1131-53-354 Lance Drager* (lance.drager@ttu.edu), Department of Math and Stat, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-1042, and Jeffrey M. Lee and Jack L. Follis. Underactuated control, parallel transport and a geometry problem. Preliminary report.

Suppose we have a point p in a Riemannian manifold and a subspace V_0 in the tangent space at p. A curve $\gamma(t)$ starting at p will be called admissible if $\gamma'(t) \in V_t$ where V_t is the parallel translation of V_0 along γ . The problem is to find the points that can be reached along admissible curves starting at p.

If V_0 is contained in the tangent space of a totally geodesic submanifold T, then admissible curves starting a p must stay in T. Thus, our problem is related to totally geodesic submanifolds.

We will describe a setting for attacking this problem, and report on the result of applying this apparatus in the example of the three dimensional Heisenberg Group with a left invariant metric. (Received July 18, 2017)