

Lie algebra isomorphism to left-invariant fields

1. A Lie algebra and Lie bracket

A vector field X on G is called left-invariant if for every $g \in G$, the pushforward of X by the left translation map $L_g : G \rightarrow G$ (defined by $L_g(h) = gh$) satisfies:

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

2. This means that for any $h \in G$, $X_{gh} = (L_g)_*X_h$.

Construct the isomorphism :

We define a map $\phi : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{Lie}(G)$, where $\text{Lie}(G)$ is the space of left-invariant vector fields on G , as follows:

$$\phi(X)(g) = (L_g)_*X,$$

for $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ and $g \in G$. Here, $(L_g)_*X$ is the pushforward of X by L_g .

Show ϕ is a vector space isomorphism :

- **Injectivity:** If $\phi(X) = 0$, then $(L_g)_*X = 0$ for all $g \in G$. In particular, at $g = e$, we have $X = 0$. Thus, ϕ is injective.
- **Surjectivity:** Given a left-invariant vector field Y on G , define $X = Y_e \in \mathfrak{g}$. Then, by left-invariance, $Y_g = (L_g)_*X$ for all $g \in G$, so $Y = \phi(X)$. Thus, ϕ is surjective.

Show that ϕ preserves the Lie bracket :

We need to show that $\phi([X, Y]) = [\phi(X), \phi(Y)]$ for all $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$.

- The Lie bracket on \mathfrak{g} is defined by $[X, Y] = \text{ad}_X Y$, where $\text{ad}_X Y$ is the derivative of the adjoint action.
- The Lie bracket of left-invariant vector fields is given by the commutator of vector fields.

Using the definition of ϕ and the properties of left-invariant vector fields, we can show that:

$$\phi([X, Y])(g) = (L_g)_*[X, Y] = [(L_g)_*X, (L_g)_*Y] = [\phi(X)(g), \phi(Y)(g)].$$

Thus, $\phi([X, Y]) = [\phi(X), \phi(Y)]$, and ϕ preserves the Lie bracket.