

# Assignment - 2

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## § Problem 1

i)  $M$  is the hyper-surface parametrised by  $\sigma: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , where ( $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ ),  $P = \sigma(u)$  and, let  $T_p M$  has basis  $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{n-1}} \right\}$ . Any tangential vector field  $X, Y$  can be written as following,

$$X = \sum_i X^i \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_i}, \quad X(p) = \left( \sum_i X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right) \sigma(u)$$

$$Y = \sum_j Y^j \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_j}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{X(p)} Y &= \left( \sum_{i,j} X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( Y^j \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_j} \right) \right) (p) \\ &= \left( \sum_{i,j} X^i \frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_j} + \sum_{i,j} X^i Y^j \frac{\partial^2 \sigma}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right) (p) \\ \partial_{Y(p)} X &= \left( \sum_{i,j} Y^j \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{i,j} X^i Y^j \frac{\partial^2 \sigma}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} \right) (p) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \partial_{X(p)} Y - \partial_{Y(p)} X \in T_p M$  and hence,  $\langle \partial_{X(p)} Y - \partial_{Y(p)} X, N(p) \rangle$  is 0.

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} (D_X Y - D_Y X)(p) &= D_{X(p)} Y - D_{Y(p)} X \\ &= \partial_{X(p)} Y - \partial_{Y(p)} X + \langle \partial_{X(p)} Y - \partial_{Y(p)} X, N(p) \rangle \\ &= \partial_{X(p)} Y - \partial_{Y(p)} X \\ &= [X, Y](p) \end{aligned}$$

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ii)  $\chi$  is a tangential vector field,  $\mathcal{L}$  using part 1 of problem 2 we will immediately get

$$[D_{\bar{\sigma}_i} D_{\bar{\sigma}_j} - D_{\bar{\sigma}_j} D_{\bar{\sigma}_i}] (\chi) = R(\bar{\sigma}_i, \bar{\sigma}_j, \chi) + D_{[\bar{\sigma}_i, \bar{\sigma}_j]} \mathcal{L}$$

Now since  $\mathcal{L}$  is smooth tangential vector,  $[\bar{\sigma}_i, \bar{\sigma}_j] = 0$  and hence we get,

$$\begin{aligned} [D_{\bar{\sigma}_i} D_{\bar{\sigma}_j} - D_{\bar{\sigma}_j} D_{\bar{\sigma}_i}] (\chi) &= R(\bar{\sigma}_i, \bar{\sigma}_j, \chi) \\ &= \langle L_p(\bar{\sigma}_j), \chi \rangle L_p(\bar{\sigma}_i) - \langle L_p(\bar{\sigma}_i), \chi \rangle L_p(\bar{\sigma}_j) \end{aligned}$$

## § Problem 2

(i) Let,  $\sigma: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a parametrized hypersurface  $M$ , where,  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  is an open set. We know,  $\left\{ \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_{n-1}} \right\}$  forms a basis of  $T_\sigma M$  for all points in  $\Omega$ . Now let,

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} X^i \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_i}, \quad Y = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} Y^j \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_j}, \quad Z = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} Z^k \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_k}$$

Notice that,

$$D_Y Z = \partial_Y Z - \langle \partial_Y Z, N \rangle N$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_X D_Y Z = \partial_X \partial_Y Z - \langle \partial_X \partial_Y Z, N \rangle N - \langle \partial_Y Z, \partial_X N \rangle N$$

$$\Rightarrow D_X D_Y Z \stackrel{(*)}{=} \partial_X \partial_Y Z - \langle \partial_X \partial_Y Z, N \rangle - \langle \partial_Y Z, \partial_X N \rangle$$

(\*) is because,  $\langle \partial_X N, N \rangle = 0$  as,  $\langle N, N \rangle = 1$ , by taking derivative w.r.t to  $\partial_X$  we are getting  $\langle \partial_X N, N \rangle = 0$ .

$$\therefore D_x D_y (z) = \partial_x \partial_y z - \langle \partial_x \partial_y z, n \rangle n + \langle z, L_p Y \rangle L_p x,$$

this is because  $z$  is tangential,  $\langle z, n \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \langle \partial_x z, n \rangle + \langle z, \partial_x n \rangle = 0$

Similarly we can calculate,  $D_y D_x z$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned} [D_x D_y - D_y D_x](z) &= \partial_x \partial_y z - \partial_y \partial_x z - \langle \partial_x \partial_y z - \partial_y \partial_x z, n \rangle n \\ &\quad + \langle L_p Y, z \rangle L_p x - \langle L_p x, z \rangle L_p Y. \\ \textcircled{1} - &= R(x, y, z) + (\partial_x \partial_y - \partial_y \partial_x)(z) \\ &\quad - \langle (\partial_x \partial_y - \partial_y \partial_x)(z), n \rangle n \end{aligned}$$

Now we will show  $(\partial_x \partial_y - \partial_y \partial_x)(z) = (\partial_{[x,y]} z)$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x \partial_y z &= \partial_x \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} Y^j \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_j} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \partial_x Y^j \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_j} + Y^j \partial_x \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_j} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x^i \frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_j} + x^i Y^j \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \partial_x \partial_y z - \partial_y \partial_x z &= \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left( x^i \frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x_i} - Y^j \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x_j} \right) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_j} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} [x, y]^j \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_j} \\ &= \partial_{[x,y]} z \end{aligned}$$

We can write equation ① as following,

$$\begin{aligned} R(x, y, z) &= [D_x D_y - D_y D_x](z) - \partial_{[x,y]} z \\ &\quad - \langle \partial_{[x,y]} z, n \rangle n \\ &= [D_x D_y - D_y D_x - D_{[x,y]}](z) \end{aligned}$$

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(ii) (a) Let,  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  be orthogonal basis that spans  $\Pi$ ,  
 we can extend this to get an orthogonal basis  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}\}$   
 which spans  $T_p M$ . We must have,

$$L_p(e_1) = l_{11}e_1 + l_{12}e_2 + \dots$$

$$L_p(e_2) = l_{12}e_1 + l_{22}e_2 + \dots$$

$$\therefore R(e_1, e_2, e_2, e_1) = l_{11}l_{22} - l_{12}^2. \text{ (as } L_p \text{ is self adjoint linear transform)}$$

Let,  $\{\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_2\}$  be another orthogonal basis of  $\Pi$ , with,

$$R(\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_2, \tilde{e}_2, \tilde{e}_1) = l'_{11}l'_{22} - l'_{12}, \text{ where, } L_p(\tilde{e}_1) = l'_{11}\tilde{e}_1 + l'_{12}\tilde{e}_2 + \dots$$

$$L_p(\tilde{e}_2) = l'_{12}\tilde{e}_1 + l'_{22}\tilde{e}_2 + \dots$$

Let,  $\tilde{e}_1 = ae_1 + be_2, \tilde{e}_2 = ce_1 + de_2$ , as both  $\{e_1, e_2\}, \{\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_2\}$  are orthogonal basis for  $\Pi$ ,  $\text{Span}\{e_1, e_2\} = \text{Span}\{\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_2\}$ , we can write

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \det \begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & l_{12} \\ l_{12} & l_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} l'_{11} & l'_{12} \\ l'_{21} & l'_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow l_{11}l_{22} - l_{12}^2 = l'_{11}l'_{22} - l'_{12}^2 \quad (\text{as, } l_{12} = l_{21}, l'_{12} = l'_{21}, \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = 1).$$

So,  $R(\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_2, \tilde{e}_2, \tilde{e}_1)$  is invariant of the orthogonal basis  $\{\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_2\}$ .

(b) If  $n=3$ , then  $\dim T_p M = 2$ , thus  $\Pi = T_p M$  and hence

$$R(e_1, e_2, e_2, e_1) = \underbrace{l_{11}l_{22} - l_{12}^2}_{\downarrow}$$

These are element  
 corresponds to  $L$  (linear  
 transformation matrix of  
 Weingarten map  $L_p$ )

$$= \det L$$

$$= k \text{ (gaussian curvature)}$$

