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Bi-presymplectic representation of Liouville integrable systems and related separability theory

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1 Summary

Symplectic structures play an important role in the theory of Hamiltonian dynamical systems. In the case of a non-degenerate Poisson tensor the dual symplectic formulation of the dynamic can always be introduced via the inverse of the Poisson tensor. On the other hand, many dynamical systems admit Hamiltonian representation with degenerate Poisson tensor. For such tensors the notion of dual presymplectic structures was developed [4, 1, 2].

The alternative presymplectic picture is especially interesting in the case of Liouville integrable systems. There is well developed bi-Hamiltonian theory of such systems, bases on Poisson pencils of the Kronecker type [5, 6], with polynomial in pencil parameter Casimir functions and related separability theory (see [3], [7] and references quoted there in). The important question is whether it is possible to formulate an independent, alternative bi-presymplectic (bi-inverse-Hamiltonian in particular) theory of such systems with related separability theory and how both theories are related to each other.

The following presentation developes the bi-presymplectic theory of Liouville integrable systems. The whole formalism is based on the notion of dcompatibility of presymplectic forms and d-compatibility of Poisson bivectors.

First, we give some basic information on Poisson tensors, presymplectic twoforms, Hamiltonian and inverse Hamiltonian vector fields and dual Poissonpresymplectic pairs. Then, the concept of d-compatibility of Poisson bivectors and d-compatibility of closed two-forms is developed and the main properties of bi-presymplectic chains of arbitrary co-rank are investigated. We present conditions under which the bi-presymplectic chain is related to some Liouville integrable system and conditions when the chain is bi-inverse-Hamiltonian. We also present conditions under which Hamiltonian vector fields, constructed from a given bi-presymplectic chain, constitute a related bi-Hamiltonian chain. Finally we prove that arbitrary Stäckel system has bi-inverse-Hamiltonian formulation.

The advantage of bi-inverse-Hamiltonian representation compare to bi-Hamiltonian ones is that the existence of the first guarantee that related Liouville integrable system is separable and the construction of separation coordinates is purely algorithmic (in a generic case), while the bi-Hamiltonian representation does not guarantee the existence of quasi-bi-Hamiltonian representation and hence separability of related system. Moreover, the projection of the second Poisson structure onto the symplectic foliation of the first one, in order to construct a quasi-bi-Hamiltonian representation, is fare from being trivial non-algorithmic procedure.

The general objects under investigation are bi-presymplectic chains of oneforms

$$\beta_i^{(k)} = \Omega_0 Y_i^{(k)} = \Omega_1 Y_{i-1}^{(k)}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n_k, \quad k = 1, \dots, m, \tag{1}$$

where $n_1 + ... + n_m = n$, and (Ω_0, Ω_1) is a pair of d-compatible presymplectic forms of rank 2n and co-rank m. Each chain starts with a kernel vector field $Y_0^{(k)}$ of Ω_0 and terminates with a kernel vector field $Y_{n_k}^{(k)}$ of Ω_1 . When $\beta_i^{(k)}$ are closed one-forms the chains are bi-inverse-Hamiltonian.

We prove that Stäckel separable systems with Hamiltonians given by separation relations of the most general form

$$\sum_{k=1}^{m} \varphi_i^k(\lambda_i, \mu_i) H^{(k)}(\lambda_i) = \psi_i(\lambda_i, \mu_i), \qquad i = 1, \dots, n,$$
(2)

where

$$H^{(k)}(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \lambda^{n_k - i} H_i^{(k)}, \qquad n_1 + \dots + n_m = n,$$

 $\varphi_i^k(\lambda_i, \mu_i), \psi_i(\lambda_i, \mu_i)$ are arbitrary smooth functions and (λ, μ) are separation coordinates, have bi-inverse-Hamiltonian representation (1).

We also show how to construct separation coordinates from chains (1) in a purely algorithmic way.

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