

# Affine vs Projective Orbit Closures, Lie Algebra Actions and Constructions <sup>1</sup>

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GCT - Lie Algebraic Methods for Projective Limits of Stable Points.

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# Group actions: affine vs projective orbits

# Group actions

$G$  - a linear *algebraic* group over  $k = \mathbb{C}$  such as  $GL_n, SL_n$   
 $G$  acts linearly on a vector space  $V$  via  $\cdot : G \times V \rightarrow V$

$$(g, v) \mapsto g \cdot v$$

The associated representation:  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$

Example:  $GL_1 = k^*$  acts on  $V = k^2$  via representation

$$\rho(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Induced action on the ring  $k[V] = k[x, y]$  of polynomials :

$$t.x = tx \quad t.y = t^{-1}y$$

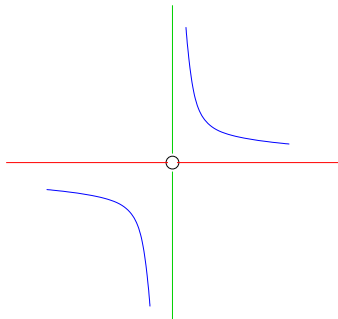
- The ring  $k[V]^G$  of invariants is generated by  $xy$ .

$$k[V]^G = k[xy] \subset k[x, y]$$

# Affine orbits

General set-up:  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$

Example:  $\rho(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$



Affine orbits:

- Orbit of  $p$ :  $O(p) = \{g \cdot p \mid g \in G\}$
- Stabilizer of  $p$ :  $G_p = \{g \in G \mid g \cdot p = p\}$
- $p$  is stable if  $O(p)$  is closed in  $V$  (Zariski topology)

- General set-up:  $G$  acts linearly on  $V$
- Induced action of  $G$  on  $P(V)$  - the set of lines of  $V$  through origin. For an element  $p \neq 0 \in V$ ,  $[p] \in P(V)$
- Projective orbits:
  - Projective orbit  $O([p]) = \{g \cdot [p] \mid g \in G\} \subseteq P(V)$   
This can be seen as a cone over the affine orbit  $O(p)$
  - Projective stabilizer of  $[p]$ :  $G_{[p]} = \{g \in G \mid g \cdot [p] = [p]\}$

$$G_p \subseteq G_{[p]}$$

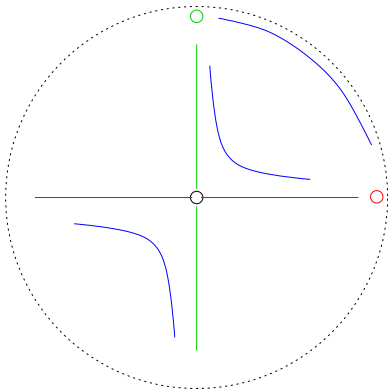
The new group elements simply translate  $p$  on the line  $[p]$

- $O([p])$  is almost always non-closed! (even when  $p$  is stable)

# Example of projective orbits and their closures

Revisit:

$$\rho(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$



# Lie algebra actions/representations



# Induced Lie Algebra Actions

The group action induces a Lie algebra action – its infinitesimal version.

- $\mathcal{G}$  = the tangent space to  $G$  at identity  $e$ .  
Lie bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  satisfying Jacobi identity ....
- Lie algebra of the group  $GL(V)$   
 $gl(V) = End(V) =$  all linear transformations on  $V$ .  
The Lie bracket is  $[X, Y] = XY - YX$ .
- $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$  induces a Lie algebra **representation**

$$d\rho_e : T_e G = \mathcal{G} \rightarrow T_e GL(V) = gl(V)$$

This is simply the derivative of  $\rho$  at the identity.

# Induced Lie Algebra Actions: A geometric view

- The Lie algebra representation  $\rho' : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$
- The associated Lie algebra action  $@ : \mathcal{G} \times V \rightarrow V$
- For a point  $p$  and an **infinitesimal group element**  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,

$$\mathfrak{g}@p = \rho'(\mathfrak{g})p = \text{direction along which } \mathfrak{g} \text{ moves point } p$$

- $\mathfrak{g}@p$  is bi-linear; linear both in  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $p$ .
- $\mathfrak{g}$  produces a smooth **vector field** on  $V$
- **Non-linear action:** Let  $G$  act on  $M$  - a manifold/variety
  - Group action  $\cdot : G \times M \rightarrow M$ . Each  $\mathfrak{g} \in \mathcal{G}$  produces a smooth vector field ( $\mathfrak{g}@m \in T_mM$ ) on  $M$  - in notation:  $\mathfrak{g} \rightsquigarrow X_{\mathfrak{g}}$ .
  - Let  $\text{Vec}(M)$  be the set of smooth vector fields on  $M$ . This is a Lie algebra with the natural Lie bracket of vector fields on  $M$
  - The Lie algebra action  $\rightsquigarrow : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \text{Vec}(M)$  is a Lie algebra homomorphism

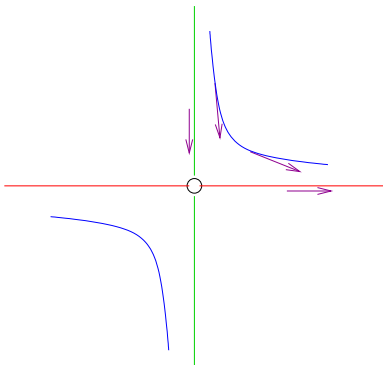
$$[\mathfrak{g}_1, \mathfrak{g}_2] \rightsquigarrow [X_{\mathfrak{g}_1}, X_{\mathfrak{g}_2}]$$

## Example ..

Our linear action  $\cdot : k^* \times k^2 \rightarrow k^2$ .

$$\rho(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \rho'(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that  $\rho'$  is a **linear** map  $k \rightarrow \text{End}(k^2)$



The vector field at  $p = (\alpha, \beta)$  points in the direction  $(\alpha, -\beta)$ .  
This is the tangent to the orbit at  $p$ .

# Action on forms

$GL_n$  acts on  $Sym^d(X)$  - degree  $d$  forms in  $n$  variables  $X$   
For  $g = (a_{ij}) \in GL_n$ ,  $\mathfrak{g} = (b_{ij}) \in \mathfrak{gl}_n$  and  $f \in Sym^d(X)$

$$g.f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(a.\mathbf{x}) = f(\dots, \sum_j a_{ij}x_j, \dots)$$

$$\mathfrak{g} \circ f = \sum_i \sum_j b_{ij} x_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}$$

Example: let  $\mathfrak{g} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $f = x^2 + xy$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{g} \circ f &= x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ &= x(2x + y) + x(x) + y(2x + y) \\ &= 3x^2 + 3xy + y^2 \end{aligned}$$

# Conjugation action: adjoint representation

$GL_m$  acts on  $M_m$  -  $m \times m$  matrices

$$GL_m \times V \rightarrow V \quad (g, x) \mapsto gxg^{-1}$$

$$\mathfrak{gl}_m \times V \rightarrow V \quad (\mathfrak{g}, x) \mapsto [\mathfrak{g}, x] = \mathfrak{g}x - x\mathfrak{g}$$

Example: let  $\mathfrak{g} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\mathfrak{g} @ x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# The Lie algebra

In general, the group  $G$  action induces the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  action

- For  $p \in V$ , the subspace  $W = \{g@p \mid g \in \mathcal{G}\}$  is the **tangent space to the orbit  $O(p)$  at  $p$** .
- **Stabilizer Lie subalgebra**  $\mathcal{G}_p = \{g \mid g@p = 0\}$  is the Lie algebra associated to the stabilizer subgroup  $G_p$
- The action at  $p$  induces the linear map  $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow V$  ( $g \mapsto g@p$ ) with kernel  $\mathcal{G}_p$  and image - the tangent space to the orbit.  $@p : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow V$  results in the identification  $\mathcal{G}/\mathcal{G}_p \cong T_pO(p)$

Group actions	Lie algebra actions
Global	Local
Orbit	Tangent-space to the orbit
Stabilizer subgroup	Stabilizer Lie subalgebra <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>determines the *connected* component of the stabilizer subgroup

# The Key Questions - Orbit Closures

Given  $p$  and  $q$  in  $V$ ,

- When is  $p \in \overline{O(q)}$ ? (affine orbit closure membership)
- When is  $[p] \in \overline{O([q])}$ ? (projective orbit closure membership)

## Algebraic complexity theory, GCT settings

- Determinant vs Permanent question: projective orbit closure question ( $p$  = padded-permanent and  $q$ =determinant)
- The  $p$  and  $q$  of interest in GCT are **completely determined by their stabilizers**
- The point  $q$ =determinant is, in fact, stable for SL-action and  $p$ =permanent is partially-stable...

# Action in neighborhood

## Neighborhood questions

- Given  $p$ , which orbits come arbitrary close to  $p$ ?
- How are stabilizers of points in the neighborhood of  $p$  related to  $G_p$  - the stabilizer of  $p$ ?

These questions are answered when  $p$  is stable

In this case, the stabilizer  $G_p$  is reductive

## Kempf ..

If  $p \in \overline{O(q)}$ , there is an optimal 1-PS  $\lambda : k^* \rightarrow G$  which drives  $q$  to  $O(p)$ , that is,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \lambda(t).q \in O(p)$ . It also aligns  $G_q$  inside  $G_p$ .

## Luna

Luna's slice theorem describes a tubular neighborhood of the entire orbit  $O(p)$ . If  $q$  is in this neighborhood, a conjugate of  $G_q$  is a subgroup of  $G_p$ .



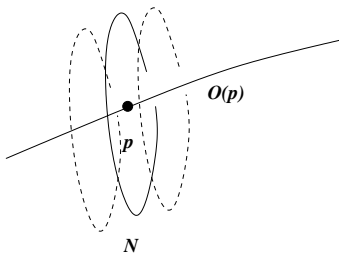
# Luna model - the underlying space - associated bundle

$O(p)$  - the closed orbit and  $H = G_p$  the reductive stabilizer

- Write  $V = T_p V = T_p O(p) \oplus N$  where  $N$  is a normal slice –  $H$ -invariant complement to the tangent space to the orbit.
- $H$  acts on  $G \times N$  as

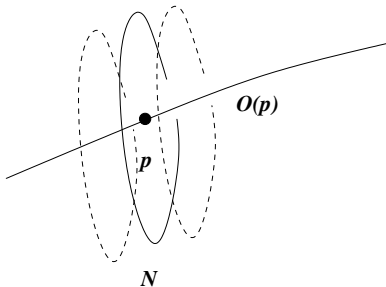
$$h \cdot (g, n) = (gh^{-1}, h.n)$$

The  $H$ -quotient is  $G \times_H N$ ;  $[(g, n)]_H$  is the  $H$ -orbit of  $(g, n)$ .



- $G \times_H N$  is the normal bundle of the orbit  $O(p) = G/H$  in  $V$ ; It is a twisting of  $N$  along  $G/H$  and will serve as the model

# Luna model - the $G$ -action on the model $G \times_H N$



- $G$  also acts on  $G \times N$

$$g' \cdot (g, n) = (g'g, n)$$

As this action commutes with the  $H$ -action on  $G \times N$ , we have  $G$ -action on  $G \times_H N$ :

$$g' \cdot [(g, n)]_H = [(g' \cdot g, n)]_H$$

So, an explicit description of  $G$ -action on  $G \times_H N$ .  
This is purely synthetic and we only need  $H$ -action on  $N$ .

## Relating the model to the ambient space $V$

$O(p)$  - closed,  $H = G_p$  reductive and  $N$  - a normal  $H$ -complement

- Commuting actions of  $H$  and  $G$  on  $G \times N$

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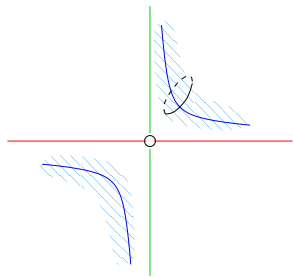
$$\mu(gh^{-1}, h.n) = gh^{-1}(p + h.n) = g.(p + n)$$

So,  $\mu$  descends to a  $G$ -equivariant map  $\phi : G \times_H N \rightarrow V$ .

$$\phi([(g, n)]_H) = g.(p + n)$$

### Luna Slice Theorem

The map  $\phi$  sets up an  $G$ -isomorphism between an invariant nbd of  $G/H$  in  $G \times_H N$  and an invariant nbd of  $O(p)$ .



## Luna Slice Theorem:

- Applicable to only stable points.
- Provides a tubular-neighborhood of the entire orbit
- A description of the  $G$ -action in this nbd can be factored via an explicit  $G$ -action on  $G \times_H N$

### Objective

To develop a Lune-type factorizable model of a nbd of any  $p$ .

Central difficulty:  $H = G_p$  may not be reductive and hence a  $H$ -invariant normal slice may not exist.

## Our result

- We develop a Luna-type model which applies to all points.
- It is **local** - we restrict to a nbd of the point and not the entire orbit, and work with Lie algebra action in this nbd.
- We provide an explicit description of the Lie algebra action on the model.

## Application of local model

We apply the local model to the conjugation action to understand orbits in the vicinity of nilpotent orbits.

# One Matrix under Conjugation

$G = GL_m$  acts on  $V$  - the space of  $m \times m$  matrices  $g.A = gAg^{-1}$

- Orbits are parametrized by Jordan canonical forms
- Invariant ring generated by coefficients of the characteristic polynomial

$$\det(A - \lambda I)$$

these coefs are symmetric functions of eigenvalues.

- Stable points = affine closed orbits = diagonalizable matrices

## Affine Closed Orbits

Parametrized by the numerical data: eigenvalues along with their multiplicities.

# Orbits in the null-cone and their closures

- Null-cone = the nilpotent matrices
- The nilpotent matrix  $J_a$  is a single Jordan  $a \times a$  block

$$J_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Any nilpotent matrix has a Jordan canonical form  $J_{\bar{a}} = J_{a_1} \oplus J_{a_2} \oplus \dots \oplus J_{a_s}$  where  $\bar{a} = (a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_s)$  is a partition of  $m$

## Orbits in the null-cone

Parametrized by the combinatorial data: partitions of  $m$  which record the sizes of the nilpotent blocks



Gerstenhaber-Hesselink Theorem for orbit-closures in the nullcone

$J_{\bar{a}}$  is in the affine orbit closure of  $J_{\bar{b}}$  iff  $\bar{a} \trianglelefteq \bar{b}$ , that is,

$$a_1 \leq b_1, a_1 + a_2 \leq b_1 + b_2, \dots$$

Nilpotent-orbit-closures are given by dominance order on partitions.

In particular, Null-cone = orbit closure of  $J_m$ .

These orbit closures are also projective orbit closures.

A similar result for affine orbit closures of arbitrary matrices;

However the numerical data (that is, eigenvalues with multiplicities) are preserved in the affine orbit closure.

The orbit of a Jordan canonical form contains in its affine closure the *closed* orbit of the diagonal part.

# Projective orbit closures

Consider  $y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and the 1-PS  $\lambda(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda(t)y\lambda(t^{-1}) &= \begin{bmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & t \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & t^2 \\ t^{-2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} = t^{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + t^2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= t^{-2} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + t^4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= t^{-2}(n + t^4 n') \sim n + t^4 n'\end{aligned}$$

The **projective** orbit closure of the **stable** point  $y$  contains the **nilpotent** matrix  $n$ .

# The projective orbit closure question

- $x$  - a nilpotent matrix given by its nilpotent-block partition.
- Let  $y$  be any matrix described by its Jordan canonical form.
- When does  $[x] \in \overline{O([y])}$ ?

## Local model at $J_m$

- We consider  $J_m$  and apply the local model at  $J_m$ .
- It shows that only stable orbits in the vicinity of  $J_m$  correspond to diagonalizable matrices with *distinct* eigenvalues!
- In fact, there is a remarkable *slice* at  $J_m$  which parametrizes all orbits whose *minimal* polynomials are of degree  $m$ .  
This slice contains classical *companion forms* of these orbits.

# Spectrum block-partition

Let  $y$  be in Jordan canonical form with  $s$  eigenvalues  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_s$ .  
For  $\mu_i$ , we define the block-partition  $\lambda_i = (\lambda_{i1} \geq \lambda_{i2} \geq \dots)$  which records the sizes of Jordan blocks of type  $\mu_i$

The spectrum block-partition  $\lambda$  of  $y$  is the sum  $\lambda = \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_s$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The block-partitions are  $(2, 1, 1)$ ,  $(2)$  for eigenvalues  $-1$  and  $3$

The spectrum block-partition of  $y$  is  $(2, 1, 1) + (2) = (4, 1, 1)$

If  $y$  has  $m$  distinct eigenvalues, its spectrum block-partition is  $(m)$ .

# Projective orbit closure theorem

## Main Theorem

Let  $x$  be a nilpotent matrix whose nilpotent block-partition is  $\theta$ .  
and  $y$  be a matrix whose spectrum block-partition is  $\lambda$   
The projective orbit closure of  $y$  contains  $x$  iff  $\theta \trianglelefteq \lambda$ .

The proof uses the following  $G$ -stable projective varieties.

$$\mathcal{X}_k^r = \left\{ z \mid \begin{array}{l} \exists \text{ eigenvalues } \mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k \text{ of } z \text{ such that} \\ \text{rank}((z - \mu_1 I) \cdots (z - \mu_k I)) \leq r \end{array} \right\}$$

- If  $\theta \not\trianglelefteq \lambda$ , we show there exists  $r$  and  $k$  such that  $y \in \mathcal{X}_k^r$  and  $x \notin \mathcal{X}_k^r$
- Otherwise, we exhibit a 1-PS such that the projective limit of  $y$  under this 1-PS is a nilpotent matrix with block-partition  $\lambda$ .

# Illustration of the theorem

Consider the following matrices in Jordan canonical forms

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad y' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The spectrum block-partition of  $y$  is  $(1, 1) + (1) = (2, 1)$
- The spectrum block-partition of  $y'$  is  $(2) + (1) = (3)$ .
- The nilpotent block-partition of  $x$  is  $(3)$

We conclude that

- $y \in \overline{O(y')}$  (classical)
- $[x] \notin \overline{O([y])}$  (our theorem)
- $[x] \in \overline{O([y'])}$  (our theorem)

# Local model -an introduction

## Objective

Build a Luna-style model of a neighborhood of an arbitrary point  $p$ .  
 $H$  - stabilizer subgroup of  $p$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  - its stabilizer Lie subalgebra.  
 $H, \mathcal{H}$  may not be reductive

## RECALL Luna slice theorem for a stable point $p$

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# The quotient construction for Lie algebra actions

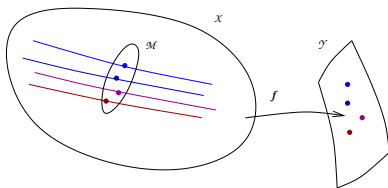
So far, we have  $G$ -equivariant  $\phi : G \times_H V \rightarrow V$ .

We consider induced Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ -actions on  $G \times_H V$  and  $V$ ;  $\phi : G \times_H V \rightarrow V$  is also  $\mathcal{G}$ -equivariant.

## Lie algebra quotient action

- Let  $\mathcal{X}_m$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_n$  be two manifolds with  $m \geq n$ , and  $\mathcal{G}$ -actions,  $\rho : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \text{Vec}(\mathcal{X})$  and  $\eta : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \text{Vec}(\mathcal{Y})$ .
- Let  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  be *regular* at  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , with  $f(x) = y$  such that  $f$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -equivariant. For  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , let  $\mathcal{D}(x) = \ker(f_x^*)$ .  $\mathcal{D}$  is a distribution of rank  $(m - n)$ .
- Let  $\mathcal{M}_{m-n}$  be a submanifold of  $\mathcal{X}$ , transverse to the kernel distribution  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then for any  $m \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{g} \in \mathcal{G}$ , define  $\rho_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathfrak{g})(m)$  as  $\pi_{\mathcal{M}}(\rho(\mathfrak{g})(m))$ , the projection onto the tangent space  $T\mathcal{M}_m$ . Then  $\rho_{\mathcal{M}}$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -action on  $\mathcal{M}$

# The quotient construction ...



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$$\rho_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathfrak{g})(m) = \pi_{\mathcal{M}}(\rho(\mathfrak{g})(m))$$

where  $\pi_{\mathcal{M}}(\rho(\mathfrak{g})(m))$  is the projection from  $T\mathcal{X}_m$  onto the tangent space  $T\mathcal{M}_m$ .

Note that  $T\mathcal{X}_m = T\mathcal{M}_m \oplus \text{kernel}(f_m^*)$

Then  $\rho_{\mathcal{M}}$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -action on  $\mathcal{M}$

# The local model

We want to apply the quotient construction to  $\phi : G \times_H V \rightarrow V$   
We choose a submanifold which is transverse to the kernel of  $\phi$  at the point  $[e, 0]_H$

## Key choices

Let  $M \subset G$  - a submanifold containing  $e \in G$  and complementary/transversal to  $H$  at  $e$ ;  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H} \oplus T_e M$

Let  $N$  be a vector subspace complement to  $T_p O$  in  $V$ . This slice  $N$  may not be  $H$ -invariant.

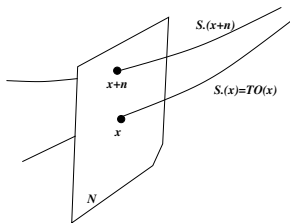
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- Fix choices  $M$  and  $N$

$$\mu : M \times N \rightarrow V : \mu(m, n) = m \cdot (x + n)$$

- $M \cdot x$  is the orbit,  $M \cdot (x + n)$  is merely the same dimension of  $M \cdot x$  and transversal to  $N$ .
- We simply analyze its derivative at  $(e, 0)$ 
  - derivative of  $\mu^*$  along  $M$  maps to the orbit tangent space.
  - derivative of  $\mu^*$  along  $N$  maps to the slice  $N$

This shows that  $\mu$  is a local diffeomorphism.



# Embedding the local model inside $G \times_H V$

- The map  $\mu : G \times V \rightarrow V$  given by  $\mu(g, v) = g \cdot (x + v)$  factorizes through  $G \times_H V$ .

$$\mu(gh, h^{-1}v) = gh(x + h^{-1}v) = g(x + v) \text{ since } h \cdot x = x$$

$$G \times V \quad \rightarrow \quad G \times_H V \quad \rightarrow \quad V$$

$$\uparrow \quad \nearrow$$

$$M \times N \quad \rightarrow \quad M \times V$$

- Thus,  $\phi : G \times_H V \rightarrow V$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -equivariant and regular at  $(e, 0)$ .
- $M \times N$  is transversal to the kernel of this map.
- This  $\mathcal{G}$ -space  $M \times N$  is the local model.

This shows existence and construction of the local model. We need explicit  $\mathcal{G}$  action on  $M \times N$ . To be described in the main talk.

## Local model

- We develop a Luna-type model which applies to all points.
- It is **local** - we restrict to a nbd of the point and not the entire orbit, and work with Lie algebra action in this nbd.
- We provide an explicit description of the Lie algebra action on the model. (next talk)

## Application of local model

We apply the local model to the conjugation action to understand projective orbit closures.



- The Big Picture
- The Local Model
  - Quotients of lie algebra action on  $G \times_H V$ .
  - The local model expressions and its properties.
- Forms - Limits and the local stabilizers
  - The family  $f(t) = A(t) \cdot f = g + t^b f_b + \dots$ , with stabilizers  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  of  $g$  and  $f$ .
  - A basis for  $\mathcal{K}(t)$  and its properties -  $\mathcal{K}_0$  and  $\overline{f}_b$ .
  - The special case of  $\lambda(t)$  and the triple-stabilizer conditions.
  - The co-dimension-1 case.
- Advanced topics

Thank You!