

Math 550
Homework 4
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1. For each of the following, calculate the pullback $f^*\omega$ and simplify your answer as much as possible.

(a) $f : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3, f(u, v) = (\cos u, \sin u, v), \omega = z \, dx \wedge dy + y \, dz \wedge dx$

(b) $f : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2, f(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta), \omega = -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \, dx + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \, dy$
(ω is only defined on $\mathbf{R}^2 - \{(0, 0)\}$.)

2. Let $g : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ be differentiable. Prove that $g^*(dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n) = \det Dg \, dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$. (Hint: It enough to just check this on the standard basis e_1, \dots, e_n .)

3. Let S denote the top half of the unit sphere in \mathbf{R}^3 . Let $\omega = z^2 \, dx \wedge dy$. Calculate $\int_S \omega$ using the parameterization $g(\theta, \varphi) = (\sin \varphi \cos \theta, \sin \varphi \sin \theta, \cos \varphi)$ with $0 < \theta < 2\pi$, and $0 < \varphi < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

4. Let S be the surface in \mathbf{R}^3 parameterized by $g(\theta, z) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta, z)$, where $0 < \theta < \pi$, and $0 < z < 1$. Let $\omega = xyz \, dy \wedge dz$. Calculate $\int_S \omega$.

5. Calculate the differential of each of the following.

(a) $\omega = e^{xy} \, dx$

(b) $\omega = x_1 x_2 \, dx_3 \wedge dx_4$

(c) $\omega = f(x, y) \, dx + g(x, y) \, dy$

(d) $\omega = f(x, y, z) \, dy \wedge dz - g(x, y, z) \, dx \wedge dz + h(x, y, z) \, dx \wedge dy$

6. Determine if the following 2-forms are exact.

(a) $\omega = x \, dx \wedge dy$

(b) $\omega = z \, dx \wedge dy$

(c) $\omega = z \, dx \wedge dy + y \, dx \wedge dz + z \, dy \wedge dz$

7. (a) Let $\alpha \in \Omega^1(\mathbf{R}^3)$ satisfy $\alpha(p) \neq 0$ for all $p \in \mathbf{R}^3$. Prove that $\ker \alpha$ is a 2-dimensional subspace (i.e. a plane) of \mathbf{R}_p^3 for all $p \in \mathbf{R}^3$.

(b) Let $\alpha_1 = dz$. Sketch the planes described in part (a).

(c) Let $\alpha_2 = x \, dy + dz$. Sketch the planes described in part (a).

(d) Show that $\alpha_1 \wedge d\alpha_1 = 0$ and $\alpha_2 \wedge d\alpha_2 \neq 0$ (at all $p \in \mathbf{R}^3$).