

# 1 Tangent and Co-Tangent Bundle

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold and let  $T_x M$  be the tangent space at a point  $x \in M$ . Define the set  $TM$  as the collection (disjoint) of all tangent spaces at all points of  $M$ .

$$TM := \bigcup_{x \in M} T_x M \quad (1)$$

Define a surjective map called the canonical projection

$$\pi : TM \rightarrow M \quad v \mapsto x \quad (2)$$

We can endow this collection with a smooth structure. Let  $x^a$  be a local coordinate in neighborhood  $\mathcal{O}$  of a point  $x$  i.e let  $\Psi : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n[x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n]$  be a chart. Consider the domain  $\hat{\mathcal{O}} : \pi^{-1}(\mathcal{O}) \subset TM$ . Then we introduce on  $\hat{\mathcal{O}}$  canonical co-ordinates as follows: if  $u \in \hat{\mathcal{O}} \implies v \in TM$  for some  $x \in \mathcal{O}$  then  $v = v^a \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} |_x, (v^1, v^2, \dots, v^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

So the  $2n$ -tuple of numbers  $(x^1, \dots, x^n, v^1, \dots, v^n)$  uniquely corresponds to a point  $v \in \hat{\mathcal{O}}$  and so  $\hat{\Psi} : \hat{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}[x^1, \dots, x^n, v^1, \dots, v^n]$ .  $\hat{\mathcal{O}}$  is a chart on  $TM$ . If there is a change of co-ordinates  $x^a \mapsto x'^a$  then  $(x^a, v^a) \mapsto (x'^a, J_b^a(x)v^b)$  where  $J_b^a = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^b}$ . Moreover  $\{\hat{\mathcal{O}}, \hat{\Psi}\}$  is a smooth atlas because in the intersection of two charts we can apply the Jacobian transformation which will involve smooth relations. Plus  $TM$  is always an orientable manifold because the jacobian of a co-ordinate change is always positive

$$\hat{J} = \frac{\partial(x', v')}{\partial(x, v)} = J^2 > 0$$

Another important manifold is denoted by  $T^*M$ . It is a set of all cotangent spaces at all points of  $M$ .

$$T^*M := \bigcup_{x \in M} T^*M \quad (3)$$

There is a corresponding canonical projection map denoted by letter  $\tau$

$$\tau : T^*M \rightarrow M \quad (4)$$

We can introduce a smooth structure as well. If  $p \in T^*M$  its decomposition with respect to a co-ordinate basis is

$$p = p_a dx^a \quad (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

so  $(x^1, \dots, x^n, p_1, \dots, p_n)$  uniquely corresponds to a point  $p \in \hat{\mathcal{O}}, \tau^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$  so that  $\hat{\Psi} : \hat{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}[x^1, \dots, x^n, p_1, \dots, p_n]$  is a chart on  $\hat{\mathcal{O}} \subset T^*M$ . If there is a change of co-ordinates then  $(x^a, p_a) \mapsto (x'^a, (J^{-1})^b_a(x)p_b)$

Let  $M$  be a part of the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  in which both cartesian co-ordinates  $(x, y)$  and polar co-ordinates operator. Then on  $TM$  we have the following relations

$$\begin{aligned}x &= r \cos \phi \\y &= r \sin \phi \\r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \phi &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)\end{aligned}$$

also we have  $p_x dx + p_y dy = p_r dr + p_\phi d\phi$  and  $J^{-1} = \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^a}$ . So we have the following calculation

$$\begin{aligned}p_r &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r \cos \phi)p_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r \sin \phi)p_y = \cos \phi p_x + \sin \phi p_y \\p_\phi &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}(r \cos \phi)p_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}(r \sin \phi)p_y = -r \sin \phi p_x + r \cos \phi p_y\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}p_r &= \cos \phi p_x + \sin \phi p_y \\p_\phi &= -r \sin \phi p_x + r \cos \phi p_y\end{aligned}$$

A similar calculation can be done to show that

$$\begin{aligned}p_x &= p_r \cos \phi - p_\phi \frac{\sin \phi}{r} \\p_y &= p_r \sin \phi + p_\phi \frac{\cos \phi}{r}\end{aligned}$$

## 2 General Concept of a Fiber Bundle

A generalization of the concepts discussed is if we pasted at each point  $x \in M$  a general manifold  $F_x$  all of which are diffeomorphic to  $F$  ( i.e if  $x, x' \in M$  then  $F_x \simeq F_{x'} \simeq F$  ). The manifold  $F$  is called a typical fiber,  $F_x$  is the fiber over a point  $x$ ,  $M$  is the base and

$$\mathcal{B} := \bigcup_{x \in M} F_x \quad \text{is the total space} \quad (5)$$

All these elements when taken together constitute a structure called the Fiber Bundle. It has a canonical projection map

$$\pi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow M \quad (6)$$

All the preimages  $F_x \equiv \pi^{-1}(x)$  are required to be diffeomorphic to a common manifold  $F$ . Lastly, there is a requirement of a local product structure:  $\exists$  a covering  $\mathcal{O}_a$  of the base  $M$  and a system of

$$\Psi_a : \pi^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_a) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_a \times F$$

$\Psi_a$  is called a local trivialization such that  $\pi_1 \circ \Psi_a = \pi$  where  $\pi_1 : M \times F \rightarrow M$ .

Fiber bundles can be mapped to one another

$$\pi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow M \rightsquigarrow \pi' : \mathcal{B}' \rightarrow M'$$

The bundle map is a pair of maps  $f, \hat{f}$  defined so that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{B} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathcal{B}' \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi' \\ M & \xrightarrow{\hat{f}} & M' \end{array}$$

A trivial bundle is equivalent to a product bundle through a diffeomorphism

$$f : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow M \times F$$

which obeys  $\pi_1 \circ f = \pi$  and  $f$  is called a global trivialization. For sufficiently small pieces (charts) any bundle is trivial. But the pieces are glued together in such a way that a resulting bundle need not be globally trivial.

Examples.

1. Cylinder  $\rightarrow$  trivial bundle  
 $S^1 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$

2. Mobius Band not trivial

Glued together so that for any 2 charts  $(x, y), (x', y')$  we have  $x' = x + c, y = -y + c_2$  or  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] / \sim$  where  $(0, t) \sim (1, 1 - t)$

Another concept is that of a local section of a bundle  $\pi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow M$ . It is a smooth map  $\sigma : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{O} \subset M$  such that  $\pi \circ \sigma = id_{\mathcal{O}}$ .  $\sigma$  maps a point  $x \in \mathcal{O} \subset M$  to its own fiber since  $(x^1, \dots, x^n) \mapsto (x^1, \dots, x^n, v^1, \dots, v^n)$  and then  $(x^1, \dots, x^n, v^1, \dots, v^n) \mapsto (x^1, \dots, x^n)$ . First map is  $\sigma$  and the second is the canonical projection. On a product bundle  $\pi : M \times F \rightarrow M$  the sections are in 1-1 correspond with maps from  $M \rightarrow F$  since each point  $x \mapsto F_x \sim F$ . Bundles usually have additional structure like that of a linear space or homogeneous space. Tangent bundles and co tangent bundles have the structure of a vector space.

## 2.1 The maps $T^*f$ and $Tf$

Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be smooth map of manifolds and  $\pi_M : TM \rightarrow M$ ,  $\pi_N : TN \rightarrow N$  be corresponding tangent bundles. Remember  $f_* = T_x M \rightarrow T_{f(x)} N$ . Vectors on  $M$  may be however regarded as points on  $TM$ . Consequently, a further map  $Tf : TM \rightarrow TN$  is induced given by prescription

$$(Tf)(v) := f_*v \quad (7)$$

The map  $Tf$  is therefore a collection of all  $f_*$  maps. The map  $Tf$  closes the commutating diagram belows

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TM & \xrightarrow{Tf} & TN \\ \pi_M \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_N \\ M & \xrightarrow{f} & N \end{array}$$

We also have the following composition formula

$$\begin{aligned} T(f \circ g) &= (f \circ g)_*(v) \\ &= (f \circ g)_*(v) \\ &= f_* \circ Tg \\ &= Tf \circ Tg \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for  $T^*M$  we can define  $T^*f : T^*N \rightarrow T^*M$  with  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is an injective map by  $(T^*f)_\alpha = f^*\alpha$

*Remember we pushforward vectors and pullback forms.* The following diagram therefore commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^*M & \xleftarrow{T^*f} & T^*N \\ \tau_M \downarrow & & \downarrow \tau_N \\ M & \xrightarrow{f} & N \end{array}$$

We also have the following composition rule

$$\begin{aligned} T^*(f \circ g) &= T^*g \circ T^*f \\ &= (f \circ g)^*\alpha \\ &= (g^* \circ f^*)\alpha \\ &= T^*g \circ T^*f \end{aligned}$$

## 3 Vertical subspace, vertical vectors

Let  $\pi : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow M$  be a fiber bundle. The existence of the projection  $\pi$  singles out in the tangent space of any point  $b \in \mathcal{B}$  a vertical subspace.

$$Ver_b \mathcal{B} \leq T_b \mathcal{B} \quad Ver_b := Ker \pi_* b \quad (8)$$

The most general vertical vector fields on  $TM$  and  $T^*M$  respectively are  $V = v^i(x, v) \frac{\partial}{\partial v^i}$  and  $W = W_i(x, p) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i}$  where  $(x^i, v^i), (x^i, p_i)$  are co-ordinates on the tangent bundle and the cotangent bundle respectively. The vertical subspaces on  $TM$  and  $T^*M$  span the vector  $(\frac{\partial}{\partial v^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial v^n}), (\frac{\partial}{\partial p_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial p_n})$

### 3.1 Lifts on $TM$ and $T^*M$

In the context of fiber bundles a lift is in general a procedure which assigns to a geometrical object on the manifold, a geometrical object on the total space  $\mathcal{B}$  of the bundle  $\pi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow M$ . We begin by lifting curves from  $M \rightarrow TM$ . Let  $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M, t \mapsto \gamma(t)$  be a curve on  $M$ . Then the curve:  $\hat{\gamma} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow TM, t \mapsto \dot{\gamma}(t)$  is called the natural lift of the curve  $\gamma$  from  $M \rightarrow TM$ . We can check that the lifted curve  $\hat{\gamma}$  is always exactly "over" the curve  $\gamma$  i.e  $\pi \circ \hat{\gamma} = \gamma$  as follows; the co-ordinate representation of  $\dot{\gamma}(t)$  is  $(\dot{x}_1(t), \dots, \dot{x}_n(t))$  so in the tangent bundle we get the point  $(x_1, \dots, x_n, \dot{x}_1(t), \dots, \dot{x}_n(t))$ . Once the projection map is applied we get  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  which is a point on the curve.

Consider a vector  $u \in T_x M, u \in T_x M \equiv \pi^{-1}(x)$ . We may associate a curve in the fiber  $\pi^{-1}(x)$  over  $x$  with this vector  $\sigma(t) = v + tu, v \in \pi^{-1}(x)$ . The tangent vector at  $t = 0$  of the curve ins a vector at the point  $v \in TM$ .

$$u^\uparrow := \sigma'(0) \equiv \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (v + tu) \quad (9)$$

This vector is called the vertical lift of the vector  $u$  to the point  $v \in TM$ . In co-ordinate representation the curve is  $\sigma(t) = (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n, v^1 + tv^1, v^2 + tv^2, \dots, v^n + tv^n)$  and the resulting vertical lift has co-ordinates  $(u^1, \dots, u^n)$  i.e  $u^\uparrow \equiv \sigma'(0) \in Ver_v TM < T_v TM$  or explicitly  $u^\uparrow = u^a \frac{\partial}{\partial v^a}$ . A single vector  $u$  may be lifted in this way to each point in the fiber  $\pi^{-1}$  over  $x$ , giving rise to a vector field defined on the fiber. If  $u = u^a \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a}$  on  $M$  the vertical lift ( to each  $\pi^{-1}(x) \forall x \in M$ ) generates a vector field on  $TM$ , which is called the vertical lift of the field  $u$ .

We can also generate a vector field on  $TM$  by a different procedure namely by considering the flow on  $M$  and applying the functor  $T$  to get a flow on  $TM$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TM & \xrightarrow{T\Phi_t} & TM \\ \pi_M \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_M \\ M & \xrightarrow{\Phi_t} & M \end{array}$$

$T\Phi_t$  is indeed a flow since  $T\Phi_{t+s} = T(\Phi_t \circ \Phi_s) = T\Phi_t \circ \Phi_s$ . This flow is generated by a vector field called the complete lift of the field  $V$ . Let  $\Phi_t :$

$M \rightarrow M$  generated by  $V = V^a(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a}$ . The co-ordinate representation of the infinitesimal flow  $\Phi_\epsilon$  and  $T\Phi_\epsilon$  read

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_\epsilon : x^a &\mapsto x^a(\epsilon) = x^a + \epsilon V^a(x) \\ T\Phi_\epsilon : (x^a, v^a) &\mapsto (x^a(\epsilon), v^a(\epsilon)) = (x^a + \epsilon V^a(x), v^a + V_{,b}^a v^b)\end{aligned}$$

The co-ordinate expression for the lifted field  $\tilde{V}$  is  $\tilde{V} = V^a \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} + V_{,b}^a(x) v^b \frac{\partial}{\partial v^a}$ . We can construct lifts on the cotangent bundle also. Consider a co-vector  $\alpha$  at  $x \in M$ . We assign a curve in the fiber  $\tau^{-1}(x)$

$$\sigma(t) := p + t\alpha \quad p \in \tau^{-1}(x) \quad (10)$$

The tangent vector at  $t = 0$  of the curve is a vector in the point  $p \in T^*M$

$$\alpha^\uparrow := \sigma'(0) \equiv \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} (p + t\alpha) \quad T_p T^*M \quad (11)$$

This is the vertical lift of the co-vector at  $p \in T^*M$ . the lift of a co-vector is a vector. The co-ordinate presentation of the curve  $\sigma(t)$  is  $x^a(t) = x^a, p_a(t) = p_a + t\alpha_a$  so

$$\alpha^\uparrow \equiv \sigma'(0) \in \text{Ver}_p T^*M \leq T_p T^*M \quad (12)$$

therefore  $\alpha = \alpha_a dx^a$  gets lifted to  $\alpha^\uparrow = \alpha_a \frac{\partial}{\partial p_a}$ . The procedure of constructing a complete lift of a vector field on  $M$  to  $TM$  may be repeated with some modification  $T^*$  is a contra-variant functor (it reverses arrows). So we have to use the inverse map when lifting the flow.

$$T^*(\Phi_t^{-1}) \equiv T^*\Phi_{-t} \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^*M & \xrightarrow{T^*\Phi_t} & T^*M \\ \tau \downarrow & & \tau \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{\Phi_t} & M \end{array}$$

It can also be shown by similar arguments as before that  $T^*\Phi_{-t}$  is indeed a flow on  $T^*M$ . We can also derive its vector field.

Consider the flow  $\Phi_t : M \rightarrow M$ . The infinitesimal flow reads

$$T^*\Phi_{-\epsilon} : (x^a, p_a) \rightarrow (x^a(\epsilon), p_a(\epsilon)) = (x^a + \epsilon V^a, p_a - \epsilon V_{,b}^a p^b)$$

so  $V = V^a \partial_a$  the generator of the flow  $\Phi_t$  is lifted to  $V = V^a \partial_a - V_{,a}^b p_a \frac{\partial}{\partial p^a}$

## 4 Canonical Tensor Fields on $TM$ and $T^*M$

We introduce the following flows

$$\Phi_t : v \mapsto e^t v \quad p \mapsto e^t p \quad (14)$$

The generators for the motion are  $\Delta \in \Xi(TM)$  and  $\Delta_p \in \Xi(T^*M)$  which are

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= v^a \frac{\partial}{\partial v^a} \\ \Delta_p &= p_a \frac{\partial}{\partial p_a} \end{aligned}$$

The fields are in both cases vertical. Consider a tensor field  $A$  on  $TM$  or  $(T^*M)$  which is homogeneous of degree  $k$  in fiber co-ordinates. This means that if we express the field in terms canonical co-ordinates and then substitute  $(x^a, v^a) \mapsto (x^a, \lambda v^a)$  or  $(x^a, p_a) \mapsto (x^a, \lambda p_a)$  we get  $A \mapsto \lambda^k A$ . Examples are the following.

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \tilde{V} &= V^a \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} + V_{,n}^a v^b \frac{\partial}{\partial v^a} \mapsto V^a \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} + V_{,b}^a \lambda v^b \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda v^a} \implies \tilde{V} \rightarrow \tilde{V}, k = 1 \\ 2. \alpha^\uparrow &= \alpha_a(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_a} \mapsto \alpha_a(x) \frac{\partial}{\lambda p_a} \implies \alpha^\uparrow \rightarrow \lambda^{-1} \alpha^\uparrow, k = -1 \\ 3. \hat{g} &= g_{ab}(x) v^a v^b \mapsto g_{ab}(x) \lambda^2 v^a v^b \implies \hat{g} \rightarrow \lambda^2 \hat{g}, k = 2 \end{aligned}$$

This means that  $\mathcal{L}_\Delta A = kA$  Why? For  $\Psi : (x^a, v^a) \mapsto (x^a, \lambda v^a)$  or  $\Psi : (x^a, p_a) \mapsto (x^a, \lambda p_a)$ . This corresponds to a flow with following effect  $\Phi^* A = \lambda^k A$ , set  $\lambda^k = e^{kt}$ . The lie derivative is the derivative with respect to time of the pullback of tensor on some flow evaluated at  $t = 0$ . So

$$\left. \frac{d\Phi^* A}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = k e^{kt} A$$

which implies the result.

The next canonical field on  $TM$  is a  $\binom{1}{1}$  type tensor field which is called a vertical endomorphism  $S \in \mathcal{T}_1^1(TM)$  defined as

$$S := \mathbb{I}^\uparrow \quad (15)$$

In canonical co-ordinates it is  $S = dx^a \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial v^a}$ . We have the following results easily derived

$$\begin{aligned} S \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial v^a} \\ S \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial v^a} \right) &= 0 \\ S(dx^a) &= 0 \\ S(dv^a) &= dx^a \end{aligned}$$

Notice therefore that  $\text{Ker}S_v = \text{Im}S_v = \text{Ver}TM$ . Also  $S_v$  is nilpotent i.e  $S_v \circ S_v = 0$  also note that  $S(\tilde{V}) = V^\uparrow$ . It is homogeneous and of degree -1.

## 5 Hamilton and Euler Lagrange Equations on Fiber Bundles

Consider a system of second-order differential equations

$$\ddot{x}^a = \Gamma^a(x, \dot{x}) \quad a = 1, \dots, n \quad (16)$$

We introduce a new variable  $v^a := \dot{x}^a(t)$ . Then these system becomes a system of 2n-first order differential equations

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}^a &= v^a \\ \dot{v}^a &= \Gamma^a(x, v) \end{aligned}$$

We form a vector field with these equations

$$\Gamma = v^a \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} + \Gamma^a(x, v) \frac{\partial}{\partial v^a} \quad (17)$$

If  $x^a$  is treated as a co-ordinate on the manifold then  $v^a$  is a natural co-ordinate on the tangent bundle. **Note:** Not all vector fields on  $TM$  are the kind we want.

If  $W = A^a(x, v) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} + B^a(x, v) \frac{\partial}{\partial v^a}$  is a general vector field on  $TM$  then looking at  $\Gamma$  we see that the constraint is in  $A^a(x, v)$ , namely it should be  $A^a(x, v) = v^a = \dot{x}^a$ . This constraint can be summarized as follows  $S(\Gamma) = \Delta$  where  $\Delta$  is the Liouville field introduced earlier. If  $\Gamma \in \Xi(TM)$  satisfies  $S(\Gamma) = \Delta$  then each integral curve of the field  $\Gamma$  is the natural lift  $\hat{\gamma}$  of a curve  $\gamma$  on  $M$ . Since  $\Gamma = \dot{x}^a \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} + \dot{v}^a \frac{\partial}{\partial v^a}$ , then  $\gamma(t) = (x^1(t), \dots, x^n(t))$  on  $M$ , then we see that the integral curve of  $\Gamma$  is  $\dot{x}^1(t), \dots, x^n(t)$  which is a map  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow TM$  but also the natural lift of  $\gamma(t)$ . All this means that second order differential equations are in 1-1 correspondence with vector fields on  $TM$  which satisfy  $S(\Gamma) = \Delta$ .

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x}^a = -\omega^2 x &\implies \Gamma = \dot{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \omega^2 x \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}} \\ \Gamma &= (A \cos \omega t - B \sin \omega t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (B \cos \omega t + A \sin \omega t) \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}} \end{aligned}$$

### 5.1 Euler Lagrange Field

We have the equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^a} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^a} = 0 \quad (18)$$



If  $L(x, \dot{x})$  is a Lagrangian and if

$$\begin{aligned} A_{ab}(x, \dot{x}) &:= \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \dot{x}^a \partial \dot{x}^b} \\ A_{ab}(x, \dot{x}) &:= \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \dot{x}^a \partial x^b} \\ C_a(x, \dot{x}) &:= \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^a} \end{aligned}$$

We can construct what the second order differential equation looks like, thusly,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} &= \frac{dt}{dt} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} + \frac{\partial \dot{x}^a}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}^a} \\ \left( \frac{dt}{dt} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^b} + \frac{\partial \dot{x}^b}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}^b} \right) \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^a} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^a} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial x^b \partial \dot{x}^b} \dot{x}^b + \ddot{x}^b \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \dot{x}^b \partial \dot{x}^a} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^a} &= 0 \\ \ddot{x}^b \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \dot{x}^b \partial \dot{x}^a} &= - \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial x^b \partial \dot{x}^a} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^a} \end{aligned}$$

Playing around with indices eventually gives

$$\ddot{x}^a = \Gamma^a(x, \dot{x}) \quad \text{where } \Gamma = -(A^{-1})^{ab} B_{ab} \dot{x}^c + (A^{-1})^{ab} C_b$$

Now we can show that with  $L$  we can introduce a symplectic structure.

To that end we introduce the cartan forms

$$\Theta_L := S(dL) \tag{19}$$

$$\omega := d\Theta_L \tag{20}$$

Simple calculations give

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_L &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^a} dx^a \\ \omega_L &= \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial x^b \partial v^a} dx^b \wedge dx^a + \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial v^a \partial v^a} dv^v \wedge dx^a \end{aligned}$$

$\omega_L$  is closed since if one calculates  $d\omega_L$  one of the co-ordinates will be repeated giving a result of zero. Plus  $\omega_L$  is non-degenerate  $\iff \det\left(\frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial v^a \partial v^b}\right) \neq 0$  since  $\omega_L \wedge \omega_L \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_L \neq 0 \iff \omega_L \neq 0$ . The above exterior product will look like  $\det\left(\frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial v^a \partial v^b}\right) dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n \wedge dv^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dv^n \neq 0 \iff \det\left(\frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial v^a \partial v^b}\right) \neq 0$

A Lagrangian that obeys the above conditions is called non-singular and also is non-singular  $\iff \omega_L$  is symplectic. So any non-singular or regular

lagrangian makes a symplectic manifold  $(TM, \omega_L)$ . The lagrangian we use in physics are regular.

We can introduce a Hamilton field  $\zeta_f$  by

$$i_{\zeta_f} \omega_L = -df \quad (21)$$

Therefore we can make a Hamiltonian system  $(TM, \omega_L, H)$  with  $f = H$  and integral curves of  $\zeta_H$  being the dynamics.

$$H := E_L = \Delta L - L \quad (22)$$

To show that eq 5.21 and 5.22 have embedded in them the second order ODE for the Euler Lagrange Equations we do the following.

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &= A^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + B^i \frac{\partial}{\partial v^i} \\ i_{\Gamma} \omega_L &= -dE_L \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i_{\Gamma} \omega_L &= \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial v^a \partial v^b} (A^i \delta_a^i dv^b - B^i \delta_i^b dx^a) + \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial x^a \partial v^b} (A^i \delta_i^a dx^b - A^i \delta_i^b dx^a) = - \left( \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial v^c} (v^d \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^d}) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^c} \right) dv^c \right) \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^c} (v^d \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^d}) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^c} \right) dx^c \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^i \left( \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial v^i \partial v^b} dv^b + \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial x^i \partial v^b} dx^b - \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial x^a \partial v^i} dx^a \right) - \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial v^a \partial v^i} dx^a B^i \\ = - \left( v^d \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial v^c \partial v^d} + (v^d \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial x^c \partial v^d} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^c}) dx^c \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} A^i \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial v^i \partial v^b} dv^b = v^d \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial v^c \partial v^d} \\ A^i \left[ \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial x^i \partial v^b} dx^b - \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial x^a \partial v^i} \right] + B^i \left[ \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial v^a \partial v^i} \right] = \left[ -v^d \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial x^c \partial v^d} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^c} \right] dx^c \end{aligned}$$

The above equation imply that  $A^i = v^i$  and let us remember that  $B^i = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2 x^i}{dt}$  we get

$$\left[ v^i \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial x^i \partial v^b} + \ddot{x}^i \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial v^a \partial v^i} \right] dx^i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^c} dx^c$$

Re-arranging the above equation gives us the ODE we wanted.

### 5.1.1 Co-ordinate Free Version of Euler Lagrange Equations

Define the map

$$\mathcal{E}^L : (V, \Gamma) \rightarrow \Gamma(V^\uparrow L) - \tilde{V}L \quad (23)$$

We write the co-ordinate presentation of the above map

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma(V^a \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^a}) - \left[ v^a \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^a} + v^a_{,b} v^b \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^a} \right] \\ v^c \frac{\partial}{\partial x^c} (v^a \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^a}) + \dot{v}^c \frac{\partial}{\partial v^a} (v^a \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^a}) - \left[ v^a \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^a} + v^a_{,b} v^b \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^a} \right] \\ v^a \left[ v^c \frac{\partial}{\partial x^c} \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^a} + \dot{v}^c \frac{\partial}{\partial v^c} \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^a} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^a} - \dot{v}^a \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^a} \right] + \dot{v}^c \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^c} \\ v^a \left[ \Gamma(\partial_a^\uparrow L) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} \right] = v^a \mathcal{E}_a^L(x, v) = v^a \mathcal{E}(\partial_a, \Gamma) \end{aligned}$$

The point is that you can pull out the  $v^a$  and everything will be fine. So we have  $\mathcal{E}(\partial_a, \Gamma) = \Gamma \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^a} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^a}$ . We can evaluate this on an integral curve of the field  $\Gamma$ , recall that  $\dot{x}^c = v^c$  so  $\dot{v}^c \frac{\partial}{\partial v^c} \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^a} = \frac{d}{dt} (\frac{\partial L}{\partial v^a})$  and  $v^c \frac{\partial}{\partial x^c} \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^a} = 0$  so  $\mathcal{E}(\partial_a, \Gamma) = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^a} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^a}$ . For the Euler Lagrange field we get the Euler-Lagrange equations.