

Advanced Topics in Geometry F (MTH.B502)

Curvature as integrability

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Addendum 1

Proposition (Prop 3.1; The local expression of the Lie bracket)

Let $(U; x^1, \dots, x^n)$ be a coordinate neighborhood of an n -manifold M . Then the Lie bracket of two vector fields

$$X = \sum_{j=1}^n \xi^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}, \quad Y = \sum_{j=1}^n \eta^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$$

is expressed as

$$[X, Y] = \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\xi^k \frac{\partial \eta^j}{\partial x^k} - \eta^k \frac{\partial \xi^j}{\partial x^k} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}.$$

Addendum 2

Proposition (Prop 3.2)

Let U be a domain of a Riemannian n -manifold (M, g) and $[e_1, \dots, e_n]$ an orthonormal frame on U . Then the connection form ω_i^j with respect to the frame $[e_j]$ is obtained as

$$\omega_i^j(e_k) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\langle [e_i, e_j], e_k \rangle - \langle [e_j, e_k], e_i \rangle + \langle [e_k, e_i], e_j \rangle \right),$$

where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the inner product induced from g .

Exercise 2-1

Problem (Ex. 2-1)

Let $\{e_j\}$ and $\{v_j\}$ be two orthonormal frames on a domain U of a Riemannian n -manifold M , which are related as (2.11). Show that the connection forms Ω of $\{e_j\}$ and Λ of $\{v_j\}$ satisfy

$$\Omega = \Theta^{-1}\Lambda\Theta + \Theta^{-1}d\Theta.$$

Exercise 2-2

Problem (Ex. 2-2)

Let \mathbb{R}^3_1 be the 3-dimensional Lorentz-Minkowski space and let $H^2(-c^2)$ the hyperbolic 2-space (i.e. the hyperbolic plane) as defined in Example ?? . Verify that

$$(u, v) \mapsto \left(\frac{1}{c} \cosh cu, \frac{\cos v}{c} \sinh cu, \frac{\sin v}{c} \sinh cu \right)$$

gives a local coordinate system on $U := H^2(-c^2) \setminus \{(1/c, 0, 0)\}$,
and

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &:= (\sinh cu, \cos v \cosh cu, \sin v \cosh cu), \\ e_2 &:= (0, -\sin v, \cos v) \end{aligned}$$

forms a orthonormal frame on U .