

Problem 1. On an open set $U \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ show that the exterior derivative d is the only operator $d : \Omega^p(U) \rightarrow \Omega^{p+1}(U)$ satisfying:

(a) $d(\omega + \eta) = d\omega + d\eta$

(b) $\omega \in \Omega^p(U), \eta \in \Omega^q(U) \Rightarrow d(\omega \wedge \eta) = d\omega \wedge \eta + (-1)^p \omega \wedge d\eta$

(c) $f \in \Omega^0(U) \Rightarrow df(X) = X(f)$

(d) $f \in \Omega^0(U) \Rightarrow d(df) = 0$

Deduce that d is independent of the coordinate system used to define it.

Proof.

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Problem 2. On the unit circle S^1 in the plane, let $\theta = \arctan(y/x)$ be the usual polar coordinate. Show that $d\theta$ makes sense on S^1 and is a closed 1-form which is not exact.

Proof.

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Problem 3. For $\omega \in \Omega^1(M)$, verify the special case $d\omega(X, Y) = X(\omega(Y)) - Y(\omega(X)) - \omega([X, Y])$ of the invariant formula mentioned above Definition 2.4.

Proof.

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