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Commutator Curves & Exponential Maps on Generalized Heisenberg Group

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Abstract

In this paper, we study commutator curves in terms of exponential maps in the generalized Lorentzian Heisenberg group.

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1. Introduction

In computer vision, the exponential map is the natural generalisation of the ordinary exponential function to matrix elements. The technique is based on generating a manifold embedding of the geometric features of the scene on which to estimate trajectories primarily of motion or invariance. An advantage of using the exponential map is the existence of a closed form time-update equation for the state.

2. Lorentzian Heisenberg Group H_{2n+1}

We begin with a well-known description of the Heisenberg group of dimension $2n+1$. Let $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$ be the Euclidean space with coordinates (x, y, t) where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$; $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$; $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then the Heisenberg group H_{2n+1} is this space with the following multiplication rule:

$$(x, y, t) \cdot (x', y', t') = (x + x', y + y', t + t' + \langle x, y' \rangle - \langle x', y \rangle),$$

where \langle , \rangle is a scalar product in \mathbb{R}^n . The element zero, $0 = (0, \dots, 0)$, is the unit of this group structure.

Let $H_{2n+1} = (\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}, g)$ be the Lorentzian Heisenberg group endowed with the Lorentzian metric g which is defined by

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$$g = \sum_{i=1}^n dx_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n dy_i^2 - (dt + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i dx_i - x_i dy_i))^2 \quad (2.1)$$

Note that the metric g is left invariant.

The vector fields

$$\mathbf{X}_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - \frac{1}{2} y_i \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad \mathbf{Y}_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} + \frac{1}{2} x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad \mathbf{T} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \quad (2.2)$$

are then left-invariant vector fields. We define the left-invariant metric on H_{2n+1} by taking $\{\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{Y}_i, \mathbf{T}\}$ as the orthonormal frame.

The bracket relations for our left-invariant fields

$$[\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{Y}_j] = 2\mathbf{T}, \quad [\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{Y}_j] = [\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{T}] = [\mathbf{Y}_i, \mathbf{T}] = 0, \quad i \neq j. \quad (2.2)$$

3. Exponential maps in H_{2n+1}

The mapping

$$\exp : h_{2n+1} \xrightarrow[X]{\rightarrow} H_{2n+1}$$

is called exponential mapping and for $\forall s, t \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\exp(t+s)X = \exp tX \exp sX.$$

Let $p \in H_{2n+1}$ and $f \in C^\infty(H_{2n+1})$. Since the homomorphism $\theta(t) = \exp tX$ satisfies $\theta'(0) = X$, we obtain

$$\tilde{X}_p f = X(f \circ L_p) = \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} f(p \exp tX) \right\}_{t=0}.$$

, [20].

It follows that the value of $\tilde{X}f$ at $(p \exp uX)$ is

$$[\tilde{X}f](p \exp uX) = \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} f(p \exp uX \exp tX) \right\}_{t=0} = \frac{d}{du} f(p \exp uX).$$

By induction

$$[\tilde{X}^m f](p \exp uX) = \frac{d^m}{du^m} f(p \exp uX).$$

The Taylor formula is given by

$$f(p \exp tX) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} [\tilde{X}^m f](g). \quad (3.1)$$

Theorem 3.2.

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(t\mathbf{E})\exp(t\mathbf{K}) = & \exp\left\{t\sum_{i=1}^n[(\alpha_i + \lambda_i)\mathbf{X}_i + (\beta_i + \mu_i)\mathbf{Y}_i + (\gamma + \xi)\mathbf{T}] \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{t^2}{2}\gamma\mathbf{T}(\xi)\mathbf{T} - \frac{t^2}{2}\xi\mathbf{T}(\gamma)\mathbf{T} + \frac{t^2}{2}\mathbf{\Pi}\right\} \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

where \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{K} are arbitrary vector field and $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \lambda_i, \mu_i, \gamma, \xi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{H}_{2n+1})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{\Pi} = & \left[\sum_{i=1, j=1}^n [\alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i + \alpha_i \mu_i \mathbf{T} - \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i \right. \\ & + \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\xi) \mathbf{T} - \xi \mathbf{T}(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i - \beta_i \lambda_i \mathbf{T} + \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i \\ & + \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i(\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j - \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j(\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i + \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i(\xi) \mathbf{T} - \xi \mathbf{T}(\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i \\ & \left. + \gamma \mathbf{T}(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\gamma) \mathbf{T} + \gamma \mathbf{T}(\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j + \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j - \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j(\gamma) \mathbf{T}] \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Assume that

$$\mathbf{E} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i + \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i + \gamma \mathbf{T},$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j + \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j + \xi \mathbf{T}$$

where $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \lambda_i, \mu_i, \gamma, \xi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{H}_{2n+1})$.

Then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{K}] = & \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i + \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i + \gamma \mathbf{T}, \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j + \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j + \xi \mathbf{T} \right] \\ = & \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j \right] + \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j \right] + \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i, \xi \mathbf{T} \right] \\ & + \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j \right] + \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j \right] + \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i, \xi \mathbf{T} \right] \\ & + \left[\gamma \mathbf{T}, \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j \right] + \left[\gamma \mathbf{T}, \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j \right] + [\gamma \mathbf{T}, \xi \mathbf{T}] \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j \right] = & \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \alpha_i \lambda_j [\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j] + \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i \\ = & \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j \right] &= \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \alpha_i \mu_j [\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{Y}_j] + \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i (\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j - \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j (\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mu_i \mathbf{T} + \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i (\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j - \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j (\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i, \xi \mathbf{T} \right] &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \xi [\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{T}] + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i (\xi) \mathbf{T} - \sum_{i=1}^n \xi \mathbf{T} (\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i (\xi) \mathbf{T} - \sum_{i=1}^n \xi \mathbf{T} (\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j \right] &= \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \beta_i \lambda_j [\mathbf{Y}_i, \mathbf{X}_j] + \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i (\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j (\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \lambda_i \mathbf{T} + \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i (\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j (\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j \right] &= \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \beta_i \mu_j [\mathbf{Y}_i, \mathbf{Y}_j] + \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i (\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j - \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j (\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i (\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j - \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j (\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i, \xi \mathbf{T} \right] &= \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \xi [\mathbf{Y}_i, \mathbf{T}] + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i (\xi) \mathbf{T} - \sum_{i=1}^n \xi \mathbf{T} (\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i (\xi) \mathbf{T} - \sum_{i=1}^n \xi \mathbf{T} (\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\gamma \mathbf{T}, \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j \right] &= \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma \lambda_j [\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{X}_j] + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma \mathbf{T} (\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j (\gamma) \mathbf{T} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma \mathbf{T} (\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j (\gamma) \mathbf{T}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\gamma \mathbf{T}, \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j \right] = \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma \mu_j [\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{Y}_j] + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma \mathbf{T} (\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j - \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j (\gamma) \mathbf{T}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma \mathbf{T}(\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j - \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j(\gamma) \mathbf{T},$$

$$[\gamma \mathbf{T}, \xi \mathbf{T}] = \gamma \xi [\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{T}] + \gamma \mathbf{T}(\xi) \mathbf{T} - \xi \mathbf{T}(\gamma) \mathbf{T}$$

By straightforward calculation we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{K}] &= \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mu_i \mathbf{T} + \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\xi) \mathbf{T} - \sum_{i=1}^n \xi \mathbf{T}(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \lambda_i \mathbf{T} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i + \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i(\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j(\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i(\xi) \mathbf{T} - \sum_{i=1}^n \xi \mathbf{T}(\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma \mathbf{T}(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j \\ &\quad - \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\gamma) \mathbf{T} + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma \mathbf{T}(\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j - \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j(\gamma) \mathbf{T} + \gamma \mathbf{T}(\xi) \mathbf{T} - \xi \mathbf{T}(\gamma) \mathbf{T}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Since \mathbf{H}_{2n+1} have 2-step nilpotent, we have

$$O(t^3) = 0. \tag{3.4}$$

Using (3.3) and (3.4) we get (3.2). This completes the proof.

By applying Theorem 3.2. we get

Corollary 3.3

- i) $\exp(t \mathbf{X}_i) \exp(t \mathbf{Y}_i) = \exp \left\{ t(\mathbf{X}_i + \mathbf{Y}_i) + \frac{t^2}{2} \mathbf{T} \right\},$
- ii) $\exp(t \mathbf{X}_i) \exp(t \mathbf{T}) = \exp t(\mathbf{X}_i + \mathbf{T}),$
- iii) $\exp(t \mathbf{Y}_i) \exp(t \mathbf{T}) = \exp t(\mathbf{Y}_i + \mathbf{T}).$

Theorem 3.4

$$\exp(-t \mathbf{E}) \exp(-t \mathbf{K}) \exp(t \mathbf{E}) \exp(t \mathbf{K}) = \exp \{ t^2 \gamma \mathbf{T}(\xi) \mathbf{T} - t^2 \xi \mathbf{T}(\gamma) \mathbf{T} + t^2 \Pi \}$$

where \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{K} are arbitrary vector field and $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \lambda_i, \mu_i, \gamma, \xi \in C^\infty(\mathbf{H}_{2n+1})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= \left[\sum_{i=1, j=1}^n [\alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i + \alpha_i \mu_i \mathbf{T} - \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i \right. \\ &\quad + \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\xi) \mathbf{T} - \xi \mathbf{T}(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i - \beta_i \lambda_i \mathbf{T} + \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i \\ &\quad + \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i(\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j - \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j(\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i + \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i(\xi) \mathbf{T} - \xi \mathbf{T}(\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i \\ &\quad \left. + \gamma \mathbf{T}(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\gamma) \mathbf{T} + \gamma \mathbf{T}(\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j + \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j - \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j(\gamma) \mathbf{T} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Applying $\exp(-t\mathbf{E})$ ve $\exp(-t\mathbf{K})$ in (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(-t\mathbf{E})\exp(-t\mathbf{K})\exp(t\mathbf{E})\exp(t\mathbf{K}) &= \exp\left\{t\sum_{i=1}^n[(\alpha_i + \lambda_i)\mathbf{X}_i + (\beta_i + \mu_i)\mathbf{Y}_i + (\gamma + \xi)\mathbf{T}]\right. \\ &\quad \left.- t\sum_{i=1}^n[(\alpha_i + \lambda_i)\mathbf{X}_i + (\beta_i + \mu_i)\mathbf{Y}_i + (\gamma + \xi)\mathbf{T}] + \frac{t^2}{2}[\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{K}] + \frac{t^2}{2}[\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{K}]\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 3.5

i) $\exp(-t\mathbf{X}_i)\exp(-t\mathbf{Y}_i)\exp(t\mathbf{X}_i)\exp(t\mathbf{Y}_i) = \exp\{t^2\mathbf{T}\}$,

ii) $\exp(-t\mathbf{X}_i)\exp(-t\mathbf{T})\exp(t\mathbf{X}_i)\exp(t\mathbf{T}) = \mathbf{1}_{H_{2n+1}}$,

iii) $\exp(-t\mathbf{Y}_i)\exp(-t\mathbf{T})\exp(t\mathbf{Y}_i)\exp(t\mathbf{T}) = \mathbf{1}_{H_{2n+1}}$.

Similarly, we may prove

Theorem 3.6

$$\exp(t\mathbf{E})\exp(t\mathbf{K})\exp(-t\mathbf{E}) = \exp\left\{t\sum_{j=1}^n[\lambda_j\mathbf{X}_j + \mu_j\mathbf{Y}_j] + t\xi\mathbf{T} + \frac{t^2}{2}\gamma\mathbf{T}(\xi)\mathbf{T} - \frac{t^2}{2}\xi\mathbf{T}(\gamma)\mathbf{T} + \frac{t^2}{2}\Pi\right\}$$

where \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{K} are arbitrary vector field and $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \lambda_i, \mu_i, \gamma, \xi \in C^\infty(H_{2n+1})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{\Pi} = & \left[\sum_{i=1, j=1}^n [\alpha_i\mathbf{X}_i(\lambda_j)\mathbf{X}_j - \lambda_j\mathbf{X}_j(\alpha_i)\mathbf{X}_i + \alpha_i\mu_i\mathbf{T} - \mu_j\mathbf{Y}_j(\alpha_i)\mathbf{X}_i \right. \\ & + \alpha_i\mathbf{X}_i(\xi)\mathbf{T} - \xi\mathbf{T}(\alpha_i)\mathbf{X}_i - \beta_i\lambda_i\mathbf{T} + \beta_i\mathbf{Y}_i(\lambda_j)\mathbf{X}_j - \lambda_j\mathbf{X}_j(\beta_i)\mathbf{Y}_i \\ & + \beta_i\mathbf{Y}_i(\mu_j)\mathbf{Y}_j - \mu_j\mathbf{Y}_j(\beta_i)\mathbf{Y}_i + \beta_i\mathbf{Y}_i(\xi)\mathbf{T} - \xi\mathbf{T}(\beta_i)\mathbf{Y}_i \\ & \left. + \gamma\mathbf{T}(\lambda_j)\mathbf{X}_j - \lambda_j\mathbf{X}_j(\gamma)\mathbf{T} + \gamma\mathbf{T}(\mu_j)\mathbf{Y}_j + \alpha_i\mathbf{X}_i(\mu_j)\mathbf{Y}_j - \mu_j\mathbf{Y}_j(\gamma)\mathbf{T} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 3.7

i) $\exp(t\mathbf{X}_i)\exp(t\mathbf{Y}_i)\exp(-t\mathbf{X}_i) = \exp\left\{t\mathbf{Y}_i + \frac{t^2}{2}\mathbf{T}\right\}$,

ii) $\exp(t\mathbf{X}_i)\exp(t\mathbf{T})\exp(-t\mathbf{X}_i) = \exp(t\mathbf{Y}_i)\exp(t\mathbf{T})\exp(-t\mathbf{Y}_i) = \exp\{t\mathbf{T}\}$.

4 Commutator Curves in H_{2n+1}

Definition 4.1 The curve

$$\gamma: I \rightarrow H_{2n+1} \quad \begin{matrix} t \rightarrow \\ \gamma(t) = \end{matrix} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{t^2}X\right) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{t^2}Y\right) \exp\left(\frac{1}{t^2}X\right) \exp\left(\frac{1}{t^2}Y\right), \quad t \geq 0 \quad (4.1)$$

is called commutator curve in \mathbb{H}_{2n+1} , [27].

Theorem 4.2 If we use basis vectors \mathbf{X}_i and \mathbf{Y}_i , we have

$$\gamma(t) = \exp t\mathbf{T}, \gamma'(0) = \mathbf{T}$$

Proof Combining (3.1), (3.2) and (4.1), we have

$$\gamma(t) = \exp\left(-t^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{X}_i\right)\exp\left(-t^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{Y}_i\right)\exp\left(t^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{X}_i\right)\exp\left(t^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{Y}_i\right)$$

Then, we have

$$\gamma(t) = \exp\{t\mathbf{T}\}.$$

Using Definition 4.1, we obtain

$$\gamma'(0) = \mathbf{T}.$$

We can give the following theorem:

Theorem 4.3 In general, the commutator curve is given by

$$\gamma(t) = \exp\{t\gamma\mathbf{T}(\xi)\mathbf{T} - t\xi\mathbf{T}(\gamma)\mathbf{T} + t\Pi\},$$

where \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{K} are arbitrary vector field and $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \lambda_i, \mu_i, \gamma, \xi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{H}_{2n+1})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi = & \left[\sum_{i=1, j=1}^n [\alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i + \alpha_i \mu_i \mathbf{T} - \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i \right. \\ & + \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\xi) \mathbf{T} - \xi \mathbf{T}(\alpha_i) \mathbf{X}_i - \beta_i \lambda_i \mathbf{T} + \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i \\ & + \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i(\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j - \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j(\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i + \beta_i \mathbf{Y}_i(\xi) \mathbf{T} - \xi \mathbf{T}(\beta_i) \mathbf{Y}_i \\ & \left. + \gamma \mathbf{T}(\lambda_j) \mathbf{X}_j - \lambda_j \mathbf{X}_j(\gamma) \mathbf{T} + \gamma \mathbf{T}(\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j + \alpha_i \mathbf{X}_i(\mu_j) \mathbf{Y}_j - \mu_j \mathbf{Y}_j(\gamma) \mathbf{T}] \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Using Theorem 3.4 ve Definition 4.1 we have theorem. W

Corollary 4.4 In general, tangent vector of the commutator curve at 0 is given by

$$\gamma'(0) = \gamma\mathbf{T}(\xi)\mathbf{T} - \xi\mathbf{T}(\gamma)\mathbf{T} + \Pi.$$

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