Optimisation of dynamical systems subject to meta-rules

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- So if the current state of the system is at the top of the torus, and we were to draw a trajectory from this point, we would expect suddenly the shape of the torus to change.



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- In practice, this means that if we were to consider a system holistically, and consider a unique choice of initial tangent vector from each point - a vector field - in parameter space (ignoring situations where such is forbidden, since I am assuming Lorentzian geometry), then we would like to measure how a system would evolve / change in structure in a *natural* way, given that initial choice, or "push" in parameter space.



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- In practice, however, V is of rank dim(M).



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- This gives us a matrix of tangents (relative to these perturbations of γ), or an element of the first jet bundle, associated to each point of the path γ.



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- The analogy for left and right action is that a left action occurs subsequent to the state - it is where the trajectory is moving to, and a right action occurs prior - it is where the trajectory is moving from.



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These can be computed as

$$\Gamma^{pq}_{ijklmn} = \kappa^{abc}_{ijk} (\Sigma_{g \in C_8 \otimes C_7} \{ g \cdot \partial_p \partial_q \kappa_{abclmn} \})$$

where summation is over the group product $C_8 \otimes C_7$ acting on the indices of $\partial_p \partial_q \kappa_{abclmn}$.



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▶ ∂_{ij} is the derivative on function space. ∂_k is the derivative on normal space.



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This allows us to understand the geometric behaviour of a meta-dynamical system as *Inv*(κ) = 0, as a physical system will minimise the information associated to its relevant information functional.



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- Naturally a great deal of work remains to be done.



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