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Differential geometry

1.1 Smooth manifolds

1.1.1 Smooth manifolds

Definition 1.1.1 (topological manifold)

A topological n -manifold is a topological space X , such that for every $p \in X$, there exists an open neighbourhood U of p in X , and an open set V in \mathbb{R}^n , and a homeomorphism $\varphi : U \rightarrow V$.

Moreover, we require X to be Hausdorff and second countable.

1. φ as above is called a chart,
2. a collection of charts where the domains form an (open) cover of X is called an atlas,
3. U is a coordinate patch,
4. if x_1, \dots, x_n the standard coordinate functions on \mathbb{R}^n , then $x_1 \circ \varphi, \dots, x_n \circ \varphi$ are local coordinates on U . We will usually abuse notation and denote them by x_1, \dots, x_n .
5. if we have charts $\varphi_1 : U_1 \rightarrow V_1$ and $\varphi_2 : U_2 \rightarrow V_2$, the map

$$\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1} : \varphi_1(U_1 \cap U_2) \rightarrow \varphi_2(U_1 \cap U_2)$$

is called the transition map.

Definition 1.1.2 (smooth function)

Given an atlas \mathcal{A} and an open subsets $W \subseteq X$, a function $f : W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is smooth with respect to \mathcal{A} if $f \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is smooth for all $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}$. That is, if all local coordinate expressions $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ are smooth.

Definition 1.1.3 (smooth atlas)

An atlas \mathcal{A} on X is smooth if all the transition functions $\varphi_\beta \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1}$ are smooth.

Definition 1.1.4 (smoothly equivalent, smooth structure)

Two smooth atlases \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are smoothly equivalent if $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$ is a smooth atlas. This defines an equivalence relation, and an equivalence class is called a smooth structure.

Definition 1.1.5 (smooth manifold)

A smooth n -manifold X is a topological n -manifold with a smooth structure.

1.1.2 Smooth maps

Throughout, fix smooth manifolds X, Y , with atlases $\{\varphi_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow V_\alpha\}$ and $\{\psi_\beta : S_\beta \rightarrow T_\beta\}$ respectively.

Definition 1.1.6 (smooth map)

A continuous map $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is smooth if for all α, β ,

$$\psi_\beta \circ F \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1} : \varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap F^{-1}(S_\beta)) \rightarrow T_\beta$$

is smooth.

Lemma 1.1.7. Smoothness is local. That is, if $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is smooth, and $U \subseteq X$ is open, then $F|_U$ is also smooth.

Lemma 1.1.8. The composition of smooth maps is smooth.

Definition 1.1.9 (diffeomorphism)

A diffeomorphism is a smooth map $F : X \rightarrow Y$ with a smooth inverse.

1.1.3 Tangent spaces

Throughout, let X be a smooth n -manifold.

Definition 1.1.10 (curve based at a point)

Let X be a manifold, $p \in X$, then a curve based at p is a smooth map $\gamma : I \rightarrow X$, where $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is an open interval containing 0, and $\gamma(0) = p$.

Definition 1.1.11 (agree to first order)

Given curves γ_1, γ_2 at p , we say that they agree to first order if there exists a chart φ near p , such that $(\varphi \circ \gamma_1)'(0) = (\varphi \circ \gamma_2)'(0)$ in \mathbb{R}^n .

Write π_p^φ for the map $\gamma \rightarrow (\varphi \circ \gamma)'(0)$.

Lemma 1.1.12. Agreement to first order is independent of the choice of charts. Moreover, it is an equivalence relation.

Definition 1.1.13 (tangent space)

The tangent space of X at p is

$$T_p X = \frac{\{\text{curves based at } p\}}{\text{agreement to first order}}$$

Elements of $T_p X$ are called tangent vectors at p , and we write $[\gamma]$ for the equivalence class of γ .

Proposition 1.1.14. $T_p X$ is an n -dimensional vector space.

Proof. Given a chart φ at p , π_p^φ induces an injective map $\pi_p^\varphi : T_p X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$. We want to show that this is surjective.

Given $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, let $\gamma(t) = \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(p) + tv)$. Then $\pi_p^\varphi([\gamma]) = v$, so π_p^φ is surjective.

Therefore, we can transport the \mathbb{R} -vector space structure using π_p^φ . □

Definition 1.1.15 (basis of the tangent space)

Let φ be a chart at p , with corresponding local coordinates x_1, \dots, x_n , define

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} = (\pi_p^\varphi)^{-1}(e_i) \in T_p X$$

where e_i is the i -th standard basis vector in \mathbb{R}^n .

Remark 1.1.16. $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ depends on the whole set of coordinates x_1, \dots, x_n .

Lemma 1.1.17. On overlaps of charts,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial y_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$$

1.1.4 Derivatives of smooth maps

Fix manifolds X, Y , with a smooth map $F : X \rightarrow Y$.

Definition 1.1.18 (derivative)

The derivative of F at $p \in X$ is the linear map

$$D_p F : T_p X \rightarrow T_{F(p)} Y$$

given by $D_p F([\gamma]) = [F \circ \gamma]$.

Lemma 1.1.19. $D_p F$ is well defined and linear.

Lemma 1.1.20 (chain rule). Suppose we have smooth maps $F : X \rightarrow Y, G : Y \rightarrow Z$, then $G \circ F$ is smooth, with

$$D_p(G \circ F) = D_{F(p)} G \circ D_p F$$

Definition 1.1.21 (immersion, submersion, local diffeomorphism)

A smooth map $X \rightarrow Y$ is an immersion (submersion, local diffeomorphism) (at a point p) if $D_p F$ is injective (surjective, bijective) (at p).

Definition 1.1.22 (regular point, regular value)

$p \in X$ is a regular point for $F : X \rightarrow Y$ if F is a submersion at p . $q \in Y$ is a regular value for $F : X \rightarrow Y$ if for all $p \in F^{-1}(q)$, F is a submersion at p .

If $p \in X$ is not a regular point, then it is a critical point. Similarly, if $q \in Y$ is not a regular value, then it is a critical value.

Lemma 1.1.23. Suppose $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is a local diffeomorphism at p . Then there exists open sets U, V of $p, F(p)$ respectively, such that $F : U \rightarrow V$ is a diffeomorphism.

Lemma 1.1.24 (local immersion). Suppose $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is an immersion at p . Given local coordinates x_1, \dots, x_n on X , there exists local coordinates y_1, \dots, y_m on Y , such that locally, F looks like the inclusion

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^n \oplus 0 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

Lemma 1.1.25 (local submersion). Suppose $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is a submersion at p . Given local coordinates y_1, \dots, y_m on Y , there exists local coordinates x_1, \dots, x_n on X , such that locally, F looks like the projection

$$\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m = \mathbb{R}^m \oplus 0$$

1.1.5 Submanifolds

Throughout, let X be an n -manifold.

Definition 1.1.26 (submanifold)

A subset $Z \subseteq X$ is a submanifold of codimension k if for all $p \in Z$, there exists local coordinates x_1, \dots, x_n on X about p , such that Z is locally given by

$$\{x_1 = \dots = x_k = 0\}$$

We say that Z is properly embedded if the above holds for all $p \in X$.

Lemma 1.1.27. Let x_1, \dots, x_n be as above. Then x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n define local coordinates on Z , making it into a smooth $(n - k)$ -manifold. Moreover, the inclusion map $\iota : Z \hookrightarrow X$ is an immersion, and a homeomorphism onto its image.

Definition 1.1.28 (embedding)

A smooth map $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is an embedding if it is an immersion and a homeomorphism onto its image.

Lemma 1.1.29. The image of an embedding $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is a submanifold of Y , which is diffeomorphic to X .

Proposition 1.1.30. Suppose $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is a smooth map, $q \in Y$ a regular value of F , then $F^{-1}(q)$ is a submanifold of X , of codimension $\dim(Y)$.

Theorem 1.1.31 (Sard). The set of critical values of $F : X \rightarrow Y$ has measure zero in Y .

Corollary 1.1.32. The set of regular values is dense in Y .

Remark 1.1.33. Note on the other hand that regular points need not exist.

Definition 1.1.34 (transverse)

Submanifolds Y, Z of X are transverse if for all $p \in Y \cap Z$,

$$T_p X = T_p Y + T_p Z$$

Proposition 1.1.35. If Y, Z are submanifolds of codimension k, l respectively, intersecting transversally, then $Y \cap Z$ is a submanifold of codimension $k + l$.

1.2 Vector bundles and tensors

1.2.1 Vector bundles

Definition 1.2.1 (vector bundle)

A vector bundle of rank k over a manifold B is

- (i) a manifold E ,
- (ii) a smooth map $\pi : E \rightarrow B$,
- (iii) an open cover $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$ of B ,
- (iv) for each α , a diffeomorphism $\Phi_\alpha : \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha) \rightarrow U_\alpha \times \mathbb{R}^k$,

such that

1. $\text{pr}_1 \circ \Phi_\alpha = \pi$ on $\pi^{-1}(U_\alpha)$,
2. for all α, β , the map

$$\Phi_\beta \circ \Phi_\alpha^{-1} : (U_\alpha \cap U_\beta) \times \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow (U_\alpha \cap U_\beta) \times \mathbb{R}^k$$

is of the form

$$\Phi_\beta \circ \Phi_\alpha^{-1}(b, v) = (b, g_{\beta\alpha}(b)(v))$$

where $g_{\beta\alpha} : U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \rightarrow \text{GL}_k(\mathbb{R})$ is smooth.

We call

- E the total space,
- π the projection,
- the Φ_α local trivialisations,
- $g_{\beta\alpha}$ the transition functions,

and we write E_b for the fibre $\pi^{-1}(b)$.

Remark 1.2.2. Replacing \mathbb{R} with \mathbb{C} we get complex vector bundles.

Definition 1.2.3 (trivial bundle)

The trivial bundle of rank k over B is $B \times \mathbb{R}^k$ with the obvious trivialisation.

Notation 1.2.4. For a vector space V , write \underline{V} for the trivial bundle $B \times V$.

Definition 1.2.5 (tangent bundle)

The tangent bundle of an n -manifold X is a rank n vector bundle, given by

- (i) $TX = \bigsqcup_{p \in X} T_p X = \{(p, v) \mid p \in X, v \in T_p X\}$. On any coordinate neighbourhood U of X , with coordinates x_1, \dots, x_n , and chart φ , then we have a chart on TX given by

$$\psi \left(p, \sum_i a_i \partial_i \right) = (\varphi(p), (a_1, \dots, a_n)) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2n}$$

(ii) and $\pi(p, v) = p$

Definition 1.2.6 (section)

A section s of a vector bundle $\pi : E \rightarrow B$ is a smooth map $s : B \rightarrow E$, such that $\pi \circ s = \text{id}$.

Definition 1.2.7 (vector field)

A section of TX is called a vector field.

Definition 1.2.8 (morphism of vector bundles)

Given vector bundles $\pi_1 : E_1 \rightarrow B_1$ and $\pi_2 : E_2 \rightarrow B_2$, and a smooth map $F : B_1 \rightarrow B_2$, a morphism of vector bundles covering F is a smooth map $G : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$, such that

1. $\pi_2 \circ G = F \circ \pi_1$,
2. for all $p \in B$, the map $G_p : (E_1)_p \rightarrow (E_2)_{F(p)}$ is linear.

Definition 1.2.9 (isomorphism of vector bundles)

An isomorphism of vector bundles over B is a morphism covering id_B , with a two sided inverse.

Definition 1.2.10 (subbundle, quotient bundles)

Given a vector bundle $\pi : E \rightarrow B$ of rank k , a subbundle of rank l is a submanifold $F \subseteq E$, such that B is covered by the local trivialisations

$$\Phi_\alpha : \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha) \rightarrow U_\alpha \times \mathbb{R}^k$$

under which F is given by $U_\alpha \times (\mathbb{R}^l \oplus 0)$.

1.2.2 Gluing

Suppose we have the following data:

- (i) A manifold B ,
- (ii) and open cover $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$ of B ,
- (iii) for each α, β , a smooth map $g_{\beta\alpha} : U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \rightarrow \text{GL}_k(\mathbb{R})$,

such that

1. $g_{\alpha\alpha}(x) = \text{id}$,
2. $g_{\gamma\alpha} = g_{\gamma\beta} \circ g_{\beta\alpha}$ on $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \cap U_\gamma$.

Then, define

$$E = \frac{\bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} (U_\alpha \times \mathbb{R}^k)}{(b, v) \sim (b, g_{\beta\alpha}(b)(v))}$$

and defining π by projecting onto the first factor, we get a vector bundle $\pi : E \rightarrow B$.

Lemma 1.2.11. Suppose $E \rightarrow B$ is a vector bundle. Then the transition functions satisfy 1. and 2., and E is isomorphic to the vector bundle constructed above.

1.2.3 Constructions on vector bundles

Definition 1.2.12 (pullback)

Given a vector bundle $\pi : E \rightarrow B$, and a smooth map $F : B' \rightarrow B$, the pullback bundle F^*E over B' is given by:

- (i) The total space is still E , with fibres $E_{F(p)}$.
- (ii) Suppose $E \rightarrow B$ is trivialised over $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$, with transition functions $g_{\beta\alpha}$. Then F^*E is trivialised over $\{F^{-1}(U_\alpha)\}$, with transition functions $F^*g_{\beta\alpha} = g_{\beta\alpha} \circ F$.

Definition 1.2.13 (dual bundle)

Suppose $E \rightarrow B$ is a vector bundle. Then the dual bundle $E^\vee \rightarrow B$ has total space

$$E^\vee = \bigsqcup_{p \in B} (E_p)^\vee$$

trivialised over the same open cover, with transition functions $(g_{\beta\alpha}^\vee)^{-1}$.

1.2.4 Cotangent bundle

Definition 1.2.14 (cotangent bundle)

The cotangent bundle of X is $T^*X = (TX)^\vee$. We write T_p^*X for the fibre at p , the cotangent space of X at p .

Proposition 1.2.15. Given function elements $(f, U), (g, V)$ about $p \in X$, we say that $f, g : U \cap V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ agree to first order if $D_p f = D_p g$. Then we have a natural isomorphism

$$\frac{\text{function elements about } p \in X}{\text{agreement to first order}} \simeq T_p^*X$$

Proof. Define map $e : \{\text{function elements about } p\} \rightarrow T_p^*X$ by

$$e(f)([\gamma]) = (f \circ \gamma)'(0)$$

Then the result follows by the first isomorphism theorem for vector spaces. □

Definition 1.2.16 (differential of function)

For a function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, define $d_p f = e(f) \in T_p^*X$ as above. Then this defines a smooth section of T^*X , denoted df , called the differential of f .

Definition 1.2.17 (1-form)

A section of T^*X is called a 1-form.

Remark 1.2.18. The 1-forms dx_i form a basis of T_p^*X . Moreover, dx_i depends only on x_i , and not the other coordinate functions.

Definition 1.2.19 (pullback)

Given a smooth map, the map

$$(D_p F)^\vee : T_{F(p)}^* Y \rightarrow T_p^* X$$

is called the pullback by F , denoted by F^* .

Lemma 1.2.20. Suppose $F : X \rightarrow Y$, $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ smooth. Then

$$F^*(dg) = d(F^*g) = d(g \circ F)$$

1.2.5 Tensors and forms

Definition 1.2.21 (direct sum)

Suppose E, F are vector bundles over B , trivialised over $\{U_\alpha\}$, and with transition functions $g_{\beta\alpha}, h_{\beta\alpha}$ respectively. Then define the direct sum bundle $E \oplus F$, with fibres $E_p \oplus F_p$, and transition functions $g_{\beta\alpha} \oplus h_{\beta\alpha}$.

Remark 1.2.22. We can define the tensor product of vector bundles in a similar way, and tensor powers and symmetric, exterior powers.

Proposition 1.2.23. For $F : X \rightarrow Y$ smooth, DF is a section of $T^*X \otimes F^*TY$.

Proof. $\text{Hom}(T_p X, T_{F(p)} Y) = T_p^* X \otimes T_{F(p)} Y = (T^*X \otimes F^*TY)_p$ □

Definition 1.2.24 (tensor)

A tensor of type (p, q) on a manifold X is a section of

$$(TX)^{\otimes p} \otimes (T^*X)^{\otimes q}$$

Definition 1.2.25 (differential form)

An r form is a section of

$$\wedge^r T^*X$$

The space of all r -forms is denoted $\Omega^r(X)$.

From now on, we will write local coordinates with “up” indices, i.e. x^1, \dots, x^n , and repeated indices, once up and once down are summed over. Up indices correspond to ∂_i factors, and down indices correspond to dx^i factors.

Notation 1.2.26. For $I = (i_1 < \dots < i_r)$, write

$$dx^I = dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_r}$$

Fix smooth manifolds X, Y , and a smooth map $F : X \rightarrow Y$. Then we have

Definition 1.2.27 (pushforward at a point)

For $p \in X$, a tensor of type $(r, 0)$ at p , we can push forward this to $(T_{F(p)}Y)^{\otimes r}$ by applying $(D_p F)^{\otimes r}$. We call this operation the pushforward, denoted by F_* .

Definition 1.2.28 (pullback at a point)

For $p \in X$, a tensor of type $(0, r)$ at $F(p)$, we can pull back this to $(T_p^*X)^{\otimes r}$ by applying $((D_p F)^\vee)^{\otimes r}$. Similarly, we can pull back an r form. We call this operation the pullback, denoted by F^* .

Definition 1.2.29 (pullback)

Given a tensor T of type $(0, r)$ on Y , we can pull this back to a tensor F^*T on X , by $(F^*T)_p = F^*(T_{F(p)})$. Similarly, we can pull back an r -form.

1.3 Differential forms

1.3.1 Exterior derivative

Definition 1.3.1 (exterior derivative)

Let α be a p -form, say $\alpha = \alpha_I dx^I$. Then define the exterior derivative by

$$d\alpha = d\alpha_I \wedge dx^I = \frac{\partial \alpha_I}{\partial x^J} dx^J \wedge dx^I$$

Proposition 1.3.2. The exterior derivative is well defined. That is, it is independent of the choice of local coordinates. Moreover,

- (i) it is \mathbb{R} -linear,
- (ii) it agrees with the differential on 0-forms,
- (iii) $d^2 = 0$,
- (iv) if $F : X \rightarrow Y$ smooth, α is a p -form on Y , then

$$F^*(d\alpha) = d(F^*\alpha)$$

- (v) given a p -form α and a q -form β ,

$$d(\alpha \wedge \beta) = d\alpha \wedge \beta + (-1)^p \alpha \wedge d\beta$$

1.3.2 de Rham cohomology

Definition 1.3.3 (closed, exact)

A differential form α is closed if $d\alpha = 0$, and α is exact if $\alpha = d\beta$ for some β . We write $Z^r(X), B^r(X) \subseteq \Omega^r(X)$ for the spaces of closed and exact r -forms respectively.

Definition 1.3.4 (de Rham cohomology)

The r -th de Rham cohomology group of X is

$$H_{\text{dR}}^r(X) = \frac{Z^r(X)}{B^r(X)}$$

which is well defined as $d^2 = 0$.

Remark 1.3.5. $H_{\text{dR}}^r(X) = 0$ for $r > \dim(X)$, as there are no r forms in that case. Furthermore, $H_{\text{dR}}^r(X) = 0$ for $r < 0$, by convention.

Proposition 1.3.6 (functoriality). Suppose $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is smooth. Then F^* induces a linear map

$$F^* : H_{\text{dR}}^r(Y) \rightarrow H_{\text{dR}}^r(X)$$

Proposition 1.3.7. The wedge product descends to $H_{\text{dR}}^*(X)$, making it into a unital graded-commutative

associative algebra.

Corollary 1.3.8. The map $F^* : H_{\text{dR}}^*(Y) \rightarrow H_{\text{dR}}^*(X)$ is a unital algebra homomorphism.

Proposition 1.3.9 (homotopy invariance). Suppose $F_0, F_1 : X \rightarrow Y$ are smoothly homotopic. Then the induced maps $F_0^*, F_1^* : H_{\text{dR}}^*(Y) \rightarrow H_{\text{dR}}^*(X)$ are equal.

Corollary 1.3.10. If $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is a smooth homotopy equivalence, then the induced map $F^* : H_{\text{dR}}^*(Y) \rightarrow H_{\text{dR}}^*(X)$ is an isomorphism.

1.3.3 Orientations

Definition 1.3.11 (orientation of a vector space)

For a vector space V , an orientation of V is a nonzero element of $\wedge^n V$, up to rescaling by positive scalars, where $n = \dim(V)$.

Definition 1.3.12 (orientation of a vector bundle)

An orientation of a rank k vector bundle $E \rightarrow X$ is a nowhere zero section of $\wedge^k E$, again up to rescaling by positive scalars.

Definition 1.3.13 (orientation of a manifold)

An orientation of a manifold X is an orientation of the tangent bundle TX .

Definition 1.3.14 (volume form)

A volume form on an n -manifold X is a nowhere zero n -form, i.e. a nowhere zero section of $\wedge^n T^*X$.

Proposition 1.3.15. Volume forms and orientations are equivalent.

1.3.4 Integration

Definition 1.3.16 (partition of unity)

Given an open cover $\{U_\alpha\}$ of X , a partition of unity subordinate to the cover is a collection of smooth functions $p_\alpha : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, such that

- (i) $\text{supp}(p_\alpha) \subseteq U_\alpha$,
- (ii) the collection is locally finite. That is, for all $x \in X$, there exists an open neighbourhood V of x , such that all but finitely many p_α is zero on V ,
- (iii) $\sum_\alpha p_\alpha = 1$.

Lemma 1.3.17. For any open cover $\{U_\alpha\}$, there exists a partition of unity subordinate to the cover.

Definition 1.3.18 (integral)

Let X be an oriented n -manifold, ω a compactly supported n form on X . Then the integral of ω , $\int_X \omega$ is defined by

1. Cover X by coordinate neighbourhoods $\{U_\alpha\}$, with coordinates $x_\alpha^1, \dots, x_\alpha^n$. Without loss of generality, suppose the x_α^i are positively oriented, that is, $\partial_{x_\alpha^1} \wedge \dots \wedge \partial_{x_\alpha^n}$ represents the orientation.
2. Choose a subordinate partition of unity $\{p_\alpha\}$.
3. On each U_α , $p_\alpha \omega = f_\alpha dx_\alpha^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_\alpha^n$, where f_α is a smooth function.

4.

$$\int_X \omega = \sum_\alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_\alpha dx_\alpha^1 \cdots dx_\alpha^n$$

where the integral on the right hand side is the usual integral on \mathbb{R}^n .

Lemma 1.3.19. The integral is well defined.

1.3.5 Stokes' theorem

Definition 1.3.20 (smooth manifold with boundary)

A smooth n -manifold with boundary is as defined as a manifold, except the codomain of each chart is an open set in $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$.

Definition 1.3.21 (interior, boundary)

Let X be a manifold with boundary, $p \in X$. Then if we have a chart $\varphi : U \rightarrow V$ near p , if $\varphi(p) \in \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, then we say that p is a boundary point, $p \in \partial X$. Otherwise, p is an interior point, $p \in \text{Int}(X)$.

Lemma 1.3.22. The boundary and interior are well defined, i.e. independent of choice of charts.

We can define smooth maps and smooth functions as for manifolds.

Definition 1.3.23 (orientation on boundary)

Suppose X is an oriented n -manifold with boundary, then we can orient ∂X as follows.

Given $p \in \partial X$, choose $\mathbf{o}_X \in \wedge^n X$ representing the orientation of X . Choose a vector $\mathbf{n} \in T_p X$ transverse to ∂X and pointing outwards. Then orient ∂X with the orientation $\mathbf{o}_{\partial X}$ such that

$$\mathbf{o}_X = \mathbf{n} \wedge \mathbf{o}_{\partial X}$$

Theorem 1.3.24 (Stokes' theorem). Given an oriented n -manifold with boundary X , and a compactly supported $(n-1)$ -form ω on X , then

$$\int_X d\omega = \int_{\partial X} \omega$$

Proposition 1.3.25 (integration by parts). Given an oriented n -manifold with boundary X , a $p-1$ form α and an $n-p$ form β on X , at least one of which is compactly supported. Then

$$\int_X (d\alpha) \wedge \beta = \int_{\partial X} \alpha \wedge \beta + (-1)^p \int_X \alpha \wedge d\beta$$

Proposition 1.3.26. If X is a compact oriented n -manifold, then integration over X defines a linear map $\int_X : H_{\text{dR}}^n(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Corollary 1.3.27. Suppose X is a compact orientable n -manifold. Then $H_{\text{dR}}^n(X) \neq 0$.

1.4 Connections on vector bundles

1.4.1 Connections

Definition 1.4.1 (E -valued r -form)

Given a vector bundle E over B , and E -valued r -form is a section of

$$E \otimes \wedge^r T^*B$$

Definition 1.4.2 (V -valued r -form)

Given a vector space V , a V -valued r -form is a \underline{V} -valued r -form.

Notation 1.4.3. Write $\Omega^r(E)$ for the space E valued r -forms, and $\Gamma(E) = \Omega^0(E)$ for the space of sections of E .

Notation 1.4.4. Let $\mathfrak{gl}(k, \mathbb{R})$ be the vector space of $k \times k$ real matrices.

Definition 1.4.5 (connection)

Let $E \rightarrow B$ be a vector bundle. A connection \mathcal{A} on E is

1. for each trivialisation $\Phi_\alpha : \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha) \rightarrow U_\alpha \times \mathbb{R}^k$, we have a $\mathfrak{gl}(k, \mathbb{R})$ valued 1-form A_α on U_α ,
2. such that on overlaps,

$$A_\alpha = g_{\beta\alpha}^{-1} A_\beta g_{\beta\alpha} + g_{\beta\alpha}^{-1} dg_{\beta\alpha}$$

Definition 1.4.6 (covariant derivative)

Given a connection \mathcal{A} on E , the covariant derivative of $s \in \Gamma(E)$ is the E -valued 1-form $d^{\mathcal{A}}s$, given under Φ_α by

$$d^{\mathcal{A}}s = dv_\alpha + A_\alpha v_\alpha$$

where $v_\alpha = \text{pr}_2 \circ \Phi_\alpha \circ s|_{U_\alpha}$ is the \mathbb{R}^k -valued function given by s .

Definition 1.4.7 (horizontal, covariantly constant)

A section $s \in \Gamma(E)$ is horizontal, or covariantly constant, if $d^{\mathcal{A}}s = 0$.

Lemma 1.4.8. Given a connection \mathcal{A} on $E \rightarrow B$, the covariant derivative $d^{\mathcal{A}} : \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Omega^1(E)$ is \mathbb{R} -linear, and satisfies the Leibniz rule

$$d^{\mathcal{A}}(f \cdot s) = f \cdot d^{\mathcal{A}}s + s \otimes df$$

Conversly, any linear map satisfying the Leibniz rule defines a connection.

Lemma 1.4.9. Any vector bundle $E \rightarrow B$ admits a connection.

Definition 1.4.10 ($\text{End}(E)$)

Let $E \rightarrow B$ be a vector bundle. Then define

$$\text{End}(E) = E \otimes E^\vee$$

Proposition 1.4.11. A section M of $\text{End}(E)$ is the same as a smooth map $M_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(k, \mathbb{R})$ for all α , such that on overlaps,

$$M_\beta = g_{\beta\alpha} M_\alpha g_{\beta\alpha}^{-1}$$

Proposition 1.4.12. If \mathcal{A} is a connection on E , and Δ is an $\text{End}(E)$ -valued 1-form, then we can define a connection $\mathcal{A} + \Delta$ in trivialisations by $A_\alpha + \Delta_\alpha$. Moreover, any connection on E is of this form. Therefore, the space of connections on E is an affine space modelled on $\Omega^1(\text{End}(E))$.

1.4.2 Curvature

Fix a vector bundle $E \rightarrow B$, with a connection \mathcal{A} .

Definition 1.4.13 (exterior covariant derivative)

The exterior covariant derivative $d^{\mathcal{A}} : \Omega^\bullet(E) \rightarrow \Omega^{\bullet+1}(E)$ is the unique \mathbb{R} -linear extension of $d^{\mathcal{A}} : \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Omega^1(E)$ such that

$$d^{\mathcal{A}}(\sigma \wedge \omega) = (d^{\mathcal{A}}\sigma) \wedge \omega + (-1)^r \sigma \wedge d\omega$$

for E -valued r -form σ , and a differential form ω . In trivialisations, σ is an \mathbb{R}^k -valued r form σ_α , and

$$d^{\mathcal{A}}\sigma = d\sigma_\alpha + A_\alpha \wedge \sigma_\alpha$$

Proposition 1.4.14. There is a unique $\text{End}(E)$ -valued 2-form F such that for any E -valued form σ , we have that

$$(d^{\mathcal{A}})^2\sigma = F \wedge \sigma$$

Definition 1.4.15 (curvature)

F in the above proposition is called the curvature of \mathcal{A} . \mathcal{A} is flat if $F = 0$.

1.4.3 Parallel transport

Fix a vector bundle $E \rightarrow [0, 1]$ with connection \mathcal{A} .

Lemma 1.4.16. For each $s_0 \in E_0$, there exists a unique horizontal section s of E , with $s(0) = s_0$. Moreover, s depends linearly on s_0 .

Definition 1.4.17 (parallel transport)

The parallel transport of s_0 from 0 to 1 is the element $s(1) \in E_1$. Since s depends linearly on s_0 , parallel

transport defines a linear map $E_0 \rightarrow E_1$.

Now suppose $E \rightarrow B$ is any vector bundle, $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow B$ is a curve. Let \mathcal{A} be a connection on $E \rightarrow B$.

Definition 1.4.18 (pullback connection)

We can define a connection $\gamma^*\mathcal{A}$ on γ^*E via the $\mathfrak{gl}(k, \mathbb{R})$ valued 1-forms γ^*A_α .

Definition 1.4.19 (horizontal lift, parallel transport, holonomy)

Given $s_0 \in E_{\gamma(0)}$, the horizontal lift of γ with respect of \mathcal{A} , at s_0 is the unique horizontal section of γ^*E starting at s_0 .

Parallel transport along γ is the linear map $\mathcal{P}_\gamma : E_{\gamma(0)} \rightarrow E_{\gamma(1)}$ given by $\mathcal{P}_\gamma(s_0) = s(1)$. If γ is a loop, then \mathcal{P}_γ is the holonomy of \mathcal{A} along γ .

1.5 Flows and the Lie Derivative

1.5.1 Flows

Let v be a vector field on X .

Definition 1.5.1 (integral curve)

An integral curve of v is a smooth curve $\gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow X$, such that

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) = v(\gamma(t))$$

Definition 1.5.2 (local flow)

A local flow of v is a smooth map $\Phi : U \rightarrow X$, where

1. $U \subseteq X \times \mathbb{R}$ is an open neighbourhood of $X \times 0$, and $U \cap \{p\} \times \mathbb{R}$ is connected for all $p \in X$.
2. $\Phi(\cdot, 0) = \text{id}$,
3. $\frac{d}{dt}\Phi(p, t) = v(\Phi(p, t))$ for all $(p, t) \in U$.

We will write $\Phi^t = \Phi(\cdot, t)$.

Lemma 1.5.3. Local flows always exist.

Lemma 1.5.4. Any local flow $\Phi : U \rightarrow X$ of v satisfies $\Phi^s \circ \Phi^t = \Phi^{s+t}$, whenever this makes sense.

Definition 1.5.5 (complete vector field)

A vector field v is complete if it admits a global flow, i.e. a flow defined on $X \times \mathbb{R}$.

Lemma 1.5.6. Compactly supported vector fields are complete.

Definition 1.5.7 (exponential map)

Define

$$\exp(tX) = \Phi^t$$

for the one-parameter group of diffeomorphisms given by the flow of X .

1.5.2 Lie derivative

Let v be a vector field, with flow Φ .

Definition 1.5.8 (Lie derivative)

The Lie derivative of a tensor T along v is

$$\mathcal{L}_v T = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (\Phi^t)^* T$$

Remark 1.5.9. The brackets in the above expression is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} ((\Phi^t)^* T)$$

Lemma 1.5.10. For general t , we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\Phi^t)^* T = (\Phi^t)^* \mathcal{L}_v T$$

Lemma 1.5.11. If f is a function on X , then $\mathcal{L}_v(f) = df(v)$. If $\alpha = \alpha_i dx^i$ is a 1-form, then

$$\mathcal{L}_v \alpha = \left(v^j \frac{\partial \alpha_i}{\partial x_j} + \alpha_j \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x^i} \right) dx^i$$

Lemma 1.5.12. For a vector field w , and a 1-form α , we have

$$\mathcal{L}_v(w^i \alpha_i) = (\mathcal{L}_v w)^i \alpha_i + w^i (\mathcal{L}_v \alpha)_i$$

and if S, T are tensors, then

$$\mathcal{L}_v(S \otimes T) = (\mathcal{L}_v S) \otimes T + S \otimes (\mathcal{L}_v T)$$

Corollary 1.5.13. If v, w are vector fields, then

$$\mathcal{L}_v(w) = \left(v^j \frac{\partial w^i}{\partial x^j} - w^j \frac{\partial v^i}{\partial x^j} \right) dx^i$$

Definition 1.5.14 (Lie bracket)

The Lie bracket of vector fields v, w is

$$[v, w] = \mathcal{L}_v w = -\mathcal{L}_w v$$

This makes the space of vector fields on X into a Lie algebra.

Lemma 1.5.15. Let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ be a diffeomorphism, v a vector field on Y , T a tensor on Y , then

$$F^*(\mathcal{L}_v T) = \mathcal{L}_{F^*v}(F^*T)$$

Definition 1.5.16

Given a vector field v , and an r -form α , $\iota_v \alpha$ or $v \lrcorner \alpha$ is the $(r-1)$ -form defined by

$$(\iota_v \alpha)_{i_1 \dots i_{r-1}} = v^j \alpha_{ji_1 \dots i_{r-1}}$$

Proposition 1.5.17 (Cartan's magic formula).

$$\mathcal{L}_v \alpha = d(\iota_v \alpha) + \iota_v(d\alpha)$$

1.6 More connections

1.6.1 Tangent bundle

Suppose \mathcal{A} is a connection on $TX \rightarrow X$.

Definition 1.6.1 (Coordinate trivialisations)

Given local coordinates x^1, \dots, x^n on X , we have a corresponding trivialisation $\partial_{x^1}, \dots, \partial_{x^n}$ of TX , known as the coordinate trivialisation. We write the components of the local trivialisation 1-form as Γ_{jk}^i , where the k is the 1-form index, and i, j are the $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$ indices.

Remark 1.6.2. The Γ_{jk}^i do *not* give a tensor of type $(1, 2)$.

Definition 1.6.3 (Solder form)

The Solder form is the TX -valued 1-form θ , given by the fibrewise identity map, under the identification

$$TX \otimes T^*X = \text{End}(TX)$$

In coordinate trivialisations, θ is given by $e_i \otimes dx^i$.

Definition 1.6.4 (torsion)

The torsion T of \mathcal{A} is the E -valued 2-form $d^A\theta$, given in coordinate trivialisations by

$$d(e_i \otimes dx^i) + A_\alpha \wedge (e_l \otimes dx^l) = \Gamma_{lk}^i e_i \otimes dx^k \wedge dx^l$$

\mathcal{A} is torsion free if $T = 0$.

Proposition 1.6.5 (First Bianchi identity).

$$d^A T = F \wedge \theta$$

Definition 1.6.6 (geodesic)

A curve γ in X is a geodesic if $\dot{\gamma}$ is horizontal as a section of γ^*TX , i.e. if and only if the geodesic equation

$$\ddot{\gamma}^i + \Gamma_{jk}^i \dot{\gamma}^j \dot{\gamma}^k = 0$$

holds.

1.6.2 Orthogonal vector bundles

Let $E \rightarrow B$ be a vector bundle of rank k .

Definition 1.6.7 (inner product)

An inner product on E is a section g of $E^\vee \otimes E^\vee$, which is a fibrewise symmetric positive definite bilinear form.

Lemma 1.6.8. E admits an inner product.

Definition 1.6.9 (orthogonal vector bundle, orthogonal trivialisation)

An orthogonal vector bundle is a vector bundle with an inner product g . An orthogonal trivialisation is a trivialisation where g is the standard inner product on \mathbb{R}^k .

Fix an inner product g on E .

Lemma 1.6.10. E can be covered by orthogonal trivialisations.

Definition 1.6.11 (orthogonal connection)

A connection \mathcal{A} on E is orthogonal if g is covariantly constant using the induced connection on $E^\vee \otimes E^\vee$.

Lemma 1.6.12. Orthogonal connections exist, and form an affine space for $\Omega^1(\mathfrak{o}(E))$, where $\mathfrak{o}(E)$ is the bundle of skew-adjoint endomorphisms of the fibres of E .

Lemma 1.6.13. The curvature of an orthogonal connection is an $\mathfrak{o}(E)$ valued 2-form.

1.7 Riemannian geometry

Definition 1.7.1 (Riemannian metric, Riemannian manifold)

A Riemannian metric is an inner product on $TX \rightarrow X$. A Riemannian manifold (X, g) is a manifold X with a Riemannian metric g .

Lemma 1.7.2. Every manifold admits a Riemannian metric.

Definition 1.7.3 (dual metric)

Given a metric g_{ij} on $TX \rightarrow X$, let g^{ij} denote the corresponding metric on $T^*X \rightarrow X$. That is, $g^{ij}g_{jk} = \delta^i_k$.

Definition 1.7.4 (raising and lowering indices)

We denote contraction with g_{ij} or g^{ij} by raising and lowering indices. For example, $v_i = g_{ij}v^j$.

Notation 1.7.5 (Symmetric product). Define

$$dx^i dx^j = \frac{1}{2} (dx^i \otimes dx^j + dx^j \otimes dx^i)$$

So the standard Euclidean inner product on \mathbb{R}^n is $dx^i dx^i$.

Theorem 1.7.6 (fundamental theorem of Riemannian geometry). (X, g) admits a unique torsion free orthogonal connection.

Definition 1.7.7 (Levi-Civita connection)

The unique torsion free orthogonal connection on (X, g) is called the Levi-Civita connection. In coordinates, it is given by^a

$$\Gamma_{ijk} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_j g_{ik} + \partial_k g_{ji} - \partial_i g_{jk})$$

^aafter lowering the i index

Let (X, g) be a Riemannian manifold, with Levi-Civita connection ∇ .

Definition 1.7.8 (Riemann tensor)

The curvature of ∇ is the Riemann tensor R^i_{jkl} , which is an $\mathfrak{o}(TX)$ valued 2-form, viewed as a tensor of type $(1, 3)$.

1.7.1 Hodge theory

Let (X, g) be an oriented Riemannian n -manifold. Then g induces an inner product on $\Lambda^p T^*X$ for all p . Moreover, if $\alpha^1, \dots, \alpha^n$ are a fibrewise orthonormal basis of 1-forms, then α^I form a fibrewise orthonormal basis of $\Lambda^p T^*X$.

In addition, from the orientation, we have a volume form ω . Therefore, by the metric, we can assume it is the positively oriented unit volume form. Now given a p -form β , there exists a unique $n - p$ form $\star\beta$ such that

$$\alpha \wedge \star \beta = \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \omega$$

for all p -forms α . More concretely, $\star \alpha^I = \pm \alpha^I$, where $I = \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus J$. Assuming the α^I are positively oriented, then the sign is $+$ if and only if I, J is an even permutation of $\{1, \dots, n\}$.

Definition 1.7.9 (Hodge star)

The map $\star : \Omega^p(X) \rightarrow \Omega^{n-p}(X)$ is called the Hodge star operator.

Proposition 1.7.10. \star is a fibrewise linear isometry, with $\star^2 = (-1)^{p(n-p)} \text{id}$.

Definition 1.7.11 (inner product on forms)

Suppose X is compact, then we have an inner product on $\Omega^p(X)$ given by

$$\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle_X = \int_X \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \omega = \int_X \alpha \wedge \star \beta$$

Lemma 1.7.12. For any $p-1$ form α and p -form β , we have that

$$\langle d\alpha, \beta \rangle_X = (-1)^p \langle \alpha, \star^{-1} d \star \beta \rangle_X$$

Definition 1.7.13 (codifferential)

The map $\delta : \Omega^\bullet(X) \rightarrow \Omega^{\bullet-1}(X)$ defined by

$$\delta = (-1)^p \star^{-1} d \star$$

is called the codifferential.

Lemma 1.7.14. $\delta^2 = 0$.

Definition 1.7.15 (Laplace-Beltrami operator, harmonic)

The Laplace-Beltrami operator $\Delta : \Omega^\bullet(X) \rightarrow \Omega^\bullet(X)$ is defined by $\Delta = d\delta + \delta d$.

A form α is harmonic if $\Delta\alpha = 0$. The space of harmonic p -forms is denoted by $\mathcal{H}^p(X)$.

Lemma 1.7.16. α is harmonic if and only if it is closed and coclosed, i.e. $d\alpha = 0$ and $\delta\alpha = 0$.

Theorem 1.7.17 (Hodge decomposition). For all p , the space $\mathcal{H}^p(X)$ is finite dimensional, and we have orthogonal decompositions

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega^p(X) &= \mathcal{H}^p(X) \oplus \Delta\Omega^p(X) \\
&= \mathcal{H}^p(X) \oplus d\delta\Omega^p(X) \oplus \delta d\Omega^p(X) \\
&= \mathcal{H}^p(X) \oplus d\Omega^{p-1}(X) \oplus \delta\Omega^{p+1}(X)
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.7.18. The map $\mathcal{H}^p(X) \rightarrow H_{\text{dR}}^p(X)$, given by $\alpha \mapsto [\alpha]$ is an isomorphism.

1.8 Lie groups and principal bundles

1.8.1 Lie groups and Lie algebras

Definition 1.8.1 (Lie group)

A Lie group is a manifold G , which is also a group, such that multiplication and inversion are smooth maps.

Definition 1.8.2 (embedded Lie subgroup)

An embedded Lie subgroup H of G is a submanifold which is also a subgroup. The restriction of the group operations to H makes H a Lie group.

Definition 1.8.3 (left, right translation, conjugation)

For $g \in G$, we get diffeomorphisms $L_g, R_g, C_g : G \rightarrow G$, given by

$$L_g(x) = gx \quad R_g(x) = xg \quad C_g(x) = gxg^{-1}$$

are called left translation, right translation, and conjugation by g , respectively.

Definition 1.8.4 (left, right, conjugation invariant)

A tensor T is left invariant if $(L_g)_*T = T$ for all $g \in G$. We can define right invariant and conjugation invariant tensors similarly.

T is bi-invariant if it is both left and right invariant.

Lemma 1.8.5. For any $h \in G$, the map $T \mapsto T_h$ is an isomorphism between the set of left invariant tensors of type (p, q) and tensors of type (p, q) at h .

Definition 1.8.6 (Lie algebra)

The Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} of G is

$$\mathfrak{g} = T_e G$$

Notation 1.8.7. For $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$, define the left-invariant vector field

$$\ell_\xi(g) = (L_g)_*\xi$$

Lemma 1.8.8. The Lie bracket of left invariant vector fields is left invariant.

Definition 1.8.9 (Lie bracket)

The Lie bracket on \mathfrak{g} is given by

$$[\xi, \eta] = \zeta$$

where $\zeta \in \mathfrak{g}$ is the unique element such that $[\ell_\zeta, \ell_\eta] = \ell_\zeta$. This makes \mathfrak{g} into a Lie algebra.

Definition 1.8.10 (smooth group action)

An action of a Lie group G on a manifold X is smooth if the action map $\sigma : G \times X \rightarrow X$ is smooth.

Definition 1.8.11 (adjoint representation)

The adjoint representation of G on \mathfrak{g} is given by

$$\text{Ad}_g(\zeta) = (C_g)_*\zeta$$

Definition 1.8.12 (infinitesimal action)

Given a smooth left action of G on X , the infinitesimal action of $\zeta \in \mathfrak{g}$ on $x \in X$ is given by

$$\zeta \cdot x = D_{(e,x)}\sigma(\zeta, 0) = [\gamma(t)x]$$

where $\gamma(t)$ is any curve representing ζ . We can define $x \cdot \zeta$ for the analogous right action.

1.8.2 Principal bundles

Fix a Lie group G .

Definition 1.8.13 (principal G -bundle)

A principal G bundle P over B is defined as in the same way as for a vector bundle, except the trivialisations are

$$\Phi_\alpha : \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha) \rightarrow U_\alpha \times G$$

and on overlaps, $\Phi_\beta \circ \Phi_\alpha^{-1}(b, g) = (b, g_{\beta\alpha}(b)g)$ where $g_{\beta\alpha} : U_\alpha \times U_\beta \rightarrow G$ is smooth.

Definition 1.8.14 (frame bundle)

Given a rank k bundle $E \rightarrow B$, its frame bundle $F(E) \rightarrow B$ is the principal $\text{GL}(k, \mathbb{R})$ bundle, with

$$F(E)_b = \{\text{ordered bases of } E_b\}$$

Moreover, if E has an inner product, the orthonormal frame bundle is the principal $O(k)$ bundle, with

$$F_O(E)_b = \{\text{ordered orthonormal bases of } E_b\}$$

Remark 1.8.15. Most definitions, such as sections, pullbacks, constructions by gluing etc. carry over from vector bundles. On the other hand, there is no zero section.

Lemma 1.8.16. A G -bundle P has a right G -action, defined by right translation on each fibre, i.e.

$$\Phi_\alpha^{-1}(b, x)g = \Phi_\alpha^{-1}(b, xg)$$

Lemma 1.8.17. Sections s of P over an open $U \subseteq B$ correspond to trivialisations Φ of P over U , i.e. given Φ , we can define $s(b) = \Phi^{-1}(b, e)$, and given s , we can define $\Phi(s(b)g) = (b, g)$.

1.8.3 Connections on principal bundles

Fix a principal G -bundle $P \rightarrow B$, and write $R_g : P \rightarrow P$ for the diffeomorphism arising from the right action of $g \in G$.

Definition 1.8.18 (connection)

A connection on P is a \mathfrak{g} -valued 1-form \mathcal{A} on P , such that

1. $\mathcal{A}(p \cdot \xi) = \xi$ for all $p \in P$ and $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$, where $p \cdot \xi$ is the infinitesimal right action of ξ on p .
2. $R_g^* \mathcal{A} = \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \mathcal{A}$.

Given a local section s_α , the local connection 1-form is $\mathcal{A}_\alpha = s_\alpha^* \mathcal{A}$.

Lemma 1.8.19. On overlaps, we have

$$\mathcal{A}_\alpha = \text{Ad}_{g_{\beta\alpha}^{-1}} \mathcal{A}_\beta + (L_{g_{\beta\alpha}^{-1}})^* dg_{\beta\alpha}$$

Remark 1.8.20. If $P = F(E)$ is a frame bundle, then a connection on P is the same as a connection on E .

Definition 1.8.21 (curvature)

The curvature of \mathcal{A} is the \mathfrak{g} -valued 2-form \mathcal{F} on P , given by

$$\mathcal{F} = d\mathcal{A} + \frac{1}{2}[\mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{A}]$$

where

$$\left[\left(\sum_i \xi_i \otimes \alpha_i \right) \wedge \left(\sum_j \eta_j \otimes \beta_j \right) \right] = \sum_{i,j} [\xi_i, \eta_j] \otimes \alpha_i \wedge \beta_j$$

\mathcal{A} is flat if $\mathcal{F} = 0$.

Chapter 2

Symplectic geometry

2.1 Symplectic manifolds

2.1.1 Symplectic linear algebra

Definition 2.1.1 (skew-symmetric bilinear form)

Let V be a real vector space, a bilinear map $\Omega : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is skew-symmetric if $\Omega(v, w) = -\Omega(w, v)$ for all $v, w \in V$.

Theorem 2.1.2 (canonical basis). Let Ω be a skew-symmetric bilinear form on V . Then there exists a basis $u_1, \dots, u_k, e_1, \dots, e_n, f_1, \dots, f_n$ of V , such that

1. $\Omega(u_i, v) = 0$ for all $i = 1, \dots, k$ and $v \in V$,
2. $\Omega(e_i, e_j) = \Omega(f_i, f_j) = 0$ for all $i, j = 1, \dots, n$,
3. $\Omega(e_i, f_j) = \delta_{ij}$

Definition 2.1.3 (left map)

Given a bilinear map $\Omega : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, define $\tilde{\Omega} : V \rightarrow V^*$ by $\tilde{\Omega}(v)(u) = \Omega(v, u)$.

Lemma 2.1.4. $\ker(\tilde{\Omega}) = U = \text{span}\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$

Definition 2.1.5 (symplectic)

A skew-symmetric bilinear form Ω is symplectic if $\ker(\tilde{\Omega}) = U = 0$. Then Ω is called a linear symplectic structure on V , and (V, Ω) is called a symplectic vector space.

Definition 2.1.6 (symplectic, isotropic subspace)

A subspace W of V is

1. symplectic if $\Omega|_W$ is symplectic,
2. isotropic if $\Omega|_W = 0$.

Definition 2.1.7 (symplectomorphism)

Let $(V, \Omega), (V', \Omega')$ be symplectic vector spaces. Then a symplectomorphism $\varphi : V \rightarrow V'$ is a linear isomorphism, such that $\varphi^*\Omega' = \Omega$, where $\varphi^*\Omega'(u, v) = \Omega'(\varphi(u), \varphi(v))$.

2.1.2 Symplectic manifolds

Let M be a manifold, $\omega \in \Omega^2(M)$ be a 2-form.

Definition 2.1.8 (symplectic form)

ω is symplectic if ω is closed, and $\omega_p : T_p M \times T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is symplectic for all $p \in M$.

Definition 2.1.9 (symplectic manifold)

A symplectic manifold is a pair (M, ω) , where M is a manifold and ω is a symplectic form on M .

Definition 2.1.10 (symplectomorphism)

Let $(M_1, \omega_1), (M_2, \omega_2)$ be symplectic manifolds. Then a diffeomorphism $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ is a symplectomorphism if $f^*\omega_2 = \omega_1$.

2.1.3 Canonical and tautological forms

Suppose X is a manifold, $\pi : T^*X \rightarrow X$ is the cotangent bundle of X .

Definition 2.1.11 (cotangent coordinates)

Suppose x_1, \dots, x_n are local coordinates on X , then $(dx_1)_p, \dots, (dx_n)_p$ define a basis for T_p^*X . That is, if $\xi \in T_p^*X$, then $\xi = \sum_i \xi_i (dx_i)_p$. We call $(x_1, \dots, x_n, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$ the cotangent coordinates on T^*X associated to x_1, \dots, x_n .

Definition 2.1.12 (tautological form)

The tautological 1-form α is defined pointwise by

$$\alpha_p = (d\pi_p)^\vee \xi \in T_p^*(T^*X)$$

That is, if $p = (x, \xi) \in T^*X$, $v \in T_p(T^*X)$, then

$$\alpha_p(v) = \xi((d\pi_p)v)$$

Definition 2.1.13 (canonical form)

The canonical symplectic 2-form ω on T^*X is defined by

$$\omega = -d\alpha$$

Lemma 2.1.14. In cotangent coordinates,

$$\alpha = \sum_i \xi_i dx_i \quad \text{and} \quad \omega = \sum_i dx_i \wedge d\xi_i$$

2.2 Almost complex structures

2.2.1 Complex structures

Definition 2.2.1 (complex structure)

Let V be a vector space, a complex structure on V is a linear map $J : V \rightarrow V$ with $J^2 = -\text{id}_V$. The pair (V, J) is called a complex vector space.

Definition 2.2.2 (compatible)

Let (V, Ω) be a symplectic vector space, a complex structure J on V is compatible with Ω if

$$G_J(u, v) = \Omega(u, Jv)$$

defines an inner product on V .

Proposition 2.2.3. Let (V, Ω) be a symplectic vector space, then there exists a compatible complex structure J on V .

Definition 2.2.4 (almost complex structure)

An almost complex structure on a manifold M is a smooth field of complex structures J on TM , i.e. $J_x : T_x M \rightarrow T_x M$ is linear, with $J_x^2 = \text{id}$.

The pair (M, J) is called an almost complex manifold.

Definition 2.2.5 (compatible)

Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold. An almost complex structure J on M is compatible with ω if

$$g_x(u, v) = \omega_x(u, J_x v)$$

is a Riemannian metric on M . The triple (ω, g, J) , where ω is a symplectic form, g a Riemannian metric, J an almost complex structure is called a compatible triple if $g(u, v) = \omega(u, Jv)$.

Proposition 2.2.6. Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold, g a Riemannian metric on M , then there exists a canonical almost complex structure on M which is compatible.

Corollary 2.2.7. Any symplectic manifold admits a compatible almost complex structure.

Proposition 2.2.8. Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold, J_0, J_1 almost complex structures compatible with ω . Then we have a smooth family J_t of almost complex structures compatible with ω .

Proposition 2.2.9. If (ω, g, J) is a compatible triple, then we can write any one of them in terms of the other two. That is,

1. $g(u, v) = \omega(u, Jv)$,

$$2. \omega(u, v) = g(Ju, v),$$

$$3. J(u) = \tilde{g}^{-1}(\tilde{\omega}(u)),$$

where $\tilde{\omega}, \tilde{g} : TM \rightarrow T^*M$, are linear isomorphisms defined by

$$\tilde{\omega}(u)(v) = \omega(u, v) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{g}(u)(v) = g(u, v)$$

Definition 2.2.10 (almost complex submanifold)

A submanifold X of an almost complex manifold (M, J) is an almost complex submanifold if $J(TX) \subseteq TX$.

2.2.2 Complexification

Definition 2.2.11 (complexified tangent bundle)

Let (M, J) be an almost complex manifold, the complexified tangent bundle of M is the bundle $TM \otimes \mathbb{C}$, with fibre $(TM \otimes \mathbb{C})_p = T_p M \otimes \mathbb{C}$. Each fibre is a complex vector space.

Proposition 2.2.12. We can extend J to $TM \otimes \mathbb{C}$ by

$$J(v \otimes c) = Jv \otimes c$$

Definition 2.2.13 (J -(anti-)holomorphic tangent vectors)

Define the J -holomorphic tangent vectors to be the eigenvectors of J with eigenvalue i , and the J -anti-holomorphic tangent vectors to be the eigenvectors of J with eigenvalue $-i$. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1,0} &= \{v \in TM \otimes \mathbb{C} \mid Jv = iv\} \\ T_{0,1} &= \{v \in TM \otimes \mathbb{C} \mid Jv = -iv\} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.2.14. Define $\pi_{1,0} : TM \rightarrow T_{1,0}$ by

$$\pi_{1,0}(v) = \frac{1}{2}(v \otimes 1 - Jv \otimes i)$$

Then $\pi_{1,0}$ defines an isomorphism of vector bundles, with $\pi_{1,0} \circ J = i\pi_{1,0}$. An analogous statement holds for $\pi_{0,1}$.

Corollary 2.2.15. Extending $\pi_{1,0}$ and $\pi_{0,1}$ to $TM \otimes \mathbb{C}$, we have an isomorphism

$$(\pi_{1,0}, \pi_{0,1}) : TM \otimes \mathbb{C} \rightarrow T_{1,0} \oplus T_{0,1}$$

A very similar result holds for the cotangent bundle, that is, we have an isomorphism

$$(\pi^{1,0}, \pi^{0,1}) : T^*M \otimes \mathbb{C} \rightarrow T^{1,0} \oplus T^{0,1}$$

where $T^{1,0}$ and $T^{0,1}$ are the complex (anti-)linear cotangent vectors.

2.2.3 Differential forms

Fix an almost complex manifold (M, J) .

Definition 2.2.16 (forms of type (ℓ, m))

For $\ell, m \geq 0$, define

$$\Lambda^{\ell, m} = (\Lambda^{\ell} T^{1,0}) \wedge (\Lambda^m T^{0,1})$$

and the forms of type (ℓ, m) is the space of smooth sections of $\Lambda^{\ell, m}$, denoted by $\Omega^{\ell, m}$.

Definition 2.2.17 (complex valued forms)

Let

$$\Lambda^k(T^*M \otimes \mathbb{C}) = \Lambda^k(T^{1,0} \oplus T^{0,1}) = \bigoplus_{\ell+m=k} \Lambda^{\ell, m}$$

Then a section of $\Lambda^k(T^*M \otimes \mathbb{C})$ is called a complex valued k -form. The space of all complex valued k forms is denoted by $\Omega^k(M; \mathbb{C})$.

Proposition 2.2.18.

$$\Omega^k(M; \mathbb{C}) = \bigoplus_{\ell+m=k} \Omega^{\ell, m}$$

Definition 2.2.19 (projection maps)

Define the projection maps

$$\pi^{\ell, m} : \Lambda^{\ell+m}(T^*M \otimes \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \Lambda^{\ell, m}$$

Definition 2.2.20 (differential operators)

Define the differential operators

$$\begin{aligned} \partial &= \pi^{\ell+1, m} \circ d : \Omega^{\ell, m} \rightarrow \Omega^{\ell+1, m} \\ \bar{\partial} &= \pi^{\ell, m+1} \circ d : \Omega^{\ell, m} \rightarrow \Omega^{\ell, m+1} \end{aligned}$$

2.2.4 J -holomorphic functions

Let $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be smooth complex values, and define $df = d(\operatorname{Re} f) + i d(\operatorname{Im} f)$.

Definition 2.2.21 (J -holomorphic functions)

f is J holomorphic at $p \in M$ if $df_p \circ J = i df_p$, i.e. df_p is complex linear. f is J holomorphic if it is J holomorphic at every point.

Remark 2.2.22. We can define J -anti-holomorphic functions similarly.

2.2.5 Dolbeault cohomology

Lemma 2.2.23. Suppose $d = \partial + \bar{\partial}$. Then

$$\bar{\partial}^2 = 0, \quad \partial\bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}\partial = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \partial^2 = 0$$

Definition 2.2.24 (Dolbeault cohomology)

The cohomology groups given by $\bar{\partial}$ is called the Dolbeault cohomology groups, denoted by

$$H_{\text{Dolbeault}}^{\ell,m}(M)$$

2.3 Kähler manifolds

2.3.1 Complex manifolds

Definition 2.3.1 (complex manifold)

A complex manifold of dimension n is defined as for a real manifold of dimension n , except we replace \mathbb{R}^n with \mathbb{C}^n and require the transition maps to be biholomorphisms.

Proposition 2.3.2. Any complex manifold has a canonical almost complex structure.

Proof. Locally, suppose we have complex coordinates z_1, \dots, z_n , say $z_j = x_j + iy_j$, then we can define J locally (where we consider M to be a real $2n$ -manifold), by

$$\begin{aligned} J_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \\ J_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \right) &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \end{aligned}$$

This definition is independent of the choice of local coordinates, and gives a well-defined almost complex structure. \square

Definition 2.3.3

Let $z_j = x_j + iy_j$ be complex coordinates on M . Then define the differential operators

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \right) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.3.4.

$$\begin{aligned} (T_{1,0})_p &= \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} \Big|_p, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_n} \Big|_p \right\} \\ (T_{0,1})_p &= \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_1} \Big|_p, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_n} \Big|_p \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.3.5

Let $z_j = x_j + iy_j$ be complex coordinates on M , then we have differential forms

$$\begin{aligned} dz_j &= dx_j + i dy_j \\ d\bar{z}_j &= dx_j - i dy_j \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.3.6.

$$\begin{aligned} T^{1,0} &= \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}} \{dz_1, \dots, dz_n\} \\ T^{0,1} &= \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}} \{d\bar{z}_1, \dots, d\bar{z}_n\} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2.3.7.

$$\Omega^{\ell,m} = \left\{ \sum_{|J|=\ell, |K|=m} b_{JK} dz_J \wedge d\bar{z}_K \right\}$$

where $J = (j_1, \dots, j_\ell)$ and $dz_J = dz_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{j_\ell}$ etc.

Proposition 2.3.8. If M is a complex manifold, then $d = \partial + \bar{\partial}$.

2.3.2 Kähler forms

Definition 2.3.9 (Kähler manifold)

A Kähler manifold is a complex manifold M , with a symplectic form ω which is compatible with the canonical almost complex structure J on M . ω is called a Kähler form.

Let (M, ω) be a Kähler manifold.

Proposition 2.3.10. $\omega \in \Omega^{1,1}$, with $\partial\omega = 0$ and $\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$. Moreover, in local coordinates, we have

$$\omega = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^n h_{jk} dz_j \wedge d\bar{z}_k$$

then at every p , the matrix $(h_{jk}(p))_{jk}$ is a positive definite Hermitian matrix.

2.3.3 Hodge theory

Throughout, let (M, ω) be a compact Kähler manifold.

Theorem 2.3.11 (Hodge decomposition).

$$H_{\text{dR}}^k(M; \mathbb{C}) \simeq \bigoplus_{\ell+m=k} H_{\text{Dolbeault}}^{\ell,m}(M)$$

Recall that (M, ω) being Kähler means that J and ω are compatible, and so we have a *Riemannian* metric.

Proposition 2.3.12.

$$\Delta = 2(\bar{\partial}\bar{\partial}^* + \bar{\partial}^*\bar{\partial})$$

Corollary 2.3.13. Δ restricts to $\Delta : \Omega^{\ell,m} \rightarrow \Omega^{\ell,m}$, and we have a decomposition of harmonic k -forms

$$\mathcal{H}^k = \bigoplus_{\ell+m=k} \mathcal{H}^{\ell,m}$$

Theorem 2.3.14 (Hodge). Every Dolbeault cohomology class on a compact Kähler manifold has a unique harmonic representative. That is,

$$H_{\text{Dolbeault}}^{\ell,m}(M) \simeq \mathcal{H}^{\ell,m}$$

Definition 2.3.15 (Betti numbers)

The Betti numbers of M are

$$b^k(M) = \dim(H_{\text{dR}}^k(M))$$

Definition 2.3.16 (Hodge numbers)

The Hodge numbers of M are

$$h^{\ell,m}(M) = \dim(H_{\text{Dolbeault}}^{\ell,m}(M))$$

Proposition 2.3.17.

$$b^k = \sum_{\ell+m=k} h^{\ell,m}$$

$$h^{\ell,m} = h^{m,\ell}$$

2.4 Moment maps

2.4.1 Hamiltonian and symplectic vector fields

Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold.

Definition 2.4.1 (Hamiltonian vector field)

Let $H : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be smooth. Then there exists a unique vector field X_H such that $\iota_{X_H} \omega = dH$. X_H is called a Hamiltonian vector field, with Hamiltonian function H .

Definition 2.4.2 (symplectic vector field)

A vector field X on M preserving ω is called symplectic, i.e. $\mathcal{L}_X \omega = 0$.

Proposition 2.4.3. X is symplectic if and only if $\iota_X \omega$ is closed, and X is Hamiltonian if and only if $\iota_X \omega$ is exact.

Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold, G a Lie group, $\psi : G \rightarrow \text{Diff}(M)$ the smooth action of G on M .

Definition 2.4.4 (symplectic action)

ψ is symplectic if $\psi(g)$ is a symplectomorphism for all $g \in G$.

2.4.2 Coadjoint representation

Let G be a Lie group, with corresponding Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} .

Definition 2.4.5 (coadjoint representation)

The coadjoint representation of G is the representation $\text{Ad}^* : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$ given by

$$\text{Ad}_g^* \xi(X) = \xi(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} X)$$

2.4.3 Moment map

Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold, G a Lie group, with Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , and $\psi : G \rightarrow \text{Symp}(M, \omega)$ a symplectic action.

Definition 2.4.6 (Hamiltonian action)

The action ψ is Hamiltonian if there exists a map $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ such that

1. For each $X \in \mathfrak{g}$, let

(i) $\mu^X : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $\mu^X(p) = \mu(p)(X)$.

(ii) $X^\#$ the vector field on M generated by the one-parameter subgroup $\exp(tX)$. That is,

$$X_p^\# = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \left(\psi(\exp(tX))(x) \right)$$

Then

$$d\mu^X = \iota_{X^\#} \omega$$

i.e. μ^X is a Hamiltonian function for the vector field $X^\#$.

2. μ is equivariant with respect to ψ and the coadjoint action Ad^* of G on \mathfrak{g}^* , i.e.

$$\mu \circ \psi_g = \text{Ad}_g^* \circ \mu$$

(M, ω, G, μ) is called a Hamiltonian G -space, and μ is called a moment map.

Definition 2.4.7 (comoment map)

Suppose in addition G is connected. Then we can define a Hamiltonian action by a comoment map $\mu^* : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$, such that

1. $\mu^*(X) = \mu^X$ is a Hamiltonian function for $X^\#$,
2. μ^* is a Lie algebra homomorphism, i.e.

$$\mu^*[X, Y] = \{\mu^*(X), \mu^*(Y)\}$$

where $\{\cdot, \cdot\}$ is the Poisson bracket on $C^\infty(M)$.

2.4.4 Symplectic reduction

Theorem 2.4.8 (Marsden–Weinstein–Meyer). Let (M, ω, G, μ) be a Hamiltonian G -space for a compact Lie group G , $i : \mu^{-1}(0) \rightarrow M$ be the inclusion map. Suppose G acts freely on $\mu^{-1}(0)$. Then

1. the orbit space $M_{\text{red}} = \mu^{-1}(0)/G$ is a smooth manifold,
2. $\pi : \mu^{-1}(0) \rightarrow M_{\text{red}}$ is a principal G -bundle,
3. there is a symplectic form ω_{red} on M_{red} such that $\pi^* \omega_{\text{red}} = i^* \omega$,

Definition 2.4.9 (Symplectic quotient)

$(M_{\text{red}}, \omega_{\text{red}})$ is called the symplectic quotient of (M, ω) by G .

2.4.5 Kirillov–Kostant

Let G be a Lie group, with Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} .

For $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}^*$, define a skew-symmetric bilinear form on \mathfrak{g} by

$$\omega_\xi(X, Y) = \xi([X, Y])$$

This defines a non-degenerate 2-form on the tangent space at ξ of the coadjoint orbit through ξ . Moreover, ω_ξ is closed, and so we have a symplectic form the coadjoint orbits of \mathfrak{g}^* , called the Kirillov–Kostant form.

Chapter 3

(Representation theory of) Lie groups

3.1 Exponential map

3.1.1 One parameter group

Fix a Lie group G , with Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} .

Lemma 3.1.1. Any flow Φ^t on G is complete.

Definition 3.1.2 (one parameter group)

A one parameter group of a Lie group G is a homomorphism of Lie groups $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$.

Lemma 3.1.3. The map $\alpha \mapsto \dot{\alpha}(0) \in \mathfrak{g}$ is a bijection.

3.1.2 Exponential map

For $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$, we have a corresponding left-invariant vector field α_ξ . That is, we have a one-parameter subgroup $\alpha^\xi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$, with $\dot{\alpha}_\xi(0) = \xi$.

Definition 3.1.4 (exponential map)

The exponential map $\exp : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$, $\xi \mapsto \alpha_\xi(1)$, is called the exponential map.

Lemma 3.1.5. \exp is differentiable, with $d_0 \exp = \text{id}$.

Notation 3.1.6. We will write

$$\exp(t\xi) = \alpha_\xi(t)$$

Corollary 3.1.7. \exp is a local diffeomorphism near 0.

Lemma 3.1.8 (naturality). A homomorphism $f : G \rightarrow H$ of Lie groups induces a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{g} & \xrightarrow{d_e f} & \mathfrak{h} \\ \exp \downarrow & & \downarrow \exp \\ G & \xrightarrow{f} & H \end{array}$$

Proof. $f \circ \exp(t\xi)$ is a one-parameter group, with

$$d_0(f \circ \exp(t\xi)) = d_e f \circ d_0 \exp(\xi) = d_e f(\xi)$$

□

Corollary 3.1.9. A homomorphism $f : G \rightarrow H$ of connected Lie groups is determined by $d_e f$.

Theorem 3.1.10. A connected abelian Lie group is of the form $T^k \times \mathbb{R}^l$, where T^k is the k -torus.

Corollary 3.1.11. A compact abelian Lie group is of the form $T^k \times G$, where G is a finite abelian group.