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# Canonical coordinate systems and exponential maps of *n*-loop

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**Abstract.** This paper is devoted to the study of canonical coordinate systems and the corresponding exponential maps of *n*-ary differentiable loops and to the discussion of their differentiability properties. Canonical coordinate systems can be determined by the canonical normal form of the power series expansion of the *n*-th power map  $x \to x \circ x \circ \cdots \circ x \circ x$ .

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### 1 Introduction

The canonical coordinate systems of Lie groups are important tools for the investigation of local properties of group manifolds. They can be generalized for non-associative differentiable loops. The first study of the expansion of analytical loop multiplication in a canonical coordinate system using formal power series was given in the paper [1] by M. A. Akivis in 1969, (cf. [6, Chapter 2]). The convergence conditions of power series expansions of loop multiplications were investigated later in [2] (1986). E. N. Kuzmin in [9] (1971) treated the local Lie theory of analytic Moufang loops using power series expansion in canonical coordinate systems and gave a generalization of the classical Campbell-Hausdorff formula. V. V. Goldberg introduced canonical coordinates using power series expansions in local analytic n-ary loops, (cf. [6, Chapter 3]).

As it is well-known differentiable groups are automatically (analytic) Lie groups. But in the case of non-associative loop theory the class of  $C^k$ -differentiable loops contains the class of  $C^l$ -differentiable loops for any  $k < l; k, l = 0, 1, \ldots, \infty$ , as a proper subclass (cf. P. T. Nagy – K. Strambach [10] (2002)).

The theory of normal forms of  $C^{\infty}$ -differentiable *n*-ary loop multiplications has been investigated in the paper of J-P. Dufour and P. Jean [4], (1985) by the application of S. Sternberg's linearization theorem to the coordinate representation of n + 1-webs, which are the differential geometric structures determined by the level manifolds of *n*-ary loop multiplications and its inverse operations. J. Kozma in [8] (1987) defined the canonical coordinates of binary  $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}$ -loops by the linearizing coordinate systems of the square map  $x \to x \circ x$ . For Lie groups these canonical coordinate systems coincide with the classical systems defined with help of one-parameter subgroups.

Now, we consider a natural generalization of Kozma's construction to *n*-ary  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -differentiable loops. According to Sternberg's linearization theorem the linearizing coordinate system of the *n*-th power map  $x \to x \circ x \circ \cdots \circ x \circ x$  has the same differentiability property as the *n*-ary loop multiplication map if  $k \geq 2$ . Hence in the following we will assume that the differentiability class  $\mathcal{C}^k$  of the investigated *n*-ary loops satisfies  $k \geq 2$ . Similar construction for canonical coordinate systems was introduced by V. V. Goldberg in [6, Chapter 3], in the case of analytic *n*-loop multiplications using formal power series expansions.

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#### 2 Canonical coordinate systems of *n*-loops

**1 Definition.** Let H be a differentiable manifold of class  $\mathcal{C}^k$ , let  $e \in H$  be a given element and let  $m: H^n \to H$ ,  $\delta_i: H^n \to H$  be differentiable maps of class  $\mathcal{C}^k$ , where  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . Then  $\mathcal{H} = (H, e, m, \delta_1, \ldots, \delta_n)$  is called a  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -differentiable *n*-ary loop (or shortly *n*-loop) with unit element e if the multiplication m and the *i*-th divisions  $\delta_i$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ , satisfy the following identities:

- (1)  $m(\stackrel{(1)}{e}, \dots, \stackrel{(i-1)}{e}, \stackrel{(i)}{a}, \stackrel{(i+1)}{e}, \dots, \stackrel{(n)}{e}) = a$ , for all  $a \in H$ ,  $(1 \le i \le n)$ , where  $\stackrel{(i)}{x}$  means that the *i*-th argument has the value x,
- (2)  $m(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}, \delta_i(b, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n), a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) = b$ for all  $a_i \in H$ ,  $(1 \le i \le n), b \in H$ ,
- (3)  $\delta_i(m(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n), a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) = a_i$  for all  $a_i \in H$ ,  $(1 \le i \le n), b \in H$ .

**2 Definition.** If H is a differentiable manifold of class  $\mathcal{C}^k$ ,  $e \in H$  is a given element and  $m: H^n \to H$ ,  $\delta_i: H^n \to H$  are differentiable maps of class  $\mathcal{C}^k$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots n$ , which are defined in a neighbourhood of  $e \in H$ , then  $\mathcal{H} = (H, e, m, \delta_1, \ldots, \delta_n)$  is called a  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -differentiable local n-loop with unit element e, provided that the multiplication m and the *i*-th divisions  $\delta_i$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots n$  satisfy the following identities:

(1)  $m(\stackrel{(1)}{e},\ldots,\stackrel{(i-1)}{e},\stackrel{(i)}{a},\stackrel{(i+1)}{e},\ldots,\stackrel{(n)}{e}) = a$ , for all  $a \in H$ ,  $(1 \le i \le n)$ , where  $\stackrel{(i)}{x}$  means that the *i*-th argument has the value x,

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- (2)  $m(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}, \delta_i(b, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n), a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) = b$ for all  $a_i \in H$ ,  $(1 \le i \le n), b \in H$ ,
- (3)  $\delta_i(m(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n), a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) = a_i$  for all  $a_i \in H$ ,  $(1 \le i \le n), b \in H$

in a neighbourhood of  $e \in H$ .

**3 Definition.** Let  $\mathcal{H} = (H, e, m, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)$  be a  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -differentiable local *n*loop. A coordinate map  $\varphi \colon U \to \mathbb{R}^q$  of class  $\mathcal{C}^k$  of the open neighbourhood  $U \subset H$  of  $e \in H$  into the coordinate space  $\mathbb{R}^q$  is called a *canonical coordinate* system of  $\mathcal{H}$  if  $\varphi(e) = 0$  and the coordinate function

$$M = \varphi \circ m \circ (\varphi^{-1} \times \cdots \times \varphi^{-1}) \colon \varphi(U) \times \cdots \times \varphi(U) \to \mathbb{R}^q$$

of the multiplication map  $m \colon H^n \to H$  satisfies

$$M(x, x, \dots, x) = n x$$

for all  $x \in \varphi(U)$ .

We will need the following assertions in the investigation of canonical coordinate systems:

**4 Lemma.** Let be  $k \geq 2$  and  $\phi$  a local  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -diffeomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}^q$  keeping  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^q$  fixed which is defined in some neighbourhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^q$  and let  $\phi_*|_{(0)}$  denote the tangent map of  $\phi$  at  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^q$ . We assume that  $\phi$  satisfies  $\phi_*|_{(0)} = \lambda \operatorname{id}_{\mathbb{R}^q}$  with  $\lambda \neq 0, 1, -1$ . Then there exists a unique local  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -diffeomorphism  $\rho$  of  $\mathbb{R}^q$  keeping  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^q$  fixed such that  $\rho \cdot \phi \cdot \rho^{-1} = \phi_*|_{(0)}$  and  $\rho_*|_{(0)} = \operatorname{id}_{\mathbb{R}^q}$ .

PROOF. The existence of a local  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -diffeomorphism  $\rho$  of  $\mathbb{R}^q$  satisfying the conditions of the assertion follows from Sternberg's Linearization Theorem for local contractions (cf. [11]) since either the map  $\phi$  or its inverse  $\phi^{-1}$  is a local contraction, the minimum and maximum of eigenvalues of its tangent map coincide,  $k \geq 2$  and it satisfies the so called resonance condition  $\lambda \neq \lambda^m$  for any m > 1. The unicity of the map  $\rho$  follows from the ideas of the proof of Sternberg's Theorem, since the difference of two solutions must be a fixed point of a contractive operator on a linear space of differentiable maps. Hence the difference of these solution is 0.

**5 Lemma.** Let  $\kappa$  be a differentiable map of a star shaped neighbourhood  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  into  $\mathbb{R}^q$  with  $\kappa(0) = 0$ . If there exists a real number 0 < r < 1 such that  $\kappa(rx) = r \kappa(x)$  holds for all  $x \in W$  then  $\kappa$  is the restriction of a linear map.

PROOF. Since the map  $\kappa \colon W \to \mathbb{R}^p$  is differentiable one can define the continuous map  $\omega \colon W \to \mathbb{R}^p$  satisfying

$$\kappa(x) = \kappa_*|_{(0)}(x) + ||x||\omega(x), \quad \omega(0) = 0.$$

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Hence

$$\kappa(r\,x) = r\,(\kappa_*|_{(0)}(x) + \|x\|\omega(r\,x)) = r\,\kappa(x) = r\,(\kappa_*|_{(0)}(x) + \|x\|\omega(x)).$$

It follows  $\omega(x) = \omega(r^m x)$  for any natural number  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and hence

$$\omega(x) = \lim_{m \to \infty} \omega(r^m) = \omega(0) = 0$$

for all  $x \in W$ .

**6 Theorem.** For any  $C^k$ -differentiable local n-loop  $\mathcal{H} = (H, e, m, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)$ with  $k \geq 2$  there exists a canonical coordinate system.

If  $(U, \varphi)$  is a canonical coordinate system of  $\mathcal{H}$  then for any linear map  $\lambda : \mathbb{R}^q \to \mathbb{R}^q$  the pair  $(U, \lambda \circ \varphi)$  is a canonical coordinate system of  $\mathcal{H}$ , too.

If  $\varphi \colon U \to \mathbb{R}^q$  and  $\psi \colon U \to \mathbb{R}^q$  are the coordinate maps of canonical coordinate systems of  $\mathcal{H}$  defined on the same neighbourhood U then  $\varphi \circ \psi^{-1}$  is the restriction of a linear map  $\mathbb{R}^q \to \mathbb{R}^q$ .

PROOF. Let  $(\bar{U}, \bar{\varphi})$  be a coordinate system of  $\mathcal{H}$ , let  $\bar{M}$  be the coordinate function of the local *n*-loop multiplication m with respect to  $(\bar{U}, \bar{\varphi})$ . Now, we introduce the map  $\bar{G} : \bar{\varphi}(\bar{U}) \to \mathbb{R}^q$  defined by  $\bar{G}(x) = \bar{M}(x, x, \dots, x)$ . Clearly one has  $\bar{G}(0) = 0$ . Since  $\bar{M}(0, \dots, 0, x, 0, \dots, 0) = x$  the tangent map  $\bar{G}_*|_0 \colon \mathbb{R}^q \to \mathbb{R}^q$ of  $\bar{G}$  at the point 0 satisfies  $\bar{G}_*|_0 = n \operatorname{id}_{\mathbb{R}^q}$ . The map  $\bar{G}$  is of class  $C^k$  in a neighborhood of 0 and hence it has an inverse map in a neighborhood of 0 of the same class  $\mathcal{C}^k$ . We can apply Lemma 4 for  $\bar{G}^{-1}$ . It follows that there exists a local  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -diffeomorphism  $\rho$  keeping  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^q$  fixed such that  $(\rho \circ \bar{G} \circ \rho^{-1})_*|_0 =$  $\rho \circ \bar{G} \circ \rho^{-1}$ . We consider the composed map  $\varphi = \rho \circ \bar{\varphi}$  as the coordinate map of a new coordinate system  $(U, \varphi)$  with a suitable neighborhood U. The coordinate function of the multiplication map  $m \colon H^n \to H$  satisfies  $M = \rho \circ \bar{M} \circ \rho^{-1}$ . Let Q be the following function

$$Q \colon x \mapsto Q(x) = (x, x, \dots, x) \colon \mathbb{R}^q \to \mathbb{R}^q \times \mathbb{R}^q \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^q.$$

Then we have the equation

$$G = M \circ Q = (\rho \circ \overline{M} \circ \rho^{-1})(\rho \circ Q \circ \rho^{-1}) = \rho \circ \overline{G} \circ \rho^{-1} = (\rho \circ \overline{G} \circ \rho^{-1})_*|_0 = n \operatorname{id}_{\mathbb{R}^q}.$$

Hence  $(U, \varphi)$  is a canonical coordinate system of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

For a canonical coordinate system  $(U, \varphi)$  of the local *n*-loop  $\mathcal{H}$  the coordinate function

$$M = \varphi \circ m \circ (\varphi^{-1} \times \cdots \times \varphi^{-1}) \colon \varphi(U) \times \cdots \times \varphi(U) \to \mathbb{R}^{q}$$

of the multiplication map  $m: H^n \to H$  satisfies  $M(x, x, \ldots, x) = n x$  for all  $x \in \varphi(U)$ . Hence for arbitrary linear map  $\lambda: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  one has

$$\lambda \circ M(\lambda^{-1}y, \dots, \lambda^{-1}y) = \lambda(n\,\lambda^{-1}y) = n\,y, \quad y \in \lambda \circ \varphi(U).$$

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It follows that  $(U, \psi = \lambda \circ \varphi)$  is also a canonical coordinate system of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Let  $(U, \varphi)$  and  $(U, \psi)$  be canonical coordinate systems of  $\mathcal{H}$  given on the same neighbourhood U and let  $M_{\varphi}$  and  $M_{\psi}$  be the coordinate functions of the multiplication map  $m: H^n \to H$ . We denote  $\kappa = \varphi \circ \psi^{-1}: \psi(U) \to \varphi(U)$ . For all  $x \in \varphi(U)$  and  $y \in \psi(U)$  we have

$$M_{\varphi}(x, x, \dots, x) = n x$$
 and  $M_{\psi}(y, y, \dots, y) = n y.$ 

Since

$$M_{\varphi}(\kappa(y),\kappa(y),\ldots,\kappa(y)) = \kappa(M_{\psi}(y,y,\ldots,y))$$

we obtain  $n \kappa(y) = \kappa(n y)$ . Putting z = n y we get  $\kappa(r z) = r \kappa(z)$  for all  $z \in \psi(U)$ , where  $r = \frac{1}{n}$ . It follows by Lemma 5 that the map  $\kappa = \psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$  is the restriction of a linear map.

7 Example. The local non-associative loop-multiplication  $f(x, y) = x + y + x^2y(x - y)$  is defined in a canonical coordinate system.

# 3 Exponential map

There are different natural possibilities for the definition of the exponential map  $W \to H$  with  $0 \in W \subset T_e H$  of  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -differentiable local *n*-loops. One of them is analogous to the usual construction in Lie group theory, namely the map exp could be determined by the integral curves of vector fields defined by the *i*-th translations of tangent vectors at the unit element of the *n*-loop. In binary Lie groups these curves are 1-parameter subgroups, but for smooth loops it is not always the case (cf. J. Kozma [8]). An other disadvantage of such construction is that one can expect only  $\mathcal{C}^{k-1}$ -differentiability of the the map  $W \to H$  with  $0 \in W \subset T_e H$  which is determined by integral curves of  $\mathcal{C}^{k-1}$ -differentiable vector fields defined by the *i*-th translations of tangent vectors.

An alternative natural possibility for the definition of the exponential map is given by using the construction of canonical coordinate systems studied in the previous section.

**8 Theorem.** Let  $\mathcal{H} = (H, e, m, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)$  be a  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -differentiable local n-loop with  $k \geq 2$ . There exists a unique local  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -diffeomorphism exp:  $W \to H$ , where W is a neighbourhood of  $0 \in T_eH$ , such that the following conditions hold:

(i)  $\exp(0) = e$  and  $\exp(nx) = m(\exp(x), \dots, \exp(x)),$ 

(*ii*)  $\exp_*|_0 = \operatorname{id}_{T_eH}$ .

PROOF. Let  $\varphi \colon U \to \mathbb{R}^q$  be the coordinate map of a canonical coordinate system  $(U, \varphi)$  of the local *n*-loop  $\mathcal{H}$ . According to Theorem 6  $(U, \varphi_*|_0^{-1} \circ \varphi)$  is also

a canonical coordinate system of  $\mathcal{H}$  where the vector space  $T_eH$  is the coordinate space and  $\varphi_*|_0^{-1} \circ \varphi \colon U \to T_eH$  is the coordinate map. Let  $W \subset \varphi_*|_0^{-1} \circ \varphi(U)$ be a neighbourhood of  $0 \in T_eH$ . Then the coordinate function

$$M = \varphi_*|_0^{-1} \circ \varphi \circ m \circ \left(\left(\varphi_*|_0^{-1} \circ \varphi\right)^{-1} \times \cdots \times \left(\varphi_*|_0^{-1} \circ \varphi\right)^{-1}\right) \colon W \times \cdots \times W \to T_e H$$

of the multiplication map  $m \colon H^n \to H$  satisfies  $M(x, \ldots, x) = n x$ , or equivalently

$$m(\varphi^{-1} \circ \varphi_*|_0(x), \dots, \varphi^{-1} \circ \varphi_*|_0(x)) = \varphi^{-1} \circ \varphi_*|_0(nx)$$

for any  $x \in W$ . Moreover one has  $(\varphi^{-1} \circ \varphi_*|_0)_*|_0 = \mathrm{id}_{T_eH}$ . Hence we can define  $\exp = \varphi^{-1} \circ \varphi_*|_0$  and this map satisfies the conditions given in the assertion.

Let us assume that the map  $\widetilde{\exp}: W \to H$  fulfills the conditions (i) and (ii). Then  $(\widetilde{\exp}(W), \widetilde{\exp}^{-1})$  is a canonical coordinate system of the *n*-loop  $\mathcal{H}$  and according to the previous theorem the map  $\widetilde{\exp}^{-1} \circ \exp: W \to T_e H$  is the restriction of a linear map  $\alpha: T_e H \to T_e H$ . Since both of the maps  $\widetilde{\exp}$  and  $\exp$ satisfy the condition (ii) the linear map  $\alpha: T_e H \to T_e H$  must be the identity map. Hence  $\widetilde{\exp} = \exp: W \to H$  which proves that the map  $\exp: W \to H$  is determined uniquely. QED

**9 Theorem.** Let  $\mathcal{H} = (H, e, m, \delta_1, \ldots, \delta_n)$  and  $\mathcal{H}' = (H', e', m', \delta'_1, \ldots, \delta'_n)$ be  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -differentiable local n-loops and let exp:  $W \to H$ , exp':  $W' \to H'$  be the corresponding exponential maps, where  $W \subset T_e H$  and  $W' \subset T_{e'} H'$ .

If  $\alpha: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}'$  is a continuous local homomorphism then the composed map  $\exp^{\prime -1} \circ \alpha \circ \exp: W \to T_{e'}H'$  is locally linear.

PROOF. Let us consider the  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -differentiable binary local loops  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}'}$ which are determined by the multiplication and division maps of  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{H'}$  in such a way that in the multiplication and division functions the *j*-th variable  $(j \geq 3)$  is replaced by the identity element  $e \in H$  and  $e' \in H'$  respectively. The map  $\alpha \colon H \to H'$  is clearly a continuous local loop homomorphism. According to the result of R. Bödi and L. Kramer [3] the map  $\alpha \colon H \to H'$  is  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -differentiable. Hence according to Lemma 5 the identity

$$\exp^{\prime -1} \circ \alpha \circ \exp(nx) = n \exp^{\prime -1} \circ \alpha \circ \exp(x)$$

or equivalently

$$\exp^{\prime -1} \circ \alpha \circ \exp(ry) = r \exp^{\prime -1} \circ \alpha \circ \exp(y)$$

with y = nx and  $r = \frac{1}{n}$ , implies the assertion.

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