

# Phys484: Quantum Theory

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## 1 Deferential Geometry

### 1.1 Topology and manifold

**Definition 1.** Given any set  $X$ , a **topology** is a pair  $(X, \mathcal{S})$ ,  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  that satisfies:

1.  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{S}$
2. If  $\forall \alpha, S_\alpha \in \mathcal{S}$ , then  $\bigcup_\alpha S_\alpha \in \mathcal{S}$
3. If  $S_1, \dots, S_n \in \mathcal{S}$ , then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i \in \mathcal{S}$

**Definition 2.** Given any set  $X$ , and a topology  $(X, \mathcal{S})$ , the elements in  $\mathcal{S}$  are called open.

**Definition 3.** Given any set  $X$ , a collection of subsets  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  is said to be a basis of the topology  $\mathcal{S}$  if

1.  $X = \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B$
2. If  $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$ , then  $\exists B_x \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $x \in B_x \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$
3.  $\mathcal{S}$  is the collection of all unions of the elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Definition 4.** A collection of subsets  $\mathcal{C} = \{U_\alpha \subseteq X\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is called a **cover** for  $X$  if  $X \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha$ . A cover is called an open cover if every  $U_\alpha$  is open in the topology of  $X$ .

**Definition 5.** Given two sets  $X, Y$ , and their corresponding topology  $\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}$ , a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is **continuous** if  $\forall T \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $f^{-1}(T) \in \mathcal{S}$ . Namely, for any open set in  $Y$ , its preimage of  $f$  is also open in  $X$ .

**Definition 6.** Given two sets  $X, Y$ , and their corresponding topology  $\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}$ , a continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a **homeomorphism** if it is invertible, and its inverse function is also continuous.

*Remark.* A homeomorphism is a map that preserves the topology structure between two sets.

**Definition 7.** An **atlas**  $\mathcal{A} = \{(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)\}_\alpha$  is a collection of **local charts**  $(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)$ , where each  $\phi_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a homeomorphism onto its image  $\phi_\alpha(U_\alpha) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , and that  $\bigcup_\alpha U_\alpha = X$ .

**Definition 8.** A smooth atlas is an atlas such that  $\forall (U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha), (U_\beta, \phi_\beta) \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\phi_\beta \circ \phi_\alpha^{-1} : \phi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $C^\infty$  smooth.

**Definition 9.** A **smooth manifold**  $M = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A})$  is a 2nd-countable Hausdorff topology with a smooth atlas. The dimension  $n$  of the manifold is the dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  in the atlas  $\mathcal{A}$ .

### 1.2 Smooth functions and Diffeomorphism

**Definition 10.** Let  $M, N$  be smooth manifolds of dimension  $m, n$ , we say a function  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is **smooth** at point  $p \in M$  if and only if there are local charts  $(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)$  for  $M$  and  $(V_\beta, \psi_\beta)$  for  $N$ , such that:

1.  $p \in U_\alpha$
2.  $F(p) \in V_\beta$

3.  $U_\alpha \cap F^{-1}(V_\alpha) \subseteq M$  is open

4. The **coordinate representation**  $\hat{F} := \psi_\beta \circ F \circ \phi_\alpha^{-1} : \phi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap F^{-1}(V_\beta)) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is smooth at  $\phi_\alpha(p) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

**Proposition 1.1.** *If  $F$  is continuous, then 3 is always met.*

**Proposition 1.2.** *If 4 is met for some coordinate maps, then it is always true for any other coordinate maps. Namely, the smoothness is independent of choices of coordinate maps.*

**Definition 11.** If  $F$  is smooth at every  $p \in M$ , we say that  $F$  is a smooth function.

**Definition 12.**  $F$  is a **diffeomorphism** if  $F$  is invertible, and that both  $F, F^{-1}$  are smooth.

**Proposition 1.3.** *A diffeomorphism is always a homeomorphism.*

### 1.3 Tangent space and derivatives

**Definition 13.** Let  $C^\infty(M)$  be the real vector space of smooth functions from  $M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , a **derivation** or **tangent vector** at  $p \in M$  is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear map  $D : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the **Leibniz condition**:  $\forall f, g \in C^\infty(M), D(fg) = f(p)D(g) + g(p)D(f)$

**Definition 14.** The **tangent space** to  $M$  at  $p \in M$ ,  $T_p M$ , is the set of all tangent vectors at  $p$ .

**Proposition 1.4.** *Let  $D \in T_p M$ , if  $\forall x \in M, f(x) = c$  is a constant function, then  $D(f) = 0$*

**Proposition 1.5.** *If  $\exists U \ni p$  be open, and  $\forall x \in U, f(x) = 0$ , then  $\forall D \in T_p M, D(f) = 0$*

**Proposition 1.6.** *If  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$  and  $f = g$  on some open  $U \ni p$ , then  $\forall D \in T_p M, D(f) = D(g)$*

**Proposition 1.7.**  $\{\partial_1|_p, \dots, \partial_n|_p\}$  is a basis for  $T_p \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Definition 15.** Given a smooth function  $F : M \rightarrow N$ , the **differential** or **derivative** of  $F$  at  $p \in M$  is the map  $dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$ , given by  $\forall D \in T_p M, f \in C^\infty(N), dF_p(D)(f) := D(f \circ F)$

**Proposition 1.8.** *Let  $M, N, R$  be smooth manifolds and  $F : M \rightarrow N, G : N \rightarrow R$  are smooth maps, then for any  $p \in M$ , we have:*

1.  $dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$  is linear
2.  $d(G \circ F)_p = dG_{F(p)} \circ dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{G(F(p))} R$
3.  $d(Id_M)_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_p M$  is an identity isomorphism.
4. If  $F$  is a diffeomorphism, then  $dF_p$  is an isomorphism, and  $(dF_p)^{-1} = d(F^{-1})_{F(p)}$

**Corollary 1.9.** *Let  $M$  be a  $n$ -dimensional smooth manifold, for any  $p \in M$ , and any local chart  $(U, \phi)$  containing  $p$ , we have  $T_p M \cong T_p U \cong T_{\phi(p)} \phi(U) \cong T_{\phi(p)} \mathbb{R}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ , and the  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $T_p M$  has a basis of  $\{\Upsilon_j|_p := \partial_j|_p := \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}|_p := (di_p \circ (d\phi_p)^{-1})(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}|_{\phi(p)}) = (di_p \circ (d\phi_p)^{-1})(\partial_j|_{\phi(p)})\}_j$ .*

**Proposition 1.10.** *Given  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ ,  $\Upsilon_j|_p(f) = \frac{\partial(f \circ \phi^{-1})}{\partial x^j}(\phi(p))$*

**Corollary 1.11.** *Let  $(U, \phi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$  be a coordinate chart for  $M$ , then*

$$\Upsilon_j|_p(x^i) = \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x^j}(p) = \frac{\partial(x^i \circ \phi^{-1})}{\partial x^j}(\phi(p)) = \delta_j^i$$

**Theorem 1.12.** *Let  $F : M \rightarrow N$  be smooth,  $(U, \phi)$  and  $(V, \psi)$  be local charts for  $M$  and  $N$ , such that  $p \in U, F(p) \in V$ , if we choose the basis  $\{\Upsilon_j|_p\}_j, \{\Upsilon_i|_{F(p)}\}_i$  associated to  $(U, \phi)$  and  $(V, \psi)$ , we have that  $[dF_p]_{ij} = \frac{\partial \hat{F}^i}{\partial x^j}(\phi(p))$ . Namely,  $dF_p(\Upsilon_j|_p) = \sum_{i=1}^{\dim(M)} \frac{\partial \hat{F}^i}{\partial x^j}(\phi(p)) \Upsilon_i|_{F(p)} \in T_{F(p)} N$ , where  $\hat{F} = \psi \circ F \circ \phi^{-1}$  is the coordinate representation of  $F$ .*

**Definition 16.** The **tangent bundle**  $TM := \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T_p M$ .

**Proposition 1.13.** *If  $M$  is a  $n$ -dimension smooth manifold, then  $TM$  is a  $2n$ -dimension smooth manifold.*

## 1.4 Vector field

**Definition 17.** A **vector field** is a smooth function  $\mathbf{v} : M \rightarrow TM$ , such that  $\forall p, \mathbf{v}_p := \mathbf{v}(p) \in T_p M$

**Definition 18.** Let  $(U, \phi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$  be a coordinate chart for  $M$ , then we can always write  $\mathbf{v}_p = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{v}^i(p) \Upsilon_i|_p$ , since  $\{\Upsilon_i|_p = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_p\}$  is a basis for  $T_p M$ . The functions  $\mathbf{v}^i : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are called the **component functions**.

**Definition 19.** Let  $(U, \phi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$  be a coordinate chart for  $M$ , the **partial derivatives**  $\Upsilon_i = \partial_i : U \rightarrow TM$  is given by  $\Upsilon_i(p) = \Upsilon_i|_p$ , where  $\{\Upsilon_i|_p = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_p\}$  is a basis for  $T_p M$  associated to  $(U, \phi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$ . One can check that  $\Upsilon_i \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$

**Definition 20.**  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  is the set of all vector fields.

**Definition 21.** Given a smooth function  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ , and a vector field  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , we define  $f\mathbf{v} := f \cdot \mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  to be  $(f\mathbf{v})(p) := f(p)\mathbf{v}_p \in T_p M$

*Remark.* We can write any vector field  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  as

$$\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{v}^i \Upsilon_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{v}^i \partial_i$$

**Definition 22.** Given a smooth function  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ , and a vector field  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , we define  $\mathbf{v}(f) \in C^\infty(M)$  to be  $\mathbf{v}(f)(p) := \mathbf{v}_p(f) \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus we can view a vector field  $\mathbf{v}$  as a function  $C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$  as well.

## 1.5 Lie Bracket

**Definition 23.** Given two vector fields  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , the **Lie Bracket** is  $[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}] := \mathbf{v} \circ \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w} \circ \mathbf{v}$

**Proposition 1.14.**  $[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}] \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  is a vector field.

**Proposition 1.15.**  $[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}]$  is bilinear.

**Proposition 1.16.**  $[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}] = -[\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}]$  is anti-symmetric

**Proposition 1.17.**  $[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}]$  satisfies the **Jacobian Identity**:  $[\mathbf{u}, [\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}]] + [\mathbf{w}, [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]] + [\mathbf{v}, [\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}]] = 0$

**Proposition 1.18.** For any  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , we have  $[f\mathbf{v}, g\mathbf{u}] = fg[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}] + f(\mathbf{v}g)\mathbf{u} - g(\mathbf{u}f)\mathbf{v}$

**Proposition 1.19.** Let  $(U, \phi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$  be a coordinate chart for  $M$ , then for any two vector fields  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{v}^i \Upsilon_i$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{u}^j \Upsilon_j \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , we have  $[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}] = \sum_{j=1}^n (\mathbf{v}\mathbf{u}^j - \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^j) \Upsilon_j$

## 1.6 Curve and Flow

**Definition 24.** Let  $J \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be open, a smooth map  $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$  is called a **smooth curve** in  $M$ . Given  $t_0 \in J$ , let  $\frac{d}{dt}|_{t_0}$  be the coordinate basis in  $T_{t_0} J \cong T_{t_0} \mathbb{R}$ . The **velocity** of  $\gamma$  at  $t_0$  is  $\gamma'(t_0) := d\gamma_{t_0}(\frac{d}{dt}|_{t_0}) \in T_{\gamma(t_0)} \mathbb{R}^n$

**Proposition 1.20.** Let  $(U, \phi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$  be a coordinate chart for  $M$ , and a curve  $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ . If we let  $\phi \circ \gamma(t) = (\gamma^1(t), \dots, \gamma^n(t))$ , then we have  $\gamma'(t_0) = d\gamma_{t_0}(\frac{d}{dt}|_{t_0}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\gamma}^i(t_0) \Upsilon_i|_{\gamma(t_0)} \in T_{\gamma(t_0)} M$

**Definition 25.** Let  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , an **integral curve** of  $\mathbf{v}$  is a curve  $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$  such that  $\forall t \in J, \gamma'(t) = \mathbf{v}_t$ . If  $0 \in J$ , then  $\gamma(0)$  is called the **starting point** of  $\gamma$

**Definition 26.** A **smooth global flow** on  $M$  is a smooth map  $\Theta : \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow M$ , such that  $\forall s, t \in \mathbb{R}, p \in M, \Theta(0, p) = p, \Theta(t, \Theta(s, p)) = \Theta(t + s, p)$

*Remark.* A global flow can be thought of as a table to show where something should be after  $t$  time and starting from  $p$ .

**Definition 27.** For  $p \in M$ , we have  $\Theta^{(p)} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$  is a curve given by  $\Theta^{(p)}(t) := \Theta(t, p)$

**Definition 28.** For  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have  $\Theta_t : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$  is a smooth map given by  $\Theta_t(p) := \Theta(t, p)$

**Proposition 1.21.** Given a global flow  $\Theta : \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow M$ , we define  $\mathbf{v} : M \rightarrow TM$  by  $\mathbf{v}_p := \Theta^{(p)'}(0) \in T_p M$ , then  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  is a vector field, and  $\Theta^{(p)}$  is an integral curve for  $\mathbf{v}$ .

**Definition 29.** The  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  in the above proposition is called **infinitesimal generator** for the flow  $\Theta$ .

*Remark.* The infinitesimal generator tells us how should something move at every point in  $M$ .

## 1.7 One-form and Co-vector fields

**Definition 30.** Let  $V$  be a vector space, a **co-vector** on  $V$  is a linear map  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The set of all co-vectors is called the **dual space**  $V^*$ .

**Definition 31.** A **contraction**  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V^* \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the evaluation  $\langle f, v \rangle := f(v)$

**Proposition 1.22.** Given a basis  $\{E_1, \dots, E_n\}$  for a finite-dimensional  $V$ , let  $E^1, \dots, E^n \in V^*$  be defined by  $\langle E^i, E_j \rangle := E^i(E_j) = \delta_{ij}$ , then  $\{E^i\}$  is a basis for  $V^*$ , called the **dual basis**.

**Definition 32.** Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces,  $A : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map. The **dual map**  $A^* : W^* \rightarrow V^*$  is defined by  $\forall f \in W^*, v \in V, \langle A^*(f), v \rangle = A^*(f)(v) := f(A(v)) = \langle f, A(v) \rangle$

**Definition 33.** Let  $T_p M$  be the tangent space to  $M$  at  $p$ , then the **cotangent space** to  $M$  at  $p$  is the dual space of  $T_p M$ , denoted by  $T_p^* M$ . The elements in  $T_p^* M$  are called **co-vectors**.

**Definition 34.**  $T^* M := \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T_p^* M$  is called the **cotangent bundle**.

**Definition 35.** A **one-form** or **co-vector field** is a smooth map  $\omega : M \rightarrow T^* M$  such that  $\forall p \in M, \omega_p := \omega(p) \in T_p^* M$

**Definition 36.**  $\mathfrak{X}^*(M)$  is the set of all one-forms on  $M$ .

**Proposition 1.23.** Let  $(U, \phi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$  be a coordinate chart for  $M$ , we have that for each  $p \in U, \{\Upsilon_1|_p, \dots, \Upsilon_n|_p\}$  is a basis for  $T_p^* M$ , the dual basis for  $T_p M$  is  $\{\Upsilon^1|_p, \dots, \Upsilon^n|_p\}$ , such that  $\langle \Upsilon^i, \Upsilon_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ . Thus  $\forall \omega_p \in T_p^* M, \omega_p = \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i(p) \Upsilon^i|_p$  uniquely. And  $\omega_i(p)$  can be get by  $\omega_i(p) = \langle \omega, \Upsilon_i \rangle$

**Definition 37.** The **coordinate co-vector field** is the map  $\Upsilon^i : U \rightarrow T^* M$  by  $\Upsilon^i(p) := \Upsilon^i|_p$ . One can check that  $\Upsilon^i \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$  is a co-vector field.

**Definition 38.** Given a smooth function  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ , and a co-vector field  $\omega \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$ , we define  $f\omega := f \cdot \omega \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$  to be  $(f\omega)(p) := f(p)\omega_p \in T_p^* M$

**Corollary 1.24.** We can thus write any co-vector field  $\omega \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$  as

$$\omega = \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i \Upsilon^i$$

**Definition 39.** Given any  $\omega \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M), \mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , we can define  $\langle \omega, \mathbf{v} \rangle := \omega(\mathbf{v})$  by  $\langle \omega, \mathbf{v} \rangle(p) := \langle \omega_p, \mathbf{v}_p \rangle$ .

**Proposition 1.25.** Given any  $\omega = \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i \Upsilon^i \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M), \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n v^i \Upsilon_i \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ ,

$$\langle \omega, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i v^i$$

**Definition 40.** Let  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ , the **differential** of  $f$  is  $df \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$ , such that  $\forall p \in M, D \in T_p M, (df)_p(D) := Df \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus we have a function  $d : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$

**Proposition 1.26.** Given a vector field  $\mathbf{v}$ , we have

$$\langle df, \mathbf{v} \rangle|_p = \langle df_p, \mathbf{v}_p \rangle = \mathbf{v}_p(f)$$

**Proposition 1.27.**

$$\Upsilon^j = dx^j, \Upsilon_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} = \partial_j$$

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**Corollary 1.28.** Let  $(U, \phi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$  be a coordinate chart for  $M$ , then for any  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ , we have

$$df|_U = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dx^i = (\partial_i f) dx^i$$

## 1.8 Tensors

**Definition 41.** A  $(r, s)$  tensor, or a **r-variant-s-covariant-tensor** is an element from  $(V)^{\otimes r} \otimes (V^*)^{\otimes s}$ .

**Definition 42.** A  $(r, s)$  tensor  $\mathcal{T} = \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_r, j_1, \dots, j_s) \in [n]^{r+s}} \mathcal{T}_{j_1, \dots, j_s}^{i_1, \dots, i_r} E_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes E_{i_r} \otimes E^{j_1} \otimes \dots \otimes E^{j_s}$  can be viewed as a map  $(V^*)^r \times V^s \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}(\omega^1, \dots, \omega^r, v_1, \dots, v_s) &:= \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_r, j_1, \dots, j_s) \in [n]^{r+s}} \mathcal{T}_{j_1, \dots, j_s}^{i_1, \dots, i_r} \omega^1(E_{i_1}) \dots \omega^r(E_{i_r}) E^{j_1}(v_1) \dots E^{j_s}(v_s) \\ &= \mathcal{T}_{j_1, \dots, j_s}^{i_1, \dots, i_r} \langle \omega^1, E_{i_1} \rangle \dots \langle \omega^r, E_{i_r} \rangle \langle E^{j_1}, v_1 \rangle \dots \langle E^{j_s}, v_s \rangle \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.8.1.** A vector is a  $(1,0)$  tensor.

**Example 1.8.2.** A co-vector is a  $(0,1)$  tensor.

**Example 1.8.3.** A real inner product is a  $(0,2)$  tensor.

**Example 1.8.4.** The determinant of a  $n \times n$  real matrix is a  $(0,n)$  tensor as a function on the column/row vectors.

## 1.9 Alternating Tensor and wedge product

**Definition 43.** A covariant k-tensor is **symmetric** if  $\forall 1 \leq i < j \leq k, v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$ ,

$$\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_k) = \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k).$$

It is **alternating** or **anti-symmetric** if  $\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_k) = -\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k)$

**Definition 44.** Given a permutation  $\sigma \in S_k$ , **sign** of it is  $Sgn(\sigma) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{permutation is got by even transposition} \\ -1 & \text{permutation is got by odd transposition} \end{cases}$

**Definition 45.** Given a tensor  $\alpha \in T^k(V^*)$ , the **alternation** of it is  $Alt(\alpha) \in T^k(V^*)$ , defined by  $Alt(\alpha)(v_1, \dots, v_k) := \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} sgn(\sigma) \alpha(v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(k)})$

**Proposition 1.29.**  $\forall \alpha \in T^k(V^*), Alt(\alpha) \in \Lambda^k(V^*)$

**Proposition 1.30.**  $\forall \alpha \in \Lambda^k(V^*), Alt(\alpha) = \alpha$

**Definition 46.** The **wedge product** of two covariant tensors  $u, v$  is defined to be  $u \wedge v := u \otimes v - v \otimes u$

**Proposition 1.31.**  $\forall s, s \wedge s = 0$

**Proposition 1.32.** For  $u_1, \dots, u_k$ , we have  $u_1 \wedge \dots \wedge u_k = k! Alt(u_1 \otimes \dots \otimes u_k) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} sgn(\sigma) v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(k)}$

**Proposition 1.33.** Let  $\{E^1, \dots, E^n\}$  be a dual basis for  $V^*$ , and  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k) \in [n]^k$ , then we define the **elementary alternating tensor**

$$E^I = E^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge E^{i_k}$$

**Proposition 1.34.** Let  $I, J \in [n]^k$  be both increasing, then  $E^I \wedge E^J = (-1)^{|I| \cdot |J|} E^J \wedge E^I$

**Definition 47.** Let  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k), J = (j_1, \dots, j_k) \in [n]^k$ , then

$$\delta_J^I = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if I or J have repeated indices, or I is not any permutation of J} \\ 1 & \text{if I is an even permutation of J} \\ -1 & \text{if I is an odd permutation of J} \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 1.35.** If  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$  have any repeated indices, i.e.  $\exists 1 \leq l \neq m \leq k, i_l = i_m$ , then  $E^I = 0$

**Proposition 1.36.** If  $J = (i_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, i_{\sigma(k)})$ , then  $E^J = sgn(\sigma) E^I$

**Proposition 1.37.** Let  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k), J = (j_1, \dots, j_k) \in [n]^k$ , then  $E^I(E_{j_1}, \dots, E_{j_k}) = \delta_J^I$

**Proposition 1.38.** Let  $\dim(V) = n, k \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , if  $k > n$ , then  $\Lambda^k(V^*) = \{0\}$ , otherwise  $\dim(\Lambda^k(V^*)) = \binom{n}{k}$ , and a basis is given by  $\mathcal{E}^k := \{E^I | I \text{ is increasing multi-index of length } k\}$

## 1.10 Tensor fields or k-form

**Definition 48.** Given a smooth manifold  $M$ , a **covariant k-tensor field on  $M$**  or a **k-form** is a smooth map  $A : M \rightarrow T^k T^* M$ , s.t.  $A_p := A(p) \in T^k(T_p^* M)$ . The set of all k-forms is  $\Gamma(T^k T^* M)$

**Proposition 1.39.**  $\Gamma(T^k T^* M)$  is an infinite dimensional vector space.

**Proposition 1.40.** Let  $(U, \phi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$  be a coordinate chart for  $M$ , then for covariant k-tensor field  $A \in \Gamma(T^k T^* M)$ , it can be written as  $A|_U = \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_k) \in [n]^k} A_{i_1, \dots, i_k} dx^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dx^{i_k}$

**Definition 49.** An **alternating covariant k-tensor field** or **alternating k-form** on  $M$  is a smooth map  $A : M \rightarrow \bigsqcup_{p \in M} \Lambda^k(T_p^* M)$  such that  $\forall p \in M, A_p := A(p) \in \Lambda^k(T_p^* M)$ . The set of all alternating k-forms on  $M$  is  $\Omega^k(M)$

**Definition 50.**  $\Omega^0(M) := C^\infty(M)$

**Definition 51.**  $\wedge : \Omega^k(M) \times \Omega^l(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+l}(M)$  is defined to be  $(\zeta \wedge \eta)_p := \zeta_p \wedge \eta_p$ , where  $\zeta_p \in \Lambda^k(T_p^* M), \eta_p \in \Lambda^l(T_p^* M)$ . For  $k = 0, f \in C^\infty(M), f \wedge \eta := f \eta$

**Proposition 1.41.** Let  $(U, \phi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$  be a coordinate chart for  $M$ , then for an alternating covariant k-tensor field  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$ , it can be written as  $\omega|_U = \sum_{(i_1 < \dots < i_k) \in [n]^k} \omega_{i_1, \dots, i_k} dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k}$ , where  $\omega_{i_1, \dots, i_k} = \omega(\partial_{i_1}, \dots, \partial_{i_k})$ , and  $dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k}(\partial_{j_1}, \dots, \partial_{j_k}) = \delta_J^I$

## 1.11 Push-forward and Pull-back

**Definition 52.** For  $f \in \Omega^0(N) = C^\infty(N)$ , we have the **pull-back** of  $f$  by a smooth map  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is

$$F^* f = f \circ F \in C^\infty(M)$$

**Definition 53.** The **push-forward** of a vector field  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  by a diffeomorphism  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is the unique vector field  $F_* \mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$ , defined by

$$\forall q \in N, F_* \mathbf{v}_q := dF_{F^{-1}(q)}(\mathbf{v}_{F^{-1}(q)})$$

**Proposition 1.42.** For any diffeomorphism  $F : M \rightarrow N$ , vector field  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{X}(N), f \in C^\infty(N)$ , we always have

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, F^* f \rangle_p = \langle F_* \mathbf{v}, f \rangle_{F(p)}$$

**Definition 54.** Given a smooth map  $F : M \rightarrow N$ , and a co-vector field  $\omega \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$ , the **pull-back of a 1-form  $\omega$**  by  $F$  is  $F^* \omega \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$  defined by  $\langle F^* \omega, \mathbf{v} \rangle_p = \langle \omega, F_* \mathbf{v} \rangle_{F(p)}$

**Proposition 1.43.** Given  $u \in C^\infty(M)$

1.  $F^* u F^* \omega = (u \circ F) F^* \omega = F^*(u \omega) \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$
2.  $F^*(du) = d(u \circ F) = d(F^* u) \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$

**Definition 55.** Given a smooth map  $F : M \rightarrow N, p \in M, \alpha \in T^k(T_{F(p)}^* N)$ , the **pull-back of a covariant k-tensor  $\alpha$**  by  $F$  at  $p$  is  $dF_p^*(\alpha) \in T^k(T_p^* M)$ , defined by  $dF_p^*(\alpha)(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \alpha(dF_p(v_1), \dots, dF_p(v_k)) \in C^\infty(N)$ . This way we obtain a linear map  $dF_p^* : T^k(T_{F(p)}^* N) \rightarrow T^k(T_p^* M)$

**Definition 56.** Let  $A \in \Gamma(T^k T^* N)$  be a k-form, the **pull-back of a k-form  $A$**  by a smooth map  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is  $F^* A \in \Gamma(T^k T^* M)$  defined by  $(F^* A)_p := dF_p^*(A_{F(p)})$ . This way we get a  $F^* : \Gamma(T^k T^* N) \rightarrow \Gamma(T^k T^* M)$

**Definition 57.** The **push-forward of a contra-variant k-tensor field  $\mathbf{V} \in \Lambda(T^k TM)$**  by a diffeomorphism  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is  $F^*(\mathbf{V}) \in \Lambda(T^k TN)$ , defined by  $\forall A \in \Gamma(T^{k-1} T^* N), p \in M, \langle \mathbf{V}, F^* A \rangle_p = \langle (F_* \mathbf{V}), A \rangle_{F(p)}$

**Proposition 1.44.** For any  $\forall A \in \Gamma(T^k T^* N)$ ,  $V \in \Lambda(T^k TM)$ ,  $p \in M$ ,  $\langle F^* A, V \rangle|_p = \langle A, (F_* V) \rangle|_{F(p)}$

**Definition 58.** We define the **pull-back of a contra-variant k-tensor field**  $V \in \Gamma(T^k TN)$  by a diffeomorphism  $F : M \rightarrow N$  to be  $F^*(V) := F_*^{-1}(V) \in \Lambda(T^k TM)$ , which is the push-forward of  $V$  by  $F^{-1} : N \rightarrow M$

**Definition 59.** The **pull-back of an (r,s)-tensor field**  $\mathcal{T}$  is by taking the pullback on the r-contra-variant field and the s-co-variant part respectively.

## 1.12 Lie Derivative

**Definition 60.** Let  $v, w \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , the **Lie derivative** of  $w$  with respect to  $v$  is a map  $\mathcal{L}_v w : M \rightarrow TM$  defined by  $\mathcal{L}_v w_p = \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0}(d(\Theta_{-t})_{\Theta_t(p)} w_{\Theta_t(p)})$ , where  $\Theta$  is the flow generated by  $v$ .

**Lemma 1.45.**  $\mathcal{L}_v w \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  is a vector field.

**Theorem 1.46.** If  $v, w \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_v w = [v, w]$

*Remark.*  $d(\Theta_{-t})_{\Theta_t(p)} w_{\Theta_t(p)} = d(\Theta_{-t})_{(\Theta_{-t})^{-1}(p)} w_{(\Theta_{-t})^{-1}(p)} = (\Theta_{-t})_* w_p = \Theta_t^* w_p$ , thus we can write  $\mathcal{L}_v w_p = \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0} \Theta_t^* w_p$

**Definition 61.** We can generalize the **Lie derivative** to act on any (r,s)-tensor field  $\mathcal{T}$  by

$$\mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{T}_p := \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0} (\Theta_t^* \mathcal{T})|_p := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Theta_t^* \mathcal{T}_{\Theta_t(p)} - \mathcal{T}_p}{t},$$

which is still a (r,s)-tensor. As before,  $\Theta$  is the flow generated by  $v$ .

**Proposition 1.47.**  $\mathcal{L}_v(\mathcal{T} \otimes S) = \mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{T} \otimes S + \mathcal{T} \otimes \mathcal{L}_v S$

**Proposition 1.48.**  $\mathcal{L}_v(\langle \mathcal{T}, S \rangle) = \langle \mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{T}, S \rangle + \langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{L}_v S \rangle$

**Proposition 1.49.** For  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_v(f) = v(f)$

**Proposition 1.50.** Consider a 1-form  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_v \sigma = (v^\mu \partial_\mu \sigma_\nu + \sigma_\mu \partial_\nu v^\mu) dx^\nu$

**Proposition 1.51.** In general, for any (r,s)-tensor  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}_{j_1, \dots, j_s}^{i_1, \dots, i_r} \partial_{i_r} \otimes \dots \otimes \partial_{i_1} \otimes dx^{j_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dx^{j_s}$ , we have

$$(\mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{T})_{j_1, \dots, j_s}^{i_1, \dots, i_r} = \left( v^k \partial_k \mathcal{T}_{j_1, \dots, j_s}^{i_1, \dots, i_r} - \mathcal{T}_{j_1, \dots, j_s}^{k, i_2, \dots, i_r} \partial_k v^{i_1} - \dots - \mathcal{T}_{j_1, \dots, j_s}^{i_1, \dots, i_{r-1}, k} \partial_k v^{i_r} + \mathcal{T}_{k, j_2, \dots, j_s}^{i_1, \dots, i_r} \partial_{j_1} v^k + \dots + \mathcal{T}_{j_1, \dots, j_{s-1}, k}^{i_1, \dots, i_r} \partial_{j_s} v^k \right)$$

## 2 Exterior derivative

**Definition 62.** Let  $\omega = \sum_{(i_1 < \dots < i_k) \in [n]^k} \omega_{i_1, \dots, i_k} dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k} \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R})$ , the **exterior derivative** of  $\omega$  is  $d\omega := \sum_{(i_1 < \dots < i_k) \in [n]^k} d(\omega_{i_1, \dots, i_k}) \wedge dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k} = \frac{\partial \omega_{i_1, \dots, i_k}}{\partial x^j} dx^j \wedge dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k} \in \Omega^{k+1}(\mathbb{R})$

**Proposition 2.1.** If  $f \in C^\infty(U) = \Omega^0(U)$ , then we have  $df = df \in \Omega^1(U)$

**Proposition 2.2.**  $d : \Omega^k(U) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(U)$  is linear

**Proposition 2.3.**  $d \circ d : \Omega^k(U) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+2}(U)$  is the zero map.

**Proposition 2.4.**  $\forall \omega \in \Omega^k(U), \eta \in \Omega^l(U)$ , we have  $d(\omega \wedge \eta) = d\omega \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d\eta$

**Proposition 2.5.** For any smooth map  $F : U \rightarrow V$ , and any alternating k-form  $\omega \in \Omega^k(V)$ , we always have  $d(F^* \omega) = F^*(d\omega)$

**Theorem 2.6.** For any smooth manifold  $M$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a unique linear map  $d : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M)$  such that

1. If  $f \in C^\infty(M) = \Omega^0(M)$ , then we have  $df = df \in \Omega^1(M)$
2.  $d \circ d : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+2}(M)$  is the zero map.
3.  $\forall \omega \in \Omega^k(M), \eta \in \Omega^l(M)$ , we have  $d(\omega \wedge \eta) = d\omega \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d\eta$

**Theorem 2.7.** Cartan identity:  $\mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{T} = \langle d\mathcal{T}, v \rangle + d\langle \mathcal{T}, v \rangle$

## 3 Mechanics

### 3.1 Legendre transform

Consider a physical system with  $n$  degree of freedom, described by a configuration space  $Q$  of  $n$  dimensions. Let  $q^\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha = 1, \dots, n$  to be some generalized coordinates for some point  $q \in Q$ . The trajectory of the system is a function  $s \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow q(s) \in Q$ . Note the possible tangent vectors  $\dot{q} = \frac{d}{ds}q(s)$  spans the tangent vector space  $T_q Q$ . The **velocity phase space**  $TQ$  is the tangent bundle  $\bigsqcup_{q \in Q} T_q Q$ .

Note that a chart  $\phi : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  induces a chart  $\phi' : TQ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  by  $\forall \dot{q} \in T_q Q, \phi'(\dot{q}) = (q^1, \dots, q^n, \dot{q}^1, \dots, \dot{q}^n)$

**Definition 63.** Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $l : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function, the **Legendre transform** of  $l$  is a new function  $h : V^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , defined by  $\forall p \in V^*, h(p) := \max_{v \in V} f(p, v)$ , where  $f(p, v) := p_a v^a - l(v)$

**Proposition 3.1.** The value of  $v$  to maximize  $f(p, v)$  is when  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial v^a} = p_a - \frac{\partial l}{\partial v^a} = 0$ . By convexity, we can always get such a maximum value, call it  $v(p)$

**Corollary 3.2.**  $h(p) = f(p, v(p))$

**Definition 64.** For  $l(v) = e^v, h(p) = p \log(p) - p$

### 3.2 Hamilton's equations

**Definition 65.** Consider a system with non-singular Lagrangian  $L(q, \dot{q}, t)$ . We define the **Hamiltonian** of the system as the Legendre transform of the Lagrangian with respect to the generalized velocity  $\dot{q}$ . Namely, with  $p_a = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}^a}, H(q, p, t) = \max_{\dot{q}} [p_a \dot{q}^a - L(q, \dot{q}, t)]$

**Proposition 3.3.**  $\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial L}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial H}{\partial q^a} = -\dot{p}_a, \frac{\partial H}{\partial p^a} = \dot{q}_a$