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conormal bundle

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Let X be an immersed submanifold of M , with immersion $i : X \rightarrow M$. Then as with the normal bundle, we can pull the cotangent bundle back to X , forming a bundle i^*T^*M . This has a canonical pairing with i^*TM , essentially by definition. Since TX is a natural subbundle of i^*TM , we can consider its annihilator: the subbundle of i^*T^*M given by

$$\{(x, \lambda) | x \in X, \lambda \in T_{i(x)}^*M, \lambda(v) = 0 \forall v \in T_x X\}.$$

This subbundle is denoted N^*X , and called the conormal bundle of X .

The conormal bundle to any submanifold is a natural Lagrangian submanifold of T^*M .