

Math 60670 Homework 2

Due Friday, February 19th.

Problem 1: Show that any smooth, connected, 1-dimensional Riemannian manifold is isometric to one of $(0, L)$, $(0, \infty)$, \mathbb{R} , $\mathbb{R}/L\mathbb{Z}$, for some L , where each of these manifolds inherits the metric $ds^2 = dx^2$ from \mathbb{R} . You may take for granted that any smooth, connected, 1-dimensional manifold is diffeomorphic to $(0, 1)$ or S^1 (though proving this is a nice exercise).

Problem 2: (Lee 3.9) Let (M, g) be an oriented Riemannian n -manifold, and let (x^1, \dots, x^n) be coordinates compatible with the orientation in the sense that $(\partial_{x^1}, \dots, \partial_{x^n})$ is a positively-oriented basis. Show that the volume form $dV = \sqrt{\det g_{ij}} dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n$.

Problem 3: (Lee problem 3-7(a)) Let \mathbf{U}^2 denote the hyperbolic plane, i.e. the upper half-plane in \mathbb{R}^2 with metric $h = (dx^2 + dy^2)/y^2$. Let $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ denote the group of 2×2 real matrices of determinant 1, and define an action of $A \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ on points $z = x + iy \in \mathbf{U}^2 \subset \mathbb{C}$ by

$$A \cdot z = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}).$$

Show this defines a smooth action of $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ on \mathbf{U}^2 by isometries of the hyperbolic metric.

Problem 4: (Lee problem 3.10) Two metrics g_1, g_2 on M are called conformal if $g_1 = fg_2$ for some positive $f \in C^\infty(M)$. A diffeomorphism $\phi : (M_1, g_1) \rightarrow (M_2, g_2)$ is called conformal if the pullback ϕ^*g_2 is conformal to g_1 . Show that two metrics are conformal iff they define the same angles but not necessarily the same lengths. Show a diffeomorphism is conformal iff it preserves angles.