

More Orientation Special Cases

Vector Calculus vs. Exterior Calculus

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Orientation special cases of a k -manifold in \mathbb{R}^n :

- (1) $k = n$: See notes from 2/11/19.
- (2) $k = n - 1$: See notes from 2/11/19.
- (3) $k = 1$: Let X be a 1-manifold. Then an orientation on X can be matched with a choice of continuous “forward-pointing” unit tangent. For orientation-preserving coordinate patch α , and $\vec{p} \in X$, $\vec{q} = \alpha^{-1}(\vec{p})$, we have unit tangent $\vec{T}(\vec{p}) = \frac{\alpha'(\vec{p})}{\|\alpha'(\vec{p})\|}$.
- (3a) $X = \partial M^{2\text{-mfd}}$. Then roughly speaking, when looking at the loop from the “outside” of M , the orientation on X is counterclockwise.
- (3b) $M^{2\text{-mfd}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$, $X = \partial M$. Then for tangent and normal vectors $\vec{T}(\vec{p})$ and $\vec{N}(\vec{p})$, $\vec{T}(\vec{p})$ is just $\vec{N}(\vec{p})$ rotated 90° counterclockwise.
- (4) $k = 0$: Recall that a compact 0-manifold is a finite set. A compact, connected 0-manifold is a singleton. Singletons have 2 orientations (denoted ± 1).
So an orientation on $X^{0\text{-mfd}}$ is just a mapping $\varepsilon : X \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$. For compact oriented 0-manifold X and f 0-form,

$$\int_X f \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\vec{x} \in X} \varepsilon(\vec{x}) f(\vec{x})$$

If $X = \partial M^{1\text{-mfd}}$, then

$$\int_M df = \int_{\partial M} f = f(b) + (-1)f(a) = f(b) - f(a)$$

Building on HW5 #1:

For M oriented k -manifold, orientation-preserving $\alpha : U \rightarrow V \subset M$, ω k -form in a neighborhood of M

$$\vec{q} \mapsto \vec{p}$$

$$\star \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha^* \omega = f(\vec{x}) \wedge dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_k \\ \omega \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{positive for } M \text{ at } \vec{p} \\ \text{negative for } M \text{ at } \vec{p} \\ \text{integral for } M \text{ at } \vec{p} \end{array} \right\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(\vec{q}) > 0 \\ f(\vec{q}) < 0 \\ f(\vec{q}) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right.$$

Exer: ω integral at $\vec{p} \Leftrightarrow \omega(\vec{p})(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k) = 0$ when $\vec{v}_i \in \mathcal{T}_{\vec{p}}M$.

M is an integral manifold for $\omega \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \omega$ is integral for M at all $\vec{p} \in M$.

Conversely, given ω nowhere integral on M , we get an orientation on M . Declare ω to be positive, call α orientation-preserving if \star holds. We also get an orientation on each $\mathcal{T}_{\vec{p}}M$: each basis (or frame) $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ for $\mathcal{T}_{\vec{p}}M$ is positively oriented $\Leftrightarrow \omega(\vec{p})(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k) > 0$.

Thm: 36.2 For ω k -form on a neighborhood of M , a compact oriented k -manifold,

$$\int_M f = \int_M \lambda dV \text{ where } \lambda : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{for any positively-oriented orthonormal basis for } \mathcal{T}_{\vec{p}}M$$

$$\vec{p} \mapsto \omega(\vec{p})(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k)$$

Recall that we did $k = 1$ on November 28: $\int_M \omega = \int_M \omega \cdot \vec{T} ds = \int_M \omega(\vec{T}) ds$.

We would like to be able to do extended integrals over manifolds. What is $\int_M \omega$ for M some non-compact oriented manifold?

Defn: $\text{ext} \int_M \omega \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{ext} \int_M \lambda dV = \underbrace{\text{ext} \int_M \lambda_+ dV - \text{ext} \int_M \lambda_- dV}_{= \sup \{ \int_N \lambda_+ dV : N^{\text{cpt}} \text{ } k\text{-mfd} \subseteq M \}}$

(Note that we allow N to inherit its orientation from M .)

Exterior Calculus in \mathbb{R}^2	Vector Calculus in \mathbb{R}^2
Diffeomorphisms	Isometries (translations, rotations, and reflections)
0-form f	Scalar Function f
1-form $\omega = \alpha dx + \beta dy$	Vector field $\vec{F} = (\alpha, \beta) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$
2-form $f dx \wedge dy$	Scalar Function f
$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy$	$\text{grad } F = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) f = \nabla f$
$\int_{M^{1\text{-mfd}}} \omega^{1\text{-form}}$	$\int_M \langle \vec{F}, d\vec{s} \rangle = \int_M \langle \vec{F}, \vec{T} \rangle ds$ (where $d\vec{s} = \begin{pmatrix} dx & dy \end{pmatrix}$)
$\int_M df = \Delta_M f$	$\int_M \langle \nabla f, \vec{T} \rangle ds = \Delta_m f$

Standard interpretations: f is potential energy, force is $-\nabla f$, and work is $\int_M \langle -\nabla f, \vec{T} \rangle ds = -\Delta_m f$.

Suppose $\vec{F} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is the velocity of a fluid (which could be time-dependent).