

Théorie variationnelle des poutres de Cosserat et tenseurs affines

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State of the Art

Screw theory
(Robert Stawell Ball, 1876)



Generalized continua
(Eugène and François Cosserat, 1909)



Affine tensors
(Tulczyjew, Urbanski, Grabowski, 1988)



Euler-Poincaré equations
(1744 and 1901)

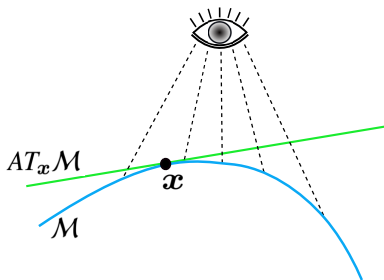


Affine tensors



Élie Cartan, Sur les variétés à connexion affine et la théorie de la relativité généralisée (première partie). *Annales de l'École Normale Supérieure*, 40, 325-412 (1923)

“On pourrait enfin regarder l'espace affine attaché à x comme la variété elle-même qui serait perçue d'une manière affine par un observateur placé en x ”

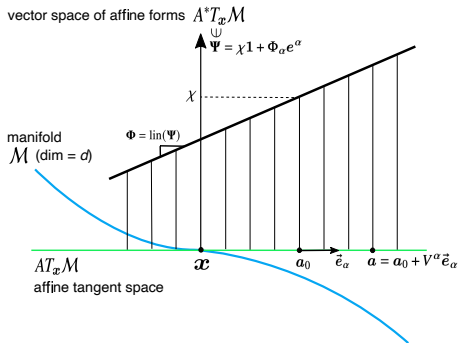


Affine tensors

Affine tensors are maps which are affine or linear with respect to their arguments

Simplest affine tensors :

Their components :



affine
form Ψ

(χ, Φ_α)
in the affine coframe
 $f^* = (1, (e^\alpha))$

point a

V^α
in the affine frame
 $f = (a_0, (\vec{e}_\alpha))$

Co-momenta

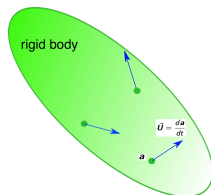
Motivation : In the screw theory, a **twist** is an object which assigns to a point of a rigid body its velocity.

Co-momentum

map $\bar{\theta} : AT_x\mathcal{M} \rightarrow T_x\mathcal{M} : \mathbf{a} \mapsto \vec{U} = \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{a})$

next $\theta(\Phi, \mathbf{a}) = \Phi(\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{a}))$ linear wrt Φ and affine wrt $\mathbf{a}$

Decomposed in f and $f^* : \theta = \vec{e}_\beta \otimes (\Upsilon^\beta 1 + K_\alpha^\beta \mathbf{e}^\alpha)$,
we assign to θ its **components** stored
in the $d \times (d + 1)$ matrix $\theta = (\Upsilon \mid K)$



Fact : A change of frame $f' \rightarrow f$ given by $g = (C, P) \in \mathbb{GA}(d) = \mathbb{R}^d \rtimes \mathbb{GL}(d)$
leads to $\theta = Ad(g)\theta'$

then the systems θ of components of co-momentum tensors live in the Lie algebra of the affine group and their transformation law is the adjoint representation

Euclidean co-momenta (twists in the screw theory)

Decomposition of a co-momentum depending only on the origin $\mathbf{a}_0$
(but not on the basis)

- $(\text{lin}(\theta))(\Phi, \overrightarrow{\mathbf{a}_0 \mathbf{a}}) = \theta(\Phi, \mathbf{a}) - \theta(\Phi, \mathbf{a}_0)$ is bilinear,
thus $\exists$ an endomorphism $\mathbf{K}$ of $T_{\mathbf{x}}\mathcal{M}$ such that $(\text{lin}(\theta))(\Phi, \vec{\mathbf{V}}) = \Phi(\mathbf{K}(\vec{\mathbf{V}}))$
 $\mathbf{K}$ is represented in the affine frame by the matrix K
- $\theta(\Phi, \mathbf{a}_0) = \Phi \vec{\Upsilon}_{\mathbf{a}_0}$
 $\vec{\Upsilon}_{\mathbf{a}_0}$ is represented by the column Υ

Motivation : to a Riemannian manifold $\mathcal{M}$ for the scalar product $\langle \bullet, \bullet \rangle$,
we can associate the corresponding Euclid group $\text{SE}(d) = \mathbb{R}^d \rtimes \text{SO}(d)$.

The elements $Z = (dC, dP)$ of its Lie algebra $\mathfrak{se}(d)$ are such that
 dP is skew-adjoint.

Definition : the co-momentum θ is **Euclidean** if $\mathbf{K}$ is skew-adjoint :
$$\langle \mathbf{K}(\vec{\mathbf{U}}), \vec{\mathbf{V}} \rangle = - \langle \vec{\mathbf{U}}, \mathbf{K}(\vec{\mathbf{V}}) \rangle$$

Momenta

reminder : co-momentum $\vec{U} = \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{a})$

A **momentum** is a linear map $\bar{\mu} : A^*T_x\mathcal{M} \rightarrow T_x^*\mathcal{M} : \Psi \mapsto \Phi = \bar{\mu}(\Psi)$

or equivalently $\mu(\vec{V}, \Psi) = (\bar{\mu}(\Psi)) \vec{V}$ is bilinear

Decomposed in f and $f^* : \mu = \mathbf{e}^\beta \otimes (\Pi_\beta \mathbf{a}_0 + L_\beta^\alpha \vec{\mathbf{e}}_\alpha)$,

we assign to μ its **components** stored in the $(d+1) \times d$ matrix $\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \Pi \\ L \end{pmatrix}$

In screw theory, a **wrench** represents the action of a force acting on a rigid body. To define it, we need

a decomposition of the momentum depending only on the origin $\mathbf{a}_0$

It is based on the direct sum $A^*T_x\mathcal{M} = A_c^*T_x\mathcal{M} \oplus A_{\mathbf{a}_0}^*T_x\mathcal{M}$

- of the subspace $A_{\mathbf{a}_0}^*T_x\mathcal{M}$ of affine forms vanishing at the origin
- and that $A_c^*T_x\mathcal{M}$ of constant affine forms

Euclidean momenta (wrenches in the screw theory)

- $A_{a_0}^* T_X \mathcal{M}$ is composed of maps of the form $\mathbf{a} \mapsto \Phi(\overrightarrow{a_0 \mathbf{a}}) = ((p_{a_0})^* \Phi)(\mathbf{a})$ with the pullback of Φ by $p_{a_0} : AT_X \mathcal{M} \rightarrow T_X \mathcal{M} : \mathbf{a} \mapsto \overrightarrow{a_0 \mathbf{a}}$ so we define $\mu_{a_0}(\vec{V}, \Phi) = \mu(\vec{V}, (p_{a_0})^* \Phi)$
thus $\exists$ an endomorphism Λ_{a_0} of $T_X^* \mathcal{M}$ such that $\mu_{a_0}(\vec{V}, \Phi) = (\Lambda_{a_0}(\Phi)) \vec{V}$
The endomorphism $L_{a_0} = (\Lambda_{a_0})^t$ of $T_X \mathcal{M}$ is represented by the matrix L
- $A_c^* T_X \mathcal{M}$ is composed of the maps $\mathbf{a} \mapsto \Psi(\mathbf{a}) = \chi 1$ so we define $\mu_c(\vec{V}, \chi) = \mu(\vec{V}, \chi 1) = \chi \mu(\vec{V}, 1)$
with $\mu(\vec{V}, 1) = \Pi \vec{V}$ where the linear form Π is represented by the row Π

Definition : for a Riemannian manifold, μ is **Euclidean** if L_{a_0} is skew-adjoint.

Dual pairing :
$$\mu \theta = \Pi \vec{\Upsilon}_{a_0} - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(L_{a_0} K) = \Pi \Upsilon - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(L K)$$

Fact : A change of frame $f' \rightarrow f$ leads to $\mu = \text{Ad}^*(g) \mu'$, then

The systems μ of components of momentum tensors live in the dual of the Lie algebra of $\mathbb{SE}(d)$ and their transformation law is the co-adjoint representation

Examples of applications

rigid body



beam, arch
string or rod



Co-momenta and momenta : example 1

Dynamics of rigid bodies : motion given by $t \mapsto g(t) = (x(t), R(t)) \in \mathbb{SE}(3)$

The Maurer-Cartan 1-forms ϑ_R and ϑ_L are good candidates to be components of co-momenta because $\vartheta_L(\dot{g}) = Ad(g)\vartheta_R(\dot{g})$

spatial description :

$$\theta = \vartheta_R(\dot{g}) = \dot{g} g^{-1} = (\dot{x} - \varpi \times x \mid j(\varpi))$$

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} p^T \\ j(l) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mu \theta = p \cdot (\dot{x} - \varpi \times x) + l \cdot \varpi = p \cdot \dot{x} + l_{pr} \cdot \varpi$$

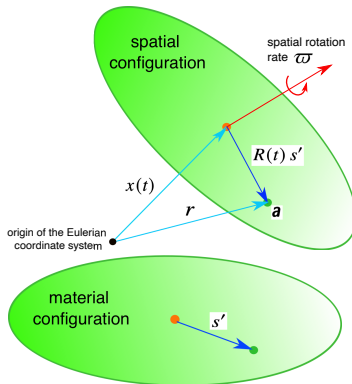
with the spin $l_{pr} = l - x \times p$

material description :

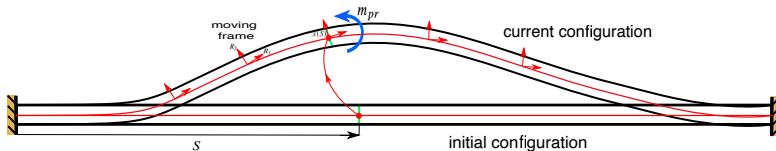
$$\theta' = Ad(g^{-1})\theta = g^{-1}\dot{g} = \vartheta_L(\dot{g})$$

$$\theta' = (R^T \dot{x} \mid R^T \varpi) = (\dot{x}' \mid \varpi')$$

$$\mu' = \begin{pmatrix} (R^T p)^T \\ j(R^T l_{pr}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p'^T \\ j(l'_{pr}) \end{pmatrix}$$



Co-momenta and momenta : example 2



Static of rods : deformation given by $S \mapsto (x(S), R(S)) \in \mathbb{SE}(3)$

$$\frac{dR}{dS} = \dot{R} = R j(\kappa') \text{ with } \kappa'^T = (\underbrace{\phi'}_{\text{twist}} \mid \underbrace{\kappa'_2 \ \kappa'_3}_{\text{bending curvatures}})$$

- **spatial description :**

$$\theta = (\dot{x} - \kappa \times x \mid j(\kappa)) \quad \mu = \begin{pmatrix} f^T \\ j(m) \end{pmatrix}$$

- **material description :**

$$\theta' = (\dot{x}' \mid j(\kappa')) \quad \mu' = \begin{pmatrix} f'^T \\ j(m'_{pr}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Euler-Poincaré equation

- Constitutive relation** : $\mu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta} \quad \left(\Pi = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Upsilon_{a0}}, \quad L_{a0} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial K} \right)$

- Rigid body dynamics** (material description)

$$\delta \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mathcal{L}(\vartheta_L(\dot{g})) dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \mu' \delta(\vartheta_L(\dot{g})) dt = 0$$

Maurer-Cartan eqn. $d\vartheta_L(\delta g, \dot{g}) = -[\vartheta_L(\delta g), \vartheta_L(\dot{g})]$ next integrate by part exterior derivative d , Lie bracket $[\cdot, \cdot]$, infinitesimal coadjoint representation ad^*

Euler-Poincaré equations $\dot{\mu}' + ad^*(\vartheta_L(\dot{g}))\mu' = 0$

Invariant Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}(\theta') = \frac{1}{2} m \|\dot{x}'\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \varpi' \cdot (\mathcal{J}' \varpi')$

Momentum components $p' = \text{grad}_{\dot{x}'} \mathcal{L} = m \dot{x}'$, $l'_{pr} = \text{grad}_{\varpi'} \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{J}' \varpi'$

Equations of motion $\dot{p}' + \varpi' \times p' = 0$, $\dot{l}'_{pr} + \varpi' \times l'_{pr} = 0$ (Euler)

Coming back to the spatial representation $\dot{p} = 0$, $\dot{l}_{pr} = 0$ (Poincot)

- Rod equilibrium**

$$\dot{f}' + \kappa' \times f' = 0, \quad \dot{m}'_{pr} + \kappa' \times m'_{pr} + \dot{x}' \times f' = 0$$

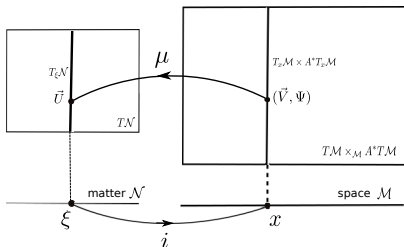
or in the spatial representation $\dot{f} = 0$, $\dot{m}_{pr} + \dot{x} \times f = 0$

Generalization to continuous media of arbitrary dimension

The **matter manifold**

$\mathcal{N}$ is the set of material particles ξ

Its behaviour is described by an embedding i from $\mathcal{N}$ into the surrounding space $\mathcal{M}$



Bundle maps over the matter manifold $\mathcal{N}$:

Vector valued momentum $\mu : i^*(T\mathcal{M} \times_{\mathcal{M}} A^*T\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow T\mathcal{N}$

Vector valued co-momentum $\theta : i^*(T^*\mathcal{M} \times_{\mathcal{M}} AT\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow T^*\mathcal{N}$

Decomposition in an affine frame and a basis $({}_{\gamma}\vec{\eta})$ of $T_{\xi}\mathcal{N}$

$$\mu = {}_{\gamma}\vec{\eta} \otimes \mathbf{e}^{\beta} \otimes ({}^{\gamma}\Pi_{\beta} \mathbf{a}_0 + {}^{\gamma}L_{\beta}^{\alpha} \vec{\mathbf{e}}_{\alpha}), \quad \theta = {}_{\gamma}\vec{\eta} \otimes \vec{\mathbf{e}}_{\beta} \otimes ({}_{\gamma}\Upsilon^{\beta} 1 + {}_{\gamma}K_{\alpha}^{\beta} \mathbf{e}^{\alpha})$$

Rod dynamics $\xi = ({}^0\xi, {}^1\xi) = (t, S)$

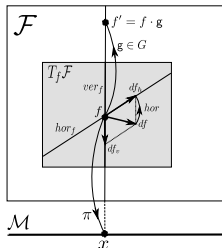
Equation of motion $\partial_{\gamma} {}^{\gamma}\mu' + ad^*(\vartheta_L(\partial_{\gamma} g))) {}^{\gamma}\mu' = 0$

Principal connection (Ehresmann)

G -principal bundle of affine frames $\mathcal{F}$

$(g, f) \mapsto f' = f \cdot g$ free right action
 $(Z, f) \mapsto df = f \cdot Z$ infinitesimal action

$ver_f = \text{Ker}(T\pi)$ vertical space
 hor_f horizontal subspace *such that*
 $T_f\mathcal{F} = ver_f \oplus hor_f$



Connection 1-form $\Gamma : T\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ of kernel $hor_f = \text{Ker } \Gamma$ *such that*

♥ $\Gamma(Z \cdot f) = Z$

♠ Γ is **Ad-equivariant** : $R_h \Gamma = \text{Ad}(h^{-1}) \Gamma$

Curvature 2-form $\mathcal{R} = D\Gamma$ (Covariant exterior derivative)

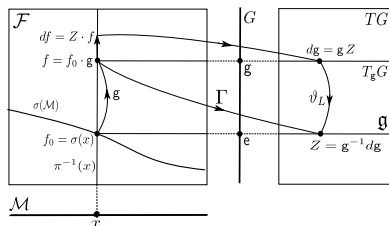
Flat connection $\mathcal{R} = 0$

The Maurer-Cartan 1-form as a principal connection

Construction of a principal connection from ϑ_L

By the choice of a section $\mathbf{x} \mapsto f_0 = \sigma(\mathbf{x})$, we identify

- $f = f_0 \cdot g$ with g
- $df = f \cdot Z \in \text{ver}_f$ with $dg = gZ \in T_g G$



Through this identification, $\Gamma = \vartheta_L$ is a principal connection because

$$\heartsuit \quad \Gamma(f \cdot Z) = g^{-1}dg = g^{-1}(gZ) = Z$$

$$\spadesuit \quad R_h \Gamma = (gh)^{-1}d(gh) = h^{-1}(g^{-1}dg)h = \text{Ad}(h^{-1})\Gamma$$

As the 1-form ϑ_L is left-invariant, Γ is independent of the choice of σ

Maurer-Cartan equation $\Rightarrow \mathcal{R} = 0$ and the connection is **flat**

Covariant derivative of a tensor

As for differential forms on $\mathcal{F}$,
we would like to do the same for sections of tensor bundles

Let us consider a tensor $\mathbf{u}$ of component system u

We start with the manifold $\mathcal{U} \ni u \mapsto u' = g \cdot u$ (left action)

On $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{U}$, $(f, u) \cdot g = (f \cdot g, g^{-1} \cdot u)$ (free right action)

We identify a tensor with an orbit in $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{U}$

$$\mathbf{u} = \text{orb}((f, u)) = \{(f', u') \text{ s.t. } \exists g \in G, (f', u') = (f, u) \cdot g\}$$

Orbit manifold $(\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{U})/G = \mathcal{F} \times^G \mathcal{U}$, called the associated bundle

Covariant derivative

$$\nabla_{\vec{dx}} \mathbf{u} = \text{orb}((f, \nabla_{dx} u)) = \text{orb}((f, du - u \cdot (\Gamma(df))))$$

Covariant derivative of a co-momentum

The present approach is closed to the mathematical framework proposed in



M. Castrillón López, T. Ratiu, S. Shkoller, Reduction in principal fiber bundles : covariant Euler-Poincaré equations, Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society, Vol. 128, No. 7, 2155-2164 (2000)

Derivative of a co-momentum and torsion 2-form

Bundle of **Euclidean frames** (s.t. the basis is orthonormal)

Manifold $\mathcal{F} \times^{\mathbb{SE}(3)} \mathfrak{se}(3)$ for the action $(f, \theta) \cdot g = (f \cdot g, Ad(g^{-1})\theta)$

The orbit $\theta = orb((f, \theta))$ is identified with the co-momentum tensor θ

For $\Gamma = \vartheta_L$, its covariant derivative is $\nabla_{\dot{x}} \theta = \dot{\theta} + ad(\vartheta_L(\dot{g})) \theta$

Using Maurer-Cartan equation, its **torsion** 2-form vanishes

$$T(\delta x, \dot{x}) = \nabla_{\delta x} \vartheta_L(\dot{g}) - \nabla_{\dot{x}} \vartheta_L(\delta g) - [\vartheta_L(\delta g), \vartheta_L(\dot{g})] = 0$$

Covariant derivative of a momentum

Interpretation of the variation equation

Manifold $\mathcal{F} \times^{\mathbb{SE}(3)} (\mathfrak{se}(3))^*$ for the action $(f, \mu) \cdot g = (f \cdot g, Ad^*(g^{-1})\mu)$

The orbit $\mu = orb((f, \mu))$ is identified with the momentum tensor μ

For $\Gamma = \vartheta_L$, its covariant derivative is $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \mu' = \dot{\mu}' + ad^*(\vartheta_L(\dot{g})) \mu'$

Interpretation of the **Euler-Poincaré equation** in terms of covariant derivative
for the natural evolution, the momentum tensor is parallel-transported

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \mu' = 0$$

Euler-Poincaré equation in higher dimension

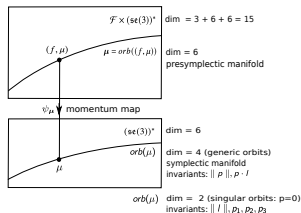
introducing the covariant divergence operator

$$\nabla_{\gamma}^{\gamma} \mu' = \partial_{\gamma}^{\gamma} \mu' + ad^*(\vartheta_L(\partial_{\gamma} g)) \mu' = 0$$

A symplectic viewpoint

Theorem (Kirillov-Kostant-Souriau)

For the action $\mu = Ad^*(g) \mu'$ on the orbit $orb(\mu) \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$, there exists a symplectic form ω_{KKS} , invariant by the action of G and the identity map is a momentum map.



Theorem

- the restriction ψ_μ of $(f, \mu) \mapsto \mu$ to the orbit μ is a submersion
- on $orb((f, \mu))$, the pull-back by ψ_μ of the symplectic form ω_{KKS} is a presymplectic form ω and it is G -invariant
- ψ_μ is a momentum map and $\psi_\mu \circ L_a = Ad^*(a) \psi_\mu$
- The covariant equations of motion are

$$d(f, \mu) \in Ker(\omega) \Leftrightarrow \nabla_{dx} \mu = d\mu + ad^*(\Gamma)\mu = 0 \quad (\text{Euler-Poincaré Eqn.})$$



Conclusions

- We revisited the **screw theory** with the affine tensor calculus, the counterparts of the Euclidean co-momentum and momentum tensors being in screw theory respectively the twist and the wrench
- We interpreted the **Euler-Poincaré equation** in terms of parallel-transport of the momentum tensor thanks to the concept of Ehresmann connection on the principal bundle of Euclidean affine frames
- We showed that the **left Maurer-Cartan 1-form** defines a connection of which the curvature 2-form is null
- In the future, we hope **to extend the present work** to problems of mechanics with a non-vanishing curvature

Merci pour votre attention !

