

Math 60670 Homework 2

Due February 11.

Problem 1: Let $\phi : M \rightarrow \bar{M}$ be a smooth map, X, Y vector fields on M , \bar{X}, \bar{Y} vector fields on \bar{M} , and suppose $\bar{X}|_{\phi(p)} = D\phi(X|_p)$, $\bar{Y}|_{\phi(p)} = D\phi(Y|_p)$ for every $p \in M$. Show that $[\bar{X}, \bar{Y}]|_{\phi(p)} = D\phi([X, Y]|_p)$.

Problem 2: Show there are vector fields X_1, X_2, Y on \mathbb{R}^2 , such that on the x^1 -axis $X_1 = X_2 = (1, 0)$ and $Y = (0, 1)$, but such that the Lie derivatives $L_{X_1}Y \neq L_{X_2}Y$. (So, one cannot use the Lie derivative to define a reasonable notion of “derivative of vector field along a curve”).

Problem 3: Let $(x^i), (y^\alpha)$ be local coordinates defined in some $U \subset M$. Suppose A is a $(1, 2)$ -tensor field which in the x -coordinate system can be expressed as

$$A = A_{jk}^i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \otimes dx^j \otimes dx^k.$$

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

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

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

Problem 4: 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 1-forms and l vector fields to \mathbb{R} , which is also multilinear over $C^\infty(M)$. By “smooth” we mean that if $X_1, \dots, X_l \in \mathcal{X}(M)$, $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k \in \mathcal{X}^*(M)$, then $T(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_l, X_1, \dots, X_k) \in C^\infty(M)$.

Problem 5: A. Let (M, g) be an oriented Riemannian n -manifold, and let $(x^1, \dots, x^n) : U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow M$ be coordinates compatible with the orientation in the sense that $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n})$ is a positively-oriented basis. Show that the volume form $dV = \sqrt{\det g_{ij}} dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n$, and deduce that if $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

is supported in the x -coordinate chart, then

$$\int_M f dV = \int_{U \subset \mathbb{R}^n} f(x^1, \dots, x^n) \sqrt{\det g_{ij}} dx^1 \cdots dx^n.$$

B. Let (y^1, \dots, y^n) be coordinates on M , which may or may not be positively oriented, and which overlap with the x -coordinate chart. If $g_{\alpha\beta}$ is the metric in y -coordinates, show that $\det(g_{ij}) = \det\left(\frac{\partial y^p}{\partial x^q}\right)^2 \det(g_{\alpha\beta})$.

C. Prove that $\int_M f dV$ is independent of choice of orientation on M .