

変分法

Part III The calculus of variations applied to geodesics

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M : smooth ($= C^\infty$) manifold, $p, q \in M$ fixed

$\Omega = \Omega(M; p, q) :=$

$\left\{ \omega \mid \omega: [0, 1] \rightarrow M \text{ continuous piecewise smooth curve } \omega(0) = p, \omega(1) = q \right\}$



Define the "tangent space" $T\omega\Omega$ by

$T\omega\Omega := \left\{ W: [0, 1] \rightarrow TM \text{ continuous, piecewise smooth vector field along } \omega \right\}$
 (tangent bundle) $W(0) = 0, W(1) = 0$



$T\omega\Omega$ vector space

$(\lambda_1 W_1 + \lambda_2 W_2)(t) := \lambda_1 W_1(t) + \lambda_2 W_2(t)$

(The space of variational vector fields of ω .)

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Definition:

$\omega \in \Omega(M; p, q)$ fixed

$\bar{\alpha}: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow \Omega(M; p, q)$: variation of ω
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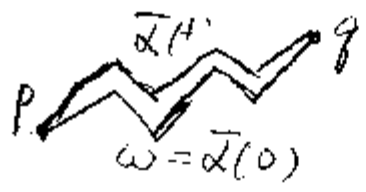
def \Leftrightarrow 1) $\bar{\alpha}(0) = \omega$

2) For $\alpha: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \times [0, 1] \rightarrow M$ defined by
 $\alpha(u, t) := \bar{\alpha}(u)(t) \in M$

\exists refinement of $[0, 1]$ $0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n = 1$
 α is C^∞ on $(-\epsilon, \epsilon) \times [t_{i-1}, t_i]$ ($i=1, \dots, n$)

3) $\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial u}(u, t) |_{u=0}$ continuous on $[0, 1]$
(原文には仮定としていっけいかに $\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial u}$)

Remark 4) $\alpha(u, 0) = p$ $\alpha(u, 1) = q$ ($u \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$)



Regard $\bar{\alpha}: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow \Omega(M; p, q)$ as a "smooth path" in Ω

Define $\frac{d\bar{\alpha}}{du}(0): [0, 1] \rightarrow TM$ by
 $\frac{d\bar{\alpha}}{du}(0)(t) := \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial u}(0, t)$ (for $t \neq t_i$)
non-smooth point

$$\frac{d\bar{\alpha}}{du}(0) \in T\omega\Omega$$

variational vector field of the variation $\bar{\alpha}$.

Remark $\forall W \in T\omega\Omega \exists \bar{\alpha}$ variation of ω such that $\frac{d\bar{\alpha}}{du}(0) = W$

(!) $\bar{\alpha}(u)(t) := \exp_{\omega(t)}(uW(t))$

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$F: \Omega = \Omega(M; p, q) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a function
(a functional)

Definition: $w \in \Omega$ is a critical path (臨界道)

\Leftrightarrow def $\frac{dF(\tilde{\alpha}(u))}{du} \Big|_{u=0} = 0$ for \forall variation $\tilde{\alpha}$ of w .

extremal (E1)

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M : Riemannian manifold with the metric g .

$v \in T_p M, \|v\| := \sqrt{g_p(v, v)} = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$

$w \in \Omega(M; p, q)$ (cont., piecewise smooth path from p to q)

$0 \leq a < b \leq 1$
 $E_a^b(w) := \int_a^b \|\dot{w}(t)\|^2 dt$ $E := E_0^1$

energy functional

$L_a^b(w) := \int_a^b \|\dot{w}(t)\| dt$ $L := L_0^1$

length functional

$(L_a^b(w))^2 \leq (b-a) E_a^b(w)$ (Schwarz inequality)

$= \Leftrightarrow \|\dot{w}(t)\|$ constant.

$$\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow M$$

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$\gamma \in \Omega(M; p, q)$ minimal geodesic (minimizer)

最短測地線 (1-15-6)

$$\Rightarrow E(\gamma) = L(\gamma)^2 \leq L(w)^2 \leq E(w)$$

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γ is w 's minimizer のこと

γ is w 's parameter by Schwarz (= Schwarz inequality)

Lemma 12.1 M is complete, $p, q \in M$

(5.6) $d = \rho(p, q)$ ($\Leftrightarrow \exists$ minimal geodesic connecting p and q of length d)

$\Rightarrow E: \Omega(M; p, q) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has the minimum d^2 on the set of minimal geodesics from p and q .

$$E^{-1}(d^2) = \{ \text{minimal geodesics} \}$$

Find a criterion of critical paths of E ^{energy}

Theorem 12.2 (1st variational formula) $w \in \Omega(M; p, q)$

$\bar{w}: (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \Omega$ variation of w

$W_t := \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial u}(0, t)$. Then

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{dE(\bar{w}(u))}{du} \Big|_{u=0} = - \sum_t \langle W_t, \nabla_t V \rangle - \int_0^1 \langle W_t, A_t \rangle dt$$

holds,

where $V_t := \dot{\bar{w}}(t)$ velocity vector

$\Delta_t V := V_{t+} - V_{t-}$ discontinuity of V_t

$A_t := \frac{D}{dt} \frac{dw}{dt} (= \nabla_{\dot{w}} \dot{w})$ acceleration vector of w

(covariant derivative)

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Proof of Th. 12.2 $\alpha(u, t) = \bar{\alpha}(u)(t)$

$$\frac{dE(\bar{\alpha}(u))}{du} = \frac{d}{du} \int_0^1 \left\langle \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt$$

smooth on subintervals
 $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k = 1$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left\langle \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 2 \left\langle \nabla_{\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial u}} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt$$

Lemma 8.7 $= \int_0^1 2 \left\langle \nabla_{\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt$

On $[t_{i-1}, t_i]$

$$\int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \left\langle \nabla_{\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\rangle \Big|_{t=t_{i-1}^+}^{t=t_i^-} - \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \left\langle \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial u}, \nabla_{\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{1}{2} \frac{dE(\bar{\alpha}(u))}{du} &= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left\langle \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial u}, V_{t_i^-} - V_{t_{i-1}^+} \right\rangle - \int_0^1 \left\langle \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial u}, \nabla_{\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt \\ &= - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left\langle \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial u}, V_{t_{i+1}^+} - V_{t_i^-} \right\rangle - \int_0^1 \left\langle \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial u}, \nabla_{\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt \end{aligned}$$

Let $u=0$.

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{dE(\bar{\alpha}(u))}{du} \Big|_{u=0} = - \sum_t \langle W_t, \Delta_t V \rangle - \int_0^1 \langle W_t, A_t \rangle dt //$$

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Corollary 12.3 $\omega \in \Omega(M; p, q)$

ω : critical path for $E \iff \omega$: geodesic

(\Rightarrow) (ω geodesic $\iff \nabla_{\dot{\omega}} \dot{\omega} = 0$)

(\Leftarrow) ω smooth, $\Delta_t V = 0, A_t = 0$

By Th 12.2, $\frac{dE(\bar{\alpha}(u))}{du} \Big|_{u=0} = 0$

$\therefore \omega$: critical path.

(\Rightarrow)

Take a variation $\bar{\alpha}$ with variation vect. field $W_t = f(t)A_t$
s.t. $f(t) \geq 0, f(t) = 0 \iff t = t_i$

By Th 12.2, $\frac{1}{2} \frac{dE(\bar{\alpha}(u))}{du} \Big|_{u=0} = - \int_0^1 f(t) \langle A_t, A_t \rangle dt$

$\therefore \omega|_{[t_i, t_{i+1}]}$ geodesic.

Take a variation with $W_{t_i} = \Delta_{t_i} V$

$\frac{1}{2} \frac{dE(\bar{\alpha}(u))}{du} \Big|_{u=0} = - \sum_t \langle \Delta_{t_i} V, \Delta_{t_i} V \rangle$

$\therefore \Delta_t V = 0 \quad \therefore \omega \in C^1$

By the uniqueness of differential equation on geodesics

ω is C^∞

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