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Differential Geometry II: Analysis and Geometry on Manifolds

Exercise Sheet 9

(Lie derivative of forms, manifolds with boundary, Stokes' theorem)

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Exercise 1

A smooth vector field X on a manifold M determines two operations on differential forms,

$$i_X \colon \Lambda^k(M) \to \Lambda^{k-1}(M), \quad L_X \colon \Lambda^k(M) \to \Lambda^k(M),$$

as follows: If $\omega \in \Lambda^k(M)$, then

$$(i_X\omega)(X_1,\ldots,X_{k-1})=\omega(X,X_1,\ldots,X_{k-1}),$$

and, as we already know,

$$L_X\omega = \left.\frac{d}{dt}\right|_{t=0} \Phi_t^*\omega,$$

where Φ_t denotes the local flow of X. Show that for $k \geq 1$

$$L_X\omega = i_X d\omega + d(i_X\omega).$$

Exercise 2

Show that all line integrals of $\omega = P dx + Q dy + R dz$ in \mathbb{R}^3 are independent of the path if and only if the value of the integral over any closed (piecewise C^1) path is zero. Use this and Stokes' theorem to obtain a condition on P, Q, Rwhich is sufficient to show independence of path. (Assume ω is defined on all of \mathbb{R}^3 .)

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Exercise 3

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Let (M; g) be a Riemannian manifold of dimension n and Ω the corresponding volume form. For a vector field X on M we define its divergence by

$$L_X \Omega =: (\operatorname{div} X) \Omega.$$

Further we consider the inward pointing unit normal vector field N on ∂M and define a volume form ω on ∂M by

$$\omega(X_1,\ldots,X_{n-1}):=i_N\Omega(X_1,\ldots,X_{n-1}).$$

Prove the divergence theorem of Gauß

$$\int_{M} \operatorname{div}(X) \Omega = \int_{\partial M} g(X, N) \omega.$$