



## REDUCTION OF EXACT CONTACT MANIFOLDS

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**Abstract.** Let  $(M, \alpha, \omega)$  be a contact manifold in the sense of Okassa. We consider Marsden-Weinstein reduction theorem which induces Jacobi-Liouville theorem as special case. The aim of this paper is to describe the Hamiltonian dynamics, integrability of characteristic distribution on a contact manifold and study the reduction.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $M$  be a paracompact and connected smooth manifold,  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$  the algebra of smooth functions on  $M$  with unit 1,  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  the  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$ -module of vector fields on  $M$  and  $\mathcal{D}(M)$  the  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$ -module of first order differential operators endowed with a Lie algebra structure. A Lie-Rinehart algebra over  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$  is a pair  $(\mathcal{G}, \rho)$  where  $\mathcal{G}$  is simultaneously a  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$ -module and a  $\mathbb{R}$ -Lie algebra with bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ , and

$$\rho : \mathcal{G} \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}(M)$$

is simultaneously a morphism of  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$ -modules and of  $\mathbb{R}$ -Lie algebras verifying

$$[x, f \cdot y] = [\rho(x)(f) - f \cdot \rho(x)(1)] \cdot y + f \cdot [x, y]$$

for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{G}$  and any  $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$  (see [8],[9],[10],[11], [7], [6] for the complete bibliography). A differential operator on  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear map

$$\varphi : \mathcal{C}^\infty(M) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$$

such that

$$\varphi(f \cdot g) = \varphi(f) \cdot g + f \cdot \varphi(g) - f \cdot g \cdot \varphi(1)$$

for any  $f, g \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$ . The differential operator term will mean further first order differential operator. Let  $\delta$  the cohomology operator associated with the representation

$$id : \mathcal{D}(M) \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}(M).$$

The set  $\mathcal{D}(M)$  admits a symplectic Lie-Rinehart-Jacobi algebra iff there exist

a  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$ -linear form

$$\alpha : \mathcal{D}(M) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$$

such that  $\delta\alpha = \delta 1 \wedge \alpha$  and a nondegenerate skew-symmetric bilinear form

$$\omega : \mathcal{D}(M) \times \mathcal{D}(M) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$$

such that  $\delta\omega = -\alpha \wedge \omega$ . In this case, there exists a unique vector field  $H$  on  $M$  such that  $i_H\omega = -\delta 1$ . Moreover the linear form

$$i_1\omega : \mathcal{D}(M) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M), \varphi \longmapsto \omega(1, \varphi)$$

is such that  $i_1\omega(H) = 1$  [11].

Let  $G$  be a compact and connected Lie group acting smoothly on a smooth closed and connected manifold  $M$ . If  $A : G \times M \longrightarrow M$  is the action of  $G$  on  $M$ , we write simply  $A(x, g) = x \cdot g$ . If  $\text{Diff}^k(M)$  is the group of all  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -diffeomorphisms of  $M$ , the group  $\text{Diff}_G^k(M)$  of  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -equivariant diffeomorphisms is by definition

$$\text{Diff}_G^k(M) = \left\{ h \in \text{Diff}^k(M) / h(x \cdot g) = h(x) \cdot g, \forall x \in M, \forall g \in G \right\}.$$

When  $\mathcal{L}$  is a Lie algebra, its commutator  $[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}]$  is defined to be the subset of elements which can be expressed as a finite sum of brackets. The cohomology we consider is the usual Lie algebra cohomology with real coefficients [3]. It is well known fact [3], [2] that the first cohomology group  $\mathcal{H}^1(\mathcal{L})$  is the linear space dual to  $\mathcal{L}/[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}]$ .

## 2. HAMILTONIAN DYNAMICS FOR CONTACT MANIFOLDS

For any  $\eta \in \mathcal{L}_{sks}(\mathcal{D}(M), \mathcal{C}^\infty(M))$ , the cohomology operator  $\delta_\alpha$  associated with the representation  $\rho_\alpha : \mathcal{D}(M) \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}(M)$  is defined by  $\delta_\alpha\eta = \delta\eta + (\alpha - \delta 1) \wedge \eta$ . In particular  $\delta_\alpha 1 = \alpha$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** [11] *Let the pair  $(\mathcal{D}(M), \rho)$  is a Lie-Rinehart algebra, then the map  $\rho$  is always of the form*

$$\rho_\alpha : \mathcal{D}(M) \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}(M), \varphi \longmapsto \varphi + (\alpha - \delta 1)(\varphi),$$

where

$$\alpha : \mathcal{D}(M) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$$

is a linear form such that  $\delta\alpha = (\delta 1) \wedge \alpha$ .

If  $\mathcal{D}(M)$  admits a symplectic Lie-rinehart algebra structure, then there exist a nondegenerate skew-symmetric bilinear form  $\omega$  and a linear form  $\alpha$  satisfying

- (i)  $\delta_\alpha\omega = \delta\omega - (\delta 1 - \alpha) \wedge \omega$ ;
- (ii)  $\delta_\alpha\alpha = \delta\alpha - (\delta 1) \wedge \alpha = 0$ .

A smooth function  $f : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  gives rise to a differential operator  $\varphi_f$  uniquely defined by the equation  $i_{\varphi_f}\omega = \delta_\alpha f = \delta f + f \cdot (\alpha - \delta 1)$  called the Hamiltonian differential operator with Hamiltonian  $f$  and  $X_f$  the unique element of  $\ker(i_1\omega/\mathfrak{X}(M))$  such that

$$i_{X_f}\omega = \delta_\alpha f - [H(f) + f \cdot \alpha(H)] \cdot i_1\omega - f \cdot [1 + \alpha(1)] \cdot \delta 1.$$

Let

$$H_\alpha = \alpha(1) \cdot [H + \alpha(H)]; \varphi_f = H(f) + f \cdot \alpha(H) + X_f - f \cdot \alpha(1) \cdot H.$$

If  $\{f, g\} = -\omega(\varphi_f, \varphi_g) = -\omega(X_f, X_g) - f \cdot H_\alpha(g) + g \cdot H_\alpha(f)$ , for all  $f, g \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$ , then this bracket is a Jacobi bracket on  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$  and  $M$  is a Jacobi manifold [11], [6]. Recall that  $(\mathcal{C}^\infty(M), \{, \})$  is an infinite dimensional Lie algebra, it is called a Jacobi algebra of  $M$ ; it play a major role in several parts of Mathematics and Mechanics. The above bracket relates to the bracket on forms as follows

$$\delta_\alpha\{f, g\} = \{\delta_\alpha f, \delta_\alpha g\}.$$

We point out that  $\varphi_{\{f, g\}} = [\varphi_f, \varphi_g]$ . Similary  $(\mathcal{C}^\infty(M), \{, \})_c$  denotes the Jacobi algebra of compactly supported functions. According to [11], let setting  $H_\alpha = [1 + \alpha(1)] \cdot \rho_\alpha(H)$ , one obtains

$$\{f, g\} = -\omega(X_f, X_g) - f \cdot H_\alpha(g) + g \cdot H_\alpha(f),$$

and the dimension of  $M$  is odd. In [6], the author verifies that  $\theta_{\varphi_f}\omega = 0$ , where  $\theta_{\varphi_f}$  is Lie derivative with respect to the differential operator  $\varphi_f$ . We denote  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(M)$  the Lie algebra of Hamiltonian differential operators with the usual Lie bracket for differential operators  $[\varphi, \psi] = \varphi \circ \psi - \psi \circ \varphi$ . One defines the gradient of  $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$  as the differential operator  $\varphi_f$  with the following property, for any  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}(M)$ ,  $\omega(\varphi_f, \psi) = (\delta_\alpha)(\psi)$ . Let

$$\pi : \mathcal{C}^\infty(M) \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}_\omega(M)$$

be the gradient mapping. One has easily  $\pi(\mathcal{C}^\infty(M)) \subset \mathcal{D}_\omega(M)$ . A differential operator is called Hamiltonian if it lies in the image of  $\pi$  and one has  $\pi(\mathcal{C}^\infty(M)) = \mathcal{D}_\omega(M)$ . Since  $M$  is supposed to be connected, two Hamiltonian for the same differential operator only differ by a constant. The map  $\pi$  is a Lie algebra morphism. Let  $\mathcal{D}_H(M)$  be the Lie algebra of Hamiltonian differential operators on  $M$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_H^\infty(M)$  be the Lie algebra of smooth functions on  $M$ . The compactness of  $M$  is established by the next theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $(M, \alpha, \omega)$  be an exact contact manifold. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- 1)  $M$  is compact;
- 2)  $\pi$  has a right inverse in the category of Lie algebra;
- 3)  $\mathcal{C}_H^\infty(M) \neq [\mathcal{C}_H^\infty(M), \mathcal{C}_H^\infty(M)]$ ;
- 4)  $\mathcal{H}^1(\mathcal{C}_H^\infty(M)) \neq \{0\}$ .

**Proof.** For more details we refer the reader to [3], [1],[2], [4].

Let

$$\mathcal{L}_\omega(M) = \{\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(M), \delta_\alpha(i_\varphi\omega) = 0\}$$

be the Lie algebra of symplectic differential operators and

$$\mathcal{D}_H(M) = \text{Ham}(M) = \{\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(M), i_\varphi\omega \text{ is } \delta_\alpha - \text{exact}\} \subset \mathcal{L}_\omega(M).$$

**Proposition 2.2.** *Suppose that  $M$  is compact, then  $\mathcal{C}_H^\infty(M)$  is weakly integrable. For noncompact  $M$ , then Jacobi algebra  $(\mathcal{C}^\infty(M), \{, \})_c$  is weakly integrable.*

**Proof.** The symplectic gradient mapping  $\pi$  is a surjective Lie algebra homomorphism, with kernel  $\mathbb{R}$  (provided that  $M$  is connected). The sequence of Lie algebra

$$\{0\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}_H^\infty(M) \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}_H(M) \longrightarrow \{0\}$$

is exact. According to [4], the above sequence splits iff  $M$  is compact. In this case,  $\mathcal{C}_H^\infty(M)$  is isomorphic as Lie algebra with  $\mathcal{D}_H(M) \cdot \mathbb{R}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{C}_H^\infty(M)$  is weakly integrable if  $M$  is compact. In the noncompact case, the proof is obvious.

**Lemma 2.1.** *The fundamental group  $\pi_1(M)$  of  $M$  admits a real central extension which acts on  $\widehat{M} \cdot \mathbb{S}^1$  as a subgroup of the group of contact diffeomorphisms [5] of  $(\widehat{M} \cdot \mathbb{S}^1, \alpha, \omega)$ .*

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $(M, \alpha, \omega)$  be a contact manifold such that the pullback of  $\omega$  and  $\alpha$  to the universal covering of  $M$  is  $\delta_\alpha$ -exact, then  $\mathcal{C}_H^\infty(M)$  is isomorphic to the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{L}$  of differential operators which preserve the contact forms on  $\widehat{M} \cdot \mathbb{S}^1$  and which invariant by the contact action of a central extension of the fundamental group of  $M$ .*

Set

$$I_\alpha(M) = \{f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(M), \alpha(\varphi_f) = 0\}.$$

For the triple  $(M, \alpha, \omega)$  the fundamental vector field  $\varphi_1$  (see [10], for more details) is the  $\omega$ -dual of the linear form  $\alpha$ , i.e.,  $\varphi_1$  is a differential operator on  $M$  defined by  $i_{\varphi_1}\omega = \alpha$ . Then a smooth  $f$  on  $M$  is sits in  $I_\alpha(M)$  iff  $\delta f(\varphi_1)$  vanishes identically on  $M$  in view of the equalities  $\alpha(\varphi_f) = -i_{\varphi_f}i_{\varphi_1}\omega = -\delta f(\varphi_1)$ . We verify that the pair  $(I_\alpha(M), \{, \})$  is a Poisson algebra.

**Lemma 2.2.** (i) *If  $f \in I_\alpha(M)$ , then  $f$  is constant along the flow of  $\varphi_f$ .*  
(ii) *Let  $G_t$  be the flow of  $\varphi_t$ . Then  $G_t^*\omega = \omega, G_t^*\alpha = \alpha$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  iff  $f \in I_\alpha(M)$ .*

**Proof.** The proof presents no difficulty.

### 3. INTEGRABILITY OF CHARACTERISTIC DISTRIBUTION

Let  $TM$  be the tangent vector bundle of  $M$ . The  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$ -module  $\mathcal{D}(M)$  is the  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$ -module of sections of the vector bundle  $\mathbb{R} \times TM \longrightarrow M$ . As  $\omega$  is a nondegenerate skew-symmetric 2-form on  $\mathcal{D}(M)$ , then for any  $x \in M, \omega_x : (\mathbb{R} \times T_xM) \times (\mathbb{R} \times T_xM) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a nondegenerate skew-symmetric 2-form on  $\mathbb{R} \times T_xM$ . Thus the dimension of  $M$  is odd.

Let  $N$  be a submanifold of a contact manifold  $(M, \alpha, \omega)$ . Let  $i : N \hookrightarrow M$  be the standard inclusion of  $N$  in  $M$ . One notes

$$(\mathbb{R} \times T_xN)^\omega = \{\varphi_x \in (\mathbb{R} \times T_xM) / \omega_x(\varphi_x, \psi_x) = 0, \forall \psi_x \in (\mathbb{R} \times T_xN)\}.$$

For every  $x \in N$ , assume that  $\dim(\mathbb{R} \times T_xN)^\omega \cap (\mathbb{R} \times T_xN)$  is constant.

By  $(\mathbb{R} \times TN)^\omega \cap (\mathbb{R} \times TN)$  we denote a characteristic distribution

$$\bigcup_{x \in N} (\mathbb{R} \times T_xN)^\omega \cap (\mathbb{R} \times T_xN)$$

which is a subbundle of tangent bundle to  $\mathbb{R} \times N$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *The characteristic distribution  $(\mathbb{R} \times T_x N)^\omega \cap (\mathbb{R} \times T_x N)$  is involutive.*

**Proof.** Let  $\varphi, \psi$  be smooth sections of  $(\mathbb{R} \times TN)^\omega \cap (\mathbb{R} \times TN)$ . Let  $\phi$  be a smooth differential operator on  $N$ . We have  $\delta\omega(\varphi, \psi, \phi) = -\omega([\varphi, \psi], \phi)$ . On the other hand  $\delta\omega = (\delta 1 - \alpha) \wedge \omega$ . Therefore  $\delta\omega(\varphi, \psi, \phi) = 0$ . Thus we get  $\omega([\varphi, \psi], \phi) = 0$  for every differential operator on  $N$ . On the other  $[\varphi, \psi]$  is a section of  $\mathbb{R} \times TN$ , since  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are sections of  $\mathbb{R} \times TN$ . Therefore  $[\varphi, \psi]$  is a smooth section of  $(\mathbb{R} \times TN)^\omega \cap (\mathbb{R} \times TN)$ .

#### 4. MOMENT MAPS FOR EXACT CONTACT MANIFOLDS

Let  $G$  be a Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  which acts smoothly on  $M$  preserving  $\omega$  and  $\alpha$ . for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}$ , we associate a differential operator  $\varphi_M$  on  $M$  obtained by the infinitesimal action of  $\varphi$ . Assume, for each  $\xi \in \mathcal{G}$ , a differentiable function  $J_\xi$  exists in such a way that the Hamiltonian differential operator  $\Phi_{J_\xi}$  coincides with  $\xi_M$ . Let  $J : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^*$  a moment map such that  $\langle \xi, J(x) \rangle = J_\xi(x)$ ,  $x \in M$ . Note that  $J$  is always  $G$ -equivariant.

Let  $\mathcal{G}_{reg}^*$  be the set of all regular values of  $J$ , and for each  $\varrho \in \mathcal{G}^*$ , let  $G_\varrho$  be the isotropy subgroup of  $G$  at  $\varrho$ .

Set  $M_\varrho = J^{-1}(\varrho)/G_\varrho$ , and let  $\pi_\varrho : J^{-1}(\varrho) \rightarrow M_\varrho$  and  $i_\varrho : J^{-1}(\varrho) \hookrightarrow M$  be the projection and the inclusion, respectively.

For all  $\xi \in \mathcal{G}$ , we will implicitly assume in the whole section that  $\alpha(\xi_M) = 0$ . If an element  $g \in G$  is regarded as a diffeomorphism of  $M$ , we set  $\xi_M^g = (g)_*^{-1} \xi_M$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** *The moment map  $J : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^*$ ,  $x \mapsto J(x)$  is equivariant.*

**Proof.** By  $i_{\xi_M^g} \omega = i_{g^* J_\xi} \omega$ , we have  $g^* J_\xi = J_{Ad_{(g^{-1})} \xi}$ , i.e., this means the equivariance of the moment map  $J$ .

We verify that  $[\Phi_{J_\xi}, \Phi_{J_\varrho}] = -\Phi_{J_{[\xi, \varrho]}}$ , for all  $\xi, \varrho \in \mathcal{G}$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $\varrho \in \mathcal{G}_{reg}^*$  and  $x \in J^{-1}(\varrho)$ . If the action of  $M_\varrho$  on  $J^{-1}(\varrho)$  is free and proper, then on the tangent space  $T_x M$  of  $M$  at  $x$ , the following holds:*

- (i)  $T_x(G_\varrho \cdot x) = T_x(G \cdot x) \cap T_x(J^{-1}(\varrho))$ ;
- (ii) For every  $\Phi \in T_x(J^{-1}(\varrho))$  and  $\Psi \in T_x(G \cdot x)$ , then there exists an element  $\xi^\Psi$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $\omega(\Phi, \Psi) = J_{\xi^\Psi} \cdot \alpha(\Phi)$ .

**Proof.**

- (i) Let  $\mathcal{G}_\varrho$  be the Lie algebra of the isotropy subgroup  $G_\varrho$ . For any  $\xi \in \mathcal{G}$ , we have  $\delta J(\xi_M(x)) = ad(\xi)^*(\varrho)$  since  $J$  is equivariant. Hence  $\xi_M(x) \in T_x(J^{-1}(\varrho))$  iff  $ad(\xi)^*(\varrho) = 0$ , i.e.,  $\xi \in \mathcal{G}_\varrho$ .
- (ii) For  $\psi$ , suppose the existence of  $\xi^\psi \in \mathcal{G}$  such that the associated differential operator  $\xi_M^\psi$  coincides with  $\psi$ . Thus  $\omega(\Phi, \Psi) = -i_\Phi(i_\Psi \omega) = J_{\xi^\psi} \cdot \alpha(\Phi)$ , as desired.

**Remark 4.1.** *In particular  $T_x(J^{-1}(\varrho))$  is the  $\omega$ -orthogonal complement of  $T_x(G \cdot x)$  in  $T_x M$  iff  $J_{\xi^\psi} \cdot \alpha(\Phi) = 0$  for all  $\Phi \in T_x(J^{-1}(\varrho))$  and  $\Psi \in T_x(G \cdot x)$ .*

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $G$ -invariant smooth function. Let  $G_t$  be the flow of  $\varphi_t$ . For any point  $x \in M$ , if either  $x \in J^{-1}(0)$  or  $f \in I_\alpha(M)$ , then  $J(G_t(x)) = J(x)$ .*

**Proof.** The proof of this assertion is obvious.

**Theorem 4.1.** (i) *Let  $\varrho \in \mathcal{G}_{reg}^*$  be such that  $G_\varrho$  acts on  $J^{-1}(\varrho)$  properly and freely. Assume that  $i_\varrho^*\alpha = 0$ . Then  $M_\varrho$  admits a unique contact structure  $(\alpha_\varrho, \omega_\varrho)$  such that  $\pi_\varrho^*\omega_\varrho = i_\varrho^*\omega$ .*

(ii) *Suppose that  $0 \in \mathcal{G}_{reg}^*$  and that the isotropy subgroup  $G_0$  of  $G$  at  $0$  acts on  $J^{-1}(0)$  properly and freely. Then  $M_0$  admits a contact structure  $(\alpha_0, \omega_0)$  satisfying  $\pi_0^*(\alpha_0, \omega_0) = i_0^*(\alpha, \omega)$ .*

(iii) *Let  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $G$ -invariant smooth function and  $G_t$  the flow on  $M$  of the Hamiltonian differential operator  $\varphi_t$ . Suppose that either  $\varrho = 0$  or  $f \in I_\alpha(M)$ . Then the flow  $G_t$  canonically induces a flow  $\overline{G}_t$  on  $M_\varrho$  satisfying  $\pi_\varrho \circ G_t = \overline{G}_t \circ \pi_\varrho$  and  $f_\varrho \circ \pi_\varrho = f \circ i_\varrho$  for some  $f_\varrho \in C^\infty(M_\varrho)$ . Moreover  $f_\varrho$  is constant along the flow  $\overline{G}_t$  if  $f \in I_\alpha(M)$ .*

**Proof.** (i) Let  $\varrho \in \mathcal{G}_{reg}^*$  and  $\Phi \in T_x(J^{-1}(\varrho))$  for any  $x \in M$  such that  $\overline{\Phi} \in T_x(J^{-1}(\varrho))/T_x(G_\varrho \cdot x)$ . If either  $\varrho = 0$  or  $\alpha$  vanishes on  $T_x(J^{-1}(\varrho))$ , then on  $M_\varrho$ , we define  $\alpha_\varrho$  and  $\omega_\varrho$  by  $\alpha_\varrho(\overline{\Phi}) = \alpha(\Phi)$ ,  $\omega_\varrho(\overline{\Phi}, \overline{\Psi}) = \omega(\Phi, \Psi)$  for all  $\Phi, \Psi \in T_x(J^{-1}(\varrho))$ . We have easily  $\pi_\varrho^*(\alpha_\varrho, \omega_\varrho) = i_\varrho^*(\alpha, \omega)$ . Since  $\pi_\varrho$  and  $\delta\pi_\varrho$  are surjective, we deduce the assertion. By setting  $\varrho = 0$ , we obtain (ii). For the axiom (iii), we use the above proposition, the fact that  $f$  is  $G$ -invariant and the surjectivity of  $\pi_\varrho$ .

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