

3. Symplectic Geometry III

3.1. The symplectic form
Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold. The symplectic form ω is a closed, non-degenerate 2-form. In local coordinates (x^i, y^j) , it can be written as $\omega = \sum_{i,j} \omega_{ij} dx^i \wedge dy^j$. The matrix (ω_{ij}) is invertible, and its inverse is the Poisson tensor $\{ \cdot, \cdot \}$.

3.2. Hamiltonian vector fields
Given a function H on M , the Hamiltonian vector field X_H is defined by $i_{X_H} \omega = dH$. The flow of X_H consists of symplectic diffeomorphisms. The Lie derivative of ω along X_H is zero, $\mathcal{L}_{X_H} \omega = 0$.

3.3. The symplectic group
The symplectic group $Sp(2n, \mathbb{R})$ is the group of linear transformations A on \mathbb{R}^{2n} that preserve the symplectic form. It is a Lie group with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$. The exponential map $\exp: \mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow Sp(2n, \mathbb{R})$ is surjective.

3.4. The Darboux theorem
The Darboux theorem states that any symplectic manifold (M, ω) is locally symplectomorphic to $(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \omega_{std})$. In other words, there are no local invariants of symplectic manifolds.

3.5. The Weinstein conjecture
The Weinstein conjecture is a famous open problem in symplectic geometry. It states that on a compact symplectic manifold, there is always a closed orbit of a Hamiltonian vector field.

3.6. The Moser lemma
The Moser lemma is a key technical result in symplectic geometry. It states that if ω_0 and ω_1 are two symplectic forms on a manifold M that are cohomologous, then there is a diffeomorphism ϕ such that $\phi^* \omega_1 = \omega_0$.

3.7. The Arnold conjecture
The Arnold conjecture is another famous open problem. It states that the number of fixed points of a non-degenerate map $f: M \rightarrow M$ is bounded below by the number of critical points of a Morse function on M .

3.8. The Floer homology
Floer homology is a powerful tool in symplectic geometry. It is a homology theory for the space of paths in a symplectic manifold. It has been used to prove the Arnold conjecture in many cases.

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