

Proposition Let (M^{2n+1}, ξ) contact mfd and Σ^{2n} an embedded hypersurface. Let X be a contact VF s.t. $X \pitchfork \Sigma$. Then $T' = \{p \in \Sigma \text{ s.t. } X_p \in \xi_p\}$ is a contact submfd.

Proof

Let α be any contact form for ξ .
 Let $f \in C^\infty \Sigma$ given by $f(p) = \alpha_p(X_p)$. Then $T' = f^{-1}0$. We show $df \neq 0$ on T' . Let $p \in T'$. $\exists \tilde{w} \in \xi_p$ s.t. $d\alpha_p(X_p, \tilde{w}) \neq 0$. For dimension reasons $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}$ $w = \tilde{w} - cX_p \in T\Sigma$. So we have $w \in \xi_p \cap T_p\Sigma$ s.t. $d\alpha_p(w, X_p) \neq 0$. Then $df_p(\tilde{w}) = d(\alpha(X))_p(\tilde{w}) = \mathcal{L}_X \alpha(\tilde{w}) - i_X d\alpha_p(\tilde{w}) = 0$ because $\mathcal{L}_X \alpha = g\alpha$. Since $w \in T\Sigma$, we have $df \neq 0$. We additionally have $w \in T\Sigma|_{T'} \setminus T'$, or otherwise said $w \pitchfork T'$. Now we wish to show $\alpha \lrcorner (d\alpha)^{n-1}|_{T'} \neq 0$.

Firstly notice that from $df = g\alpha - d\alpha(X, -)$ we get $d\alpha(X, T' \cap \xi) = 0$. We see $\langle X_p \rangle \oplus \langle w \rangle \oplus T_p T' = T_p M$ and $X_p, w \in \xi_p \Rightarrow \exists r \in T_p T'$ s.t. $\alpha_p(r) \neq 0$. We also see $\dim \xi_p \cap T_p T' = 2n-2$, so take basis v_1, \dots, v_{2n-2} for $\xi_p \cap T_p T'$. We've seen $d\alpha(X_p, v_i) = 0$. To show that $\alpha \lrcorner (d\alpha)^{n-1}|_{T'} \neq 0$, we show that $d\alpha$ nondegenerate on $\langle v_1, \dots, v_{2n-2} \rangle$.

Assume $d\alpha(v_i, v_j) = 0 \ \forall i, j$. Let's look at $\alpha \lrcorner (d\alpha)^n(r, X_p, w, v_1, \dots, v_{2n-2}) = \alpha(r) d\alpha(X_p, w) d\alpha(v_1, -) (d\alpha)^{n-2}(v_2, \dots, v_{2n-2}) = 0$. The first equality happens since only r goes into α , with X_p only w goes. The second equality \Rightarrow no v_i goes with v_1 . But this implies $\alpha \lrcorner (d\alpha)^n = 0$ \S .