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**Riemannian Geometry**

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1. (a) Which of the following  $X$  define vector fields on  $\mathbb{R}$ ? Here  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ . Justify your answers.

(i)

$$X|_x f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x)$$

(2 marks)

(ii)

$$X|_x f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x)$$

(2 marks)

(iii)

$$X|_x f = x^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x)$$

(2 marks)

(iv)

$$X|_x f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0)$$

(2 marks)

(v)

$$X|_x f = f(x)$$

(2 marks)

(vi)

$$X|_x f = f(x) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x)$$

(2 marks)

- (b) Consider smooth manifolds  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$ , and smooth functions  $F \in C^\infty(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$ ,  $G \in C^\infty(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{P})$ .

- (i) Show that if  $F$  is constant, i.e.  $F(p) = q \in \mathcal{N}$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{M}$ , then  $F_{*p} \equiv 0$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{M}$ . (4 marks)
- (ii) Show that  $(G \circ F)_{*p} = G_{*F(p)} \circ F_{*p}$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{M}$ . (4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

2. (a) Consider the metric

$$g = (1 + 4x^2)dx \otimes dx + (1 + 4y^2)dy \otimes dy + 4xy(dx \otimes dy + dy \otimes dx),$$

on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , where  $(x, y)$  denote Cartesian coordinates.

- (i) Show that the Christoffel symbols of  $g$  take the form

$$\Gamma_{xx}^x = \Gamma_{yy}^x = \frac{4x}{1 + 4x^2 + 4y^2}, \quad \Gamma_{yy}^y = \Gamma_{xx}^y = \frac{4y}{1 + 4x^2 + 4y^2},$$

and

$$\Gamma_{xy}^x = \Gamma_{yx}^x = \Gamma_{xy}^y = \Gamma_{yx}^y = 0.$$

(5 marks)

- (ii) Compute the length of the curve  $\gamma: (0, 2\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , defined by  $\gamma(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$ , with respect to  $g$ .

(3 marks)

- (iii) Is  $\gamma$  a geodesic of  $(\mathbb{R}^2, g)$ ? Justify your answer.

(4 marks)

- (iv) Find a nontrivial isometry  $F: (\mathbb{R}^2, g) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^2, g)$ , i.e. an isometry  $F$  which is not the identity map. Justify your answer.

(4 marks)

- (b) Let  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$  be a one dimensional Riemannian manifold. Show that, for all  $p \in \mathcal{M}$ , there exists an open neighbourhood  $U \subset \mathcal{M}$  of  $p$ , an open set  $V \subset \mathbb{R}$ , and an isometry  $\Phi: (U, g) \rightarrow (V, g_{\text{Eucl}})$ .

(4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

3. (a) Consider Cartesian coordinates  $x^1, \dots, x^n$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Justify your answers to the following questions.

(i) Does

$$\nabla_V X|_p = \left(V(X^i)\right)^2 \partial_{x^i}|_p,$$

define a connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

(1 mark)

(ii) Does

$$\nabla_V X|_p = V(X^i) \partial_{x^i}|_p,$$

define a connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

(1 mark)

(iii) Does

$$\nabla_V X|_p = X(V^i) \partial_{x^i}|_p,$$

define a connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

(2 marks)

(iv) Does

$$\nabla_V X|_p = x^1 V(X^i) \partial_{x^i}|_p,$$

define a connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

(2 marks)

(b) Justify your answers to the following questions.

(i) Is  $\partial_{x^1}$  a Killing vector of  $(\mathbb{R}^n, g_{\text{Eucl}})$ ?

(2 marks)

(ii) Is  $x^k \partial_{x^k}$  a Killing vector of  $(\mathbb{R}^n, g_{\text{Eucl}})$ ?

(2 marks)

(iii) Is  $x^2 \partial_{x^1} - x^1 \partial_{x^2}$  a Killing vector of  $(\mathbb{R}^n, g_{\text{Eucl}})$ ?

(2 marks)

(c) Show that  $X$  is a Killing vector of  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$  if and only if

$$g(\nabla_Y X, Z) + g(\nabla_Z X, Y) = 0,$$

for all  $Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{M})$ , where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection of  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$ .

(8 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

4. (a) Justify your answers to the following questions.

(i) Does there exist a complete metric  $g$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\text{Ric}(g) = 0?$$

(3 marks)

(ii) Does there exist a complete metric  $g$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\text{Ric}(g) = \eta \otimes \xi - \xi \otimes \eta,$$

for some nowhere-zero one forms  $\eta, \xi \in \Gamma(T^*\mathbb{R}^n)$ ?

(3 marks)

(iii) Does there exist a complete metric  $g$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\text{Ric}(g) = g?$$

(3 marks)

(iv) Does there exist a complete metric on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\text{Ric}(g) = -g?$$

(3 marks)

(b) Let  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold with  $n = \dim \mathcal{M} \geq 2$  and let  $\gamma: [0, \pi] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  be a unit speed geodesic such that

$$\text{Ric}(\dot{\gamma}(t), \dot{\gamma}(t)) \geq 2(n-1),$$

for all  $t \in [0, \pi]$ . Show that  $\gamma$  does not minimise the length between  $\gamma(0)$  and  $\gamma(\pi)$ . You may use any results from the lectures, provided you state them clearly. (8 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

5. (a) Consider  $S^3$  in polar coordinates

$$S^3 = \{(\cos \psi, \sin \psi \cos \theta, \sin \psi \sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \psi \sin \theta \sin \phi) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \psi, \theta \in (0, \pi), \phi \in (0, 2\pi)\},$$

with the round metric

$$g_{\text{Round}} = d\psi^2 + \sin^2 \psi (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2).$$

Compute the second fundamental form

$$k(X, Y) = -g_{\text{Round}}(\nabla_X n, Y)$$

of the submanifold

$$N = \left\{ \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cos \theta, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \sin \theta \cos \phi, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \sin \theta \sin \phi \right) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \theta \in (0, \pi), \phi \in (0, 2\pi) \right\} \subset S^3,$$

in the induced  $(\theta, \phi)$  coordinate system, for an appropriate unit normal  $n$ . You may use, without proof, the fact that  $\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ .

(10 marks)

(b) Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold and let  $F: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a smooth immersion, so that  $\overline{M} := F^{-1}(0)$  is a smooth submanifold of  $M$  of dimension  $\dim M - 1$ . Show that the second fundamental form

$$k(X, Y) = -g(\nabla_X n, Y),$$

of  $\overline{M}$ , for the appropriate unit normal  $n$ , takes the form

$$k(X, Y) = -\frac{1}{|dF|_g} \nabla^2 F(X, Y),$$

for all  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(\overline{M})$ .

(10 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

# Riemannian geometry exam 2022 – solutions

1. (a) (i) This  $X$  does define a vector field. For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X_x$  is a map  $X_x: C^\infty(x) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , which one easily checks is linear and satisfies the Leibniz rule. Seen [2 mark].
- (ii) This  $X$  does not define a vector field as it does not satisfy the Leibniz rule. Unseen [2 mark].
- (iii) This  $X$  does define a vector field. For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X_x$  is a map  $X_x: C^\infty(x) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , which one easily checks is linear and satisfies the Leibniz rule. Unseen [2 marks].
- (iv) This  $X$  does not define a vector field as, for  $x \neq 0$ ,  $X_x$  is not a map from  $C^\infty(x) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , i.e.  $X_x$  is not an element of  $T_x\mathbb{R}$ . Unseen [2 marks].
- (v) This  $X$  does not define a vector field as it does not satisfy the Leibniz rule. Unseen [2 marks].
- (vi) This  $X$  does not define a vector field as  $X_x$  is not a linear map over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Unseen [2 marks].

- (b) (i) Consider  $X \in T_p\mathcal{M}$  and  $h \in C^\infty(\mathcal{N})$ . One computes

$$(F_{*p}X)(h) = X|_p(h \circ F) = X|_p(h(q)) = 0,$$

for all  $p \in \mathcal{M}$ , since  $h(q)$  is constant. Indeed, by the Leibniz rule,

$$X|_p(1) = X|_p(1 \cdot 1) = 2X|_p(1),$$

which implies  $X|_p(1) = 0$  and thus  $X|_p(c) = 0$  for any constant  $c$  by linearity. Hence  $F_{*p} = 0$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{M}$ . Seen as exercise [4 marks].

- (ii) Consider some  $p \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $X \in T_p\mathcal{M}$  and some  $h \in C^\infty(G \circ F(p))$ . By the definition of pushforward,

$$(G_{*F(p)} \circ F_{*p}X)(h) = (G_{*F(p)}(F_{*p}X))(h) = (F_{*p}X)(h \circ G) = X|_p(h \circ G \circ F) = ((G \circ F)_{*p}X)(h),$$

as desired. Seen as exercise [4 marks].

2. (a) (i) Using the standard formula

$$\Gamma_{ij}^k = \frac{g^{kl}}{2} \left( \frac{\partial g_{jl}}{\partial x^i} + \frac{\partial g_{il}}{\partial x^j} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^l} \right),$$

one computes

$$\Gamma_{xx}^x = \Gamma_{yy}^x = \frac{4x}{1 + 4x^2 + 4y^2}, \quad \Gamma_{xy}^x = \Gamma_{yx}^x = 0,$$

and

$$\Gamma_{yy}^y = \Gamma_{xx}^y = \frac{4y}{1 + 4x^2 + 4y^2}, \quad \Gamma_{xy}^y = \Gamma_{yx}^y = 0.$$

Unseen [5 marks].

(ii) Note that

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) = -\sin t \partial_x + \cos t \partial_y,$$

and so

$$|\dot{\gamma}(t)|_g^2 = (1 + 4 \cos^2 t) \sin^2 t + (1 + 4 \sin^2 t) \cos^2 t - 8 \cos^2 t \sin^2 t = 1.$$

Hence

$$L(\gamma) = \int_0^{2\pi} |\dot{\gamma}(t)| dt = 2\pi.$$

Unseen [3 marks].

(iii) Using the above expressions for the Christoffel symbols, one sees that

$$\ddot{\gamma}^x + \dot{\gamma}^i \dot{\gamma}^j \Gamma_{ij}^x(\gamma(t)) = -\frac{1}{5} \cos t, \quad \ddot{\gamma}^y + \dot{\gamma}^i \dot{\gamma}^j \Gamma_{ij}^y(\gamma(t)) = -\frac{1}{5} \sin t,$$

and so the geodesic equations are not satisfied. So  $\gamma$  is not a geodesic.

Unseen [4 marks].

(iv) Any rotation around the origin is an isometry. For example, take

$$F(x, y) = (y, -x).$$

Clearly  $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a diffeomorphism. Moreover, a short computation gives

$$F_{*(x,y)} \partial_x = -\partial_y, \quad F_{*(x,y)} \partial_y = \partial_x,$$

and so

$$F^* g|_{(x,y)}(\partial_x, \partial_x) = g|_{(y,-x)}(-\partial_y, -\partial_y) = 1 + 4x^2,$$

$$F^* g|_{(x,y)}(\partial_y, \partial_y) = g|_{(y,-x)}(\partial_x, \partial_x) = 1 + 4y^2,$$

$$F^* g|_{(x,y)}(\partial_x, \partial_y) = g|_{(y,-x)}(-\partial_y, \partial_x) = 4xy.$$

Hence

$$F^* g|_{(x,y)} = (1 + 4x^2) dx \otimes dx + (1 + 4y^2) dy \otimes dy + 4xy(dx \otimes dy + dy \otimes dx) = g|_{(x,y)},$$

and so  $F$  is an isometry.

Unseen [4 marks].

(b) Consider some  $p \in M$ . Since  $M$  is a one dimensional smooth manifold, there exists  $U \subset M$  open with  $p \in U$ ,  $W \subset \mathbb{R}$  open, and a homeomorphism  $\phi: U \rightarrow W$ . In the associated  $x$  coordinate

$$g = f(x) dx^2,$$

for some smooth function  $f > 0$ . Define  $\psi: (x(p) - \varepsilon, x(p) + \varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\psi(x) = \int_{x(p)-\varepsilon}^x \sqrt{f(z)} dz.$$

Note that  $\psi$  is a smooth function, well defined if  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small, such that  $\psi' > 0$ . Hence  $\psi$  is a diffeomorphism onto its image  $V$ . Define  $\Phi: U \rightarrow V$  by

$$\Phi = \psi \circ \phi.$$

Clearly  $(U, \Phi)$  is a chart. In the associated  $y = \psi(x)$  coordinate,

$$dy^2 = \psi'(x)^2 dx^2 = f(x) dx^2 = g,$$

i.e.  $g = \Phi^* g_{\text{Eucl}}$  and so  $\Phi$  is an isometry.



Seen as exercise [4 marks].

3. (a) (i) No: the map  $X \mapsto \nabla_V X$  is not linear over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Unseen [1 mark].

- (ii) Yes, one can check that  $X \mapsto \nabla_V X$  is linear over  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $V \mapsto \nabla_V X$  is linear over  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , and  $\nabla_V(fX) = V(f)X + f\nabla_V X$ . In fact,  $\nabla$  is the Euclidean connection.

Seen [1 mark].

- (iii) No: the map  $V \mapsto \nabla_V X$  is not linear over  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$ .

Unseen [2 marks].

- (iv) No:  $\nabla_V(fX) = x^1 V(f)X + f\nabla_V X$ , so the product rule is not satisfied away from  $\{x^1 = 1\}$ .

Unseen [2 marks].

- (b) Recall the formula for the Lie derivative of a  $(0, 2)$  tensor field:

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)_{ij} = V(g_{ij}) + \partial_i V^k g_{kj} + \partial_j V^k g_{ik}.$$

- (i) Yes: by the above

$$\mathcal{L}_{\partial_{x^1}} g = 0.$$

Unseen [2 mark].

- (ii) No: if  $V = x^k \partial_{x^k}$  then  $\partial_i V^k = \delta_i^k$  and so, by the above,

$$(\mathcal{L}_{x^k \partial_{x^k}} g)_{ij} = \partial_i V^k g_{kj} + \partial_j V^k g_{ik} = 2g_{ij}.$$

Unseen [2 mark].

- (iii) Yes: If  $V = x^2 \partial_{x^1} - x^1 \partial_{x^2}$  then

$$\partial_{x^i} V^1 = -\delta_i^2, \quad \partial_{x^i} V^2 = \delta_i^1, \quad \partial_{x^i} V^k = 0, \quad k = 3, \dots, n.$$

Hence

$$(\mathcal{L}_{x^2 \partial_{x^1} - x^1 \partial_{x^2}} g)_{ij} = \delta_i^1 g_{2j} - \delta_i^2 g_{1j} + \delta_j^1 g_{2i} - \delta_j^2 g_{1i},$$

from which one easily checks that  $\mathcal{L}_{x^2 \partial_{x^1} - x^1 \partial_{x^2}} g = 0$ .

Unseen [2 marks].

- (c) Recall that the Lie derivative satisfies

$$X(g(Y, Z)) = (\mathcal{L}_X g)(Y, Z) + g(\mathcal{L}_X Y, Z) + g(Y, \mathcal{L}_X Z).$$

Now for vector fields, the Lie derivative is equal to the Lie bracket,  $\mathcal{L}_X Y = [X, Y]$ , and so

$$(\mathcal{L}_X g)(Y, Z) = X(g(Y, Z)) - g([X, Y], Z) - g(Y, [X, Z]).$$

The covariant derivative similarly satisfies

$$X(g(Y, Z)) = (\nabla_X g)(Y, Z) + g(\nabla_X Y, Z) + g(Y, \nabla_X Z) = g(\nabla_X Y, Z) + g(Y, \nabla_X Z),$$

where the latter holds by the compatibility of  $\nabla$  with  $g$ . Hence

$$(\mathcal{L}_X g)(Y, Z) = g(\nabla_X Y, Z) + g(Y, \nabla_X Z) - g([X, Y], Z) - g(Y, [X, Z]) = g(\nabla_Y X, Z) + g(Y, \nabla_Z X),$$

by the torsion free property of  $\nabla$ .

Unseen [8 marks].

4. (a) (i) Yes: the Euclidean metric  $g = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$ .

Seen [3 marks].

- (ii) No: by the symmetries of  $R$  it must be the case that  $Ric(X, Y) = Ric(Y, X)$  for all  $X, Y$ , but  $\eta \otimes \xi - \xi \otimes \eta$  is anti-symmetric and so such a metric cannot exist if  $\eta$  and  $\xi$  are nowhere vanishing.

Unseen [2 marks].

- (iii) No: such a metric would satisfy the assumptions of the Bonnet–Myers theorem, which would then imply that  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is compact.

Seen similar [3 marks].

- (iv) Yes: the hyperbolic metric

$$g = \left( \frac{2}{1 - ((x^1)^2 + \dots + (x^n)^2)} \right)^2 ((dx^1)^2 + \dots + (dx^n)^2),$$

on the open unit ball  $B^n(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  satisfies  $Ric(g) = -g$ . Consider the diffeomorphism  $\Phi: B^n(0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  defined by  $\Phi(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1 - |x|^2}}$ . The pullback  $(\Phi^{-1})^*g$  defines such a metric on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Seen similar [3 marks].

- (b) Recall the second variation formula: If  $A$  is a proper variation of  $\gamma$  with variational vector field  $V = \partial_s A|_{s=0}$  then

$$\frac{d^2}{ds^2} \Big|_{s=0} L(A_s) = I(V, V),$$

where

$$I(V, V) = - \int_0^\pi g(D_t^2 V - R(\dot{\gamma}, V)\dot{\gamma}, V) dt,$$

is the index form of  $\gamma$ . Note that any proper vector field  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(\gamma)$  arises from some variation (indeed, take  $A(s, t) = \exp(\gamma(t), sV(t))$ ) and so it suffices to find a proper vector field  $V$  such that

$$I(V, V) < 0.$$

Extend  $e_1 = \dot{\gamma}(0)$  to an orthonormal frame  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^n$  for  $T_{\gamma(0)}\mathcal{M}$  and extend to a frame for  $T_{\gamma(t)}\mathcal{M}$  by parallel transport along  $\gamma$ :

$$D_t e_i = 0, \quad i = 2, \dots, n.$$

Define vector fields  $V_i \in \mathfrak{X}(\gamma)$  by

$$V_i(t) = \sin t e_i, \quad i = 2, \dots, n.$$

Then

$$D_t^2 V_i(t) = -V_i(t),$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=2}^n I(V_i, V_i) &= \sum_{i=2}^n \int_0^\pi |V_i(t)|_g^2 - \sin^2 t Rm(e_i, \dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}, e_i) dt \\ &= \int_0^\pi (n-1) \sin^2 t - \sin^2 t Ric(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) dt \leq - \int_0^\pi (n-1) \sin^2 t dt < 0, \end{aligned}$$

where the assumption is used in the penultimate step. It follows that there exists  $i \in \{2, \dots, n\}$  such that

$$I(V_i, V_i) < 0,$$

as desired.

Unseen [8 marks].

5. (a) Let  $\bar{\partial}$  denote derivatives with respect to the induced  $(\theta, \phi)$  coordinate system for  $N$ , and let  $\partial$  denote derivatives with respect to the ambient  $(\psi, \theta, \phi)$  coordinate system for  $S^3$ . First note that

$$\bar{\partial}_\theta = \partial_\theta, \quad \bar{\partial}_\phi = \partial_\phi.$$

It follows that

$$g_{\text{Round}}(\partial_\psi, \bar{\partial}_\theta) = g_{\text{Round}}(\partial_\psi, \bar{\partial}_\phi) = 0,$$

and so  $n = \partial_\psi$  is a unit normal to  $N$ .

Using the standard formula for the Christoffel symbols of the Levi-Civita connection, one computes

$$\nabla_{\partial_\theta} \partial_\psi = \frac{\cos \psi}{\sin \psi} \partial_\theta, \quad \nabla_{\partial_\phi} \partial_\psi = \frac{\cos \psi}{\sin \psi} \partial_\phi.$$

Hence, on  $N$ ,

$$g(\nabla_{\partial_\theta} n, \partial_\theta) = g_{\theta\theta} = \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad g(\nabla_{\partial_\phi} n, \partial_\phi) = g_{\phi\phi} = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta,$$

$$g(\nabla_{\partial_\phi} n, \partial_\theta) = g(\nabla_{\partial_\theta} n, \partial_\phi) = 0,$$

and so

$$k = -\frac{1}{2} d\theta^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2.$$

Unseen [10 marks].

- (b) Note first that the unit normal  $n$  is given by

$$n = \frac{dF^\flat}{|dF|_g}.$$

Indeed, if  $X \in T_p \bar{M}$  then  $g(dF^\flat, X) = X(F) = 0$ , since  $\bar{M}$  is a level hypersurface of  $F$ , and clearly  $|n|_g = 1$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} k(X, Y) &= -g(\nabla_X \frac{dF^\flat}{|dF|_g}, Y) = -X \left( g \left( \frac{dF^\flat}{|dF|_g}, Y \right) \right) + g \left( \frac{dF^\flat}{|dF|_g}, \nabla_X Y \right) \\ &= -\frac{\nabla_X \nabla_Y F}{|dF|_g} - X(|dF|_g^{-1}) Y(F) + \frac{\nabla_{\nabla_X Y} F}{|dF|_g} \\ &= -\frac{1}{|dF|_g} \nabla^2 F(X, Y), \end{aligned}$$

where the final equality follows from the fact that  $Y(F) = 0$ , since  $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(\bar{M})$  and  $\bar{M}$  is a level hypersurface of  $F$ .

Unseen [10 marks].

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ExamModuleCode	QuestionNumber	Comments for Students
Riemannian Geometry_MATH97050 MATH70057	1	Question 1 was generally well answered. Some students incorrectly thought that (a) (iv) is a vector field.
Riemannian Geometry_MATH97050 MATH70057	2	Question 2(a) was well answered. Many students struggled with part (b), which involves showing that every one dimensional Riemannian manifold is flat.
Riemannian Geometry_MATH97050 MATH70057	3	Students answered part (a) of question 3 well. There were some minor errors in computing the Lie derivatives of the metric in part (b). Some students found part (c) difficult.
Riemannian Geometry_MATH97050 MATH70057	4	Parts (a) (i) and (ii) of question 4 were well answered. Many students recognised that the Bonnet--Myers Theorem is relevant for (iii). Few students successfully answered part (iv). Some students inncorrectly thought that the Bonnet--Myers Theorem should be used for (b), rather than adapting its proof.
Riemannian Geometry_MATH97050 MATH70057	5	Many students struggled with Question 5. Perhaps because they had run out of time.