$

$$\cong \{\text{inner products on } \mathfrak{g}\}$$

$$\cong \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})/\text{O}(n).$$

(Note that $n := \dim G$, and $g.\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle := \langle g^{-1}\cdot, g^{-1}\cdot \rangle$)

1.7 Approach : The space of left-invariant metrics (1/1)

▼ Recall:

- $\tilde{\mathfrak{M}} := \{ \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \text{an inner product on } \mathfrak{g} \} \cong \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{R}) / \text{O}(n)$.

▼ Observation:

- $\mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) \curvearrowright \tilde{\mathfrak{M}}$ preserves all Riemannian geometric properties.
- Hence, in order to examine the existence of distinguished metrics, we have only to study the orbit space $\mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) \backslash \tilde{\mathfrak{M}}$.

▼ Def.:

- $\mathfrak{M} := \mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) \backslash \tilde{\mathfrak{M}}$ (the orbit space) is called the moduli space.

1.8 Result : a generalization of Milnor frames (1/2)

▼ Thm.:

- An expression of $\mathfrak{B}\mathfrak{M} = \mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) \backslash \widetilde{\mathfrak{M}}$
 \Rightarrow A “Milnor-type theorem” for \mathfrak{g} .

▼ Thm. (Milnor 1976):

- \mathfrak{g} : 3-dimensional unimodular
- \langle , \rangle : any inner product on \mathfrak{g}
 $\Rightarrow \exists \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$: o.n.b. w.r.t. \langle , \rangle , $\exists \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathbb{R}$:
 $[x_1, x_2] = \lambda_3 x_3$, $[x_2, x_3] = \lambda_1 x_1$, $[x_3, x_1] = \lambda_2 x_2$.

▼ Remark:

- $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ is called the Milnor frame.
- For each \mathfrak{g} , possible values of $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ are determined.
- All inner products on \mathfrak{g} can be studied using up to 3 parameters.

1.9 Result : a generalization of Milnor frames (2/2)

▼ Thm.:

- An expression of $\mathfrak{PM} = \mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) \backslash \widetilde{\mathfrak{M}}$
 \Rightarrow A “Milnor-type theorem” for \mathfrak{g} .

▼ A format of Milnor-type theorems:

- $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$: any inner product on \mathfrak{g}
 $\Rightarrow \exists k > 0, \exists \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} : \text{o.n.b. w.r.t. } k\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle :$
the bracket relations contain only l ($:= \dim \mathfrak{PM}$) parameters.

▼ Comment:

- All inner products on \mathfrak{g} can be studied using l parameters.
(Note: $l = \dim \mathfrak{PM} \ll \dim \widetilde{\mathfrak{M}}$ in general.)
- We can obtain several existence and nonexistence results.

2 How to get Milnor-type theorems

2.1 How to get Milnor-type theorems (1/3)

▼ Recall:

- \mathfrak{g} : a Lie algebra, $\dim \mathfrak{g} = n$.
- $\widetilde{\mathfrak{M}} := \{ \langle, \rangle : \text{an inner product on } \mathfrak{g} \} \cong \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{R}) / \mathrm{O}(n)$.
- $\mathfrak{B}\mathfrak{M} := \mathbb{R}^\times \mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) \backslash \widetilde{\mathfrak{M}}$ (the orbit space) : the moduli space.

▼ Def.:

- \langle, \rangle_0 : the origin.
- $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{R}) \supset \mathfrak{U} : \underline{\text{a set of representatives}}$ of $\mathfrak{B}\mathfrak{M}$
: $\Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{B}\mathfrak{M} = \{ \mathbb{R}^\times \mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}).(g.\langle, \rangle_0) \mid g \in \mathfrak{U} \}$.
($\Leftrightarrow \{ g.\langle, \rangle_0 \mid g \in \mathfrak{U} \}$ intersects all orbits)

2.2 How to get Milnor-type theorems (2/3)

▼ Thm. (Hashinaga-T.-Terada, preprint):

- $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$: o.n.b. of \mathfrak{g} w.r.t. \langle, \rangle_0
- $GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \supset \mathfrak{U}$: a set of representatives of \mathfrak{PM}
- \langle, \rangle : an arbitrary inner product
 $\Rightarrow \exists k > 0, \exists \varphi \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}), \exists g \in \mathfrak{U} :$
 $\{\varphi g e_1, \dots, \varphi g e_n\}$ is orthonormal w.r.t. $k\langle, \rangle$.

▼ A sketch of the proof:

- By assumption, $\exists g \in \mathfrak{U} : \langle, \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}).(g.\langle, \rangle_0)$.
- By definition, $\exists c\varphi \in \mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) : \langle, \rangle = (c\varphi g).\langle, \rangle_0$.

2.3 How to get Milnor-type theorems (3/3)

▼ Recall:

- $GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \supset \mathfrak{U}$: a set of representatives of \mathfrak{PM}
- \langle, \rangle : an arbitrary inner product
 - $\Rightarrow \exists k > 0, \exists \varphi \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}), \exists g \in \mathfrak{U} :$
 $\{\varphi g e_1, \dots, \varphi g e_n\}$ is orthonormal w.r.t. $k\langle, \rangle$.

▼ Comment:

- $\{\varphi g e_1, \dots, \varphi g e_n\}$ is a generalized Milnor frame.
- Note: φ preserves a bracket product.
- $l := \dim \mathfrak{U}$
 - \Rightarrow the bracket relations among them contain only l variables.

3 Trivial case

3.1 Trivial case (1/3)

▼ It may happen:

- $\mathfrak{B}\mathfrak{M} := \mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) \backslash \tilde{\mathfrak{M}} = \{\text{pt}\}$ (i.e., $\mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) \curvearrowright \tilde{\mathfrak{M}}$: transitive.)

▼ Def.:

- $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{H}^n} := \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ with $[e_1, e_j] = e_j$ ($j \geq 2$)
is called the Lie algebra of $\mathbb{R}\mathbb{H}^n$.

▼ Fact:

- $\mathfrak{so}(1, n) = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{n}$: Iwasawa decomposition
 $\Rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{H}^n} \cong \mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{n}$.
- $G_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{H}^n}$: the simply-connected Lie group with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{H}^n}$
 $\Rightarrow G_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{H}^n} \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}\mathbb{H}^n$: simply transitive (hence $G_{\mathbb{R}\mathbb{H}^n} \cong \mathbb{R}\mathbb{H}^n$).

3.2 Trivial case (2/3)

▼ Thm. (Lauret 2003, Kodama-Takahara-T. 2011):

◦ A Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} satisfies $\mathfrak{PM} = \{\text{pt}\}$

⇔ (1) \mathbb{R}^n : abelian,

(2) $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}H^n} := \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ with $[e_1, e_j] = e_j$ ($j \geq 2$),

(3) $\mathfrak{h}^3 \oplus \mathbb{R}^{n-3} := \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ with $[e_1, e_2] = e_3$.

▼ Comment:

◦ $\mathfrak{PM} = \{\text{pt}\}$

⇔ a left-invariant metric is unique up to isometry and scaling

⇔ $\mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) \curvearrowright \tilde{\mathfrak{M}}$: transitive.

3.3 Trivial case (3/3)

▼ **Thm.:**

- \langle , \rangle : an arbitrary inner product on $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}H^n}$
 $\Rightarrow \exists k > 0, \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$: o.n.b. w.r.t. $k\langle , \rangle$:
 $[x_1, x_j] = x_j \ (j \geq 2)$.

▼ **Cor. (cf. Milnor 1976):**

- $\forall \langle , \rangle$ on $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}H^n}$ has a constant curvature $c < 0$.

▼ **Comment:**

- This was first proved by Milnor (1976),
but the original proof is very direct and not short.
- A Milnor-type theorem provides a very simple proof.

4 Three-dimensional case

4.1 Three-dimensional case (1/3)

▼ **Comment:**

- \mathfrak{g} : solvable Lie algebra, $\dim \mathfrak{g} = 3$ (not necessary unimodular).
- We ([Hashinaga-T.]) constructed Milnor-type theorems for all \mathfrak{g} .
- Here we mention some of them.

▼ **Consider:**

- $\mathfrak{r}'_{3,a} := \text{span}\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ ($a \geq 0$)
where $[e_1, e_2] = ae_2 - e_3$, $[e_1, e_3] = e_2 + ae_3$.
- **Note:** $\mathfrak{r}'_{3,a}$ is solvable.
- **Note:** $\mathfrak{r}'_{3,a}$ is unimodular $\Leftrightarrow a = 0$.

4.2 Three-dimensional case (2/3)

▼ **Thm. (Hashinaga-T.):**

◦ \langle, \rangle : an (arbitrary) inner product on $\mathfrak{r}'_{3,a}$

$\Rightarrow \exists k > 0, \exists \lambda \geq 1, \exists \{x_1, x_2, x_3\} : \text{o.n.b. w.r.t. } k\langle, \rangle :$

$$[x_1, x_2] = ax_2 - \lambda x_3, \quad [x_1, x_3] = (1/\lambda)x_2 + ax_3.$$

▼ **Proof:**

◦ $\mathcal{U} := \{\text{diag}(1, 1, 1/\lambda) \mid \lambda \geq 1\}$ is a set of representatives of \mathfrak{PM} .

▼ **Cor.:**

◦ $\mathfrak{r}'_{3,a}$ admits a left-invariant Einstein metric.

(It corresponds to the case $\lambda = 1$.)

4.3 Three-dimensional case (3/3)

▼ Recall (when $a = 0$):

- \langle, \rangle : an (arbitrary) inner product on $\mathfrak{r}'_{3,0}$
 $\Rightarrow \exists k > 0, \exists \lambda \geq 1, \exists \{x_1, x_2, x_3\} : \text{o.n.b. w.r.t. } k\langle, \rangle :$
 $[x_1, x_2] = -\lambda x_3, \quad [x_1, x_3] = (1/\lambda)x_2.$

▼ Recall (Milnor's Theorem):

- \langle, \rangle : an (arbitrary) inner product on $\mathfrak{r}'_{3,0}$
 $\Rightarrow \exists \lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0, \exists \{y_1, y_2, y_3\} : \text{o.n.b. w.r.t. } \langle, \rangle :$
 $[y_1, y_2] = 0, \quad [y_2, y_3] = \lambda_1 y_1, \quad [y_3, y_1] = \lambda_2 y_2.$

▼ Our theorem recovers Milnor's theorem for $\mathfrak{r}'_{3,0}$:

- It is enough to put (and suitable change of indices)
 $y_i := k^{-1/2}x_i, \quad \lambda_1 := 0, \quad \lambda_2 := \lambda^{-1}k^{-1/2}, \quad \lambda_3 := \lambda k^{-1/2}.$

5 Higher dimensional examples

5.1 Higher dimensional examples (1/3)

▼ Comment:

- In general, it is not easy to express \mathfrak{M} .
- We here mention some Milnor-type theorems for \mathfrak{g} , where \mathfrak{g} is higher dimensional, but $\dim \mathfrak{M} = 1$.

▼ Fact (Berndt-Brück 2002):

- M : a Hadamard manifold (e.g., $M = \tilde{\mathfrak{M}}$)
- $H \curvearrowright M$: of cohomogeneity one
 $\Rightarrow H \setminus M \cong \mathbb{R}$ or $[0, +\infty)$.

▼ Recall:

- $\mathcal{U} := \{\text{diag}(1, 1, 1/\lambda) \mid \lambda \geq 1\} \cong [1, +\infty)$ for $\mathfrak{r}'_{3,a}$.

5.2 Higher dimensional examples (2/3)

▼ Consider:

◦ $\mathfrak{g}_{1,1}^n := \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_n\},$

where $[e_i, e_n] = e_i$ (for $i = 1, \dots, n - 2$),

$$[e_{n-1}, e_n] = e_1 + e_{n-1}.$$

▼ Thm. (Taketomi-T.):

◦ \langle, \rangle : an arbitrary inner product on $\mathfrak{g}_{1,1}^n$

$\Rightarrow \exists k > 0, \exists \lambda > 0, \exists \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} : \text{o.n.b. w.r.t. } k\langle, \rangle :$

$$[x_i, x_n] = x_i \quad (\text{for } i = 1, \dots, n - 2),$$

$$[x_{n-1}, x_n] = \lambda x_1 + x_{n-1}.$$

▼ Cor.:

◦ The above $\mathfrak{g}_{1,1}^n$ does not admit left-invariant Ricci solitons.

5.3 Higher dimensional examples (3/3)

▼ Prop. (Taketomi-T.):

- $\mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}_{1,1}^n) \curvearrowright \widetilde{\mathfrak{M}}$ satisfies:
 - The orbit space $\cong \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.
 - All orbits $\mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}_{1,1}^n). \langle, \rangle$ are hypersurfaces in $\widetilde{\mathfrak{M}}$.
 - More strongly, all orbits are congruent to each other.

(Looks like a horosphere foliation.)

▼ Comment:

- Our expectation: \langle, \rangle is special $\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}). \langle, \rangle$ is special?
- The above observation certifies this expectation.

(\nexists Ricci soliton, \nexists special orbits)

6 A pseudo-Riemannian version

6.1 A pseudo-Riemannian version (1/4)

▼ Def:

- \mathfrak{g} : $(p + q)$ -dim. Lie algebra
- $\tilde{\mathfrak{M}}_{(p,q)} := \{ \langle , \rangle : \text{an inner product on } \mathfrak{g} \text{ with signature } (p, q) \}$
 $\cong \text{GL}_{p+q}(\mathbb{R}) / \text{O}(p, q)$.
- $\mathfrak{M}_{(p,q)} := \mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) \setminus \tilde{\mathfrak{M}}_{(p,q)}$: the Moduli space.

▼ Thm. (Kubo-Onda-Taketomi-T.):

- A set of representatives of $\mathfrak{M}_{(p,q)}$
 \Rightarrow a pseudo-Riemannian version Milnor-type theorem
(by the same procedure)

6.2 A pseudo-Riemannian version (2/4)

▼ Consider:

- $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}H^n}$: the Lie algebra of $\mathbb{R}H^n$ ($n = p + q$).

▼ Thm. (Kubo-Onda-Taketomi-T.):

- \langle , \rangle : an arbitrary inner product on $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}H^n}$ with signature (p, q)

$$\Rightarrow \exists k > 0, \exists \lambda \in \{0, 1, 2\},$$

$\exists \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$: pseudo-o.n.b. w.r.t. $k\langle , \rangle$:

$$[x_1, x_j] = x_j, [x_1, x_n] = -\lambda x_1 + x_n, [x_j, x_n] = -\lambda x_j$$

(for $j \geq 2$)

▼ Idea of Proof:

- The orbit space $\mathfrak{PM}_{(p,q)} := \mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) \backslash \widetilde{\mathfrak{M}}_{(p,q)}$ consists of 3 points.

6.3 A pseudo-Riemannian version (3/4)

▼ Recall:

- $\#\mathfrak{M}_{(p,q)} = 3$ for $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}H^n}$.

▼ Cor.:

- $\mathfrak{g} := \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}H^n}$

$\Rightarrow \forall \langle , \rangle$: pseudo-Riemannian, it has a constant curvature c .

(c can take any signature, $c > 0$, $c = 0$, $c < 0$)

▼ Comment:

- Lorentz version of this corollary has been known (Nomizu 1979).
- The (pseudo-Riemannian version of) Milnor-type theorem simplifies the proof, and extends it to an arbitrary signature.

6.4 A pseudo-Riemannian version (4/4)

▼ Question:

- Why $\#\mathfrak{PM}_{(p,q)} = 3$ for $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}H^n}$?

▼ In general:

- $\mathfrak{PM}_{(p,q)} := \mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) \backslash \tilde{\mathfrak{M}}_{(p,q)} \cong \text{O}(p, q) \backslash (\text{GL}_{p+q}(\mathbb{R}) / \mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}))$.

▼ For $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}H^n}$:

- $\mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g})$ is parabolic so that $\text{GL}_{p+q}(\mathbb{R}) / \mathbb{R}^\times \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) \cong \mathbb{RP}^{p+q-1}$.
- The above 3 orbits correspond to $\{[v] \in \mathbb{RP}^{p+q-1}\}$ with v : timelike, lightlike, spacelike.

▼ Comment:

- This is a very special case...
- For further studies, we need to know actions on $\text{GL}_{p+q}(\mathbb{R}) / \text{O}(p, q)$.

7 Summary and Problems

7.1 Summary

▼ Story:

- The space of left-invariant metrics
(both Riemannian and pseudo-Riemannian settings)
 - ⇒ the moduli space (= the orbit space)
 - ⇒ Milnor-type theorems
 - ⇒ one can examine ALL left-invariant metrics.
- This can be applied to the existence and nonexistence problem of distinguished (e.g., Einstein, Ricci soliton) metrics.

▼ Point:

- Actions on symmetric spaces play important roles.

7.2 Problems

▼ Problem 1:

- **A continuation of this study, i.e.,**
 - **Get more Milnor-type theorems,**
 - **Study isometric actions on symmetric spaces**
(both Riemannian and pseudo-Riemannian cases).

▼ Problem 2:

- **Apply our method to other geometric structures, e.g.,**
 - **left-invariant complex structures,**
 - **left-invariant symplectic structures, ...**

▼ **Closing:**

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- 松江セミナー第 100 回おめでとうございます。
- 今後益々のご発展をお祈りいたします。