

Symmetries and Maxwell points
in the plate-ball problem
and other invariant optimal control problems
on Lie groups
governed by the pendulum

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The plate-ball problem

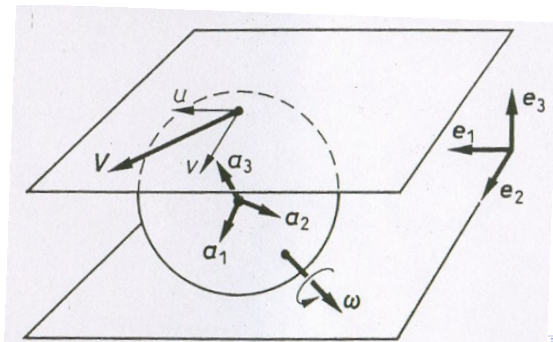
Rolling of sphere on plane without slipping or twisting

Given: $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^2$, frames (a_1, a_2, a_3) , (b_1, b_2, b_3) in $\mathbb{R}^3$.

Find: $\gamma(t) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $t \in [0, t_1]$, — the shortest curve s.t.:

$\gamma(0) = A$, $\gamma(t_1) = B$,

by rolling along $\gamma(t)$, orientation of the sphere transfers from (a_1, a_2, a_3) to (b_1, b_2, b_3) .



State and control variables

- Contact point $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$
- Orientation of sphere $R : a_i \mapsto e_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \quad R \in \text{SO}(3)$
- State of the system $Q = (x, y, R) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \text{SO}(3) = M$
- Boundary conditions $Q(0) = Q_0, Q(t_1) = Q_1$
- Controls $u_1 = u/2, u_2 = v/2$

- Cost functional

$$I(\gamma) = \int_0^{t_1} \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2} dt = \int_0^{t_1} \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2} dt \rightarrow \min$$

Control system

$$\dot{x} = u_1, \quad \dot{y} = u_2, \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad (u_1, u_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

$$\dot{R} = R\Omega, \quad R \in SO(3), \quad \Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\omega = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ angular velocity vector.}$$

$$\text{No twisting} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega_3 = 0.$$

$$\text{No slipping} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega_1 = u_2, \quad \omega_2 = -u_1.$$

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -u_1 \\ 0 & 0 & -u_2 \\ u_1 & u_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

History of the problem

- 1894 H. Hertz: rolling sphere as a nonholonomic mechanical system.
- 1983 J.M. Hammersley: statement of the plate-ball problem.
- 1986 A.M. Arthur, G.R. Walsh: integrability of Hamiltonian system of PMP in quadratures.
- 1990 Z. Li, E. Canny: complete controllability of the control system.
- 1993 V. Jurdjevic:
- projections of extremal curves $(x(t), y(t))$ — Euler elasticae,
 - description of qualitative types of extremal trajectories,
 - quadratures for evolution of Euler angles along extremal trajectories.

New results

- Parameterization of extremal trajectories
- Continuous and discrete symmetries
- Fixed points of symmetries (Maxwell points)
- Necessary optimality conditions
- Global structure of the exponential mapping
- Asymptotics of extremal trajectories and limit behavior of Maxwell points for sphere rolling along sinusoids of small amplitude (Next talk by Alexey Mashtakov)

Existence of solutions

- Left-invariant sub-Riemannian problem:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Q} &= u_1 X_1(Q) + u_2 X_2(Q), & (u_1, u_2) &\in \mathbb{R}^2, \\ Q(0) &= Q_0, & Q(t_1) &= Q_1, & Q &\in M = \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathrm{SO}(3), \\ I &= \int_0^{t_1} \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2} dt \rightarrow \min.\end{aligned}$$

- Complete controllability by Rashevskii-Chow theorem:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{span}_Q(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5) &= T_Q M \quad \forall Q \in M, \\ X_3 &= [X_1, X_2], & X_4 &= [X_1, X_3], & X_5 &= [X_2, X_3].\end{aligned}$$

- Filippov's theorem: $\forall Q_0, Q_1 \in M$ optimal trajectory exists.
- $Q_0 = (0, 0, \mathrm{Id}) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathrm{SO}(3)$.

Pontryagin maximum principle

- Abnormal extremal trajectories: rolling of sphere along straight lines.
- Normal extremals:

$$\dot{\theta} = c, \quad \dot{c} = -r \sin \theta, \quad \dot{\alpha} = \dot{r} = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{x} = \cos(\theta + \alpha), \quad \dot{y} = \sin(\theta + \alpha), \quad (2)$$

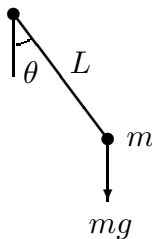
$$\dot{R} = R(\sin(\theta + \alpha)A_1 - \cos(\theta + \alpha)A_2),$$

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A_3 = [A_1, A_2] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (1) mathematical pendulum,
(2) Euler elasticae.

Mathematical pendulum $\dot{\theta} = c, \dot{c} = -r \sin \theta$



- $\lambda = (\theta, c, r) \in C = \{\theta \in S^1, c \in \mathbb{R}, r \geq 0\},$
- Energy $E = c^2/2 - r \cos \theta = \text{const} \in [-r, +\infty),$
- $r = g/L \geq 0.$

Stratification of the phase cylinder C of pendulum

$$C = \bigcup_{i=1}^7 C_i, \quad C_i \cap C_j = \emptyset, \quad i \neq j$$

$$C_1 = \{\lambda \in C \mid E \in (-r, r), r > 0\},$$

$$C_2 = \{\lambda \in C \mid E \in (r, +\infty), r > 0\},$$

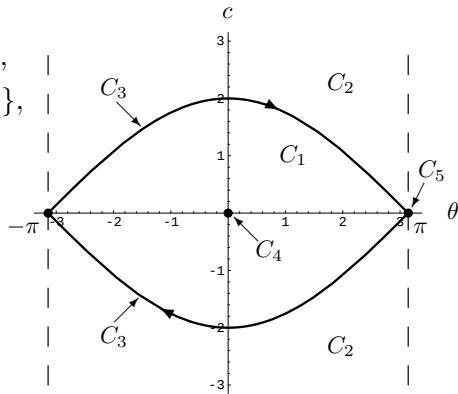
$$C_3 = \{\lambda \in C \mid E = r > 0, c \neq 0\},$$

$$C_4 = \{\lambda \in C \mid E = -r, r > 0\},$$

$$C_5 = \{\lambda \in C \mid E = r > 0, c = 0\},$$

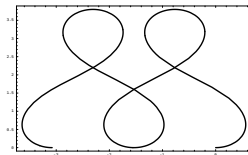
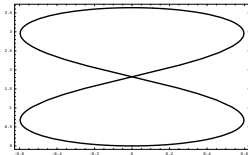
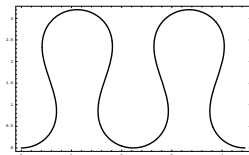
$$C_6 = \{\lambda \in C \mid r = 0, c \neq 0\},$$

$$C_7 = \{\lambda \in C \mid r = 0, c = 0\}.$$

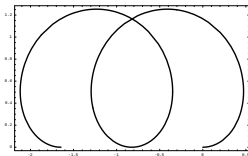


Euler elasticae $\dot{x} = \cos(\theta + \alpha)$, $\dot{y} = \sin(\theta + \alpha)$

C_1 (oscillations of pendulum): inflectional elasticae

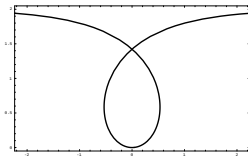


C_2 (rotations of pendulum): non-inflectional elasticae



Euler elasticae $\dot{x} = \cos(\theta + \alpha)$, $\dot{y} = \sin(\theta + \alpha)$

C_3 (separatrix motions of penulum): critical elasticae



C_4 , C_5 , C_7 (equilibria of pendulum): straight lines

C_6 (uniform rotation of pendulum under zero gravity): circles

Integration of normal Hamiltonian system of PMP

$$\dot{\theta} = c, \quad \dot{c} = -r \sin \theta, \quad \dot{x} = \cos(\theta + \alpha), \quad \dot{y} = \sin(\theta + \alpha), \\ \dot{R} = R(\sin(\theta + \alpha)A_1 - \cos(\theta + \alpha)A_2).$$

- θ_t, c_t, x_t, y_t : Jacobi's functions $\text{cn}, \text{sn}, \text{dn}, E$,

$$\text{cn}(u, k) = \cos(\text{am}(u, k)), \quad \text{sn}(u, k) = \sin(\text{am}(u, k)),$$

$$\varphi = \text{am}(u, k) \iff u = \int_0^\varphi \frac{dt}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 t}} = F(\varphi, k).$$

- $R(t) = e^{(\alpha - \varphi_3^0)A_3} e^{-\varphi_2^0 A_2} e^{\varphi_1(t)A_3} e^{\varphi_2(t)A_2} e^{(\varphi_3(t) - \alpha)A_3},$
 $\varphi_i(t)$: Jacobi's functions + elliptic integral of the 3-rd kind

$$\Pi(n, u, k) = \int_0^u \frac{dt}{(1 - n \sin^2 t) \sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 t}}.$$

Parameterization of trajectories of oscillating pendulum and inflectional Euler elasticae

(φ, k) — coordinates rectifying the flow of pendulum,

$$\varphi_t = \varphi + t,$$

$$\sin(\theta_t/2) = k \operatorname{sn}(\sqrt{r}\varphi_t, k), \quad \cos(\theta_t/2) = \operatorname{dn}(\sqrt{r}\varphi_t, k),$$

$$c_t = 2k\sqrt{r} \operatorname{cn}(\sqrt{r}\varphi_t, k),$$

$$x_t = \bar{x}_t \cos \alpha - \bar{y}_t \sin \alpha, \quad y_t = \bar{x}_t \sin \alpha + \bar{y}_t \cos \alpha,$$

$$\bar{x}_t = (2(E(\sqrt{r}\varphi_t, k) - E(\sqrt{r}\varphi, k)) - \sqrt{r}t)/\sqrt{r},$$

$$\bar{y}_t = 2k(\operatorname{cn}(\sqrt{r}\varphi, k) - \operatorname{cn}(\sqrt{r}\varphi_t, k))/\sqrt{r},$$

Parameterization of the matrix of rotation for the case of oscillating pendulum

$$\cos \varphi_2(t) = c_t / \sqrt{M}, \quad \sin \varphi_2(t) = \pm \sqrt{M - c_t^2} / \sqrt{M},$$

$$\cos \varphi_3(t) = \mp \sin \theta_t / \sqrt{M - c_t^2},$$

$$\sin \varphi_3(t) = \pm (r - \cos \theta_t) / \sqrt{M - c_t^2},$$

$$\varphi_1(t) = \frac{\sqrt{M}}{2} t + \frac{\sqrt{M}(1+r)}{2\sqrt{r}(1-r)} (\Pi(l, \operatorname{am}(\sqrt{r}\varphi_t, k), k) \\ - \Pi(l, \operatorname{am}(\sqrt{r}\varphi, k), k)),$$

$$M = 1 + r^2 + 2E, \quad l = -\frac{4k^2 r}{(1-r)^2}.$$

Optimality of extremal trajectories

- Short arcs of extremal trajectories $Q(s)$ are optimal
- Cut time along $Q(s)$:

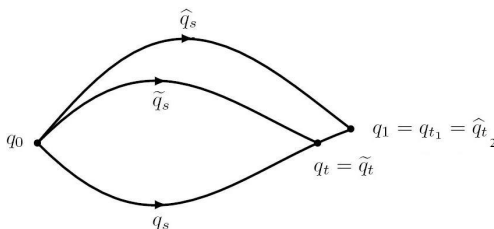
$$t_{\text{cut}} = \sup \{ t > 0 \mid Q(s), s \in [0, t], \text{ is optimal} \}.$$

- Maxwell time:

$$\exists \tilde{Q}(s) \neq Q(s), \quad Q(0) = \tilde{Q}(0) = Q_0,$$

$$Q(t) = \tilde{Q}(t) \text{ Maxwell point,}$$

$$t = t_{\text{Max}} \text{ Maxwell time.}$$



- Upper bound on cut time: $t_{\text{cut}} \leq t_{\text{Max}}$.

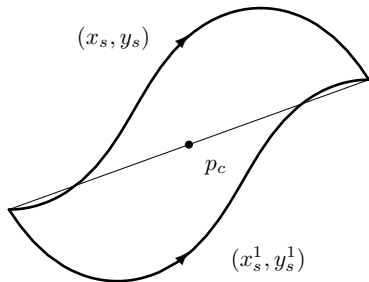
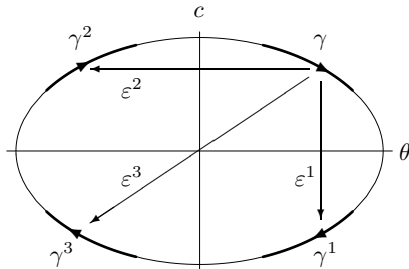
Rotations Φ^β , $\beta \in S^1$

$$(\theta, c, r, \alpha) \mapsto (\theta, c, r, \alpha + \beta),$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_s \\ y_s \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & -\sin \beta \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_s \\ y_s \end{pmatrix},$$

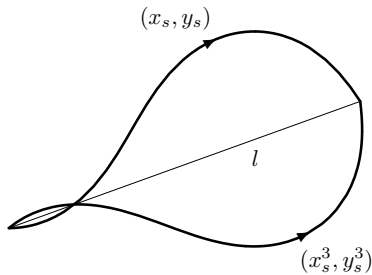
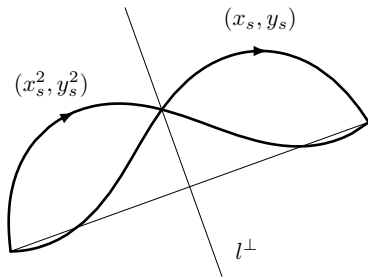
$$R_s \mapsto e^{\beta A_3} R_s e^{-\beta A_3}.$$

Reflections ε^i



$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon^1: (\theta_s, c_s) &\mapsto (\theta_{t-s}, -c_{t-s}), s \in [0, t] \\ (x_s, y_s) &\mapsto (x_s^1, y_s^1) = (x_{t-s} - x_t, y_{t-s} - y_t) \\ R_s &\mapsto (R_t)^{-1} R_{t-s} \end{aligned}$$

Reflections ε^i



$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon^2: (\theta_s, c_s) &\mapsto (-\theta_{t-s}, c_{t-s}), \quad s \in [0, t] \\ (x_s, y_s) &\mapsto (x_s^2, y_s^2) = (x_{t-s} - x_t, y_t - y_{t-s}) \\ R_s &\mapsto l_2(R_t)^{-1}R_{t-s}l_2, \quad l_2 = e^{\pi A_2}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon^3: (\theta_s, c_s) &\mapsto (-\theta_s, -c_s), \quad s \in [0, t] \\ (x_s, y_s) &\mapsto (x_s^3, y_s^3) = (x_s, -y_s) \\ R_s &\mapsto l_2 R_s l_2.\end{aligned}$$

Exponential mapping and its symmetries

- Group of symmetries

$$G = \langle \Phi^\beta, \varepsilon^1, \varepsilon^2, \varepsilon^3 \rangle = \{ \Phi^\beta, \Phi^\beta \circ \varepsilon^i \mid \beta \in S^1, i = 1, 2, 3 \}$$

- Exponential mapping

$$\text{Exp}(\lambda, s) = Q_s = (x_s, y_s, R_s) \in M = \mathbb{R}^2 \times \text{SO}(3),$$

$$\lambda = (\theta, c, \alpha, r) \in C, \quad s > 0.$$

- Symmetries of exponential mapping

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C \times \mathbb{R}_+ & \xrightarrow{\text{Exp}} & M \\ \downarrow \varepsilon^i \circ \Phi^\beta & & \downarrow \varepsilon^i \circ \Phi^\beta \\ C \times \mathbb{R}_+ & \xrightarrow{\text{Exp}} & M \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\lambda, t) & \xrightarrow{\text{Exp}} & Q_t \\ \downarrow \varepsilon^i \circ \Phi^\beta & & \downarrow \varepsilon^i \circ \Phi^\beta \\ (\lambda^{i,\beta}, t) & \xrightarrow{\text{Exp}} & Q_t^{i,\beta} \end{array}$$

Maxwell sets corresponding to reflections

- $MAX^i = \{(\lambda, t) \mid \exists \beta \in S^1 : \lambda^{i,\beta} \neq \lambda, Q_t = Q_t^{i,\beta}\},$
 $i = 1, 2, 3.$

- Necessary optimality conditions:

$$(\lambda, t) \in MAX^i \quad \Rightarrow \quad Q_s = \text{Exp}(\lambda, s) \text{ not optimal for } s > t, \\ t_{\text{cut}}(\lambda) \leq t.$$

Representation of rotations in $\mathbb{R}^3$ by quaternions

- $\mathbb{H} = \{q = q_0 + iq_1 + jq_2 + kq_3 \mid q_0, \dots, q_3 \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- $S^3 = \{q \in \mathbb{H} \mid |q|^2 = q_0^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 = 1\}$
- $I = \{q \in \mathbb{H} \mid \operatorname{Re} q = q_0 = 0\}$
- $q \in S^3 \Rightarrow R_q(a) = qaq^{-1}, \quad a \in I, \quad R_q \in \operatorname{SO}(3) \cong \operatorname{SO}(I)$
- lift of the system $\dot{R} = R\Omega$ from $\operatorname{SO}(3)$ to S^3 :

$$\begin{cases} \dot{q}_0 = \frac{1}{2}(q_2 u_1 - q_1 u_2), \\ \dot{q}_1 = \frac{1}{2}(q_3 u_1 + q_0 u_2), \\ \dot{q}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(-q_0 u_1 + q_3 u_2), \\ \dot{q}_3 = \frac{1}{2}(-q_1 u_1 - q_2 u_2), \end{cases} \quad q \in S^3, \quad (u_1, u_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$
$$q(0) = 1.$$

Necessary optimality conditions in terms of MAX^1

Theorem

Let $Q_s = (x_s, y_s, R_s) = \text{Exp}(\lambda, s)$, $t > 0$ satisfy the conditions:

- (1) $q_3(t) = 0$,
- (2) *elastica* $\{(x_s, y_s) \mid s \in [0, t]\}$ is nondegenerate and not centered at inflection point.

Then $(\lambda, t) \in \text{MAX}^1$, thus for any $t_1 > t$ the trajectory Q_s , $s \in [0, t_1]$, is not optimal.

$$q_3(t) = 0 \iff \text{axis of rotation } (q_1(t), q_2(t), q_3(t)) \parallel \mathbb{R}^2$$

Necessary optimality conditions in terms of MAX^2

Theorem

Let $Q_s = (x_s, y_s, R_s) = \text{Exp}(\lambda, s)$, $t > 0$ satisfy the conditions:

- (1) $(xq_1 + yq_2)(t) = 0$,
- (2) *elastica* $\{(x_s, y_s) \mid s \in [0, t]\}$ is nondegenerate and not centered at vertex.

Then $(\lambda, t) \in \text{MAX}^2$, thus for any $t_1 > t$ the trajectory Q_s , $s \in [0, t_1]$, is not optimal.

$$(xq_1 + yq_2)(t) = 0 \iff (q_1(t), q_2(t), q_3(t)) \perp (x(t), y(t), 0)$$

Global structure of exponential mapping

- $\text{Exp} : N \rightarrow M$,
 $N = C \times \mathbb{R}_+$
 $= \{(\theta, c, \alpha, r, t) \mid \theta \in S^1, c \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \in S^1, r \geq 0, t > 0\}$,
 $M = \mathbb{R}^2 \times \text{SO}(3)$
- $\forall Q_1 \in M \setminus Q_0 \ \exists (\lambda, t) \in N$ such that $Q_s = \text{Exp}(\lambda, s)$ optimal,
 $Q_1 = \text{Exp}(\lambda, t)$
 $t \leq t_{\text{cut}}(\lambda) \leq t_{\text{Max}}^1 = \inf\{s \mid (\lambda, s) \in \text{MAX}^1 \cup \text{MAX}^2\}$
 $(\lambda, t) \in \hat{N} = \{(\lambda, s) \in N \mid \lambda \in C, 0 < s \leq t_{\text{Max}}^1\}$
 $\text{Exp} : \hat{N} \rightarrow M \setminus Q_0$ surjective

Global structure of exponential mapping

- Decomposition in the preimage of Exp :

$$\widehat{N} \supset \bigcup_{i=1}^4 N_i, \text{cl}(\bigcup_{i=1}^4 N_i) \supset \widehat{N},$$

$$N_i = \{(\lambda, t) \in D_i \mid 0 < t < t_{\text{Max}}^1(\lambda)\},$$

$$D_i = \{(\lambda, t) \in N \mid \text{sgn } c_{t/2} = \pm 1, \text{sgn } \sin \theta_{t/2} = \pm 1\}.$$

- Decomposition in the image of Exp :

$$M \supset M_1 \cup M_2, \text{cl}(M_1 \cup M_2) = M,$$

$$M_i = \{(x, y, Q) \in M \mid q_3 > 0, \text{sgn}(xq_1 + yq_2) = \pm 1\}.$$

- Conjecture:

$\text{Exp} : N_1, N_3 \rightarrow M_1$ are diffeomorphisms,

$\text{Exp} : N_2, N_4 \rightarrow M_2$ are diffeomorphisms.

Steps required to prove the conjecture

- N_i, M_i connected, open (proved: diffeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}^4 \times S^1$),
- $N_i/\{\Phi^\beta \mid \beta \in S^1\}, M_i/\{\Phi^\beta \mid \beta \in S^1\}$ simply connected (proved : diffeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}^4$),
- $\text{Exp}(N_1), \text{Exp}(N_3) \subset M_1, \text{Exp}(N_2), \text{Exp}(N_4) \subset M_2$ (proved),
- $\text{Exp}(\partial N_i) \subset \partial M_1 \cup \partial M_2$ (proved),
- $\text{Exp} : N_1, N_3 \rightarrow M_1, \text{Exp} : N_2, N_4 \rightarrow M_2$ proper (partially proved),
- $\text{Exp}|_{N_i}$ nondegenerate (numerical evidence).

Algorithm for solution to the problem (modulo the conjecture)

- $Q_1 \in M_1 \cup M_2 \Rightarrow$ optimal trajectory $Q_s = ?$
- $Q_1 \in M_1 \Rightarrow$
 $\exists!(\lambda_1, t_1) \in N_1$ such that $\text{Exp}(\lambda_1, t_1) = Q_1$,
 $\exists!(\lambda_3, t_3) \in N_3$ such that $\text{Exp}(\lambda_3, t_3) = Q_1$,
 $t_1 < t_3 \Rightarrow Q_s^1 = \text{Exp}(\lambda_1, s)$ optimal,
 $t_1 > t_3 \Rightarrow Q_s^3 = \text{Exp}(\lambda_3, s)$ optimal,
 $t_1 = t_3 \Rightarrow Q_s^1, Q_s^3$ optimal.
- $Q_1 \in M_2 \Rightarrow$ similarly for $(\lambda_2, t_2) \in N_2, (\lambda_4, t_4) \in N_4$.

Results and plans for the plate-ball problem

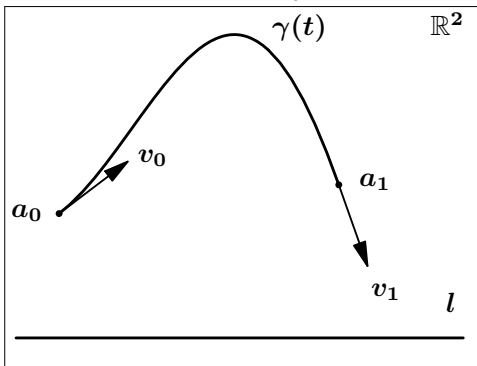
- parameterization of extremal trajectories,
- symmetries and Maxwell points,
- upper bound on cut time,
- global structure of the exponential mapping,
- software for numerical solution to the plate-ball problem.

The zoo of invariant optimal control problems on Lie groups governed by the pendulum

$$\ddot{\theta} = -r \sin(\theta - \alpha)$$

- SR problem on the group of motions of a plane
- Euler's elastic problem
- SR problem on the Engel group
- nilpotent SR problem with the growth vector $(2, 3, 5)$
- the plate-ball problem

Euler's elastic problem



Given: $l > 0$, $a_0, a_1 \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $v_0 \in T_{a_0}\mathbb{R}^2$, $v_1 \in T_{a_1}\mathbb{R}^2$, $|v_0| = |v_1| = 1$.

Find: $\gamma(t)$, $t \in [0, t_1]$:

$$\gamma(0) = a_0, \gamma(t_1) = a_1, \dot{\gamma}(0) = v_0, \dot{\gamma}(t_1) = v_1.$$

$$|\dot{\gamma}(t)| \equiv 1 \Rightarrow t_1 = l$$

Elastic energy $J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{t_1} k^2 dt \rightarrow \min$, $k(t)$ — curvature of $\gamma(t)$.

Results for Euler's elastic problem

- Parameterization of extremal trajectories,
- Symmetries, Maxwell strata, Maxwell time,
- Bound of conjugate time,
- Global structure of exponential mapping,
- Software for computation of optimal elasticae.

Global structure of exponential mapping

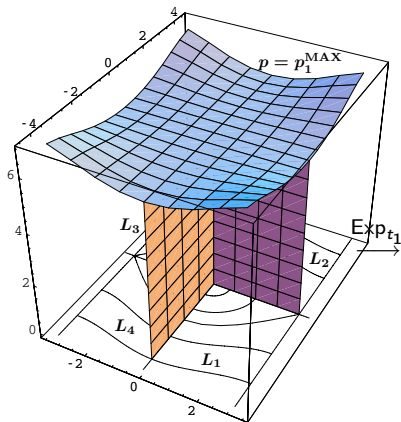


Figure: $\tilde{N} = \cup_{i=1}^4 L_i$

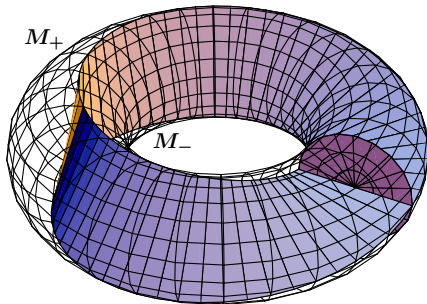
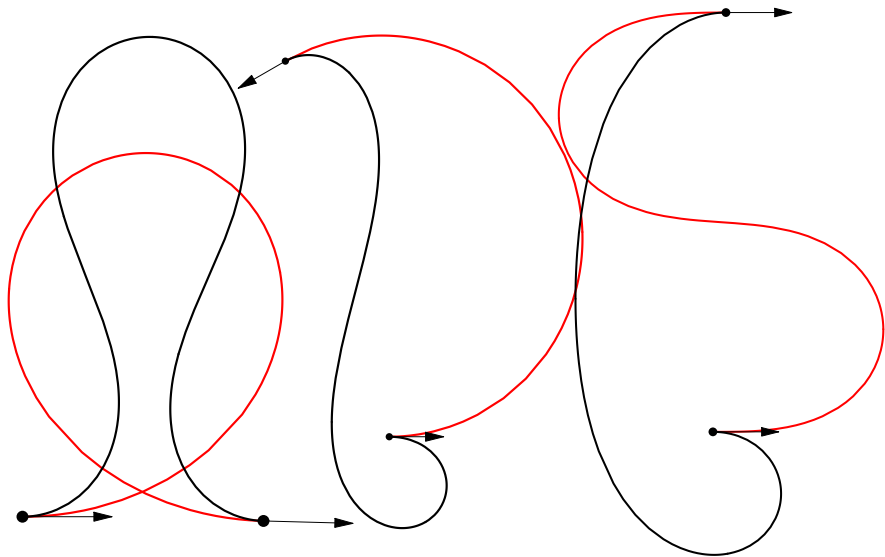


Figure: $\tilde{M} = M_+ \cup M_-$

$\text{Exp}_{t_1} : L_1, L_3 \rightarrow M_+$ diffeo,

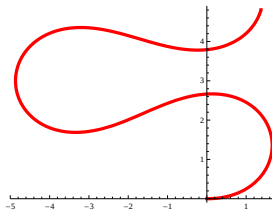
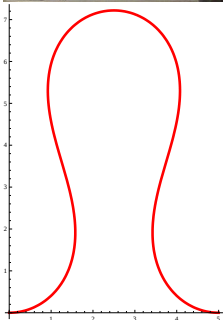
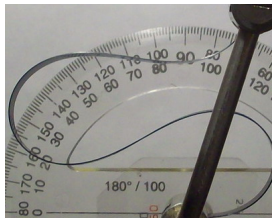
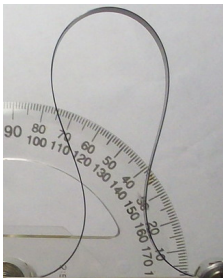
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Competing elasticae

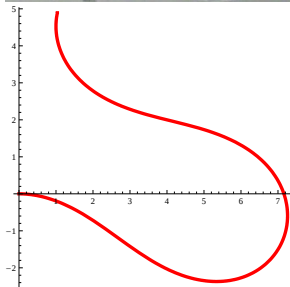
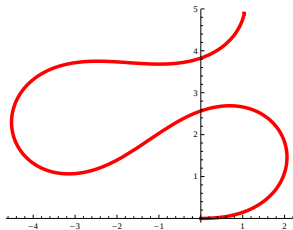
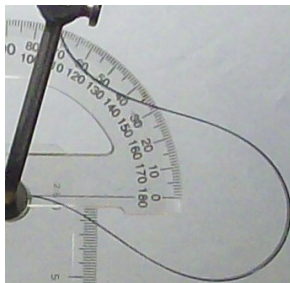
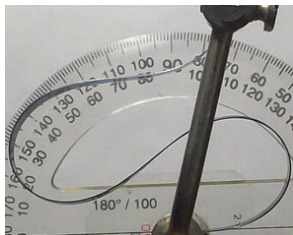


Movies with globally optimal elasticae ...

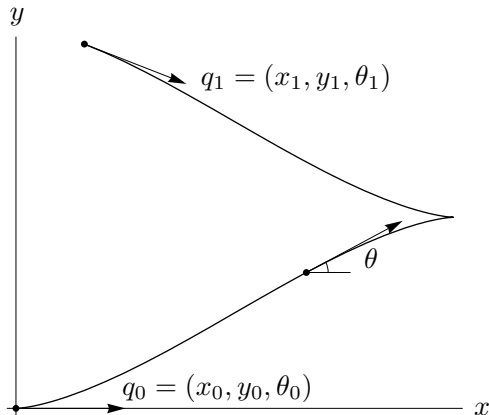
One-parameter family of elasticae with loss of optimality



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SR problem on SE(2)



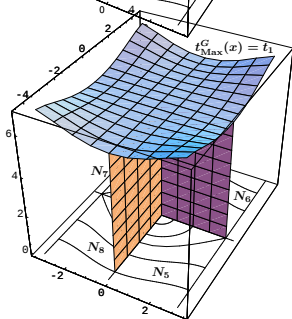
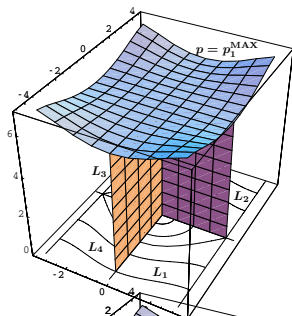
$$q(0) = q_0, \quad q(t_1) = q_1,$$

$$I = \int_0^{t_1} \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \beta^2 \dot{\theta}^2} dt \rightarrow \min \quad (\beta = 1)$$

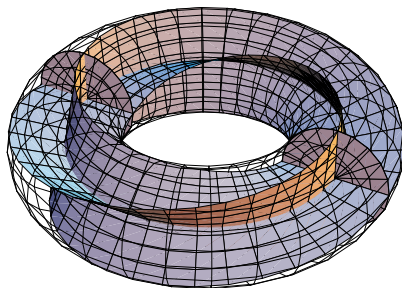
Results for SR problem on $SE(2)$

- Parameterization of extremal trajectories,
- Symmetries, Maxwell strata, Maxwell time,
- Bound of conjugate time,
- Global structure of exponential mapping,
- Global structure of cut locus and spheres,
- Software for computation of optimal trajectories,
- Application to reconstruction of images.

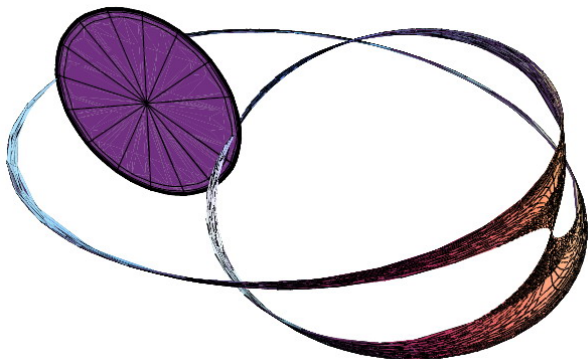
Global structure of exponential mapping



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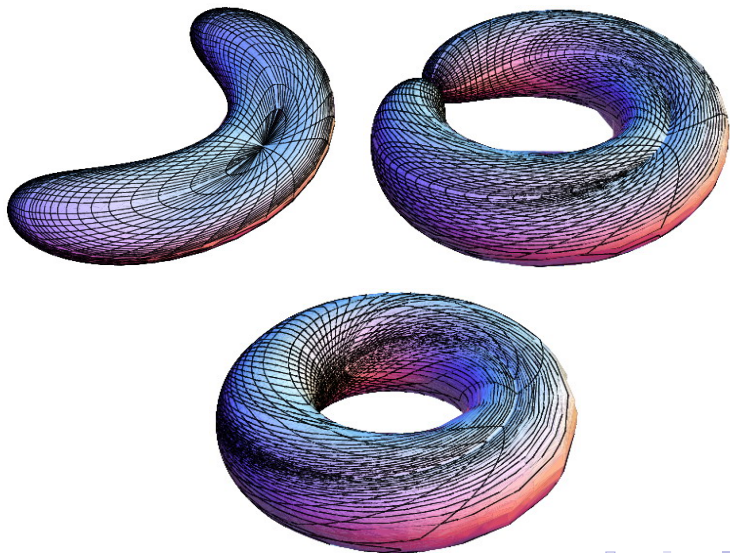


Cut locus: global view

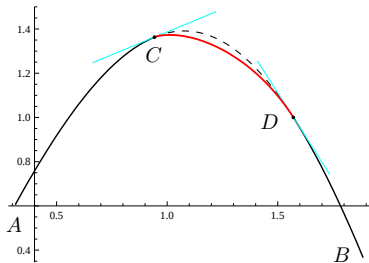
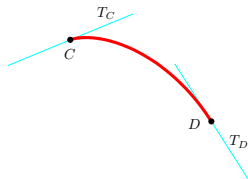
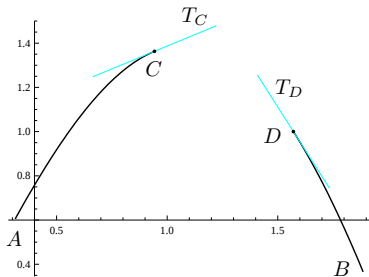
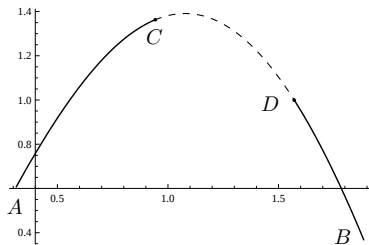


Global structure of sub-Riemannian spheres:

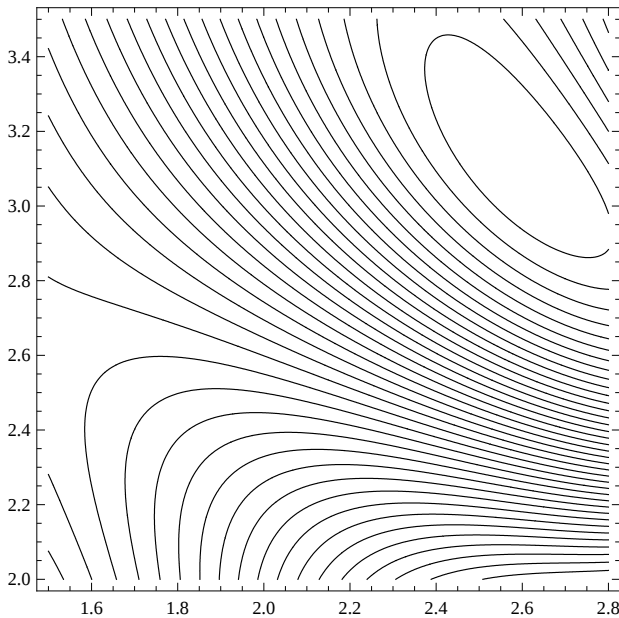
$$R < \pi, \quad R = \pi, \quad R > \pi$$



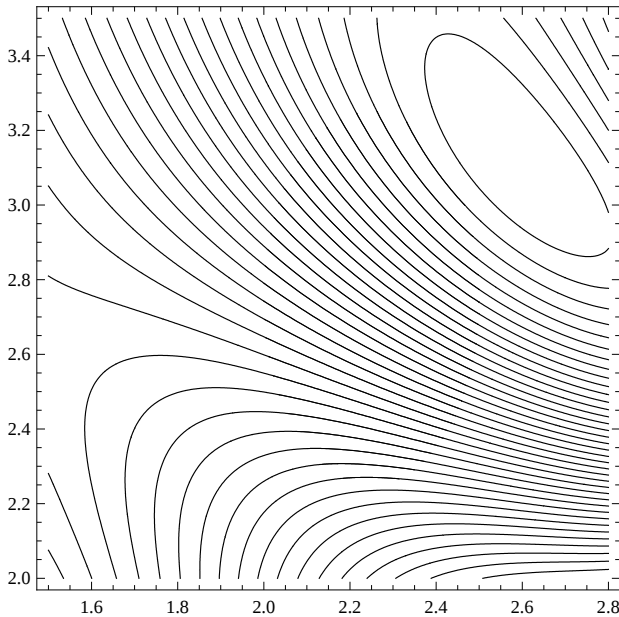
Application: Antropomorphic restoration of curves



Initial family of curves



Restored family of curves



SR problem on the Engel group

- $L = \text{Lie}(X_1, X_2)$: $[X_1, X_2] = X_3$, $[X_1, X_3] = X_4$,
- SR structure on the 4-dim Lie group M :
 $\Delta = \text{span}(X_1, X_2)$, $\langle X_i, X_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$, $i, j = 1, 2$,
- SR problem:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{q} &= u_1 X_1(q) + u_2 X_2(q), & q \in M, & \quad u = (u_1, u_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \\ q(0) &= q_0, & q(t_1) &= q_1, \\ I &= \int_0^{t_1} \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2} dt \rightarrow \min.\end{aligned}$$

Results for SR problem on the Engel group

- Parameterization of extremal trajectories,
- Symmetries, Maxwell strata, Maxwell time.

Nilpotent (2, 3, 5) SR problem

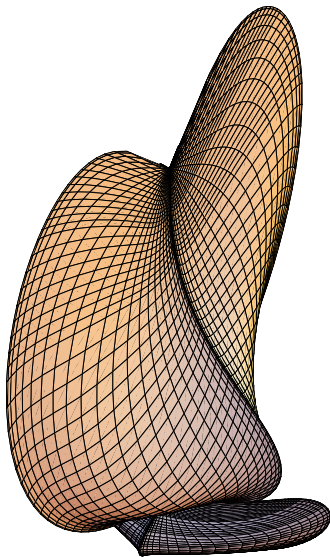
- $L = \text{Lie}(X_1, X_2)$: $[X_1, X_2] = X_3$, $[X_1, X_3] = X_4$, $[X_2, X_3] = X_5$,
- SR structure on the 5-dim Lie group M :
 $\Delta = \text{span}(X_1, X_2)$, $\langle X_i, X_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$, $i, j = 1, 2$,
- SR problem:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{q} &= u_1 X_1(q) + u_2 X_2(q), & q &\in M, & u &= (u_1, u_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \\ q(0) &= q_0, & q(t_1) &= q_1, \\ I &= \int_0^{t_1} \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2} dt \rightarrow \min.\end{aligned}$$

Results for nilpotent $(2, 3, 5)$ SR problem

- Parameterization of extremal trajectories,
- Symmetries, Maxwell strata, Maxwell time,
- Bound of conjugate time.

Caustic in nilpotent $(2, 3, 5)$ SR problem



Deciding optimality of extremal trajectories

1. Groups of symmetries $G_{\text{pend}} \supset G_{\text{ad}} \supset G_{\text{Exp}} =: G$
2. Action of G in preimage and image of Exp. Fixed points
3. Maxwell set Max^G . The first Maxwell time t_{Max}^G
4. The bound $t_{\text{conj}} \geq t_{\text{Max}}^G$. Conclusion: $t_{\text{cut}} \leq t_{\text{Max}}^G$.
5. Stratification in the preimage and image of Exp.
6. $\begin{aligned} &:) \#(\text{doms in preimage}) = \#(\text{doms in image}) \Rightarrow t_{\text{cut}} = t_{\text{Max}}^G \\ &:(\#(\text{doms in preimage}) > \#(\text{doms in image}) \\ &\quad \Rightarrow t_{\text{cut}} < t_{\text{Max}}^G \Rightarrow \text{competing trajectories} \end{aligned}$
7. Reduction of optimal control problem to systems of equations with a unique root in each domain.

Comparing “complexity” of the optimal control problems

Problem	growth	dim G	extremals	lines	$\text{MAX}^i \cap \text{MAX}^j$	$\frac{\#_{\text{pre}}}{\#_{\text{im}}}$
SE(2)	(2, 3)	0	Jacobi's	15	0	1
Euler	(2, 3)	0	Jacobi's	20	1	2
Engel	(2, 3, 4)	1	Jacobi's	25	0	2
Cartan	(2, 3, 5)	2	Jacobi's	35	2	1
S^2 on $\mathbb{R}^2$	(2, 3, 5)	1	Jac, Ell(III)	19	∞	2

Observations and questions

- Why pendulum?
- Any more problems governed by pendulum?
- The case $\#_{\text{pre}} > \#_{\text{im}}$ (Euler, Engel, S^2 on $\mathbb{R}^2$):
 - Non-obvious symmetries and Maxwell strata,
 - Violation of Rolle's theorem for SR problems.
- Countable number of analytic strata in SR sphere (S^2 on $\mathbb{R}^2$) ?
- Deciding optimality: From method to theory?