

# Automorphisms of Engel Manifolds

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## What are Engel manifolds?

### Definition

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### F. Engel (1889, Darboux's theorem for Engel manifolds)

Let  $(E, \mathcal{D})$  be an Engel manifold, and let  $p \in E$ . Then, there exists a chart  $(U; x, y, z, w)$  with  $p \in U$  such that  $\mathcal{D}|_U = \text{Ker}(dy - zdx) \cap \text{Ker}(dz - wdx)$ .

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However, the following question is open.

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## 1 Introduction

## 2 Engel structures and contact structures

- from Engel to contact
- from contact to Engel

## 3 Main results

- extend to orbifolds
- the development map and Engel automorphisms
- construction of the answer of AIM's problem



## Definition 1.1

Let  $E$  be a 4-manifold. An *Engel structure* on  $E$  is a smooth rank 2 distribution  $\mathcal{D} \subset TE$  with following condition:

$$\mathcal{D}^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{D} + [\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}] \text{ has rank 3, and } \mathcal{D}^3 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{D}^2 + [\mathcal{D}^2, \mathcal{D}^2] \text{ has rank 4.}$$

The pair  $(E, \mathcal{D})$  is called an *Engel manifold*.

Let  $(E_1, \mathcal{D}_1), (E_2, \mathcal{D}_2)$  be Engel manifolds. A *Engel morphism*  $f : (E_1, \mathcal{D}_1) \rightarrow (E_2, \mathcal{D}_2)$  is a local diffeomorphism  $f : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  with  $df(\mathcal{D}_1) \subset \mathcal{D}_2$ .

## Propositoin 1.2 (R. Montgomery)

Let  $(E, \mathcal{D})$  be an Engel manifold. Then, there exists a unique rank 1 distribution  $\exists! \mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{D}$  such that  $[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{D}^2] \subset \mathcal{D}^2$ .

- The above  $\mathcal{L}$  is called the *characteristic foliation* of  $(E, \mathcal{D})$ .

### Example 1.3

$$E \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} J^2(1,1) \cong \mathbb{R}^4 \ni (x, y, \dot{y}, \ddot{y})$$

$$\mathcal{D} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Ker}(\alpha) \cap \text{Ker}(\beta) \quad (\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} dy - \dot{y}dx, \beta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} d\dot{y} - \ddot{y}dx)$$

$\rightarrow (E, \mathcal{D})$  is an Engel manifold.

Then,

$\mathcal{L} = \langle \partial_{\ddot{y}} \rangle = \text{Ker}(\alpha) \cap \text{Ker}(\beta) \cap \text{Ker}(dx)$  is the characteristic foliation.

And,

$$\mathcal{D} = \langle \partial_{\ddot{y}}, X \rangle = \text{Ker}(\alpha) \cap \text{Ker}(\beta) \quad (X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \partial_x + \dot{y}\partial_y + \ddot{y}\partial_{\dot{y}}),$$

$$\mathcal{E} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{D}^2 = \langle \partial_{\ddot{y}}, X, \partial_{\dot{y}} \rangle = \text{Ker}(\alpha).$$

Any 3-dimensional submanifold  $M \subset E$  intersecting transversally the characteristic foliation has a contact structure  $TM \cap \mathcal{D}^2$ .

## Definition 1.4

Let  $M$  be an odd dimensional manifold. A *contact structure* on  $M$  is a corank 1 distribution  $\xi \subset TM$  such that, for any local differential form  $\alpha$  with  $\xi = \text{Ker}(\alpha)$ ,  $d\alpha|_{\xi} : \xi \otimes \xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is nondegenerate.

Then, the pair  $(M, \xi)$  is called a *contact manifold*. and  $\alpha$  is called a *contact form*.

Let  $(M_1, \xi_1), (M_2, \xi_2)$  be contact manifolds. A *contact morphism*  $f : (M_1, \xi_1) \rightarrow (M_2, \xi_2)$  is a local diffeomorphism  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  with  $df(\xi_1) \subset \xi_2$ .

Any vector field tangent to the characteristic foliation  $\mathcal{L}$  preserves the “even contact structure”  $\mathcal{D}^2$ .

In particular, any holonomy of  $\mathcal{L}$  is a germ of contact morphism.

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## Theorem 1.5

Let  $X$  be a manifold and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a foliation on  $X$ .

1. If all leaves of  $\mathcal{F}$  is compact and all holonomy groups of that are finite, then the leaf space  $X/\mathcal{F}$  is an **orbifold**.
2. As above, if all holonomy groups are trivial, then the leaf space  $X/\mathcal{F}$  is a **manifold**.

## Definition 1.6 (Y.)

Let  $(E, \mathcal{D})$  be an Engel manifold, and let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the characteristic foliation of  $(E, \mathcal{D})$ .

1. If all leaves of  $\mathcal{L}$  is compact and all holonomy groups of that are finite, then we says that  $(E, \mathcal{D})$  has the *proper* characteristic foliation.
2. As above, if all holonomy groups are trivial, then we says that  $(E, \mathcal{D})$  has the *trivial* characteristic foliation.

## Propositoin 1.7 (R. Montgomery)

*Let  $(E, \mathcal{D})$  be an Engel manifold that has the trivial characteristic foliation, let  $M$  be the leaf space of the characteristic foliation, and let  $\pi : E \rightarrow M$  be the quotient map. Then,  $\xi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} d\pi(\mathcal{D}^2)$  is well-defined, and it is a contact structure on  $M$ . Moreover,  $(E, \mathcal{D}) \mapsto (M, \xi)$  is functorial.*

Let  $(M, \xi)$  be a contact 3-manifold, let

$E = \mathbb{P}(\xi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \coprod_{x \in M} \mathbb{P}(\xi_x) = (\xi - 0)/\mathbb{R}^\times$ , and let  $\pi : E \rightarrow M$  is the projective

map. Now, we define a rank 2 distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  on  $E$  in the following way: For each  $l \in E$  with  $\pi(l) = x$ ,  $l \subset \mathbb{P}(\xi_x)$  is a line that cross the origin. By the way, we define  $\mathcal{D}_l \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} d\pi_l^{-1}(l) \subset T_l E$ .

Similarly, let  $E' = \mathbb{S}(\xi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\xi - 0)/\mathbb{R}_{>0}$ . Then  $E'$  is a 2-covering on  $E$ . Now, we define a rank 2 distribution  $\mathcal{D}'$  on  $E'$  as the pull-back of  $\mathcal{D}$ .

## Propositoin 1.8 (R. Montgomery)

*The above  $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}'$  is an Engel structure on  $E, E'$ . Moreover,  $(M, \xi) \mapsto (E, \mathcal{D})$  and  $(E', \mathcal{D}')$  are functorial.*

## Definition 1.9

The above  $(E, \mathcal{D})$  is called *Cartan prolongation*, and we denote this  $\mathbb{P}(M, \xi)$ .

The above  $(E', \mathcal{D}')$  is called *oriented Cartan prolongation*, and we denote this  $\mathbb{S}(M, \xi)$ .

Any Cartan prolongation has the trivial characteristic foliation. In fact, the Cartan prolongation is the “minimal” object of such Engel manifolds.



# the development map

Let  $(E, \mathcal{D})$  be an Engel manifold that has the trivial characteristic foliation, let  $(M, \xi)$  be the leaf space of the characteristic foliation, and let  $\pi : E \rightarrow M$  be the quotient map. Now, we define  $\phi : E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\xi)$  as  $\phi(e) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} d\pi(\mathcal{D}_e) \subset \xi_{\pi(e)}$ .

## Propositoin 1.10 (R. Montgomery)

*The above  $\phi$  is an Engel morphism  $(E, \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(M, \xi)$ . Moreover, this satisfies the universality: For any contact 3-manifold  $(N, \nu)$  and any Engel morphism  $\psi : (E, \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(N, \nu)$ , there exists a unique contact morphism  $\tilde{\psi} : (M, \xi) \rightarrow (N, \nu)$  such that  $\psi = \mathbb{P}(\tilde{\psi}) \circ \phi$ .*

- The above  $\phi$  is called the *development map* associated to  $(E, \mathcal{D})$ .
- The functor  $\mathbb{P}$  is fully faithful.

The above discussion can be generalized to an Engel manifold with **proper** characteristic foliation in the obvious way. That is, if  $E/\mathcal{L}$  is an orbifold, then  $E/\mathcal{L}$  has a contact structure, and then  $E$  has the development map. However, the Cartan prolongation of a contact 3-orbifold is an Engel orbifold in general.

### Question

When is the Cartan prolongation of a contact 3-orbifold an Engel manifold?

## Theorem 2.1 (Y.)

Let  $(\Sigma, \xi)$  be a contact 3-orbifold.

1. The Cartan prolongation of  $(\Sigma, \xi)$  is a manifold if and only if  $(\Sigma, \xi)$  is *positive*, and  $|G_x|$  is odd for all  $x \in \Sigma$ , where  $G_x$  is the isotropy group at  $x$ .
2. The oriented Cartan prolongation of  $(\Sigma, \xi)$  is a manifold if and only if  $(\Sigma, \xi)$  is *positive*.

In fact, all Engel manifolds obtained as the Cartan prolongation of a "space" with contact structure are obtained as above. This can be shown by using Lie groupoid theory.

- Recall, a *manifold* is a topological space to be locally Euclidean.
- An *orbifold* is a topological space to be locally Euclidean with a finite group action.

## Definition 2.2

Let  $\Sigma$  be an orbifold,  $\{(V_\lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^n, G_\lambda \curvearrowright V_\lambda, p_\lambda : V_\lambda \rightarrow \Sigma)\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  be an orbifold atlas on  $\Sigma$ , and  $\phi_{\lambda\mu}$  be the transformation map for  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda$ . A *contact structure* on  $\Sigma$  is a family  $\xi = \{\xi_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  of contact structures on each  $V_\lambda$  such that all  $G_\lambda \curvearrowright V_\lambda$  are contact actions, and all  $\phi_{\lambda\mu}$  are contact morphisms. The pair of an orbifold and a contact structure is called a *contact orbifold*.

Similarly, we define an *Engel structure* on an orbifold and an *Engel orbifold*.

### Example 2.3

$\xi_{std} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Ker}(dz + xdy - ydx)$  is a contact structure on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We define  $\phi_n, \psi : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  as  $\phi_n(x, y, z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (x \cos(\frac{2\pi}{n}) - y \sin(\frac{2\pi}{n}), x \sin(\frac{2\pi}{n}) + y \cos(\frac{2\pi}{n}), z)$ ,  $\psi(x, y, z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (x, -y, -z)$ . Then,  $G_{n, std} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \phi_n, \psi \rangle \curvearrowright (\mathbb{R}^3, \xi_{std})$  and  $H_{n, std} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \phi_n \rangle \curvearrowright (\mathbb{R}^3, \xi_{std})$  are contact actions of finite groups. These are called *standard models*. Then,  $(\mathbb{R}^3, \xi_{std})/G_{n, std}$  and  $(\mathbb{R}^3, \xi_{std})/H_{n, std}$  are contact orbifolds.

### Theorem 2.4 (Darboux's theorem for contact 3-orbifolds)

*Let  $(\Sigma, \xi)$  be a contact 3-orbifold, and let  $x \in \Sigma$ . Then, there exists an orbifold chart  $(V, G, p)$  around  $x$  such that  $(V, G)$  is isomorphic to an open neighborhood of  $0 \in (\mathbb{R}^3, H)$  where  $H = G_{n, std}$  or  $H = H_{n, std}$ .*

## Definition 2.5

Let  $\Sigma$  be an orbifold and  $x \in \Sigma$ . Take an orbifold chart  $(V, G, p)$  with  $x \in p(V) \subset \Sigma$ , and take a point  $\tilde{x} \in p^{-1}(x)$ . Then,

$G_x \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\sigma \in G \mid \sigma\tilde{x} = \tilde{x}\}$  is called the *isotropy group* at  $x$ .

## Definition 2.6

A contact orbifold  $(\Sigma, \xi)$  is *positive* if all  $G_x \curvearrowright \xi_x$  preserve the orientation.

- $(\mathbb{R}^3, \xi_{std})/G_{n, std}$  is not positive.
- $(\mathbb{R}^3, \xi_{std})/H_{n, std}$  is positive.

Because of Darboux's theorem for contact 3-orbifolds, the main result follows the following lemma.

## Lemma 2.7

1. *The actions  $G_{n,std} \curvearrowright \mathbb{P}(\xi_{std})$ ,  $G_{n,std} \curvearrowright \mathbb{S}(\xi_{std})$  are not free.*
2. *The action  $H_{n,std} \curvearrowright \mathbb{P}(\xi_{std})$  is free if and only if  $n$  is odd.*
3. *The action  $H_{n,std} \curvearrowright \mathbb{S}(\xi_{std})$  is free for any  $n$ .*

## Main result 2

The composition of the two functors

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \{Engel\} & \longrightarrow & \{Contact\} & \longrightarrow & \{Engel\} \\ \Psi & & \Psi & & \Psi \\ (E, \mathcal{D}) & \longmapsto & (E/\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{D}^2/\mathcal{L}) & \longmapsto & \mathbb{P}(E/\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{D}^2/\mathcal{L}) \end{array}$$

induces a group morphism

$$\Phi : Aut(E, \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow Aut(E/\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{D}^2/\mathcal{L}) \cong Aut(\mathbb{P}(E/\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{D}^2/\mathcal{L}))$$

### Theorem 2.8 (Y.)

Let  $(E, \mathcal{D})$  be a connected Engel manifold. Suppose that  $\mathbb{P}(E/\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{D}^2/\mathcal{L})$  is a manifold. If the development map  $\phi : (E, \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(E/\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{D}^2/\mathcal{L})$  is **not** covering, then the above group morphism  $\Phi$  is injective.



## Lemma 2.9

Let  $(E, \mathcal{D})$  be an Engel manifold. Suppose that  $\mathbb{P}(E/\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{D}^2/\mathcal{L})$  is a manifold.

1. If there exists a leaf  $L$  of  $\mathcal{L}$  such that  $\phi|_L : L \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{D}^2/\mathcal{L})_L$  is *not* covering, then the above group morphism  $\Phi$  is injective.
2. If, for any leaf  $L$  of  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\phi|_L : L \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{D}^2/\mathcal{L})_L$  is covering, then  $\phi$  is covering

# outline of proof

proof of 1.

Suppose  $\Phi(f) = \Phi(g)$  for  $f, g \in \text{Aut}(E, \mathcal{D})$ .

Because  $\phi|_L$  is not covering, we can identify  $\phi|_L$  with  $(a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} (a \neq -\infty)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (c, d) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \\ f \uparrow \uparrow g & & \uparrow \Phi(f)=\Phi(g) \\ (a, b) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

Then there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $f(a + \epsilon) = g(a + \epsilon)$ .

Because  $E$  is connected, we obtain  $f = g$ .



proof of 2.

Take any leaf  $L$  of  $\mathcal{L}$ , and let  $L' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{D}^2/\mathcal{L})_L$ .

There exists a nonsingular vector field  $X$  realizing the holonomy on  $L'$ , defined on a open neighborhood  $U$ .

Let  $\tilde{X}$  be a pull-back of  $X$  by  $\phi$ . Because any  $\phi|_{L_0}$  is covering,  $\tilde{X}$  is complete.

So, we can obtain  $\phi|_{\phi^{-1}(U)} : \phi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U$  is covering whose degree is the same as that of  $\phi|_L$ .



Let  $(E, \mathcal{D})$  be a connected Engel manifold. Suppose that  $E/\mathcal{L}$  is a manifold.

Define  $\sigma : E/\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$  by  $\sigma(L) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min\{\#\phi^{-1}(y) \mid y \in \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{D}^2/\mathcal{L})_L\}$ .  
Call  $\sigma$  *twisting number function*.

## Propositoin 2.10

*For any  $f \in \text{Aut}(E, \mathcal{D})$ , the induced automorphism  $E/\mathcal{L} \rightarrow E/\mathcal{L}$  preserves the twisting number function  $\sigma$ .*

## Example 2.11

$$E \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{R}^4 \ni (x, y, z, \theta)$$

$$\mathcal{D} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \partial_\theta, \cos(\frac{\theta}{2})X + \sin(\frac{\theta}{2})Y \rangle \quad (X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \partial_x - y\partial_z, Y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \partial_y)$$

→  $(E, \mathcal{D})$  is an Engel manifold.

Then,  $\mathcal{L} = \langle \partial_\theta \rangle$  is the characteristic foliation.

$$\text{And, } \mathcal{E} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{D}^2 = \langle \partial_\theta, X, Y \rangle.$$

$$\rightarrow M \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E/\mathcal{L} \cong \mathbb{R}^3 \ni (x, y, z), \quad \xi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{E}/\mathcal{L} \cong \langle X, Y \rangle.$$

$$M \times S^1 \cong \mathbb{P}(M, \xi); \quad (\mathbf{x}, [\theta]) \mapsto \langle \cos(\frac{\theta}{2})X_{\mathbf{x}} + \sin(\frac{\theta}{2})Y_{\mathbf{x}} \rangle.$$

$\phi : E \rightarrow M \times S^1; (\mathbf{x}, \theta) \mapsto (\mathbf{x}, [\theta])$  is identified with the development map.

→ The twisting number function  $\sigma$  is a constant function  $\infty$ .

## Example 2.12

Fix a point  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and a number  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

$E \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{R}^4 - \{\mathbf{x}_0\} \times ((-\infty, -n\pi] \cup [n\pi + \epsilon, \infty))$  ( $\epsilon \in (0, 2\pi]$ )

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→ The twisting number function  $\sigma$  is the following:

$$\sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} n & (\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0) \\ \infty & (\text{otherwise}) \end{cases}$$

## Theorem 2.13 (Mitsumatsu, Y.)

*There exists an Engel manifold with trivial automorphism group.*

proof

Take a countable dense subset  $Q = \{\mathbf{x}_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .

$E \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{R}^4 - \bigcup_n \{\mathbf{x}_n\} \times ((-\infty, -n\pi] \cup [n\pi + \epsilon, \infty))$  ( $\epsilon \in (0, 2\pi]$ )

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For any  $f \in \text{Aut}(E, \mathcal{D})$ , the induced automorphism  $\underline{f} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is the identity on  $Q$ . Because  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is dense,  $\underline{f}$  is the identity on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . So  $f$  is the identity.

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