

§ Euler-Lagrange flows

$L: TM \rightarrow R$  Lagrangian,  $u: [0,1] \rightarrow M$

$$A(u) = \int_0^1 L(u(t), \dot{u}(t)) dt$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial u}(u, \dot{u}) - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial v}(u, \dot{u}) \right) = 0$$

If  $M$  is compact, the extremals of  $A$  give rise to a complete flow  $\phi_t: TM \rightarrow TM$  called the Euler-Lagrange flow of the Lagrangian.

[DG12] Geometric Analysis p.23

Lemma

The Euler-Lagrange equations for the energy  $E$  are

$$\ddot{x}^i(t) + \Gamma_{jk}^i(x(t)) \dot{x}^j(t) \dot{x}^k(t) = 0$$

Where  $\Gamma_{jk}^i = \frac{1}{2} g^{il} (g_{jl,k} + g_{kl,j} - g_{jk,l})$

1. For  $I(x) = \int_a^b f(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) dt$  then the E-L equation are  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \right) = 0$

2.  $E(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \int g_{jk}(x(t)) \dot{x}^j \dot{x}^k dt$

Note that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}^i} (g_{jk} \dot{x}^j \dot{x}^k) = g_{ik} \dot{x}^k + g_{ji} \dot{x}^j$  因為  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \dot{x}^j = \delta_{ij}$

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$$\frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial x^i} \dot{x}^j \dot{x}^k - \left\{ \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial x^l} \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial t} \dot{x}^k + \frac{\partial g_{jl}}{\partial x^l} \frac{\partial x^l}{\partial t} \dot{x}^j + g_{ik} \ddot{x}^k + g_{ji} \ddot{x}^j \right\} = 0$$

$$g_{jk,i} \dot{x}^j \dot{x}^k - \left\{ g_{ik,l} \dot{x}^l \dot{x}^k + g_{ji,l} \dot{x}^l \dot{x}^j + g_{ik} \ddot{x}^k + g_{ji} \ddot{x}^j \right\} = 0$$

Renaming some indices and using the symmetry  $g_{ik} = g_{ki}$ , we get

$$2g_{\ell m} \ddot{x}^m + (g_{\ell k,j} + g_{j\ell,k} - g_{jk,\ell}) \dot{x}^j \dot{x}^k = 0, \quad \ell = 1, \dots, d,$$

And from this  $g^{il} g_{lm} \ddot{x}^m + \frac{1}{2} g^{il} (g_{lk,j} + g_{jl,k} - g_{jk,l}) \dot{x}^j \dot{x}^k = 0$

$g^{il} g_{lm} = \delta_{im}$  , so  $g^{il} g_{lm} \ddot{x}^m = \ddot{x}^i$  , that is  $\ddot{x}^i + \Gamma_{jk}^i \dot{x}^j \dot{x}^k = 0$

§ Cartan magic formula  $L_X \omega = \iota_X d\omega + d(\iota_X \omega)$

右式前者是 interior product(interior derivatve) , 後者是 exterior derivative

$X \in \chi(M)$  ,  $L_X \omega = \frac{d}{dt}(\varphi_t^* \omega)|_{t=0}$

$L_X d\omega = dL_X \omega$

$L_X(\omega \wedge \eta) = L_X \omega \wedge \eta + \omega \wedge L_X \eta$

1. 例子 in RG1102

$X = F \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + G \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + H \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$  , volume form  $dv = dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$

$L_X dx = d(L_X x) = d(Xx) = dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} dz$  , Then

$L_X dv = L_X(dx \wedge dy \wedge dz) = (L_X dx) \wedge dy \wedge dz + dx \wedge (L_X dy) \wedge dz + dx \wedge dy \wedge (L_X dz)$   
 $= (\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}) dv = (div X) dv$

驗證 所謂的 interior product 如何運算。

$\iota_X(dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \dots \wedge dx_n) = \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^{r-1} f_r dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{dx}_r \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$

這裡  $\hat{dx}_r$  表示把  $dx_r$  省略

所以  $X = F \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + G \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + H \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = (F, G, H)$  ,  $\omega = dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$

$\iota_X \omega = F dy \wedge dz - G dx \wedge dz + H dx \wedge dy$

$d(\iota_X \omega) = dF \wedge dy \wedge dz - dG \wedge dx \wedge dz + dH \wedge dx \wedge dy$

其中  $dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} dz$  , ...

所以  $d(\iota_X \omega) = (\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial z}) dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$