

Math 8700. Lie Groups.

Problem Set 6. Due on Thursday, October 24.

1. Let \mathfrak{p}_n denote the space of $n \times n$ Hermitian matrices in $Mat_n(\mathbb{C})$ and P_n^+ the set of positive-definite Hermitian matrices in $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$. In class we verified that $\exp : \mathfrak{p}_n \rightarrow P_n^+$ is a continuous bijection. Use the exercise formulated in class to show that \exp is actually a homeomorphism. **Hint:** Use the fact that every $A \in \mathfrak{p}_n$ is unitarily conjugate to a diagonal matrix with real entries.
2. The goal of this problem is to finish computation of the fundamental groups for the groups $SL_n(\mathbb{C})$, $(GL_n(\mathbb{R}))^o$, $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ and $SO_n(\mathbb{C})$ started in class. Below H denotes one of those groups. Recall that in class we showed that any $g \in G = GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ can be uniquely written as $g = pu$ where $p \in P_n^+$ and $u \in U_n(\mathbb{C})$.
 - (i) Prove that if $g \in H$, then $p \in H$ and $u \in H$ (we verified this in class for $G = SL_n(\mathbb{C})$).
 - (ii) Prove that $H \cap U_n(\mathbb{C}) = SU_n(\mathbb{C})$ if $H = SL_n(\mathbb{C})$ and $H \cap U_n(\mathbb{C}) = SO_n(\mathbb{R})$ in all other cases.
 - (iii) Let $\log : P_n^+ \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}_n$ be the inverse of the exponential map \exp . Prove that $\log(P_n^+ \cap H)$ is an \mathbb{R} -subspace of \mathfrak{p}_n and compute this subspace explicitly in each case.
 - (iv) Write down the final answer for $\pi_1(H)$ in each case.
3. Let $f : H \rightarrow G$ be a Lie group homomorphism. Prove that if $f_* : T_1H \rightarrow T_1G$ is injective, then for any $h \in H$ the map $f_{*,h} : T_hH \rightarrow T_{f(h)}G$ is also injective. **Hint:** Write the homomorphism equation $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$ as equality of the form $\varphi_1\varphi_2 = \varphi_3\varphi_4$ for some maps $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_4$ and take the differential of both sides to relate $f_{*,h}$ with f_* .
4. Find isomorphic subalgebras L_1 and L_2 of $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$ such that the corresponding subgroups $\langle \exp(L_1) \rangle$ and $\langle \exp(L_2) \rangle$ of $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ are not isomorphic.
5. Compute a maximal torus in each of the following groups: $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$, $SL_n(\mathbb{C})$, $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$, $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$, $U_n(\mathbb{C})$, $SU_n(\mathbb{C})$, $SO_n(\mathbb{C})$ and $SO_n(\mathbb{R})$.