

Question 1

Throughout this question (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m) are local, and sometimes global, coordinates on a differentiable manifold M of dimension m (either 2, 3 or 4).

- (a) A smooth map ϕ from a 2-dimensional manifold M to a 3-dimensional manifold is given in terms of local coordinates by

$$\phi(x^1, x^2) = (x^1 + x^2, x^1 - x^2, x^1 x^2).$$

Specify the image of the tangent space to M , at the point whose coordinates are $(0, 0)$, under the induced map ϕ_* .

- (b) A one-parameter family of maps of a 2-dimensional affine space is given in terms of affine coordinates by

$$\phi_t(x^1, x^2) = (x^1 + t, x^2 + (1 - 2x^1)t - t^2).$$

Show that the one-parameter family is in fact a one-parameter group, and find its infinitesimal generator.

- (c) A vector field V and a 1-form α on a 3-dimensional manifold are given in terms of local coordinates by

$$V = (x^2 - x^3)\partial_1 + (x^3 - x^1)\partial_2 + (x^1 - x^2)\partial_3$$

$$\alpha = x^1 dx^1 + x^2 dx^2 + x^3 dx^3.$$

Compute $\mathcal{L}_V \alpha$.

- (d) Forms α , β and Ω on a 4-dimensional manifold are given in terms of local coordinates by

$$\alpha = x^3 dx^1 + x^4 dx^2 - x^1 dx^3 - x^2 dx^4$$

$$\beta = x^2 x^3 dx^1 \wedge dx^4 + x^1 x^4 dx^2 \wedge dx^3$$

$$\Omega = dx^1 \wedge dx^2 \wedge dx^3 \wedge dx^4.$$

Find a vector field V such that

$$V \lrcorner \Omega = \alpha \wedge \beta.$$

- (e) Find the divergence of the vector field V , on a 3-dimensional manifold, given in terms of local coordinates by

$$V = x^1 \partial_1 + x^2 \partial_2 + x^3 \partial_3,$$

with respect to the volume form

$$\Omega = (1 + (x^1)^2 + (x^2)^2 + (x^3)^2) dx^1 \wedge dx^2 \wedge dx^3.$$

- (f) Show that the 2-dimensional distribution, on a 3-dimensional affine space, which is spanned by the vector fields V_1, V_2 given in terms of affine coordinates by

$$V_1 = x^2 \partial_1 + e^{x^1} \partial_2$$

$$V_2 = x^3 \partial_1 + e^{x^1} \partial_3,$$

is integrable.

- (g) The metric on a 2-dimensional Riemannian manifold is

$$(dx^1)^2 + 2 \cos \phi dx^1 dx^2 + (dx^2)^2,$$

where ϕ is some function of the coordinates (such that $0 < \phi < \frac{\pi}{2}$ everywhere). Find the vector fields obtained by lifting the indices on the coordinate 1-forms dx^1 and dx^2 using this metric.

- (h) A connection on a 2-dimensional manifold is defined, in terms of local coordinates, by giving its connection 1-forms ω_a^b associated with the local basis of vectors fields $\{U_a\}$ where

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_1 + e^{-x^1} \partial_2) \quad U_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_1 - e^{-x^1} \partial_2).$$