Symplectic Geometry

Homework 13

Exercise 1. (10 points)

Prove the following proposition discussed in class.

Proposition: Suppose a Lie group G acts on a symplectic manifold (M, ω) in a Hamiltonian way, with a moment map $\mu: M \to \mathfrak{g}^*$, and H is a Lie subgroup of G. Let $j^*: \mathfrak{g}^* \to \mathfrak{h}^*$ denote the dual of the map $j: \mathfrak{h} = Lie(H) \to \mathfrak{g}$ induced by the inclusion of H into G. Then the induced action of H on (M, ω) is also Hamiltonian and $\mu_H := j^* \circ \mu: M \to \mathfrak{h}^*$ is a moment map.

Exercise 2. (10 points)

Fix integers k_1, \ldots, k_n and consider the S^1 action on \mathbb{C}^n given by

$$e^{i\theta} * (z_1, \dots, z_n) = (e^{ik_1\theta} z_1, \dots, e^{ik_n\theta} z_n).$$

- Find a moment map μ for this circle action.
- Describe the level sets $\mu^{-1}(a)$ for $a \in Lie(S^1)^* \cong \mathbb{R}$.
- Consider a such that $\mu^{-1}(a)$ is of maximal possible dimension (here: 2n-1), and the induced S^1 action on $\mu^{-1}(a)$. Show that this action is free if and only if $|k_1| = \ldots = |k_n| = 1$.

The quotient, $\mu^{-1}(a)/S^1$, is called a weighted projective space and denoted by $\mathbb{CP}(k_1, \ldots, k_n)$. The last statement implies that $\mathbb{CP}(k_1, \ldots, k_n)$ is a smooth manifold if and only if $|k_1| = \ldots = |k_n| = 1$. Otherwise it is an orbifold.

Exercise 3. (10 points)

Recall the definition of the Poisson structure on (M, ω) :

$$\{f,g\} := \omega(X_f, X_g).$$

Prove that $\{,\}$ satisfies the Jacobi identity.

Hint: You may want to use the following general formula for the derivative of a k form η :

$$(d\eta)(X_1,\ldots,X_{k+1}) =$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k+1} (-1)^{j+1} \mathcal{L}_{X_j}(\eta(X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_{k+1})) + \sum_{1 \le i < j \le k+1} (-1)^{i+j} \eta([X_i, X_j], X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_{k+1}),$$

and the fact that for a vector field X and a function f we have that $\mathcal{L}_X(f) = df(X) = X(f)$. As usually, I am using the symbol \hat{X}_j to denote that X_j is not one of the arguments.

Exercise 4. (10 points)

Suppose a Lie group G acts on a symplectic manifold (M, ω) in a Hamiltonian way, with a moment map $\mu \colon M \to \mathfrak{g}^*$. Take any $p \in M$ and let G_p denote the stabilizer of p, and \mathcal{O}_p the G orbit through p, i.e.

$$G_p := Stab(p) = \{g \in G; g * p = p\}, \qquad \mathcal{O}_p := \{g * p; g \in G\}.$$

Show that

$$\ker (d\mu_{|p}) = (T_p \mathcal{O}_p)^{\omega_p}, \qquad \operatorname{im} (d\mu_{|p}) = \mathfrak{g}_p^0,$$

where $\mathfrak{g}_p^0 := \{\xi \in \mathfrak{g}^*; \ \forall_{X \in \mathfrak{g}_p} \ \langle \xi, X \rangle = 0\} \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$ denotes the annihilator of \mathfrak{g}_p .

Hand in: Thursday February 2nd in the exercise session in Übungsraum 1, MI