

Revisiting Unicycle:—

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= u_1 \cos \alpha_3 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= u_1 \sin \alpha_3 \\ \dot{\alpha}_3 &= u_2 \end{aligned} \right\} \iff \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} \cos \alpha_3 & -\sin \alpha_3 & x_1 \\ \sin \alpha_3 & \cos \alpha_3 & x_2 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$\dot{g} = g \dot{S}u$

$$\iff \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} \cos \alpha_3 & -\sin \alpha_3 & x_1 \\ \sin \alpha_3 & \cos \alpha_3 & x_2 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & -u_2 & u_1 \\ u_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

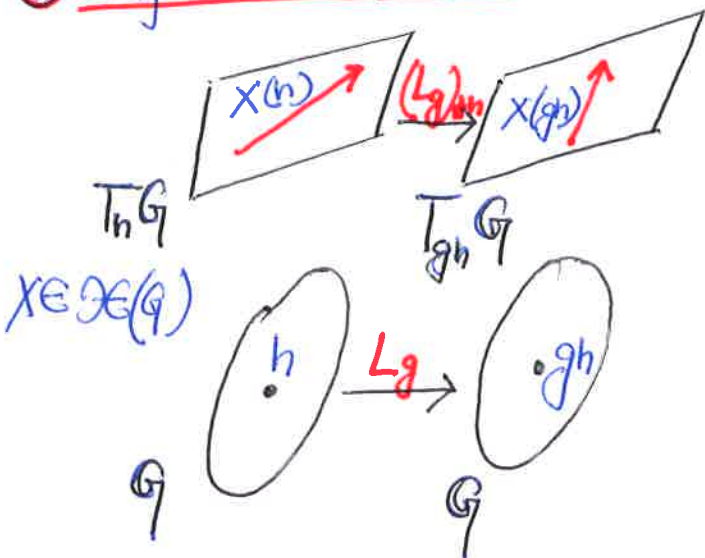
$\underbrace{\quad}_{\dot{g}} \underbrace{\quad}_{\in SE(2)} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{\dot{S}u} \underbrace{\quad}_{\in se(2)}$

→ Unicycle dynamics can be perceived as a family of vector fields on  $SE(2)$ , parametrized by control inputs  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ .

→ At the group identity element (i.e. at  $g = \mathbb{I}_3$ ) the tangent space can be identified with a subspace of  $se(2)$ . Also, the vector field is well defined, once we have defined the tangent vectors at the identity element of the underlying Lie group  $SE(2)$ .

# Left-Invariant Vector Fields:

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→ A smooth vector field  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(G)$  is called left-invariant if —

$$X(L_g h) = (L_g)_* X(h)$$

for every  $g, h \in G$ . In other words  $X$  is a left-invariant vector field if it is  $L_g$ -related to itself.

$\mathfrak{X}(G)$ : Space of smooth vector fields on  $G$

$\mathfrak{X}_L(G)$ : Space of left-invariant vector fields on  $G$ .

→ For  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}_L(G)$  and  $g \in G$ , we have —

$$\begin{aligned} (L_g)_* [X, Y](h) &= [(L_g)_* X, (L_g)_* Y](L_g h) = (L_g)_* [X(h), Y(h)] \\ &= [(L_g)_* X(h), (L_g)_* Y(h)] \\ &= [X(L_g h), Y(L_g h)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ((L_g)_* [X, Y](h))(\varnothing) &= ((L_g)_* X, (L_g)_* Y)(\varnothing)(L_g h) \quad \varnothing \in \mathfrak{X}(G) \\ &= [X, Y](\varnothing)(L_g h) \quad h \in G \\ &= [X, Y](L_g h)(\varnothing) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $[X, Y] \in \mathfrak{X}_L(G)$ , and thus  $\mathfrak{X}_L(G)$

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is a lie-subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{X}(G)$ .

→ The lie-algebra of left-invariant vector fields on a lie-group is called the lie-algebra of the lie-group.

→ Let,  $X \in \mathfrak{X}_L(G)$  be a left-invariant vector field on  $G$ . Then,  $X(g) = (L_g)_* X(e)$  where  $e \in G$  is the identity element of  $G$ . Thus a left-invariant vector field is completely defined by its evaluation at  $e \in G$ , i.e.  $X(e) \in T_e G$ .

On the other hand, for any  $S \in T_e G$ , we can define a vector field as —

$$X_S(g) = (L_g)_* S.$$

Clearly —

$$\begin{aligned} X_S(L_g h) &= X_S(gh) = (L_{gh})_* S \\ &= (L_g \circ L_h)_* S \\ &= (L_g)_* (L_h)_* S \\ &= (L_g)_* X_S(h). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $X_S \in \mathfrak{X}_L(G)$ .

Therefore,  $\mathfrak{X}_L(G)$  is isomorphic to  $T_e G$ , and as a consequence the dimension of lie-algebra is same as the dimension of the underlying lie-group.

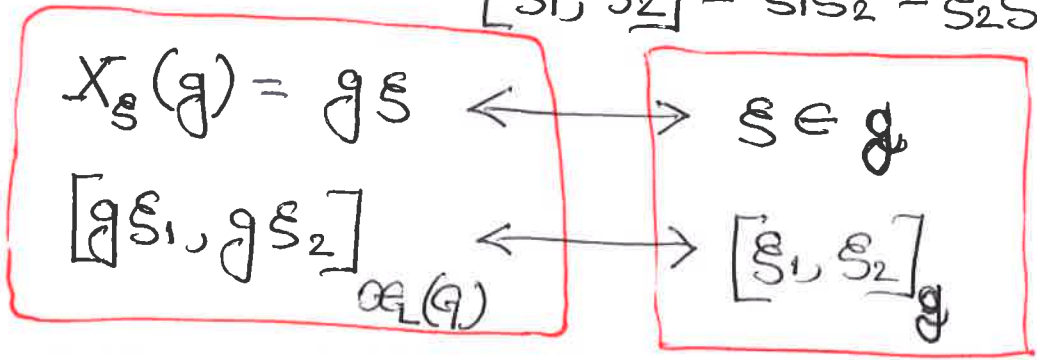
Then we can define a Lie-bracket in  $T_e G$  as —

$$[S_1, S_2] = [X_{S_1}, X_{S_2}](e), \quad S_1, S_2 \in T_e G.$$

With this construction,  $T_e G$  (the tangent space at  $e \in G$ ) becomes a Lie-algebra. We denote it as  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

If  $G$  is a matrix Lie-group (e.g.  $GL(n), SO(n), SE(n)$ ),  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a matrix Lie-algebra (e.g.  $\mathfrak{gl}(n), \mathfrak{so}(n), \mathfrak{se}(n)$ ), and for  $S_1, S_2 \in \mathfrak{g}$ , we have —

$$[S_1, S_2] = S_1 S_2 - S_2 S_1.$$



As  $\dot{g} = gS$  can alternatively be expressed as  $g^{-1}\dot{g} = S \in \mathfrak{g}$ , we <sup>can</sup> associate a smooth curve in  $\mathfrak{g}$  to each smooth curve in  $G$  (~~in general~~) (integral to some left invariant vector field). The converse can also be shown, but that involves representing the solution of the ODE  $\dot{g}(t) = g(t) S(t)$  in a certain form. (See the Wei-Norman 1964 AMS Paper [Paper 15])

Example:

$g(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos t^2 & -\sin t^2 \\ \sin t^2 & \cos t^2 \end{bmatrix}$  is a smooth

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curve on  $SO(2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{g}(t) &= 2t \begin{bmatrix} -\sin t^2 & -\cos t^2 \\ \cos t^2 & -\sin t^2 \end{bmatrix} = 2t \begin{bmatrix} \cos t^2 & -\sin t^2 \\ \sin t^2 & \cos t^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= g(t) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2t \\ 2t & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad \parallel \\ &\quad \xi(t) \in \mathfrak{so}(2) \end{aligned}$$

Example:

$$\xi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \Omega = -\Omega^T \in \mathfrak{so}(n) \\ b \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$

$$\dot{g}(t) = g(t) \xi(t) = g(t) \begin{bmatrix} \Omega & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{dynamics on } SE(n)$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= g(0) \exp \left( \begin{bmatrix} \Omega t & bt \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= g(0) \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e^{\Omega t} & bt + \frac{1}{2!} \Omega bt^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \Omega^2 bt^3 + \dots \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\in SE(n)} \end{aligned}$$

$\xi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{se}(n)$  corresponds to curves on  $SE(n)$ .

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→ Let  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . An integral curve to  $X$  is a pair  $(I, \phi)$  where  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  is an open interval and  $\phi: I \rightarrow M$  is a smooth map such that —

$$\phi_* \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Big|_{t_0} = X \Big|_{\phi(t_0)} \text{ for all } t_0 \in I.$$

→ If  $(I, \phi)$  is an integral curve of  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , then so ~~is~~  $(I+a, \phi_a)$  where  $\phi_a(t) \triangleq \phi(t-a)$ .

Also,  $(s^{-1}I, \tilde{\phi})$  ~~is~~ is an integral curve for  $sX$ ,  $s \neq 0$ , where  $\tilde{\phi}(t) \triangleq \phi(st)$ . Finally, if  $(U, f)$  a local chart with coordinate functions  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $X$  can be expressed in local coordinates as —

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \quad a_i \in C^\infty(U),$$

then  $(I, \phi)$  with  $\phi: I \rightarrow U \subset M$ ,  $t \mapsto \phi(t) = (\phi_1(t), \dots, \phi_n(t))$  is an integral curve iff —

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\phi_i(t)) = a_i(\phi(t))$$

→ Moreover, for a given  $(I, \phi)$  there is a unique maximal extension ~~such~~  $(\hat{I}, \hat{\phi})$  such that whenever  ~~$I \subset \hat{I}$~~  there is an integral curve  $(\hat{I}, \hat{\phi})$  s.t.

$\mathbb{R} \subset \hat{\mathbb{R}}$  and  $\hat{\phi}|_{\mathbb{R}} = \phi$  we have,  $\mathbb{R} \subset \hat{\mathbb{R}}$  and  $\hat{\phi}|_{\mathbb{R}} = \phi$ . This is called a maximal integral curve. A vector field  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  is called complete if the domains of definition of all of its maximal integral curves are  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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$\rightarrow$  Suppose  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(G)$  is a left invariant vector field on the Lie-group  $G$ . Then  $X$  is complete.

$\rightarrow$  Then for a complete vector field  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(G)$ , we can define a smooth map —

$$\Phi_X: \mathbb{R} \times G \rightarrow G$$

such that — i)  $\Phi_X(0, g) = g \quad \forall g \in G$

ii)  $t \mapsto \Phi_X(t, g)$  is an integral curve of  $X$  for all  $g \in G$ .

As discussed earlier each left invariant vector field on  $G$  can be identified with the Lie-algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Hence we can define a map —

$$\tilde{\Phi}: \mathbb{R} \times G \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$$

$$(t, g, \xi) \mapsto \Phi_X(t, g) \quad X(g) = \tilde{g}\xi$$

Then, clearly  $\tilde{\Phi}(0, g, \xi) = g$  and  $t \mapsto \tilde{\Phi}(t, g, \xi)$  is an integral curve. Moreover,  $\tilde{\Phi}(t, g, \xi) = g \tilde{\Phi}(t, e, \xi)$

$\tilde{\Phi}(st, g, \xi) = \tilde{\Phi}(t, g, s\xi)$ . Hence  $\tilde{\Phi}(t, g, \xi) = g \tilde{\Phi}(1, e, t\xi)$