## ODEs from a geometric viewpoint

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## ODE Existence, Uniqueness and Smoothness

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1(t) = V_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \cdots = \cdots \\ \dot{x}_n(t) = V_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{cases}$$

[Lee, 2013], [Olver, 1986]









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#### Key result

If X is a Lie symmetry for A then

$$\frac{1}{\det(A,X)}$$

is an integrating factor for -Fdx + du, or in other words,

$$\omega = \frac{\det(A, -)}{\det(A, X)}$$

is exact (locally).

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#### Idea of the proof

det (A, Y) = area = base height

But base changes when we move along solution curves!

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- Define ω<sub>j</sub> = det(A, X<sub>1</sub>,..., X<sub>j-1</sub>, −)/det(A, X<sub>1</sub>,..., X<sub>j-1</sub>, X<sub>j</sub>), which are locally exact (same reasoning).
- Integrate and restring to hypersurfaces.

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Or, in other words, there exists a (dynamical) symmetry X such that  $Y = \frac{1}{f}X$ .


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