

Differential Geometry II: Analysis and Geometry on Manifolds

Exercise Sheet 9

(Riemannian manifolds, isometries)

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Definition: Let $f: M \rightarrow N$ be a diffeomorphism and $X \in \Gamma(TM)$. Then the *push forward* $f_*X \in \Gamma(TN)$ of X is defined by $f_*X := df \circ X \circ f^{-1}$.

Exercise 1

5 points

Let $f: M \rightarrow N$ be a diffeomorphism and $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$. Show: $f_*[X, Y] = [f_*X, f_*Y]$.

Exercise 2

5 points

Let (M, g) and (N, h) be Riemannian manifolds with Levi-Civita connections ∇ and $\tilde{\nabla}$, respectively. Let $f: M \rightarrow N$ be an isometry. Show that $\tilde{\nabla}_{f_*X} f_*Y = f_*(\nabla_X Y)$.

Exercise 3

5 points

- a) Show that $\langle X, Y \rangle := \frac{1}{2} \text{trace}(\bar{X}^t Y)$ defines a Riemannian metric on $SU(2)$.
- b) Show that the left and the right multiplication by a constant g are isometries.
- c) Show that $SU(2)$ and the 3-sphere $S^3 \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ (with induced metric) are isometric.
Hint: $SU(2) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -\bar{b} & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{C}, |a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1 \right\}$.