

例. Ice skate



單輪車沿自己的方向移動或者以它的中心轉動，

位相空間(Configuration space)是 $\mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1$

$$X = \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad Y = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}, \quad \text{平面場 } \Sigma = \{X, Y\}$$

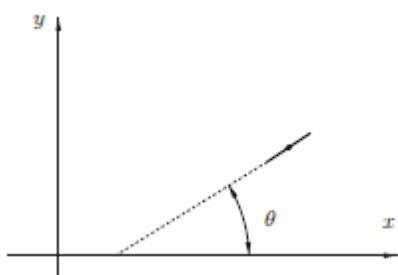
The kernel of the 1-form $\omega = -\sin \theta dx + \cos \theta dy$ (constraint 約束)

(ω 與 X 是對偶關係 所以看起來像直線的斜率與方向向量的關係)

$$d\omega = -\cos \theta d\theta \wedge dx - \sin \theta d\theta \wedge dy$$

$d\omega \wedge \omega = -d\theta \wedge dx \wedge dy \neq 0$ 因此 ω 是不可積約束 (non-holonomic constraint)。

換句話說 Σ 是一不可積平面場(non-integrable distribution)



- (a) Show that the ice skate can access all points in the configuration space: given two points $p, q \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1$ there exists a piecewise smooth curve $c : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1$ compatible with Σ such that $c(0) = p$ and $c(1) = q$. Why does this show that Σ is non-integrable?

- (b) Assuming that the kinetic energy of the skate is

$$K = \frac{M}{2} \left((v^x)^2 + (v^y)^2 \right) + \frac{I}{2} (v^\theta)^2$$

and that the reaction force is perfect, show that the skate moves with constant speed along straight lines or circles. What is the physical interpretation of the reaction force?

- (c) Determine the motion of the skate moving on an inclined plane, i.e. subject to a potential energy $U = Mg \sin \alpha x$.