

HYDRODYNAMICS AS inf.-dim. RIEMANNIAN GEOMETRY.

1. Motivation: KOLMOGOROV'S 1958/59 Seminar on Turbulence

- understand turbulence in low viscosity regime,
- identify "chaotic attractors",
- explain experimental results (e.g. KOLM.'41);
- "geometrization programs"
(fluids - ARNOLD, statistics - CHENTSOV ...?)

2. ARNOLD (1966):

- M^n - compact, Rie. mfd with or w/o bdy, "fixed fluid vessel"
(e.g.: $T^n, S^n, \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ - $n=2,3 \dots$)
domain
- μ - Riem. volume form,

fluid particles do not split/fuse

- Fluid's configuration space:

$$D_\mu = \text{group of diffeomorphisms of } M \text{ preserving } \mu$$

fluid is incompressible

- As in classical mechanics, fluid motions trace out in the config. space geodesic paths of the metric defined by the kinetic energy

Here: ass. the L^2 -inner product of vector fields on M .

3. EBIN-MARSDEN (1970):

Topologize the configuration space \mathcal{D}_μ with a "reasonable" topology, e.g.:

H^s -Sobolev

$(s > \frac{n}{2} + 1)$

or

$C^{1,\alpha}$ -Hölder

$(0 < \alpha < 1)$

or a more "exotic" function space

... etc.

so that the corresp. completion, e.g.

Sobolev \mathcal{D}_μ^s - becomes a topological group

and

a C^∞ Hilbert mfd

and the L^2 -geodesic equations do not

"lose derivatives" \iff O.D.E.!

4. Eulerian and Lagrangian formulations are only FORMALLY equivalent. E.g., the corresp. data-to-solution maps:

Eulerian:

$u_0 \rightarrow u$
is at best cts!

while

Lagrangian:

$u_0 \rightarrow (\gamma, \dot{\gamma})$
is C^∞ -smooth!

The Cauchy Problem for the Euler eqns has a long history:
LICHTENSTEIN, GÜNTHER, WOLIBNER
(1920/30's)
...

Banach/Picard iterations

In part.: the L^2 metric has a well-defined exponential map:

$$\text{exp}_e: \mathcal{U} \subset T_e D_\mu^s \xrightarrow{\text{open}} D_\mu^s$$

$$\text{exp}_e(tu_0) := \gamma(t) \leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{the unique } L^2\text{-geodesic} \\ \text{from } e \text{ in dir. } u_0 \end{cases}$$

COR. (EBIN-MARSDEN):

exp_e is a local diffeomorphism (by the IFT).

\Rightarrow locally O.K. but globally we encounter singularities ...

⇒ study singularities of the L^2 -expe in D_μ^S as conjugate points of the classical RG.

• In infinite-dim. expect trouble:

• 2 types → mono-conjugate ($d\text{expe}$ is not 1-1)
→ epi-conjugate ($d\text{expe}$ is not onto).

• ∞ -order of conjugacy (of either type).

• accumulation pts along finite geodesic segments.

• Need more examples - incl. pathological. ← Later ...

• No such pathologies in 2D!

↓ etc.:

EBIN-M.-PRESTON (2006):

M^n - compact, Riem. *poss. with bdry*

• $n=2 \Leftrightarrow L^2$ -expe is a nonlinear Fredholm map of index=0;

• $n=3 \Leftrightarrow$ Fredholm property fails in general.

← ... BENN (2018)

↙ E.g.: take $M=S^3$, $u_0 =$ left-inv. Killing field
then: $\text{ran } d\text{expe}(\pi u_0)$ is not closed in H^S

↑ special case? ...

↘ (• SMALE (1965)
• 2D L^2 -expe like a map between fin-dim. mflds.

... some results:

(higher-order metrics)

• M. PRESTON (2010):

- ↳ M^3 - compact, Riem. $\partial M = \emptyset$ ($\tau > 0$)
- ↳ $\mathcal{D}_\mu^s(M^3)$ equipped with a right-inv. Sobolev H^τ -metric
- ↳ $\Rightarrow H^\tau$ -exp $_e$ is Fredholm of index = 0.

• LICHTENFELZ-M. PRESTON (2018): (presence of symmetries)

- ↳ M^3 - compact or asympt. euclidean Riem. with a Killing field K ,
- ↳ $u_0 \in T_e \mathcal{D}_\mu^s$ - K /axis-symmetric v. field with no swirl / small swirl
- ↳ $\Rightarrow \text{dexpe}(tu_0)$ is Fredholm of index = 0.

K -structures on M^3 :

$v \in T_e \mathcal{D}_\mu^s$ is K -symmetric if $[v, K] = 0$.

↳ $T_e \mathcal{A}_\mu^s$ is a "Lie algebra" and $\mathcal{A}_\mu^s := \{ \eta \in \mathcal{D}_\mu^s : \eta \text{ commutes with } K \text{-flow} \}$ is a top. group

$v \in T_e \mathcal{A}_\mu^s$ is swirl-free if $\langle v, K \rangle = 0$.
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{=: \text{swirl of } v}$
 and C^∞ Hilbert submfld of \mathcal{D}_μ^s (totally geodesic!)

↳ $T_e \mathcal{A}_{\mu,0}^s$ is a "Lie algebra" iff $K^\perp := \{ v : \langle v, K \rangle = 0 \}$ is an integrable distribution in M^3

and

$\mathcal{A}_{\mu,0}^s := \{ \eta \in \mathcal{A}_\mu^s : \eta \text{ preserves leaves of } K^\perp \}$ is also a top. group and a C^∞ Hilbert submfld of \mathcal{A}_μ^s (totally geodesic!).

• Another geometric result on 2D/3D "dichotomy":

SHNIRELMAN (1985/1994): $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{diam}^{L^2}(\mathcal{D}_\mu^s(M^3)) < +\infty \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{compact, simply connected} \\ \text{Riemannian mfd} \end{array}$

ELIASBERG-RATIU (1991): $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{diam}^{L^2}(\mathcal{D}_\mu^s(B^{2n})) = +\infty \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{unit } 2n\text{-ball} \\ \text{or} \\ \text{any compact, exact symplectic} \\ \text{(with bdy) mfd} \end{array}$

• More consequences of Fredholmness:

• Hydrodyn. Morse Index Theorem [M.-PRESTON, 2010];

• Calculation of normal forms for the L^2 -expe and the classification of singularities (as cusps, folds ... etc) [LICHTENFELZ, 2018];

• L^2 -expe is not 1-1 near its conjugate pts.

HD interpretation: any H^s neighb. of a conjugate pt in $\mathcal{D}_\mu^s(M^2)$ contains fluid configurations that can be reached from e by two distinct fluid flows in same time.