

THE EXISTENCE OF A COADJOINT EQUIVARIANT MOMENTUM MAPPING FOR A SEMIDIRECT PRODUCT

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ABSTRACT. We consider a symplectic action of a group G on a symplectic manifold P , which admits a momentum mapping. Assume that G is a semidirect product of G_1 by G_2 . We prove that if the symplectic action of G_1 has a coadjoint equivariant momentum mapping, and if $H^1(\mathfrak{g}_1 : \mathbf{R}) = H^2(\mathfrak{g}_2 : \mathbf{R}) = 0$, then the symplectic action of G has a coadjoint equivariant momentum mapping, where \mathfrak{g}_1 and \mathfrak{g}_2 are the Lie algebras of G_1 and G_2 respectively.

1. Introduction and statement of result. Let (P, ω) be a finite dimensional connected symplectic manifold, that is, P is a finite dimensional connected smooth manifold with a nondegenerate closed 2-form ω .

Let G be a finite dimensional Lie group and $\Phi: G \times P \rightarrow P$ be a symplectic action of G on P , that is, for each $g \in G$ the map

$$\Phi_g: P \rightarrow P, \quad x \mapsto \Phi(g, x)$$

is symplectic, that is, $\Phi_g^* \omega = \omega$.

J.-M. Souriau defined momentum mappings for the symplectic action, which are the group theoretical analogue of the linear and angular momentum associated with the translational and rotational invariance. The importance of momentum mappings in mechanics can easily be seen. For example, let f be a Hamiltonian, and assume that f is (G, Φ) -invariant, that is, for each $g \in G$, $\Phi_g^* f = f$ holds. Then the momentum mapping is constant along the integral curves of the Hamiltonian vector field of f .

Not every symplectic action has a momentum mapping (cf. [5, p. 18]), and we have some exotic examples where momentum mappings are not coadjoint equivariant (cf. [5, p. 19]). On the other hand, we find some conditions which guarantee the existence of a coadjoint equivariant momentum mapping. For example, if the symplectic form is an exact form of a (G, Φ) -invariant 1-form (that is a case which we encounter frequently in mechanics) or if G is connected and semisimple (only if $H^1(\mathfrak{g} : \mathbf{R}) = H^2(\mathfrak{g} : \mathbf{R}) = 0$), then the symplectic action (G, Φ) has a coadjoint equivariant momentum mapping (cf. [1], [4]). Under some suitable global conditions, a (coadjoint equivariant) momentum mapping supplies a reduced phase space, where we can eliminate some of the variables of the Hamiltonian system (cf. [1], [2]). G.-M. Marle [2] proved that if the symplectic action (G, Φ) has a

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momentum mapping and the group G is a semidirect product of closed subgroups G_μ and H , then the reduced phase space Q of Marle is symplecto-diffeomorphic to the product of symplectic manifolds $J^{-1}(\mu)/G_\mu$ and $G \cdot \mu$, where G_μ and $G \cdot \mu$ are the isotropy group at μ and the orbit through μ of the left affine action on \mathcal{G}^* determined by the momentum mapping. If the momentum mapping is coadjoint equivariant, then this action is just the coadjoint action, and the isotropy group G_μ and the orbit $G \cdot \mu$ are the familiar ones. And we have that a Lie algebra which is neither simple nor 1-dimensional abelian, is a semidirect product of two Lie algebras of smaller dimension. So we consider the problem of the existence of coadjoint equivariant momentum mappings when the group G is a semidirect product, that is, $G = G_1 \times_\sigma G_2$ where σ is a homomorphism of G_2 into the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(G_1)$ of G_1 . Let $\Phi^{(i)}$ be the restriction of Φ to the subgroup G_i ($i = 1, 2$). If (G, Φ) is a symplectic action, then $(G_i, \Phi^{(i)})$ is also a symplectic action ($i = 1, 2$).

Our result is the following

THEOREM. *Let (P, ω) be a connected symplectic manifold and (G, Φ) be a symplectic action on (P, ω) admitting a momentum mapping. Assume that G is connected and a semidirect product of G_1 by G_2 determined by σ , that is, $G = G_1 \times_\sigma G_2$ where $\sigma \in \text{Hom}(G_2, \text{Aut}(G_1))$. If $(G_1, \Phi^{(1)})$ has a coadjoint equivariant momentum mapping and $H^1(\mathcal{G}_1 : \mathbf{R}) = H^2(\mathcal{G}_2 : \mathbf{R}) = 0$, then (G, Φ) has a coadjoint equivariant momentum mapping.*

2. Preliminaries. In the exact sequence of Lie algebra homomorphisms

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{F}(P) \xrightarrow{\beta} \mathcal{X}(P : \omega) \xrightarrow{\gamma} H^1(P : \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow 0,$$

$\mathcal{F}(P)$ is the space of all \mathbf{R} -valued smooth functions on P . $\mathcal{X}(P : \omega)$ is the Lie algebra of all smooth vector fields X on P satisfying $L_X \omega = 0$, where L_X is the Lie differentiation with respect to X . β is a mapping defined by

$$\beta(f) \lrcorner \omega = -df \quad \text{for each } f \in \mathcal{F}(P),$$

where $\beta(f) \lrcorner \omega$ is the inner product of the vector field $\beta(f)$ and ω . For each f, h in $\mathcal{F}(P)$ we define the Poisson bracket $\{f, h\}$ by

$$\{f, h\} = \omega(\beta(f), \beta(h)).$$

Then $\mathcal{F}(P)$ becomes a Lie algebra with respect to the Poisson bracket, and β is a Lie algebra homomorphism of $\mathcal{F}(P)$ into $\mathcal{X}(P : \omega)$. $\beta(f)$ is called the Hamiltonian vector field of the Hamiltonian f . For each X in $\mathcal{X}(P : \omega)$ we define $\gamma(X)$ by the de Rham cohomology class of $X \lrcorner \omega$. Since $\gamma([X, Y]) = 0$ for each X, Y in $\mathcal{X}(P : \omega)$, let us introduce in the first cohomology group $H^1(P : \mathbf{R})$ the trivial Lie algebra structure. Then γ is a Lie algebra homomorphism of $\mathcal{X}(P : \omega)$ into $H^1(P : \mathbf{R})$, and the above sequence is exact.

Let (G, Φ) be a left action on P and \mathcal{G} be the Lie algebra of G . For each $\xi \in \mathcal{G}$, we mean by $\rho(\xi)$ the fundamental vector field on P corresponding to $-\xi$,

$$\rho(\xi) = \frac{d}{dt} \Phi_{\exp -t\xi}|_{t=0}.$$

Then ρ is a Lie algebra homomorphism of \mathfrak{g} into the algebra of all vector fields on P . In particular, if (G, Φ) is a symplectic action, then $\text{Im}(\rho) \subset \mathfrak{X}(P : \omega)$, and ρ is a Lie algebra homomorphism of \mathfrak{g} into $\mathfrak{X}(P : \omega)$.

DEFINITION 1. A mapping $J: P \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ (= the dual space of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} of G) is called a momentum mapping for the symplectic action (G, Φ) , provided that for every $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$

$$d[\hat{J}(\xi)] = -\rho(\xi)\lrcorner\omega,$$

where $\hat{J}(\xi): P \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is defined by $\hat{J}(\xi)(x) = \langle \xi, J(x) \rangle$.

This Definition 1 is equivalent to $\hat{J}: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}(P)$, the linear mapping satisfying $\beta \circ \hat{J} = \rho$. We call such \hat{J} a linear lift of ρ .

DEFINITION 2. A momentum mapping J for the symplectic action (G, Φ) is called Ad^* -equivariant (coadjoint equivariant) provided

$$J \circ \Phi_g = \text{Ad}_g^* \circ J \quad \text{for every } g \in G.$$

The equation in Definition 2 is equivalent to

$$\hat{J}(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}\eta) = \hat{J}(\eta) \circ \Phi_g \quad \text{for every } g \in G \text{ and } \eta \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

Differentiating the above equation in g , we have that \hat{J} is a Lie algebra homomorphism of \mathfrak{g} into $\mathfrak{F}(P)$. The converse is also true if G is connected, that is, we have the following lemma which makes it possible for us to prove our theorem in the Lie algebra category instead of the group category.

LEMMA. For a symplectic action (G, Φ) on a connected symplectic manifold (P, ω) , assume that there is a Lie algebra homomorphic lift λ of ρ , that is, λ is a Lie algebra homomorphism of \mathfrak{g} into $\mathfrak{F}(P)$ satisfying $\beta \circ \lambda = \rho$. If G is connected, then (G, Φ) has an Ad^* -equivariant momentum mapping J defined by $\hat{J} = \lambda$.

PROOF. For each $g \in G$ and $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$

$$(*) \quad \beta(\Phi_g^*\lambda(\xi)) = \rho(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}\xi).$$

Take any $\eta \in \mathfrak{g}$ and fix it. We consider a mapping $\psi: G \times P \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ defined by

$$\psi(g, x) = (\Phi_g^*\lambda(\eta))(x) - \lambda(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}\eta)(x)$$

for each $g \in G$ and $x \in P$. ψ is an expression of the obstruction of Ad^* -equivariance of J defined by $\hat{J} = \lambda$. By using the relation $(*)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta \circ \psi_g &= \beta(\Phi_g^*\lambda(\eta)) - \beta \circ \lambda(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}\eta) \\ &= \rho(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}\eta) - \rho(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}\eta) \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $\psi_g: P \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, x \mapsto \psi_g(x) = \psi(g, x)$. This implies that $\psi(g, x)$ is independent of x . For each $g \in G$ and $\xi \in \mathcal{F}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \psi(g \exp t\xi, x)|_{t=0} &= d[\lambda(\eta)](\rho(\text{Ad}_g \xi))|_{\Phi(g,x)} + \lambda(\text{ad}_\xi \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \eta)(x) \\ &= \Phi_g^* \{ \lambda(\eta), \lambda(\text{Ad}_g \xi) \}(x) + \lambda(\text{ad}_\xi \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \eta)(x) \\ &= \{ \Phi_g^* \lambda(\eta), \Phi_g^* \lambda(\text{Ad}_g \xi) \}(x) + \lambda(\text{ad}_\xi \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \eta)(x) \\ &= \{ \lambda(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \eta), \lambda(\xi) \}(x) + \lambda([\xi, \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \eta])(x) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

because λ is a Lie algebra homomorphism. Therefore $\psi(g, x)$ is constant on each connected component of $G \times P$. Since G is connected, $\psi(e, x) = 0$ implies that $\psi = 0$ identically. Thus we complete the proof of the lemma.

3. Proof of the theorem. The group operation of $G = G_1 \times_\sigma G_2$ where $\sigma \in \text{Hom}(G_2, \text{Aut}(G_1))$ is as follows:

$$(g_1, g_2)(h_1, h_2) = (g_1 \sigma_{g_2}(h_1), g_2 h_2).$$

As a vector space, the Lie algebra \mathcal{G} of $G = G_1 \times_\sigma G_2$ is a direct product of \mathcal{G}_1 and \mathcal{G}_2 , and the Lie algebra structure is as follows:

$$[(\xi_1, \xi_2), (\eta_1, \eta_2)] = ([\xi_1, \eta_1] + \hat{\sigma}_{\xi_2} \eta_1 - \hat{\sigma}_{\eta_2} \xi_1, [\xi_2, \eta_2]),$$

where $\xi_1, \eta_1 \in \mathcal{G}_1, \xi_2, \eta_2 \in \mathcal{G}_2$ and $\hat{\sigma}$ is a Lie algebra homomorphism of \mathcal{G}_2 into the algebra of derivations of \mathcal{G}_1 determined by σ . Let ρ, ρ_1 and ρ_2 be the maps assigning the fundamental vector fields of the actions $(G, \Phi), (G_1, \Phi^{(1)})$ and $(G_2, \Phi^{(2)})$ respectively. Then $\rho(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \rho_1(\xi_1) + \rho_2(\xi_2)$ for each $(\xi_1, \xi_2) \in \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_1 \times \mathcal{G}_2$. Since the symplectic action (G, Φ) has a momentum mapping J, \hat{J} is a linear lift of ρ . Let λ_i be the restriction of \hat{J} to $\mathcal{G}_i (i = 1, 2)$. Then λ_i is a linear lift of $\rho_i (i = 1, 2)$. So λ_i defines a momentum mapping for $(G_i, \Phi^{(i)}) (i = 1, 2)$. Since $(G_1, \Phi^{(1)})$ has an Ad^* -equivariant momentum mapping, there is a $\mu_1 \in \mathcal{G}_1^*$ such that $\lambda_1 + \mu_1$ is a Lie algebra homomorphie lift of ρ_1 . Since $(\lambda_1 + \mu_1) + \lambda_2$ is also a linear lift of ρ , we may assume in the first decomposition $\hat{J} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ that λ_1 is a Lie algebra homomorphie lift of ρ_1 . Define a mapping ν_2 of $\mathcal{G}_2 \times \mathcal{G}_2$ into $\mathcal{F}(P)$ by

$$\nu_2(\xi, \eta) = \{ \lambda_2(\xi), \lambda_2(\eta) \} - \lambda_2([\xi, \eta])$$

for each ξ, η in \mathcal{G}_2 . Since $\beta \circ \nu_2 = 0, \nu_2$ is a bilinear mapping of $\mathcal{G}_2 \times \mathcal{G}_2$ into \mathbf{R} , and so ν_2 is a 2-dimensional cochain of \mathcal{G}_2 . Using the Jacobi identities of Lie and Poisson, it is easily proved that ν_2 is closed. The condition $H^2(\mathcal{G}_2: \mathbf{R}) = 0$ implies $\nu_2 = \delta \mu_2$ for some $\mu_2 \in \mathcal{G}_2^*$, where δ is the coboundary operator of \mathcal{G}_2 . We can easily see that $\lambda_2 - \mu_2$ is a Lie algebra homomorphie lift of ρ_2 . So we may assume that the linear lift \hat{J} is the sum of Lie algebra homomorphie lifts λ_1 and λ_2 which correspond to ρ_1 and ρ_2 respectively. To show that \hat{J} is a Lie algebra homomorphism, we consider a mapping ν of $\mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G}$ into $\mathcal{F}(P)$ defined by

$$\nu((\xi_1, \xi_2), (\eta_1, \eta_2)) = \{ \hat{J}(\xi_1, \xi_2), \hat{J}(\eta_1, \eta_2) \} - \hat{J}([\xi_1, \xi_2], [\eta_1, \eta_2]),$$

where $(\xi_1, \xi_2), (\eta_1, \eta_2) \in \mathcal{G}_1 \times \mathcal{G}_2 = \mathcal{G}$. Using the fact that λ_1 and λ_2 are Lie algebra

homomorphisms, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nu((\xi_1, \xi_2), (\eta_1, \eta_2)) &= \{\lambda_1(\xi_1), \lambda_2(\eta_2)\} + \lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_{\eta_2}\xi_1) \\ &\quad - \{\lambda_1(\eta_1), \lambda_2(\xi_2)\} - \lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_{\xi_2}\eta_1). \end{aligned}$$

Since we have, for each $\xi \in \mathcal{F}_1$ and $\eta \in \mathcal{F}_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta[\{\lambda_1(\xi), \lambda_2(\eta)\} + \lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta\xi)] &= [\beta \circ \lambda_1(\xi), \beta \circ \lambda_2(\eta)] + \beta \circ \lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta\xi) \\ &= [\rho_1(\xi), \rho_2(\eta)] + \rho_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta\xi) \\ &= \rho([\xi, 0], (0, \eta)) + \rho_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta\xi) \\ &= -\rho_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta\xi) + \rho_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta\xi) \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

$\{\lambda_1(\xi), \lambda_2(\eta)\} + \lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta\xi)$ is constant, which we denote by $c(\xi, \eta)$. Now we have $\nu((\xi_1, \xi_2), (\eta_1, \eta_2)) = c(\xi_1, \eta_2) - c(\eta_1, \xi_2)$. For each $\xi, \xi' \in \mathcal{F}_1$ and $\eta \in \mathcal{F}_2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} c([\xi, \xi'], \eta) &= \{\lambda_1([\xi, \xi']), \lambda_2(\eta)\} + \lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta[\xi, \xi']) \\ &= \{\{\lambda_1(\xi), \lambda_1(\xi')\}, \lambda_2(\eta)\} + \lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta[\xi, \xi']) \\ &= -\{\{\lambda_1(\xi'), \lambda_2(\eta)\}, \lambda_1(\xi)\} - \{\{\lambda_2(\eta), \lambda_1(\xi)\}, \lambda_1(\xi')\} \\ &\quad + \lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta[\xi, \xi']) \\ &= -\{-\lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta\xi') + c(\xi', \eta), \lambda_1(\xi)\} \\ &\quad + \{-\lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta\xi) + c(\xi, \eta), \lambda_1(\xi')\} + \lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta[\xi, \xi']) \\ &= \{\lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta\xi'), \lambda_1(\xi)\} - \{\lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta\xi), \lambda_1(\xi')\} + \lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta[\xi, \xi']) \\ &= \lambda_1([\hat{\sigma}_\eta\xi', \xi]) - \lambda_1([\hat{\sigma}_\eta\xi, \xi']) + \lambda_1(\hat{\sigma}_\eta[\xi, \xi']) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

by using the Jacobi identity of Poisson bracket and the facts that λ_1 is a Lie algebra homomorphism and that $\hat{\sigma}_\eta$ is a derivation of \mathcal{F}_1 . Since we assumed that $H^1(\mathcal{F}_1; \mathbf{R}) = 0$, that is, $[\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_1] = \mathcal{F}_1$, we have $c(\xi, \eta) = 0$ for every $(\xi, \eta) \in \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2$. Therefore $\nu = 0$ identically, which means that \hat{J} is a Lie algebra homomorphic lift of ρ . From the lemma we have completed the proof of the theorem.

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