

A GEOMETRIC GLANCE AT  
THE HAMILTON-JACOBI EQUATION

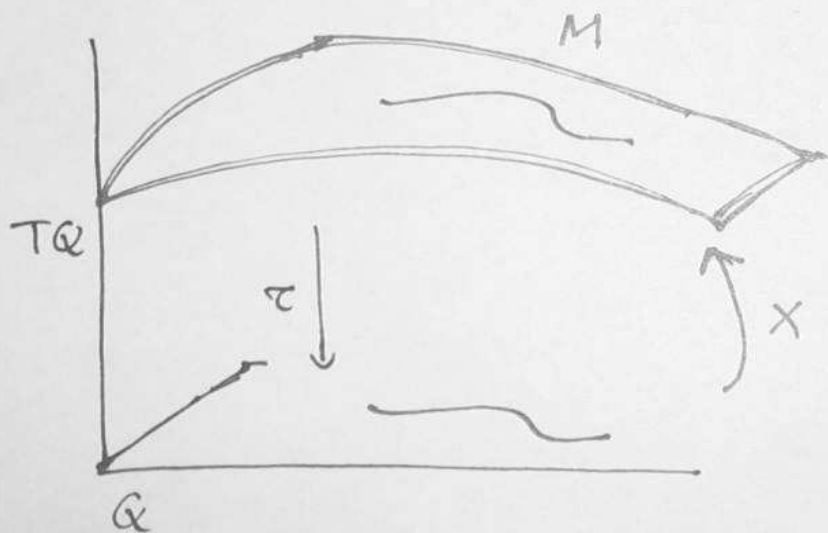
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$\Gamma \in \mathcal{X}(TQ)$  second-order vector field

describe integral curves of  $\Gamma$  as

integral curves of a family of first-order vector fields  $X \in \mathcal{X}(Q)$



$n$ -dimensional submanifold  $M \subset TQ$   
invariant by  $\Gamma$

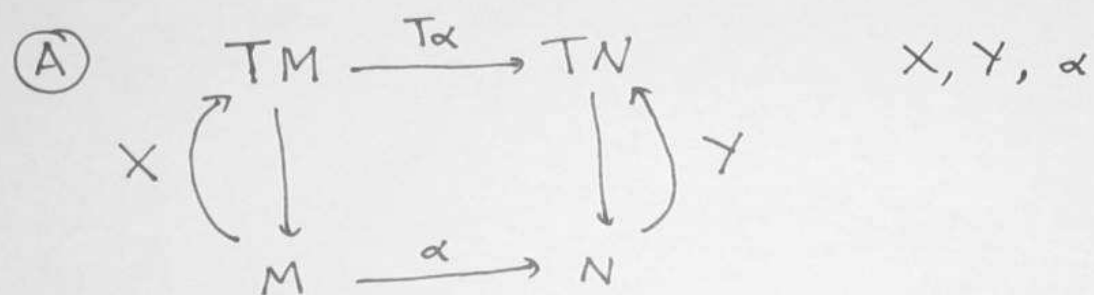
transversal to the projection  $\tau$



defines  $X$

there may be alternative lagrangians  $L_1, L_2$  for  $\Gamma$

$M = X(Q)$  may be a lagrangian submanifold for  $\omega_{L_1}$  but not for  $\omega_{L_2}$

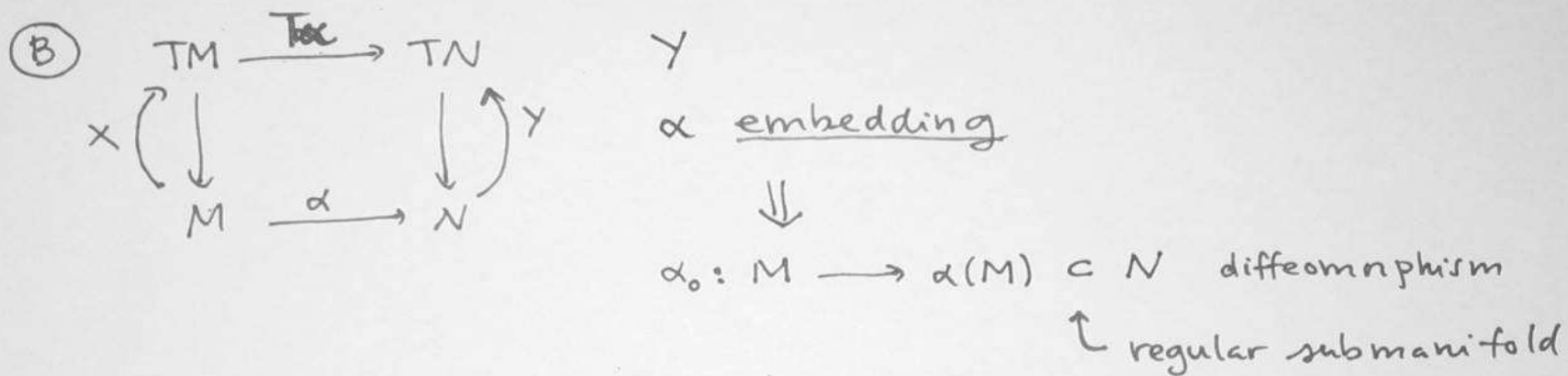


(1)  $\gamma$  integral curve of  $X \Rightarrow \delta = \alpha \circ \gamma$  integral curve of  $Y$

(2)  $T\alpha \circ X = Y \circ \alpha \quad (X \sim_{\alpha} Y)$

(3)  $\alpha \circ F_X^t = F_Y^t \circ \alpha$  whenever defined

$F_X$  flow of  $X$

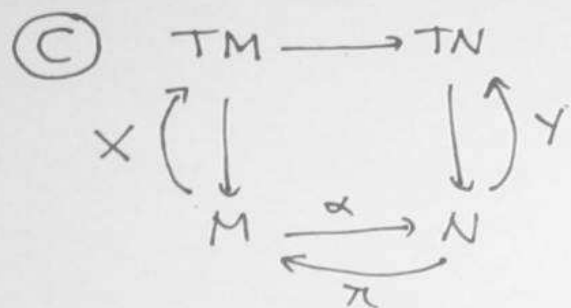


$X$  is determined by condition (2)

(4)  $Y$  is tangent to  $\alpha(M)$

Then  $X = \alpha_0^* [Y|_{\alpha(M)}]$

(1') the integral curves of  $Y$  with initial condition in  $\alpha(M) \subset N$  correspond through  $\alpha$  to the integral curves of  $X$



$Y$

$\alpha$  is a section of a bundle map

$$N \xrightarrow{\pi} M$$

i.e.  $\pi \circ \alpha = \text{Id}_M$

Then from (2) we have

$$X = T\pi \circ Y \circ \alpha$$

$$(5) \quad T\alpha \circ T\pi \circ Y \underset{\alpha(M)}{=} Y$$

$$\textcircled{D_v} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} TQ & \xrightarrow{T\alpha} & T(TQ) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Q & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & TQ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} X \\ Y \end{array}$$

$Y$  second-order vector field

$\alpha$  section of  $TQ \xrightarrow{\tau} Q$  (vector field)

$$Y \text{ second-order vector field} \iff T\tau \circ Y = \text{Id}_{TQ}$$

Then  $X = \alpha$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TQ & \xrightarrow{TX} & T(TQ) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Q & \xrightarrow{X} & TQ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} X \\ Y \end{array}$$

$$(2v) \quad TX \circ X = Y \circ X$$

(Ev)

$L: TQ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  regular lagrangian

$E_L: TQ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

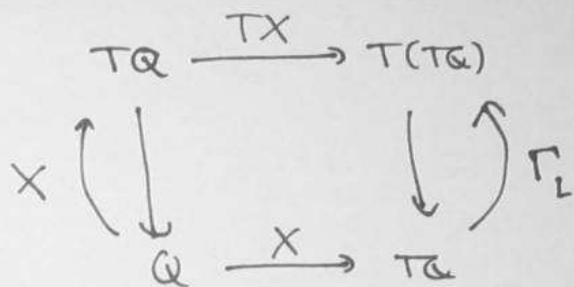
$\theta_L \in \Omega^1(TQ)$   $\omega_L = -d\theta_L$

$i_{\Gamma_L} \omega_L = dE_L$  lagrangian vector field  $\Gamma_L$

$X$

$$(2v') \quad TX \circ X = \Gamma_L \circ X$$

$$(6v) \quad i_X X^*(\omega_L) = X^*(dE_L)$$



generalised lagrangian  
Hamilton-Jacobi problem

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \textcircled{F_v} & TQ & \xrightarrow{TX} & T(TQ) \\
 & \uparrow \downarrow & & \downarrow \uparrow \\
 & Q & \xrightarrow{X} & TQ
 \end{array}
 \quad \Gamma_L$$

$X$  such that  $\underline{X^*(\omega_L) = 0}$

i.e.  $X^*(\theta_L)$  closed 1-form

$\parallel$  locally  
dW

Lagrangian Hamilton-Jacobi problem

$$(F_v) \quad X^*(dE_L) = 0$$

$$(F_v') \quad X^*(E_L) = \text{locally constant}$$

$$\parallel \\ E_L \circ X$$

$X(Q) \subset TQ$  lagrangian submanifold



(Em)  $H: T^*Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  hamiltonian

$i_{Z_H} \omega_Q = dH$  hamiltonian vector field  $Z_H$

$\alpha$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TQ & \xrightarrow{T\alpha} & T(T^*Q) \\ X \updownarrow & & \downarrow \uparrow Z_H \\ Q & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & T^*Q \end{array}$$

generalised hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem

$$\underline{X = T\pi \circ Z_H \circ \alpha = FH \circ \alpha}$$

$FH: T^*Q \rightarrow TQ$  fibre derivative

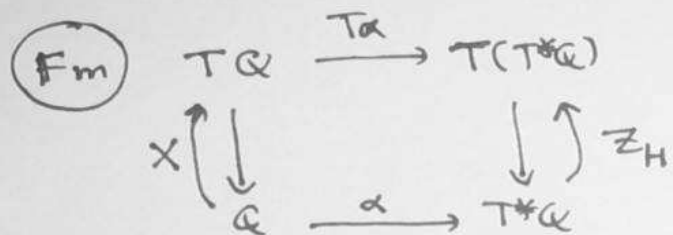
(2m)  $T\alpha \circ X = Z_H \circ \alpha$

$vl(\alpha, i_X d\alpha + \alpha^*(dH)) = T\alpha \circ X - Z_H \circ \alpha$

(6m)  $i_X d\alpha + \alpha^*(dH) = 0$

$E \rightarrow Q$  vector bundle

$vl: E \times_Q E \rightarrow VE \subset TE$   
vertical lift



$\alpha$  such that  $d\alpha = 0$  (closed 1-form)

i.e.  $\alpha$   
 $\parallel$  locally  
 $dW$

hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem

(Fm)  $\alpha^*(dH) = 0$

(Fm')  $\alpha^*(H)$  locally constant  
 $\parallel$   
 $H \circ \alpha$

$\alpha(Q) \subset T^*Q$  lagrangian submanifold

Equivalence between lagrangian and hamiltonian ...

Let  $L: TQ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a hyperregular lagrangian

The map

$$X \mapsto \alpha = FL \circ X$$

is a bijection between the solutions of the [generalized]  
lagrangian Hamilton-Jacobi problem and the solutions  
of the [generalized] hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem

- complete solutions  $\sim$  invariant foliations

$$X: \mathcal{Q} \times \Lambda \rightarrow T\mathcal{Q}$$

$$\alpha: \mathcal{Q} \times \Lambda \rightarrow T^*\mathcal{Q}$$

- singular case
  - without lagrangian constraints
- time-dependent case
- examples
  - distance on pseudoriemannian manifolds
  - Lie groups

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