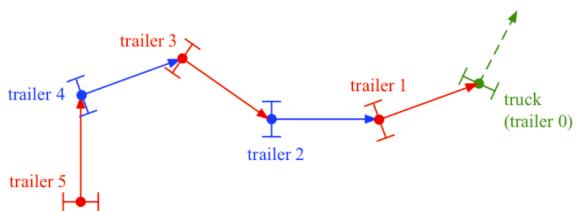


Find & describe  
interesting integrable  
 $sR$  geodesic flows.

Does the Monster  
tower admit an  
integrable  $sR$  geodesic  
flow?

Do ~~the~~ K-trailer systems?



warm-up:

Geodesic flows

on

Surfaces:

Integrable:



plane



sphere



45

surface  
of  
revolution.



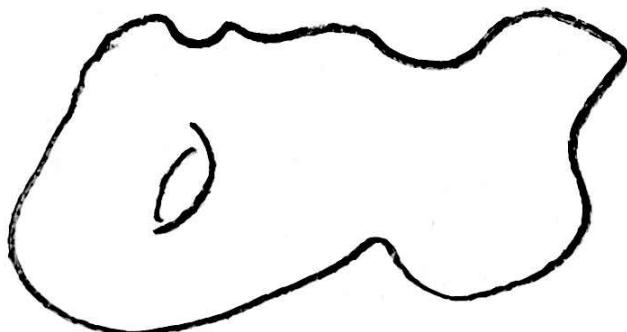
(Jacobi's  
ellipsoids.

## Non-integrable



$\Sigma_g$   $g > 1$   
compact.

- for any curvature  
 $K < 0$

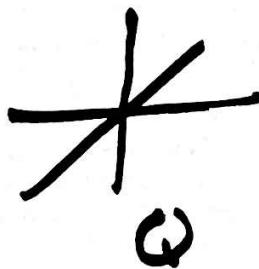
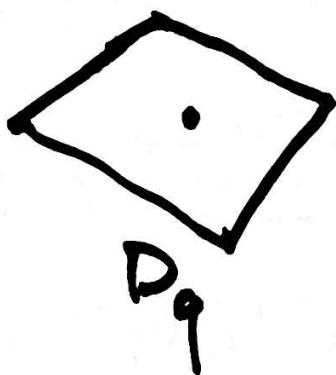


Typical  
generic  
metric

# sub Riemannian geometry.

- $D \subset TQ$

linear subbundle



- $\langle , \rangle$  on  $D$ .

- Horizontal path

$$\gamma : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow Q$$

$$\dot{\gamma}(+) \in D_{\gamma(+)}$$

- $l(\gamma) = \int_I \sqrt{\langle \dot{\gamma}(t), \dot{\gamma}(t) \rangle} dt$

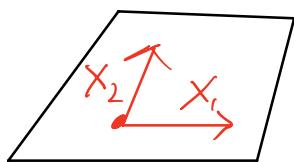
→ Allows us to define

- distance
- geodesics

## Geodesic eqns

Suppose, for simplicity

D has rank 2



$X_1, X_2$  o.n. frame

by duality

$P_1, P_2 : T^* Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
fiber linear

$$P_\alpha(q, p) = p(X_\alpha(q))$$

$\alpha = 1, 2$

$$= \sum p^\mu X_\alpha^\mu(q^1, q^2, \dots, q^n)$$

Define

$$H = \frac{1}{2} (P_1^2 + P_2^2).$$

the SR "Kinetic energy"  
H's Hamilton's eqns  
generate the "SR geodesic flow".

$$\Phi_t : T^*Q \rightarrow T^*Q$$

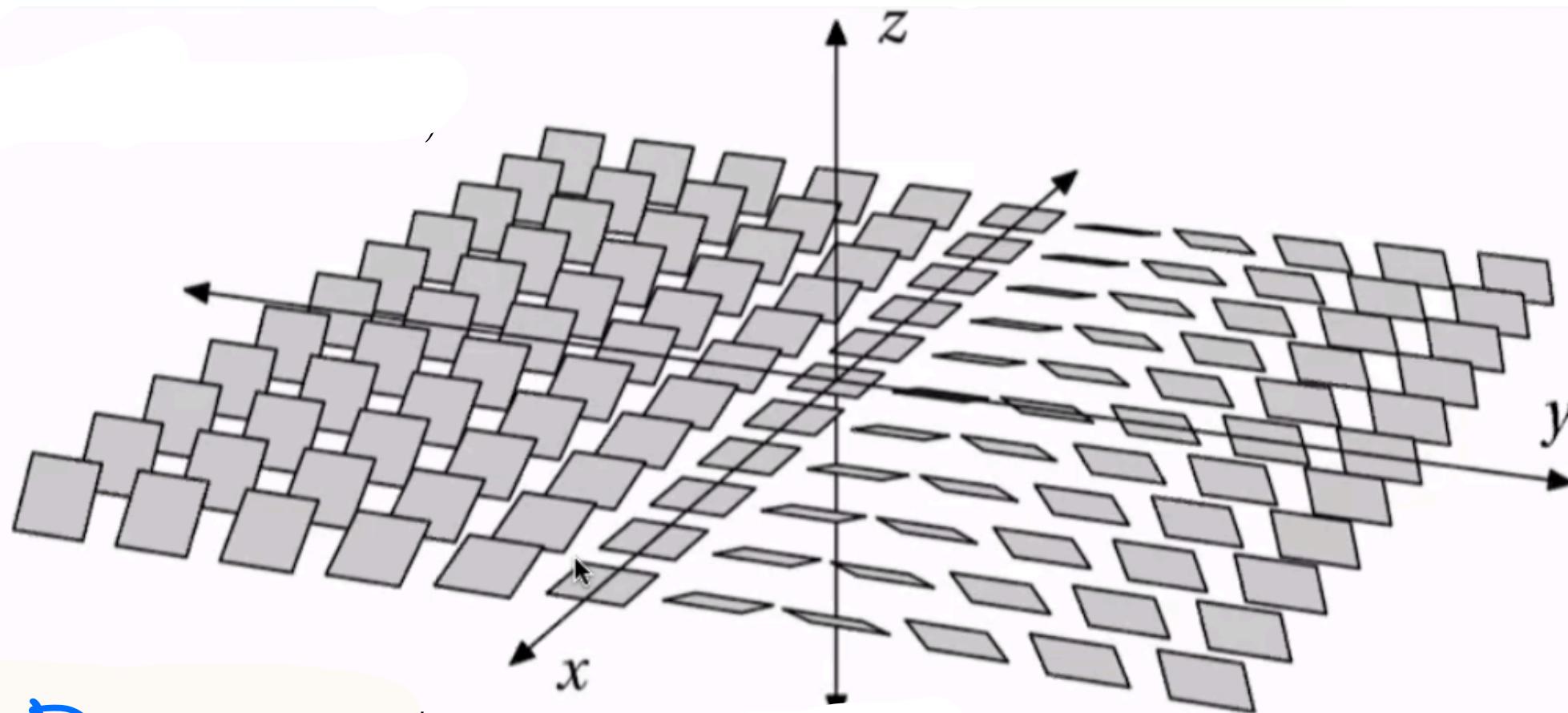
$$\frac{df}{dt} = \{f, H\} \quad \text{where } f_t = \Phi_t^* f$$

↗  
Poisson brackets

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Prop. The projections to  
 $Q$  of solutions to these  
Hamilton's equations are  
SR geodesics.

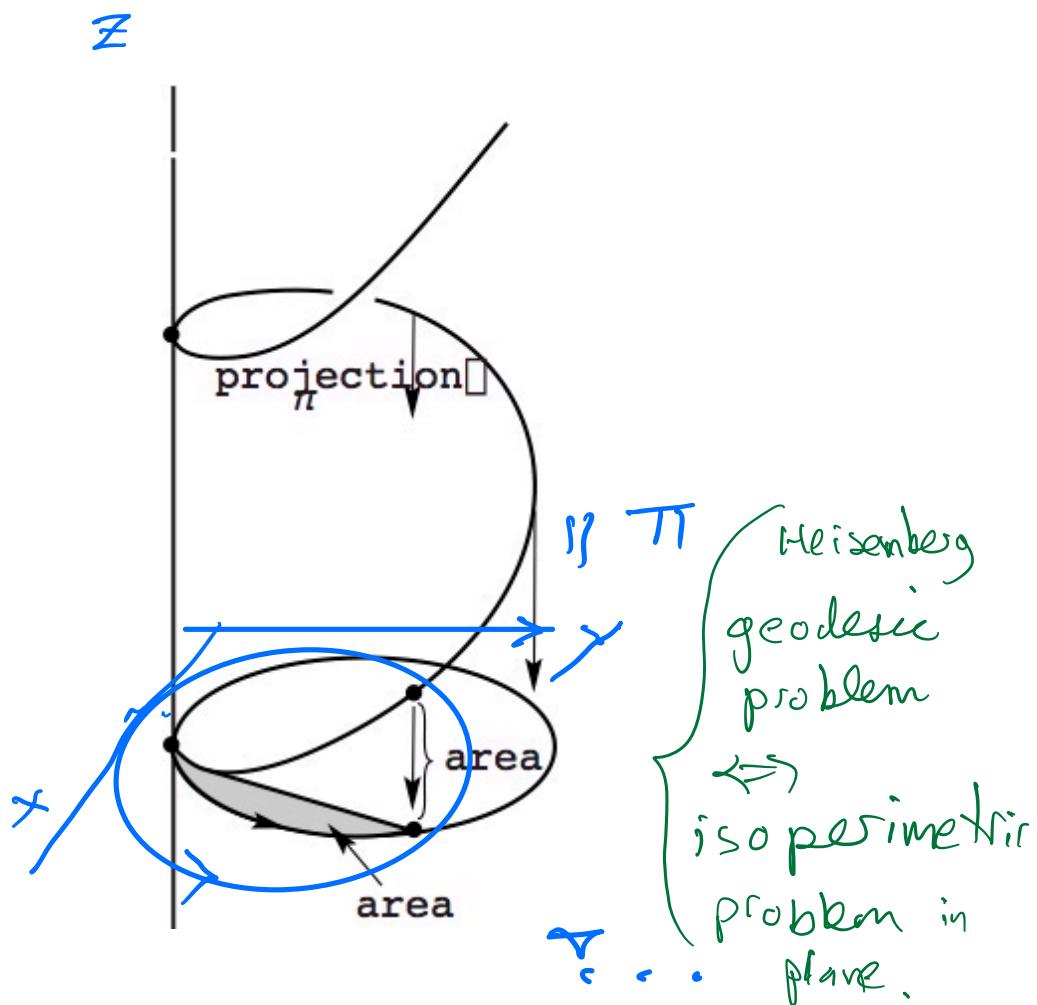
Heisenberg group



$$D: \\ = \{ dz - y dx = 0 \}$$

metric:  
 $dx^2 + dy^2 |_D$

He is geodesics...



Heis. geodesics given  
in terms of  
trig. functions;  
cosine, sine, & linear:

Project to

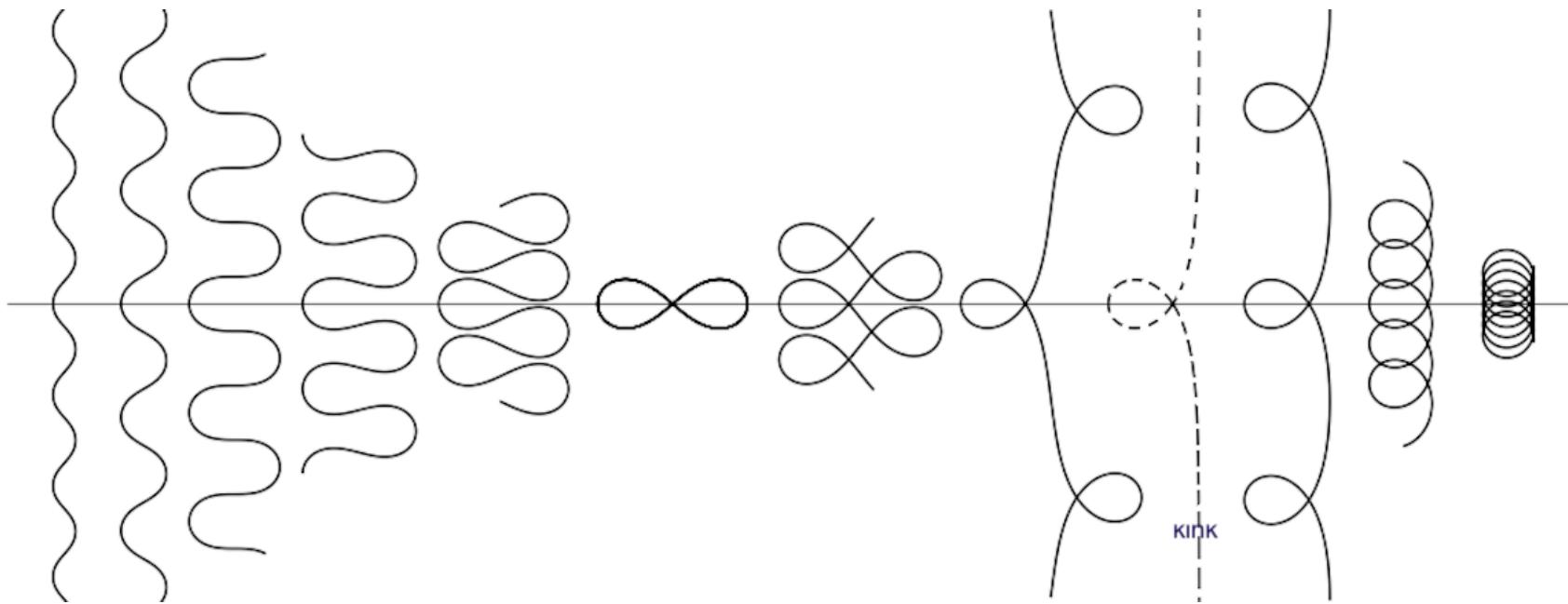
circles or  $\longrightarrow$  lines

via  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow (x, y)$$

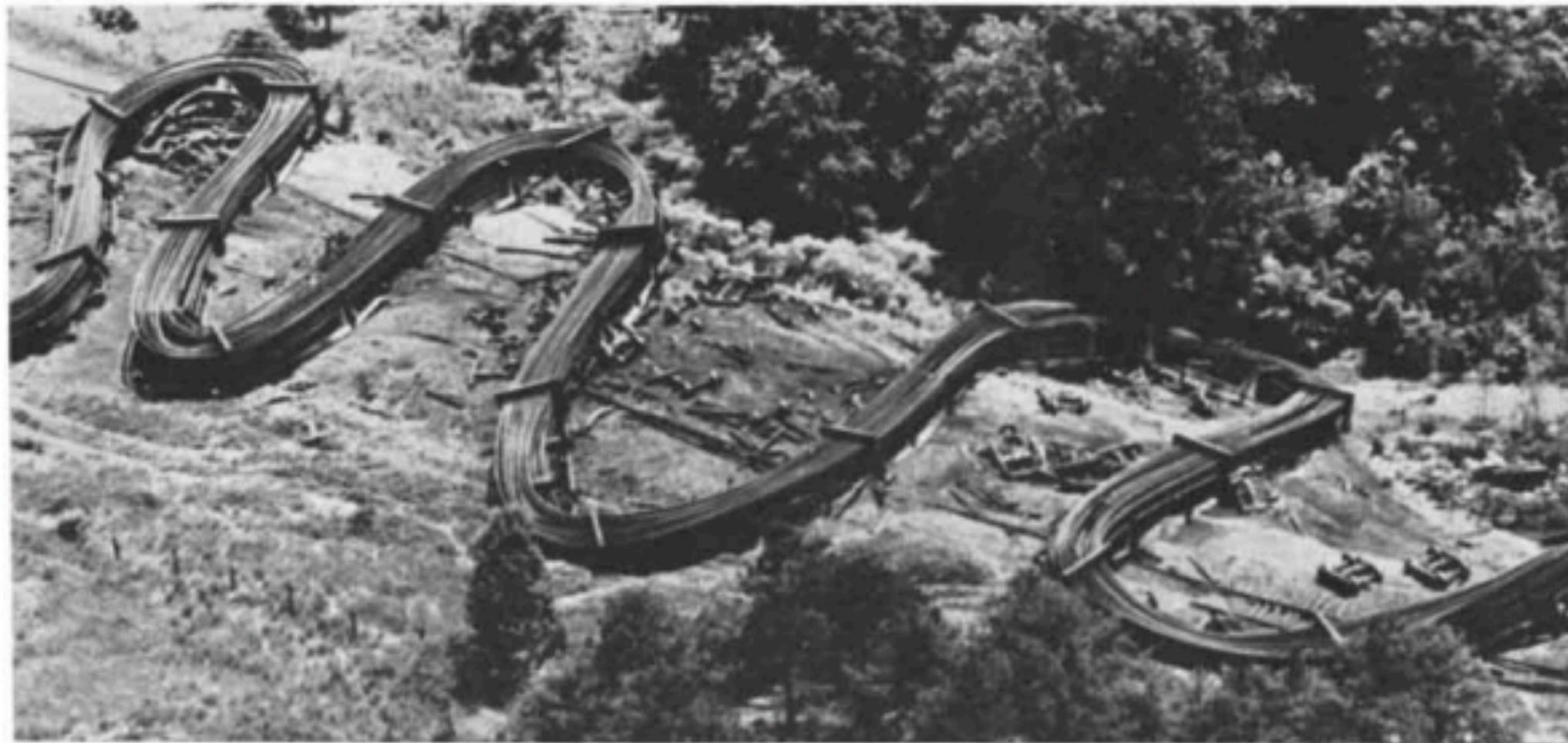
After the trig/  
exponential fns, the  
next simplest  
transcendental fns  
are the elliptic fns

→ Euler's elastica.



Modulo isometries & scaling  
a 1-parameter family.





CATASTROPHIC EXAMPLE: *The Mississippi River at New Orleans, Louisiana, flooded the entire area under the elevated highway.*

*...the entire area under the elevated highway.*

SubRiemannian geometries whose solutions are **lifts** of elastica

	manifold	name(s)	discover (?) / ref
#1.	$\mathbb{R}^3$	Flat Martinet  or $J^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$	Agrachev-Chyba... -Gauthier-Kupka (1997)
#2.	$\mathbb{R}^4$	Engel group	Ardentov-Sachkov (2011)
#3.	$\mathbb{R}^5$	Cartan group  or Free 3-step Carnot gp  or Generalized Dido problem	Sachkov (2003)
#4.	$\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ $= SE(2)$	bicycle rolling space  or roto-translational space  or 1st level of Monster tower	Citti-Sarti (2006) Moiseev-Sachkov (2010) Ardentov-Bor-LeDonne-M.-Sachkov (2020)
#5.	$\mathbb{R}^2 \times SO(3)$	rolling space for sphere on plane	Arthur and Walsh (1986) Jurdjevic (1995) and final sections of book
#6.	$\mathbb{R}^2 \times SL(2, \mathbb{R})$	rolling space for hyperbolic plane on plane	Jurjevic; Bor ..

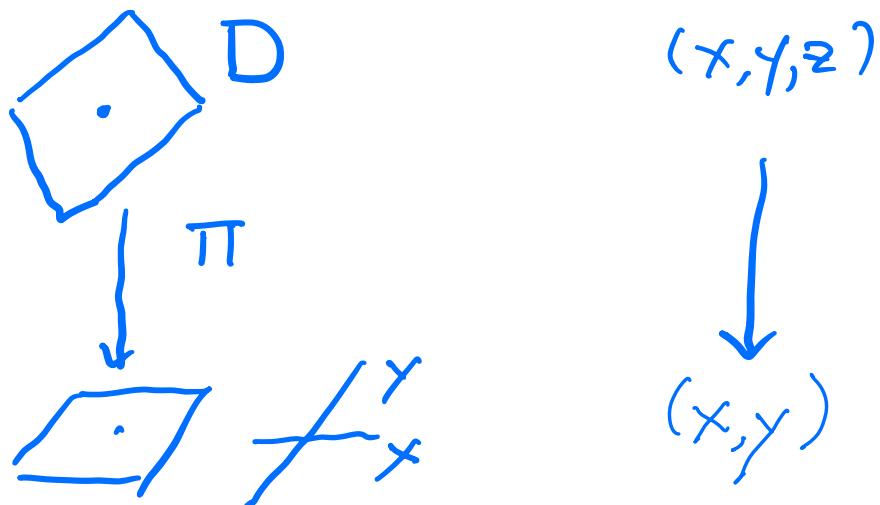
so all these have (gR)  
 geodesic eqns which are  
integrable in terms of  
 elliptic functions.

#1.  
space:  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Martinet:

distribution:  $dz - y^2 dx = 0$

metric :  $dx^2 + dy^2$   
restricted to  $D$



$\partial\pi|_{D_{(x,y,z)}} : D_{(x,y,z)} \xrightarrow{\text{isom.}} \mathbb{R}^2$

1. =

FIGURE 15

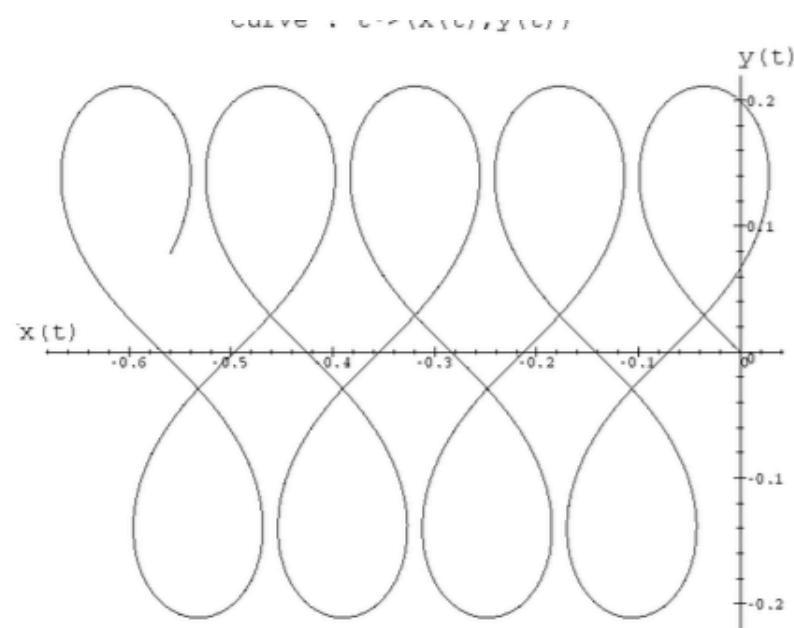
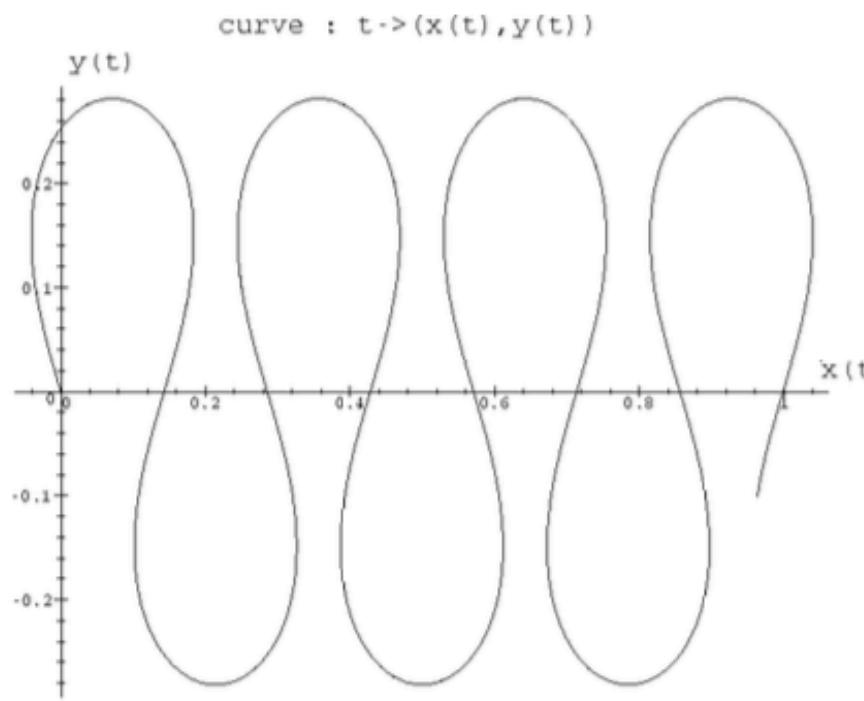


FIGURE 16

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SUB-RIEMANNIAN SPHERE IN MARTINET FLAT CASE

A. AGRACHEV, B. BONNARD, M. CHYBA, AND I. KUPKA

(1997)

#1 [Martinet)]

curve :  $(x(s), y(s))$   
arc length



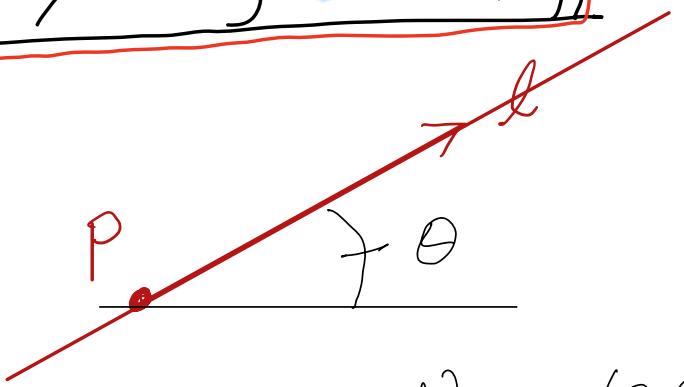
$$\kappa(s) = \frac{d\theta}{ds} = \pm \frac{1}{r(s)}$$

ELASTICA ODE :

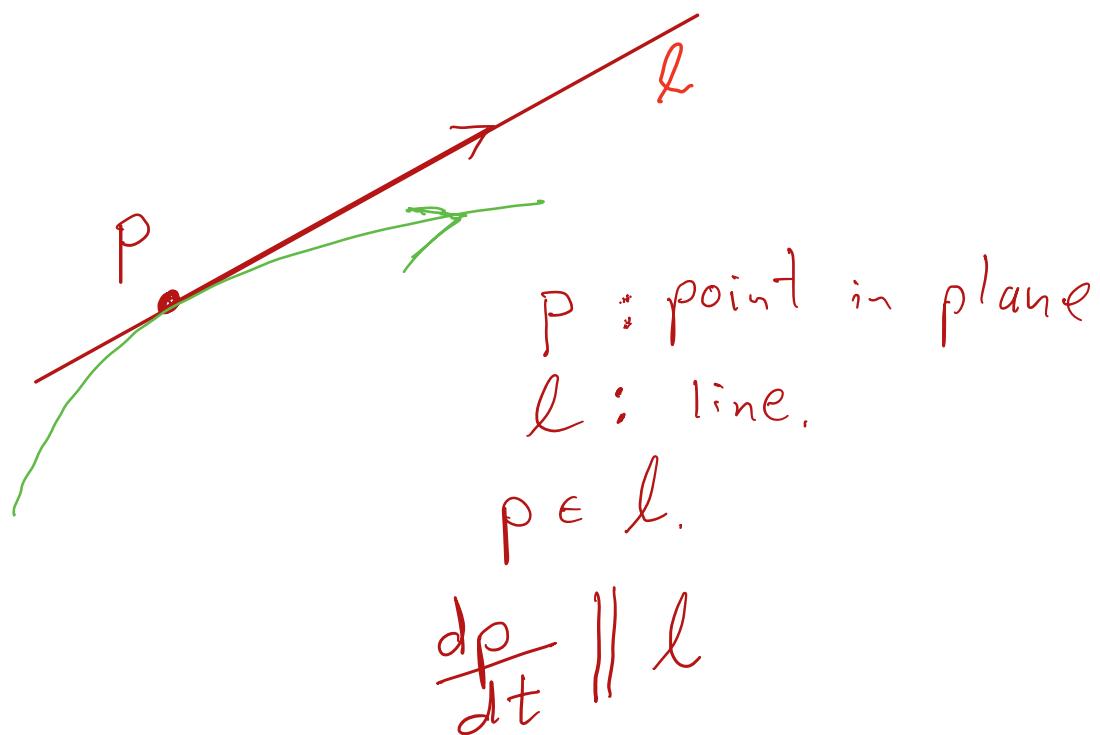
$$\kappa(s) = a + b y(s)$$

(More generally)

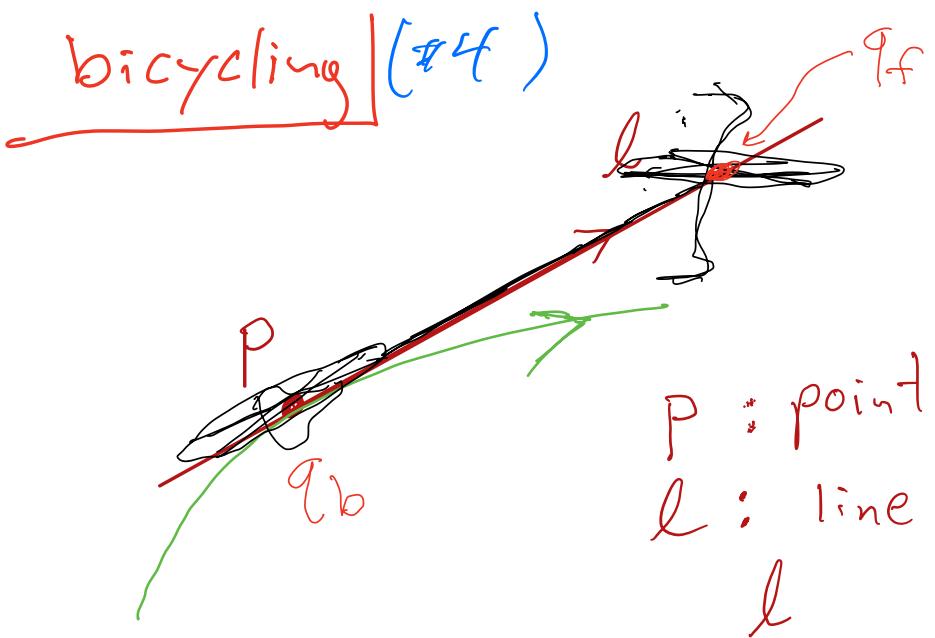
= affine fn of  
 $x(s), y(s)$ )



$$(p, l) \simeq (p, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1$$



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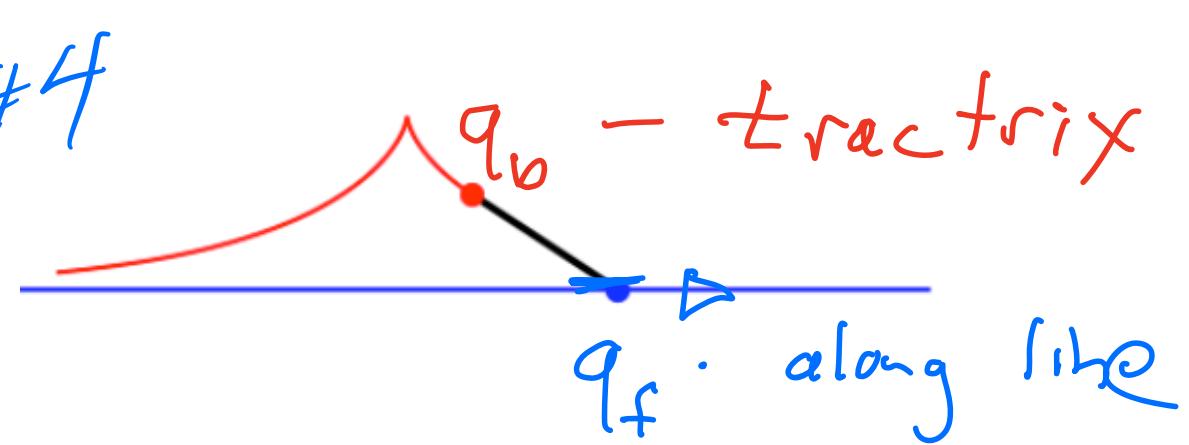


$$\frac{dq_b}{dt} \in [q_f - q_b]$$

SR length = length of front path  $q_f$

$\Rightarrow$

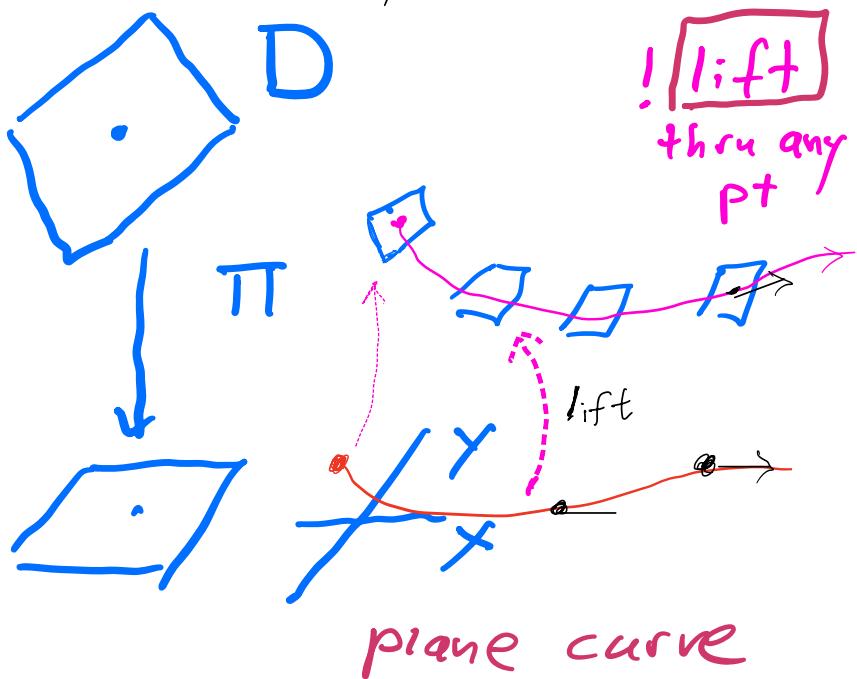
bicycling along a straight line #4



All admit a SR submersion

$\pi: Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  ..  
the  
onto Euclidean plane.

$$d\pi|_{D_2}: D_2 \xrightarrow{\text{isometry}} T_{\pi(z)} \mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2$$



## Corollaries

- a horizontal curve & its plane projection have the same length
- the horizontal lifts "h" of a straight line are SR geodesics
- $X_1 = h \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, X_2 = h \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$  frame D.
- If  $(x(s), y(s))$  is the plane projection of a SR geod. then  $\dot{x} = P_1(s)$   
 $\dot{y} = P_2(s)$   
the curvature  $K(s)$  of this plane curve sat.  $K = \{P_1, P_2\}$

j l

q p

"Integrable Geodesic flows"

• Flows you can "solve"

Formal def: Arnold-Liouville

$$n = \dim Q. = \frac{1}{2} \dim T^*Q$$

$$\exists f_1, \dots, f_{n-1} \in \mathcal{F}(T^*Q)$$

s.t.

$$1) \{f_i, f_j\} = 0 = \{f_i, H\}$$

$$2) df_1 \wedge df_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dH \neq 0$$

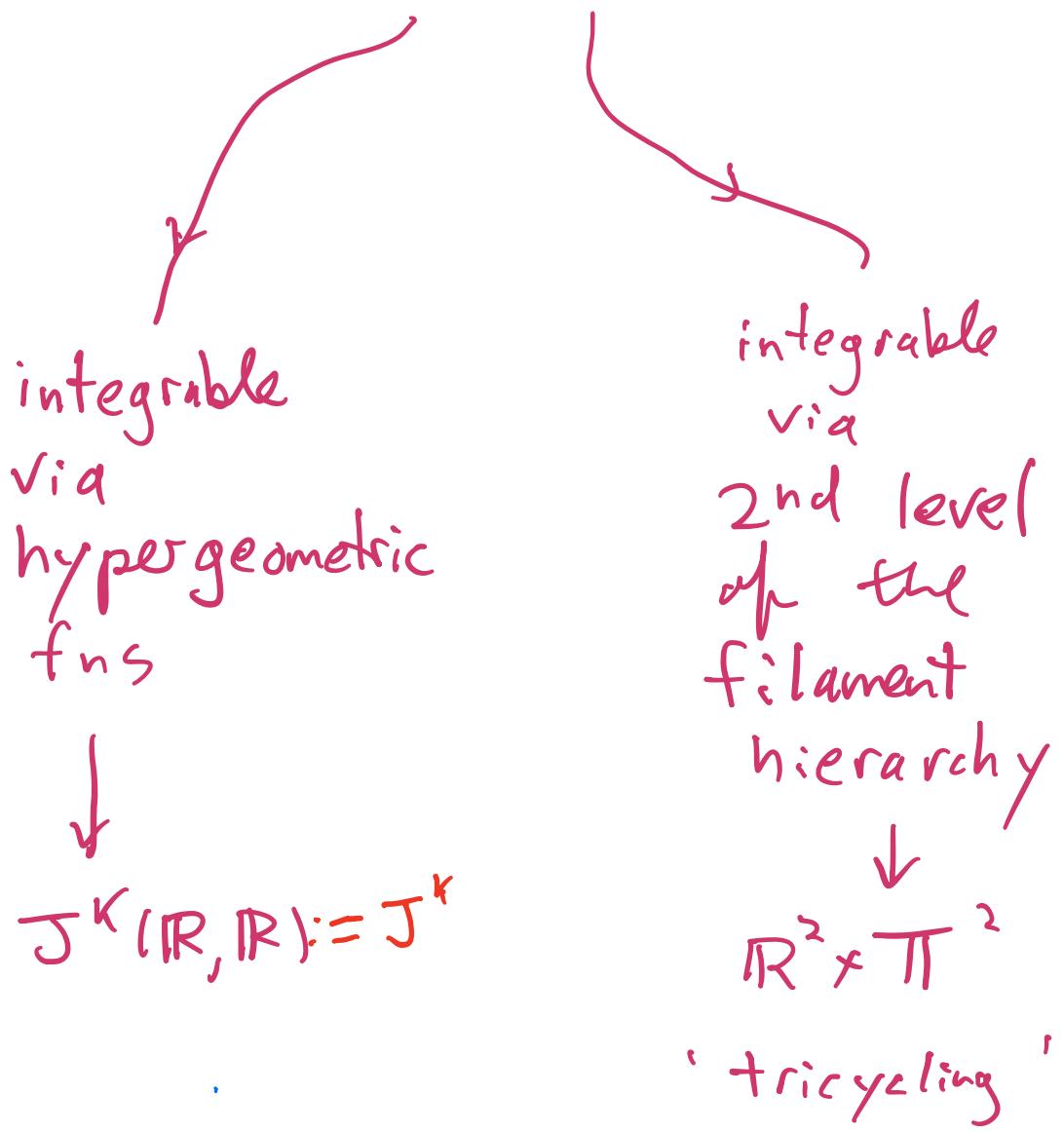
a.e.

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$\mathcal{F}$  = Algebraic, or Meromorphic  
or Analytic or  $C^\infty$ .  
on  $T^*Q$

Some .

Integrable SR geometries  
whose space of  
projected geodesics  
is larger than  
the space of elastica



Doddoli ; 2021-2 ~~2023~~  
 Perez-Miray 1997-8.  
 & Anzaldo-Meneses

noskip  
 midpoints  
 \* Perline-Tabachnikov  
 2023

$J^1 \approx$  Heisenberg

$J^2 \approx$  Engel, on list

$J^K$ : integrable by hyperelliptic functions:  $\left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 = P_{2K}(x)$  \*

$\deg 2K$

Felipe Perez-Monroy &  
Alfonso Anzaldo-Meneses, 2003

see also Alejandro Bravetti - Dadelci : 2021

\* From

$$\frac{1}{2} \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} F_K(x)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\deg K$

Ham'n 1 - deg of freedom.

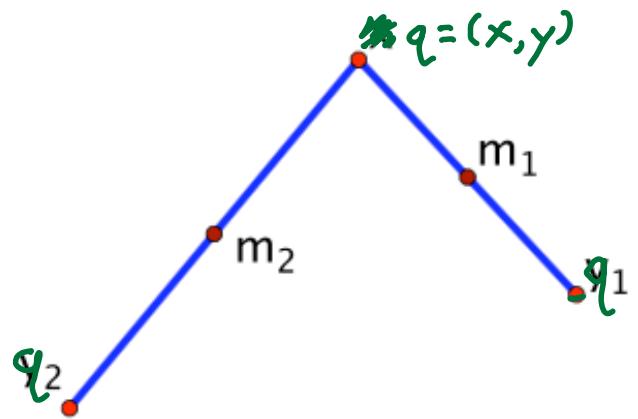
# Geometry of Integrable Linkages

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Serge Tabachnikov<sup>†</sup>

July 27, 2023

we have observed is that the presence  
of elastica in a geometrical context often indicates that there is an integrable  
system floating around in the background.



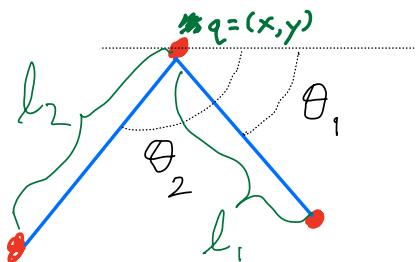
No-slip imposed  
at midpoints  $m_i$

$$Q = \mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1 \times S^1$$

$(x, y)$     $\theta_1, \theta_2$

$$X_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\sin \theta_1}{l_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} - \frac{\sin \theta_2}{l_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2}$$

$$X_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\cos \theta_1}{l_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \frac{\cos \theta_2}{l_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2}$$



No-slip imposed  
at midpoints  $m_i$ !

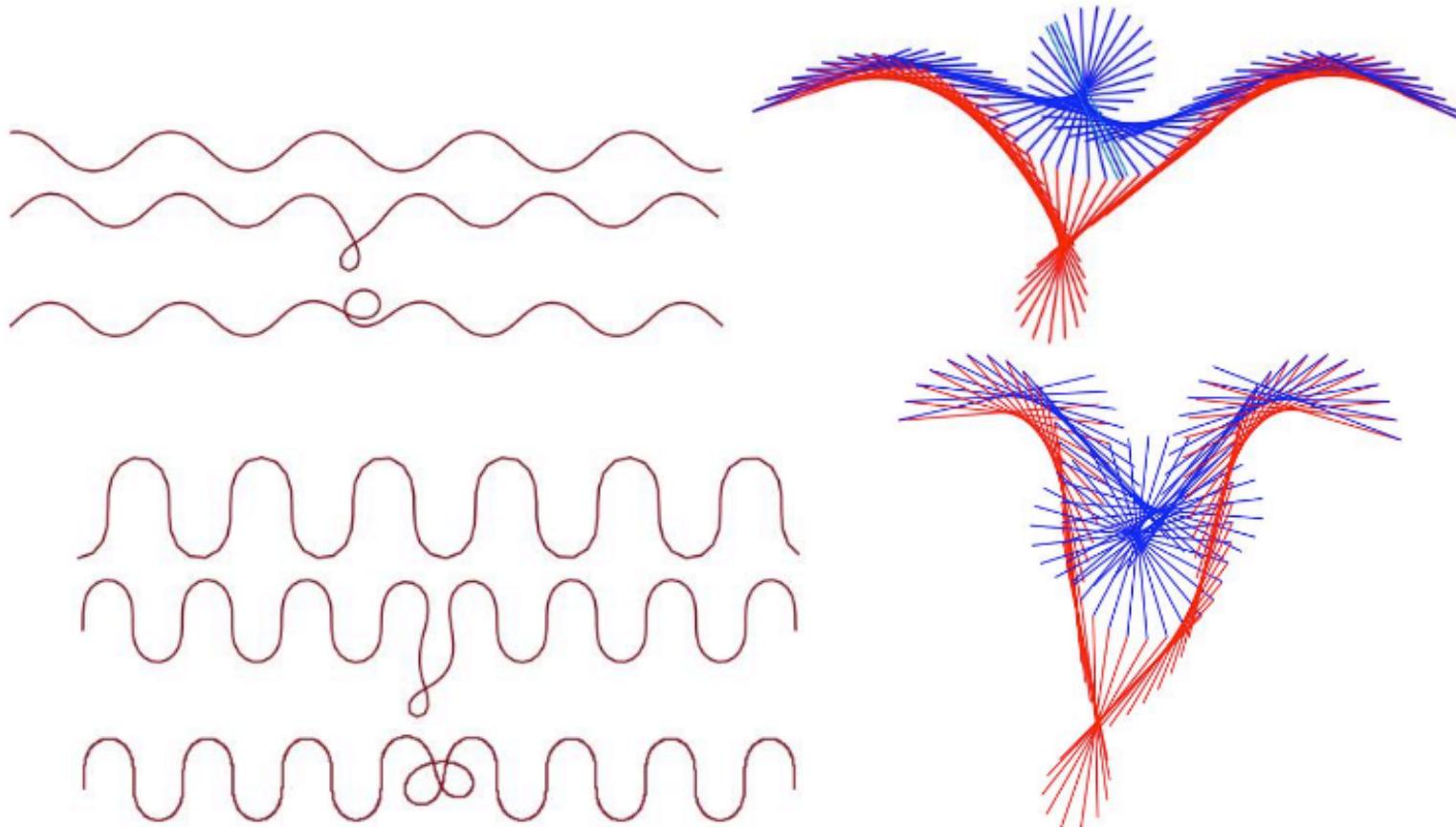


Figure 4. On the left, the trajectories of points  $x$ ,  $y_1$ , and  $y_2$  are shown, and on the right, the respective motion of the 2-linkage whose two links are colored red and blue. The values of  $k$  are 0.1 and 0.707, respectively.

$$\gamma_t = \frac{\kappa^2}{2} T + \kappa_s N, \quad \gamma = \gamma(t, s)$$

$$\kappa_t = \kappa_{sss} + \frac{3}{2} \kappa^2 \kappa_s.$$

$$I_0 = \int_{\gamma} 1 \, ds, \quad E_0 = \kappa(s), \quad \gamma' = \frac{d}{ds}$$

$$I_2 = \int_{\gamma} \kappa^2 \, ds, \quad E_2 = \kappa'' + \frac{\kappa^3}{2},$$

$$I_4 = \int_{\gamma} (\kappa')^2 - \frac{1}{4} \kappa^4 \, ds, \quad E_4 = \frac{5}{2} \kappa^2 \kappa'' + \frac{5}{2} \kappa \kappa'^2 + \frac{3}{8} \kappa^5 + \kappa''''.$$

will refer to critical points of linear combinations of these functionals *on curves*; for example, a curve satisfying  $aE_0 + E_2 = 0$  is a 1-soliton, a curve satisfying  $aE_0 + bE_2 + E_4 = 0$  is a 2-soliton.

$aE_0(\chi) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$  lines, circles

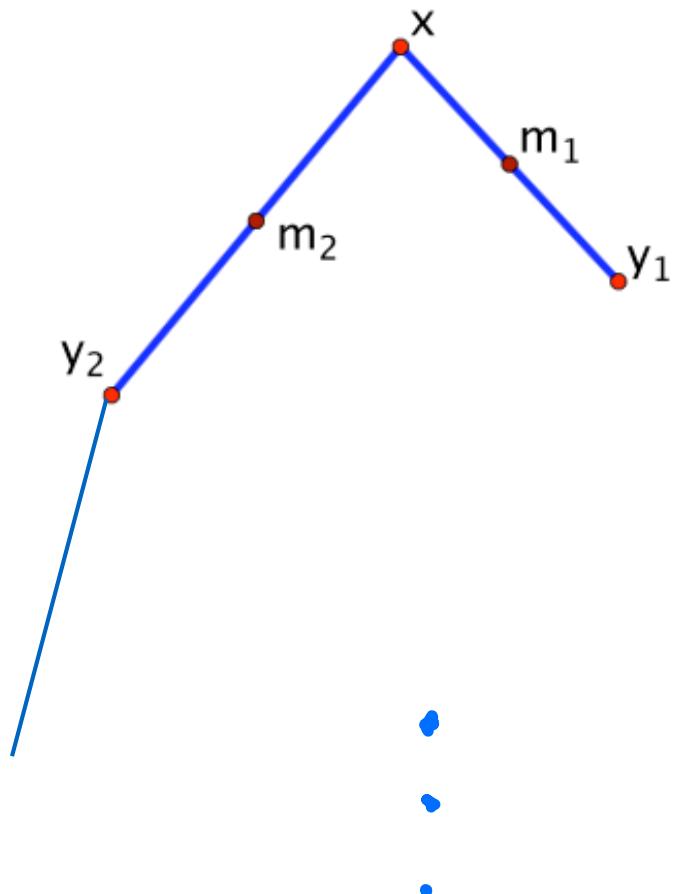
$$aE_0(\chi) + bE_2(\chi) = 0 \quad (b \neq 0)$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  elasticity (1-solitons)

$$aE_0(\chi) + bE_2(\chi) + cE_4(\chi) = 0$$

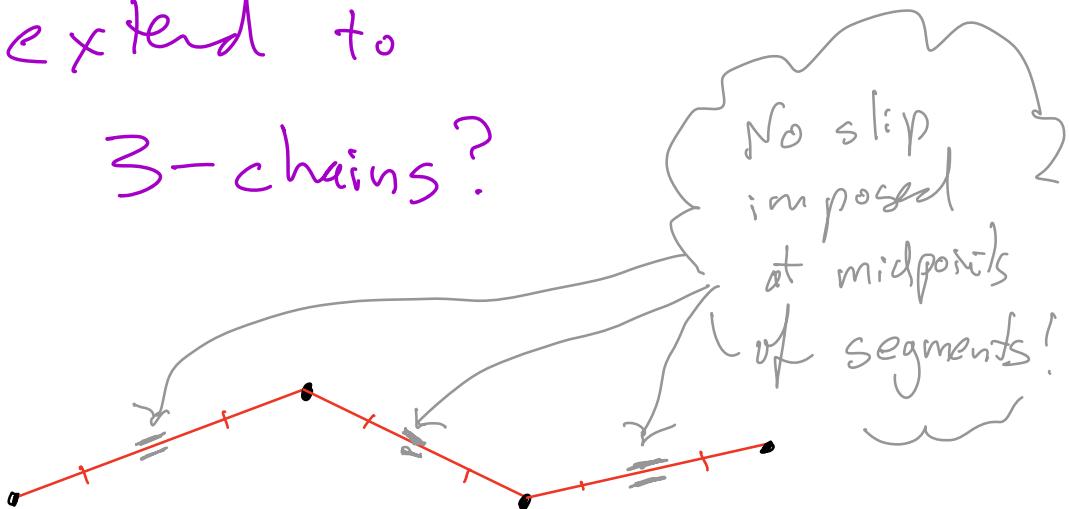
$(c \neq 0)$

$\Leftrightarrow$  tricycle 2-soliton  
curves.



Does the Perline-Tib.  
'tricycle' integrability  
(a 2-chain)  
extend to

3-chains?



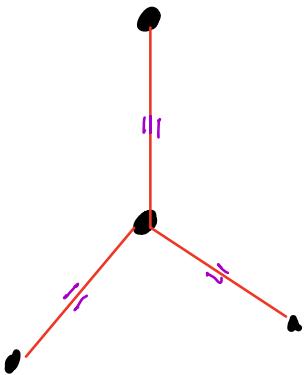
almost certain,

$E_0, E_2, E_4, E_6$ .

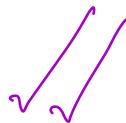
Perline; numerical evidence

K-chains, any K. ?

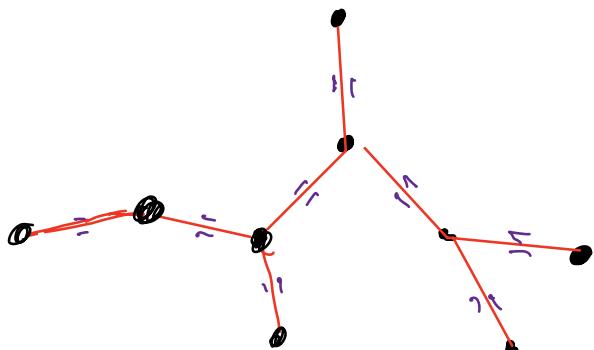
or



seems  
to be  
integrable



& next ... ??



# Note!

placement of wheels  
at midpoints vs  
ends of segments

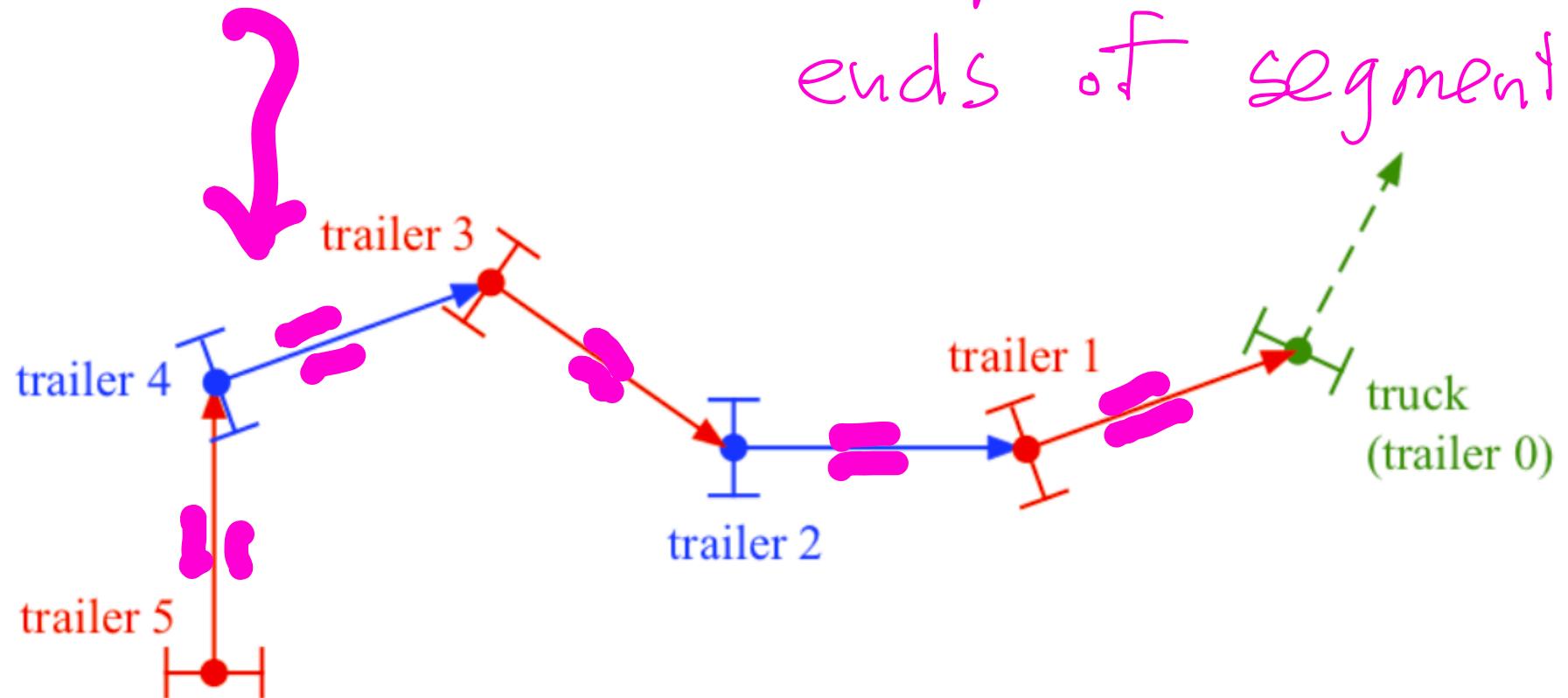


Figure 8: A train, made up of a truck pulling 5 trailers.

Jet  
space

Monster -  
simple  
tower

k-trailer  
spaces

$$\begin{array}{c}
 J^K \subseteq M_K \\
 \downarrow \mathbb{R} \qquad \downarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \\
 J^{K-1} \subseteq M_{K-1} \\
 \downarrow \mathbb{R} \qquad \vdots \\
 \vdots \qquad \downarrow \\
 \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \\
 \downarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \qquad \downarrow \\
 \mathbb{R}^2 \qquad \simeq \qquad \mathbb{R}^2
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \xleftarrow{2:1} T_K \qquad \xleftarrow{2:1} T_{K-1} \\
 \downarrow S^1 \qquad \downarrow \\
 \vdots \qquad \downarrow \\
 \mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1 \qquad \mathbb{R}^2
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \left. \begin{array}{l}
 \text{Not} \\
 \text{SR} \\
 \text{sub-} \\
 \text{motions!}
 \end{array} \right\}$$

↑ "Scan  
trailer"  
no slip ↗  
ends not  
 midpts

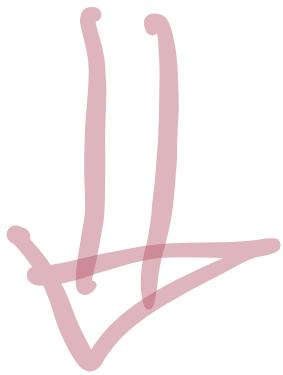
$\exists$  Different distributions?

almost certainly  
but not checked  $\exists$

Q. Is there an inner product on the K-trailer distribution for which the corresponding SR geodesic flow  $\zeta$  is integrable?  
(on  $\overline{T^*T_K}$ )

\* Same Q, but on  $M_K$ ?  
(so flow on  $T^*M_K$ )

# Overflow



Classify rank 2

integrable ~~E~~arnot  
flows

$$\mathcal{O} = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_K$$

$$[V_i, V_j] \subseteq V_{i+j}$$

$$V_s = 0, s > K$$

$$\underline{V_1} \cong \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \text{Lie generates}$$

curve :  $(x(s), y(s))$   
arc length



$$\kappa(s) = \frac{d\theta}{ds} = \pm \frac{1}{r(s)}$$

ELASTICA ODE :

$$\boxed{\kappa(s) = a + b y(s)}$$

(More generally)  
= affine fn of  
 $x(s), y(s)$ )

$$Q \cong \mathfrak{o}_g \cong \mathbb{R}^N = G, N: \text{lp.}$$

$$\downarrow \text{ $s\mathbb{R}$ subm.}$$
$$V_2 = \mathbb{R}^2 \cong G/[G, G]$$

$$N = 2 + d_2 + d_3 + \cdots + d_k$$

$$d_j = \dim V_j$$

$(2, d_1, \dots, d_K)$  graded dom in

$(2, 1)$  : Heisenberg

$(2, 1, 1)$  Engel.

$(2, 1, 2)$  Free 3-step.

$(2, 1, 1, \dots, 1)$   $J^K(R, IR)$

all integrable

$(2, 1, 2, 3)$  Free 4-step.

[growth  $2, 3, 5, 8]$  Non-integrabl

otwos..

Classify the  
Carnot groups  
admitting algebraically\*  
integrable  
sub Riemannian structures.

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$$* f_i \in \text{Polyn}(T^*G)$$
$$\cong \text{Polyn}(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$$

