

# Metriplectic Dynamics and Reduction

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**Goal:** Review metriplectic dynamics, a form of dynamical system that blends noncanonical (Poisson) Hamiltonian and dissipative systems. Investigate reduction in this setting in terms of a simple example, the rigid body with a particular kind of dissipation. The example has dissipation that aligns the rotation without using any energy!

# Metriplectic Dynamics

A dynamical model of thermodynamics that 'captures':

- First Law: conservation of energy
- Second Law: entropy production

# Prototypes and Examples

- Kinetic theories: Vlasov Fokker-Planck equation, Lenard-Balescu equation, etc.
- Fluid flows: various nonideal fluids, Navier-Stokes, MHD, etc.
- Finite-dimensional theories, rigid body, etc.
- Many more ...

# “History”

- Rayleigh Dissipation (Theory of Sound, Ch. IV §81 1873)
- 20th Century gradient flows (Cahn-Hilliard, Otto, Ricci Flows, Poincarè conjecture on  $S^3$ , ...)
- pjm, pjm  $\cup$  Kaufman 1982
- pjm, Kaufman, ... Grmela 1984
- pjm 1986 metriplectic dynamics
- Grmela  $\cup$  Oetttinger 1997, generic  $\equiv$  metriplectic dynamics
- Many works since ... e.g. Bloch, pjm, Ratiu 2013

# Usual Geometry

Dynamics takes place in phase space,  $\mathcal{Z}$  (needn't be  $T^*Q$ ), a differential manifold endowed with a closed, nondegenerate 2-form  $\omega$ . A patch has canonical coordinates  $z = (q, p)$ .

Hamiltonian dynamics  $\Leftrightarrow$  flow on symplectic manifold:  $i_X\omega = dH$

Poisson tensor ( $J_c$ ) is bi-vector inverse of  $\omega$ , defining the Poisson bracket

$$\{f, g\} = \langle df, J_c(dg) \rangle = \omega(X_f, X_g) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z^\alpha} J_c^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z^\beta}, \quad \alpha, \beta = 1, 2, \dots, 2N$$

Flows generated by Hamiltonian vector fields  $Z_H = JdH$ ,  $H$  a 0-form,  $dH$  a 1-form. Poisson bracket = commutator of Hamiltonian vector fields etc.

Early refs.: Jost, Mackey, Souriau, Arnold, Abraham & Marsden

# Noncanonical Hamiltonian Definition

A phase space  $\mathcal{P}$  diff. manifold with binary bracket operation on  $C^\infty(\mathcal{P})$  functions  $f, g: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , s.t.  $\{\cdot, \cdot\}: C^\infty(\mathcal{P}) \times C^\infty(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathcal{P})$  satisfies

- **Bilinear:**  $\{f + \lambda g, h\} = \{f, h\} + \lambda\{g, h\}, \quad \forall f, g, h$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$
- **Antisymmetric:**  $\{f, g\} = -\{g, f\}, \quad \forall f, g$
- **Jacobi:**  $\{f, \{g, h\}\} + \{g, \{h, f\}\} + \{h, \{f, g\}\} \equiv 0, \quad \forall f, g, h$
- **Leibniz:**  $\{fg, h\} = f\{g, h\} + \{f, h\}g, \quad \forall f, g, h.$

Above is a Lie algebra realization on functions. Take  $fg$  to be pointwise multiplication.

Eqs. Motion:  $\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \{\Psi, H\}, \quad \Psi$  an observable &  $H$  a Hamiltonian.

Example: flows on Poisson manifolds, e.g. Weinstein 1983 ....

# Noncanonical Hamiltonian Dynamics

Sophus Lie (1890)

Noncanonical Coordinates:

$$\dot{z}^\alpha = J^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial H}{\partial z^\beta} = \{z^\alpha, H\}, \quad \{f, g\} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z^\alpha} J^{\alpha\beta}(z) \frac{\partial g}{\partial z^\beta}, \quad \alpha, \beta = 1, 2, \dots, M$$

Poisson Bracket Properties:

antisymmetry  $\longrightarrow \{f, g\} = -\{g, f\},$

Jacobi identity  $\longrightarrow \{f, \{g, h\}\} + \{g, \{h, f\}\} + \{h, \{f, g\}\} = 0$

G. Darboux:  $\det J \neq 0 \implies J \rightarrow J_c$  Canonical Coordinates

Sophus Lie:  $\det J = 0 \implies$  Canonical Coordinates plus Casimirs

$$J \rightarrow J_d = \begin{pmatrix} 0_N & I_N & 0 \\ -I_N & 0_N & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0_{M-2N} \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Flow on Poisson Manifold

**Definition.** A Poisson manifold  $\mathcal{P}$  is differentiable manifold with bracket  $\{, \} : C^\infty(\mathcal{P}) \times C^\infty(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathcal{P})$  st  $C^\infty(\mathcal{P})$  with  $\{, \}$  is a Lie algebra realization, i.e., is i) bilinear, ii) antisymmetric, iii) Jacobi, and iv) consider only Leibniz, i.e., acts as a derivation.

Flows are integral curves of noncanonical Hamiltonian vector fields,  
 $Z_H = JdH$ .

Because of degeneracy,  $\exists$  functions  $C$  st  $\{f, C\} = 0$  for all  $f \in C^\infty(\mathcal{P})$ . Called Casimir invariants (Lie's distinguished functions.)

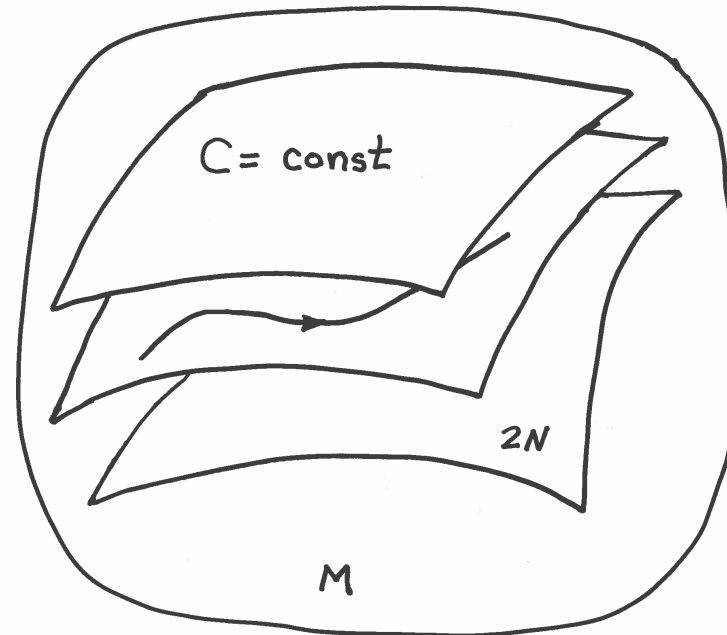


# Poisson Manifold $\mathcal{P}$ Cartoon

Degeneracy in  $J \Rightarrow$  Casimirs:

$$\{f, C\} = 0 \quad \forall f : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Lie-Darboux Foliation by Casimir (symplectic) leaves:



Leaf vector fields,  $Z_f = \{z, f\} = Jdf$  are tangent to leaves.

# Lie-Poisson Brackets

Coordinates:

$$J^{\alpha\beta} = c_{\gamma}^{\alpha\beta} z^{\gamma}$$

where  $c_{\gamma}^{\alpha\beta}$  are the structure constants for some Lie algebra.

Examples:

- free rigid body  $SO(3)$ , Kida vortex  $SL(2,1)$ , ...
- Infinite-dimensional theories - matter models: Ideal fluid flow, MHD, shearflow, extended MHD, Vlasov-Maxwell, BBGKY, etc.

# Lie-Poisson Geometry

Lie Algebra:  $\mathfrak{g}$ , a vector space with

$$[ \ , \ ] : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g},$$

antisymmetric, bilinear, satisfies Jacobi identity

Pairing:

$$\langle \ , \ \rangle : \mathfrak{g}^* \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

with  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  vector space dual to  $\mathfrak{g}$

Lie-Poisson Bracket:

$$\{f, g\} = \left\langle z, \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right] \right\rangle, \quad z \in \mathfrak{g}^*, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \in \mathfrak{g}$$

## Example $\mathfrak{so}(3)$

Lie Algebra is antisymmetric matrices, or  $\mathbf{L} = (L_1, L_2, L_3)$ , a vector space with

$$[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$$

where  $\times$  is vector cross product.

Pairing between  $\mathbf{L} \in \mathfrak{so}(3)^*$  and  $\partial f / \partial \mathbf{L} \in \mathfrak{so}(3)$  yields the Lie-Poisson bracket:

$$\{f, g\} = \mathbf{L} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{L}} \times \frac{\partial g}{\partial \mathbf{L}} = \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} L_\alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial L_\beta} \frac{\partial g}{\partial L_\gamma},$$

where  $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  is the Levi-Civita (permutation) symbol, which denotes the structure constants for  $\mathfrak{so}(3)$ .

Casimirs (nested spheres  $S^2$  foliation):

$$C = L_1^2 + L_2^2 + L_3^2$$

Note  $L_i = I_i \omega_i$ , not summed. Examples: spin system, free rigid body with Euler's equations

# Metriplectic Manifold $(\mathcal{M}, \{, \}, (, ))$

Two structures:

- Poisson Manifold, with associated degenerate bi-vector  $J$
- Degenerate 'metric'  $g$

Metriplectic Vector Field in coordinate patch:

$$V_{MP} = -\{\mathcal{F}, \} - (\mathcal{F}, ) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial z^\alpha} J^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial z^\beta} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial z^\alpha} g^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial z^\beta}$$

What are degeneracies? What is the 'generator'  $\mathcal{F}$ ?

# Entropy, Degeneracies, and 1st and 2nd Laws

- Casimirs of  $\{, \}$  are 'candidate' entropies. Election of particular  $S \in \{\text{Casimirs}\} \Rightarrow$  thermal equilibrium (relaxed) state.

- Generator (free energy):  $\mathcal{F} = H + S$

- 1st Law: identify energy with Hamiltonian,  $H$ , then

$$\dot{H} = \{H, \mathcal{F}\} + (H, \mathcal{F}) = 0 + (H, H) + (H, S) = 0$$

Degeneracy such that  $(H, f) = 0 \forall f \in C^\infty(\mathcal{M})$ .

- 2nd Law: entropy production

$$\dot{S} = \{S, \mathcal{F}\} + (S, \mathcal{F}) = (S, S) \geq 0$$

Lyapunov relaxation to the equilibrium state:  $\delta\mathcal{F} = 0$ .

# Metriplectic Dynamics

Equations of motion:

$$\dot{z} = \{z, \mathcal{F}\} + (z, \mathcal{F}) = \{z, H\} + (z, S)$$

Using degeneracies:

$$\{S, g\} \equiv 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (H, g) \equiv 0 \quad \forall g$$

First and Second Laws:

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dS}{dt} \geq 0$$

Seeks equilibria  $\equiv$  extermination of Free Energy  $F = H + S$ :

$$\delta F = 0$$

# Example: Metriplectic Rigid Body

Euler's equations

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\omega}_1 &= \omega_2\omega_3(I_2 - I_3), \\ \dot{\omega}_2 &= \omega_3\omega_1(I_3 - I_1), \\ \dot{\omega}_3 &= \omega_1\omega_2(I_1 - I_2).\end{aligned}\quad (27)$$

Here we have done some scaling, but the dynamical variables  $\omega_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , are related to the three principal axis components of the angular velocity, while the constants  $I_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , are related to the three principal moments of inertia.

This system conserves the following expressions for rotational kinetic energy and squared magnitude of the angular momentum:

$$H = \frac{1}{2}(I_1\omega_1^2 + I_2\omega_2^2 + I_3\omega_3^2), \quad (28a)$$

$$l^2 = \omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2 + \omega_3^2. \quad (28b)$$

The quantity  $H$  can be used to cast eqs. (27) into Hamiltonian form in terms of a noncanonical Poisson Bracket [4] that involves the three dynamical variables,  $\omega_i$ . The matrix  $(J^{ij})$  introduced in section 3 has a null eigenvector that is given by  $\partial l^2 / \omega_i$ ; i.e.  $l^2$  is a Casimir. The noncanonical Poisson bracket is

$$[f, g] = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \omega_i} \omega_k \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \omega_j}, \quad i, j, k = 1, 2, 3, \quad (29)$$

where  $\epsilon_{ijk}$  is the Levi-Civita symbol. Evidently eqs. (27) are equivalent to

$$\dot{\omega}_i = [\omega_i, H], \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad (30)$$

projection matrix; i.e.

$$(f, h) = -\lambda \left[ \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial \omega_i} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \omega_j} - \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \omega_l} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \omega_l} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial \omega_i} \frac{\partial h}{\partial \omega_j} \right]. \quad (31)$$

For now we take  $\lambda$  to be constant, but it could depend upon  $\omega$ . Explicitly the  $(g^{ij})$  is given by

$$(g^{ij}) = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} I_2^2\omega_2^2 + I_3^2\omega_3^2 & -I_1I_2\omega_1\omega_2 & -I_1I_3\omega_1\omega_3 \\ -I_1I_2\omega_1\omega_2 & I_1^2\omega_1^2 + I_3^2\omega_3^2 & -I_2I_3\omega_1\omega_3 \\ -I_1I_3\omega_1\omega_3 & -I_2I_3\omega_1\omega_3 & I_1^2\omega_1^2 + I_2^2\omega_2^2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (32)$$

We are now in a position to display a class of metriplectic flows for the rigid body; i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\omega}_i &= \{ \omega_i, F \} = [ \omega_i, F ] + ( \omega_i, F ) \\ &= J^{ij} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \omega_j} + g^{ij} \frac{\partial S}{\partial \omega_j}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3,\end{aligned}\quad (33)$$

where  $F = H - S$ ,  $H$  is given by eq. (28a) and  $S$  is an arbitrary function of  $l^2$ . For the case  $i = 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\omega}_1 &= \omega_2\omega_3(I_2 - I_3) + 2\lambda S'(l^2)\omega_1 \\ &\quad \times [ I_2(I_2 - I_1)\omega_2^2 + I_3(I_3 - I_1)\omega_3^2 ].\end{aligned}\quad (34)$$

The other two equations are obtained upon cyclic permutation of the indices. By design this system conserves energy but produces the generalized entropy  $S(l^2)$  if  $\lambda > 0$ , which could be chosen to correspond to angular momentum.

It is well known that equilibria of Euler's equations composed of pure rotation about either of



Generator  $H + S$ :

$$H = \frac{1}{2}(I_1\omega_1^2 + I_2\omega_2^2 + I_3\omega_3^2), \quad C = I_1^2\omega_1^2 + I_2^2\omega_2^2 + I_3^2\omega_3^2, \quad S = S(C)$$

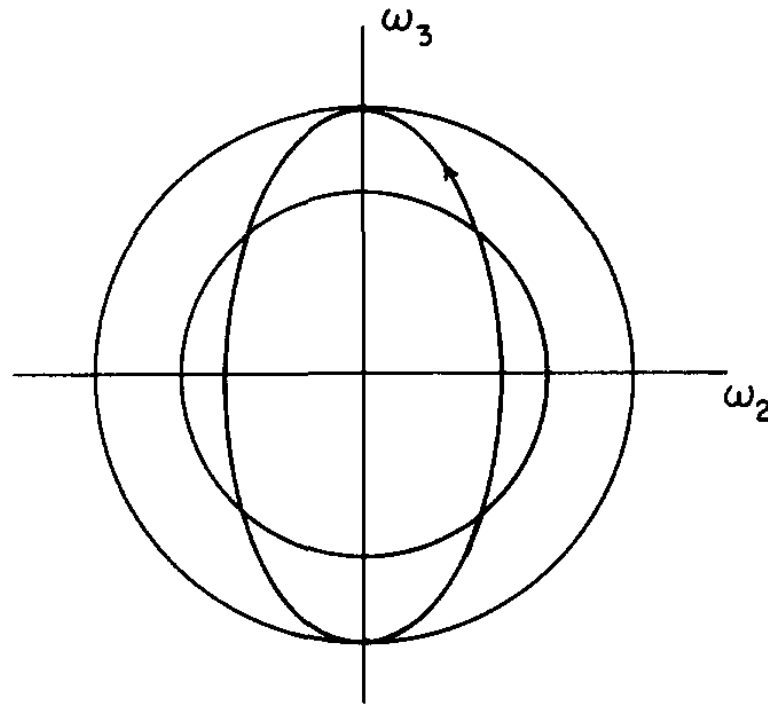
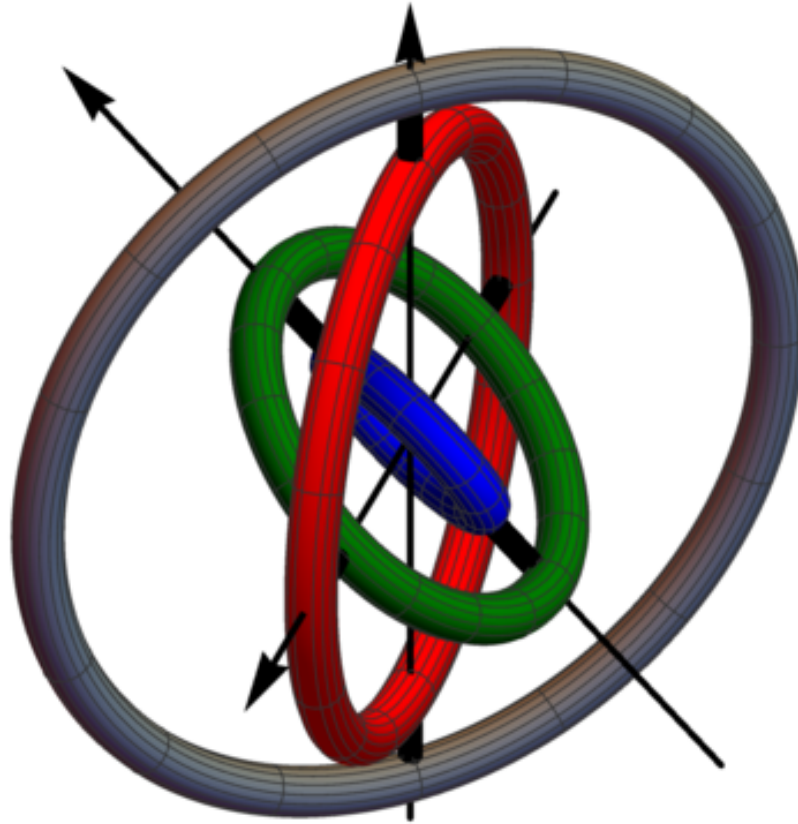


Fig. 1. Depiction of the metriplectic phase space for the relaxing free rigid body. Symplectic leaves are concentric spheres while constant energy surfaces are ellipsoids.

# Metriplectic Motor



Servomotors at axles of Cardan suspension,  $\dot{H} = 0 \Rightarrow$  no energy used to align angular momentum. Application? Use a very small amount of electronic energy to redirect energy from axle to axle.

# Usual Reduction

Rigid Body has canonical 6D phase space  $T^*G$  where configuration space  $G$  is  $SO(3)$ . Coordinates can be, e.g., the Euler angles  $\chi$  and conjugate momenta  $p_\chi$ .

Standard Reduction:  $T^*G/G \cong \mathfrak{g}^*$

Momentum map:  $(\chi, p_\chi) \mapsto \mathbf{L} = (I_1\omega_1, I_2\omega_2, I_3\omega_3)$

Bracket closure:  $\{L_\alpha, L_\beta\} = \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma}L_\gamma$

Hamiltonian closure:  $H(\chi, p_\chi) = \bar{H}(L)$

Dynamics via Euler's Equations:  $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = \{\mathbf{L}, \bar{H}\}$

# What is Mertriplectic Reduction?

As rigid body is relaxing to rotation about a single axis, the coordinates  $(\chi, p_\chi)$  are changing until  $\chi$  has the simple time dependence of rotation.

What are the possible dynamics in the inverse image of the momentum map, that reduce to the metriplectic dynamics?

Metriplectic momentum map takes

$$\dot{\chi} = \{\chi, H\} + ? \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{p}_\chi = \{p_\chi, H\} + ?$$

into the reduced metriplectic dynamics.

What is the unreduced relaxation? Limit cycle? Other?

Recall rigid body formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \Sigma^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{L} & \text{with} & & \Sigma &= \text{dia}(I_1, I_2, I_3) \\ \omega &= \mathcal{A}(\chi) \cdot p_\chi & \text{or} & & \omega &= D(\chi) \cdot \dot{\chi} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$D(\chi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \chi_3 & \sin \chi_1 \sin \chi_3 & 0 \\ -\sin \chi_3 & \sin \chi_1 \cos \chi_3 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \chi_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{A}(\chi) = \Sigma^{-1} \cdot (D^{-1})^\top$$

Example of Unreduced Dynamics:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\chi} &= D^{-1} \cdot \mathcal{A} \cdot p_\chi, \\ \dot{p}_\chi &= -p_\chi^\top \cdot \mathcal{A}^\top \cdot \Sigma \cdot \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}}{\partial \chi} \cdot p_\chi \\ &\quad + S' \mathcal{A}^{-1} \cdot \Gamma \cdot \Sigma^2 \cdot \mathcal{A} \cdot p_\chi. \end{aligned}$$

$S'$  measures relaxation time scale,  $\Gamma$  a matrix related to the axis of rotation. Note, dissipation is in the momentum equation where it usually is.

# Conclusion

Metriplectic reduction takes special dissipation in a canonical Hamiltonian system into metriplectic dissipation.

Recall question:

What is the unreduced relaxation? Limit cycle? Other?

Answer:

Not a limit cycle, but an attracting cylinder  $S \times \mathbb{R}$  of periodic orbits.

M. Materassi and pjm, *Cybernetics and Physics* **7**, 78–86 (2018).

Extensions: Navier-Stokes for entropy producing fluid, where Lagrange to Euler map is usual reduction; various kinetic theories. Anything with a momentum map!