

Differential Geometry

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Part I

Domestic Differential Geometry

Chapter 1

Manifolds

Chapter 2

Scalar and Vector Fields

§1 Scalar Fields

Definition 1.1 (Scalar Field). Let M be a smooth manifold, $f \in C^{(\infty)}(M)$ is called a ***scalar field***.

The scalar field over a manifold, form an algebra.

§2 Vector Fields

Definition 2.1 (vector field). A ***vector field*** v over manifold M is a $C^{(\infty)}(M) \rightarrow C^{(\infty)}(M)$ map that satisfies

- (a) $\forall f, g \in C^{(\infty)}(M), \forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}, v(\lambda f + \mu g) = \lambda v(f) + \mu v(g)$
(*linearity*).
- (b) $\forall f, g \in C^{(\infty)}(M), v(fg) = v(f)g + fv(g)$

The space of all vector fields on M is denoted by $\text{Vect}(M)$

Definition 2.2 (tangent vector). Let v be a vector field over M , p be a point on M . The tangent vector v_p at p is defined as a $C^{(\infty)}(M) \rightarrow C^{(\infty)}(M)$ map that satisfies

$$v_p(f) = v(f)(p). \quad (2-1)$$

The collection of tangent vectors at p is called the **tangent space** at p , denoted by $T_p M$.

The derivative of a path $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow M$ (or $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$) in a smooth manifold is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'(t) &: C^{(\infty)}(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \\ \gamma'(t)(f) &= \frac{d}{dt} f \circ \gamma(t) \end{aligned} \quad (2-2)$$

We can see that $\gamma'(t) \in T_{\gamma(t)} M$.

Let a path $\gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$ follows a vector field (a velocity field), that is

$$\gamma'(t) = v_{\gamma(t)}, \quad (2-3)$$

then we call γ the **integral curve** through $p := \gamma(0)$ of the vector field v .

Definition 2.3. Suppose v is an integrable vector field. Let $\varphi_t(p)$ be the point at time t on the integral curve through p .

$$\varphi_t: M \rightarrow M \quad (2-4)$$

is then called a **flow** generated by v .

$$\frac{d}{dt} \varphi_t(p) = v_{\varphi_t(p)}. \quad (2-5)$$

§3 Covariant and Contravariant

Definition 3.1 (pullback). Let f be a scalar field over N , $\varphi \in C^{(\infty)}(M, N)$. Then the **pullback** of f by φ

$$\varphi^*: C^{(\infty)}(N) \rightarrow C^{(\infty)}(M), \quad (3-1)$$

is defined as

$$\varphi^* f = f \circ \varphi \in C^{(\infty)}(M). \quad (3-2)$$

Fields that are pullbacked are **covariant** fields.

Definition 3.2 (pushforward). Let v_p be a tangent vector of M at p , $\varphi \in C^{(\infty)}(M, N)$, $q = \varphi(p)$. Then the **pushforward** of v_p by φ

$$\varphi_*: T_p M \rightarrow T_q N, \quad (3-3)$$

is defined as

$$(\varphi_* v)_q(f) = v_p(\varphi^* f). \quad (3-4)$$

Note that the pushforward of a vector field can only be obtained when φ is a diffeomorphism.

Fields that are pushforwarded are **contravariant** fields.

Mathematicians and physicists might have disagreement on whether a tangent vector is covariant or contravariant. This is because of that physicists might consider the coordinates (v^μ) of a tangent vector as a vector field, instead of linear combination of bases ∂_μ .

§4 Components of Vector Fields

Let $\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a chart of M ($U \subset M$).

Let $p \in U$, $\varphi(p) = x = (x^\mu)$ ($\mu = 0, \dots, n-1$). Locally, a function $f \in C^{(\infty)}(M)$ can be written as

$$(\varphi^{-1})^* f = f \circ \varphi^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (4-1)$$

and a vector field $v \in \text{Vect}(M)$ can be written as

$$(\varphi_* v)_x = \varphi_* v_p: C^{(\infty)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (4-2)$$

or

$$\varphi_* v \in \text{Vect}(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad (4-3)$$

Since $T_x \mathbb{R}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ is a linear space, one can find a basis for $T_x \mathbb{R}^n$ as

$$\partial_\mu : C^{(\infty)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow C^{(\infty)}(\mathbb{R}^n), \quad (4-4)$$

and $(\varphi_* v)_x = v^\mu(x) \partial_\mu$.

Pushing forward $v^\mu(x) \partial_\mu$ by φ^{-1} one obtains v .

In an abuse of symbols, one may just omit the pullback and pushforward, and refer to the f and v by $(\varphi^{-1})^* f$ and $\varphi_* v$.

Consider another chart $\psi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ of M , and

$$y = \psi(p), \quad (\psi_* v)_x = u^\mu \partial_\mu, \quad (4-5)$$

where we have chosen the same basis in $T_y \mathbb{R}^n$ as in $T_x \mathbb{R}^n$.

We would like to know how to relate v^μ and u^μ i.e. we want to know how the components of v transforms under a coordinate transformation $\tau = \psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$.

Consider any $f \in C^{(\infty)}(M)$,

$$v(f) = \varphi_* v((\varphi^{-1})^* f) = \psi_* v((\psi^{-1})^* f) \quad (4-6)$$

\Rightarrow

$$u^\mu \partial_\mu (f \circ \psi^{-1}) = v^\mu \partial_\mu (f \circ \varphi^{-1}) = v^\mu \partial_\mu (f \circ \psi^{-1} \circ \tau) = v^\mu \tau'^\nu_\mu \partial_\nu (f \circ \psi^{-1}) \quad (4-7)$$

\Rightarrow

$$u^\mu = v^\nu \tau'^\mu_\nu, \quad (4-8)$$

where

$$\tau'^\mu_\nu = \frac{\partial y^\mu}{\partial x^\nu}. \quad (4-9)$$

§5 Lie Bracket

Definition 5.1 (Lie bracket). Let $v, w \in \text{Vect}(M)$, then the *Lie bracket* of v and w is defined as

$$[v, w] : C^{(\infty)}(M) \rightarrow C^{(\infty)}(M); \quad f \mapsto v \circ w(f) - w \circ v(f). \quad (5-1)$$

The Lie bracket is an antisymmetric bilinear map¹, and an important property of the Lie bracket is the Leibniz rule:

$$[v, w](fg) = [v, w](f)g + f[v, w](g). \quad (5-2)$$

Another important property of the Lie bracket is the Jacobi identity:

$$[v, [w, u]] + [w, [u, v]] + [u, [v, w]] = 0. \quad (5-3)$$

¹Note that it is not $C^{(\infty)}$ -linear

Chapter 3

Differential Forms

§6 1-forms

Definition 6.1 (1-form). A **1-form** ω on M is a $\text{Vect}(M) \rightarrow C^{(\infty)}(M)$ which satisfies that

$$(a) \quad \forall v, w \in \text{Vect}(M), \forall f, g \in C^{(\infty)}(M),$$

$$\omega(fv + gw) = f\omega(v) + g\omega(w). \quad (6-1)$$

The space of all 1-forms on M is denoted as $\Omega^1(M)$, which is a module over $C^{(\infty)}(M)$.

The operator d , when given a $C^{(\infty)}(M)$ function (which is called a **0-form**), would give a 1-form:

$$(df)(v) = v(f). \quad (6-2)$$

This is called the **exterior derivative** or **differential** of f .

The **cotangent vector** or **covector** is similar as the tangent vector:

$$\omega_p(v_p) = \omega(v)(p). \quad (6-3)$$

The space of cotangent vectors at p on M is denoted by T_p^*M .

1-forms are covariant, that is, if $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$, then the pushforward of a 1-form ω by φ is

$$(\varphi^*\omega)_p(v_p) = \omega_q(\varphi_*v_p), \quad (6-4)$$

where $\varphi(p) = q$.

Theorem 6.1. $f \in C^{(\infty)}(N)$, $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$ is differential, then

$$\varphi^*(df) = d(\varphi^*f). \quad (6-5)$$

§7 Components of 1-Forms

Let $\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a chart of M ($U \subset M$).

Let $p \in U$, $\varphi(p) = x = (x^\mu)$ ($\mu = 0, \dots, n-1$). Locally a 1-form $\omega \in \Omega^1(M)$ can be written as

$$(\varphi^{-1})^*\omega \in T_x^*\mathbb{R}^n. \quad (7-1)$$

A natural way to impose a basis dx^μ in $T_x^*\mathbb{R}^n$ is

$$dx^\mu(\partial_\nu) = \delta_\nu^\mu, \quad (7-2)$$

and $(\varphi^{-1})^*\omega = \omega_\mu(x) dx^\mu$.

Now by the definition of 1-form:

$$\omega_\mu dx^\mu(v^\nu \partial_\nu) = v^\nu \omega_\mu \delta_\nu^\mu = v^\mu \omega_\mu. \quad (7-3)$$

By the transformation rule of components of a vector, one have

$$\tau'^\nu_\mu \alpha_\nu = \omega_\mu, \quad (7-4)$$

where $\psi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $(\psi^{-1})_*\omega = \alpha_\mu dx^\mu$, $\tau = \psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$.

§8 k -Forms

Definition 8.1. If we assign an antisymmetric multilinear k -form $\omega_p \in \bigotimes_{i \in k} T_p^* M$ to each point $p \in M$, we say we have a k -**form** on M .

The collection of all k -forms is denoted by $\Omega^k(M)$, and $\Omega(M) := \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \Omega^k(M)$.

Theorem 8.1 (Dimension of forms). *If M is an nD manifold, then the dimension of $\Omega^k(M)$ is $\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ ($k \leq n$), and 0 for $k > n$; The dimension of $\Omega(M)$ is 2^n .*

Definition 8.2 (Wedge product). The **wedge product** \wedge is defined as a binary operator that takes a k -form and ℓ -form and gives a $(k + \ell)$ -forms, satisfying $\forall \alpha \in \Omega^k(M), \forall \beta \in \Omega^\ell(M)$:

(a) (Associativity) $\forall \gamma \in \Omega^m(M)$,

$$(\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma = \alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma). \quad (8-1)$$

(b) (Supercommutativity)

$$\alpha \wedge \beta = (-1)^{k\ell} \beta \wedge \alpha. \quad (8-2)$$

(c) (Distributiveness) $\forall \gamma \in \Omega^\ell(M)$,

$$\alpha \wedge (\beta + \gamma) = \alpha \wedge \beta + \alpha \wedge \gamma. \quad (8-3)$$

(d) (Bilinearity over $C^{(\infty)}(M)$) $\forall f \in C^{(\infty)}(M)$,

$$(f\alpha) \wedge \beta = f(\alpha \wedge \beta). \quad (8-4)$$

(e) (Naturality) If $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map, then the pullback of a form by φ can be given by repeatedly applying ($\forall \gamma \in \Omega^\ell(M)$)

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^*(\beta + \gamma) &= \varphi^*\alpha + \varphi^*\beta \\ \varphi^*(\alpha \wedge \beta) &= \varphi^*\alpha \wedge \varphi^*\beta, \end{aligned} \quad (8-5)$$

while the pullback of a 0-form and a 1-form agree with what we have already defined before.

By convention if $f \in C^{(\infty)}(M)$ then

$$f \wedge \omega =: f\omega. \quad (8-6)$$

It can be shown that any k -form ω can be written as

$$(\varphi^{-1})^*\omega = \frac{\omega_{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_k}}{k!} \bigwedge_{i=1}^k dx^{\mu_i}, \quad (8-7)$$

where $\varphi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a chart.

Definition 8.3 (Interior product). Let $v \in \Gamma(TM)$, we can define the *interior product* $i_v: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(M)$ by: $\forall \omega \in \Omega^k(M)$, $\forall v_i$ ($i \in k-1$):

$$i_v(\omega)(v_0, \dots, v_{k-2}) = \omega(v, v_0, \dots, v_{k-2}). \quad (8-8)$$

Specially, if $k = 0$, then $i_v(\omega) = 0$.

Theorem 8.2. $\forall v \in \Gamma(TM)$,

1. i_v is a $C^{(\infty)}(M)$ -linear function;
2. $\forall \alpha \in \Omega^k(M)$, $\forall \beta \in \Omega(M)$,

$$i_v(\alpha \wedge \beta) = i_v(\alpha) \wedge \beta + (-1)^k \alpha \wedge i_v(\beta). \quad (8-9)$$

§9 Exterior Derivative

Definition 9.1 (Exterior derivative). The *exterior derivative* d is defined as a linear operator that takes a k -form and gives a $(k+1)$ -form, satisfying $\forall \alpha \in \Omega^k(M)$, $\forall \beta \in \Omega^\ell(M)$:

- (a) (Linearity) $\forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$, $\forall \gamma \in \Omega^\ell(M)$,

$$d(\lambda\beta + \mu\gamma) = \lambda d\alpha + \mu d\beta. \quad (9-1)$$

(b) (Leibniz rule)

$$d(\alpha \wedge \beta) = d\alpha \wedge \beta + (-1)^k \alpha \wedge d\beta. \quad (9-2)$$

(c)

$$d^2\omega = 0. \quad (9-3)$$

(d) (Naturality) If $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map, then

$$\varphi^* d\omega = d\varphi^*\omega. \quad (9-4)$$

§10 Derivation and Antiderivation

Definition 10.1 (Derivation). A map $\theta: \Omega(M) \rightarrow \Omega(M)$ is called a **derivation of degree k** ($k \in \mathbb{Z}$) if $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}$, $\theta[\Omega^p(M)] \subset \Omega^{p+k}(M)$ and, θ is a homomorphism of the \mathbb{R} -exterior algebra. Or, explicitly, θ is \mathbb{R} -linear, and $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \Omega(M)$,

$$\theta(\alpha \wedge \beta) = \theta(\alpha) \wedge \beta + \alpha \wedge \theta(\beta). \quad (10-1)$$

Definition 10.2 (Antiderivation). A map $\theta: \Omega(M) \rightarrow \Omega(M)$ is called an **antiderivation of degree k** ($k \in \mathbb{Z}$) if i) $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}$, $\theta[\Omega^p(M)] \subset \Omega^{p+k}(M)$, ii) θ is \mathbb{R} -linear, iii) $\forall \alpha \in \Omega^p(M)$, $\beta \in \Omega(M)$,

$$\theta(\alpha \wedge \beta) = \theta(\alpha) \wedge \beta + (-1)^p \alpha \wedge \theta(\beta). \quad (10-2)$$

Chapter 4

Metric

§11 Pseudo-Riemannian Metric

Definition 11.1 (Pseudo-Riemannian metric). Let M be a manifold. A ***pseudo-Riemannian metric*** or simply ***metric*** g on a manifold M is a field ($g \in \Gamma(T^*M \otimes T^*M)$) that $\forall p \in M$,

$$g_p: T_p^*M \times T_p^*M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (11-1)$$

is a bilinear form satisfying the following properties:

(a) (Symmetry) $\forall u, v \in T_p^*M$,

$$g_p(u, v) = g_p(v, u). \quad (11-2)$$

(b) (Non-degenerate)

$$u \mapsto g_p(u, -): T_p^*M \rightarrow T_p^*M \quad (11-3)$$

is an isomorphism.

(c) (Bilinearity) $\forall p \in M, \forall u, v \in T_p^*M, \forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$g_p(\lambda u + \mu v, w) = \lambda g_p(u, w) + \mu g_p(v, w). \quad (11-4)$$

(d) (Smoothness) If $v, u \in \text{Vect}(M)$, then

$$p \mapsto g_p(v_p, u_p) \in C^{(\infty)}(M). \quad (11-5)$$

Given a metric, $\forall p \in M$, we can always find an orthonormal basis $\{e_\mu\}$ of $T_p M$ such that

$$g_p(e_\mu, e_\nu) = \text{sign}(\mu)\delta_{\mu\nu}, \quad (11-6)$$

where $\text{sign}(\mu) = \pm 1$. Conventionally we order the basis such that $\text{sign}(\mu) = 1$ for $\mu \in s$ and $\text{sign}(\mu) = -1$ for $\mu - s \in n - s$, and say that the metric has **signature** $(s, n - s)$.

If $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow M$ is a smooth path and $\forall t, s \in [0, 1]$,

$$g(\gamma'(t), \gamma'(t))g(\gamma'(s), \gamma'(s)) \geq 0, \quad (11-7)$$

then we can define the arclength of γ as

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{|g(\gamma'(t), \gamma'(t))|} dt \quad (11-8)$$

if the integral converges.

The metric gives an **inner product** on $\text{Vect}(M)$:

$$\langle u, v \rangle := g(u, v). \quad (11-9)$$

The metric also gives a way to relate a vector field v to a 1-form ω . If v and ω satisfies: $\forall u \in \text{Vect}(M)$,

$$g(v, u) = \omega(u), \quad (11-10)$$

then we say that v is the corresponding vector field of ω , denoted by $v = \omega^\sharp$, and ω is the corresponding 1-form of v , denoted by $\omega = v^\flat$.

We can also define the **inner product** on $\Omega^1(M)$ by

$$\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = \langle a, b \rangle, \quad (11-11)$$

where a and b is the corresponding vector fields of α and β .

The **inner product**¹ on $\Omega^k(M)$ is defined by induction with

$$\left\langle \bigwedge_{i \in k} \alpha_i, \bigwedge_{i \in k} \beta_i \right\rangle = \det(\langle \alpha_i, \beta_j \rangle)_{i,j \in k}. \quad (11-12)$$

Hence, if $\{e_\mu\}$ is an orthonormal basis (field) of $T_p M$, while the corresponding covectors are $\{f^\mu\}$ ($f^\mu(e_\nu) = \delta^\mu_\nu$) then

$$\left\langle \bigwedge_{i \in k} f^{\mu_i}, \bigwedge_{i \in k} f^{\mu_i} \right\rangle = \prod_{i \in k} \text{sign}(\mu_i). \quad (11-13)$$

Specially, when $f, g \in \Omega^0(M) = C^{(\infty)}(M)$,

$$\langle f, g \rangle = fg. \quad (11-14)$$

§12 Volume Form

Notice that if M is an n D manifold, $\dim \Omega^n(M) = 1$, meaning at $p \in M$, $\{\omega_p \mid \omega \in \Omega^n(M)\}$ can be labelled by a parametre $\lambda_p \in \mathbb{R}$. If we have a basis $\{f^\mu\}$ of $T_p^* M$ (or corresponding vectors $\{e_\mu\}$), then

$$\{\omega_p \mid \omega \in \Omega^n(M)\} = \lambda_p \bigwedge_{\mu \in n} f^\mu. \quad (12-1)$$

If there were another basis $\{g^\mu\}$ of $T_p^* M$ (or corresponding vectors $\{h_\mu\}$), and the transformation between the two bases is given by

$$P e^\mu = f^\mu, \quad (12-2)$$

where $P \in \text{Aut}(T_p^* M)$. When $\det P > 0$, we say that $\{f^\mu\}$ and $\{g^\mu\}$ have the same **orientation**.

Definition 12.1 (Volume form). Let M be an orientable manifold. If $\forall p \in M$, we find an oriented orthonormal basis $\{f_\mu\}$ of $T_p^* M$ at point p , then the **volume form** vol is defined by

$$\bigwedge_{\mu \in n} f_\mu = \text{vol}_p. \quad (12-3)$$

¹This inner product makes $\Omega_p(M)$ for each $p \in M$, yet not for $\Omega(M)$. The full inner product requires integration over M .

§13 Hodge Star Operator

Definition 13.1 (Hodge Star Operator). Let M be an orientable manifold. The **Hodge star operator** \star is defined by the linear map

$$\star: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{n-k}(M), \quad (13-1)$$

$$\forall \alpha, \beta \in \Omega^k(M), \quad \alpha \wedge \star \beta = \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \text{vol}. \quad (13-2)$$

We call $\star \omega$ the **dual** of ω .

The special case is when $k = 0$,

$$\star f = f \text{vol}, \quad (13-3)$$

and $k = n$,

$$\star(f \text{vol}) = f \prod_{\mu \in n} \text{sign}(\mu) = (-1)^{n-s} f \quad (13-4)$$

if the signature of the metric is $(s, n - s)$.

The Hodge star operator is also called the **Hodge duality** because:

Theorem 13.1. $\forall \alpha \in \Omega^p(M)$,

$$\star \star \alpha = (-1)^{p(n-p)} \alpha \text{sign}(g), \quad (13-5)$$

where $\text{sign}(g) := \det g / |\det g|$.

Definition 13.2 (Codifferential). Let M be an orientable manifold. The **codifferential** δ is defined by

$$\delta: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(M), \quad (13-6)$$

$$\forall \alpha \in \Omega^k(M), \quad \delta \alpha = \star d \star \alpha. \quad (13-7)$$

Definition 13.3 (Laplacian). The **Laplacian** \square is defined by

$$\square := d \circ \delta + \delta \circ d. \quad (13-8)$$

Theorem 13.2.

$$\square \circ \star = \star \circ \square, \quad (13-9)$$

$$\square \circ \delta = \delta \circ \square, \quad (13-10)$$

$$\square \circ d = d \circ \square. \quad (13-11)$$

§14 Metric and Coordinates

Chapter 5

De Rham Theory

§15 Closed and Exact 1-Forms

§16 Stokes' Theorem

§17 De Rham Cohomology

Chapter 6

Bundles and Connections

§18 Fibre Bundles

Definition 18.1 (Bundle). A *bundle* is a triple (E, π, B) , where $\pi: E \rightarrow B$ is a surjective map. E is called the *total space*, π is called the *projection map*, and B is called the *base space*.

A bundle (E, π, B) can be denoted as $\pi: E \rightarrow B$ or $E \xrightarrow{\pi} B$.

Definition 18.2 (Fibre). For $p \in B$, $\pi^{-1}(\{p\})$ is the *fibre* over b .

Definition 18.3 (Subbundle). Let $\pi: E \rightarrow B$ be a bundle. $F \subset E$, $C \subset B$, $\rho: F \rightarrow C$. If $\pi|_F = \rho$, then $\rho: F \rightarrow C$ is called a *subbundle* of $\pi: E \rightarrow B$.

Definition 18.4 (Section). A *section* is a map $s: B \rightarrow E$ such that

$$p \circ s = \text{id}_B. \quad (18-1)$$

All sections of a bundle $\pi: E \rightarrow B$ is denoted as $\Gamma(E)$.

Definition 18.5 (Fibre bundle). A **fibre bundle** (E, π, B, F) is a bundle $\pi: E \rightarrow B$, where E, B, F are topology spaces, and π is a continuous map, and $\forall p \in B, \exists U \in \mathcal{U}(p)$ s.t.

$$\varphi: \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F, \quad (18-2)$$

is a homeomorphism and $\pi_1 \circ \varphi = \pi$. π_1 is defined as $\pi_1(p, q) = p$.

A fibre bundle can be denoted as the exact sequence

$$F \longrightarrow E \xrightarrow{\pi} B \quad (18-3)$$

The last condition is called the **local triviality condition**. F is called the **standard fibre**

If $E = B \times F$, then (E, π, B, F) is called a **trivial fibre bundle**.

Definition 18.6 (Morphism). Let $\pi: E \rightarrow B, \rho: F \rightarrow C$ be two fibre bundles. A **morphism** (φ, ψ) is a pair of two continuous maps such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\psi} & F \\ \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \rho \\ B & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & C \end{array} \quad (18-4)$$

commutes.

§19 Vector Bundles

Definition 19.1 (Vector bundle). A **vector bundle** is a fibre bundle (E, π, B, F) , where F is a vector space, and the local trivialisation $\varphi: \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F$ (U is a neighbourhood of $p \in B$) satisfies that $\forall x \in U, \forall v \in F$,

$$\begin{aligned} F &\rightarrow \pi^{-1}(\{x\}) \\ v &\mapsto \varphi^{-1}(x, v) \end{aligned} \quad (19-1)$$

is a linear isomorphism (**fibrewise linear**).

Definition 19.2 (Morphism (vector bundle)). The morphism between two vector bundles (E, π, B, F) and (E', π', B', F') is a morphism (φ, ψ) such that $\forall x \in B$,

$$\psi_*: \pi^{-1}(\{x\}) \rightarrow (\pi')^{-1}(\{\varphi(x)\}) \quad (19-2)$$

is a linear homomorphism.

Definition 19.3 (Smooth vector bundle). A *smooth vector bundle* is a vector bundle (E, π, B, F) , where the projection $\pi: E \rightarrow B$ and the local trivialisation $\varphi: \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F$ are smooth.

Definition 19.4 (Tangent bundle). The *tangent bundle* TM is the smooth vector bundle over an n D smooth manifold M with the standard fibre $T_p M = \mathbb{R}^n$.

A vector field $v \in \text{Vect}(M)$ is the smooth section of the tangent bundle $\Gamma(TM)$.

Definition 19.5 (Cotangent bundle). The *cotangent bundle* of an n D manifold M , denoted by T^*M , is the smooth vector bundle over with the standard fibre $T_p^*M = (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$.

A 1-form $\omega \in \Omega^1(M)$ is the smooth section of the cotangent bundle $\Gamma(T^*M)$.

§20 Constructions of Vector Bundles

Definition 20.1 (Duality).

§21 Connections

Definition 21.1 (Connection). A *connection* on a smooth vector bundle (E, π, M, F) is map

$$D: \Gamma(TM) \times \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E), \quad (21-1)$$

that satisfies the following conditions: $\forall v, w \in \Gamma(TM), \forall s, t \in \Gamma(E), \forall f \in C^{(\infty)}(M)$,

- (a) $D_v(s + t) = D_v s + D_v t$;
- (b) $D_v(fs) = v(f)s + fD_v s$;
- (c) $D_{v+w}s = D_v s + D_w s$;
- (d) $D_{fv}s = fD_v s$.

When a vector field $v \in \Gamma(TM)$ is given to the connection D , the map $D_v: \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E)$ is called the **covariant derivative** with respect to v .

Definition 21.2 (Vector potential). A **vector potential** A is an $\text{End}(E)$ -valued 1-form, that is

$$A \in \Gamma(\text{End}(E) \otimes T^*M), \quad (21-2)$$

where $\text{End}(E) \cong E \otimes E^*$ can be considered as a vector bundle over M with the standard fibre $\text{End}(E_p) \cong E_p \otimes E_p^*$ ($p \in E$).

Locally if $s \in \Gamma(E)$ we can have a trivialisation $\varphi: E|_U \rightarrow U \times F$ ($U \subset M$). If we assign a basis $\{f_i\}_{i \in m}$ for the m D standard fibre F , then

$$s = s^i e_i := s^i \varphi^{-1}(f_i), \quad s^i \in C^{(\infty)}(U), \quad (21-3)$$

where we can call $\{s^i\}_{i \in m}$ the **components of the section** s . With this specific normalisation, one can define that

$$D_v^0 s = v(s^i) e_i \quad (21-4)$$

where D^0 is called the **standard flat connection** (which depends on trivialisation).

Theorem 21.1. *Let (E, π, M, F) be a smooth vector bundle. If D is a connection on E , $A \in \Gamma(\text{End}(E) \otimes T^*M)$, then the $D + A$, which defined as*

$$D + A: (v, s) \mapsto D_v s + A(v)s, \quad (21-5)$$

is also a connection.

Theorem 21.2. *Let (E, π, M, F) be a smooth vector bundle, and D^0 is the standard flat connection on $U \subset E$ with the trivialisation $\varphi: E|_U \rightarrow U \times F$. If D is a connection on a (E, π, M, F) , then $\exists A \in \Gamma(\text{End}(E)) \otimes T^*M$ s.t.*

$$D = D^0 + A. \quad (21-6)$$

§22 Parallel Transport

Definition 22.1 (Parallel transport). Let (E, π, M, F) be a smooth vector bundle, and D is a connection on E . A **parallel transport** of $s_0 \in \pi^{-1}(\{p\})$ ($p \in M$) along a curve $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow M$ is a section $s \in \Gamma(E|_{\gamma([0,1])})$ such that

$$\forall t \in [0, 1], \quad D_{\gamma'(t)}s(t) = 0, \quad s(0) = s_0, \quad (22-1)$$

where $s(t) := s_{\gamma(t)}$.

If $s =: v$ is a vector field, the Eq. (22-1) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{du \circ \gamma}{dt}(t) + A[\gamma'(t)]u \circ \gamma(t) = 0, \quad (22-2)$$

which is a 1st order ODE. Given $\gamma_x(0) = x \in M$, there is a unique curve γ_x associated to the vector field u .

We can extend the domain of γ_x to \mathbb{R} (note that \mathbb{R} is diffeomorphic to $(0, 1)$), and define:

$$\phi: \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow M; (t, x) \mapsto \gamma_x(t), \quad (22-3)$$

which is called the **flow** of u .

Chapter 7

Curvature

Definition 22.2 (Curvature). A **curvature** of a connection D on a smooth vector bundle (E, π, M, F) is a section $F \in \Gamma(\text{End}(E) \otimes \Omega^2(M))$ (a $\text{End}(E)$ -valued 2-form) defined as

$$F(v, w)s = D_v D_w s - D_w D_v s - D_{[v, w]}s, \quad v, w \in \Gamma(TM), \quad s \in \Gamma(E). \quad (22-1)$$

If $\forall v, w \in \Gamma(TM), \forall s \in \Gamma(E), F(v, w)s = 0$, then D is called a **flat connection**.

Consider a local trivialisation $\varphi: E|_U \rightarrow U \times F$ ($U \subset M$) s.t.

$$s = s^i e_i := s^i \varphi^{-1}(f_i), \quad (22-2)$$

where $s \in \Gamma(E|_U)$, $s^i \in C^{(\infty)}(U)$ and $\{f_i\}_{i \in m}$ is a set of bases of F , and $\sigma: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a chart of M , $\sigma_* d_\mu := \partial_\mu$. Notice that

$$[\partial_\mu, \partial_\nu] = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F(v, u)(s^i e_i) &= v^\mu u^\nu F(d_\mu, d_\nu)(s^i e_i) \\
&= v^\mu u^\nu [D_\mu(d_\nu(s^i) e_i + s^i A_{\nu i}^j e_j) - D_\nu(d_\mu(s^i) e_i + s^i A_{\mu i}^j e_j)] \\
&= v^\mu u^\nu [d_\nu d_\mu(s^i) e_i + d_\nu(s^i) A_{\mu i}^j e_j + d_\mu(s^i A_{\nu i}^j) e_j + s^i A_{\nu i}^j A_{\mu j}^k e_k \\
&\quad - d_\mu d_\nu(s^i) e_i - d_\mu(s^i) A_{\nu i}^j e_j - d_\nu(s^i A_{\mu i}^j) e_j - s^i A_{\mu i}^j A_{\nu j}^k e_k] \\
&= v^\mu u^\nu s^i [d_\mu(A_{\nu i}^k) + A_{\nu i}^j A_{\mu j}^k - d_\nu(A_{\mu i}^k) - A_{\mu i}^j A_{\nu j}^k] e_k
\end{aligned} \tag{22-3}$$

§23 Bianchi Identity

$$[D_u, [D_v, D_w]] + [D_v, [D_w, D_u]] + [D_w, [D_u, D_v]] = 0 \tag{23-1}$$

$$[D_\mu, F_{\nu\lambda}] + [D_\nu, F_{\lambda\mu}] + [D_\lambda, F_{\mu\nu}] = 0 \tag{23-2}$$

Chapter 8

Pseudo-Riemannian Geometry

§24 Tensors

Definition 24.1 (Tensor). Let M be a smooth manifold. A (r, s) -*tensor* is a smooth section of the tensor product of r th tensor power of TM and s th tensor power of T^*M :

$$t \in \Gamma(TM^{\otimes r} \otimes T^*M^{\otimes s}) =: TM_s^r. \quad (24-1)$$

In local coordinates:

$$t_{\nu_1 \cdots \nu_s}^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_r} \bigotimes_{k=1}^r \partial_{\mu_k} \otimes \bigotimes_{k=1}^s dx^{\nu_k}. \quad (24-2)$$

It is conventional to use the local coordinates form in pseudo-Riemannian geometry, and do not distinguish between a tensor and its components, written in forms of ***abstract indices***, where indices are written just to indicate types and operations on tensors.

And since we can raise and lower indices of a tensor, it is sometimes important to distinguish the orders between covariant and contravariant indices. e.g. $T^\mu{}_\nu \neq T^\nu{}_\mu$.

Raising and Lowering of Indices We have defined ω^\sharp for a 1-form and v^\flat for a vector field. Now we can generalise the definition for any (p, q) tensor T that:

$$\begin{aligned} T^\sharp &\in \Gamma(TM^{\otimes(p+q)}), \\ T^\sharp(\omega_0, \dots, \omega_{p+q-1}) &= T(\omega_0, \dots, \omega_{p-1}, \omega_p^\sharp, \dots, \omega_{p+q-1}^\sharp); \\ T^\flat &\in \Gamma(T^*M^{\otimes(p+q)}), \\ T^\flat(v_0, \dots, v_{p+q-1}) &= T(v_0^\flat, \dots, v_{p-1}^\flat, v_p, \dots, v_{p+q-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (24-3)$$

We can even raise or lower some instead of all indices in T , by writing $T^\sharp{}^{ibj}$ or $T^\sharp{}_{\{i_0, \dots\}^\flat\{j_0, \dots\}}$.

In abstract indices, it is conventional to keep the order of the indices including the raised and lowered ones, and abuse the original symbol of the tensor, for example if T is a $(3, 4)$ tensor:

$$(T^\sharp{}^4)^{\alpha_0\alpha_1\alpha_2\mu}{}_{\beta_0\beta_2\beta_3} =: T^{\alpha_0\alpha_1\alpha_2}{}^{\mu}{}_{\beta_0\beta_2\beta_3} \quad (24-4)$$

Strictly speaking, the tensors after raising or lowering indices might not be the tensors as we defined in Def. 24.1, since it might belong to e.g.

$$TM^{\otimes r} \otimes T^*M \otimes TM^{\otimes s} \otimes T^*M^{\otimes t} \quad (24-5)$$

where the order of the tensor product is not canonical. One way to avoid this is to reorder the indices, but this approach is not conventional to those who use abstract indices. Since we can still consider the “tensors” as multilinear maps, we can include these non-canonical tensors, while, in order to avoid confusion in the order of indices, we will prefer to use the abstract indices form if there is any ambiguity.

Tensor Product Let T_1, T_2 be (p_1, q_1) and (p_2, q_2) tensors, we can have their tensor product:

$$T_1 \otimes T_2 \in TM_{q_1+q_2}^{p_1+p_2}, \quad (24-6)$$

where at each point $p \in M$, the tensor product is but the tensor product of the corresponding multilinear functions.

In abstract indices, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (T_1 \otimes T_2)^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{p_1+p_2}}_{\nu_1 \cdots \nu_{q_1+q_2}} \\ = T_1^{\mu_0 \cdots \mu_{p_1-1}}_{\nu_0 \cdots \nu_{q_0-1}} T_2^{\mu_{p_1} \cdots \mu_{p_1+p_2-1}}_{\nu_{q_1} \cdots \nu_{q_1+q_2-1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (24-7)$$

Contractions The contraction is a generalisation of the inner product of vectors. Let T is a $(p+1, q+1)$ tensor, we can define the $(i, p+j)$ contraction of T as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}_{(i,p+j)} T: T^* M^p \times TM^q \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (\omega_0, \dots, \omega_{i-1}, \omega_{i+1}, \dots, \omega_p, v_0, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_q) \mapsto \\ \sum_{\mu \in N} T(\omega_0, \dots, \omega_{i-1}, dx^\mu, \omega_{i+1}, \dots, \omega_p, v_0, \dots, v_{j-1}, \partial_\mu, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_q). \end{aligned} \quad (24-8)$$

The index-free notation can be found at [1].

§25 Diffeomorphism and Invariance

Let $\phi: M \rightarrow N$ be a diffeomorphism, we have already known that we have pushforward ϕ_* for $(p, 0)$ -tensors, and pullback ϕ^* for $(0, q)$ -tensors. Since ϕ is a diffeomorphism, both ϕ^* and ϕ_* are isomorphisms, and we can generalise the definitions to obtain a pair of isomorphisms:

$$\phi_*: TM_q^p \rightarrow TN_q^p, \quad \phi^*: T^* N_q^p \rightarrow T^* M_q^p, \quad (25-1)$$

such that $\phi_* \circ \phi^* = \phi_* \circ \phi^*$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_* T(\omega_0, \dots, \omega_p, v_0, \dots, v_q) \\ = T(\phi^* \omega_0, \dots, \phi^* \omega_p, \phi_*^{-1} v_0, \dots, \phi_*^{-1} v_q), \end{aligned} \quad (25-2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi^*T(\omega_0, \dots, \omega_p, v_0, \dots, v_q) \\ = T((\phi^{-1})^*\omega_0, \dots, (\phi^{-1})^*\omega_p, \phi_*v_0, \dots, \phi_*v_q).\end{aligned}\tag{25-3}$$

The special case when $M = N$ (ϕ is an endomorphism), if $\phi_*T = T$, then we say that T is **invariant** under ϕ .

Theorem 25.1. *Let $\phi: M \rightarrow N$ be a diffeomorphism, $T \in TM_q^p$, and $S \in TN_s^r$.*

1. ϕ^* and ϕ_* are isomorphisms of \mathbb{R} -algebras.
2. $\phi_*(T \otimes S) = \phi_*T \otimes \phi_*S$, and $\phi^*(T \otimes S) = \phi^*T \otimes \phi^*S$.

Theorem 25.2. *Let $\phi: M \rightarrow N$ be a homeomorphism (differentiable map), then $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \Omega(M)$, we have*

$$\phi^*(\alpha \wedge \beta) = \phi^*\alpha \wedge \phi^*\beta,\tag{25-4}$$

that is, ϕ^* is the induced homeomorphism of the exterior algebra $\Omega(M)$.

§26 Lie Derivative

Let u be a vector field on M , and ϕ be the corresponding flow.

Definition 26.1 (Lie derivative). Let T be a (p, q) tensor, then the **Lie derivative** of T along u is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}_u T = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi_t^* T - T}{t}.\tag{26-1}$$

Theorem 26.1. $u, v \in \text{Vect}(M)$.

1. $\mathcal{L}_{u+v} = \mathcal{L}_u + \mathcal{L}_v$.
2. $\mathcal{L}_{[u, v]} = \mathcal{L}_u \mathcal{L}_v - \mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{L}_u =: [\mathcal{L}_u, \mathcal{L}_v]$.

Theorem 26.2. $u \in \text{Vect}(M)$, $T \in TM_q^p$, $S \in TM_s^r$.

1. \mathcal{L}_u is \mathbb{R} -linear.
2. $\mathcal{L}_u(T \otimes S) = \mathcal{L}_u T \otimes S + T \otimes \mathcal{L}_u S$ (**Leibniz law**).
3. $\text{tr}_{(i,j)} \mathcal{L}_u T = \mathcal{L}_u \text{tr}_{(i,j)} T$.
4. $\forall f \in C^{(\infty)}(M)$, $\mathcal{L}_u f = u(f)$.
5. $\forall v \in \text{Vect}(M)$, $\mathcal{L}_u v = [u, v]$.

Applying the laws, we can calculate

$$\mathcal{L}_u \omega(v) = u[\omega(v)] - \omega([u, v]), \quad \omega \in \Omega^1(M) \quad (26-2)$$

by $u[\omega(v)] = T_u[\omega(v)] = T_u \text{tr}_{(0,0)}(\omega \otimes v) = T_u \omega(v) + \omega([u, v])$. Similarly:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_u \omega(v_0, \dots, v_{q-1}) &= u[\omega(v_0, \dots, v_{q-1})] \\ &\quad - \omega([u, v_0], \dots, v_{q-1}) - \dots - \omega(v_0, \dots, [u, v_{q-1}]). \end{aligned} \quad (26-3)$$

And, in local coordinates, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_u T^{\alpha_0 \dots \alpha_{p-1}}_{\beta_0 \dots \beta_{q-1}} &= u^\mu T^{\alpha_0 \dots \alpha_{p-1}}_{\beta_0 \dots \beta_{q-1}, \mu} \\ &\quad - T^{\mu \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{p-1}}_{\beta_0 \dots \beta_{q-1}} u^{\alpha_0}_{, \mu} \dots - T^{\alpha_0 \dots \alpha_{p-2} \mu}_{\beta_0 \dots \beta_{q-1}} u^{\alpha_{p-1}}_{, \mu} \\ &\quad + T^{\alpha_0 \dots \alpha_{p-1}}_{\mu \beta_1 \dots \beta_{q-1}} u^\mu_{, \beta_0} \dots + T^{\alpha_0 \dots \alpha_{p-1}}_{\beta_0 \dots \beta_{q-2} \mu} u^\mu_{, \beta_{q-1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (26-4)$$

Definition 26.2 (Divergence). Let $u \in \text{Vect}(M)$, then the **divergence** of u is defined as

$$\text{div } u = (-1)^{\text{sign}(g)} \star (\mathcal{L}_u \text{vol}) \quad (26-5)$$

Definition 26.3 (Killing field). If $u \in \text{Vect}(M)$ is such that $\mathcal{L}_u g = 0$, then u is called a **Killing field**. The equation

$$\mathcal{L}_u g = 0, \quad \text{or} \quad u_{(\alpha; \beta)} = 0 \quad (26-6)$$

is called the **Killing equation**.

Theorem 26.3 (*Cartan's formula*).

$$\mathcal{L}_u|_{\Omega(M)} = d \circ i_u + i_u \circ d. \quad (26-7)$$

Corollary 1.

$$\mathcal{L}_u|_{\Omega(M)} \circ d = d \circ \mathcal{L}_u|_{\Omega(M)}. \quad (26-8)$$

Corollary 2.

$$i_{[u,v]} = [\mathcal{L}_u|_{\Omega(M)}, i_v]. \quad (26-9)$$

§27 Levi-Civita Connection

Definition 27.1 (Levi-Civita connection). Let $E \rightarrow M$ be a smooth vector bundle, where M is a Riemannian manifold with metric $g \in T^*M \otimes T^*M$. Let $\nabla \in \Gamma(\text{End}(E) \otimes T^*M^{\otimes 2})$ be a connection on E . Then ∇ is called a **Levi-Civita connection** if

$$ug(v, w) = g(\nabla_u v, w) + g(v, \nabla_u w), \quad (27-1)$$

and

$$[v, w] = \nabla_v w - \nabla_w v, \quad (27-2)$$

where $u, v, w \in \Gamma(TM)$.

In local coordinates:

$$\nabla_\alpha \partial_\beta = \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma \partial_\gamma, \quad (27-3)$$

where $\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma$ is the **Christoffel symbol**.

For any $T \in \Gamma(TM^{\otimes p} \otimes T^*M^{\otimes q})$, we have

$$\nabla T = T^{\alpha_0 \cdots \alpha_{p-1}}_{\beta_0 \cdots \beta_{q-1}; \mu} \bigotimes_{k \in p} \partial_{\alpha_k} \otimes \bigotimes_{\ell \in q} dx^{\beta_\ell} \otimes dx^\mu \quad (27-4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T^{\alpha_0 \cdots \alpha_{p-1}}_{\beta_0 \cdots \beta_{q-1}; \mu} &= T^{\alpha_0 \cdots \alpha_{p-1}}_{\beta_0 \cdots \beta_{q-1}, \mu} \\ &+ \sum_{i \in p} \Gamma_{\lambda \mu}^{\alpha_i} T^{\alpha_0 \cdots \alpha_{i-1} \lambda \alpha_{i+1} \cdots \alpha_{p-1}}_{\beta_0 \cdots \beta_{q-1}} \\ &- \sum_{i \in q} \Gamma_{\beta_i \mu}^\lambda T^{\alpha_0 \cdots \alpha_{p-1}}_{\beta_0 \cdots \beta_{i-1} \lambda \beta_{i+1} \cdots \beta_{q-1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (27-5)$$

It is useful to define the generalisation of divergence:

$$\nabla \cdot T = \text{tr}_{(0,q)}(\nabla T) \quad (27-6)$$

if T is a (p, q) tensor.

It can be shown that

$$\nabla \cdot u = \text{div } u = \delta u^b, \quad u \in \text{Vect}(M). \quad (27-7)$$

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