

Midterm in class on Wednesday October. Things you should know:

- Charts
- Tangent Stuff: $T_p M, TM, T^* M$.
- Vector bundles and sections
- Basic Examples/Counterexamples
- Constructions
 - Products
 - Group Actions
 - Level sets via Regular Value Theorem (Remember: Sard's Theorem, easy proof that SL_n is a manifold)

Midterm: 50 minutes, ≈ 4 -5 questions, should be able to answer questions in ≈ 10 -15 minutes.

CONTENT FOR MIDTERM I STOPS HERE
(does not include flows)

Recall that uniqueness of ODEs tells us that if $q = \varphi_{t_0}(p)$ then

$$\varphi_s(q) = \varphi_{t_0+s}(p)$$

by uniqueness of ODEs. Therefore

$$\varphi_{s+t_0}(p) = \varphi_s(\varphi_{t_0}(p))$$

$$\varphi_{s+t_0} = \varphi_s \circ \varphi_{t_0},$$

where φ_{s+t_0} is defined. If X is complete, we get an \mathbb{R} -action on X , commonly called a flow on X .

Definition .0.1

Now suppose X is a vector field and $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a diffeomorphism. Then we can define the pushforward of X by F .

$$(F_*(X))(p) := D_q F(X(q)).$$

where $p = F(q)$. Then $F_*(X)$ is a vector field on M .

If $Y = F_*(X)$ we say that X, Y are F -related (still makes sense for local diffeomorphisms). We also say X and Y are $C^?$ -conjugate if F is $C^?$.

Let φ_t, ψ_t be flows for X, Y (vector fields on M, N). If $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a diffeomorphism and $Y = F_*(X)$, what can we say about the flows?

Fix $q \in M$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d}{dt} (F(\varphi_t(q))) \right|_{t=t_0} &= DF_{\varphi_{t_0}(q)} \cdot X(\varphi_{t_0}(q)). \\ &= Y(F(\varphi_{t_0}(q))) \end{aligned}$$

From this and the uniqueness of ODEs we can see that

$$\psi_t = F \circ \varphi_t \circ F^{-1}.$$

Namely, by the chain rule again we have for $p \in N$ that

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} F(\varphi_t(F^{-1}(p))) \right|_{t=t_0} = Y(F(\varphi_{t_0}(F^{-1}(p)))).$$

More generally: one might have a map $\pi : M \rightarrow N$ and flows φ_t, ψ_t on M, N where $\psi_t \circ \pi = \pi \circ \varphi_t$. Something like this would be called a “quotient of φ_t or a factor of φ_t .”

Suppose X, Y are vector fields on M . Recall that a vector field X can be thought of as a derivation $X : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$. We had an unproved lemma from last time we discussed commutators

Lemma .0.1

$[X, Y] := Y \circ X - X \circ Y$ is a vector field, that is the Lie bracket of two vector fields is a vector field.

Proof. We must verify the product rule, since linearity of $[X, Y]$ is clearly. Thus we compute

$$\begin{aligned} (X \circ Y)(fg) &= X(Y(f)g + fY(g)) \\ &= (X \circ Y)(f)g + Y(f)X(g) + X(f)Y(g) + f(X \circ Y)(g) \\ (Y \circ X)(fg) &= (Y \circ X)(f)g + X(f)Y(g) + Y(f)X(g) + f(Y \circ X)(g) \\ [X, Y](fg) &= [X, Y](f) \cdot g + f \cdot [X, Y](g). \end{aligned}$$

Perfect! 

Message: $[X, Y]$ measures how much X, Y do not commute. What does it mean in terms of vector fields?

Suppose φ_t, ψ_s are local flows of X, Y respectively. Consider the following sequence of moves starting at $p \in M$

$$\begin{aligned} &\varphi_t(p) \\ &\psi_t(\varphi_t(p)) \\ &\varphi_{-t}(\psi_t(\varphi_t(p))) \\ &\psi_{-t}(\varphi_{-t}(\psi_t(\varphi_t(p)))). \end{aligned}$$

As $t \rightarrow 0$ this goes to p by a continuity argument. But what about the *derivative* at $t = 0$.

Example .0.1

For $X = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, Y = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ this commutator is zero.