

Differential Geometry II: Analysis and Geometry on Manifolds

Exercise Sheet 12

(Jacobi fields)

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Exercise 1

5 points

Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold with Levi-Civita connection ∇ , and Y be a *Killing field*, i.e. a vector field $Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ such that ∇Y is skew-adjoint:

$$g(\nabla_X Y, Z) = -g(X, \nabla_Z Y)$$

for all $X, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$. Further, let γ be a geodesic. Show:

$$g(Y, \gamma') \text{ is constant.}$$

Exercise 2

5 points

Let M be a Riemannian manifold, $p \in M$ and $V, W \in T_p M$ such that $\exp(V)$ is defined. Further, let Y be the Jacobi field along $\gamma(t) = \exp(tV)$ given by the initial conditions $Y(0) = 0$, $Y'(0) = W$. Show:

$$d_{tV} \exp(tW) = Y(t) \text{ for } t \in [0, 1].$$

Exercise 3

5 points

- Show that the isometries of \mathbb{S}^n are restrictions of isometries of \mathbb{R}^{n+1} which map \mathbb{S}^n to itself.
- Find the Jacobi fields of $\gamma_1: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $t \mapsto p + tX$, where $p, X \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- Find the Jacobi fields of $\gamma_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, $t \mapsto \cos(t)p + \sin(t)X$, where $p \in \mathbb{S}^n$, $X \in T_p \mathbb{S}^n$, $|X| = 1$.