

# Projectability of Left Invariant Nambu-Poisson Tensors on a Lie Group

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ABSTRACT. We study projectability of left invariant Nambu-Poisson tensors (LINPT) on a Lie group, and investigate the conditions for given Nambu-Poisson tensors to be projectable. Moreover we show that if  $\eta$  is an LINPT on  $G$ , which is projectable on an irreducible Riemannian symmetric space  $G/K$ , then  $\eta$  has only two possibilities.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

A Nambu-Poisson manifold is defined to be a pair of a  $C^\infty$ -manifold and a *Nambu-Poisson tensor* defined on it [3], [5]. A Nambu-Poisson tensor is, by definition, a skew-symmetric contravariant tensor field on a manifold such that the induced bracket operation satisfies the *fundamental identity*, which is a generalization of the usual Jacobi identity.

Let  $G$  be a connected Lie group with left invariant volume form  $\Omega$ , and  $K$  a connected closed subgroup of  $G$ . For a left invariant Nambu-Poisson tensor  $\eta$  on  $G$ ,  $\omega = i(\eta)\Omega$  is called a *Nambu-Poisson form*. This form is clearly left invariant. A left invariant Nambu-Poisson tensor  $\eta$  on  $G$  is said to be *projectable* if its corresponding Nambu-Poisson form  $\omega$  is, in a usual sense, projectable on a  $G$ -invariant form  $\bar{\omega}$  on  $G/K$ . In this article, we study projectable left invariant

Nambu-Poisson tensors  $\eta$  on a Lie group  $G$ . For example we will show that if  $G/K$  is an irreducible Riemannian symmetric space, then  $\eta$  has only two possibilities.

## 2. REVIEWS OF NAMBU-POISSON MANIFOLDS

In this section, we will review some useful results of geometry of Nambu-Poisson manifolds. Details are referred to [3], [4]. Let  $M$  be an  $m$ -dimensional  $C^\infty$ -manifold, and  $\mathcal{F}$  its algebra of real valued  $C^\infty$  functions on  $M$ . We denote by  $\Gamma(\Lambda^n TM)$  the space of global cross-sections  $\eta : M \rightarrow \Lambda^n TM$ . Then for each  $\eta \in \Gamma(\Lambda^n TM)$ , there corresponds the bracket defined by

$$\{f_1, \dots, f_n\} = \eta(df_1, \dots, df_n), \quad f_1, \dots, f_n \in \mathcal{F}.$$

This bracket operation is an  $n$ -linear skew-symmetric map from  $\mathcal{F}^n$  to  $\mathcal{F}$  which satisfies the Leibniz rule:

$$\{f_1, \dots, f_{n-1}, g_1 \cdot g_2\} = \{f_1, \dots, f_{n-1}, g_1\} \cdot g_2 + g_1 \cdot \{f_1, \dots, f_{n-1}, g_2\},$$

for all  $f_1, \dots, f_{n-1}, g_1, g_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Let  $A = \sum f_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge f_{i_{n-1}}, f_{i_j} \in \mathcal{F}$ . Since the bracket operation clearly satisfies the Leibniz rule, we can define a vector field  $X_A$  corresponding to  $A$  by the following equation:

$$X_A(g) = \sum \{f_{i_1}, \dots, f_{i_{n-1}}, g\}, \quad g \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Such a vector field is called a *Hamiltonian vector field*. The space of Hamiltonian vector fields is denoted by  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Definition 2.1.**  $\eta \in \Gamma(\Lambda^n TM)$  is called a *Nambu-Poisson tensor of order  $n$*  if it satisfies  $\mathcal{L}(X_A)\eta = 0$  for all  $X_A \in \mathcal{H}$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is the Lie derivative. Then a *Nambu-Poisson manifold* is a pair  $(M, \eta)$ .

The above definition is clearly equivalent to the following *fundamental identity*:

$$\begin{aligned} \{f_1, \dots, f_{n-1}, \{g_1, \dots, g_n\}\} &= \{\{f_1, \dots, f_{n-1}, g_1\}, g_2, \dots, g_n\} \\ &+ \{g_1, \{f_1, \dots, f_{n-1}, g_2\}, g_3, \dots, g_n\} \\ &+ \dots + \{g_1, \dots, g_{n-1}, \{f_1, \dots, f_{n-1}, g_n\}\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $f_1, \dots, f_{n-1}, g_1, \dots, g_n \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Let  $\eta(p) \neq 0$ ,  $p \in M$ . Then we say that  $\eta$  is *regular* at  $p$ . Now we can state the following local structure theorem for Nambu-Poisson tensors [2], [3].

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\eta \in \Gamma(\Lambda^n TM)$ ,  $n \geq 3$ . If  $\eta$  is a Nambu-Poisson tensor of order  $n$ , then for any regular point  $p$ , there exists a coordinate neighborhood  $U$  with local coordinates  $(x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_m)$  around  $p$  such that*

$$\eta = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}$$

on  $U$ , and vice versa.

To prove the above theorem, the condition  $n \geq 3$  is essential. So whenever we mention a Nambu-Poisson manifold, we always assume that the order of the Nambu-Poisson tensor is greater than or equal to 3.

Let  $(M, \eta)$  be a Nambu-Poisson manifold with volume form  $\Omega$ , and  $m \geq n \geq 3$ . Put  $\omega = i(\eta)\Omega$ , where the right hand side is the interior product of  $\eta$  and  $\Omega$ . Hence  $\omega$  is  $(m - n)$ -form. The following theorem gives a necessary and sufficient condition for  $\eta$  to be a Nambu-Poisson tensor. For the proof, see [4].

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $\eta \in \Gamma(\Lambda^n TM)$ , Then  $\eta$  is a Nambu-Poisson tensor if and only if  $\eta$  satisfies the following two conditions around each regular point:*

- (a)  $\omega$  is (locally) decomposable, and
- (b) there exists a locally defined 1-form  $\theta$  such that  $d\omega = \theta \wedge \omega$ .

*Remark 2.1.* It is clear that the above criterion for Nambu-Poisson tensors does not depend on the choice of volume form.

### 3. LEFT INVARIANT NAMBU-POISSON TENSORS ON LIE GROUPS

In this section, we consider left invariant Nambu-Poisson tensors (LINPT) on Lie groups. Let  $G$  be an  $m$ -dimensional connected Lie group,  $m \geq 3$ . Denote by  $\mathfrak{g}$  the Lie algebra of left invariant vector fields on  $G$ . Using Theorem 2.1, we can easily obtain the following lemma [4].

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $\eta$  be a non-zero LINPT of order  $n \geq 3$  on a Lie group  $G$ . Then  $\eta$  is globally decomposable. Namely there exist  $n$  elements  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $\eta$  is written as  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \dots \wedge X_n$ .*

By the above lemma, any LINPT  $\eta$  of order  $n$  can be written as a decomposable element of  $\Lambda^n \mathfrak{g}$ .

If a Lie subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  has a basis  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{h}$  is denoted by  $\mathfrak{h} = \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$ . The following theorem states that for every Lie subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , there corresponds an LINPT of order  $\dim \mathfrak{h}$ . (For the proof, see [4].)

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be an  $m$ -dimensional Lie group.*

- (a) *Let  $\mathfrak{h} = \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $n \geq 3$ . For basis  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$ , put  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \dots \wedge X_n$ . Then  $\eta$  is an LINPT of order  $n$  on  $G$ .*
- (b) *Conversely given an LINPT  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \dots \wedge X_n \in \Lambda^n \mathfrak{g}$  on  $G$ , then  $\mathfrak{h} = \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$  is an  $n$ -dimensional Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .*

If an LINPT  $\eta$  has two expressions:  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \dots \wedge X_n = Y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge Y_n$ , then we know that  $\langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle = \langle Y_1, \dots, Y_n \rangle$ . Thus we have

**Corollary 3.3.** *There is a one to one correspondence up to constant multiple between the set of LINPTs of order  $n$  on  $G$  and the set of  $n$ -dimensional Lie subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .*

By Corollary 3.3, we know that there are many LINPTs on a Lie group. Hence, from now on, we shall consider LINPTs which can be projected down to some homogeneous space. Let  $\eta$  be an LINPT of order  $n$  and  $\Omega$  a left invariant volume form on  $G$ . As in the previous section, put  $\omega = i(\eta)\Omega$ . Then  $\omega$  is a left invariant  $(m - n)$ -form, which is called a left invariant Nambu-Poisson form (LINPF).

Let us fix our notations. Let  $G$  be an  $m$ -dimensional connected Lie group and  $K$  a  $k$ -dimensional connected closed subgroup of  $G$ . Denote by  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{k}$  the Lie algebras of  $G$  and  $K$  respectively. Let  $\pi : G \rightarrow G/K$  be the natural projection. The mapping  $\bar{\gamma} \rightarrow \pi^* \bar{\gamma}$  establishes a one to one correspondence between  $G$ -invariant  $p$ -forms  $\bar{\gamma}$  on  $G/K$  and left invariant  $p$ -forms  $\gamma$  on  $G$  which satisfy

- (1)  $i(X)\gamma = 0$  for all  $X \in \mathfrak{k}$ ,  
 (2)  $R_a^*\gamma = \gamma$  for all  $a \in K [1]$ .

Such a  $p$ -form  $\gamma$  is said to be *projectable*. If a  $p$ -form  $\gamma$  satisfies only the condition (1),  $\gamma$  is said to be *semi-projectable*. If  $K$  is connected, the condition (2) is replaced by the following equivalent condition.

- (2)'  $\mathcal{L}(X)\gamma = 0$  for all  $X \in \mathfrak{k}$ .

**Definition 3.1.** An LINPT  $\eta$  of order  $n$  on  $G$  is said to be *semi-projectable* (resp. *projectable*) if the corresponding LINPF  $\omega = i(\eta)\Omega$  is *semi-projectable* (resp. *projectable*) in the above sense.

Let  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega'$  be any left invariant volume forms. Then  $\Omega' = c\Omega$  for some non-zero constant  $c$ . Hence the above definition does not depend on the choice of left invariant volume forms.

In the rest of this section, we mainly consider a (semi-)projectable LINPT on  $G$ . Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \langle X_1, \dots, X_k, X_{k+1}, \dots, X_m \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{k} = \langle X_1, \dots, X_k \rangle$ . Recall that each  $X_i$  is a left invariant vector field on  $G$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{m}$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a complementary subspace of  $\mathfrak{k}$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $\eta$  be a semi-projectable LINPT of order  $l \geq 3$  on  $G$ . Then  $\eta$  has the following form:

$$\eta = X_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_k \wedge F_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge F_{l-k},$$

where  $X_i \in \mathfrak{k}$  and  $F_j \in \mathfrak{m}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\eta$  is semi-projectable, we have

$$0 = i(X)\omega = i(X)i(\eta)\Omega = i(\eta \wedge X)\Omega,$$

for  $X \in \mathfrak{k}$ . Hence  $\eta \wedge X = 0$  for any  $X \in \mathfrak{k}$ , and  $\eta$  is written as  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_k \wedge A$ , where  $A \in \Lambda^{l-k}\mathfrak{m}$ . Due to Lemma 3.1,  $\eta$  is globally decomposable. Thus by an easy consideration,  $A$  is also decomposable and we obtain that  $\eta$  is written as

$$\eta = X_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_k \wedge F_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge F_{l-k},$$

where  $X_i \in \mathfrak{k}$  and  $F_j \in \mathfrak{m}$ . □

**Definition 3.2.** An LINPT  $\eta$  on  $G$  is said to be trivial with respect to the natural projection  $G \rightarrow G/K$  if  $\eta$  is equal to one of the following tensors up to constant multiple:  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_k$ , or  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_k \wedge X_{k+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge X_m$ .

Let  $\Omega = \omega_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \omega_m$  be a left invariant volume form on  $G$ , where  $\{\omega_i\}$  is the dual basis of  $\{X_i\}$ . If  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_k \wedge X_{k+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge X_m$ , then  $\omega = i(\eta)\Omega = 1$ . Hence  $d\omega = 0$ . On the other hand, if  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_k$ , then  $\omega = i(\eta)\Omega = \omega_{k+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \omega_m$ . In general, this  $(m - k)$ -form  $\omega$  is not always closed. For example, let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(3, R) = \mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{n} + \mathfrak{k}$  be the usual Iwasawa decomposition. Let  $A$  and  $N$  be the connected Lie groups corresponding to  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{n}$  respectively. Then  $A$  and  $N$  are closed Lie subgroups of  $SL(3, R)$ . Put  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{n}$ . Denote by  $H$  the connected Lie group corresponding to  $\mathfrak{h}$ .  $H$  is diffeomorphic to  $A \times N$  and hence  $H$  is a closed subgroup of  $SL(3, R)$ . Let us consider the natural projection  $SL(3, R) \rightarrow SL(3, R)/H$ . We can find a basis  $\langle X_1, \dots, X_8 \rangle = \mathfrak{g}$  such that  $\mathfrak{a} = \langle X_1, X_2 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{n} = \langle X_3, X_4, X_5 \rangle$ . Put  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_5$ . Then  $\omega = i(\eta)\Omega = \omega_6 \wedge \omega_7 \wedge \omega_8$  with respect to the dual basis  $\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_8\}$  of  $\{X_1, \dots, X_8\}$ . We know that  $i(\mathfrak{h})d\omega \neq 0$ . Thus this LINPT  $\eta$  is trivial but is not projectable.

Next let us study the case that  $G/K$  are irreducible Riemannian symmetric spaces. Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a semisimple Lie algebra with Cartan decomposition  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{m}$ . Put  $\mathfrak{k} = \langle X_1, \dots, X_k \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} = \{Y_1, \dots, Y_q\}$ , where  $k + q = m = \dim G$ . Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  (resp.  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_q$ ) be the dual basis of  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  (resp.  $Y_1, \dots, Y_q$ ). Then  $\Omega = \alpha_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \alpha_k \wedge \beta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \beta_q$  is a left invariant volume form of  $G$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $\eta$  be a semi-projectable LINPT of order  $n \geq 3$  on  $G$ . If  $G/K$  is an irreducible Riemannian symmetric space, then  $\eta$  is trivial.

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.4, we know that  $\eta$  can be written as  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_k \wedge F_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge F_{n-k}$ , where  $F_i \in \mathfrak{m}$ . If  $n - k = 0$ , we have done. Suppose that  $n - k \geq 1$ . Put  $\mathfrak{m}' = \{F_1, \dots, F_{n-k}\}$ , which is a subspace of  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Recall that  $[\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}] \subset \mathfrak{k}$  and  $[\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{m}] \subset \mathfrak{m}$ . By Theorem 3.2,  $\mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{m}'$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Hence  $[\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{m}'] \subset \mathfrak{m}'$ . Thus we obtain

$$[[\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}], \mathfrak{m}'] \subset [\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{m}'] \subset \mathfrak{m}'.$$

Since  $[\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}]$  acts irreducibly on  $\mathfrak{m}$ , we have  $\mathfrak{m}' = \mathfrak{m}$ . This implies that  $\eta$  is trivial.  $\square$

*Remark 3.1.* As is well-known, a  $G$ -invariant form  $\bar{\omega}$  on a symmetric space  $G/K$  is always closed, and hence  $\omega = \pi^*\bar{\omega}$  is also closed. Thus in this case, for a semi-projectable LINPT  $\eta$ ,  $\eta$  is projectable if and only if  $d\omega = 0$ .

We give an example of non trivial LINPTs which are projectable on a *reducible* symmetric space. Put  $G = SO(4)$  and  $K = SO(2) \times SO(2)$ . Then  $G/K$  is a reducible symmetric space which is locally diffeomorphic to  $S^2 \times S^2$ . One can find a basis  $\mathfrak{o}(4) = \langle X_1, \dots, X_6 \rangle$  which satisfies:

$$\begin{aligned} [X_1, X_2] &= -X_4, & [X_1, X_3] &= -X_5, & [X_1, X_4] &= X_2, \\ [X_1, X_5] &= X_3, & [X_2, X_3] &= -X_6, & [X_2, X_4] &= -X_1, \\ [X_2, X_6] &= X_3, & [X_3, X_5] &= -X_1, & [X_3, X_6] &= -X_2, \\ [X_4, X_5] &= -X_6, & [X_4, X_6] &= X_5, & [X_5, X_6] &= -X_4, \\ [X_1, X_6] &= [X_2, X_5] = [X_3, X_4] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

With respect to this basis,  $\mathfrak{o}(2) \times \mathfrak{o}(2) = \langle X_1, X_6 \rangle$ . Let  $\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_6\}$  be the dual basis. Then we can find three projectable LINPTs:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_1 &= X_1 \wedge X_2 \wedge X_3 \wedge X_4 \wedge X_5 \wedge X_6, \\ \eta_2 &= X_1 \wedge (X_2 + X_5) \wedge (X_3 - X_4) \wedge X_6, \\ \eta_3 &= X_1 \wedge (X_3 + X_4) \wedge (X_2 - X_5) \wedge X_6. \end{aligned}$$

In our definitions, the order of Nambu-Poisson tensors is greater than 2. So  $\eta_4 = X_1 \wedge X_6$  is not an LINPT but a regular Poisson tensor on  $SO(4)$ . It is easy to see that  $\eta_2$  and  $\eta_3$  are non trivial projectable LINPTs. Put  $\theta_i = i(\eta_i)\Omega$ , where  $\Omega = \omega_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_6$ . Then we have  $\theta_2 = (\omega_2 - \omega_5) \wedge (\omega_3 + \omega_4)$ , and  $\theta_3 = (\omega_3 - \omega_4) \wedge (\omega_2 + \omega_5)$ . An easy computation shows that  $d\theta_2 = d\theta_3 = 0$ . Moreover  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  are cohomologous on  $SO(4)$ . Since  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  are projectable 2-forms, they are considered to be the forms on  $SO(4)/SO(2) \times SO(2)$ . Since  $\theta_2 - \theta_3 = d(2\omega_6)$  and  $\omega_6$  can not be considered as a form on  $G/K$ , they are *not* cohomologous as 2-forms on  $SO(4)/SO(2) \times SO(2)$ . And hence they become generators of  $H^2(SO(4)/SO(2) \times SO(2))$ .

Let us consider the case that  $G/K$  is not a symmetric space. For example, let  $G = U(n+1)$  and  $K = U(n)$ . Then  $G/K$  is not a symmetric space but a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional homogeneous space which is diffeomorphic to  $S^{2n+1}$ . The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{u}(n)$  of  $U(n)$  is contained in the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{u}(n+1)$  of  $U(n+1)$  in

the natural manner. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_{n^2}$  be a basis of  $\mathfrak{u}(n)$ . Define matrices  $Y_{2i-1} = (a_{pq})$  and  $Y_{2i} = (b_{pq})$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $Y_{2n+1} = (c_{pq})$  of  $\mathfrak{u}(n+1)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} a_{i, n+1} &= 1, & a_{n+1, i} &= -1, & \text{otherwise } & 0, \\ b_{i, n+1} &= \sqrt{-1}, & b_{n+1, i} &= \sqrt{-1}, & \text{otherwise } & 0, \\ c_{n+1, n+1} &= \sqrt{-1}, & \text{otherwise } & 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mathfrak{u}(n+1) = \langle X_1, \dots, X_{n^2}, Y_1, \dots, Y_{2n+1} \rangle$ . Let  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n^2}, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{2n+1}\}$  be its dual basis. Under these notations, define  $\eta$  by

$$\eta = X_1 \wedge \dots \wedge X_{n^2} \wedge Y_{2n+1}.$$

Then  $\langle X_1, \dots, X_{n^2}, Y_{2n+1} \rangle$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{u}(n+1)$ . With respect to the volume form  $\Omega = \alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_{n^2} \wedge \beta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \beta_{2n+1}$ ,  $\omega = i(\eta)\Omega = \beta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \beta_{2n}$  is a  $2n$ -form which is projected down to  $G/K$ . Since  $d\omega = 0$ , we find that  $\eta$  is a nontrivial projectable LINPT.

Next let us consider the conditions for a left invariant Nambu-Poisson form (LINPF)  $\omega$  to be a closed form. Let  $G$  be an  $m$ -dimensional connected Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and  $K$  be a  $k$ -dimensional connected closed Lie subgroup of  $G$  with Lie subalgebra  $\mathfrak{k} = \langle X_1, \dots, X_k \rangle$ . With respect to the canonical projection  $\pi : G \rightarrow G/K$ , we consider a projectable LINPT  $\eta$  of order  $l (\geq k)$  on  $G$ . Then by Lemma 3.1, we know that  $\eta$  has the expression:  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \dots \wedge X_k \wedge X_{k+1} \wedge \dots \wedge X_l$ . (See also the proof of Lemma 3.4.) Adding  $(m-l)$  vector fields  $X_{l+1}, \dots, X_m$  to  $X_1, \dots, X_l$ , we make a basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Recall that each vector field  $X_i$ , ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) is left invariant. We denote the dual basis of  $\langle X_1, \dots, X_m \rangle$  by  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m$ , and put  $\Omega = \omega_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_m$ . Then  $\Omega$  is a left invariant volume form on  $G$ . An LINPF  $\omega$  corresponding to  $\eta$  is given by  $\omega = i(\eta)\Omega = \omega_{l+1} \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_m$ .

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $\eta$  be a semi-projectable LINPT of order  $l$  on  $G$ . Let  $\langle X_1, \dots, X_m \rangle$  be the basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$  constructed from  $\eta$  as above, and let  $\{C_{ij}^k\}$  be structure constants of  $\mathfrak{g}$  corresponding to the basis  $\langle X_1, \dots, X_m \rangle$ . If  $\sum_{p=l+1}^m C_{rp}^p = 0$  for each  $r$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq l$ , then  $\eta$  is a projectable LINPT.*

*Proof.* Since  $\eta$  is semi-projectable,  $\eta$  can be written as  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \dots \wedge X_k \wedge X_{k+1} \wedge \dots \wedge X_l$ . Then  $\langle X_1, \dots, X_k, X_{k+1}, \dots, X_l \rangle$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and we easily obtain



$$d\omega = -\sum_{r=1}^l \sum_{p=l+1}^m C_{rp}^p \omega_r \wedge \omega.$$

Thus the condition  $\sum_{p=l+1}^m C_{rp}^p = 0$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq l$  implies  $d\omega = 0$ . Then for any  $X \in \mathfrak{k}$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}(X)\omega = i(X)d\omega + di(X)\omega = 0,$$

and hence  $\eta$  is projectable. □

Let us apply Proposition 3.6 to the case that  $G$  is a connected unimodular Lie group. Under this condition, we have

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $\eta = X_1 \wedge \dots \wedge X_l$  be a semi-projectable LINPT on a connected unimodular Lie group  $G$ . If the connected Lie subgroup  $L$  corresponding to the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{l} = \langle X_1, \dots, X_l \rangle$  is also unimodular, then the LINPF  $\omega = i(\eta)\Omega$  is closed, and hence  $\eta$  is projectable.*

*Proof.* Since  $G$  and  $L$  are unimodular, their structure constants satisfy  $\sum_{\alpha=1}^m C_{i\alpha}^\alpha = 0$  for each  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , and  $\sum_{\beta=1}^l C_{j\beta}^\beta = 0$  for each  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq l$ . Hence  $\sum_{p=l+1}^m C_{rp}^p = 0$  for each  $r$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq l$ . Due to Proposition 3.6, this implies  $d\omega = 0$ , and  $\eta$  becomes projectable. □

A typical example of Corollary 3.7 is the case that  $G = SO(n)$  (resp.  $U(n)$ ) and  $K = SO(q)$  (resp.  $U(q)$ ). Then  $G$  and  $K$  are unimodular Lie groups, and  $G/K$  is a Stiefel manifold. Let  $\eta$  be a semi-projectable LINPT on  $G$  whose corresponding Lie algebra induces a closed Lie subgroup  $L$  of  $G$ . Then  $SO(q) \subset L \subset SO(n)$  (or  $U(q) \subset L \subset U(n)$ ). Since  $L$  is a closed Lie subgroup of  $G$ ,  $L$  is unimodular. Thus by Corollary 3.7, the LINPF  $\omega = i(\eta)\Omega$  is closed and  $\eta$  is projectable.

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