

Differential Geometry II: Analysis and Geometry on Manifolds

Exercise Sheet 11

(Geodesics, Hopf-Rinow theorem)

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Exercise 1

5 points

Let M be a Riemannian manifold. A curve $\gamma: [0, a) \rightarrow M$ is called *divergent*, if for every compact set $K \subset M$ there exists a $t_0 \in [0, a)$ such that $\gamma(t) \notin K$ for all $t > t_0$. Show: M is complete if and only if all divergent curves are of infinite length.

Exercise 2

5 points

Let M be a compact Riemannian manifold. Show that M has finite diameter, and that any two points $p, q \in M$ can be joined by a geodesic of length $d(p, q)$.

Exercise 3

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Let M be a complete Riemannian manifold, which is not compact. Show that there exists a geodesic $\gamma: [0, \infty) \rightarrow M$ which for every $s > 0$ is the shortest path between $\gamma(0)$ and $\gamma(s)$.