

Lectures on Symplectic Geometry

— Errata for the 2006 text on author’s website*—

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page 15, line 2

By Weinstein’s lagrangian creed [108], everything is a lagrangian manifold! not [105]

page 27, lines 6 and 5 from the bottom

is the graph of a diffeomorphism $\varphi : T^*X \rightarrow T^*X$, then φ is the symplectomorphism generated by f . In this case, $\varphi(x, \xi) = (y, \eta)$ if and only if... not f

page 28, lines 2 and 1 from the bottom

For both steps, it might be useful to recall that, given a function $\mathbf{h} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and a tangent vector $v \in T_x X$, we have $d\mathbf{h}_x(v) = \frac{d}{du} [\mathbf{h}(\exp(x, v)(u))]_{u=0}$. not φ

page 32, lines 2-6

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -\frac{\chi(x) - \chi(y)}{|\chi(x) - \chi(y)|} \cdot \frac{d\chi}{ds}(x) = \cos \theta = v \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -\frac{\chi(y) - \chi(x)}{|\chi(x) - \chi(y)|} \cdot \frac{d\chi}{ds}(y) = -\cos \nu = -w . \end{cases}$$

replace the two systems of equations by the single system above

page 32, line 12

$-|x_1 - x_2| - \dots - |x_{N-1} - x_N| - |x_N - x_1|$ sign change

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page 36, lines 9 and 13

$$\mathcal{L}_{v_t}\omega := \left. \frac{d}{ds}\psi_{s,t}^*\omega \right|_{s=t}$$

where $\psi_{s,t}$ is the flow of v_t , i.e., $s \mapsto \psi_{s,t_0}(p)$ is the unique maximal integral curve of v_t with value p at time $s = t_0$:

$$\left. \frac{d}{ds}\psi_{s,t_0}(p) \right|_{s=t} = v_t(\psi_{t,t_0}(p)) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_{t_0,t_0}(p) = p.$$

This is related to the previous ρ by $\rho_s = \psi_{s,0}$. If M is compact, the flow is globally defined and we have $\psi_{s,t} = \psi_{s,t_0} \circ \psi_{t_0,t}$, thus $\psi_{s,t}^{-1} = \psi_{t,s}$, and hence $\psi_{s,t} = \rho_s \circ \rho_t^{-1}$. We can use this last expression to write $\mathcal{L}_{v_t}\omega$ alternatively in terms of ρ . A good reference is the textbook by John Lee, *Introduction to Smooth Manifolds*.

the definition of Lie derivative by a time-dependent vector field v_t was wrong

page 38, Theorem 6.6

(i.e., a unique $q \in X$ minimizing $|q - p|$) not $|q - x|$

page 39, Proposition 6.8

$\mu \in \Omega^{\ell-1}(\mathcal{U})$ instead of $\Omega^{d-1}(\mathcal{U})$

page 40, line 5 from bottom

remove "(reviewed in the next section)"

page 46, line 9 from bottom

Hypothesis: X is a half-dimensional submanifold with... instead of n -dimensional

page 55, last line i.e. footnote 9

... if $\text{Id} - df_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_p M$ is nonsingular. not just df_p

page 79, line 6 of §14.2

$(\Lambda^\ell T^{1,0}) \otimes (\Lambda^m T^{0,1})$ so \otimes instead of \wedge in the definition of $\Lambda^{\ell,m}$

page 90, line 6

It follows immediately from the previous definition and from Theorem 15.4 that add clause

page 113, line 16 from bottom

$V(q) := -W_\gamma$ sign change

page 121, last condition in Proposition 20.2

(d) $F(p) \rightarrow +\infty$ as $p \rightarrow \infty$ in V . omit " F is proper, that is,"

page 126, line 3 of part 7.

tautological 1-form twice replace "canonical" by "tautological"

page 141, line 3

whenever there is an abelian symmetry group the word "abelian" was missing

page 162, exercise 4, line 3

$\mu(z) = \frac{1}{2i}zz^*$ sign change, the formula in the hint is good

page 163, lines 5 and 10

$\mu(A) = \frac{1}{2i}AA^* - \frac{\text{Id}}{2i}$ and $\mu(A) = \frac{1}{2i}[A, A^*]$ sign changes, following that in the

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page 180 and subsequent pages

the number π and the projection map π should be distinguished by different symbols