

## The Coincidence Lefschetz Number For Self – Maps of Lie groups

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### Abstract

Let  $f, h : G \rightarrow G$  be any two self maps of a compact connected oriented Lie group  $G$ . In this paper, for each positive integer  $k$ , we associate an integer with  $f^k, h^k$ . We relate this number with Lefschetz coincidence number. We deduce that for any two differentiable maps  $f, h : G \rightarrow G$ , there exists a positive integer  $k$  such that  $k \leq \lambda + 1$ , and there is a point  $x \in G$  such that  $f^k(x) = h^k(x)$ , where  $\lambda$  is the rank of  $G$ .

### Introduction

Let  $G$  be an  $n$ -dimensional compact connected Lie group with multiplication  $\mu$  (i.e.,  $\mu : G \times G \rightarrow G$  such that  $\mu(x, y) = x.y$ ) and unit  $e$ . Let  $[G, G]$  be the set of homotopy classes of maps  $G \rightarrow G$ . Given two maps  $f, f' : G \rightarrow G$ , following [3], we write  $f.f'$  to denote the map  $G \rightarrow G$  defined by  $(f.f')(g) = \mu(f(g), f'(g)) = f(g).f'(g), g \in G$ .

Given a point  $g \in G$  and a differentiable map  $F : G \rightarrow G$ , write  $G_g$  to denote the tangent space of  $G$  at  $g$  [4, p.10], and denote by  $d_g F$  the linear map  $d_g F : T_g G \rightarrow T_{F(g)} G$  induced by  $F$ , it is called the differential of  $F$  at  $g$

[4, p.22]. Let  $L_g, R_g : G \rightarrow G$  be respectively the left translation  $L_g(g') = \mu(g, g')$ , and the right translation  $R_g(g') = \mu(g', g)$ . Then there is a natural homomorphism  $Ad$ , the adjoint representation, from  $G$  to  $GL(G_e)$ , (the group of nonsingular linear transformations of  $G$ ) defined as follows:-

$$Ad(g) = d_g R_{g^{-1}} \circ d_e L_g.$$

Note that  $d_g R_{g^{-1}} \circ d_e L_g = d(R_{g^{-1}}(L_g(e))) \circ d_e L_g = d_e(R_{g^{-1}} \circ L_g) = d_e(L_g \circ R_{g^{-1}}) = d(L_g(R_{g^{-1}}(e))) \circ d_e R_{g^{-1}} = d_{g^{-1}} L_g \circ d_e R_{g^{-1}}$ . Since  $G$  is connected, the image of  $Ad$  belongs to the connected component of  $GL(G_e)$  containing the identity, i.e. for each  $g \in G$ ,  $\det Ad(g) > 0$ . By Exercise A1

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[4,p. 147] we have

**Lemma 1 :-**

1) If  $T$  is the map  $G \rightarrow G$  is defined

by  $T(g) = g^{-1}$ , then

$$d_g T = -d_g L_{g^{-1}} \circ d_g R_{g^{-1}} = -d_g R_{g^{-1}} \circ d_g L_{g^{-1}}$$

2) If  $\mu$  is the mapping  $(g_1, g_2) \rightarrow g_1 g_2$  of  $G \times G$  into  $G$ , then if  $X \in G_{g_1}, Y \in G_{g_2}$ .

$$d_{(g_1, g_2)} \mu(X, Y) = d_{g_1} L_{g_2}(Y) + d_{g_2} R_{g_1}(X), (X, Y) \in G_{g_1} \times G_{g_2}$$

In [3], the author shows that if  $f: G \rightarrow G$  is a differentiable map, then there exists a positive integer  $k \leq \lambda + 1$  and a point  $x \in G$  such that  $f^k(x) = x$ , where  $\lambda$  is the rank of  $G$ , i.e. the dimension of  $G$  of any maximal torus in  $G$ .

**THE MAIN RESULTS**

Let  $f, h : G \rightarrow G$  be differentiable maps of compact connected oriented Lie group  $G$ . A point  $g \in G$  is called a coincidence point if  $f(g) = h(g)$ , following [7],[8]. Assume  $f$  and  $h$  have isolated coincidence points then by compactness of  $G$ ,  $f$  and  $h$  have only finitely many coincidence points. Also if  $g$  is an isolated coincidence point of  $f$  and  $h$  then  $d_g f - d_g h$  has no nonzero fixed point, i.e.  $\det(d_g f - d_g h) \neq 0$ . In [6] the author defines the Lefschetz coincidence number as

$$Lc(f, h) = \sum_{f(g)=h(g)} \text{sign}(\det(d_g f - d_g h)).$$

If  $f$  is the identity map then  $Lc(h)$  is the Lefschetz number, for more details see [2].

Let  $Le : [G, G] \rightarrow Z$  be the function

that sends each element in  $[G, G]$  to its

Lefschetz coincidence number. Then the Lefschetz coincidence point theorem states that "if  $f, h : G \rightarrow G$  are maps with  $Lc(f, h) \neq 0$ , then  $f, h$  have a coincidence point". Now we define another

function  $B(f, h) : [G, G] \rightarrow Z$  by setting  $B(f, h) = \text{degree}(f \cdot h^{-1})$ . Since  $B(f, h) \neq 0$

implies  $f \cdot h^{-1}$  is surjective, i.e.,  $e \in \text{Im}(f \cdot h^{-1})$ .

this function also possesses the property that "if  $B(f, h) \neq 0$ ,  $f$  and  $h$  have a coincidence point, i.e., if  $B(f, h) \neq 0$  then  $e \in \text{Im}(f \cdot h^{-1})$  which means there is a point  $g \in G$  such that  $f(g) = h(g)$ ".

**Theorem (2) :-**

The two functions  $Le, (-1)^n B :$

$[G, G] \rightarrow Z$  coincide, where  $n$  is the dimension of  $G$ .

**proof :-**

The left translation  $L_g$  of  $G$  onto itself is an analytic diffeomorphism then  $dL_g$  is an isomorphism. So for each  $g \in G$ , we identify  $G_g$  with  $G_e$  by the differential of left translation for any  $L_g$  at  $e$ .

For any two maps in  $[G, G]$ , we take the representations  $f, h : G \rightarrow G$  that satisfy the following :

- (1)  $f$  and  $h$  are differentiable;
- (2)  $f$  and  $h$  have only finitely many coincidence points  $g_1, \dots, g_k$ , i.e., have

isolated coincidence points  $\{g_1, \dots, g_k\}$ .

- (3)  $\det(d_{g_i} h - d_{g_i} f) \neq 0$ .

Then  $Lc(f, h) = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{sign} \det(d_{g_i} h - d_{g_i} f)$ .