

Math 5050 – Special Topics: Manifolds– Spring 2025

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Exercise 8.3: (The Differential of a Map). Check that $F_*(X_p)$ is a derivation at $F(p)$ and that $F_* : T_p N \rightarrow T_{F(p)} M$ is a linear map.

Let f be a germ at $F(p)$. Then

$$(F_*(X_p))f = X_p(f \circ F) \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ for } f \in C_{F(p)}^\infty(M)$$

Need to show that F_* has the Liebniz Condition that is, given f, g of the same germ at $F(p)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} (F_*(X_p))fg &= X_p(fg \circ F) \\ &= X_p((f \circ F)(g \circ F)) \\ &= (g \circ F)X_p(f \circ F) + (f \circ F)X_p(g \circ F) \\ &= (g \circ F)(F_*(X_p))f + (f \circ F)(F_*(X_p))g \end{aligned}$$

8.2. Differential of a linear map. Let $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear map. For any $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ there is a canonical identification $T_p(\mathbb{R}^n) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{R}^n$ given by

$$\sum a^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \mapsto \mathbf{a} = \langle a^1, \dots, a^n \rangle$$

Show that the differential $L_{*,p} : T_p(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow T_{L(p)}(\mathbb{R}^m)$ is the map $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ itself, with the identification of the tangent spaces as above.

Let $[L_k^j]$ be the Jacobian of L . From equation 8.2 of the test

$$L_{*,p} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \Big|_p \right) = \sum_k L_k^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \Big|_{F(p)} = \frac{\partial F^i}{\partial x^j}(p)$$

applying any vector $v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} L_{*,p}(v) &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i L_{*,p} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \sum_{k=1}^m L_k^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \Big|_{F(p)} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i L_k^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \Big|_{F(p)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m L^k(v) \\ &= L(v) \end{aligned}$$

8.3. Differential on a map

Fix a real number α and define $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = (u, v) = F(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $X = -y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ be a vector field on \mathbb{R}^2 . If $p = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $F_*(X_p) = \left(a \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + b \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right) \Big|_{F(p)}$, find a and b in terms of x, y , and α .

Since F is linear its Jacobian is constant and at p we have

$$\begin{aligned} p = (x, y) &= \begin{bmatrix} -y \\ x \end{bmatrix} \\ F_*(X_p) &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -y \\ x \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha \\ -y \sin \alpha + x \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (-y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha) \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + (-y \sin \alpha + x \cos \alpha) \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \end{aligned}$$

therefore $a = -y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha$ and $b = -y \sin \alpha + x \cos \alpha$

8.4. Transition matrix for coordinate vectors

Let x, y be the standard coordinates on \mathbb{R}^2 , and let U be the open set

$$U = \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(x, 0) | x \geq 0\}.$$

On U the polar coordinates r, θ are uniquely defined by

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta, r > 0, 0 < \theta < 2\pi \end{aligned}$$

find $\frac{\partial}{\partial r}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$ in terms of $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$.

Given any $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$$

that is the expression may be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} &= \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} &= -r \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$$