

Lie Derivative

Recall we've defined Lie derivative for vector field X & γ . Next, we want to extend it on k -forms:

Def: X is vector field with flow φ_t . $W \in \Lambda^k(m)$, $(L_X W)_p := \frac{1}{k!} \big|_{t=0} \varphi_t^* W \varphi_{t*}(p) \in \Lambda^k T_p M$.

Remark: For $k=0$: $f \in C^\infty(m)$. $L_X f = Xf$.

Prop: i) L_X is a derivation: $L_X(W \wedge \eta) = L_X W \wedge \eta$

ii) $L_X(LW) = L(L_X W)$. $+ W \wedge L_X \eta$.

iii) Product formula: $L_X(W \langle Y_1, \dots, Y_k \rangle) = L_X W \langle Y_1, \dots, Y_k \rangle + \sum_{j=1}^k W \langle Y_1, \dots, L_X Y_j, \dots, Y_k \rangle$

Remark: From iii): $(L_X W) \langle Y_1, \dots, Y_k \rangle = X(W \langle Y_1, \dots, Y_k \rangle) - \sum_{j=1}^k W \langle Y_1, \dots, [X, Y_j], \dots, Y_k \rangle$.

Pf: Using $\varphi_t^*(W \wedge \eta) = \varphi_t^* W \wedge \varphi_t^* \eta$

Note: $\frac{1}{k!} \big|_{t=0} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \square$. With bilinearity of \wedge product

ii) φ_t^* commutes with $L(\cdot)$ commutes with $\frac{1}{k!} \big|_{t=0}$. (by linearity)

iii) First for $k=1$:

$$\begin{aligned} L_X W(Y)_p &\stackrel{\text{linear}}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \langle \ell_t^* W_{\ell_t p} - W_p \rangle \langle \ell_{-t*} Y_{\ell_t p} \rangle \\ &\quad + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} W_p \langle \frac{1}{t} \langle \ell_{-t}^* Y_{\ell_t p} - Y_p \rangle \rangle \\ &= L_X W_p \langle Y_p \rangle + W_p \langle L_X Y_p \rangle \end{aligned}$$

For general k . Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} L_X W \langle Y_1 \dots Y_k \rangle &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \langle \ell_t^* W_{\ell_t p} - W_p \rangle \langle \ell_{-t*} Y_{\ell_t p}^1, \dots, \ell_{-t*} Y_{\ell_t p}^k \rangle \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{t} \langle W_p \langle Y_1, \dots, Y_j, \ell_{-t*} Y_{\ell_t p}^{j+1}, \dots, \ell_{-t*} Y_{\ell_t p}^k \rangle - W_p \langle Y_1, \dots, Y_{j+1}, \ell_{-t*} Y_{\ell_t p}^{j+2}, \dots, \ell_{-t*} Y_{\ell_t p}^k \rangle \rangle = RHS. \end{aligned}$$

Prop. (Cartan's formula)

For vector field X . $\Rightarrow L_X = \mathcal{L}_X + \mathcal{L}_X \mathcal{L}$.

If: 1) RHS is derivation follows from

\mathcal{L} . \mathcal{L}_X are anti-deriv.

2) Since LHS and RHS are both

deri. we can use their locality:

$\forall k$ -form $W = \sum f_x \mathcal{L} W_x$ on U .

Since LHS & RHS both commutes

with k . We can only check they coincide on $(\wedge^k m) = \wedge^k m$
 $(L_X + L_X) f = d_X df = L f(X) = X f = L_X f$.

prop. $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$. $W \in \wedge^k m$. Then:

$$L_W(X, Y) = X W(Y) - Y W(X) - W([X, Y])$$

Pf: LHS: $L_X L_W(Y)$. So we can use Cartan's formula together with prop. iii) above to find $L_X W(Y)$.

Cor. $W \in \wedge^k m$. $X_i \in \mathcal{X}(M)$. We have:

$$L_W(X_0 \cdots X_k) = \sum_i (-1)^i X_i W(X_0, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, X_k) \\ + \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq k} (-1)^{i+j} W([X_i, X_j], X_0, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_k)$$

Pf: Induction on k by using Cartan formula: LHS = $L_{X_0} W(X_1 \cdots X_k) - (L_{X_0} W)(X_1 \cdots X_k)$. with prop. iii).

prop. $L_X L_Y - L_Y L_X = L_{[X, Y]}$

Pf: Use prop. iii) above.