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## Modified Symplectic Structures in Cotangent Bundles of Lie Groups.

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In earlier work [1], we studied an extension of the canonical symplectic structure in the cotangent bundle of an affine space  $Q = \mathbf{R}^N$ , by additional terms implying the Poisson non-commutativity of both configuration and momentum variables. In this article, we claim that such an extension can be done consistently when  $Q$  is a Lie group  $G$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

As applied to physics, noncommutative geometry is understood mainly in two ways. The first one is the spectral triple approach of A. Connes [2] with the Dirac operator playing a central role in unifying, through the universal action principle, gravitation with the standard model of fundamental interactions. The second one is the quantum field theory on noncommutative spaces [3] with the Moyal product as main ingredient. Besides these, a proposition by several authors [4, 5] was made to generalise quantum mechanics in such a way that the operators corresponding to space coordinates no longer commute:  $[\hat{x}^k, \hat{x}^\ell] \neq 0$ . This was implemented by an extension of the Poisson structure on the cotangent space such that the brackets sat-

isfy  $\{x^k, x^\ell\} \neq 0$ . Upon quantisation, the corresponding operators should then also be noncommutative. A particle moving in an affine space  $\mathbf{A}^N$ , has its configuration, in a fixed reference frame, given by an element  $\{x^k\}$  of the translation group:  $Q = \mathbf{R}^N$  with cotangent bundle  $T^*(Q) = \mathbf{R}^N \times \mathbf{R}^N$ . In [1], we examined such an extension of the canonical symplectic two-form  $\omega_0 = dx^i \wedge dp_i \rightarrow \Omega = \omega_0 + \omega_F + \omega_B$ :

$$\omega_F = \frac{1}{2} F_{ij}(x) dx^i \wedge dx^j, \quad \omega_B = \frac{1}{2} B^{k\ell}(p) dp_k \wedge dp_\ell \quad (1.1)$$

This extension is form-invariant under a change of the reference frame lifted to the cotangent bundle:

$$T^*(Q) \rightarrow T^*(Q) : (x^i, p_k) \rightarrow (x'^i = A^i_j x^j + a^k, p'_k = p_\ell (A^{-1})^\ell_k) \quad (1.2)$$

$$\Omega \rightarrow \Omega' = dx'^i \wedge dp'_i + \frac{1}{2} F'_{ij}(x') dx'^i \wedge dx'^j + \frac{1}{2} B'^{k\ell}(p') dp'_k \wedge dp'_\ell \quad (1.3)$$

$$F'_{ij}(x') = F_{kl}(x) (A^{-1})^k_i (A^{-1})^\ell_j, \quad B'^{k\ell}(p') = A^k_i A^\ell_j B^{ij}(p)$$

For a general configuration space  $Q$ , a diffeomorphism  $\phi : x^i \rightarrow x'^i \doteq \phi^i(x)$ , when lifted to  $T^*(Q)$ , becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\phi} : (x^i, p_k) &\rightarrow \left( x'^i = \phi^i(x), p'_k = p_\ell \frac{\partial(\phi^{-1}(x'))^\ell}{\partial x'^k} \right) \\ F'_{ij}(x') &= F_{kl}(x) \frac{\partial(\phi^{-1})^k(x')}{\partial x'^i} \frac{\partial(\phi^{-1})^\ell(x')}{\partial x'^j} \\ B'^{k\ell}(p', x') &= \frac{\partial\phi^k(x)}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial\phi^\ell(x)}{\partial x^j} B^{ij}(p) \end{aligned}$$

In general  $B'^{k\ell}$  is function of both variables  $\{p', x'\}$  and no intrinsic meaning can be given to the particular form of the extension  $\Omega$  in equation (1.1).

In this work, we show that such an extension is achieved when  $Q = G$  is a Lie group. This is possible because the cotangent bundle  $T^*(G)$  has two distinguished trivialisations, the left- and right trivialisations [7] implemented respectively by the bases of the left- and right invariant differential forms.

In section 2., inspired by the rigid body motion, we use the left trivialisation with left invariant or *body-coordinates* and con-

struct a left invariant two-form. In the case of constant  $F_{ij}$  and  $B^{k\ell}$  fields the  $\omega_F$  term arises from a symplectic one-cocycle, as introduced by Souriau [8, 9], and  $\omega_B$  will be automatically left invariant. The constructed two-form  $\Omega$  is obviously closed but the non degeneracy condition leads in general to a constrained Hamiltonian system. This is examined in more detail for  $SU(2)$  in section 3.. Final considerations are made in section 4.. Some elements of Lie algebra cohomology [9, 10] are recalled in the appendix.

### 2. THE PHASE SPACE $\{\mathcal{M}_0 \equiv T^*(G), \omega_0\}$

Let  $\{g^\alpha, \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$  be coordinates of a group element  $g \in G$ . Natural or holonomic coordinates of points  $(g, \mathbf{p}_g) \in T^*(G)$  are obtained using the basis  $\{\mathbf{d}g^\mu\}$  of the cotangent space  $T_g^*(G)$ . They are given by  $(g^\alpha, p_\mu)_{hol}$ , where  $\mathbf{p}_g = p_\mu \mathbf{d}g^\mu$ . Given a pair of dual bases  $\{\mathbf{e}_\alpha\}$  of the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G} \doteq T_e(G)$  and  $\{\mathbf{e}^\alpha\}$  of its dual  $\mathcal{G}^*$ , the differential and pull-back of the left- and right translations  $(L_g, R_g)$

define left- and right invariant vector fields and one forms:  $\mathbf{e}_\alpha^L(g) \doteq L_{g*|e} \mathbf{e}_\alpha$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_\alpha^R(g) \doteq R_{g*|e} \mathbf{e}_\alpha$ ,  $\varepsilon_\alpha^L(g) \doteq L_{g^{-1}|g}^* \varepsilon_\alpha$ ,  $\varepsilon_\alpha^R(g) \doteq R_{g^{-1}|g}^* \varepsilon_\alpha$ . With canonical group coordinates, in terms of  $L_\beta^\alpha(g, h) \doteq \partial(g h)^\alpha / \partial g^\beta$  and  $R_\beta^\alpha(g, h) \doteq \partial(h g)^\alpha / \partial g^\beta$ , they are explicitly given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_\alpha^L(g) &= L_\alpha^\mu(g, e) \frac{\partial}{\partial g^\mu}, \quad \mathbf{e}_\alpha^R(g) = R_\alpha^\mu(g, e) \frac{\partial}{\partial g^\mu} \\ \varepsilon_\alpha^L(g) &= L_\alpha^\mu(g^{-1}, g) \mathbf{d}g^\mu, \quad \varepsilon_\alpha^R(g) = R_\alpha^\mu(g^{-1}, g) \mathbf{d}g^\mu \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

These bases implement canonical trivialisations of the tangent and cotangent bundle. For the cotangent bundle, which is the arena of symplectic or Hamiltonian formalism, we have a left and a right trivialisation:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda : T^*(G) &\rightarrow G \times \mathcal{G}^* : (g, p_g = p_\mu \mathbf{d}g^\mu) \rightarrow (g, \pi^L = L_{g|e}^* p_g = \pi_\mu^L \varepsilon^\mu) \\ \pi_\mu^L &= \langle p_g, \mathbf{e}_\mu^L \rangle = p_\nu L_\mu^\nu(g, e) \\ \rho : T^*(G) &\rightarrow G \times \mathcal{G}^* : (g, p_g = p_\mu \mathbf{d}g^\mu) \rightarrow (g, \pi^R = R_{g|e}^* p_g = \pi_\mu^R \varepsilon^\mu) \\ \pi_\mu^R &= \langle p_g, \mathbf{e}_\mu^R \rangle = p_\nu R_\mu^\nu(g, e) \end{aligned}$$

They can be viewed as a change of coordinates of a point  $(g, p_g)$  in  $T^*(G)$ :

$$(g, \mathbf{p}_g) \leftrightarrow (g^\alpha, p_\mu)_{hol} \leftrightarrow (g^\alpha, \pi_\mu^L)_{\mathbf{B}} \leftrightarrow (g^\alpha, \pi_\mu^R)_{\mathbf{S}} \quad (2.2)$$

In rigid body theory, the coordinates of the left trivialisation are the "body" coordinates, whence the subscript  $(\cdot)_{\mathbf{B}}$ . The right trivialisation yields "space" coordinates with subscript  $(\cdot)_{\mathbf{S}}$ . Both are related through the coadjoint representation of  $G$  in  $\mathcal{G}^*$ :

$$\pi_\mu^R = \mathbf{K}_\mu^\nu(g) \pi_\nu^L = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{d}^\nu_\mu(g^{-1}) \pi_\nu^L \quad (2.3)$$

Lifting the left multiplication in  $G$  to the cotangent bundle yields a group action:  $\tilde{L}_a : T^*(G) \rightarrow T^*(G) : x = (g, p_g) \rightarrow y = (ag, p'_{ag} = L_{a^{-1}|ag}^* p_g)$ . In body coordinates:  $(\tilde{L}_a)_{\mathbf{B}} : (g^\alpha, \pi_\mu^L)_{\mathbf{B}} \rightarrow ((ag)^\alpha, \pi_\mu^L)_{\mathbf{B}}$ . The pull-back of the cotangent projection  $\kappa : T^*(G) \rightarrow G : x \doteq (g, p_g) \rightarrow g$ , acting on the  $\{\varepsilon^\alpha(g)\}$  yield  $\tilde{L}_a$  invariant one forms on  $T^*(G)$ :  $\langle \varepsilon_L^\alpha(x) | = \kappa_x^* \varepsilon_L^\alpha(\kappa(x))$  and the differentials of the left invariant functions  $\pi_\mu^L$  on  $T^*(G)$  also yield  $\tilde{L}_a$  invariant one forms on  $T^*(G)$ . Together they provide a left invariant basis of the cotangent space at  $x = (g^\alpha, \pi_\mu^L)_{\mathbf{B}} \in T^*(G)$ :

$$\{ \langle \varepsilon_L^\alpha | \doteq L_\alpha^\mu(g^{-1}, g) \langle \mathbf{d}g^\mu |, \langle \varepsilon_\mu^L | \doteq \langle \mathbf{d}\pi_\mu^L | \} \quad (2.4)$$

Its dual basis in the tangent space  $T_x(T^*(G))$  is given by

$$\{ | \mathbf{e}_\alpha^L \rangle \doteq | \partial / \partial g^\alpha \rangle L_\alpha^\mu(g, e), | \mathbf{e}_\mu^L \rangle \doteq | \partial / \partial \pi_\mu^L \rangle \} \quad (2.5)$$

The canonical Liouville one-form  $\langle \theta_0 | = p_\alpha \langle dg^\alpha |$  and its associated symplectic two-form  $\omega_0 = -\mathbf{d}\theta_0 = \langle \mathbf{d}g^\alpha | \wedge \langle \mathbf{d}p_\alpha |$ , are obtained as:

$$\langle \theta_0 | = \pi_\mu^L \langle \varepsilon_\mu^L |, \quad \omega_0 = \langle \varepsilon_\mu^L | \wedge \langle \varepsilon_\mu^L | + \frac{1}{2} \pi_\mu^L \mathbf{f}^\mu_{\alpha\beta} \langle \varepsilon_L^\alpha | \wedge \langle \varepsilon_L^\beta | \quad (2.6)$$

The Hamiltonian vector field associated to a function  $A(g, \pi^L)$  on phase space  $\mathcal{M}_0 \equiv T^*(G)$ , is defined by:  $\iota_{\mathbf{X}} \omega_0 = \langle \mathbf{d}A |$ . Its components are:

$$\begin{aligned} X^\mu &\doteq \langle \varepsilon_L^\mu | \mathbf{X} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_L^\mu \rangle \\ X_\alpha &\doteq \langle \varepsilon_L^\alpha | \mathbf{X} \rangle = -\langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_\alpha^L \rangle - \pi_\mu^L \mathbf{f}^\mu_{\alpha\beta} \langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_L^\beta \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

With  $\iota_{\mathbf{Y}} \omega_0 = \langle \mathbf{d}B |$ , the Poisson bracket of dynamical variables:  $\{A, B\}_0 \doteq \omega_0(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$ , is obtained explicitly in  $(g^\alpha, \pi_\mu^L)$  variables as:

$$\{A, B\}_0 = \langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_\alpha^L \rangle \frac{\partial B}{\partial \pi_\alpha^L} - \frac{\partial A}{\partial \pi_\alpha^L} \langle \mathbf{d}B | \mathbf{e}_\alpha^L \rangle - \frac{\partial A}{\partial \pi_\alpha^L} \pi_\mu^L \mathbf{f}^\mu_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial B}{\partial \pi_\beta^L} \quad (2.8)$$

In particular, the basic Poisson brackets are:

$$\begin{aligned} \{g^\alpha, g^\beta\}_0 &= 0, \quad \{g^\alpha, \pi_\nu^L\}_0 = L^\alpha_\nu(g, e) \\ \{\pi_\mu^L, g^\beta\}_0 &= -L^\beta_\mu(g, e), \quad \{\pi_\mu^L, \pi_\nu^L\}_0 = -\pi_\kappa^L \mathbf{f}^\kappa_{\mu\nu} \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

The flow of a particular observable, the Hamiltonian  $H(g, \pi^L)$ , determines the time evolution of any observable  $A(g, \pi^L)$  by the equation:  $dA/dt = \{A, H\}_0$ . We assume a Hamiltonian is of the form  $H(g, \pi^L) = K(\pi^L) + V(g)$ .

Here, as in rigid body mechanics, the *kinetic energy* is given by

$$K \doteq \frac{1}{2} I^{\alpha\beta} \pi_\alpha^L \pi_\beta^L \quad (2.10)$$

where  $I^{\alpha\beta}$  is the inverse of a constant, positive definite, *inertia tensor*  $I_{\mu\nu}$  in the "body" frame. The *potential energy* is a function  $V$  defined on the group manifold. The Euler equations of

motion read:

$$\langle \varepsilon_L^\alpha | dg/dt \rangle = L^\alpha_{\beta}(g^{-1}, g) \frac{dg^\beta}{dt} = \frac{\partial K}{\partial \pi_L^\alpha} \quad (2.11)$$

$$\langle \varepsilon_\mu^L | d\pi_\mu^L/dt \rangle = \frac{d\pi_\mu^L}{dt} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial g^\alpha} L^\alpha_{\mu}(g, e) + \frac{\partial K}{\partial \pi_\nu^L} \pi_\alpha^L \mathbf{f}^\alpha_{\nu\mu} \quad (2.12)$$

The first of these equations (2.11) relates the angular momentum  $\pi_\alpha^L$  with the angular velocity in the body frame  $\Omega_L^\mu$ :

$$\Omega_L^\alpha \doteq L^\alpha_{\beta}(g^{-1}, g) \frac{dg^\beta}{dt} = I^{\alpha\mu} \pi_\mu^L; \pi_\mu^L = I_{\mu\nu} \Omega_L^\nu \quad (2.13)$$

while the second (2.12) takes the classical form

$$\frac{d\pi_\mu^L}{dt} + \pi_\kappa^L \mathbf{f}^\kappa_{\mu\nu} \Omega_L^\nu = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial g^\alpha} L^\alpha_{\mu}(g, e) \quad (2.14)$$

An example of  $V(g)$  is given by a *gravitational potential energy* as follows. Let  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{e}_\alpha L^\alpha$  be a constant vector in  $\mathcal{G}$  (the position of the centre of mass in the body frame) and  $\gamma = \gamma_\alpha \varepsilon^\alpha$  a constant vector in  $\mathcal{G}^*$  (the gravitational force in the space fixed frame). The potential energy is defined as:

$$V(g) \doteq -(\gamma | \mathbf{Ad}(g) \mathbf{L}) = -(\mathbf{K}(g^{-1}) \gamma | \mathbf{L}) \quad (2.15)$$

where  $(|)$  denotes the canonical pairing between  $\mathcal{G}$  and its dual  $\mathcal{G}^*$ . To compute  $\langle dV | \mathbf{e}_\mu^L \rangle$  we use the representation of the Maurer-Cartan form:

$$D(g^{-1}) dD(g) = D'(g^{-1}) d\mathbf{g}$$

where  $D$  is any representation  $D$  of  $G$ , with derived representation  $D'$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ . In particular,  $d\mathbf{Ad}(g) = \mathbf{Ad}(g) d\mathbf{e}_\mu \varepsilon_L^\mu(g)$  and  $d\mathbf{K}(g) = \mathbf{K}(g) \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{e}_\mu) \varepsilon_L^\mu(g)$ . This yields:

$$\langle dV | \mathbf{e}_\mu^L \rangle(g) = -(\mathbf{K}(g^{-1}) \gamma | \mathbf{ad}(\mathbf{e}_\mu) \mathbf{L}) = -(\Gamma(g) | \mathbf{ad}(\mathbf{e}_\mu) \mathbf{L}) \quad (2.16)$$

where  $\Gamma(g) \doteq \mathbf{K}(g^{-1}) \gamma$  is the variable gravitational force in the body-fixed frame. Using the above formulae to compute  $d\mathbf{K}(g^{-1})$ , we obtain:

$$\frac{d\Gamma_\mu}{dt} = (\Gamma | \mathbf{ad}(\mathbf{e}_\mu) \Omega_L) = \Gamma_\alpha \mathbf{f}^\alpha_{\mu\beta} \Omega_L^\beta \quad (2.17)$$

Equation (2.14) reads:

$$\frac{d\pi_\mu^L}{dt} + \pi_\alpha^L \mathbf{f}^\alpha_{\mu\beta} \Omega_L^\beta = (\Gamma | \mathbf{ad}(\mathbf{e}_\mu) \mathbf{L}) = \Gamma_\alpha \mathbf{f}^\alpha_{\mu\beta} L^\beta \quad (2.18)$$

Together with (2.13),

$$\Omega_L^\alpha \doteq L^\alpha_{\beta}(g^{-1}, g) \frac{dg^\beta}{dt} = I^{\alpha\mu} \pi_\mu^L$$

the equations (2.17) and (2.18) form the so-called Euler-Poisson system.

### 3. MODIFIED SYMPLECTIC STRUCTURE ON $T^*(\mathcal{G})$

In appendix A it is shown that, if  $\Theta = \frac{1}{2} \Theta_{\alpha\beta} \varepsilon^\alpha \wedge \varepsilon^\beta \in \Lambda^2(\mathcal{G}^*)$ , obeys the cocycle condition (A.1), then  $\Theta_L(g) \doteq$

$(1/2) \Theta_{\alpha\beta} \varepsilon_L^\alpha(g) \wedge \varepsilon_L^\beta(g)$  is a closed left-invariant two-form on  $G$ . Including this closed two-form in the canonical two-form, one obtains another symplectic two-form on  $T^*(G)$ , which, furthermore, is  $\tilde{L}_a$  invariant. So we define:

$$\omega_I = \omega_0 - \Theta_L = \langle \varepsilon_L^\mu | \wedge \langle d\pi_\mu^L | + \frac{1}{2} (\pi_\mu^L \mathbf{f}^\mu_{\alpha\beta} - \Theta_{\alpha\beta}) \langle \varepsilon_L^\alpha | \wedge \langle \varepsilon_L^\beta | \quad (3.1)$$

The Poisson brackets are also modified and (2.8), (2.9) become:

$$\begin{aligned} \{A, B\}_I &= \frac{\partial A}{\partial g^\mu} L^\mu_{\alpha}(g, e) \frac{\partial B}{\partial \pi_\alpha^L} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial g^\mu} L^\mu_{\alpha}(g, e) \frac{\partial A}{\partial \pi_\alpha^L} \\ &\quad - (\pi_\mu^L \mathbf{f}^\mu_{\alpha\beta} - \Theta_{\alpha\beta}) \frac{\partial A}{\partial \pi_\alpha^L} \frac{\partial B}{\partial \pi_\beta^L} \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

In particular, the fundamental brackets are:

$$\begin{aligned} \{g^\alpha, g^\beta\}_I &= 0, \quad \{g^\alpha, \pi_\nu^L\}_I = L^\alpha_{\nu}(g, e) \\ \{\pi_\mu^L, g^\beta\}_I &= -L^\beta_{\mu}(g, e), \quad \{\pi_\mu^L, \pi_\nu^L\}_I = -(\pi_\kappa^L \mathbf{f}^\kappa_{\mu\nu} - \Theta_{\mu\nu}) \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

The modified symplectic structure induces an additional interaction and the Euler equations become:

$$\Omega_L^\alpha \doteq L^\alpha_{\beta}(g^{-1}, g) \frac{dg^\beta}{dt} = \frac{\partial K}{\partial \pi_\alpha^L} = I^{\alpha\mu} \pi_\mu^L \quad (3.4)$$

$$\frac{d\pi_\mu^L}{dt} = -\langle dV | \mathbf{e}_\mu^L \rangle + \frac{\partial K}{\partial \pi_\alpha^L} (\pi_\kappa^L \mathbf{f}^\kappa_{\alpha\mu} - \Theta_{\alpha\mu}) \quad (3.5)$$

The relation between the velocity in the body frame and the angular momentum (2.13) is maintained:  $\pi_\mu^L = I_{\mu\nu} \Omega_L^\nu$ , while the second (2.14) takes the interaction into account:

$$\frac{d\pi_\mu^L}{dt} + \pi_\kappa^L \mathbf{f}^\kappa_{\mu\alpha} \Omega_L^\alpha = -\langle dV | \mathbf{e}_\mu^L \rangle - \Omega_L^\alpha \Theta_{\alpha\mu} \quad (3.6)$$

For a semisimple Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ , we have  $\Theta_{\alpha\beta} = -\xi_\mu \mathbf{f}^\mu_{\alpha\beta}$  and we may define a modified Liouville one-form:

$$\langle \theta_I | = \pi'_\mu \langle \varepsilon_L^\mu |, \pi'_\mu \doteq \pi_\mu^L + \xi_\mu \quad (3.7)$$

and the symplectic two-form reads

$$\omega_I = -d\langle \theta_I | = \langle \varepsilon_L^\mu | \wedge \langle d\pi'_\mu | + \frac{1}{2} \pi'_\mu \mathbf{f}^\mu_{\alpha\beta} \langle \varepsilon_L^\alpha | \wedge \langle \varepsilon_L^\beta | \quad (3.8)$$

This means that such that  $\{g^\alpha, p'_\mu = p_\mu + \xi_\beta L^\beta_{\mu}(g^{-1}; g)\}$  are Darboux coordinates:

$$\langle \theta_I | = p'_\mu \langle dg^\mu |, \omega_I \doteq -d\langle \theta_I | = \langle dg^\mu | \wedge \langle dp'_\mu | \quad (3.9)$$

In  $(g^\alpha, \pi'_\mu)$  coordinates, the Hamiltonian reads

$$H' = K'(\pi') + V(g) = \frac{1}{2} I^{\mu\nu} (\pi'_\mu - \xi_\mu) (\pi'_\nu - \xi_\nu) + V(g) \quad (3.10)$$

and the Euler equations read:

$$L^\alpha_{\beta}(g^{-1}, g) \frac{dg^\beta}{dt} = \frac{\partial K'}{\partial \pi_\alpha^L} = I^{\alpha\mu} (\pi'_\mu - \xi_\mu) \quad (3.11)$$

$$\frac{d\pi'_\mu}{dt} = -\langle dV | \mathbf{e}_\mu^L \rangle + \frac{\partial K'}{\partial \pi_\alpha^L} (\pi'_\kappa \mathbf{f}^\kappa_{\alpha\mu}) \quad (3.12)$$

which, obviously are equivalent to (3.4) and (3.12).

#### 4. THE CLOSED TWO-FORM $\omega_L$

closed two-form to (3.1):

Configuration space coordinates which do not Poisson commute, are obtained through the addition of a left-invariant and

$$\Upsilon^L \doteq \frac{1}{2} \Upsilon^{\mu\nu} \langle \mathbf{d}\pi_\mu^L | \wedge \langle \mathbf{d}\pi_\nu^L | \quad (4.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_L \doteq \omega_0 - \Theta_L + \Upsilon^L &= \langle \varepsilon_L^\mu | \wedge \langle \mathbf{d}\pi_\mu^L | + \frac{1}{2} (\pi_\mu^L \mathbf{f}^\mu_{\alpha\beta} - \Theta_{\alpha\beta}) \langle \varepsilon_L^\alpha | \wedge \langle \varepsilon_L^\beta | \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \Upsilon^{\mu\nu} \langle \mathbf{d}\pi_\mu^L | \wedge \langle \mathbf{d}\pi_\nu^L | \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

With the notation  $S_{\alpha\beta} \equiv (\pi_\mu^L \mathbf{f}^\mu_{\alpha\beta} - \Theta_{\alpha\beta})$ , we write  $\omega_L$  in matrix form:

$$\omega_L \equiv \frac{1}{2} (\langle \varepsilon_L^\alpha | \quad \langle \mathbf{d}\pi_\mu^L |) \wedge \begin{pmatrix} S_{\alpha\beta} & \delta_{\alpha}^\nu \\ -\delta_\mu^\beta & \Upsilon^{\mu\nu} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle \varepsilon_L^\beta | \\ \langle \mathbf{d}\pi_\nu^L | \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.3)$$

The degeneracy of  $(\omega_L)$  is examined considering the equation

$$i_{|\mathbf{X}\rangle} \omega_L = \langle \mathbf{d}A | \quad (4.4)$$

In the bases (2.4), (2.5):  $X^\alpha \doteq \langle \varepsilon_L^\alpha | \mathbf{X} \rangle$ ,  $X_\mu \doteq \langle \varepsilon_\mu^L | \mathbf{X} \rangle$  and (4.4) reads:

$$\begin{aligned} X^\alpha \Phi_{\alpha}^\nu &= \langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_\nu^L \rangle + \langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_\mu^L \rangle \Upsilon^{\mu\nu}, \\ X_\mu \Psi_\beta^\mu &= -\langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_\beta^L \rangle + \langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_\alpha^L \rangle S_{\alpha\beta} \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

where we introduced the matrices, linear in the momenta:

$$\Phi_{\alpha}^\nu \doteq \delta_{\alpha}^\nu + S_{\alpha\mu} \Upsilon^{\mu\nu}, \quad \Psi_\beta^\mu \doteq \delta_\beta^\mu + \Upsilon^{\mu\nu} S_{\nu\beta} \quad (4.6)$$

They are mutually transposed and the products  $\Phi S = S \Psi$ ,  $\Upsilon \Phi = \Psi \Upsilon$  are antisymmetric. The fundamental equation (4.4), defining Hamiltonian vector fields, has a solution if  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  have inverses, i.e. if

$$\Delta \doteq \det \Phi \equiv \det \Psi \neq 0 \quad (4.7)$$

The matrices  $\Upsilon \Phi^{-1} = \Psi^{-1} \Upsilon$  and  $\Phi^{-1} S = S \Psi^{-1}$  are then also antisymmetric. The Hamiltonian vector fields are obtained as:

$$\begin{aligned} X^\alpha &= (\Psi^{-1})_\mu^\alpha (\langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_\mu^L \rangle - \Upsilon^{\mu\nu} \langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_\nu^L \rangle) \\ &= (\langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_L^\alpha \rangle + \langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_\mu^L \rangle \Upsilon^{\mu\alpha}) (\Phi^{-1})_\nu^\alpha \\ X_\mu &= (\Phi^{-1})_\mu^\alpha (-\langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_\alpha^L \rangle - S_{\alpha\beta} \langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_\beta^L \rangle) \\ &= (-\langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_\beta^L \rangle + \langle \mathbf{d}A | \mathbf{e}_L^\alpha \rangle S_{\alpha\beta}) (\Psi^{-1})_\mu^\beta \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

The Poisson brackets between the basic dynamical variables are:

$$\begin{aligned} \{g^\alpha, g^\beta\}_L &= -L^\alpha_{\kappa}(g, e) L^\beta_{\lambda}(g, e) \Upsilon^{\kappa\mu} (\Phi^{-1})_\mu^\lambda \\ \{g^\alpha, \pi_\nu^L\}_L &= L^\alpha_{\kappa}(g, e) (\Psi^{-1})_\nu^\kappa, \\ \{\pi_\mu^L, g^\beta\}_L &= -L^\beta_{\kappa}(g, e) (\Psi^{-1})_\mu^\kappa \\ \{\pi_\mu^L, \pi_\nu^L\}_L &= -S_{\mu\kappa} (\Psi^{-1})_\nu^\kappa \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

For a Hamiltonian  $H = K + V$ , the equations of motion are:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_L^\alpha &\doteq L^\alpha_{\beta}(g^{-1}, g) \frac{dg^\beta}{dt} = \left( \frac{\partial K}{\partial \pi_\nu^L} + \langle \mathbf{d}V | \mathbf{e}_\mu^L \rangle \Upsilon^{\mu\nu} \right) (\Phi^{-1})_\nu^\alpha \\ \frac{d\pi_\mu^L}{dt} &= \left( -\langle \mathbf{d}V | \mathbf{e}_\beta^L \rangle + \frac{\partial K}{\partial \pi_\alpha^L} S_{\alpha\beta} \right) (\Psi^{-1})_\mu^\beta \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Phi, \Psi$  are linear in  $\pi^L$ ,  $\Delta$  is a polynomial in  $\pi^L$  of degree at most equal to  $N$ , the dimension of the Lie group. It defines an algebraic variety in  $\mathcal{G}^*$ :

$$\Pi_1 \doteq \{(g, \pi^L) | \Delta(\pi^L) = 0\} \quad (4.10)$$

and its complement  $\mathcal{V}_\Delta \doteq \mathcal{G}^* \setminus \Pi_1$  defines a manifold

$$\mathcal{M}'_0 \doteq G \times \mathcal{V}_\Delta \quad (4.11)$$

with symplectic structure given by  $\omega_L$ , restricted to  $\mathcal{M}'_0$ . If it happens that  $\Pi_1$  itself is an algebraic manifold, an imbedded submanifold is obtained:

$$\mathcal{M}_1 \doteq G \times \Pi_1 \quad (4.12)$$

with imbedding in  $\mathcal{M}_0 \doteq G \times \mathcal{G}^*$ :  $j_1 : \mathcal{M}_1 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_0$ . The system is then constrained to  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and we may look for solutions of (4.4) restricted to  $\mathcal{M}_1$ . Such solutions may exist if further conditions are imposed on the Hamiltonian. To proceed systematically, we follow the algorithm of Gotay, Nester and Hinds [11]. To keep things simple, this will be done in the next section for the semi-simple group  $SU(2)$ .

#### 5. A CASE STUDY: $SU(2)$

The dynamical variables are functions on  $\mathcal{M}_0 \doteq SU(2) \times su(2)^*$ . A basis  $\{\mathbf{e}_\alpha\}$  of the Lie algebra  $su(2)$  may be chosen such that its structure constants are the Kronecker symbols  $[\mathbf{e}_\alpha, \mathbf{e}_\beta] = \mathbf{e}_\mu \varepsilon^\mu_{\alpha\beta}$ . The Killing metric  $\eta_{\alpha\beta} \doteq \varepsilon^\mu_{\alpha\nu} \varepsilon^\nu_{\beta\mu} = -2\delta_{\alpha\beta}$ , provides an isomorphism between  $su(2)$  and  $su(2)^*$ . The metric  $\delta_{\alpha\beta}$  with inverse  $\delta^{\mu\nu}$  will be freely used to raise or to lower indices.  $\Theta_L$  is written in terms of a *magnetic field*  $\xi_\mu$  as  $\Theta_{\alpha\beta} = -\xi_\kappa \varepsilon^\kappa_{\alpha\beta}$  and any antisymmetric  $\Upsilon$  can be written

in terms of  $\tau^\lambda$ , a *dual magnetic field in momentum space*, as  $Y^{\mu\nu} = \tau^\lambda \varepsilon_\lambda^{\mu\nu}$ . Defining  $\pi'_\kappa \doteq \pi_\kappa^L + \xi_\kappa$ ,  $\omega_L$  reads:

$$\omega_L \equiv \frac{1}{2} (\langle \varepsilon_L^\alpha | \quad \langle d\pi_\mu^L |) \wedge \begin{pmatrix} \pi'_\kappa \varepsilon_\kappa^{\alpha\beta} & \delta_\alpha^\nu \\ -\delta_\mu^\beta & \tau^\lambda \varepsilon_\lambda^{\mu\nu} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle \varepsilon_L^\beta | \\ \langle d\pi_\nu^L | \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.1)$$

The fundamental equation (4.4):  $\iota_{|\mathbf{X}\rangle} \omega_L = \langle dH |$  becomes:

$$X^\alpha \pi'_\kappa \varepsilon_\kappa^{\alpha\beta} - X_\beta = H_\beta, \quad X^\nu + X_\mu \tau^\lambda \varepsilon_\lambda^{\mu\nu} = H^\nu$$

where  $H_\beta \doteq (\partial H / \partial g^\alpha) L^\alpha_\beta(g, e)$ ,  $H^\nu \doteq (\partial H / \partial \pi_\nu^L)$ . The matrices (4.6) are given explicitly by  $\Phi_{\alpha^\nu} \doteq C_1 \delta_{\alpha^\nu} + \tau_\alpha \pi'^\nu$  and  $\Psi_{\mu^\beta} \doteq C_1 \delta_{\mu^\beta} + \pi'^\mu \tau_\beta$ , where  $C_1 \doteq (1 - \pi' \cdot \tau)$ . They obey  $\Phi_{\alpha^\nu} (\delta_{\nu^\beta} - \tau_\nu \pi'^\beta) = C_1 \delta_{\alpha^\beta}$  and  $\Psi_{\mu^\beta} (\delta_{\beta^\nu} - \pi'^\beta \tau_\nu) = C_1 \delta_{\mu^\nu}$ . It follows that (4.5) implies:

$$X^\alpha (1 - \pi' \cdot \tau) = H^\alpha - \pi'^\alpha (\tau_\beta H^\beta) - \varepsilon^{\alpha\mu}_\nu H_\mu \tau^\nu \quad (5.2)$$

$$X_\mu (1 - \pi' \cdot \tau) = -H_\mu + \tau_\mu (\pi'^\nu H_\nu) - \varepsilon_{\mu\alpha}^\beta H^\alpha \pi'_\beta \quad (5.3)$$

### 5.1. The non degenerate case

The determinant of the matrices  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  is given by  $\Delta = (C_1)^2$ . Obviously the plane  $\Pi_1 \doteq \{(g, \pi^L) | (1 - \pi' \cdot \tau) = 0\}$  is an algebraic manifold in  $\mathcal{G}^*$ . Its complement  $\mathcal{V}'_\Delta \doteq \mathcal{G}^* \setminus \Pi_1$  defines a manifold  $\mathcal{M}'_0 \doteq G \times \mathcal{V}'_\Delta$  with symplectic structure  $\omega_L$ , restricted to  $\mathcal{M}'_0$ . On  $\mathcal{M}'_0$ ,  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  have inverses:

$$\begin{aligned} (\Psi^{-1})^\beta_\nu &= (C_1)^{-1} (\delta_{\nu^\beta} - \pi'^\beta \tau_\nu), \\ (\Phi^{-1})^\beta_\nu &= (C_1)^{-1} (\delta_{\nu^\beta} - \tau_\nu \pi'^\beta) \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

For a Hamiltonian  $H = K(\pi^L) + V(g)$ , the Hamiltonian vector fields are read off from (5.2) and (5.3) with ensuing equations of motion:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_L^\alpha &\doteq L^\alpha_\beta(g^{-1}, g) \frac{dg^\beta}{dt} = \left( \frac{\partial K}{\partial \pi_\mu^L} + \langle dV | e_\mu^L \rangle \tau^\lambda \varepsilon_\lambda^{\mu\nu} \right) (\Phi^{-1})^\alpha_\nu \\ \frac{d\pi_\mu^L}{dt} &= \left( -\langle dV | e_\mu^L \rangle + \frac{\partial K}{\partial \pi_\alpha^L} \pi'_\kappa \varepsilon_\kappa^{\alpha\beta} \right) (\Psi^{-1})^\beta_\mu \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

For a purely kinetic Hamiltonian, we obtain:

$$\Omega_L^\alpha = \frac{\partial K}{\partial \pi_\mu^L} (\Phi^{-1})^\alpha_\mu, \quad \frac{d\pi_\mu^L}{dt} = \Omega_L^\alpha \pi'_\beta \varepsilon^\beta_{\alpha\mu} \quad (5.6)$$

### 5.2. The degenerate case

The equation  $C_1 \equiv (1 - \pi' \cdot \tau) = 0$  defines a two dimensional plane  $\Pi_1$  in  $su(2)^* \cong \mathbf{R}^3$ . The *primary constrained manifold*, defined by  $\mathcal{M}_1 \doteq SU(2) \times \Pi_1$ , is imbedded in  $\mathcal{M}_0 \doteq SU(2) \times su(2)^*$ . On  $\mathcal{M}_1$ , the closed two-form  $\omega_L$  is degenerate and the pairing of  $\pi' \in su(2)^*$  with  $\tau \in su(2)$  equals 1. So  $|\tau| \neq 0$  and, without loss of generality, we take  $\{\tau^\alpha\} = \{0, 0, \tau\}$ . In what follows, greek indices  $\{\alpha, \beta, \mu, \nu, \dots\}$  shall vary in  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ , while latin indices  $\{a, b, m, n, \dots\}$  assume only the values  $\{1, 2\}$ . The imbedding is given by:

$$aj_1 : \mathcal{M}_1 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_0 :$$

$$x_1 \equiv (g^\alpha, \pi_m^L) \rightarrow x_0 = j_1(x_1) \equiv (g^\alpha, \pi_m^L, \pi_3^L = 1/\tau - \xi_3) \quad (5.7)$$

with its differential or push-forward:

$$j_{1*} : T\mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow T\mathcal{M}_0 : (x_1; X^\alpha, X_m) \rightarrow (x_0; X^\alpha, X_m, X_3 = 0) \quad (5.8)$$

The pull-back transforms forms on  $\mathcal{M}_0$  into forms on  $\mathcal{M}_1$ :

$$j_1^* : \bigwedge^\bullet (T^* \mathcal{M}_0) \rightarrow \bigwedge^\bullet (T^* \mathcal{M}_1) \quad (5.9)$$

In particular the pull-back of  $\omega_L$  to the five dimensional manifold  $\mathcal{M}_1$  is

$$\tilde{\omega}_{L|1} \doteq j_1^*(\omega_L) \quad (5.10)$$

The restriction of  $\omega_L$  to  $\mathcal{M}_1$ , not to be confused with its pull-back, is denoted by  $\omega_{L|1} \doteq \omega_L \circ j_1$ . In matrix representation:

$$\omega_{L|1} = \frac{1}{2} (\langle \varepsilon_L^\alpha | \quad \langle d\pi_\mu^L |) \wedge \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/\tau & -\pi'_2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/\tau & 0 & \pi'_1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \pi'_2 & -\pi'_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \tau & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -\tau & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle \varepsilon_L^\beta | \\ \langle d\pi_\nu^L | \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.11)$$

Let  $(T\mathcal{M}_0)_{|1} \doteq \{(x, \mathbf{X}) \in T\mathcal{M}_0 | x \in \mathcal{M}_1\}$  be the subbundle of  $T\mathcal{M}_0$  restricted to  $\mathcal{M}_1$ . Following the GNH algorithm [11], we look for a vector field  $|\mathbf{X}\rangle$  in  $(T\mathcal{M}_0)_{|1}$ , tangent to  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and solution of  $\iota_{|\mathbf{X}\rangle} \omega_{L|1} = \langle dH | \circ j_1$ .

Explicitly :

$$\begin{aligned} -(1/\tau)X_2 + \pi'_2 X_3 - X_1 &= \langle dV | e_1^L \rangle \\ +(1/\tau)X_1 - \pi'_1 X_3 - X_2 &= \langle dV | e_2^L \rangle \\ -\pi'_2 X_1 + \pi'_1 X_2 - X_3 &= \langle dV | e_3^L \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X1 - \tau X2 &= \partial K / \partial \pi_1^L \\ X2 + \tau X1 &= \partial K / \partial \pi_2^L \\ X3 &= \partial K / \partial \pi_3^L \end{aligned}$$

Two independent null vectors of  $\omega_{L|1}$ , solution of  $\iota_{|Z|}\omega_{L|1} = 0$ , are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} |Z^1\rangle &= |e_1^L\rangle + (1/\tau) |\partial/\partial\pi_2^L\rangle - \pi'_2 |\partial/\partial\pi_3^L\rangle \\ |Z^2\rangle &= |e_2^L\rangle - (1/\tau) |\partial/\partial\pi_1^L\rangle + \pi'_1 |\partial/\partial\pi_3^L\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (5.12)$$

Consistency requires  $\{\langle dH|Z^a\rangle = 0\}$  for  $(a = 1, 2)$  and  $\pi'_3 = 1/\tau$ .

$$\begin{aligned} C_{21} &\equiv \pi'_2 (\partial K / \partial \pi_3^L) - \pi'_3 (\partial K / \partial \pi_2^L) - \langle dV|e_1^L\rangle = 0 \\ C_{22} &\equiv \pi'_3 (\partial K / \partial \pi_1^L) - \pi'_1 (\partial K / \partial \pi_3^L) - \langle dV|e_2^L\rangle = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5.13)$$

These two equations define a secondary constrained manifold  $\mathcal{M}_2 \subset \mathcal{M}_1$ , on which a particular solution of (??) is

$$|X_P\rangle = |e_1^L\rangle \partial K / \partial \pi_1^L + |e_2^L\rangle \partial K / \partial \pi_2^L + |e_3^L\rangle \partial K / \partial \pi_3^L + |\partial/\partial\pi_3^L\rangle C_{23} \quad (5.14)$$

where  $C_{23} \equiv \pi'_1 (\partial K / \partial \pi_2^L) - \pi'_2 (\partial K / \partial \pi_1^L) - \langle dV|e_3^L\rangle$ . The general solution  $|X_G\rangle$  of (??), on  $\mathcal{M}_2$ , still contains two arbitrary functions  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$ :

$$(X_G) = \zeta_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/\tau \\ -\pi'_2 \end{pmatrix} + \zeta_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1/\tau \\ 0 \\ +\pi'_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \partial K / \partial \pi_1^L \\ \partial K / \partial \pi_2^L \\ \partial K / \partial \pi_3^L \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ C_{23} \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.15)$$

This vector must be tangent to  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$ . This leads to three equations

$$\langle dC_1|X_G\rangle = 0; \langle dC_{21}|X_G\rangle = 0; \langle dC_{22}|X_G\rangle = 0 \quad (5.16)$$

If these three equations determine or not the two arbitrary functions  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$ , will depend on the kinetic energy  $K(\pi^L)$  and on the particular form of the potential  $V(g)$ . If they do so, the system will have a solution. If not, they will define a tertiary constraint manifold  $\mathcal{M}_3$  and the analysis must proceed.

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

In this work, we analysed the consistency of a modification of the symplectic two-form on the cotangent bundle of a group manifold. This was done in order to obtain classical, i.e. Poisson, noncommuting configuration (group) coordinates. This was achieved in the non degenerate case, with the closed two-form  $\omega_L$  which is then symplectic. We do not address here the general quantization problem of such a system and refer e.g. to [12] for a general review on quantization methods. It should be stressed that, whatever the quantisation scheme, any such obtained framework has little to do with *non commutative geometry*, either in the sense of A. Connes or as a quantum field theory on non-commutative spaces.

## APPENDIX A: THE SYMPLECTIC ONE-COCYCLE

A one-cochain  $\theta$  on  $\mathcal{G}$  with values in  $\mathcal{G}^*$ , on which  $\mathcal{G}$  acts with the coadjoint representation  $\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\theta \in C^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}^*, \mathbf{k})$ , is a linear map  $\theta : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^* : \mathbf{u} \rightarrow \theta(\mathbf{u})$ . Its components are  $\theta_{\alpha,\mu} \doteq \langle \theta(e_\mu) | e_\alpha \rangle$ . It is a one-cocycle,  $\theta \in Z^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}^*, \mathbf{k})$ , if its coboundary,  $(\delta_1\theta)(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \doteq \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{u})\theta(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{v})\theta(\mathbf{u}) - \theta([\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}])$ , vanishes.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\delta_1\theta)(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) | \mathbf{w} \rangle &\doteq -\langle \theta(\mathbf{v}) | [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}] \rangle + \langle \theta(\mathbf{u}) | [\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}] \rangle - \langle \theta([\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]) | \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0 \\ \langle (\delta_1\theta)(e_\mu, e_\nu) | e_\alpha \rangle &\doteq -\theta_{\kappa,\nu} \mathbf{f}^{\kappa}_{\mu\alpha} + \theta_{\kappa,\mu} \mathbf{f}^{\kappa}_{\nu\alpha} - \theta_{\kappa,\alpha} \mathbf{f}^{\kappa}_{\mu\nu} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The one-cocycle  $\sigma$  is called symplectic if  $\Sigma(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \doteq \langle \sigma(\mathbf{u}) | \mathbf{v} \rangle$  is antisymmetric,  $\Sigma(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = -\Sigma(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u})$  or  $\Sigma_{[\alpha\beta]} \doteq \sigma_{\alpha,\mu} = -\sigma_{\mu,\alpha}$ . Any antisymmetric  $\Theta$  defined in terms of  $\theta \in C^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}^*, \mathbf{k})$  as  $\Theta_{[\alpha\beta]} = \theta_{\alpha,\beta}$  is actually a 2-cochain on  $\mathcal{G}$  with values in  $\mathbf{R}$  and trivial representation:  $\Theta \in C^2(\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{0})$ . Furthermore, when  $\theta \in Z^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}^*, \mathbf{k})$ ,  $\Theta$  is a 2-cocycle of  $Z^2(\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{0})$ :

$$(\delta_2\Theta)(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \doteq -\Theta([\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}], \mathbf{w}) + \Theta([\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}], \mathbf{v}) - \Theta([\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}], \mathbf{u}) = 0$$

$$(\delta_2\Theta)(e_\alpha, e_\beta, e_\gamma) \doteq -\Theta_{\kappa\gamma} \mathbf{f}^{\kappa}_{\alpha\beta} + \Theta_{\kappa\beta} \mathbf{f}^{\kappa}_{\alpha\gamma} - \Theta_{\kappa\alpha} \mathbf{f}^{\kappa}_{\beta\gamma} = 0 \quad (A.1)$$

In general let  $\Theta = \frac{1}{2} \Theta_{\alpha\beta} e^\alpha \wedge e^\beta \in \Lambda^2(\mathcal{G}^*)$ , obey the cocycle condition (A.1). Acting with  $L^*_{g^{-1}|g}$  yields the left-invariant two form:

$$\Theta_L(g) \doteq L^*_{g^{-1}|g} \Theta = \frac{1}{2} \Theta_{\alpha\beta} e^\alpha_L(g) \wedge e^\beta_L(g) \quad (A.2)$$

Using the cocycle relation and the Maurer-Cartan structure equations, it is seen that  $\Theta_L(g)$  is a closed left-invariant two-form on  $G$ .

When  $\mathcal{G}$  is semisimple,  $\Theta$  is exact. Indeed, the Whitehead lemmas state that  $H^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{0}) = 0$  and  $H^2(\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{0}) = 0$ . In particular,  $\Theta \in B^2(\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{0})$  is a coboundary and there exists an element  $\xi$  of  $C^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{0}) \equiv \mathcal{G}^*$  such that  $\Theta(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = (\delta_1(\xi))(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = -\xi([\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}])$  or

$$\Theta_{\alpha\beta} = -\xi_\mu \mathbf{f}^{\mu}_{\alpha\beta} \quad (A.3)$$

The constant vector  $\xi \in T^*(\mathcal{G})$  is the analogue of a magnetic field in the abelian case  $G \equiv \mathbf{R}^3$ .

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