

Math 60670 Homework 1

Due Friday, February 12.

Problem 1: Let V be an n -dimensional vector spaces. Prove that the the space $(1, 1)$ -tensors on V is naturally (i.e. independent of basis) isomorphic to the space of endomorphisms of V .

Problem 2: Show that T is a smooth (k, l) -tensor field on M if and only if T is a smooth, \mathbb{R} -multilinear function from k vector fields and l 1-forms to \mathbb{R} , which is linear over $C^\infty(M)$. By “smooth” we mean that if $X_1, \dots, X_k \in \mathcal{X}(M)$, $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_l \in \mathcal{X}^*(M)$, then $T(X_1, \dots, X_k, \omega_1, \dots, \omega_l) \in C^\infty(M)$.

Problem 3: Let (x^i) , (y^α) be local coordinates defined in some $U \subset M$. Suppose $A \in \mathcal{T}^{(2,1)}(M)$ in the x -coordinate system can be expressed as

$$A = A_{ij}^k(x) dx^i \otimes dx^j \otimes \partial_{x^k}.$$

Show that in the y -coordinate system the components of A are

$$A_{ab}^c(y = y(x)) = \frac{\partial y^c}{\partial x^k} \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial y^a} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial y^b} A_{ij}^k(x).$$

Use this to show explicitly that the result of contracting the k, i indices together is independent of choice of coordinates.

Problem 4: Prove that the Lie bracket and Lie derivative coincide, i.e. if $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$, and $\phi_t(p)$ is the flow of X , then show

$$[X, Y](p) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{D\phi_{-t}Y(\phi_t(p)) - Y(p)}{t}.$$

Hint: work in coordinates in which $\phi_t(x^1, \dots, x^n) = (x^1 + t, x^2, \dots, x^n)$.

Problem 5: Construct an isometric embedding of a flat 2-torus into \mathbb{R}^4 . Not for credit: Do you think this torus can be isometrically embedded into \mathbb{R}^3 ? You may find the “Nash embedding theorem” interesting.