Moufang symmetry X.
Generalized Lie and Maurer-Cartan equations of continuous Moufang transformations

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

In this paper we proceed explaining the Moufang symmetry. The differential equations for a continuous birepresentation of a local analytic Moufang loop are established. The commutation relations for the infinitesimal operators of the representation are found. These commutation relations can be seen as a (minimal) generalization of the Maurer-Cartan equations and do not depend on the particular birepresentation.

The paper can be seen as a continuation of [6, 7].

2 Moufang loops

A Moufang loop [5] (see also [2, 1, 8]) is a set $G$ with a binary operation (multiplication) $\cdot : G \times G \to G$, denoted also by juxtaposition, so that the following three axioms are satisfied:

1) in the equation $gh = k$, the knowledge of any two of $g, h, k \in G$ specifies the third one uniquely,
2) there is a distinguished element $e \in G$ with the property $eg = ge = g$ for all $g \in G$,
3) the Moufang identity

\[(gh)(kg) = g(hk \cdot g)\]

hold in $G$.

Recall that a set with a binary operation is called a groupoid. A groupoid $G$ with axiom 1) is called a quasigroup. If axioms 1) and 2) are satisfied, the gruppoïd (quasigroup) $G$ is called a loop. The element $e$ in axiom 2) is called the unit (element) of the (Moufang) loop $G$.

In a (Moufang) loop, the multiplication need not be neither associative nor commutative. Associative (Moufang) loops are well known and are called groups. The associativity and commutativity laws read, respectively,

\[g(hk) = (gh)k, \quad gh = hg, \quad \forall g, h, k \in G\]

The associative commutative (Moufang) loops are called the Abelian groups. The most familiar kind of loops are those with the associative law, and these are called groups. A (Moufang)
loop \( G \) is called **commutative** if the commutativity law holds in \( G \), and (only) the commutative associative (Moufang) loops are said to be **Abelian**.

The most remarkable property of the Moufang loops is their **diassociativity**: in a Moufang loop \( G \) every two elements generate an associative subloop (group) [5]. In particular, from this it follows that

\[
\forall g, h \in G \quad g \cdot gh = g^2h, \quad hg \cdot g = hg^2, \quad gh \cdot g = g \cdot hg, \quad \forall g, h \in G \tag{2.1}
\]

The first and second identities in (2.1) are called the left and right **alternativity**, respectively, and the third one is said to be **flexibility**. Note that these identities follow from the Moufang identities as well.

The unique solution of the equation \( xg = e \) \((gx = e)\) is called the left (right) **inverse** element of \( g \in G \) and is denoted as \( g_{-1}^R \) \((g_{-1}^L)\). It follows from the diassociativity of the Moufang loop that

\[
g_{-1}^R = g_{-1}^L = g^{-1}, \quad \forall g \in G
\]

### 3 Analytic Moufang loops and Mal’tsev algebras

A Moufang loop \( G \) is said to be **analytic** [4] if \( G \) is a finite dimensional real, analytic manifold so that both the Moufang loop operation \( G \times G \to G \): \((g, h) \mapsto gh\) and the inversion map \( G \to G \): \(g \mapsto g^{-1}\) are analytic ones. Dimension of \( G \) will be denoted as \( \dim G = r \). The local coordinates of \( g \in G \) are denoted (in a fixed chart of the unit element \( e \in G \)) by \( g^1, \ldots, g^r \), and the local coordinates of the unit \( e \) are supposed to be zero: \( e^i = 0, \ i = 1, \ldots, r \). One has the evident initial conditions

\[
(ge)^i = (eg)^i = g^i, \quad i = 1, \ldots, r
\]

As in the case of the Lie groups [9], we can use the Taylor expansions

\[
\begin{align*}
(gh)^i &= h^i + u^i_j(h)g^j + \cdots \\
&= g^i + v^i_j(g)h^j + \cdots \\
&= g^i + h^i + a^i_{jk}g^jh^k + \cdots
\end{align*}
\]

to introduce the **auxiliary functions** \( u^i_j \) and \( v^i_j \) and the **structure constants**

\[
c^i_{jk} = a^i_{jk} - a^i_{kj} = -c^i_{kj}
\]

It follows from axiom 1) of the Moufang loop that

\[
\det(u^i_j) \neq 0, \quad \det(v^i_j) \neq 0
\]

The **tangent algebra** of \( G \) can be defined similarly to the tangent (Lie) algebra of the Lie group [9]. Geometrically, this algebra is the tangent space \( T_e(G) \) of \( G \) at \( e \). The product of \( x, y \in T_e(G) \) will be denoted by \([x, y] \in T_e(G)\). In coordinate form,

\[
[x, y]^i = c^i_{jk}x^jy^k = -[y, x]^i, \quad i = 1, \ldots, r
\]

The tangent algebra will be denoted by \( \Gamma \equiv \{T_e(G), [\cdot, \cdot]\} \). The latter algebra need not be a Lie algebra. In other words, there may be a triple \( x, y, z \in T_e(G) \), such that the Jacobi identity fails:

\[
J(x, y, z) \equiv [x, [y, z]] + [y, [z, x]] + [z, [x, y]] \neq 0
\]

Instead, for all \( x, y, z \in T_e(G) \), we have [4] a more general identity

\[
[[x, y], [z, x]] + [[[x, y], z], x] + [[[y, z], x], x] + [[[z, x], x], y] = 0
\]
called the Mal’tsev identity. The tangent algebra is hence said to be the Mal’tsev algebra. The Mal’tsev identity concisely reads \[ [J(x, y, x), x] = J(x, y, [x, z]) \]

from which it can be easily seen that every Lie algebra is a Mal’tsev algebra as well. It has been shown in [3] that every finite-dimensional real Mal’tsev algebra is the tangent algebra of some analytic Moufang loop.

4 Moufang transformations

Let \( X \) be a set and let \( \mathcal{T}(X) \) denote the transformation group of \( A \). Elements of \( X \) are called transformations of \( X \). Multiplication in \( \mathcal{T}(X) \) is defined as the composition of transformations, and the unit element of \( \mathcal{T}(X) \) coincides with the identity transformation \( \text{id} \) of \( A \).

Let \( G \) be a Moufang loop with the unit element \( e \in G \) and let \((S, T)\) denote a pair of maps \( S, T : G \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X) \). The pair \((S, T)\) is said \[7\] to be an action of \( G \) on \( X \) if

\[
S_e = T_e = \text{id} \\
S_g T_g S_h = S_{gh} T_g \\
S_g T_g T_h = T_{hg} S_g
\]

hold for all \( g, h \in G \). The pair \((S, T)\) is called also a representation of \( G \) (in \( \mathcal{T}(X) \)). The transformations \( S_g, T_g \in \mathcal{T}(X) (g \in G) \) are called \( G \)-transformations or the Moufang transformations of \( X \).

Example 4.1. Define the left \((L)\) and right \((R)\) translations of \( G \) by \( gh = L_g h = R_h g \). Then the pair \((L, R)\) of maps \( L_g, R_g : G \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(G) \) is a representation of \( G \).

Algebraic properties of the Moufang transformations were studied in \[7\]. In particular, the defining relations \(\text{(4.1b,c)}\) can be rewritten as follows:

\[
S_h T_g S_g = T_g S_{gh}, \quad T_h T_g S_g = S_g T_{gh}
\]

The birepresentation \((S, T)\) is said to be associative, if for all \( g, h \in G \) we have

\[
S_g S_h = S_{gh}, \quad T_g T_h = T_{gh}, \quad S_g T_h = T_h S_g
\]

These conditions turn out to be equivalent \[7\].

5 Continuous birepresentations

Let \( G \) be a local analytic Moufang loop and let \( X \) denote a real analytic manifold. We denote dimensions as \( \dim G = r \) and \( \dim X = n \).

An action \((S, T)\) of \( G \) on \( X \) is said to be differentiable (smooth, analytic) if the local coordinates of the points \( S_g A \) and \( T_g A \) are differentiable (smooth, analytic) functions of the points \( g \in G \) and \( A \in X \). In this case, the birepresentation is said to be differentiable (smooth, analytic) as well.

In this paper, we consider continuous Moufang transformations only locally, and by ‘continuity’ we mean differentiability as many times as needed. The action of \( g \) from vicinity of the unit element \( e \) on \( X \) can be written in local coordinates as

\[
(S_g A)^\mu = S^\mu(A^1, \ldots, A^n; g^1, \ldots, g^r) \\
= S^\mu(A; g) \\
(A_g A)^\mu = T^\mu(A^1, \ldots, A^n; g^1, \ldots, g^r) \\
= T^\mu(A; g)
\]
As in case of the Lie transformation groups [9], we can use the Taylor expansions

\[(S_g A)^\mu = A^\mu + S_j^\mu(A)g^j + \frac{1}{2} S_{jk}^\mu(A)g^j g^k + O(g^3)\]
\[(T_g A)^\mu = A^\mu + T_j^\mu(A)g^j + \frac{1}{2} T_{jk}^\mu(A)g^j g^k + O(g^3)\]

to introduce the auxiliary functions \(S, T\) which are called associators of \((S, T)\). The further coefficient in these expansions are assumed to be symmetric with respect to the lower indices:

\[\tilde{S}_{jk}^\mu = \tilde{S}_{kj}^\mu, \quad \tilde{T}_{jk}^\mu = \tilde{T}_{kj}^\mu, \quad \text{etc} \quad (5.1)\]

### 6 Associates

An action of \(G\) need not be associative even in case \(G\) is a group. Nonassociativity of \((S, T)\) can be measured by the formal functions

\[l^\mu(A; g, h) \doteq (S_{gh} A)^\mu - (S_g S_h A)^\mu\]
\[r^\mu(A; g, h) \doteq (T_{gh} A)^\mu - (S_h S_g A)^\mu\]
\[m^\mu(A; g, h) \doteq (T_h S_g A)^\mu - (S_g T_h A)^\mu\]

which are called associators of \((S, T)\). We have the evident initial conditions

\[l^\mu(A; e, g) = r^\mu(A; e, g) = m^\mu(A; e, g)\]
\[l^\mu(A; g, e) = r^\mu(A; g, e) = m^\mu(A; g, e)\]

The associators of \((S, T)\) are considered as the generating expressions in the following sense. First define the first-order associators \(l_j^\mu, \tilde{l}_j^\mu, r_j^\mu, \tilde{r}_j^\mu, m_j^\mu, \tilde{m}_j^\mu\) by

\[l^\mu(A; g, h) \doteq l_j^\mu(A; g)g^j + O(g^2)\]
\[\doteq \tilde{l}_j^\mu(A; g)h^j + O(h^2)\]
\[r^\mu(A; g, h) \doteq r_j^\mu(A; g)g^j + O(g^2)\]
\[\doteq \tilde{r}_j^\mu(A; g)g^j + O(h^2)\]
\[m^\mu(A; g, h) \doteq m_j^\mu(A; g)g^j + O(g^2)\]
\[\doteq \tilde{m}_j^\mu(A, g)h^j + O(h^2)\]

As an example, calculate \(l_j^\mu\). We have

\[(S_g S_h A)^\mu = S_j^\mu(S_h A; g)\]
\[= (S_h A)^\mu + S_j^\mu(S_h A)g^j + O(g^2)\]
\[(S_{gh} A)^\mu = S_j^\mu(A; gh)\]
\[= (S_h A)^\mu + \frac{\partial (S_g A)^\mu}{\partial h^k} u_j^k(h)g^j + O(g^2)\]

so that

\[l_j^\mu(A; h) = u_j^k(h)g^j \frac{\partial (S_g A)^\mu}{\partial h^k} - S_j^\mu(S_g A)\]
Remaining first-order associators can be found similarly and result read

\begin{align}
\tilde{l}^\mu_j(A;g) &= u^\mu_j(g) \frac{\partial(S_\mu A)^\mu}{\partial g^j} - S^\mu_j(S_g A) \\
\tilde{r}^\mu_j(A;g) &= v^\mu_j(g) \frac{\partial(S_\nu A)^\mu}{\partial g^j} - S^\nu_j(A) \frac{\partial(S_\mu A)^\mu}{\partial A^\nu} \\
r^\mu_j(A;g) &= u^\mu_j(g) \frac{\partial(T_\mu A)^\mu}{\partial g^j} - T^\mu_j(A) \frac{\partial(T_\mu A)^\mu}{\partial A^\nu} \\
\tilde{r}^\mu_j(A;g) &= v^\mu_j(g) \frac{\partial(T_\nu A)^\mu}{\partial g^j} - T^\mu_j(T_g A) \\
m^\mu_j(A;g) &= -S^\mu_j(T_g A) + S^\nu_j(S_g A) \frac{\partial(T_g A)^\mu}{\partial A^\nu} \\
\tilde{m}^\mu_j(A;g) &= -T^\mu_j(S_g A) + T^\nu_j(S_g A) \frac{\partial(S_g A)^\mu}{\partial A^\nu}
\end{align}

Next one can check the initial conditions

\begin{align}
l^\mu_j(A;e) &= r^\mu_j(A;e) = m^\mu_j(A;e) = 0 \\
l^\mu_j(A;e) &= r^\mu_j(A;e) = m^\mu_j(A;e) = 0
\end{align}

and define the second-order associators \(l^\mu_{jk}, \tilde{l}^\mu_{jk}, m^\mu_{jk}, \tilde{m}^\mu_{jk}, r^\mu_{jk}, \tilde{r}^\mu_{jk}\) by

\begin{align}
l^\mu_{jk}(A;g) &= \tilde{\tilde{l}}^\mu_{jk}(A)g^k + O(g^2) \\
 &= \tilde{l}^\mu_{jk}(A)g^k + O(g^2) \\
r^\mu_{jk}(A;g) &= \tilde{\tilde{r}}^\mu_{jk}(A)g^k + O(g^2) \\
 &= \tilde{r}^\mu_{jk}(A)g^k + O(g^2) \\
m^\mu_{jk}(A;g) &= \tilde{\tilde{m}}^\mu_{jk}(A)g^k + O(g^2) \\
 &= \tilde{m}^\mu_{jk}(A)g^k + O(g^2)
\end{align}

Calculating, we get

\begin{align}
l^\mu_{jk}(A) &= \tilde{\tilde{m}}^\mu_{jk}(A) \\
 &= \tilde{\tilde{g}}^\mu_{kj}(A) - A^\nu_{jk}S^\mu_s(A) + S^\mu_k(A) \frac{\partial S^\mu_j(A)}{\partial A^\nu} \\
m^\mu_{jk}(A) &= \tilde{\tilde{r}}^\mu_{jk}(A) \\
 &= \tilde{\tilde{T}}^\mu_{jk}(A) + A^\nu_{jk}T^\mu_s(A) - T^\mu_k(A) \frac{\partial T^\mu_j(A)}{\partial A^\nu} \\
r^\mu_{jk}(A) &= -\tilde{\tilde{m}}^\mu_{jk}(A) \\
 &= S^\nu_j(A) \frac{\partial T^\mu_k(A)}{\partial A^\nu} - T^\nu_k(A) \frac{\partial S^\mu_j(A)}{\partial A^\nu}
\end{align}

7 Minimality conditions and generalized Lie equations

Differentiate the defining relation \((4.1b,c)\) of a birepresntation \((S,T)\) and relations \((4.2)\) in local coordinates with respect to \(g^j\) at \(g = e\). Then, redenoting \(h \rightarrow g\) we obtain for the first-order associators constraints

\begin{align}
\tilde{l}^\mu_j(A;g) &= \tilde{m}^\mu_j(A;g) = -l^\mu_j(A;g) \\
\tilde{r}^\mu_j(A;g) &= \tilde{m}^\mu_j(A;g) = -r^\mu_j(A;g)
\end{align}
As an example, check relation $\hat{m}_j^\mu = -l_j^\mu$. Write the defining relation (4.1b) in local coordinates:

$$(S_g T_g S_h A)^\mu = (S_{gh} T_g A)^\mu, \quad \mu = 1, \ldots, n$$

Calculate:

$$(S_g T_g S_h A)^\mu = S^\mu (T_g S_h A; g)$$

$$= (T_g S_h A)^\mu + S_j^\mu (T_g S_h A) g^j + O(g^2)$$

$$= (S_h A)^\mu + T_j^\mu (S_h A) g^j + S_j^\mu (S_h A) g^j + O(g^2)$$

$$(S_{gh} T_g A)^\mu = S^\mu (T_g A; gh)$$

$$= (S_h A)^\mu + \frac{\partial (S_h A)^\mu}{\partial A^\nu} T_j^\nu (A) g^j + \frac{\partial (S_h A)^\mu}{\partial h^s} u_j^s (h) g^j + O(g^2)$$

Comparing the above expansions we get the desired relation $\hat{m}_j^\mu = -l_j^\mu$. Remaining relations from (7.1a,b) can be checked similarly.

If the birepresentation $(S, T)$ is required to be associative, we get the familiar Lie equations [9] of a Lie transformation group:

$$\hat{l}_j^\mu (A; g) = \hat{m}_j^\mu (A; g) = -l_j^\mu (A; g) = 0$$

$$\hat{r}_j^\mu (A; g) = \hat{m}_j^\mu (A; g) = -r_j^\mu (A; g) = 0$$

In a sense, one may say that birepresentations of the Moufang loop have the property of the ‘minimal’ deviation from associativity. Thus the differential identities (7.1a,b) are called the first-order minimality conditions of $(S, T)$.

The first-order minimality conditions (7.1a,b) read as the differential equations for $G$-transformations. Define the auxiliary functions $w_j^s$ and $P_j^\mu (g)$ by

$$S_j^s (g) + T_j^s (g) + w_j^s (g) = 0 \quad (7.2)$$

$$S_j^\mu (A) + T_j^\mu (A) + P_j^\mu (A) = 0 \quad (7.3)$$

For $S_g A$ the generalized Lie equations (GLE) read

$$u_j^\mu (g) \frac{\partial (S_g A)^\mu}{\partial A^\nu} + T_j^\nu (A) \frac{\partial (S_g A)^i}{\partial A^\nu} + P_j^\nu (S_g A) = 0 \quad (7.4a)$$

$$v_j^s (g) \frac{\partial (S_g A)^\mu}{\partial A^\nu} + P_j^s (h) \frac{\partial (S_g A)^i}{\partial A^\nu} + T_j^\nu (S_g A) = 0 \quad (7.4b)$$

$$w_j^\nu (g) \frac{\partial (S_g A)^\mu}{\partial A^\nu} + S_j^\nu (h) \frac{\partial (S_g A)^i}{\partial A^\nu} + S_j^\nu (S_g A) = 0 \quad (7.4c)$$

For $T_g A$ the GLE read

$$v_j^s (g) \frac{\partial (T_g A)^\mu}{\partial A^\nu} + S_j^\nu (A) \frac{\partial (T_g A)^i}{\partial A^\nu} + P_j^\nu (T_g A) = 0 \quad (7.5a)$$

$$u_j^\nu (g) \frac{\partial (T_g A)^\mu}{\partial A^\nu} + P_j^s (h) \frac{\partial (T_g A)^i}{\partial A^\nu} + S_j^\nu (T_g A) = 0 \quad (7.5b)$$

$$w_j^\nu (g) \frac{\partial (T_g A)^\mu}{\partial A^\nu} + T_j^\nu (h) \frac{\partial (T_g A)^i}{\partial A^\nu} + T_j^\nu (T_g A) = 0 \quad (7.5c)$$

Due to (7.2) and (7.3) these differential equations are linearly dependent: by adding (7.4a-c) or (7.5a-c) we get $0 = 0$. 

6
8 Generalized Maurer-Cartan equations

Differentiate constraints (7.1a–c) with respect to \( g^k \) at \( g = e \). Then we obtain

\[
\tilde{\partial}_j (A) = \tilde{\partial}_j (A) = - \partial_j (A) = 0 \\
\tilde{\partial}_j (A) = \partial_j (A) = - \partial_j (A) = 0
\]

Using here (6.2a,c,e) we obtain the second-order minimality conditions of \((S,T)\):

\[
\tilde{\partial}_j (g) = \partial_j (g) = \partial_j (g) = - \partial_j (g) = 0
\]

Again, for associative \( G \)-transformations we have

\[
\tilde{\partial}_j (g) = \partial_j (g) = \partial_j (g) = - \partial_j (g) = 0
\]

which justifies the term ‘minimal conditions’.

It follows from skew-symmetry \( \tilde{\partial}_j = - \tilde{\partial}_j \) and \( \partial_j = - \partial_j \), respectively, that

\[
2 \tilde{\partial}_j = S_k \partial S^\mu_j + S_j \partial S^\mu_k - (a_j + a^*_j) S^\mu_s \\
2 \partial_j = T_k \partial T^\mu_j + T_j \partial T^\mu_k - (a^*_j + a_j) T^\mu_s
\]

Note that here we used the symmetry property (5.1) as well. Express \( \tilde{\partial}_j \) and \( \partial_j \) from these relations and substitute into (6.2a) and (6.2d), respectively. The result reads

\[
S_k \partial S^\mu_j - S_j \partial S^\mu_k = c^*_j T^\mu_s + 2 \tilde{\partial}_j \\
T_k \partial T^\mu_j - T_j \partial T^\mu_k = c^*_j T^\mu_s + 2 \partial_j
\]

Now using the equalities \( \tilde{\partial}_j = m^\mu_j \) and \( \partial_j = - m^\mu_j \) for \( m^\mu_j \), we obtain the differential equations for the auxiliary functions \( S^\mu_j \) and \( T^\mu_j \):

\[
S_k \partial S^\mu_j - S_j \partial S^\mu_k = c^*_j T^\mu_s + 2 \left( T_k \partial S^\mu_j - S_k \partial T^\mu_j \right) \\
T_k \partial T^\mu_j - T_j \partial T^\mu_k = c^*_j T^\mu_s + 2 \left( S_j \partial T^\mu_j - T_j \partial S^\mu_j \right)
\]

called the generalized Maurer-Cartan equations for \( G \)-transformations. In a sense, the generalized Maurer-Cartan equations generalize the Maurer-Cartan equations \([9]\) in the minimal way.

The generalized Maurer-Cartan differential equations can be rewritten more concisely. For \( x \in T_e (G) \) introduce the infinitesimal \( G \)-transformations:

\[
S_x = x^j S^\mu_j (g) \frac{\partial}{\partial A^\mu}, \quad T_y = x^j T^\mu_j (g) \frac{\partial}{\partial A^\mu} \in T_g (G)
\]

Then the generalized Maurer-Cartan equations (8.2a,b) can be rewritten, respectively, as the commutation relations

\[
[L_x, L_y] = L_{[x,y]} - 2 [L_x, R_y] \\
[R_x, R_y] = R_{[x,y]} - 2 [R_x, L_y] \\
[L_x, R_y] = [R_x, L_y], \quad x, y \in T (G)
\]
Note that commutation relation (8.3c) can easily be obtained from the identities

\[[S_x, S_y] = -[S_y, S_x], \quad [T_x, T_y] = -[T_y, T_x]\]

Thus, finally the (generalized) Maurer-Cartan equations for infinitesimal \(G\) transformations read

\[2 [S_x, T_y] = S_{[x, y]} - [S_x, S_y] = T_{[y, x]} - [T_x, T_y] = 2 [T_x, S_y] = 0\]

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