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Problem One

1.1

Let $g = c$ for some constant real number c . Since we know that dual vector v is a linear map, hence, by product rule, for any $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$:

$$v(g^2) = v(g \cdot g) = g(p) \cdot v(g) + g(p)v(g) = 2c \cdot v(g) \quad (1)$$

On the other hand, we have:

$$v(g^2) = v(g \cdot g) = v(c \cdot g) = c \cdot v(g) \text{ (because } v \text{ is linear)} \quad (2)$$

So:

$$c \cdot v(g) = 2c \cdot v(g) \quad (3)$$

On one hand, if $c = 0$, then $v(g) = v(0) = v(g^2) = g(p) \cdot v(g) + g(p)v(g) = 0$.

On the other hand, if $c \neq 0$, then from (4) we have $c \cdot v(g) = 0$, hence $v(g) = 0$

In conclusion, $v(g) = 0$ for all constant function g .

1.2

By definition of x, y, z we have $x(p) = p_1, y(p) = p_2, z(p) = p_3$.

by product rule and since v is linear, hence:

$$\begin{aligned} v((x - p_1)f) &= (x - p_1)(p) \cdot v(f) + f(p) \cdot v(x - p_1) = x(p) \cdot v(f) \\ &= x(p) \cdot v(f) - p_1(p) \cdot v(f) + f(p) \cdot v(x) - f(p) \cdot v(p_1) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

and from 1.1 and $x(p) = p_1, p_1(p) = p_1$ we know that:

$$(4) = p_1 \cdot v(f) - p_1 \cdot v(f) + f(p) \cdot v(x) - f(p) \cdot 0 = f(p) \cdot v(x) \quad (5)$$

Same thing with y , we have:

$y(p) = p_2, p_2(p) = p_2$, v is linear:

$$\begin{aligned} v((y - p_2)f) &= (y - p_2)(p) \cdot v(f) + f(p) \cdot v(y - p_2) = y(p) \cdot v(f) \\ &= y(p) \cdot v(f) - p_2(p) \cdot v(f) + f(p) \cdot v(y) - f(p) \cdot v(p_2) \\ &= p_2 \cdot v(f) - p_2 \cdot v(f) + f(p) \cdot v(y) - f(p) \cdot 0 = f(p) \cdot v(y) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$z(p) = p_3, p_3(p) = p_3$, v is linear:

$$\begin{aligned} v((z - p_3)f) &= (z - p_3)(p) \cdot v(f) + f(p) \cdot v(z - p_3) = z(p) \cdot v(f) \\ &= z(p) \cdot v(f) - p_3(p) \cdot v(f) + f(p) \cdot v(z) - f(p) \cdot v(p_3) \\ &= p_3 \cdot v(f) - p_3 \cdot v(f) + f(p) \cdot v(z) - f(p) \cdot 0 = f(p) \cdot v(z) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

1.3

Suppose $a < 1, b < 1, c < 1$, then $a = b = c = 0$, it is a contradiction. So at least one number in $\{a, b, c\} \geq 1$. Without loss of generalization, assume $a \geq 1$. let $d=a-1$

let $f = (x - p_1)^d \cdot (y - p_2)^b \cdot (z - p_3)^c$, and for d, b, c , if $d = b = c = 0$, hence $a + b + c = d + 1 = 1$, which is a contradiction to $a + b + c > 1$, so there must be at least one number in $\{d, b, c\} \geq 1$. Without loss of generalization, assume $d \geq 1$.

Then we know:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{p}) &= [(x - p_1)^d \cdot (y - p_2)^b \cdot (z - p_3)^c](\mathbf{p}) \\ &= (x - p_1)(\mathbf{p}) \cdot [(x - p_1)^{(d-1)} \cdot (y - p_2)^b \cdot (z - p_3)^c](\mathbf{p}) \\ &= (p_1 - p_1) \cdot [(x - p_1)^{(d-1)} \cdot (y - p_2)^b \cdot (z - p_3)^c](\mathbf{p}) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

and we know that

$$(x - p_1)^a \cdot (y - p_2)^b \cdot (z - p_3)^c = (x - p_1) \cdot (x - p_1)^d \cdot (y - p_2)^b \cdot (z - p_3)^c = (x - p_1) \cdot f$$

hence:

$$\begin{aligned} v((x - p_1)^a \cdot (y - p_2)^b \cdot (z - p_3)^c) &= v((x - p_1) \cdot f) \\ &= f(\mathbf{p}) \cdot v(x) = 0 \cdot v(x) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

1.4

Using Taylor Expansion at \mathbf{p} for f , we have:

$$f(x, y, z) = f(p_1, p_2, p_3) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p})(x - p_1) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\mathbf{p})(y - p_2) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\mathbf{p})(z - p_3) + \triangle(x, y, z) \quad (10)$$

where $\triangle(x, y, z)$ is the remainder term.

By the definition of Taylor Expansion, we know that $\triangle(x, y, z)$ is a linear combination of terms with form $(x - p_1)^a \cdot (y - p_2)^b \cdot (z - p_3)^c$ where $a + b + c \geq 2$, since terms with form $(x - p_1)^a \cdot (y - p_2)^b \cdot (z - p_3)^c$ with $0 \leq a + b + c \leq 1$ have all be included in $f(p_1, p_2, p_3) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p})(x - p_1) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\mathbf{p})(y - p_2) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\mathbf{p})(z - p_3)$.

So from 1.3 we know $v(\triangle(x, y, z)) = 0$. and $f(p_1, p_2, p_3)$ is a constant number, so $v(f(p_1, p_2, p_3)) = 0$, and we know v is linear, hence

$$\begin{aligned} v(f) &= v(f(p_1, p_2, p_3) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p})(x - p_1) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\mathbf{p})(y - p_2) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\mathbf{p})(z - p_3) + \triangle(x, y, z)) \\ &= v(f(p_1, p_2, p_3)) + v(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p})(x - p_1)) + v(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\mathbf{p})(y - p_2)) + v(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\mathbf{p})(z - p_3)) + v(\triangle(x, y, z)) \\ &= v((x - p_1) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p})) + v((y - p_2) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\mathbf{p})) + v((z - p_3) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\mathbf{p})) \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p})v(x) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\mathbf{p})v(y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\mathbf{p})v(z) - v(p_1) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p}) - v(p_2) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\mathbf{p}) - v(p_3) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\mathbf{p}) \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p})v(x) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\mathbf{p})v(y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\mathbf{p})v(z) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

1.5

By definition of direction derivative, we know that for $\forall f$ and given point $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_v f &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(\mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{v}) - f(\mathbf{p})}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(\mathbf{p}) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p})v(x)t + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\mathbf{p})v(y)t + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\mathbf{p})v(z)t + o(\|\mathbf{v}\|t) - f(\mathbf{p})}{t} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p})v(x) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\mathbf{p})v(y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\mathbf{p})v(z) \\ &= v(f)\end{aligned}$$

Problem two

2.1 Target—to show that $X_p(fg) = f(p)X_p(g) + g(p)X_p(f)$

$$\begin{aligned}X_p(f \cdot g) &= (X(f \cdot g))(p) = (fX(g) + gX(f))(p) = f(X(g))(p) + g(X(f))(p) \\ &= f(p)(X(g))(p) + g(p)(X(f))(p) = f(p)X_p(g) + g(p)X_p(f)\end{aligned}\tag{12}$$

2.2

If we input any $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$, hence $df(X)(p) = df_p(X_p)$, df_p is a covector. From 1.5 we know that derivation at p is canonical isomorphism to tangent vector at p , and from 2.1 we see that X_p is a derivation at p , it is exactly a tangent vector, let the corresponding tangent vector be \mathbf{w} , hence.

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} X_p(X) \\ X_p(Y) \\ X_p(Z) \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } X, Y, Z \text{ are the coordinate functions.}\tag{13}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{so } df(X)|_p &= df_p(\mathbf{w}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p}) & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\mathbf{p}) & \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\mathbf{p}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_p(X) \\ X_p(Y) \\ X_p(Z) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p})X_p(X) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\mathbf{p})X_p(Y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\mathbf{p})X_p(Z)\end{aligned}\tag{14}$$

Also from 1.4, we have:

$$(X(f))(p) = X_p(f) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p})X_p(X) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\mathbf{p})X_p(Y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\mathbf{p})X_p(Z)\tag{15}$$

So $df(X)|_p = X(f)(p)$, ie. $df(X) = X(f)$.

2.3

$$\begin{aligned}
(X \circ Y - Y \circ X)(f \cdot g) &= X(Y(f \cdot g)) - Y(X(f \cdot g)) \\
&= X(f \cdot Y(g) + g \cdot Y(f)) - Y(f \cdot X(g) + g \cdot X(f)) \\
&= f \cdot X(Y(g)) + Y(g) \cdot X(f) + g \cdot X(Y(f)) + Y(f) \cdot X(g) \\
&\quad - (X(g) \cdot Y(f) + f \cdot Y(X(g)) + g \cdot Y(X(f)) + X(f) \cdot Y(g)) \\
&= f \cdot X(Y(g)) - f \cdot Y(X(g)) + g \cdot X(Y(f)) - g \cdot Y(X(f)) \\
&= f \cdot (X \circ Y - Y \circ X)(g) + g \cdot (X \circ Y - Y \circ X)(f)
\end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Hence by definition, $X \circ Y - Y \circ X$ is always a vector field.

2.4

Since A and B are skew-symmetric, then $A^T = -A$, $B^T = -B$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
(AB - BA)^T &= (AB)^T - (BA)^T \\
&= (B^T A^T) - (A^T B^T) \\
&= (-B)(-A) - (-A)(-B) \\
&= BA - AB \\
&= -(AB - BA)
\end{aligned}$$

So we know $(AB - BA)$ is skew-symmetric.
