Lecture 0: Summary (part 2)

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1 Vector Space

1.1 Topological Vector Space

- **Definition** A <u>vector space</u> over a field F is a set V together with two operations, the (vector) addition $+: V \times V \to V$ and scalar multiplication $\cdot: F \times V \to V$, that satisfy the eight axioms listed below: for all $x, y, z \in V$, $\alpha, \beta \in F$,
 - 1. The associativity of addition: x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z;
 - 2. The *commutativity* of addition: x + y = y + x;
 - 3. The *identity* of addition: $\exists \mathbf{0} \in V$ such that $\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$;
 - 4. The *inverse* of addition: $\forall x \in V, \exists -x \in V$, so that x + (-x) = 0;
 - 5. Compatibility of scalar multiplication with field multiplication: $\alpha(\beta \cdot \mathbf{x}) = (\alpha\beta) \cdot \mathbf{x}$;
 - 6. The *identity* of scalar multiplication: $\exists 1 \in F$, such that $1 \cdot x = x$;
 - 7. The distributivity of scalar multiplication with respect to vector addition: $\alpha \cdot (\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{y}) = \alpha \cdot \boldsymbol{x} + \alpha \cdot \boldsymbol{y}$;
 - 8. The distributivity of scalar multiplication with respect to field addition: $(\alpha + \beta) \cdot \boldsymbol{x} = \alpha \cdot \boldsymbol{x} + \beta \cdot \boldsymbol{x}$.

Elements of V are commonly called *vectors*. Elements of F are commonly called *scalars*. When $F = \mathbb{R}$, we say V is a real vector space.

- **Definition** A vector space X endowed with a topology is called a **topological vector space**, denoted as (X, \mathcal{T}) , if the addition $+: X \times X \to X$ and scale multiplication $\cdot: F \times X \to X$ are continuous.
- **Definition** A topological vector space is *locally convex space*, if V is open and $x \in V$, then one can find a *convex open* set $U \subset X$ such that $x \in U \subset V$. That is, there exists a base of convex sets \mathscr{B} that generates the topology \mathscr{T} .
- **Definition** Let V and W be real vector spaces. A map $T: V \to W$ is **linear** if T(av+bw) = aT(v) + bT(w) for all vectors $v, w \in V$ and all scalars a, b.

In the special case W = F, a linear map from V to F is usually called **a linear functional** on V.

- **Definition** If $T: V \to W$ is a linear map, the **kernel** or **null space** of T, denoted by KerT or $T^{-1}(0)$, is the set $\{v \in V: T(v) = 0\}$, and the **image** of T, denoted by ImT or T(V), is the set $\{w \in W: w = T(v) \text{ for some } v \in V\}$.
- **Definition** If V and W are vector spaces, a *bijective linear map* $T:V\to W$ is called an isomorphism.

In this case, there is a unique inverse map $T^{-1}: W \to V$, and T^{-1} is also linear:

$$a T^{-1}(v) + b T^{-1}(w) = T^{-1} (a v + b w)$$

For this reason, a bijective linear map is also said to be **invertible**. If there exists an isomorphism $T: V \to W$, then V and W are said to be **isomorphic**.

1.2 Dual Vector Spaces and Covectors

• **Definition** Let V be a finite-dimensional real vector space. We define a <u>covector</u> on V to be a real-valued linear functional on V, that is, a linear map $\omega: V \to F$.

The space of all covectors on V is itself a real vector space under the obvious operations of pointwise addition and scalar multiplication. It is denoted by V^* and called the <u>dual space</u> of V.

• Proposition 1.1 (Duality between Vector Space and Covector Space) Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space. Given any basis (E_1, \ldots, E_n) for V, let $\epsilon^1, \ldots, \epsilon^n \in V^*$ be the covectors defined by

$$\epsilon^i(E_j) = \delta^i_j$$

where δ_j^i is the Kronecker delta symbol. Then $\epsilon^1, \ldots, \epsilon^n$ is a **basis** for V^* , called the **dual basis** to (E_j) . Therefore, $\dim V^* = \dim V$.

• Example For example, we can apply this to *the standard basis* (e_1, \ldots, e_n) for \mathbb{R}^n . The *dual basis* is denoted by (e^1, \ldots, e^n) (note the *upper indices*), and is called *the standard dual basis*. These basis *covectors* are the *linear functionals* on \mathbb{R}^n given by

$$e^{i}(v) = e^{i}(v^{1}, \dots, v^{n}) = v^{i}.$$
 (1)

In other words, e^i is the linear functional that picks out the i-th component of a vector.

In **matrix notation**, a linear map from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R} is represented by a $1 \times n$ matrix, called a **row matrix**. The **basis covectors** can therefore also be thought of as the linear functionals represented by the **row matrices**

$$e^{i} = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0), \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$
 (2)

where *i*-th element is 1 and the others are all zeros.

• Remark (Coordinate Representation of Covectors)

More generally, we can express an arbitrary covector $\omega \in V^*$ in terms of the dual basis (ϵ^i)
as

$$\omega = \omega_i \epsilon^i \tag{3}$$

where the components are determined by $\omega_i = \omega(E_i)$.

• Remark Covector acts on vector to obtain a real number, which is *the inner product* between the component functions (coordinates in V^*) of covector and the component function (coordinates in V) of vector. This is *the duality principle*.

$$\omega(v) = (\omega_i \epsilon^i) (v^j E_j) = \omega_i v^j \epsilon^i (E_j) = \omega_i v^j \delta^i_j = \omega_i v^i.$$
(4)

• **Definition** Suppose V and W are vector spaces and $A: V \to W$ is a *linear map*. We define a *linear map* $A^*: W^* \to V^*$, called **the dual map** or **transpose of** A, by

$$(A^* \omega)(v) = \omega (A v), \quad \forall \omega \in W^*, \ v \in V.$$
 (5)

• **Definition** Apart from the fact that the dimension of V^* is the same as that of V, the second most important fact about dual spaces is the following characterization of the **second dual space** $V^{**} = (V^*)^*$.

For each vector space V there is a natural, **basis-independent map** $\xi: V \to V^{**}$, defined as follows. For each vector $v \in V$, define a **linear functional** $\xi(v): V^* \to \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\xi(v)(\omega) = \omega(v), \quad \forall \omega \in V^*.$$
 (6)

- Proposition 1.2 For any finite-dimensional vector space V, the map $\xi: V \to V^{**}$ is an isomorphism.
- Remark When a covector ω acts on a vector v as $\omega(v)$, it is *equivalent* to say that the vector ξ_v acts on covector ω as $\xi_v(\omega)$. The isomorphism $v \mapsto \xi_v$ indicates that a vector can be seen as a linear functional on space of linear functionals itself.
- Remark Some of important things to note:
 - The preceding proposition shows that when V is finite-dimensional, we can unambiguously *identify* V^{**} with V itself, because the map ξ is *canonically defined*, without reference to any basis.
 - It is important to observe that although V^* is also **isomorphic** to V (for the simple reason that any two finite-dimensional vector spaces of the same dimension are isomorphic), there is **no canonical isomorphism** $V \simeq V^*$.
 - Because of Proposition above, the real number $\omega(v)$ obtained by applying a covector ω to a vector v is sometimes denoted by either of the more symmetric-looking notations $\langle \omega, v \rangle$ and $\langle v, \omega \rangle$, both expressions can be thought of either as the action of the covector $\omega \in V^*$ on the vector $v \in V$, or as the action of the linear functional $\xi(v) \in V^{**}$ on the element $\omega \in V^*$.
 - There should be no cause for confusion with the use of the same angle bracket notation for inner products: whenever one of the arguments is a **vector** and the other a **covector**, the notation $\langle \omega, v \rangle$ is always to be interpreted as the **natural pairing** between vectors and covectors, not as an inner product. We typically omit any mention of the map ξ , and think of $v \in V$ either as a **vector** or as a **linear functional** on V^* , depending on the context.
 - There is also a **symmetry** between **bases** and **dual bases** for a finite-dimensional vector space V: any **basis** for V **determines** a **dual basis** for V^* , and **conversely**, any **basis** for V^* determines a **dual basis** for $V^{**} = V$.
 - If (ϵ^i) is the basis for V^* dual to a basis (E_j) for V, then (E_j) is the basis dual to (ϵ^i) , because both statements are equivalent to the relation $\langle \epsilon^i, E_j \rangle = \delta^i_j$.

2 Tangent Vector and Cotangent Vector

2.1 Tangent Vectors and Differentials at p

- Remark An element in Euclidean space $(x^1, \ldots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ has two distinct roles:
 - 1. As a **point** in space, whose only property is its **location** (x^1, \ldots, x^n) ;
 - 2. As a **vector**, which are objects that have **magnitude** and **direction**, but whose location is irrelevant.

These two roles are **split** in the settings of a **smooth manifold** M: The first one corresponds to a **point** $p \in M$ and the second one corresponds to **the tangent vector** $v \in T_pM$. The point p and its associated tangent vector v are independent.

• **Definition** If a is a point of \mathbb{R}^n , a map $w : \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathbb{R}$ is called a <u>derivation at a</u> if it is *linear* over \mathbb{R} and satisfies the following *product rule (Leibnitz rule)*:

$$w(f g) = f(a) w(g) + g(a) w(f), \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$
 (7)

• Remark Let $T_a\mathbb{R}^n$ denote the **set of all derivations** of $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ at a. Clearly, $T_a\mathbb{R}^n$ is a vector space under the operations

$$(w_1 + w_2)(f) = w_1(f) + w_2(f), \quad (c w)(f) = c w(f).$$

• **Remark** For vector space, its tangent space coincides with its self. That is, derivations at a point are in *one-to-one correspondence* with geometric tangent vectors.

Proposition 2.1 Let $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

1. For each geometric tangent vector $v_a \in \mathbb{R}^n_a$, the map $D_v|_a : \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by following

$$D_v|_a(f) = D_v(f(a)) = \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0} f(a+tv).$$
 (8)

is a derivation at a.

- 2. The map $v_a \to D_v|_a$ is an **isomorphism** from \mathbb{R}^n_a onto $T_a\mathbb{R}^n$.
- Corollary 2.2 For any $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the n derivations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\Big|_a, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\Big|_a \quad defined \ by \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_a(f) := \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(a).$$
 (9)

form a basis for $T_a\mathbb{R}^n$, which therefore has dimension n.

• **Definition** Let M be a smooth manifold with or without boundary, and let p be a point of M. A *linear* map $v: \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M) \to \mathbb{R}$ is called a <u>derivation at p</u> if it satisfies the *Product* rule:

$$v(f g) = f(a) v(g) + g(a) v(f), \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$$
(10)

The set of all derivations of $C^{\infty}(M)$ at p, denoted by T_pM , is a **vector space** called the **tangent space** to M at p. An element of T_pM is called a **tangent vector** at p.

- Remark Each tangent vector $v \in T_pM$ has $two \ roles$:
 - 1. An *element* (vector) in tangent space T_pM ;
 - 2. A *linear functional* $v: \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M) \to \mathbb{R}$ that act on a smooth function f by taking directional derivatives of f along direction of v
- **Definition** If M and N are *smooth* manifolds with or without boundary and $F: M \to N$ is a *smooth* map, for each $p \in M$ we define a map

$$dF_p: T_pM \to T_{F(p)}N,$$

called the <u>differential</u> of F at p, as follows. Given $v \in T_pM$, we let $dF_p(v)$ be the **derivation** at F(p) that acts on $f \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(N)$ by the rule

$$dF_p(v)(f) = v(f \circ F). \tag{11}$$

Note that if $f \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(N)$, then $f \circ F \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$, so $v(f \circ F)$ makes sense.

• Remark $dF_p(v): \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(N) \to \mathbb{R}$ is a *linear operator* because v is, and is a *derivation* at F(p) because for any $f, g \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(N)$ we have the product rule

$$dF_{p}(v)(fg) = v((f g) \circ F) = v((f \circ F) (g \circ F))$$

= $(f \circ F)(p) v(g \circ F) + (g \circ F)(p) v(f \circ F)$
= $f(F(p)) dF_{p}(v)(g) + g(F(p)) dF_{p}(v)(f)$

- Remark The differential at p, dF_p is a linear operator that maps a linear functional on $C^{\infty}(M)$ to another linear functional $C^{\infty}(N)$. This reflects the impact of smooth map $F: M \to N$.
- $\bullet \ \ Proposition \ 2.3 \ \ (Properties \ of \ Differentials).$

Let M, N, and P be smooth manifolds with or without boundary, let $F: M \to N$ and $G: N \to P$ be smooth maps, and let $p \in M$.

- 1. $dF_p: T_pM \to T_{F(p)}N$ is **linear**.
- 2. $d(G \circ F)_p = dG_{F(p)} \circ dF_p : T_pM \to T_{(G \circ F)(p)}P$.
- 3. $d(Id_M)_p = Id_{T_pM} : T_pM \to T_pM$.
- 4. If F is a **diffeomorphism**, then $dF_p: T_pM \to T_{F(p)}N$ is an **isomorphism**, and $(dF_p)^{-1} = d(F^{-1})_{F(p)}$
- Remark The property 4 is critical. Note that given a smooth chart (U, φ) , $\varphi : U \to \mathbb{R}^n$ is a diffeomorphism so the differential of coordinate map $d\varphi_p$ is an isomorphism between T_pU and $T_{\varphi(p)}\mathbb{R}^n$.
- Remark Get familar with these following expressions:
 - 1. $vf \in \mathbb{R}$ where $v \in T_pM$. This is to compute the directional derivatives of f along direction of v at point p;
 - 2. $dF_p(v) \in T_{F(p)}N$, where $v \in T_pM$. This is a linear operator that maps a tangent vector in T_pM to a tangent vector in $T_{F(p)}N$. Note that the base point $p \mapsto F(p)$.
 - 3. $dF_p(v)g \in \mathbb{R}$ where $g \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(N)$. This is to compute the directional derivatives of g along direction of $dF_p(v)$ at point F(p);

2.2 Coordinate Representation of Tangent Vector and Differentials

• Remark By Corollary 2.2, the derivations $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}|_{\varphi(p)}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}|_{\varphi(p)}$ form a basis for $T_{\varphi(p)}\mathbb{R}^n$. Therefore, the preimages of these vectors under the isomorphism $d\varphi_p$ form a basis for T_pM

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p := (d\varphi_p)^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_{\varphi(p)}\right) = d(\varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_{\varphi(p)}\right) \tag{12}$$

• Remark Unwinding the definitions (12), we see that $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_p$ acts on a function $f \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(U)$ by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big|_{p}(f) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big|_{\varphi(p)}(f \circ \varphi^{-1}) \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big|_{\widehat{p}}\widehat{f}$$
(13)

where $\widehat{f} = f \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is the **coordinate representation** of f, and $\widehat{p} = (p^1, \dots, p^n) = \varphi(p)$ is the **coordinate representation** of p.

In other word, using same coordinate representation φ^{-1} we can convert the derivation of function along coordinate basis in tangent space of manifold to a partial derivatives of that parameterized function along coordinate axis in Euclidean space.

Definition $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p$ is the **derivation** that takes the *i-th partial derivative of (the coordinate representation of) f at (the coordinate representation of) p.* The vectors $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p$ are called the **coordinate vectors at p** associated with the given coordinate system.

• We summarize our discussion as below proposition.

Proposition 2.4 Let M be a smooth n-manifold with or without boundary, and let $p \in M$. Then T_pM is an n-dimensional vector space, and for any smooth chart (U, φ) containing p, the coordinate vectors $(\partial/\partial x^1|_p, \ldots, \partial/\partial x^n|_p)$ form a basis for T_pM .

• Definition (Coordinate Representation of Tangent Vector) A tangent vector $v \in T_pM$ can be written uniquely as a linear combination

$$v = v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \tag{14}$$

where we use the *Einstein summation convention* as usual.

The ordered basis $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_p)$ is called a <u>coordinate basis</u> for T_pM , and the numbers (v^1, \ldots, v^n) are called the **components** of v with respect to the coordinate basis.

• Remark (Coordinate Representation of dF_p between Euclidean spaces)

Definition The action of *differential* of $F:U\to V$, where $U\subseteq\mathbb{R}^n$ and $V\subseteq\mathbb{R}^m$ on a typical basis vector can be represented as

$$dF_p\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p\right) = \frac{\partial F^j}{\partial x^i}(p)\frac{\partial}{\partial y^j}\Big|_{F(p)} \tag{15}$$

where (x^1, \ldots, x^n) is the coordinates of U and (y^1, \ldots, y^m) is the coordinate of V.

Here, the matrix of dF_p in terms of the coordinate bases is

$$\begin{bmatrix}
\frac{\partial F^{1}}{\partial x^{1}}(p) & \dots & \frac{\partial F^{1}}{\partial x^{n}}(p) \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
\frac{\partial F^{m}}{\partial x^{1}}(p) & \dots & \frac{\partial F^{m}}{\partial x^{n}}(p)
\end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$$
(16)

This matrix is none other than <u>the Jacobian matrix</u> of F at p, which is the **matrix representation** of the **total derivative** $DF_p : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$. Therefore, in this case, $dF_p : T_p\mathbb{R}^n \to T_{F(p)}\mathbb{R}^m$ corresponds to **the total derivative** $DF_p : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$, under our usual identification of Euclidean spaces with their tangent spaces. The same calculation applies if U is an open subset of \mathbb{H}^n and V is an open subset of \mathbb{H}^m .

• (Coordinate Representation of dF_p between Manifolds)

Definition For a smooth map $F: M \to N$ between smooth manifolds with or without boundary, the action of *differential* dF_p on a typical basis vector can be represented as

$$dF_p\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p\right) = \frac{\partial \widehat{F}^j}{\partial x^i}(\widehat{p}) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j}\Big|_{F(p)},\tag{17}$$

where $\widehat{F} = \psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U \cap F^{-1}(V)) \to \psi(V)$ is the **coordinate representation** of F under smooth charts (U, φ) for M and (V, ψ) for N. Also $\widehat{p} = \varphi(p)$ is the coordinate representation of p. The matrix for $[\frac{\partial \widehat{F}^j}{\partial x^i}(\widehat{p})]_{j,i}$ is the Jacobian matrix.

That is dF_p is represented *in coordinate bases* by the *Jacobian matrix* of (the coordinate representative of) F.

- Remark Unlike the Euclidean space, the Jacobian matrix $\left[\frac{\partial \widehat{F}^{j}}{\partial x^{i}}(\widehat{p})\right]_{j,i}$ based on local representation of F and p under smooth charts (U,φ) for M and (V,ψ) for N. Thus the Jacobian matrix for differential dF is dependent on the point p.
- Remark Get familiar with these following expressions:
 - 1. Notice that for coordinate basis, the directional derivatives coincides with the partial derivatives after converting to coordinate representation.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p) = \frac{\partial \widehat{f}}{\partial x^i}(\widehat{p}) = \frac{\partial \widehat{f}}{\partial x^i}(x^1, \dots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}$$
 is

- the coordinate basis vector $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p$ act on f.
- the *i*-th partial derivatives of (coordinate representation) \hat{f} evaluated at $\hat{p} = \varphi(p)$
- 2. The differential of basis in T_pM is the linear map (via transition matrix) of the basis $T_{F(p)}N$

$$dF_p\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p\right) = \frac{\partial \widehat{F}^j}{\partial x^i}(\widehat{p})\frac{\partial}{\partial y^j}\Big|_{F(p)} \in T_{F(p)}N.$$

3. Notice that how differential dF_p act on the coordinate basis operator to obtain a new differential operator through the composition of F. Under coordinate (x^i) in M and (y^j)

in N, the following is just the chain rule

$$dF_p\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p\right)g = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p\left(g\circ F\right) = \frac{\partial\widehat{F}^j}{\partial x^i}(\widehat{p})\frac{\partial}{\partial y^j}\Big|_{F(p)}g = \frac{\partial\widehat{F}^j}{\partial x^i}(\widehat{p})\frac{\partial g}{\partial y^j}(y^1,\dots,y^m),$$

2.3 Change of Coordinates

- Suppose (U, φ) and (V, ψ) are two smooth charts on M, and $p \in U \cap V$. Let us denote the coordinate functions of φ by (x^i) and those of ψ by (\widetilde{x}^i) . Any tangent vector at p can be represented with respect to either basis $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_p)$ or $(\frac{\partial}{\partial \widetilde{x}^i}|_p)$.
- Remark Given two smooth charts (U,φ) and (V,ψ) on M, the *change of coordinates* between basis vectors $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_p)$ (of φ) and $(\frac{\partial}{\partial \widetilde{x}^i}|_p)$ (of ψ) is obtained via

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p = \frac{\partial \widetilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i}(\widehat{p}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \widetilde{x}^j}\Big|_p \tag{18}$$

where $\hat{p} = \varphi(p)$ is the coordinate representation of p under φ .

2.4 Parameterized Curves

- **Definition** If M is a manifold with or without boundary, we define a *curve* in M to be a *continuous* map $\gamma: J \to M$ where $J \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is an interval.
- **Definition** Let M be a smooth manifold with or without boundary. Our definition of tangent spaces leads to a natural interpretation of *velocity vectors*: given a smooth curve $\gamma: J \to M$ and $t_0 \in J$, we define the **velocity of** γ **at** t_0 , denoted by $\gamma'(t_0)$, to be the vector

$$\gamma'(t_0) = d\gamma \left(\frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t_0}\right) \in T_{\gamma(t_1)}M$$

where $\frac{d}{dt}|_{t_0}$ is the standard coordinate basis vector in $T_{t_0}\mathbb{R}$.

• Remark This tangent vector *acts* on functions by

$$\gamma'(t_0) f = d\gamma \left(\frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t_0}\right) f = \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t_0} (f \circ \gamma) = (f \circ \gamma)'(t_0).$$

In other words, $\gamma'(t_0)$ is the **derivation** at $\gamma(t_0)$ obtained by taking the derivative of a function along γ .

If t_0 is an endpoint of J, this still holds, provided that we interpret the derivative with respect to t as a *one-sided derivative*, or equivalently as the derivative of any smooth extension of $f \circ \gamma$ to an open subset of \mathbb{R} .

• Remark Now let (U, φ) be a smooth chart with coordinate functions (x^i) . If $\gamma(t_0) \in U$, we can write the **coordinate representation** of γ as $\gamma(t) = (\gamma^1(t), \ldots, \gamma^n(t))$, at least for t sufficiently close to t_0 , and then the **coordinate formula** for the differential yields

$$\gamma'(t_0) := d\gamma \left(\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t_0} \right) = \frac{d\gamma^i}{dt} (t_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\gamma(t_0)}$$
(19)

This means that $\gamma'(t_0)$ is given by essentially the same formula as it would be in *Euclidean* space: it is the tangent vector whose components in a coordinate basis are the derivatives of the component functions of γ .

• Proposition 2.5 (The Velocity of a Composite Curve) [Lee, 2003.] Let $F: M \to N$ be a smooth map, and let $\gamma: J \to M$ be a smooth curve. For any $t_0 \in J$, the velocity at $t = t_0$ of the composite curve $F \circ \gamma: J \to N$ is given by

$$(F \circ \gamma)'(t_0) = dF \left(\gamma'(t_0)\right). \tag{20}$$

• Corollary 2.6 (Computing the Differential Using a Velocity Vector) [Lee, 2003.] Suppose $F: M \to N$ is a smooth map, $p \in M$, and $v \in T_pM$. Then

$$dF_p(v) = (F \circ \gamma)'(0) \tag{21}$$

for any smooth curve $\gamma: J \to M$ such that $0 \in J$, $\gamma(0) = p$, and $\gamma'(0) = v$.

Proposition 2.7 (Derivative of a Function Along a Curve).
 Suppose M is a smooth manifold with or without boundary, γ : J → M is a smooth curve, and f : M → ℝ is a smooth function. Then the derivative of the real-valued function f ∘ γ : J → ℝ is given by

$$(f \circ \gamma)'(t) = df_{\gamma(t)}(\gamma'(t)). \tag{22}$$

• Remark Therefore we have

$$\gamma'(t_0)f = d\gamma \left(\frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t_0}\right) f = (f \circ \gamma)'(t_0) = df_{\gamma(t_0)}\left(\gamma'(t_0)\right)$$

This shows the duality between the tangent vector $\gamma'(t_0) \in T_{\gamma(t_0)}M$ and the differential $df_{\gamma(t_0)}$.

2.5 Tangent Covectors on Manifolds

• **Definition** Let M be a smooth manifold with or without boundary. For each $p \in M$, we define the <u>cotangent space</u> at p, denoted by T_p^*M , to be the **dual space** to the tangent space T_pM :

$$T_p^*M = (T_pM)^*.$$

Elements of T_p^*M are called <u>tangent covectors at p</u>, <u>cotangent vectors at p</u>, or just <u>covectors at p</u>. $\omega \in T_p^*M$ is a <u>linear functional</u> on tangent space T_pM .

• Remark (Coordinate Representation of Covectors) [Lee, 2003.] Given smooth local coordinates (x^i) on an open subset $U \subseteq M$, for each $p \in U$ the coordinate basis $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\big|_p)$ gives rise to a dual basis for T_p^*M , which we denote for the moment by $(\lambda^i\big|_p)$. (In a short while, we will come up with a better notation.)

Any covector $\omega \in T_p^*M$ can thus be written **uniquely** as $\omega = \omega_i \lambda^i |_p$ where

$$\omega_i = \omega \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right). \tag{23}$$

• Remark (Change of Coordinates for Covectors) [Lee, 2003.] Suppose now that (\widetilde{x}^i) is another set of smooth coordinates whose domain contains p, and let $(\widetilde{\lambda}^j|_p)$ denote the basis for T_p^*M dual to $(\frac{\partial}{\partial \widetilde{x}^j}|_p)$. We can compute the components of the same covector ω with respect to the new coordinate system as follows.

First observe that the computations in (18) show that the coordinate vector fields transform as follows:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p = \frac{\partial \widetilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i}(p) \frac{\partial}{\partial \widetilde{x}^j}\Big|_p.$$

Writing ω in both systems as $\omega = \omega_i \lambda^i|_p = \widetilde{\omega}_j \widetilde{\lambda}^j|_p$, we can use (??) to compute the components ω_i in terms of $\widetilde{\omega}_j$:

$$\omega_i = \omega \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) = \omega \left(\frac{\partial \widetilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i} (p) \frac{\partial}{\partial \widetilde{x}^j} \Big|_p \right) = \frac{\partial \widetilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i} (p) \, \widetilde{\omega}_j.$$

In sum, we have the change of coordinate formula for covectors

$$\omega_i = \frac{\partial \widetilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i}(p)\,\widetilde{\omega}_j. \tag{24}$$

• **Definition** Let f be a smooth real-valued function on a smooth manifold M with or without boundary. (As usual, all of this discussion applies to functions defined on an open subset $U \subseteq M$; simply by replacing M with U throughout.) We define a **covector field** df, called **the differential of** f, by

$$df_p(v) = v f, \quad \forall v \in T_p M.$$

• Remark (Coordinate Representation of differential of f) Let (x^i) be smooth coordinates on an open subset $U \subseteq M$, and let (λ^i) be the corresponding coordinate coframe on U. Write df in coordinates as $df_p = A_i(p)\lambda^i|_p$ for some functions $A_i: U \to \mathbb{R}$, then the definition of df implies

$$A_i(p) = df_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p).$$

This yields the following formula for the coordinate representation of df:

$$df_p = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p) \; \lambda^i|_p \tag{25}$$

Thus, the **component functions** of df in any smooth coordinate chart are **the partial derivatives of** f with respect to those coordinates. Because of this, we can think of df as an analogue of the classical gradient, reinterpreted in a way that makes coordinate-independent sense on a manifold.

• Remark (Basis of Tangent Covector Space T_p^*M) Let (x^j) be a set of **coordinate functions**, where $x^j: U \to \mathbb{R}$ has coordinate representation as $(x^j \circ \varphi^{-1})(x^1, \dots, x^n) = x^j$. According to (25), we can represent the **differential of coordinate function** x^j as

$$dx^{j}|_{p} = \frac{\partial x^{j}}{\partial x^{i}}(p) \lambda^{i}|_{p} = \delta^{j}_{i} \lambda^{i}|_{p} = \lambda^{j}|_{p}.$$

In other words, the coordinate covector field λ^j is none other than the differential dx^j . Therefore, the formula (25) for df_p can be rewritten as

$$df_p = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p) \ dx^i|_p. \tag{26}$$

or as an equation between covector fields instead of covectors. The coordinate representation of differential df is

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dx^i. {27}$$

Thus, we have recovered the familiar classical expression for the differential of a function f in coordinates. Henceforth, we abandon the notation λ^i for the coordinate coframe, and use dx^i instead.

• Remark (Coordinate Representation of Tangent Covectors)

The coordinate representation of tangent covector $\omega_p \in T_pM^*$ is

$$\omega_p = \omega_i \, dx^i|_p$$
where $\omega_i = \omega_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right)$ (28)

• Remark (Duality of Basis)

The basis of tangent space T_pM is $(\partial/\partial x^j|_p)$ and the basis for the cotangent space T_p^*M is $(dx^i|_p)$. Thus we have **the duality principle** on basis

$$dx^{i}|_{p}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j}}\Big|_{p}\right) = \delta^{i}_{j}, \quad \forall i, j = 1, \dots, n, \ p \in M$$
(29)

In other word, $dx^i|_p$ is the linear functional that **picks out the** i-th component of a tangent vector at p.

- Remark Just like a tangent vector $v \in T_pM$ has two roles: an element in vector space and a linear functional on $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$, a cotangent vector $df_p \in T_p^*M$ has two roles as well:
 - 1. A linear map (operator) from T_pM to $T_{f(p)}\mathbb{R}$. That is, it maps a tangent vector in T_pM to a tangent vector in $T_{f(p)}\mathbb{R}$: $v \mapsto df_p(v)$. Therefore, $df_p(v)$ is a linear functional can act on a function \mathbb{R} .
 - 2. An element (covector) in dual vector space T_p^*M . Each element in this dual space is a linear functional on T_pM . In this sense, $df_p(v)$ is a real number.
- Remark Note that a nonzero linear functional $\omega_p \in T_p^*M$ is completely determined by two pieces of data: its *kernel*, which is a linear hyperplane in T_pM (a codimension-1 linear subspace); and the set of vectors v for which $\omega_p(v) = 1$, which is an affine hyperplane parallel to the kernel. The value of $\omega_p(v)$ for any other vector v is then obtained by linear interpolation or extrapolation.
- One very important property of the differential is the following characterization of smooth functions with vanishing differentials.

Proposition 2.8 (Functions with Vanishing Differentials). [Lee, 2003.] If f is a smooth real-valued function on a smooth manifold M with or without boundary, then df = 0 if and only if f is constant on each component of M.

- Remark Be familiar with the following expressions:
 - 1. The differential 1-form of f is a covector field

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dx^i$$

where (dx^i) are the coordinate covector fields.

2. A covector $\omega \in T_p^*M$ acts on a tangent vector $v \in T_pM$ results in "the inner product"

$$\omega(v) = \left(\omega_i \, dx^i|_p\right) \left(v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_p\right) = \omega_i v^i = \langle \omega \,, \, v \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$$

Note that $\langle \omega, v \rangle$ is not actually inner product in normal sense, since the first term is a cotangent vector and the second term is a tangent vector.

3. Since $(T_pM)^{**} \simeq T_pM$, we can identify a linear functional that associated with each tangent vector to act on covector. The linear functional ξ in $(T_pM)^{**}$ that **identifies** with the coordinate vector $\partial/\partial x^j$ is **the component function** ω_j of the covectors.

$$\xi \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \Big|_p \right) (\omega_p) = \omega_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \Big|_p \right) = \omega_j$$

4. For $df_p(v) \in T_{f(p)}\mathbb{R}$, it can acts on a one-parameter function $g \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$

$$df_p\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}\Big|_p\right)g = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}\Big|_p(g\circ f) = \frac{dg}{ds}(f(p))\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j}(x^1,\dots,x^n)$$

5. Do not confuse $df_p: T_pM \to T_{f(p)}\mathbb{R}$ with differential of parameterized curve $d\gamma: T_0\mathbb{R} \to T_{\gamma(0)}M$.

3 Bundles

3.1 Tangent Bundle, Frames and Vector Field

3.1.1 Tangent Bundle

• Often it is useful to consider the set of all tangent vectors at all points of a manifold.

Definition Given a smooth manifold M with or without boundary, the <u>tangent bundle</u> of M, denoted by TM, is defined as the **disjoint union** of the tangent spaces at all points of M:

$$TM = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T_p M.$$

• **Definition** The tangent bundle comes equipped with a <u>natural projection map</u> $\pi : TM \to M$, which sends each vector in T_pM to the point p at which it is tangent: $\pi(p,v) = p$.

- Remark The tangent bundle TM is a global extension of the local tangent space T_pM . It plays a critical role when we want to generalize a concept on local tangent space globally (i.e. dropping the dependency on point p). These concepts include:
 - 1. From tangent vector $v \in T_pM$ to vector field $X: M \to TM$, where $X_p \in T_pM$;
 - 2. From derivation at $p: \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M) \to \mathbb{R}$, to derivation operator $X: \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M) \to \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$;
 - 3. From differential of F at p, $dF_p: T_pM \to T_pN$, to the global differential of F, $dF: TM \to TN$.
 - 4. From **basis** tangent vectors in T_pM to **local frames** of manifold M.
- Remark Intuitively, the natural projection map $\pi: TM \to M$ helps us to **locate** for local information given the global structure. Its preimage also confine the region of interest in the global structure. Each tangnet space $T_pM = \pi^{-1}(p)$ is the preimage of π at p, called the **fiber** at p
- Proposition 3.1 (Tangent Bundle Is a Manifold) [Lee, 2003.]
 For any smooth n-manifold M, the tangent bundle TM has a natural topology and smooth structure that make it into a 2n-dimensional smooth manifold. With respect to this structure, the projection π: TM → M is smooth.
- **Definition** Given any smooth chart $(U,(x^i))$ for M, the coordinates (x^i,v^i) given by

$$\widetilde{\varphi}\left(v^i\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p\right) = (x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p), v^1, \dots, v^n).$$

are called *natural coordinates* on TM. Here, the coordinate map $\widetilde{\varphi}: \pi^{-1}(U) \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$.

- Remark From the coordinate of TM, we can see that **the tangent vector** v is considered as <u>free variables</u> as opposed to be considered as associated with the position p in TM as $v \in T_pM$.
- Proposition 3.2 If M is a smooth n-manifold with or without boundary, and M can be covered by a single smooth chart, then TM is diffeomorphic to $M \times \mathbb{R}^n$.
- **Remark** The above proposition states that for a manifold that has a global coordinate system, its tangent bundle also have a global structure as $M \times \mathbb{R}^n$. Note that normally since a tangent space is diffeomorphic to $\{p\} \times \mathbb{R}^n$, the tangent bundle is only defined locally.
- **Definition** By putting together the *differentials* of F at all points of M, we obtain a globally defined map between tangent bundles, called the global differential or global tangent map and denoted by $dF:TM \to TN$.

This is just the map whose restriction to each tangent space $T_pM \subseteq TM$ is dF_p .

• One important feature of the smooth structure we have defined on TM is that it makes the differential of a smooth map into a smooth map between tangent bundles.

Proposition 3.3 If $F: M \to N$ is a smooth map, then its global differential $dF: TM \to TN$ is a smooth map.

• The following properties of tangent bundle comes from Proposition 2.3:

Corollary 3.4 (Properties of the Global Differential) [Lee, 2003.]

Suppose $F: M \to N$ and $G: N \to P$ are smooth maps.

- 1. $d(G \circ F) = dG \circ dF : TM \to TP$.
- 2. $d(Id_M) = Id_{TM} : TM \to TM$.
- 3. If F is a diffeomorphism, then $dF:TM \to TN$ is also a diffeomorphism, and $(dF)^{-1} = d(F^{-1})$

3.1.2 Vector Fields

• **Definition** If M is a smooth manifold with or without boundary, a <u>vector field</u> on M is a **section** of the map $\pi: TM \to M$. More concretely, a vector field is a **continuous** map $X: M \to TM$, usually written $p \mapsto X_p$, with the property that

$$\pi \circ X = \mathrm{Id}_M, \tag{30}$$

or equivalently, $X_p \in T_pM$ for each $p \in M$.

- Remark We write the *value of* X *at* p as X_p instead of X(p) to be consistent with our notation for elements of the tangent bundle, as well as to avoid conflict with the notation v(f) for the action of a vector on a function.
- **Definition** When the map $X: M \to TM$ is *smooth* and the tangent bundle TM is given a *smooth manifold structure*, X is a **smooth vector field**.

In addition, for some purposes it is useful to consider maps from M to TM that would be vector fields except that they might not be continuous. A **rough vector field** on M is a (not necessarily continuous) map $X: M \to TM$ satisfying (30).

• Remark (Coordinate Representation of Vector Field At a Point) Suppose M is a smooth n-manifold (with or without boundary). If $X: M \to TM$ is a rough vector field and $(U, (x^i))$ is any smooth coordinate chart for M, we can write the value of X at any point $p \in U$ in terms of the coordinate basis vectors:

$$X_p = X^i(p) \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right|_p. \tag{31}$$

This defines n functions $X^i:U\to\mathbb{R}$, called the **component functions** of X in the given chart.

- Proposition 3.5 (Smoothness Criterion for Vector Fields) [Lee, 2003.] Let M be a smooth manifold with or without boundary, and let X : M → TM be a rough vector field. If (U, (xⁱ)) is any smooth coordinate chart on M, then the **restriction** of X to U is **smooth** if and only if its **component functions** with respect to this chart are **smooth**.
- Remark (The Space of all Vector Fields on a Manifold is a Vector Space) If M is a smooth manifold with or without boundary, it is standard to use the notation $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ (or equivalently $\Gamma(TM)$) to denote the set of all smooth vector fields on M.

 $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ is a **vector space** under pointwise addition and scalar multiplication:

1. For any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and any $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$,

$$(aX + bY)_p = aX_p + bY_p.$$

2. The zero element of this vector space is the **zero vector field**, whose value at each $p \in M$ is $0 \in T_pM$.

In addition, smooth vector fields can be multiplied by smooth real-valued functions: if $f \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$ and $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, we define $fX : M \to TM$ by

$$(fX)_p = f(p) X_p.$$

• Remark (Coordinate Representation of Vector Field)

We can generalize the formula (31) as the coordinate representation of the vector field X

$$X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}. (32)$$

where $(\partial/\partial x^i)$ are the coordinate vector fields, which are **basis** for $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ and X^i is the *i*-th component function of X in the given coordinates.

In partial differential equations (PDEs), we usually write (32) in dot-product form

$$X = \mathbf{X} \cdot \nabla = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X^{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}$$
where $\mathbf{X} = [X^{1}, \dots, X^{n}], \quad \nabla := \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{n}}\right).$ (33)

 ∇ (the nabla symbol) is also called **gradient operator**.

• An essential property of vector fields is that they define *operators* on the space of smooth real-valued functions.

Definition If $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ and f is a smooth real-valued function defined on an open subset $U \subseteq M$, we obtain a new function $Xf : U \to \mathbb{R}$, defined by

$$(X f)_p = X_p f$$

Note that $v f \equiv v(f)$ as we omit the parenthesis.

- Remark Please do not *confuse* with these two terms:
 - 1. <u>A function mulitiplies</u> <u>a vector field</u> is <u>a vector field</u>, i.e. $fX \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$. Thus $(fX)_p = f(p) X_p \in T_pM$.
 - 2. $\underline{A \ vector \ field \ acts} \ on \ \underline{a \ function} \ is \ \underline{a \ function}, \ i.e. \ Xf \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M).$ Thus $(Xf)_p = X_p f \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$
- **Definition** Define a map $X : \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M) \to \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$ is called a <u>derivation</u> (as distinct from a derivation at p, defined in Chapter 3) if it is **linear** over \mathbb{R} and satisfies the *Product rule*

$$X(fg) = f X(g) + g X(f), \qquad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$$
(34)

Note $fXg \equiv (fX)(g)$ is a function f multiplying the vector field X then acts on function g.

- Remark Please not be confused by the following notions:
 - 1. $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p f \in \mathbb{R}$ is a real number. Similarly $vf \equiv v(f) \in \mathbb{R}$.

- 2. $X f \equiv X(f) \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$ is a smooth function. At each point $p, X_p f \equiv (Xf)_p \in \mathbb{R}$.
- 3. $(Xf)_p = X_p f$ is the directional derivative of f along the direction X_p . In other word, to compute the function g(p) evaluated at p, we can first assign p to vector field X to "simplify" it as X_p , and then to compute the directional derivatives $X_p f$. This is usually simpler than computing g = Xf first and then assign p to value.

An example

$$X = y^{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \cos(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad f(x, y) = \sin(x) y$$

$$g(0, 1) = (Xf)_{(0,1)} = \left(y^{2} \Big|_{(0,1)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Big|_{(0,1)} + \cos(x) \Big|_{(0,1)} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big|_{(0,1)}\right) (\sin(x) y)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Big|_{(0,1)} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big|_{(0,1)}\right) (\sin(x) y)$$

$$= (y \cos(x) + \sin(x))|_{(0,1)} = 1$$

• **Definition** Suppose $F: M \to N$ is *smooth* and X is a *vector field* on M, and suppose there happens to be a *vector field* Y on N with the property that for each $p \in M$,

$$dF_p(X_p) = Y_{F(p)}.$$

In this case, we say the vector fields X and Y are F-related.

• Remark The differential dF_p is defined locally, and it does not guarantee to map a vector field (a global concept) to a vector field. For example, if F is not surjective, there is no way to decide what vector to assign to a point $q \in N \setminus F(M)$. If F is not injective, then for some points of N there may be several different vectors obtained by applying dF to X at different points of M.

3.1.3 Local and Global Frames

- **Definition** Suppose M is a smooth n-manifold with or without boundary. An ordered k-tuple (X_1, \ldots, X_k) of **vector fields** defined on some subset $A \subseteq M$ is said to be **linearly independent** if $(X_1|_p, \ldots, X_k|_p)$ is a **linearly** independent k-tuple in T_pM for each $p \in A$, and is said to **span the tangent bundle** if the k-tuple $(X_1|_p, \ldots, X_k|_p)$ spans T_pM at each $p \in A$.
- **Definition** A <u>local frame</u> for M is an ordered n-tuple of vector fields (E_1, \ldots, E_n) defined on an **open subset** $U \subseteq M$ that is **linearly independent** and **spans the tangent bundle**; thus the vectors $(E_1|_p, \ldots, E_n|_p)$ form a basis for T_pM at each $p \in U$.

 (E_1, \ldots, E_n) is called a **global frame** if U = M, and a **smooth frame** if each of the vector fields E_i is **smooth**.

We often use the shorthand notation (E_i) to denote a frame (E_1, \ldots, E_n) .

• Remark The concept of frames is an extension of the basis vector and coordinate system to manifold. Frames are a set of linearly independent vector fields, which form the basis of space of all vector fields $\mathfrak{X}(M)$. Note that the concept of linear independent vector fields is defined locally at each tangent space.

• **Definition** A k-tuple of vector fields (E_1, \ldots, E_k) defined on some subset $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be **orthonormal** if for each $p \in A$, the vectors $(E_1|_p, \ldots, E_k|_p)$ are **orthonormal** with respect to the Euclidean dot product (where we identify $T_p\mathbb{R}^n$ with \mathbb{R}^n in the usual way).

A (local or global) frame consisting of orthonormal vector fields is called an **orthonormal** frame.

- Lemma 3.6 (Gram-Schmidt Algorithm for Frames). Suppose (X_j) is a smooth local frame for $T\mathbb{R}^n$ over an open subset $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Then there is a smooth orthonormal frame (E_j) over U such that $span(E_1|_p, \ldots, E_j|_p) = span(X_1|_p, \ldots, X_j|_p)$ for each $j = 1, \ldots, n$ and each $p \in U$.
- Although smooth local frames are plentiful, global ones are not.

Definition A smooth manifold with or without boundary is said to be *parallelizable* if it admits a **smooth global frame**.

- Example These are some examples of parallizable or non-parallizable manifolds:
 - $-\mathbb{R}^n$, \mathbb{S}^1 and \mathbb{T}^n are all parallelizable manifold.
 - All **Lie groups** are parallelizable.
 - Most smooth manifolds are not parallelizable. The simplest example of a nonparallelizable manifold is \mathbb{S}^2 . (In fact, \mathbb{S}^1 , \mathbb{S}^3 and \mathbb{S}^7 are the **only** spheres that are parallelizable.)

3.1.4 Integral Curves and Flows

• **Definition** Suppose M is a smooth manifold with or without boundary and V is a *vector* field on M. An <u>integral curve</u> of V is a differentiable curve $\gamma: J \to M$ whose **velocity** at each point is equal to the **value** of V at that point:

$$\gamma'(t) = V_{\gamma(t)}, \quad \forall t \in J.$$

If $0 \in J$, the point $\gamma(0)$ is called **the starting point of** γ .

• Remark Finding integral curves boils down to solving a system of ordinary differential equations in a smooth chart. Suppose $\gamma: J \to M$ is a smooth curve and V is a smooth vector field on M. On a smooth coordinate domain $U \subseteq M$, we can write γ in local coordinates as $\gamma(t) = (\gamma^1(t), \ldots, \gamma^n(t))$. Then the condition $\gamma'(t) = V_{\gamma(t)}$ for to be an integral curve of V can be written

$$\dot{\gamma}^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\gamma(t)} = V^i(\gamma(t)) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\gamma(t)},$$
 (35)

which reduces to the following autonomous system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs):

$$\dot{\gamma}^i(t) = V^i(\gamma^1(t), \dots, \gamma^n(t)), \qquad i = 1, \dots, n.$$
(36)

• The fundamental fact about such systems is the existence, uniqueness, and smoothness theorem from ODE theory [Amann, 2011, Hirsch et al., 2012].

Proposition 3.7 Let V be a smooth vector field on a smooth manifold M. For each point $p \in M$, there exist $\epsilon > 0$ and a smooth curve $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \to M$ that is an integral curve of V starting at p.

- Remark The followings show how how affine reparametrizations affect integral curves:
 - Lemma 3.8 (Rescaling Lemma). [Lee, 2003.]
 Let V be a smooth vector field on a smooth manifold M, let J ⊆ ℝ be an interval, and let γ : J → M be an integral curve of V. For any a ∈ ℝ, the curve γ̃ : J̃ → M defined by γ̃(t) = γ(at) is an integral curve of the vector field aV, where J̃ = {t : at ∈ J}.
 - 2. Lemma 3.9 (Translation Lemma). [Lee, 2003.] Let V, M, J, and γ be as in the preceding lemma. For any $b \in \mathbb{R}$, the curve $\widehat{\gamma} : \widehat{J} \to M$ defined by $\widehat{\gamma}(t) = \gamma(t+b)$ is also an integral curve of V, where $\widehat{J} = \{t : t+b \in J\}$.
 - 3. Proposition 3.10 (Naturality of Integral Curves). [Lee, 2003.] Suppose M and N are smooth manifolds and $F: M \to N$ is a smooth map. Then $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ and $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$ are F-related if and only if F takes integral curves of X to integral curves of Y, meaning that for each integral curve γ of X, $F \circ \gamma$ is an integral curve of Y.
- Definition A global flow on M (also called a one-parameter group action) is defined as a continuous left \mathbb{R} -action on M; that is, a continuous map $\theta : \mathbb{R} \times M \to M$ satisfying the following properties for all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p \in M$:

$$\theta(t, \theta(s, p)) = \theta(t + s, p), \quad \theta(0, p) = p \tag{37}$$

• **Definition** If M is a manifold, a **flow domain** for M is an open subset $\mathfrak{D} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times M$ with the property that for each $p \in M$, the set $\mathfrak{D}^{(p)} = \{t \in \mathbb{R} : (t,p) \in \mathfrak{D}\}$ is an open interval **containing** 0.

A <u>flow</u> on M is a continuous map $\theta : \mathfrak{D} \to M$; where $\mathfrak{D} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times M$ is a flow domain, that satisfies the following group laws:

$$\theta(0, p) = p, \quad \forall p \in M \tag{38}$$

$$\theta(t, \theta(s, p)) = \theta(t + s, p), \quad \forall s \in \mathfrak{D}^{(p)}, \ t \in \mathfrak{D}^{(\theta(s, p))}, \ \text{(i.e. } t + s \in \mathfrak{D}^{(p)})$$
 (39)

We sometimes call θ <u>a local flow</u> to distinguish it from a global flow as defined earlier. The unwieldy term **local** <u>one-parameter group action</u> is also used.

- For a global flow θ on M, we define two collections of maps as follows:
 - **Definition** For each $t \in \mathbb{R}$, **define** a continuous map $\theta_t : M \to M$ by

$$\theta_t(p) = \theta(t, p).$$

The defining properties in (37) are equivalent to *the group laws*:

$$\theta_t \circ \theta_s = \theta_{t+s}, \quad \theta_0 = \mathrm{Id}_M$$
 (40)

- **Definition** For each $p \in M$, define a curve $\theta^{(p)} : \mathbb{R} \to M$ by

$$\theta^{(p)}(t) = \theta(t, p).$$

The image of this curve is the <u>orbit</u> of p under the group action.

• **Definition** If $\theta : \mathbb{R} \times M \to M$ is a smooth global flow, for each $p \in M$ we define a tangent vector $V_p \in T_pM$ by

$$V_p = (\theta^{(p)})'(0) = d\theta^{(p)} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \right).$$

The assignment $p \mapsto V_p$ is a (rough) vector field on M; which is called the infinitesimal generator of the global flow θ . That is, θ is the integral curve of V.

• **Definition** If θ is a flow, we define $\theta_t(p) = \theta^{(p)}(t) = \theta(t, p)$ whenever $(t, p) \in \mathfrak{D}$, just as for a global flow. For each $t \in \mathbb{R}$, we also define

$$M_t = \{ p \in M : (t, p) \in \mathfrak{D} \}$$

$$\tag{41}$$

so that

$$p \in M_t \Leftrightarrow t \in \mathfrak{D}^{(p)} \Leftrightarrow (t, p) \in \mathfrak{D}.$$

If θ is smooth, the infinitesimal generator of θ is defined by $V_p = (\theta^{(p)})'(0)$.

- **Definition** A maximal integral curve is one that cannot be extended to an integral curve on any larger open interval, and a maximal flow is a flow that admits no extension to a flow on a larger flow domain.
- Remark Given a smooth flow, we can define a vector field as the infinitesimal generator of it. Conversely, for every smooth vector field, there exists a unique maximal smooth flow which is the *integral curve* of the vector field *locally*. The flow is *time-reversible*.
 - 1. **Proposition 3.11** If $\theta : \mathfrak{D} \to M$ is a smooth flow, then the infinitesimal generator V of θ is a smooth vector field, and each curve $\theta^{(p)}$ is an integral curve of V.
 - 2. Theorem 3.12 (Fundamental Theorem on Flows). [Lee, 2003.] Let V be a smooth vector field on a smooth manifold M. There is a unique smooth maximal flow θ : D → M whose infinitesimal generator is V. This flow has the following properties:
 - (a) For each $p \in M$, the curve $\theta^{(p)} : \mathfrak{D}^{(p)} \to M$ is the unique maximal integral curve of V starting at p.
 - (b) If $s \in \mathfrak{D}^{(p)}$, then $\mathfrak{D}^{(\theta(s,p))}$ is the interval $\mathfrak{D}^{(p)} s = \{t s : t \in \mathfrak{D}^{(p)}\}.$
 - (c) For each $t \in \mathbb{R}$, the set M_t is **open** in M; and $\theta_t : M_t \to M_{-t}$ is a **diffeomorphism** with **inverse** θ_{-t} .

3.2 Vector Bundle, Frames and Section

- Definition Let M be a topological space. A (real) <u>vector bundle</u> of <u>rank k</u> over M is a **topological space** E together with a **surjective continuous** map $\pi : E \to M$ satisfying the following conditions:
 - 1. For each $p \in M$, the <u>fiber</u> $E_p = \pi^{-1}(p)$ over p is endowed with the structure of a k-dimensional real vector space.

- 2. For each $p \in M$, there exist a neighborhood U of p in M and a **homeomorphism** $\Phi : \pi^{-1}(U) \to U \times \mathbb{R}^k$ (called a **local trivialization** of E over U), satisfying the following conditions:
 - (a) $\pi_U \circ \Phi = \pi$ (where $\pi_U : U \times \mathbb{R}^k \to U$ is the **projection**);
 - (b) for each $q \in U$, the restriction of Φ to E_q is a **vector space isomorphism** from E_q to $\{q\} \times \mathbb{R}^k \simeq \mathbb{R}^k$.

The space E is called the total space of the bundle, M is called its base, and π is its projection.

- **Definition** If M and E are smooth manifolds with or without boundary, π is a smooth map, and the local trivializations can be chosen to be diffeomorphisms, then E is called a smooth vector bundle. In this case, we call any local trivialization that is a diffeomorphism onto its image a smooth local trivialization.
- Remark The rank of a vector bundle is the dimension of $vector\ space\ \pi^{-1}(p)$ associated with each point p.
- Remark The idea of local trivialization provides a way to map a fiber $\pi^{-1}(p)$ in vector bundle to a Euclidean space. This is critical to make sure the vector bundle itself is a topological manifold.
- **Definition** If there exists a local trivialization of E over all of M (called a global trivialization of E), then E is said to be a trivial bundle. In this case, E itself is homeomorphic to the product space $M \times \mathbb{R}^k$.

If $E \to M$ is a smooth bundle that admits a smooth global trivialization, then we say that E is **smoothly trivial**. In this case E is **diffeomorphic** to $M \times \mathbb{R}^k$, not just homeomorphic.

For brevity, when we say that a smooth bundle is trivial, we always understand this to mean smoothly trivial, not just trivial in the topological sense.

• Lemma 3.13 (Transition between Two Smooth Local Trivializations) Let $\pi: E \to M$ be a smooth vector bundle of rank k over M. Suppose $\Phi: \pi^{-1}(U) \to U \times \mathbb{R}^k$ and $\Psi: \pi^{-1}(V) \to V \times \mathbb{R}^k$ are two smooth local trivializations of E with $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$. There exists a smooth map $\tau: U \cap V \to GL(k,\mathbb{R})$ such that the composition $\Phi \circ \Psi^{-1}:$ $(U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^k \to (U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^k$ has the form

$$\Phi \circ \Psi^{-1}(p,v) = (p, \, \tau(p)v),$$

where $\tau(p)v$ denotes the usual action of the $k \times k$ matrix $\tau(p)$ on the vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^k$.

Note that the following diagram commute:

$$(U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^k \xleftarrow{\Psi} \pi^{-1}(U \cap V) \xrightarrow{\Phi} (U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^k$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad$$

Definition The smooth map $\tau: U \cap V \to GL(k,\mathbb{R})$ described in this lemma is called the *transition function* between the local trivializations Φ and Ψ .

For example, if M is a smooth manifold and Φ and Ψ are the local trivializations of tangent bundle TM associated with two different smooth charts, then the transition function between them is **the Jacobian matrix** of the coordinate transition map.

• Like the tangent bundle, vector bundles are often most easily described by giving *a collection* of vector spaces, one for each point of the base manifold. The next lemma shows that in order to construct a smooth vector bundle, it is sufficient to construct the local trivializations, as long as they overlap with smooth transition functions.

Lemma 3.14 (Vector Bundle Chart Lemma). [Lee, 2003.]

Let M be a smooth manifold with or without boundary, and suppose that for each $p \in M$ we are given a **real vector space** E_p of some fixed dimension k. Let $E = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} E_p$, and let $\pi : E \to M$ be the map that takes each element of E_p to the point p. Suppose furthermore that we are given the following data:

- 1. an open cover $\{U_{\alpha}\}_{{\alpha}\in A}$ of M
- 2. for each $\alpha \in A$, a bijective map $\Phi_{\alpha} : \pi^{-1}(U_{\alpha}) \to U_{\alpha} \times \mathbb{R}^k$ whose restriction to each E_p is a vector space isomorphism from E_p to $\{p\} \times \mathbb{R}^k \simeq \mathbb{R}^k$
- 3. for each $\alpha, \beta \in A$ with $U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta} \neq \emptyset$, a smooth map $\tau_{\alpha,\beta} : U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta} \to GL(k,\mathbb{R})$ such that the map $\Phi_{\alpha} \circ \Phi_{\beta}^{-1}$ from $(U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta}) \times \mathbb{R}^k$ to itself has the form

$$\Phi_{\alpha} \circ \Phi_{\beta}^{-1}(p, v) = (p, \tau_{\alpha, \beta}(p)v), \tag{42}$$

Then E has a unique topology and smooth structure making it into a smooth manifold with or without boundary and a smooth rank-k vector bundle over M; with π as projection and $\{(U_{\alpha}, \Phi_{\alpha})\}$ as smooth local trivializations.

• **Definition** Let $\pi: E \to M$ be a vector bundle. A <u>section</u> of E (sometimes called **a cross** section) is a section of the map π , that is, a continuous map $\sigma: M \to E$ satisfying

$$\pi \circ \sigma = \mathrm{Id}_M$$
.

This means that $\sigma(p)$ is an element of the fiber E_p for each $p \in M$.

• **Definition** More generally, a <u>local section</u> of E is a continuous map $\sigma: U \to E$ defined on some open subset $U \subseteq M$ and satisfying $\pi \circ \sigma = \operatorname{Id}_U$.

To emphasize the distinction, a section defined on all of M is sometimes called a global section. Note that a local section of E over $U \subseteq M$ is the same as a global section of the restricted bundle $E|_U$.

- **Definition** If M is a smooth manifold with or without boundary and E is a **smooth vector bundle**, a **smooth (local or global) section** of E is one that is a **smooth map** from its domain to E.
- **Definition** Define a *rough* (local or global) section of E over a set $U \subseteq M$ to be a map $\sigma: U \to E$ (not necessarily continuous) such that $\pi \circ \sigma = \mathrm{Id}_U$. A "section without further qualification always means a continuous section.
- **Definition** The *zero section* of E is the **global section** $\xi: M \to E$ defined by

$$\xi(p) = 0 \in E_p, \quad \forall p \in M.$$

- **Definition** As in the case of vector fields, the *support* of a section σ is the *closure* of the set $\{p \in M : \sigma(p) \neq 0\}$.
- **Definition** If $E \to M$ is a smooth vector bundle, the set of **all smooth global sections of** E is a **vector space** under pointwise addition and scalar multiplication:

$$(c_1\sigma_1 + c_2\sigma_2)(p) = c_1\sigma_1(p) + c_2\sigma_2(p)$$

This vector space is usually <u>denoted by</u> $\Gamma(E)$. Note that for vector fields of tangent bundle TM, we use $\mathfrak{X}(M)$

• Remark Just like smooth vector fields, smooth sections of a smooth bundle $E \to M$ can be multiplied by smooth real-valued functions: if $f \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$ and $\sigma \in \Gamma(E)$, we obtain a **new** section $f\sigma$ defined by

$$(f\sigma)(p) = f(p) \sigma(p).$$

• **Definition** Let $E \to M$ be a vector bundle. If $U \subseteq M$ is an open subset, a k-tuple of **local sections** $(\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_k)$ of E over U is said to be **linearly independent** if their values $(\sigma_1(p), \ldots, \sigma_k(p))$ form a linearly independent k-tuple in E_p for each $p \in U$.

Similarly, they are said to **span** E if their values span E_p for each $p \in U$.

• **Definition** A local frame for E over U is an ordered k-tuple $(\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_k)$ of linearly independent local sections over U that span E; thus $(\sigma_1(p), \ldots, \sigma_k(p))$ is a basis for the fiber E_p for each $p \in U$.

It is called a **global frame** if U = M.

- **Definition** If $E \to M$ is a smooth vector bundle, a local or global frame is a **smooth frame** if each σ_i is a smooth section. We often denote a frame $(\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_k)$ by (σ_i) .
- Remark The (local or global) frames for M that we defined in Chapter 8 are, in our new terminology, frames for the tangent bundle. We use both terms interchangeably depending on context: "frame for M" and "frame for TM" mean the same thing.
- Corollary 3.15 (The Coordinate Representation of Vector Bundle) Let $E \to M$ be a smooth vector bundle of rank k, let (V, φ) be a smooth chart on M with coordinate functions (x^i) , and suppose there exists a smooth local frame (σ_i) for E over V. Define $\widetilde{\varphi}: \pi^{-1}(V) \to \varphi(V) \times \mathbb{R}^k$ by

$$\widetilde{\varphi}\left(v^{i}\sigma_{i}(p)\right) = \left(x^{1}(p), \dots, x^{n}(p), v^{1}, \dots, v^{k}\right).$$
 (43)

Then $(\pi^{-1}(V), \widetilde{\varphi})$ is a **smooth coordinate chart** for E.

- **Definition** Suppose (σ_i) is a smooth local frame for E over some open subset $U \subseteq M$. If $\tau: M \to E$ is a rough section, the value of τ at an arbitrary point $p \in U$ can be written $\tau(p) = \tau^i(p)\sigma_i(p)$ for some uniquely determined numbers $(\tau^1(p), \ldots, \tau^k(p))$. This defines k functions $\tau^i: U \to \mathbb{R}$, called the **component functions** of τ with respect to the given local frame.
- Proposition 3.16 (Local Frame Criterion for Smoothness). Let $\pi: E \to M$ be a smooth vector bundle, and let $\tau: M \to E$ be a rough section. If (σ_i) is a smooth local frame for E over an open subset $U \subseteq M$, then τ is smooth on U if and only if its component functions with respect to (σ_i) are smooth.

3.3 Comparison of Concepts for Bundles

• By far, we have introduced a lot of abstract concepts that are generalization of our known concepts. Let us compare them in the following Table 1.

Table 1: Comparison between concepts

base	$\pmb{Euclidean \ space \ \mathbb{R}^n}$	$smooth \ manifold \ M$	$topological\ space\ M$
element	p , global coordinate $\boldsymbol{x} = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$	p , local coordinate $\varphi(p) = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$	p
basis of base	coordinate vectors e_1, \ldots, e_n	the $local\ frame\ for\ M$	the $local\ frame\ for\ M$
vector space $(fiber)$ at p	tangent space $T_{\boldsymbol{x}}\mathbb{R}^n \simeq \{\boldsymbol{x}\} \times \mathbb{R}^n \simeq \mathbb{R}^n$	$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{tangent} \ \mathbf{space} \\ T_p M \simeq \{p\} \times \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$	fiber $E_p = \pi^{-1}(p);$ $E_p \simeq \{p\} \times \mathbb{R}^k \simeq \mathbb{R}^k$
dimension of vector space	n	n	k
basis of vector space	$\left(rac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\Big _p,\ldots,rac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\Big _p ight)\equiv \ (oldsymbol{e}_1,\ldots,oldsymbol{e}_n)$	$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\Big _p, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\Big _p\right)$	$(\sigma_1(p),\ldots,\sigma_k(p))$
element in vector space	$oldsymbol{v} = v^i oldsymbol{e}_i$	tangent vector $v=v^irac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big _p$	$v=v^i\sigma_i(p)$
total space of bundle	tangent bundle $T\mathbb{R}^n \simeq \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$	$ extbf{tangent bundle} \ TM = igsqcup_{p \in M} T_p M$	vector bundle $E = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} E_p,$
element in bundle	$(x^1,\ldots,x^n,v^1,\ldots,v^n)$	$(x^1(p),\ldots,x^n(p),v^1,\ldots,v^n)$	$(x^1(p),\ldots,x^n(p),v^1,\ldots,v^k)$
section	global vector field $X=X^ioldsymbol{e}_i\equiv X^irac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$	local vector field $X = X^i rac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \ X_p \in T_p M$	$egin{aligned} egin{aligned} egin{aligned} & au & = au^i \sigma_i \ & au(p) \in E_p \end{aligned}$
vector space of sections	$\mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{R}^n)\simeq\mathbb{R}^n$	$\mathfrak{X}(M) \equiv \Gamma(TM)$	$\Gamma(E)$
frame	$egin{array}{c} \mathbf{coordinate\ basis} \ & \mathrm{or\ f global\ frame} \ & (m{e}_1,\ldots,m{e}_n) \end{array}$	coordinate vector fields $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1},\dots,\frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\right)$	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{local frame} \\ (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k) \end{array}$

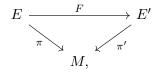
3.4 Bundle Homomorphism

• **Definition** If $\pi : E \to M$ and $\pi' : E' \to M'$ are vector bundles, a **continuous map** $F : E \to E'$ is called a **bundle homomorphism** if there exists a map $f : M \to M'$ satisfying $\pi' \circ F = f \circ \pi$,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \stackrel{F}{\longrightarrow} & E' \\ \downarrow^{\pi} & & \downarrow_{\pi'} \\ M & \stackrel{f}{\longrightarrow} & M', \end{array}$$

with the property that for each $p \in M$, the **restricted map** $F|_{E_p} : E_p \to E'_{f(p)}$ is **linear**. The relationship between F and f is expressed by saying that F covers f.

- Definition A bijective bundle homomorphism $F: E \to E'$ whose inverse is also a bundle homomorphism is called a bundle isomorphism; if F is also a diffeomorphism, it is called a smooth bundle isomorphism. If there exists a (smooth) bundle isomorphism between E and E', the two bundles are said to be (smoothly) isomorphic.
- **Definition** A bundle homomorphism over M is a bundle homomorphism covering the identity map of M; or in other words, a continuous map $F: E \to E'$ such that



and whose **restriction to each fiber** is **linear**. If there exists a bundle homomorphism $F: E \to E'$ over M that is also a (smooth) bundle isomorphism, then we say that E and E' are (smoothly) isomorphic over M.

Definition Suppose E → M and E' → M' are smooth vector bundles over a smooth manifold M with or without boundary, and let Γ(E), Γ(E') denote their spaces of smooth global sections. If F: E → E' is a smooth bundle homomorphism over M, then composition with F induces a map F̃: Γ(E) → Γ(E') as follows:

$$\widetilde{F}(\sigma)(p) = (F \circ \sigma)(p) = F(\sigma(p))$$
 (44)

It is easy to check that $\widetilde{F}(\sigma)$ is a **section** of E', and it is **smooth** by composition.

• **Definition** A map $\mathcal{F}: \Gamma(E) \to \Gamma(E')$ is said to be *linear over* $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$ if for any smooth functions $u_1, u_2 \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$ and smooth sections $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in \Gamma(E)$,

$$\mathcal{F}(u_1\sigma_1 + u_2\sigma_2) = u_1\mathcal{F}(\sigma_1) + u_2\mathcal{F}(\sigma_2).$$

- Lemma 3.17 (Bundle Homomorphism Characterization Lemma). [Lee, 2003.] Let $\pi: E \to M$ and $\pi': E' \to M'$ be smooth vector bundles over a smooth manifold Mwith or without boundary, and let $\Gamma(E)$, $\Gamma(E')$ denote their spaces of smooth sections. A map $\mathcal{F}: \Gamma(E) \to \Gamma(E')$ is linear over $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$ if and only if there is a smooth bundle homomorphism $F: E \to E'$ over M such that $\mathcal{F}(\sigma) = F \circ \sigma$ for all $\sigma \in \Gamma(E)$.
- Remark Because of Bundle Homomorphism Characterization Lemma, we usually dispense with the notation \widetilde{F} and use the same symbol for both a bundle homomorphism $F: E \to E'$ over M and the linear map $F: \Gamma(E) \to \Gamma(E')$ that it induces on sections, and we refer to a map of either of these types as a bundle homomorphism.

3.5 Cotangent Bundle, Coframes and Covector Field

• **Definition** For any smooth manifold M with or without boundary, the disjoint union

$$T^*M = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T_p^*M$$

is called the <u>cotangent bundle of M</u>. It has a natural projection map $\pi: T^*M \to M$ sending $\omega \in T_p^*M$ to $p \in M$.

- **Definition** Given any smooth local coordinates (x^i) on an open subset $U \subseteq M$, for each $p \in U$ we can show that the **basis** for T_p^*M dual to $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_p)$ is the differential of coordinate function $(dx^i|_p)$. This defines n maps $dx^1, \ldots, dx^n : U \to T^*M$, called **coordinate covector fields**.
- **Definition** As in the case of the tangent bundle, smooth local coordinates for M yield smooth local coordinates for its cotangent bundle. If (x^i) are smooth coordinates on an open subset $U \subseteq M$, the map from $\pi^{-1}(U)$ to \mathbb{R}^{2n} given by

$$\Phi\left(\xi_{i} dx^{i}|_{p}\right) = (x^{1}(p), \dots, x^{n}(p), \xi_{1}, \dots, \xi_{n})$$

is a smooth coordinate chart for T^*M . We call (x^i, ξ_i) the **natural coordinates** for T * M associated with (x^i) .

- Remark Here ξ_i is the fiber coordinates for the covectors ω in T_n^*M .
- Definition A (local or global) section of T^*M is called a <u>covector field</u> or a (differential) 1-form.
- Remark (Representation of Covector Field via Coordinate Fields)
 In any smooth local coordinates on an open subset $U \subseteq M$; a (rough) covector field $\omega \in \Gamma(T^*M)$ can be written in terms of the coordinate covector fields (dx^i) as

$$\omega = \omega_i dx^i$$

where n functions $\omega_i: U \to \mathbb{R}$ are called the **component functions** of ω . They are characterized by

$$\omega_i = \omega_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right).$$

• Remark If ω is a *(rough) covector field* and X is a *vector field* on M, then we can form a *function* $\omega(X): M \to \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\omega(X)(p) = \omega_p(X_p), \quad p \in M.$$

If we write $\omega = \omega_i \lambda^i$ and $X = X^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$ in terms of local coordinates, then $\omega(X)$ has the **local** coordinate representation $\omega(X) = \omega_i X^i$.

- Remark Recall that $\omega_p(v) \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\omega(X) \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$.
- **Definition** Let M be a smooth manifold with or without boundary, and let $U \subseteq M$ be an open subset. A <u>local coframe</u> for M over U is an ordered n-tuple of covector fields $(\epsilon^1, \ldots, \epsilon^n)$ defined on U such that $(\epsilon^i|_p)$ forms a basis for T_p^*M at each point $p \in U$. If U = M, it is called **a global coframe**. (A local coframe for M is just a local frame for the vector bundle T^*M

- Example (Coordinate Coframes). For any smooth chart $(U,(x^i))$, the coordinate covector fields (dx^i) constitute a local coframe over U, called a coordinate coframe. Every coordinate frame is smooth, because its component functions in the given chart are constants.
- Definition Given a local frame E_1, \ldots, E_n) for TM over an open subset U, there is a uniquely determined (rough) local coframe $(\epsilon^1, \ldots, \epsilon^n)$ over U such that $\epsilon_i|_p$ is the dual basis to $E_i|_p$ for each $p \in U$, or equivalently $\epsilon^i(E_j) = \delta^i_j$. This coframe is called the coframe dual to (E_i) . Conversely, if we start with a local coframe (ϵ^i) over an open subset $U \subseteq M$, there is a uniquely determined local frame (E_i) , called the frame dual to (ϵ^i) , determined by $\epsilon^i(E_j) = \delta^i_j$.
- **Remark** The coframe dual to $(\partial/\partial x^i)$ is (dx^i) and the frame dual to (dx^i) is $(\partial/\partial x^i)$.
- Remark We denote the real vector space of all smooth covector fields on M by $\mathfrak{X}^*(M)$ (or $\Gamma(T^*M)$). As smooth sections of a vector bundle, elements of $\mathfrak{X}^*(M)$ can be multiplied by smooth real-valued functions: if $f \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$ and $\omega \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$, the covector field $f\omega$ is defined by

$$(f\omega)_p = f(p)\,\omega_p. \tag{45}$$

Because it is the space of smooth sections of a vector bundle, $\mathfrak{X}^*(M)$ is a module over $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$.

- Remark Note that a nonzero linear functional $\omega_p \in T_p^*M$ is completely determined by two pieces of data: its *kernel*, which is a linear hyperplane in T_pM (a codimension-1 linear subspace); and the set of vectors v for which $\omega_p(v) = 1$, which is an affine hyperplane parallel to the kernel The value of $\omega_p(v)$ for any other vector v is then obtained by linear interpolation or extrapolation.
- Remark (Visualize the Vector Fields and the Covector Fields)
 - 1. A vector field on M can be considered as an arrow attached to each point of M.
 - 2. A covector field on M can be considered as defining a pair of hyperplanes in each tangent space, one through the origin and another parallel to it, and varying continuously from point to point.

Where the covector field is small, one of the hyperplanes becomes *very far from the kernel*, eventually disappearing altogether at points where the covector field takes the value zero.

• **Definition** Let f be a smooth real-valued function on a smooth manifold M with or without boundary. (As usual, all of this discussion applies to functions defined on an open subset $U \subseteq M$; simply by replacing M with U throughout.) We define a **covector field** df, called **the differential of** f, by

$$df_p(v) = v f, \quad \forall v \in T_p M.$$

• Remark (Coordinate Representation of differential of f)
Let (x^i) be smooth coordinates on an open subset $U \subseteq M$, and let (dx^i) be the corresponding coordinate coframe on U. Then the coordinate representation of df:

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dx^i \tag{46}$$

Thus, the **component functions** of df in any smooth coordinate chart are **the partial derivatives of** f with respect to those coordinates. Because of this, we can think of df as an analogue of the classical gradient, reinterpreted in a way that makes coordinate-independent sense on a manifold.

• Remark (The Differential df_p is the Best Linear Approximation of Function fNear p)

Suppose M is a smooth manifold and $f \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$, and let p be a point in M. By choosing smooth coordinates on a neighborhood of p, we can think of f as a function on an open subset $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Recall that $dx^i|_p$ is the linear functional that picks out the i-th component of a tangent vector at p. Writing $\Delta f = f(p+v) - f(p)$ for $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, Taylors theorem shows that f is well approximated when v is small by

$$\Delta f = f(p+v) - f(p) \approx \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)v^i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)dx^i(v) = df_p(v).$$

In other words, df_p is the linear functional that best approximates f near p.

The great power of the concept of the differential comes from the fact that we can define df *invariantly on any manifold*, without resorting to vague arguments involving *infinitesimals*.

3.6 Pushforward and Pullback

• **Definition** Suppose $F: M \to N$ is *smooth* and X is a *vector field* on M, and suppose there happens to be a *vector field* Y on N with the property that for each $p \in M$,

$$dF_p(X_p) = Y_{F(p)}.$$

In this case, we say the vector fields X and Y are **F-related**.

- Remark The differential dF_p is defined locally, and it does not guarantee to map a vector field (a global concept) to a vector field. For example, if F is not surjective, there is no way to decide what vector to assign to a point $q \in N \setminus F(M)$. If F is not injective, then for some points of N there may be several different vectors obtained by applying dF to X at different points of M.
- Proposition 3.18 Suppose $F: M \to N$ is a smooth map between manifolds with or without boundary, $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, and $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$. Then X and Y are F-related if and only if for every smooth real-valued function f defined on an open subset of N,

$$X(f \circ F) = (Yf) \circ F \tag{47}$$

- Proposition 3.19 Suppose M and N are smooth manifolds with or without boundary, and $F: M \to N$ is a diffeomorphism. For every $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, there is a unique smooth vector field on N that is F-related to X.
- **Definition** Suppose M and N are smooth manifolds with or without boundary, and $F: M \to N$ is a **diffeomorphism**. For every $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, there is a **unique** smooth vector field Y on N that is F-related to X. We denote the **unique** vector field that is F-related to X by F_*X , and call it the **pushforward** of X by F. And F_*X is defined explicitly by the formula

$$(F_*X)_q = dF_{F^{-1}(q)}(X_{F^{-1}(q)}), \quad \forall q \in N.$$
 (48)

• Corollary 3.20 Suppose $F: M \to N$ is a diffeomorphism and $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$. For any $f \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(N)$,

$$(F_*X f) \circ F = X(f \circ F)$$

• **Definition** Let $F: M \to N$ be a *smooth map* between smooth manifolds with or without boundary, and let $p \in M$ be arbitrary. The differential $dF_p: T_pM \to T_{F(p)}N$ yields a *dual linear map*

$$dF_p^*: T_{F(p)}^*N \to T_p^*M$$

called the (pointwise) pullback by F at p, or the cotangent map of F. Unraveling the definitions, we see that dF_p^* is characterized by

$$dF_p^*(\omega)(v) = \omega(dF_p(v)), \quad \omega \in T_{F(p)}^*N, \ v \in T_p^*M.$$

• **Definition** Given a smooth map $F: M \to N$ and a covector field ω on N, define a **rough** covector field $F^*\omega$ on M, called the **pullback** of ω by F, by

$$(F^*\omega)_p = dF_p^* \left(\omega_{F(p)}\right) \tag{49}$$

We also denote the pullback of ω by Fas $F^{\#}\omega$.

- Remark Pushforward operator F_* is more restricted than Pullback operator F^* on F. The former acts on a vector field on M to produce a vector field on N and the latter acts on a covector field (a differential 1-form) on N to produce a covector field on M.
- Remark Get familiar with the following expressions:
 - 1. For $g \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(N)$, $q = F(p) \in N$ so that $p = F^{-1}(q) \in M$,

$$(F_*X)_q g = dF_p(X_p)g = X_p (g \circ F)$$

2. For $p \in M$, $X_p \in T_pM$, $q = F(p) \in N$, $\omega_q \in T_q^*N$,

$$(F^*\omega)_p(X_p) = (dF_p^*\omega_q)(X_p) = \omega_q(dF_p(X_p))$$

The last equality use the definition of dual map $(A^*w)(v) = w(Av)$

3. Given the coordinate representation of covector $\omega = \omega_j dy^j$, the pullback of a covector field can also be written in the following way:

$$F^*\omega = F^*(\omega_j dy^j) = (\omega_j \circ F)F^*(dy^j)$$

$$= (\omega_j \circ F) d(y^j \circ F)$$

$$= (\omega_i \circ F) dF^j$$
(50)

 $F^*\omega$ is computed as follows: whereaver you see y^i in the expression for B, just substitute the *i*th component function of F and expand.

4. For a diffeomorphism F, $(F^*)^{-1} = F_*$. That is the inverse of pullback operation is the pushforward operation.

3.7 Compare the Tangent and Cotangent Bundles

 ${\bf Table~2:~Comparison~between~tangent~space~and~cotangent~space}$

base	$smooth \ manifold \ M$	$smooth \ manifold \ M$
element	$\varphi(p) = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$	$\varphi(p) = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$
vector space $(fiber)$ at p	${\bf tangent \ space} \ T_p M$	cotangent space $T_p^*M = (T_pM)^*$
dimension of vector space	n	n
basis of vector space	$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\Big _p, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\Big _p\right)$	$\left(dx^{1}\big _{p},\ldots,dx^{n}\big _{p}\right)$
element in vector space	$\mathbf{tangent} \mathbf{vector} : \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M) o \mathbb{R}$ $v = v^i rac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big _p$	cotangent vector $:T_pM o\mathbb{R}$ $\omega=\xi_i \left.dx^i\right _p$
total space of $bundle$	$ extbf{tangent bundle} \ TM = \coprod_{p \in M} T_p M$	
element in bundle	$(x^1(p),\ldots,x^n(p),v^1,\ldots,v^n)$	$(x^1(p),\ldots,x^n(p),\xi_1,\ldots,\xi_n)$
section	local vector field $X = X^i rac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \ X_p \in T_p M$	$\omega = \xi_i dx^i \ \omega_p \in T_p^* M$
vector space of sections	$\mathfrak{X}(M) \equiv \Gamma(TM)$	$\mathfrak{X}^*(M) \equiv \Gamma(T^*M)$
frame	coordinate vector fields $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1},\ldots,\frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\right)$	coordinate covector fields $\left(dx^1,\dots,dx^n ight)$
duality	$\xi\left(rac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big _p ight)(dx^i _p)=\delta_i^j$	$dx^{j} _{p}\left(rac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big _{p} ight)=\delta_{i}^{j}$
change of coordinates	$egin{aligned} \mathbf{contravariant} \ & \widetilde{v}^j = rac{\partial \widetilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i}(p)v^i \end{aligned}$	$egin{aligned} \mathbf{covariant} \ & \omega_i = rac{\partial \widetilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i}(p)\widetilde{\omega}_j \end{aligned}$
functions	$F: M ightarrow N$ diffeomorphism $dF_p: T_pM ightarrow T_{F(p)}N$ $ extbf{Pushforward}: F_*: \mathfrak{X}(M) ightarrow \mathfrak{X}(N)$ $(F_*X)_q = dF_{F^{-1}(q)}(X_{F^{-1}(q)}), \ q \in N$	$dF_p^*: T_{F(p)}^*N o T_p^*M$ dual map of dF_p $m{Pullback}: F^*: \mathfrak{X}^*(N) o \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$ $(F^*\omega)_p = dF_p^*\left(\omega_{F(p)} ight), \ p \in M$

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