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Differential Geometry II: Analysis and Geometry on Manifolds

Exercise Sheet 3

(vector fields, tangent bundle)

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Exercise 1

5 points

On $\mathbb{S}^2 = \{x = (x_0, x_1, x_2) \mid ||x|| = 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ we consider coordinates given by the stereographic projection from the north pole N = (1, 0, 0):

$$y_1 = \frac{x_1}{1 - x_0}, \qquad y_2 = \frac{x_2}{1 - x_0}.$$

Let the vector fields X and Y on $\mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{N\}$ be defined in these coordinates by

$$X = y_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} - y_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}, \qquad Y = y_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} + y_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}.$$

Express these two vector fields in coordinates corresponding to the sterographic projection from the south pole S = (-1, 0, 0).

Exercise 2

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Let M be a smooth manifold of dimension n. For each chart $\varphi \colon U \to \mathbb{R}^n$ we define $TU := \bigcup_{p \in U} T_p M \subset TM$ and a map $\Phi \colon TU \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ by

$$T_pM \ni X_p \mapsto (\varphi(p), X_p\varphi) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}.$$

Show:

- i) Φ is injective and $\Phi(TU) = \varphi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n$.
- ii) If $\Psi: TV \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ is another such map corresponding to chart $\psi: V \to \mathbb{R}^n$ and $W:=U \bigcap V \neq \emptyset$, then

$$\Psi \circ \Phi^{-1} \colon \Phi\left(TW\right) \to \Psi\left(TW\right)$$

is a diffeomorphism.

Remark: Let M be a smooth manifold of dimension n and $\{(U_j, \varphi_j)\}_{j \in J}$ an atlas of M. For each chart (U_j, φ_j) there is a corresponding mapping $\Phi_j: TU_j \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ defined as in Exercise 2. If we introduce a topology on TMby demanding all those maps to be homeomorphisms, then TM becomes a topological manifold. In exercise 2 we have shown that these maps are actually C^{∞} -compatible, hence they define a smooth structure on TM. From now on, we will consider TM as the smooth 2n-manifold with this structure.

Exercise 3

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Prove that the tangent bundle of a product of manifolds is diffeomorphic to the product of the tangent bundles of the manifolds. Deduce that the tangent bundle of a torus $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ is diffeomorphic to $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2$.