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Jacobians with prescribed eigenvectors.

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Jacobian problem:

Given: $\Omega \underset{\text{open}}{\subset} \mathbb{R}^n$, with a fixed coordinate system $u = (u^1, \dots, u^n)$, a point $\bar{u} \in \Omega$ and vector fields

$$\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}, \quad 1 \leq m \leq n,$$

independent at \bar{u} .

Find: all maps $f = [f^1, \dots, f^n]^T : \Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ from some open nbhd. Ω' of \bar{u} , such that \mathcal{R} is a (partial) set of eigenvector-fields of the Jacobian matrix

$$[D_u f] = \begin{bmatrix} \text{grad}(f^1) \\ \vdots \\ \text{grad}(f^n) \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e. \exists smooth functions $\lambda^i : \Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, s. t. for $i = 1, \dots, m$ and $\forall u \in \Omega'$

$$[D_u f] \mathbf{r}_i(u) = \lambda^i(u) \mathbf{r}_i(u). \quad \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})\text{-system}$$

$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ -system: $[D_u f] \mathbf{r}_i(u) = \lambda^i(u) \mathbf{r}_i(u)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$.

- $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$, $1 \leq m \leq n$, is called a partial (local) frame.
- f is called a **flux**.
 - f is called **hyperbolic** if the Jacobian matrix $[D_u f]$ is diagonalizable over \mathbb{R} at \bar{u} , otherwise f is called **non-hyperbolic**.
 - f is called **strictly hyperbolic** if the eigenvalues $\lambda^1(u), \dots, \lambda^n(u)$ of $[D_u f]$ are real and distinct for at \bar{u} .
- $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ denotes the **set of all fluxes** corresponding to a partial frame \mathcal{R} .

Motivation for the Jacobian problem

- By solving the Jacobian problem, we can construct and study the set of systems conservations laws $u_t + f(u)_x = 0$ with prescribed rarefaction curves and analyze how the geometry of these curves determines behavior of the solutions of conservation laws.
- It is an interesting geometric problem on its own.
- It leads to interesting overdetermined systems of PDE's.

What do we mean by “finding all fluxes”?

- Setting up a system of PDE's for f and then solving it by hand or by computer software?
- What if this fails? Even when we get some solutions, did we find them all?
- Is there any relation between a geometry the partial frame \mathcal{R} and the size of $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$?
- What types of fluxes $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ contains? Hyperbolic? Strictly hyperbolic? Non-hyperbolic?

Goals:

- to determine how the "size" of $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ (in terms of the number of arbitrary functions and constants) depends on the geometric properties of \mathcal{R} .
- to determine whether or not $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ contains strictly hyperbolic fluxes.

Observations about $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ -system: $[D_u f] \mathbf{r}_i = \lambda^i \mathbf{r}_i$.

- m n first order PDEs on $m + n$ unknown functions:
 λ^i , $i = 1, \dots, m$ and n components of f .
- **overdetermined** for all $n \geq m$, such that $n > 2$ and $m \geq 2$.
- $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ is (possibly infinite dimensional) **vector space** over \mathbb{R} .
- for all \mathcal{R} , the set $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ contains $(n+1)$ -dimensional subspace $\mathcal{F}^{\text{triv}}$ of **trivial fluxes**:

$$f(u) = \bar{\lambda} \begin{bmatrix} u^1 \\ \vdots \\ u^n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{\lambda}, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R},$$

because $[D_u f] = \bar{\lambda} I$.

- **scaling invariance**: $\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m) = \mathcal{F}(\alpha^1 \mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \alpha^m \mathbf{r}_m)$
for any nowhere zero smooth functions α^i on Ω .

Examples of full frames on \mathbb{R}^3 ($m = n = 3$, coordinates (u, v, w))

$$(1) \quad \bullet \quad \mathbf{r}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ u \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{r}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} w \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{r}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ 0 \\ -w \end{bmatrix}$$

(integral curves: lines, parabolas, circles)

$$f(u) = \bar{\lambda} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{\lambda}, a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R},$$

- only trivial fluxes: $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R}) = \mathcal{F}^{\text{triv}}$.

$$(2) \bullet \mathbf{r}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ u \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{r}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -v \\ u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{r}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ on } \Omega, \text{ where } uv \neq 0.$$

("hyperbolic spiral":

$$u = \bar{u} \cosh t + \bar{v} \sinh t, \quad v = \bar{u} \sinh t + \bar{v} \cosh t, \quad w = \bar{w} + t,$$

circles, lines)

- $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})/\mathcal{F}^{\text{triv}}$ is a 1-dimensional space

$$f = c \left[v^3, u^3, \frac{3}{4}(u^2 + v^2) \right]^T + \text{a trivial flux}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lambda^1 = 3cuv + \bar{\lambda}, \quad \lambda^2 = -3cuv + \bar{\lambda}, \quad \lambda^3 = \bar{\lambda}.$$

- There are strictly hyperbolic fluxes in a neighborhood of $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w}) \in \Omega$.

(3) (the coordinate frame)

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$$\mathbf{r}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{r}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{r}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$f = [\phi^1(u), \phi^2(v), \phi^3(w)]^T, \quad \phi^i: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ arbitrary}$$

$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ is a ∞ -dimensional space

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$$\lambda^1 = (\phi^1)'(u), \quad \lambda^2 = (\phi^2)'(v), \quad \lambda^3 = (\phi^3)'(w).$$

All fluxes are hyperbolic, and almost all are strictly hyperbolic.

What if we prescribe an incomplete eigenframe?

(1) $\mathbf{r}_1 = [0, 1, u]^T$, $\mathbf{r}_2 = [w, 0, 1]^T$, $\mathbf{r}_3 = [u, 0, -w]^T$ only trivial fluxes.

(1a) $\mathbf{r}_1 = [0, 1, u]^T$, $\mathbf{r}_2 = [w, 0, 1]^T$ again only trivial fluxes!

(1b) $\mathbf{r}_1 = [0, 1, u]^T$, $\mathbf{r}_3 = [u, 0, -w]^T$.

$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})/\mathcal{F}^{\text{triv}}$ is 2-dimensional:

$$f = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} \ln(u) \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{w}{u} - v \right) \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} u^3 \\ u w \\ w u^2 \end{bmatrix} + \text{trivial fluxes}$$

$$\lambda^1 = c_2 u^2 + \bar{\lambda}, \quad \lambda^3 = c_1 \frac{1}{u} - c_2 u^2 + \bar{\lambda}$$

(1c) $\mathbf{r}_2 = [w, 0, 1]^T$, $\mathbf{r}_3 = [u, 0, -w]^T$.

$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ is ∞ -dimensional !

What about the coordinate frame example?

$$(3) \quad \mathbf{r}_1 = [1, 0, 0]^T, \quad \mathbf{r}_2 = [0, 1, 0]^T, \quad \mathbf{r}_3 = [0, 0, 1]^T$$

$$f = [\phi^1(u), \phi^2(v), \phi^3(w)]^T, \quad \phi^i: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ arbitrary}$$

$$\lambda^1 = (\phi^1)'(u), \quad \lambda^2 = (\phi^2)'(v), \quad \lambda^3 = (\phi^3)'(w).$$

$$(3a) \quad \mathbf{r}_1 = [1, 0, 0]^T, \quad \mathbf{r}_2 = [0, 1, 0]^T.$$

$$f = [\phi^1(u, w), \phi^2(v, w), \phi^3(w)]^T, \quad \phi^1, \phi^2: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \quad \phi^3: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lambda^1 = \frac{\partial \phi^1}{\partial u}, \quad \lambda^2 = \frac{\partial \phi^2}{\partial v}.$$

$$(3b) \quad \mathbf{r}_1 = [1, 0, 0]^T.$$

$$f = [\phi^1(u, v, w), \phi^2(v, w), \phi^3(v, w)]^T, \quad \phi^1: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \quad \phi^2, \phi^3: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lambda^1 = \frac{\partial \phi^1}{\partial u}.$$

Coordinate dependence of the problem formulation.

- Assume $f(u) \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ for $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$, i.e: there exist $\lambda^1(u), \dots, \lambda^m(u)$, such that

$$[D_u f] = \lambda^i(u) \mathbf{r}_i.$$

- Let a change of variables be described by a local diffeomorphism

$$u = \Phi(w).$$

- It is not true that $f(\Phi(w))$ belongs to $\mathcal{F}(\Phi^*\mathcal{R})$, where $\Phi^*\mathcal{R} = \{\Phi^*\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \Phi^*\mathbf{r}_m\}$, i.e, in general there may not exist functions $\kappa^1(w), \dots, \kappa^m(w)$, such that

$$[D_w f(\Phi(w))] = \kappa^i(w) \Phi^*\mathbf{r}_i.$$

Coordinate-free formulation of the Jacobian problem

Given: Given a partial frame

$$\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}, \quad 1 \leq m \leq n$$

on $\Omega \underset{\text{open}}{\subset} \mathbb{R}^n$, with a fixed flat, symmetric* connection ∇ , and a point $\bar{u} \in \Omega$

Find: all local smooth vector fields \mathbf{f} (“fluxes”), defined on some nbhd Ω' of \bar{u} , for which there exist smooth functions $\lambda^i: \Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, such that

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{f} = \lambda^i \mathbf{r}_i, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m. \quad \text{“new” } \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})\text{-system}$$

*Coordinate-free formulation makes sense for non-flat connections, but is not considered here.

Observations:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{f} = \lambda^i \mathbf{r}_i, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m.$$

"new" $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ -system

- Written out in an affine system of coordinates: $(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial u^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial u^j} = 0, \quad \forall i, j)$
the "new" $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ -system is the same as the "old" one.
- Integrability conditions for $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ -system correspond to the flatness conditions

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_j} \mathbf{f} - \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_j} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{f} = \nabla_{[\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j]} \mathbf{f}$$

Goals :

- to determine the "size" of $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$.
- to determine whether or not $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ contains strictly hyperbolic fluxes.

Methods :

- for the size: C^1 Frobenius and Darboux theorems (and their generalizations), and as the last resort analytic Cartan-Kähler theorem.
- for strict hyperbolicity: a careful examination of integrability conditions.

Involutivity and richness

Definitions: A partial frame $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$ is:

- in involution if $[\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j] \in \text{span}_{C^\infty(\Omega)} \mathcal{R}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq m$.
- rich if $[\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j] \in \text{span}_{C^\infty(\Omega)} \{\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j\}$ (pairwise in involution).

Summary of the results:

- Results for all n and all $m \leq n$:
 - Necessary conditions for $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ to contain strict. hyp. fluxes.
 $\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{r}_j \in \text{span}_{C^\infty(\Omega')} \{\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j\}$ if and only if $[\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j] \in \text{span}_{C^\infty(\Omega')} \{\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j\}$
 - For rich partial frames: we have necessary and sufficient conditions for $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ to contain strictly hyperbolic fluxes and for those we know the size of $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ (∞ -dim.)
- Low dimensional results:
 - $n = 1$ or $n = 2$ or $m = 1$ fall under rich category.
 - non rich, but in involution:
 - * $n = 3$ non-rich full frame ($m = 3$) completely analyzed in:
K. Jenssen and I.K. (2010)
 1. necessary and sufficient conditions for $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ to contain strictly hyperbolic fluxes
 2. under these conditions: $\dim \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R}) / \mathcal{F}^{\text{triv}} = 1$ (unique flux up to scaling)

* for $m = 3, n > 3$ we have necessary and sufficient conditions for $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ to contain strictly hyperbolic fluxes and for those we know the size of $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ (∞ -dim.)

– not in involution: for $m = 2, n = 3$ we have:

1. (necessary conditions for strict hyperbolicity)

$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ contains strictly hyperbolic fluxes only if:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_1} \mathbf{r}_2 \notin \text{span}_{C^\infty} \{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2\} \text{ and } \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_2} \mathbf{r}_1 \notin \text{span}_{C^\infty} \{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2\} \quad (****)$$

2. Under(****), $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})/\mathcal{F}^{\text{triv}}$ contains only strictly hyperbolic and possibly a 1-dimensional subspace of non-hyperbolic fluxes (but no hyperbolic fluxes with repeated eigenfunctions).

3. (size) Under (****) and

$$\Gamma_{22}^3(\bar{u}) \Gamma_{11}^3(\bar{u}) - 9 \Gamma_{12}^3(\bar{u}) \Gamma_{21}^3(\bar{u}) \neq 0,$$

$$0 \leq \dim \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})/\mathcal{F}^{\text{triv}} \leq 4$$

(we have examples in all dimensions $0, \dots, 4$).

4. If $\dim \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})/\mathcal{F}^{\text{triv}} > 1$, then $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ must contain strictly hyperbolic fluxes.

We don't have a sufficient condition for $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ to contain non-trivial fluxes,
unless 1) \mathcal{R} is rich or 2) \mathcal{R} is in involution with $m = 3$.

Remark: For all $n \geq m$, such that $n > 2$ and $m \geq 2$, almost all frames admit only trivial fluxes!

Jacobian problem for **rich** partial frames $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$:

Recall:

- **rich** means that $[\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j] \in \text{span}_{C^\infty(\Omega)}\{\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j\}$ $1 \leq i, j \leq m$.
- $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ consists of **f**'s, for which $\exists \lambda^i: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{f} = \lambda^i \mathbf{r}_i, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m.$$

Theorem:

1. (necessary and sufficient conditions for strict hyperbolicity)
If \mathcal{R} is rich then $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ contains strictly hyperbolic fluxes iff

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{r}_j \in \text{span}_{C^\infty(\Omega)}\{\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j\} \text{ for all } 1 \leq i, j \leq m. \quad (*)$$

2. (size) Under (*), $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ depends on:

m arbitrary functions of $n - m + 1$

(the degree of freedom of prescribing λ 's)

and

n functions of $n - m$ variables

(the degree of freedom for prescribing **f** for the chosen λ 's)

Jacobian problem for **involutive** partial frames

$$\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}:$$

Recall:

- involutive means that $[\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j] \in \text{span}_{C^\infty(\Omega)} \mathcal{R}$ for $1 \leq i, j \leq m$.
- $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ consists of \mathbf{f} 's, for which $\exists \lambda^i: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{f} = \lambda^i \mathbf{r}_i, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m.$$

Theorem:

1. (necessary conditions for strict hyperbolicity for arbitrary m)

If \mathcal{R} is involutive then $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ **contains strictly hyperbolic fluxes only if**
for all $1 \leq i \neq j \leq m$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{r}_j \in \text{span}_{C^\infty(\Omega)} \mathcal{R} \quad (**)$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{r}_j \in \text{span}_{C^\infty(\Omega)} \{\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j\} \iff [\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j] \in \text{span}_{C^\infty(\Omega)} \{\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j\}$$

2. for $m = 3$ in non-rich case $(**)$ can be completed to necessary and sufficient conditions $(***)$. Under $(***)$, $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ depends on **$n + 2$ arbitrary functions of $n - 3$ variables**.

Jacobian problem for non-involutive partial frames simplest case: $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2\}$ in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Recall:

- non-involutive means that $[\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2] \notin \text{span}_{C^\infty}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2\}$.
- $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ consists of \mathbf{f} 's, for which $\exists \lambda^1, \lambda^2: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_1} \mathbf{f} = \lambda^1 \mathbf{r}_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_2} \mathbf{f} = \lambda^2 \mathbf{r}_2.$$

Theorem:

1. (necessary conditions for strict hyperbolicity)

$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ contains strictly hyperbolic fluxes only if:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_1} \mathbf{r}_2 \notin \text{span}_{C^\infty}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2\} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_2} \mathbf{r}_1 \notin \text{span}_{C^\infty}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2\} \quad (***)$$

2. Under(****), $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})/\mathcal{F}^{\text{triv}}$ contains only strictly hyperbolic and possibly a 1-dimensional subspace of non-hyperbolic fluxes (but no hyperbolic fluxes with repeated eigenfunctions).

3. (size) Under (***) and

$$\Gamma_{22}^3(\bar{u}) \Gamma_{11}^3(\bar{u}) - 9 \Gamma_{12}^3(\bar{u}) \Gamma_{21}^3(\bar{u}) \neq 0,$$

$$0 \leq \dim \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R}) / \mathcal{F}^{\text{triv}} \leq 4$$

(we have examples in all dimensions $0, \dots, 4$).

4. If $\dim \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R}) / \mathcal{F}^{\text{triv}} > 1$, then $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ must contain strictly hyperbolic fluxes.

Darboux Integrability Theorem [Leçons sur les systèmes orthogonaux et les coordonnées curvilignes. (1910)]

Consider a system of PDE's on $(\phi^1, \dots, \phi^p) : \Omega \rightarrow \Theta$:

$$\frac{\partial \phi^i}{\partial u^j} = h_j^i(u, \phi(u)), \quad i = 1, \dots, p; j \in \alpha(i), \quad (1)$$

where:

1. $\Omega \underset{\text{open}}{\subset} \mathbb{R}^n$ (the space of independent variables u 's)
2. $\Theta \underset{\text{open}}{\subset} \mathbb{R}^p$ (the space of dependent variables ϕ 's)
3. $\alpha(i) \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ for each $i = 1, \dots, p$.
4. $h_j^i(u^1, \dots, u^n, \phi^1, \dots, \phi^p)$, $i = 1, \dots, p$, $j \in \alpha(i)$ are C^1 functions on $\Omega \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, with certain combinatorial restrictions on which ϕ 's each of the h_j^i may depend so that (2) become algebraic.

If integrability conditions

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u^k} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u^j} (\phi^i) \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial u^j} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u^k} (\phi^i) \right) = 0 \text{ for all } j, k \in \alpha(i) \quad (2)$$

are identically satisfied on $\Omega \times \Theta$ after substitution of $h_j^i(u, \phi)$ for $\frac{\partial}{\partial u^j} (\phi^i)$ for all $i = 1, \dots, p$, $j \in \alpha(i)$ as prescribed by system (1)

Then $\exists!$ smooth local solution of (1) around \bar{u} , for any C^1 initial data for ϕ^i prescribed along submanifold $\Xi_i = \{u^j = \bar{u}^j, j \in \alpha_i\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ of dimension $n - |\alpha_i|$.

Example of a Darboux system:

- three unknown functions (dependent variables) ϕ, ψ and ξ .
- two independent variables u and v .
- system:

$$\phi_u = F(u, v, \phi, \psi, \xi)$$

$$\psi_v = G(u, v, \phi, \psi, \xi)$$

$$\xi_u = f(u, v, \psi, \xi) \quad (f \text{ does not depend on } \phi)$$

$$\xi_v = g(u, v, \phi, \xi) \quad (g \text{ does not depend on } \psi)$$

- the integrability condition:

$$f_v + f_\psi G + f_\xi g = g_u + g_\phi F + g_\xi f.$$

- initial data near (\bar{u}, \bar{v}) :

$$\phi(\bar{u}, v) = a(v)$$

$$\psi(u, \bar{v}) = b(u)$$

$$\xi(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = c \quad \text{a constant.}$$

- here F, G, f, g, a and b are given C^1 functions of their arguments.

Frobenius Theorem:

PDE version: Is a special case of Darboux Theorem, when each unknown function is differentiated with respect to **all** variables.

Alternatively, given a full frame $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_n\}$, we can prescribe derivatives with respect to each of the frame directions. The integrability conditions then become:

$$\mathbf{r}_k \left(\mathbf{r}_j(\phi^i) \right) - \mathbf{r}_j \left(\mathbf{r}_k(\phi^i) \right) = \sum_{l=1}^n c_{kj}^l \mathbf{r}_l(\phi^i). \quad (3)$$

$$\phi^i(\bar{u}) = c_i.$$

There are equivalent **diff. form version** and **vector field formulation** versions about foliating \mathbb{R}^{n+p} by n -dimensional integrable manifolds.

Generalized Frobenius, PDE version [M. Benfield (2016)]:
Consider a system of PDE's on $(\phi^1, \dots, \phi^p) : \Omega \rightarrow \Theta$:

$$\mathbf{r}_j(\phi^i(u)) = h_j^i(u, \phi(u)), \quad i = 1, \dots, p; j = 1, \dots, m, \quad (4)$$

where:

1. $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$ – a partial frame in involution on $\Omega \underset{\text{open}}{\subset} \mathbb{R}^n$.
2. $\Theta \underset{\text{open}}{\subset} \mathbb{R}^p$ is the space of dependent variables ϕ 's.
3. $h_j^i(u, \phi)$, $i = 1, \dots, p$, $j = 1, \dots, m$ smooth functions on $\Omega \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

If integrability conditions

$$\mathbf{r}_k(\mathbf{r}_j(\phi^i)) - \mathbf{r}_j(\mathbf{r}_k(\phi^i)) = \sum_{l=1}^m c_{jk}^l \mathbf{r}_l(\phi^i) \quad i = 1, \dots, p; j, k = 1, \dots, m \quad (5)$$

are identically satisfied on $\Omega \times \Theta$ after substitution of $h_j^i(u, \phi)$ for $\mathbf{r}_j(\phi^i)$ for all $i = 1, \dots, p$, $j = 1, \dots, m$ as prescribed by system (4).

Then $\exists!$ smooth local solution of (4), for any smooth initial data prescribed along any embedded submanifold $\Xi \subset \Omega$ of dimension $n - m$ transversal to \mathcal{R} .

Generalized Frobenius vector field version (local)

[Benfield, I. K., Jenssen (2016)]:

Given:

1. $\mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_m$ – a partial frame in involution on an open $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+p}$, where $1 \leq m \leq n$ and $p \geq 1$.
2. $\Lambda \subset \mathcal{O}$ be an $(n - m)$ -dimensional embedded submanifold, such that

$$\text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{\mathbf{s}_1|_z, \dots, \mathbf{s}_m|_z\} \oplus T_z\Lambda \cong \mathbb{R}^n \quad \forall z \in \Lambda.$$

Then for $\forall \bar{z} \in \Lambda$, there exists a unique local extension of Λ to an n -dimensional submanifold $\Gamma_{\bar{z}}$ of \mathbb{R}^{n+p} , tangent to $\mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_m$

In the classical local Frobenius theorem, $m = n$ and $\Lambda = \{\bar{z}\}$.

Motivation: systems of conservation laws

$$u_t + f(u)_x = 0. \quad (1a)$$

- n equations on n unknown functions $u(x, t) \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.
- one space-variable $x \in \mathbb{R}$; one time-variable: $t \in \mathbb{R}$.
- $f(u) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ smooth flux.

Equivalently:

$$u_t + [D_u f] u_x = 0 \quad (1b)$$

Example: The Euler system for 1-dim. compressible flow

- Euler system in thermodynamic variables

$$V_t - U_x = 0$$

$$U_t + p_x = 0$$

$$S_t = 0.$$

$V = \frac{1}{\rho}$ is volume per unit mass, U is velocity, S is entropy per unit mass, $p(V, S) > 0$ is pressure as a given function, s.t. $p_V < 0$.

- $u_t + f(u)_x = 0$, where $u = [V, U, S]^T$ and $f(u) = [-U, p(V, S), 0]^T$.
- eigenvectors of $[D_u f]$ are:
 $r_1 = [1, \sqrt{-p_V}, 0]^T$, $r_2 = [-p_S, 0, p_V]^T$, $r_3 = [1, -\sqrt{-p_V}, 0]^T$
- eigenvalues of $[D_u f]$ are $\lambda^1 = -\sqrt{-p_V}$, $\lambda^2 \equiv 0$, $\lambda^3 = \sqrt{-p_V}$.

Wave curves

are used to construct solution of $u_t + f(u)_x = 0$. A wave curve consists of two parts:

- rarefaction curve - the integral curve of an eigenvector field of $[D_u f]$ - correspond to the smooth part of the self-similar solutions

$$u(x, t) = \zeta \left(\frac{x}{t} \right).$$

- shock curve – a solution of Rankine-Hugoniot conditions:

$$\{ u \in \Omega \mid \exists s \in \mathbb{R} : f(u) - f(\bar{u}) = s \cdot (u - \bar{u}) \}.$$

A shock curve describes the discontinuous part of the solutions.

Through each strictly hyperbolic state $\bar{u} \in \Omega$, there exists n wave curves.

Wave curves are building blocks for the solutions of Cauchy problems:

$$u_t + f(u)_x = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x).$$

Lax (1957) under certain condition on f and when u_- and u_+ are close, the solution to the Riemann problem:

$$u_0(x) = \begin{cases} u_-, & x < 0 \\ u_+, & x > 0. \end{cases}$$

is determined by the wave curves.

Glimm (1965) for u_0 with small total variation, the solutions to the Cauchy problems is determined by solutions of Riemann problems.

Example: The Jacobian problem for the Euler frame.

Given:

- (V, U, S) are coordinate functions in \mathbb{R}^3 .

- $p(V, S) > 0$, s.t $-p_V < 0$

- vector fields $\mathbf{r}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{-p_V} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{r}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -p_S \\ 0 \\ p_V \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{r}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{-p_V} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Find: the set $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ of all maps $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, such that $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3\}$ is a set of eigenvector-fields of the Jacobian matrix $[D_u f]$.

Answer:

- If $\left(\frac{pS}{pV}\right)_V \neq 0$

$$f = c \begin{bmatrix} -U \\ p(v, S) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \bar{\lambda} \begin{bmatrix} V \\ U \\ S \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = c \begin{bmatrix} -U \\ p(v, S) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \text{trivial flux.}$$

eigenvalues: $\lambda^1 = -c\sqrt{-pV} + \bar{\lambda}$, $\lambda^2 \equiv \bar{\lambda}$, $\lambda^3 = c\sqrt{-pV} + \bar{\lambda}$.

- If $\left(\frac{pS}{pV}\right)_V \equiv 0$, then $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ depends on 3 arbitrary functions of one variable.

How geometry of the eigenframe of $[D_u f]$ affects the properties of hyperbolic conservative systems and their solutions?

- We analyzed relationship between the geometry of the eigenframe and the number of companion conservation laws a system possesses.

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- We would like to better understand relationship between the geometry of the eigenframe and **wave interaction patterns**, as well as **blow-up of the solutions in finite time** phenomena.

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