



DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY II
ANALYSIS AND GEOMETRY ON MANIFOLDS

Exercise Sheet 10

Due: January 16, 2020

[Points Total: 20]

Exercise 1: [3+3 points]

The Lie derivative $L_X Y$ is one notion of derivatives for vector fields.

- Show that the map $L : (X, Y) \mapsto L_X Y$ is not a connection on TM .
- Show that there are vector fields V, W on \mathbb{R}^2 such that $V = W = \partial_1$ along the x^1 -axis but the Lie derivatives $L_V \partial_2$ and $L_W \partial_2$ are not equal on the x^1 -axis. (This shows that Lie differentiation does not provide a well-defined way to take derivatives of vector fields along curves.)

Exercise 2: [5 points]

Let M be a smooth manifold and (N, g) be a Riemannian manifold with Levi-Civita connection ∇ . If $f : M \rightarrow N$ is a diffeomorphism, we define the pullback $f^* \nabla$ of ∇ by

$$(f^* \nabla)_X Y := f_*^{-1}(\nabla_{f_* X} f_* Y)$$

for all $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$. Show that $f^* \nabla$ is the Levi-Civita connection on M for the pullback metric $f^* g$.

Exercise 3: [2+2 points]

Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be the surface given by $z = xy$, parametrized by the coordinates x, y . [That is, $S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z = xy\}$ and (\mathbb{R}^2, ϕ) is a coordinate chart for S where $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S$, $\phi(x, y) = (x, y, xy)$.]

- Find the induced Riemannian metric on S in coordinates x, y .
- Compute the Christoffel symbols for the Levi-Civita connection on S .

Exercise 4: [3+2 points]

Let M be a smooth manifold and ∇ be a connection on TM . For a curve γ in M from $p \in M$ to $q \in M$, the mapping $P_\gamma : T_p M \rightarrow T_q M$ defined by $P_\gamma(X_p) = X_q$, where X_q is the unique extension of X_p to a parallel vector field along γ , is called the parallel transport along γ .

- Show that the parallel transport is an invertible linear map.
- Show that if M is an oriented Riemannian manifold with Levi-Civita connection ∇ , then the parallel transport is an orientation-preserving isometry.