The Poisson-Lie structure of nonlinear O(N) σ -model by using the moving-frame method

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Abstract. We discuss the Poisson-Lie structure of the integrable nonlinear O(N) σ -model with the moving-frame method. The corresponding r- and s-matrices are given explicitly. We also perform the gauge transformation for the Lax potential and the r and s matrices. Furthermore, we discover that the field-dependent terms in our r- and s-matrices only depend on the Riemannian connection of the target manifold.

1. Introduction

Great progress has been made in understanding the algebraic structures of two-dimensional nonlinear integrable models with the Hamiltonian approach. The starting point of the discussion is to study the Poisson bracket between Lax potentials. For a lot of integrable models, such as the wznw models and Toda systems, this bracket leads to a Lie-Poisson algebra as [5]

$$\{L(x,\lambda)\otimes L(y,\mu)\} = [r(\lambda,\mu), L(x,\lambda)\otimes \mathbb{I} + \mathbb{I}\otimes L(x,\mu)]\delta(x-y). \tag{1}$$

with an antisymmetric r-matrix acting as its structural constant. This matrix, known as the classical r-matrix, satisfies the famous classical Yang-Baxter equation

$$[r_{12}(\lambda,\mu),r_{13}(\lambda,\nu)]+[r_{12}(\lambda,\mu),r_{23}(\mu,\nu)]+[r_{13}(\lambda,\nu),r_{23}(\mu,\nu)]=0$$
 (2)

so that the Poisson structure of the dynamical systems is consistent. The importance of structure (1) lies in the central role it plays in the context of integrable systems [5]. The models fitting equation (1) are called ultralocal because the RHS of equation (1) contains only the delta function $\delta(x-y)$ but not its derivatives. An important generalization of the above Lie-Poisson structure to certain non-ultralocal models has been developed by Maillet [1]. In his new integrable canonical structure, equation (1) is replaced by

$$\{L(x,\lambda) \underset{\cdot}{\otimes} L(y,\mu)\} = -[r(x,\lambda,\mu), L(x,\lambda) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes L(x,\mu)] \delta(x-y)$$

$$+[s(x,\lambda,\mu), L(x,\lambda) \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes L(x,\mu)] \delta(x-y)$$

$$-(r(x,\lambda,\mu) + s(x,\lambda,\mu) - r(y,\lambda,\mu) + s(y,\lambda,\mu)) \delta'(x-y). \tag{3}$$

Besides the usual antisymmetric r-matrix, another symmetric s structural matrix is introduced in the new structure, and they both generally depend on the fields of the theory. This algebraic structure is the extension of the usual Lie-Poisson algebra for non-ultralocal integrable systems such as the nonlinear integrable σ -models and principal chiral models, and plays a prominent role in them.

Integrable nonlinear σ -models have clear geometric structures: their target manifolds are Riemannian symmetric spaces. Recently, Forger et al obtained a pair of field-dependent r- and s-matrices of the σ -models defined on Riemannian symmetric spaces [2]. However, due to the special geometric structure of the models, we still expect that r- and s-matrices have some geometrical meaning. Since geometric structure might be seen more clearly under transformations, we study the O(N) σ -model with a different method—the so-called moving frame method. This method allows us to take gauge transformations for Lax matrices and r- and s-matrices conveniently. By using this method, we get a different form of the r- and s-matrices whose field-dependent terms are, as we expect, just the Riemannian connections on an (N-1)-dimensional sphere S^{N-1} , the target manifold of the O(N) σ -model. Furthermore, we find that the new form of r- and s-matrices can be changed into the form obtained by Forger et al after a special gauge transformation. Here we note that the discussion can be generalized to any Riemannian symmetric space. A paper is being prepared on this.

This paper is arranged as follows. In section 2, we review some important aspects of the O(N) σ -model and give a new form of Lax pairs in moving frames. In section 3, we work out the new form of r- and s-matrices under the simplest gauge. On the basis of the results obtained in section 2, we get the r- and s-matrices under any gauge in section 4. These results show that the field-dependent terms of the r- and s-matrices are Riemannian connections.

2. O(N) σ -model

A two-dimensional nonlinear σ -model is a field theory in two-dimensional Minkovski space. Its Lagrangian is

$$\mathscr{L} = \frac{1}{2} g_{ij} \, \partial_{\mu} u^i \, \partial^{\mu} u^j \tag{4}$$

where u^{l} 's are the local coordinates of the target manifold of the model and $\{g^{ll}\}$ is its Riemannian metric matrix. For the O(N) σ -model, its target manifold $S^{N-1} \sim SO(N)/SO(N-1)$ is a Riemannian symmetric space, so there exists an involution operator $n(n^2 = 1, \text{ but } n \neq 1)$. By using it, the Lie algebra \mathscr{G} of SO(N) can be decomposed as

$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H} + \mathcal{K}$$

$$[n, \mathcal{K}] = 0 \qquad [n, \mathcal{K}]_{+} \equiv n\mathcal{K} + \mathcal{K}n = 0$$

$$(5)$$

so that \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{K} satisfy the following relations:

$$[\mathcal{H},\mathcal{H}] {\subset} \mathcal{H} \qquad [\mathcal{H},\mathcal{K}] {\subset} \mathcal{K} \qquad [\mathcal{K},\mathcal{K}] {\subset} \mathcal{H}.$$

Usually, the σ -field on the symmetric space is expressed as

$$N(x) \approx g(x)ng^{-1}(x)$$

where g(x) is the group element of SO(N). Obviously,

$$N(x)^2 = 1. ag{6}$$

Then the Lagrangian has the following form:

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = \frac{1}{16} \operatorname{Tr}(\partial_{\mu} N(x) \ \partial^{\mu} N(x)). \tag{7}$$

Varying $\mathcal{L}(x)$ under the constraint condition (6), we obtain the motion equation

$$\hat{c}_{\mu}K^{\mu}(x) = 0 \tag{8}$$

where

$$K_{\mu}(x) = -\frac{1}{2}N(x)\,\partial_{\mu}N(x). \tag{9}$$

The conserved Noether currents are

$$j_u(x) = -K_u(x).$$

According to (5), the left-invariant Maurer-Cartan form $a_{\mu}(x)$ also has a decomposition:

$$a_{\mu}(x) \equiv g^{-1}(x) \ \partial_{\mu}g(x) = h_{\mu}(x) + k_{\mu}(x)$$
 (10)

where

$$h_{\mu}(x) = \frac{1}{2} [a_{\mu}, n]_{+} n \in \mathcal{H}$$

$$k_{\mu}(x) = \frac{1}{2} [a_{\mu}, n] n = g^{-1}(x) K_{\mu}(x) g(x) \in \mathcal{H}.$$
(11)

From (7), (9) and (11), we get

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(k_{\mu}(x), k^{\mu}(x)) \tag{12}$$

where (,) is the G-invariant inner product on the coset space, induced from the Killing-Cartan form of the Lie algebra \mathcal{G} . Correspondingly, the motion equation (8) can be expressed as

$$D_{\mu}k^{\mu} \equiv \partial_{\mu}k^{\mu} + [h_{\mu}, k^{\mu}] = 0. \tag{13}$$

On the other hand, the pure gauge potential $a_{\mu}(x)$ satisfies the Maurer-Cartan equations:

$$\partial_{\mu}h_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}h_{\mu} + [h_{\mu}, h_{\nu}] + [k_{\mu}, k_{\nu}] = 0$$
(14)

$$D_{\mu}k_{\nu} - D_{\nu}k_{\mu} = 0. {15}$$

Let

$$*k_{\mu} = \varepsilon_{\mu\nu}k^{\nu}$$
 $(-\varepsilon_{01} = \varepsilon_{10} = 1)$

then (15) becomes

$$D_{\mu}^{*}k^{\mu}(x) = 0. (16)$$

Comparing with (13), we see that the theory admits a continual dual transformation. The result allows us to introduce a real linear combination of $k^{\mu}(x)$ and $k^{\mu}(x)$

$$\tilde{k}_{\mu}(x,\lambda) = \operatorname{ch} \phi k_{\mu}(x) + \operatorname{sh} \phi^* k_{\mu}(x)$$

where

$$ch \phi = \frac{\lambda^2 + 1}{\lambda^2 - 1} \qquad sh \phi = \frac{2\lambda}{\lambda^2 - 1}.$$

Then $h_{\mu}(x)$ and $\tilde{k}_{\mu}(x, \lambda)$ satisfy the same equations as $h_{\mu}(x)$ and $k_{\mu}(x)$:

$$\partial_{\mu}h_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}h_{\mu} + [h_{\mu}, h_{\nu}] + [\tilde{k}_{\mu}, \tilde{k}_{\nu}] = 0 \tag{17}$$

$$D_{\mu}\tilde{k}^{\mu}(x,\lambda) = 0. \tag{18}$$

It means that $h_n(x) + \tilde{k}_n(x, \lambda)$ can also be expressed as a pure gauge, namely,

$$\partial_{\mu}\Phi(x,\lambda) = \Phi(x,\lambda)(h_{\mu}(x) + \tilde{k}_{\mu}(x,\lambda))$$

$$\Phi(x,0) = e^{-1}(x).$$
(19)

We take these as the Lax pair equations in moving frames. The spatial part of Lax matrices is

$$L(x, \lambda) = h_1(x) + \text{ch } \phi k_1(x) + \text{sh } \phi k_0(x).$$
 (20)

Usually, one constructs another auxiliary linear equation

$$\partial_{\mu}U(x,\lambda) = U(x,\lambda)\frac{2}{1-\lambda^{2}}(j_{\mu} + \lambda\varepsilon_{\mu\nu}j^{\nu})$$
 (21)

whose spatial part of Lax matrices is

$$L(x,\lambda) = \frac{2}{1-\lambda^2} \left(j_1(x) + \lambda j_0(x) \right). \tag{22}$$

According to Maillet [1], the Poisson bracket between the Lax potential should be

$$\left\{L(x,\lambda)\otimes L(y,\mu)\right\} = -[r(x,\lambda,\mu),L(x,\lambda)\otimes 1 + 1\otimes L(x,\mu)]\delta(x-y)$$

$$+[s(x,\lambda,\mu),L(x,\lambda)\otimes 1-1\otimes L(x,\mu)]\delta(x-y)$$

$$-(r(x,\lambda,\mu)+s(x,\lambda,\mu)-r(y,\lambda,\mu)+s(y,\lambda,\mu))\delta'(x-y). \tag{3}$$

Using (22), Forger et al have given r- and s-matrices as [2]

$$r(x, \lambda, \mu) = -\frac{2\lambda\mu}{(1 - \lambda\mu)(\lambda - \mu)} C - \frac{2(1 + \lambda\mu)(\lambda - \mu)}{(1 - \lambda\mu)(1 - \lambda^2)(1 - \mu^2)} j(x)$$
 (23)

$$s(x, \lambda, \mu) = -\frac{2(\lambda + \mu)}{(1 - \lambda^2)(1 - \mu^2)}j(x)$$
 (24)

where C is the Casimir tensor and j(x) is a scalar field.

In the next section we will calculate the r- and s-matrices for the O(N) σ -model by using the local moving-frame method, namely, we will take equation (20) rather than (22) as our starting point. The reason is that we can gauge transform (20) conveniently and see how the r- and s-matrices change under gauge transformation. Thus the geometrical characteristics of the r- and s-matrices can clearly be seen.

3. The r- and s-matrices in the moving frame

The group element g of SO(N) can be written as

$$g = g'h$$

where $h \in SO(N-1)$ and $g' \in SO(N)/SO(N-1)$. For simplicity, first we take the Schwinger gauge, h = 1, namely, g = g'. Now we can choose g as [3]

$$g = R_1(\theta_1) R_2(\theta_2) \dots R_{N-1}(\theta_{N-1})$$
(25)

where $R_i(\theta) = \exp(\theta T^{i(i+1)})$ and the generators T^{ab} of SO(N) can be chosen as

$$(T^{ab})_{cd} = \delta_{ac}\delta_{bd} - \delta_{bc}\delta_{ad}$$

Their commutation relations are

$$[T^{ab}, T^{cd}] = \delta_{ad}T^{bc} + \delta_{bc}T^{ad} - \delta_{ac}T^{bd} - \delta_{bd}T^{ac}$$

By some calculation, we get

$$g^{-1} dg = \sum_{i=1}^{N-2} d\theta_i \sum_{j=i+1}^{N-1} T^{ij} s_{i+1} \dots s_{j-1} c_j + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} d\theta_i T^i s_{i+1} s_{i+2} \dots s_{N-1}$$
 (26)

where $s_i \equiv \sin \theta_i$, $c_i \equiv \cos \theta_i$ and $T^i \equiv T^{iN}$.

If we set diagonal matrix $n = \{1, 1, ..., 1, -1\}$, then $T^{ij} \in \mathcal{H}$, $T^i \in \mathcal{H}$. According to (10), it is easy to get h_{μ} , k_{μ} as

$$h_{\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^{N-2} \sum_{j=i+1}^{N-1} (\hat{c}_{\mu}\theta_{i}) T^{ij} s_{i+1} \dots s_{j-1} c_{j}$$
 (27)

$$k_{\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (\partial_{\mu} \theta_{i}) T^{i} s_{i+1} s_{i+2} \dots s_{N-1}.$$
 (28)

Then from (12), the expression for the Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (\hat{c}^{\mu} \theta_i \, \hat{c}_{\mu} \theta_i) s_{i+1}^2 s_{i+2}^2 \dots s_{N-1}^2.$$
 (29)

Consequently, the canonical momenta π_i have the following form

$$\pi_i = 2 \frac{\mathrm{d}\theta_i}{\mathrm{d}t} s_{i+1}^2 s_{i+2}^2 \dots s_{N-1}^2. \tag{30}$$

The fundamental Poisson brackets are:

$$\{\theta_i(x), \pi_j(y)\} = \delta_{ij}\delta(x - y)$$

$$\{\theta_i(x), \theta_j(y)\} = \{\pi_i(x), \pi_j(y)\} = 0.$$
 (31)

Using the above formulae and the following notations:

$$\Gamma'(x) = \sum_{j=i+1}^{N-1} \Theta_i(x) T^{ij} \qquad \Gamma^{N-1} = 0$$

$$\Theta_i(x) = \frac{c_j}{s_j s_{j+1} \dots s_{N-1}}$$

$$J_{k} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} T^{i} \otimes T^{i} \qquad J_{h} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N-2} \sum_{j=i+1}^{N-1} T_{ij} \otimes T_{ij}$$

$$P_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} T^i \otimes \Gamma^i(x) \qquad P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \Gamma^i(x) \otimes T^i$$

we begin to calculate the Poisson brackets between the Lax potential (20).

Take

$$L(x, \lambda) = h_1(x) + \text{ch } \phi_1 k_1(x) + \text{sh } \phi_1 k_0(x)$$

$$L(x, \mu) = h_1(x) + \text{ch } \phi_2 k_1(x) + \text{sh } \phi_2 k_0(x)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \{L(x,\lambda) \otimes L(y,\mu)\} \\ &= \text{sh } \phi_2 \{h_1(x) \otimes k_0(y)\} + \text{ch } \phi_1 \text{ sh } \phi_2 \{k_1(x) \otimes k_0(y)\} + \text{sh } \phi_1 \{k_0(x) \otimes h_1(y)\} \\ &+ \text{sh } \phi_1 \text{ ch } \phi_2 \{k_0(x) \otimes k_1(y)\} + \text{sh } \phi_1 \text{ sh } \phi_2 \{k_0(x) \otimes k_0(y)\} \\ &= - [(\text{sh } \phi_2 J_k + \text{ch } \phi_1 \text{ sh } \phi_2 P_2(x)), k_1(x) \otimes 1] \delta(x - y) \\ &+ [\text{sh } \phi_1 J_k + \text{sh } \phi_1 \text{ ch } \phi_2 P_1(x), 1 \otimes k_1(x)] \delta(x - y) \\ &- [(\text{sh } \phi_2 P_2 + \text{ch } \phi_1 \text{ sh } \phi_2 J_k, h_1(x) \otimes 1] \delta(x - y) \\ &+ [(\text{sh } \phi_1 P_2(x) + \text{sh } \phi_1 \text{ ch } \phi_2 J_k), 1 \otimes h_1(x)] \delta(x - y) \\ &+ [\text{sh } \phi_1 \text{ sh } \phi_2 P_1(x), 1 \otimes k_0(x)] \delta(x - y) \\ &- [\text{sh } \phi_1 \text{ sh } \phi_2 P_2(x), k_0(x) \otimes 1] \delta(x - y) \\ &+ (\text{sh } \phi_1 P_1(x) + \text{sh } \phi_2 P_2(y) + \text{ch } \phi_1 \text{ sh } \phi_2 J_k + \text{ch } \phi_2 \text{ sh } \phi_1 J_k) \delta'(x - y). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing with equation (3), we immediately get the matrix $s(x, \lambda, \mu)$:

$$s(x, \lambda, \mu) = -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sh}(\phi_1 + \phi_2) J_k - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sh} \phi_1 P_1(x) - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sh} \phi_2 P_2(x). \tag{33}$$

(32)

Then assuming

$$r(x, \lambda, \mu) = \frac{1}{2}AJ_k + \frac{1}{2}BJ_h - \frac{1}{2} \text{ sh } \phi_1 P_1(x) + \frac{1}{2} \text{ sh } \phi_2 P_2(x)$$

and using the following identities:

$$[J_k, k_\mu \otimes 1] + [J_h, 1 \otimes k_\mu] = 0$$
$$[J_h, k_\mu \otimes 1] + [J_k, 1 \otimes k_\mu] = 0$$
$$[J_k, h_\mu \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h_\mu] = 0$$
$$[J_h, h_\mu \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h_\mu] = 0$$

we also get the matrix $r(x, \lambda, \mu)$

$$r(x, \lambda, \mu) = -\frac{\sinh^2 \phi_1 + \sinh^2 \phi_2}{2 \sinh(\phi_1 - \phi_2)} J_k - \frac{\sinh \phi_1 \sinh \phi_2}{\sinh(\phi_1 - \phi_2)} J_k - \frac{1}{2} \sinh \phi_1 P_1(x) + \frac{1}{2} \sinh \phi_2 P_2(x). \tag{34}$$

Here we see that the field-dependent terms of the r- and s-matrices are only related to $\Theta_i(x)$, the Riemannian connection under the Schwinger gauge on S^{N-1} [3], which can be seen more clearly under the gauge transformation given in the next section.

4. Gauge transformation

Now let's take a look at how r and s change under gauge transformation. After a gauge transformation h, the following changes take place

$$h_u(x) \to h'_u(x) = h^{-1}(x)h_u(x)h(x) + h^{-1}(x) \partial_u h(x)$$
 (35)

$$k_{\mu}(x) \to k'_{\mu}(x) = h^{-1}(x)k_{\mu}(x)h(x)$$
 (36)

$$L(x, \lambda) \rightarrow L'(x, \lambda)$$

$$= h'_1(x) + \operatorname{ch} \phi k'_1(x) + \operatorname{sh} \phi k'_0(x) = h^{-1}(x)h_1(x)h(x) + \operatorname{ch} \phi h^{-1}(x)k_1(x)h(x) + \operatorname{sh} \phi h^{-1}(x)k_0(x)h(x) + h_{-1}(x)\partial_1 h(x).$$
(37)

Noting the identity

$$(f(x)-f(y))\delta'(x-y) = -f'(x)\delta(x-y).$$

we find the changes below:

$$r(x, \lambda, \mu)\delta(x-y) \rightarrow r'(x, \lambda, \mu)\delta(x-y)$$

$$= h^{-1}(x) \otimes h^{-1}(y) [r(x, \lambda, \mu)\delta(x-y) - \frac{1}{2}(1 \otimes h(y) \{ L(x, \lambda) \otimes h^{-1}(y) \}$$

$$-h(x) \otimes 1 \{ h^{-1}(x) \otimes L(y, \mu) \})]h(x) \otimes h(y)$$

$$s(x, \lambda, \mu)\delta(x-y) \rightarrow s'(x, \lambda, \mu)\delta(x-y)$$

$$= h^{-1}(x) \otimes h^{-1}(y) [s(x, \lambda, \mu)\delta(x-y) - \frac{1}{2}(1 \otimes h(y) \{ L(x, \lambda) \otimes h^{-1}(y) \}$$

$$+ h(x) \otimes 1 \{ h^{-1}(x) \otimes L(y, \mu) \}) [h(x) \otimes h(y).$$

$$(39)$$

Since

$$1 \otimes h(y) \{k_0(x) \otimes h^{-1}(y)\} = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \frac{-1}{2k_i} T^i \otimes (h\partial_i h^{-1}) \right] \delta(x-y)$$
 (40)

$$h(x) \otimes 1\{h^{-1}(x) \otimes k_0(y)\} = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \frac{-1}{2k_i} (h\partial_i h^{-1}) \otimes T^i\right] \delta(x-y)$$

$$\tag{41}$$

where

$$k_i = s_{i+1}s_{i+2} \dots s_{N-1}$$

eventually we get

$$r'(x,\lambda,\mu) = -\frac{\sinh^2\phi_1 + \sinh^2\phi_2}{2\sinh(\phi_1 - \phi_2)} J_k - \frac{\sinh\phi_1 \sinh\phi_2}{\sinh(\phi_1 - \phi_2)} J_h - \frac{1}{2}\sinh\phi_1 P'_1(x) + \frac{1}{2}\sinh\phi_2 P'_2(x)$$
(42)

$$s'(x, \lambda, \mu) = -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sh}(\phi_1 + \phi_2) J_k - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sh} \phi_1 P'_1(x) - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sh} \phi_2 P'_2(x)$$
(43)

where

$$P'_{1} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (h^{-1}T'h) \otimes \Gamma_{h}^{i}$$

$$P'_{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \Gamma_{h}^{i} \otimes (h^{-1}T'h)$$

$$\Gamma_{h}^{i} = \frac{h^{-1}\partial_{i}h}{k_{i}} + h^{-1}\Gamma'h.$$
(44)

From equation (44) we can see that Γ^i is just a Riemmanian connection matrix on S^{N-1} , since the way in which it changes under a gauge transformation is the same as a connection. For example, if we take

$$h(x) = R_{N-2}(\mp \theta_{N-2}) \dots R_2(-\theta_2) R_1(-\theta_1)$$
(45)

from (44) we obtain

$$\Gamma_h^I = \frac{\mp 1 + \cos \theta_{N-1}}{\sin \theta_{N-1}} \left(h^{-1} T^{I(N-1)} h \right) \tag{46}$$

which is exactly the Riemannian connection under the Wu-Yang gauge [3].

In order to relate our r- and s-matrices to the r- and s-matrices given by Maillet and Forger $et\ al$, we take another special gauge transformation by replacing h^{-1} with g. Then there exists

$$H_{\mu} = gh_{\mu}g^{-1} + g \ \partial_{\mu}g^{-1} = j_{\mu}$$

 $K_{\mu} = gk_{\mu}g^{-1} = -j_{\mu}$.

Putting these two formulas into (19), we get the common linear equation (21). Moreover, noticing

$$1 \otimes g^{-1}(y) \} k_0(x) \otimes g(y) \} = -(J_k + P_1'x)) \delta(x - y)$$
$$g^{-1}(x) \otimes 1 \{ g(x) \otimes k_0(y) \} = (J_k + P_2'(x)) \delta(x - y)$$

and replacing sh ϕ_1 , ch ϕ_1 and sh ϕ_2 , ch ϕ_2 with λ , μ respectively, we also get equations (23) and (24). So the two different forms of r- and s-matrices can be associated by a special gauge transformation, or a frame change, but our r- and s-matrices have more clear geometric meaning: the field-dependent terms are only related to the Riemmanian connection on the target manifold S^{N-1} .

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