

Tangent space in sub-Riemannian geometry and applications

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For those familiar with blowups from algebraic geometry, the above is an open subset of blowup of $M \times M \times \mathbb{R}_+$ along $\Delta_M \times \{0\}$.

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Example : If d is a Riemmanian metric on M , then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (M, \frac{d}{t}, x) = (T_x M, d_{constant}, x)$$

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So what we put at 0 is the limit in the sense of Gromov-Hausdorff

Take $y, x \in M$. The distance $d_{sR}(y, x) = \inf \|Z\|$ where inf is over all Z such that $y = \exp(Z) \cdot x$ and if

$$Z = \sum \alpha_i X_i + \sum \beta_{ij} [X_i, X_j] + \sum \gamma_{ijk} [[X_i, X_j], X_k] + \dots$$

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$$\|Z\| = \sum |\alpha_i| + \sum |\beta_{ij}|^{\frac{1}{2}} + \sum |\gamma_{ijk}|^{1/3} + \dots$$

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Theorem (M. 2022)

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Dictionary between sub-Riemannian geometry and Riemannian geometry

maximally hypoelliptic = elliptic

Helffer-Nourrigat set = conatangent space

$\pi(D)$ = classical principal

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where last sup is over representations in the Helffer-Nourrigat set (over all $x \in M$).

Our joint work with Androulidakis and Yuncken is to transfer the identity to an identity about pseudodifferential operators.

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$$\|P\|_{\frac{B(L^2M)}{K(L^2M)}} = \sup_{\xi \in T^*M \setminus \{0\}} |\sigma^0(P, \xi)|.$$

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Thank you for your attention