

# Proseminar Lie Groups

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1. By a matrix group we mean a closed subgroup of the general linear group  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ . Verify that the following sets are matrix groups in this sense:
  - (a)  $SL(n, \mathbb{R}) := \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \mid \det(A) = 1\}$ .
  - (b) The space  $UT(n, \mathbb{R})$  of regular upper triangular matrices.
  - (c) The affine group  $\text{Aff}(n, \mathbb{R}) := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}), t \in \mathbb{R}^n \right\}$   
(as a subgroup of  $GL(n+1, \mathbb{R})$ ).
  - (d) The orthogonal group:  $O(n) := \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \mid AA^t = I\}$ .
  - (e) The Lorentz group  $\{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \mid A^t D A = D\}$ , where  $D = \text{diag}(-1, 1, \dots, 1)$ .
2. Prepare a short presentation about equivalent descriptions of submanifolds of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and of their tangent spaces.
3. Consider the determinant function as a map  $\det : GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and show that for  $A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  and  $B \in M(n, \mathbb{R})$  we have:

$$D \det(A)(B) = \det(A) \text{tr}(A^{-1}B)$$

(where  $\text{tr}$  denotes the trace). *Hint:* Calculate  $\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 \det(A + tB)$ .

4. Conclude from the above that  $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$  is a submanifold of  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  and calculate its tangent space at  $I$ .