

Symplectic manifolds

Def Say smooth manifold M is symplectic if have

2-form ω on M , namely a section ω of $\wedge^2 T^*M$

such that ① ω is closed ($d\omega = 0$)

② the tangent space $T_p M$

is symplectic for all $p \in M$.

Note By the above $\omega \neq 0$, giving a non-vanishing section of $\wedge^{2n} T^*M$, namely an orientation.

Def A diffeomorphism $f: M \rightarrow N$ is a symplectomorphism if $f^* \omega_N = \omega_M$.

Rem The group of self-symplectomorphisms is generally infinite dimensional, in contrast to situation in algebraic geometry.

Submanifolds

Def Say a submanifold $N \subset M$ is Lagrangian if $T_p N$ is Lagrangian in $T_p M$ for all $p \in N$.

Similarly define (co)isotropic submanifolds.

Rem Such N is Lagrangian iff $\omega|_N = 0$

$$\text{and } \dim N = n = \frac{1}{2} \dim M$$

Cotangent bundles

For any manifold N , $\dim n$, have

cotangent bundle T^*N , $\dim 2n$.

Notation: projection $\pi: T^*N \rightarrow N$

point $(p, \alpha) \in T^*N$ for $\alpha \in T_p^*N$

Def: tautological 1-form θ on T^*N has value

- $d\pi^*(\alpha)$ at point (p, α)

(Recall differential $d\pi$ gives map of bundles

$$TT^*N \rightarrow TN \text{ with dual } T^*N \rightarrow T^*T^*N)$$

Prop $\omega = d\theta$ is symplectic form on T^*N .

Proof First, $d\omega = 0$ using $d^2 = 0$.

Now take local coordinates x_1, \dots, x_n on N

and take further coordinates y_1, \dots, y_n such

that we may write $\alpha = \sum_i y_i dx_i$.

$$\text{Then } \theta = -\sum_i y_i dx_i$$

$$\text{and } \omega = \sum dx_i \wedge dy_i$$

the canonical symplectic form. \checkmark

Rem For $N = \mathbb{R}^n$, get $T^*N \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$.

Lagrangian examples

① Fibres $T_p^*N \subset T^*N$

② Zero section $Z \subset T^*N$, $Z \cong N$.

③ For 1-form α on N , the graph $\Gamma(\alpha)$

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \{(p, \alpha(p)) \mid p \in N\} \subset T^*N$$

is Lagrangian iff α is closed.

Because $\Theta|_p = -\pi^*(\alpha)$ (pullback of 1-form)

$$\text{and so } \omega|_p = d\Theta|_p = -d\pi^*(\alpha) = -\pi^*(d\alpha)$$

Example The torus $L = \{x_i^2 + y_i^2 = a_i\}$ in \mathbb{R}^{2n} for $a_i > 0$
is a Lagrangian, and compact.

Symplectomorphisms and Lagrangians

Consider a diffeomorphism $f: M \rightarrow N$ of symplectic manifolds. Then $M \times N$ has a symplectic form

$$\omega = \pi_M^*(\omega_M) - \pi_N^*(\omega_N)$$

where ω_M, ω_N are projections to M, N .

Take the graph $\Gamma(f)$ of f

$$\Gamma(f) = \{(p, q) \mid q = f(p)\} \subset M \times N$$

Now $\pi_N = f \circ \pi_M$ on Γ , so on Γ have

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \pi_M^*(\omega_M) - \pi_M^* f^*(\omega_N) \\ &= \pi_M^*(\omega_M - f^*(\omega_N)) = 0 \text{ if } f \text{ symplectomorphism} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, beautifully,

f symplectomorphism
iff $\Gamma(f)$ Lagrangian.