

Exercises (6)

(1) let X, Y be tangent vector fields to S .
 Show $D_X Y - D_Y X$ is also tangential, and deduce
 this is equal to $\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X$.

This defines the Lie bracket $[X, Y]$

Show if $(u, v) \mapsto r(u, v)$ then $[r_u, r_v] = 0$

Suppose $F: S \rightarrow \Sigma$ is a diffeo, and F_* is the
 derivative of F at p . Show $F_* [X, Y] = [F_* X, F_* Y]$.

let $r: U \rightarrow S$ be the parametrisation.

$T_p S$ is spanned by r_u, r_v .

Let $X = \lambda_1 r_u + \mu_1 r_v$, $Y = \lambda_2 r_u + \mu_2 r_v$, $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mu_1, \mu_2 \in C^\infty(S)$

$$D_X Y - D_Y X$$

$$= \lambda_1 D_u Y + \mu_1 D_v Y - \lambda_2 D_u X - \mu_2 D_v X$$

$$= \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cancel{D_u r_u} + \lambda_1 r_u D_u \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 \mu_2 \cancel{D_u r_v} + \lambda_1 r_v D_u \mu_2$$

$$+ \mu_1 \lambda_2 \cancel{D_v r_u} + \mu_1 r_u D_v \lambda_2 + \mu_1 \mu_2 \cancel{D_v r_v} + \mu_1 r_v D_v \mu_2$$

$$- \lambda_2 \lambda_1 \cancel{D_u r_u} - \lambda_2 r_u D_u \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \mu_1 \cancel{D_u r_v} - \lambda_2 r_v D_u \mu_1$$

$$- \mu_2 \lambda_1 \cancel{D_v r_u} - \mu_2 r_u D_v \lambda_1 - \mu_2 \mu_1 \cancel{D_v r_v} - \mu_2 r_v D_v \mu_1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= r_u (\lambda_1 D_u \lambda_2 + H_1 D_v \lambda_2 - \lambda_2 D_u \lambda_1 - H_2 D_v \lambda_1) \\
&\quad + r_v (\lambda_1 D_u H_2 + H_1 D_v H_2 - \lambda_1 D_u H_1 - H_2 D_v H_1) \\
&= r_u (D_x \lambda_2 - D_y \lambda_1) + r_v (D_x H_2 - D_y H_1)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus $D_x Y - D_y X$ can be written as $A r_u + B r_v$
for $A, B \in C^\infty(S)$. $\therefore D_x Y - D_y X$ is tangential.

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_x Y - \nabla_y X &= D_x Y - D_x Y \cdot N - D_y X + D_y X \cdot N \quad \left[N = \text{normal vector field.} \right] \\
&= D_x Y - D_y X + \underbrace{N \cdot (D_x Y - D_y X)}_{= 0 \text{ since tangential.}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$F_* [X, Y] = \left[F_* \left[r_u (D_x \lambda_2 - D_y \lambda_1) + r_v (D_x H_2 - D_y H_1) \right] \right]$$

F a diffeo so define $\tilde{F} = F \circ F^{-1}$. This gives a chart on Σ , and moreover each tangent space has basis \tilde{r}_u, \tilde{r}_v . $\left[= F^*(r_u), F^*(r_v) \right]$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{Chain rule}) \quad &= \tilde{r}_u \left(D_{F^*(x)} (F_0 \lambda_2) - D_{F^*(y)} (F_0 \lambda_1) \right) + \tilde{r}_v \left(D_{F^*(x)} (F_0 H_2) - D_{F^*(y)} (F_0 H_1) \right) \quad (*)
\end{aligned}$$

N.B. $F_* (X) = F_* (\lambda_1 r_u + H_1 r_v) = (F_0 \lambda_1) \tilde{r}_u + (F_0 H_1) \tilde{r}_v$

$$F_* [X, Y] = [F_* X, F_* Y]$$

$$\left[= (*) \text{ by direct calculation above, and chain rule} \right]$$

(2) Suppose X is a tangential vector field on S . Show that if $\nabla_X F = 0$ for each smooth $F: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, then $X = 0$ everywhere.

Deduce X is determined by the operation of ∇_X on smooth functions.

Show that if X, Y are smooth vector fields, and F a smooth function then:

$$\nabla_{[X, Y]} F = \nabla_X \nabla_Y F - \nabla_Y \nabla_X F$$

Show that $[[X, Y], Z] + [[Y, Z], X] + [[Z, X], Y] = 0$

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$$\nabla_X F = \lambda f_u + \mu f_v$$

$$X = \lambda r_u + \mu r_v$$

$$\lambda, \mu \in C^\infty(S)$$

(Abuse of notation - eg. $f_u = \frac{\partial}{\partial u}(F \circ r)$)

Now, if $(\lambda, \mu) \neq (0, 0)$ (as smooth functions), then we can always choose some F s.t. f_u, f_v are linearly independent.

$$\text{So } \nabla_X F = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda, \mu \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow X = 0 r_u + 0 r_v = 0$$

Now suppose $\nabla_X F = \nabla_Y F \quad \forall F \in C^\infty(S)$.

$$\text{Then } \nabla_{X-Y} F \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow X - Y = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X = Y$$

So we can determine X by its action on smooth functions

Now:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{[X,Y]} f &= \nabla_{\lambda_1 Y - \lambda_2 X} f \\ &= f_u (\nabla_X \lambda_2 - \nabla_Y \lambda_1) + f_v (\nabla_X \mu_2 - \nabla_Y \mu_1) \end{aligned}$$

(product rule)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \nabla_X (f_u \lambda_2) - \lambda_2 \nabla_X f_u - \nabla_Y (f_u \lambda_1) + \lambda_1 \nabla_Y f_u \\ &\quad + \nabla_X (f_v \mu_2) - \mu_2 \nabla_X f_v - \nabla_Y (f_v \mu_1) + \mu_1 \nabla_Y f_v \\ &= \nabla_X (\nabla_Y f) - \nabla_Y (\nabla_X f) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \left(\overset{A}{-\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \nabla_u f_u} - \overset{B}{\mu_1 \lambda_2 \nabla_v f_u} + \overset{A}{\lambda_1 \mu_2 \nabla_u f_u} + \overset{C}{\lambda_1 \mu_2 \nabla_v f_u} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \overset{C}{\mu_2 \lambda_1 \nabla_u f_v} - \overset{D}{\mu_2 \mu_1 \nabla_v f_v} + \overset{B}{\mu_1 \lambda_2 \nabla_u f_v} + \overset{D}{\mu_1 \mu_2 \nabla_v f_v} \right) \end{aligned}$$

(Noting that $\nabla_v f_u = f_{vu} = f_{uv} = \nabla_u f_v$)

JACOBI IDENTITI, $[[X,Y],Z] + [[Z,X],Y] + [[Y,Z],X] = 0$

Note that $\nabla [[X,Y],Z] f = \nabla_{[X,Y]} \nabla_Z f - \nabla_Z \nabla_{[X,Y]} f$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \nabla_X \nabla_Y \nabla_Z f - \nabla_Y \nabla_X \nabla_Z f \\ &\quad - \nabla_Z \nabla_X \nabla_Y f - \nabla_Z \nabla_Y \nabla_X f. \end{aligned}$$

The 3 terms produce 6 positive terms $\nabla_i \nabla_j \nabla_k f$
and 6 negative terms $-\nabla_i \nabla_j \nabla_k f$.

i, j, k are determined by permutations of X, Y, Z - of which there are exactly 6. Each possibility for i, j, k arises once as + and once as - since the 3 terms themselves are cyclic permutations.
 \therefore By a symmetry argument, everything cancels when summed.

(3) Given three tangential vector fields X, Y, Z , write:

$$R(X, Y, Z) = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z$$

("Curvature Tensor")

Show that if $\lambda, \mu, \nu \in C^\infty(S)$ then:

$$R(\lambda X, \mu Y, \nu Z) = \lambda \mu \nu R(X, Y, Z)$$

$$R(\lambda X, \mu Y, \nu Z) = \nabla_{\lambda X} \nabla_{\mu Y} (\nu Z) - \nabla_{\mu Y} \nabla_{\lambda X} \nu Z - \nabla_{[\lambda X, \mu Y]} \nu Z$$

$$= \left[\nu \nabla_{\lambda X} \nabla_{\mu Y} Z + \cancel{\nu \nabla_{\mu Y} Z \nabla_{\lambda X} \nu} + \cancel{\nu \nabla_{\mu Y} \nu \nabla_{\lambda X} Z} + \cancel{\nu \nabla_{\lambda X} \nu \nabla_{\mu Y} Z} + \nu \nabla_{\lambda X} \nabla_{\mu Y} \nu \right]$$

$$- \left[\nu \nabla_{\mu Y} \nabla_{\lambda X} Z + \cancel{\nu \nabla_{\lambda X} Z \nabla_{\mu Y} \nu} + \cancel{\nu \nabla_{\lambda X} \nu \nabla_{\mu Y} Z} + \nu \nabla_{\mu Y} \nabla_{\lambda X} \nu \right]$$

$$- \left[\nu \nabla_{[\lambda X, \mu Y]} Z + \cancel{\nu \nabla_{[\lambda X, \mu Y]} \nu} \right]$$

these

terms cancel

Now, (for example) $\nu \nabla_{\lambda X} \nabla_{\mu Y} Z$

$$= \nu \nabla_{\lambda X} (\mu \nabla_Y Z)$$

$$= \nu \lambda \mu \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z + \nabla_Y Z \cdot \nu \lambda \nabla_X \mu$$

$$\nu \nabla_{\mu Y} \nabla_{\lambda X} Z = \nu \lambda \mu \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z + \nabla_X Z \cdot \nu \mu \nabla_Y \lambda$$

$$\nu \nabla_{[\lambda X, \mu Y]} Z = \nu \nabla_{\lambda \mu \nabla_X Y + \mu \lambda \nabla_Y X - \mu \lambda \nabla_Y X - \lambda \mu \nabla_Y X} Z$$

$$= \nu \lambda \mu \nabla_{\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X} Z + \nu \lambda \nabla_{\nabla_X \mu} \nu Z - \nu \mu \nabla_{\nabla_Y \lambda} \nu Z$$

$$= \nu \lambda \mu \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z + \nu \lambda \nabla_X \mu \lambda \nabla_Y Z - \nu \mu \nabla_Y \lambda \nabla_X Z$$

Thus we are left with

$$\begin{aligned} R(\lambda X, \mu Y, \nu Z) &= \lambda\mu\nu \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z \\ &\quad - \lambda\mu\nu \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z \\ &\quad - \lambda\mu\nu \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z \\ &= \lambda\mu\nu R(X, Y, Z) \end{aligned}$$

NOTES:

It is easy to confuse vector fields with smooth functions. The covariant derivative generalises to differentiate both these objects - make sure you understand how.

I have underlined in red the smooth functions in the calculation.

Finally, although in general $\nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z \neq \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z$,

we do have $\nabla_X \nabla_Y \lambda - \nabla_Y \nabla_X \lambda = \nabla_{[X, Y]} \lambda \quad \forall \lambda \in C^\infty(S)$.

(Why?)

Recall finally, note that $\nabla_{\lambda X} Y = \lambda \nabla_X Y$.

(again convince yourself of this - $\nabla_{\lambda X} Y$ differentiates Y in the direction of the tangent field λX . At a given point $p \in S$, λX is simply a scalar multiple of X .)

(4) Let $r(u, v) = (\lambda(u) \cos v, \lambda(u) \sin v, \mu(u))$ be a surface of revolution

Show the first and second fundamental forms are given respectively by:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda'^2 + \mu'^2) du^2 + \lambda^2 dv^2 \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda'^2 + \mu'^2}} \left([\lambda' \mu'' - \lambda'' \mu'] du^2 + \lambda \mu' dv^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Calculate the matrix for the shape operator. Show the principal curvatures are given by:

$$k_1 = \frac{\lambda'' \mu' - \lambda' \mu''}{\sqrt{\lambda'^2 + \mu'^2}}, \quad k_2 = \frac{-\mu'}{\lambda \sqrt{\lambda'^2 + \mu'^2}}$$

and that the Gauss curvature is given by:

$$K = \frac{\lambda' \mu' \mu'' - \lambda'' (\mu')^2}{\lambda [\lambda'^2 + \mu'^2]}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_u &= (\lambda' \cos v, \lambda' \sin v, \mu') \\ r_v &= (-\lambda \sin v, \lambda \cos v, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \lambda'^2 + \mu'^2, \quad F = 0, \quad G = \lambda^2$$

$$n = \frac{r_u \times r_v}{\|r_u \times r_v\|} = \frac{1}{\lambda \sqrt{\lambda'^2 + \mu'^2}} (-\lambda \mu' \cos v, -\lambda \mu' \sin v, \lambda \lambda')$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_{uu} &= (\lambda'' \cos v, \lambda'' \sin v, \mu'') & r_{uv} &= (-\lambda' \sin v, \lambda' \cos v, 0) \\ r_{uv} &= (-\lambda \cos v, -\lambda \sin v, 0) \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu'^2 + \lambda'^2}} (-\mu' \lambda'' + \mu'' \lambda')$$

$$f = 0$$

$$g = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu'^2 + \lambda'^2}} (\lambda \mu')$$

The Shape Operator matrix is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ f & g \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu'^2 + \lambda'^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda^2 (\mu'^2 + \lambda'^2)} \begin{pmatrix} [(\lambda')^2 + (\mu')^2] \lambda \mu' & 0 \\ 0 & [\mu'' \lambda' - \mu' \lambda''] \lambda^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } k_1 = \frac{\lambda \mu' (\lambda'^2 + \mu'^2)}{\lambda^2 \sqrt{\mu'^2 + \lambda'^2}^3} = \frac{\mu'}{\lambda \sqrt{\mu'^2 + \lambda'^2}}$$

$$k_2 = \frac{\mu'' \lambda' - \mu' \lambda''}{\sqrt{\mu'^2 + \lambda'^2}^3}$$

$$\text{and } k = k_1 k_2 = \frac{\mu' (\mu'' \lambda' - \mu' \lambda'')}{(\mu'^2 + \lambda'^2)^2}$$