

Introduction to differential forms

Problem set 4: model solutions

1. i) In order to show that $\sim$ is an equivalence relation we must show reflexivity, symmetry and transitivity.

Reflexivity: We must show that $(v_1, \dots, v_n) \sim (v_1, \dots, v_n)$. In this case the map $v_i \mapsto v_i$ is the identity map id_V , and $A[\text{id}_V, (v_1, \dots, v_n)] = I$ which has a positive determinant.

Symmetry: we must show that $(v_1, \dots, v_n) \sim (w_1, \dots, w_n)$ implies $(w_1, \dots, w_n) \sim (v_1, \dots, v_n)$. But the map

$f: v_i \mapsto w_i$ is inverted by $F: w_i \mapsto v_i$, and $A[F, (w_1, \dots, w_n)] = A[f, (v_1, \dots, v_n)]^{-1}$ and if one has a positive determinant so does the other.

Transitivity: Let $f: u_i \mapsto v_i$ and $g: v_i \mapsto w_i$ be such that $A[f, (u_1, \dots, u_n)]$ and $A[g, (v_1, \dots, v_n)]$ have positive determinant. Then $A[g \circ f, u_i] = A[g, (v_1, \dots, v_n)] \cdot A[f, (u_1, \dots, u_n)]$ and hence has positive determinant, and $g \circ f: u_i \mapsto w_i$.

Two Elements: two bases will be related by an invertible matrix. If this will have either a positive or negative determinant. If negative then they are not related. Any basis not related to the ~~first~~ ^{second} will then have to be related to the first.

1. ii) we must show that if $(v_1, \dots, v_n) \sim (w_1, \dots, w_n)$
then $v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n \sim w_1 \wedge \dots \wedge w_n$ and vice versa.

But $w_i = \sum A[f(v_1, \dots, v_n)]_{ij} v_j$

and so $w_1 \wedge \dots \wedge w_n = f_* v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge f_* v_n$

and ~~$v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n$~~ $= \det A[f(v_1, \dots, v_n)] v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n$

but then $\det A[f(v_1, \dots, v_n)]$ is positive if and only
if f is orientation preserving.

2 i) First we write $X_p = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{|X|} e_i$ where $p = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

Then $\omega(v_1, \dots, v_n) =$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{|X|} (-1)^{i-1} dx_{i,1} (dx_{1,1} \dots dx_{i-1,1} \dots dx_{i+1,1} \dots dx_{n,1}) (e_i, v_1, \dots, v_n)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{|X|} (-1)^{i-1} dx_{1,1} \dots dx_{i-1,1} \dots dx_{i+1,1} \dots dx_{n,1} (v_1, \dots, v_n).$$

Hence $\omega = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{|X|} (-1)^{i-1} dx_{1,1} \dots dx_{i-1,1} \dots dx_{i+1,1} \dots dx_{n,1}$ and is smooth on $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$

ii) First we note that $f^*(\alpha \wedge \beta) = f^*\alpha \wedge f^*\beta$ and $f^*(d\alpha) = d(f^*\alpha)$. Hence $\sigma_+^*(\omega)$ is equal to

$$\sigma_+^*(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\sigma_+^*(x_i)}{\sigma_+^*(|X|)} (-1)^{i-1} d(\sigma_+^*(x_1)) \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{d(\sigma_+^*(x_i))} \wedge \dots \wedge d(\sigma_+^*(x_n))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_+^i (-1)^{i-1} d\sigma_+^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{d\sigma_+^i} \wedge \dots \wedge d\sigma_+^n$$

Letting y^i denote the standard coordinates of $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$

$$\sigma_+^*(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} y^i (-1)^{i-1} dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dy^i} \wedge \dots \wedge d(\sqrt{1-|y|^2})$$

$$+ \sqrt{1-|y|^2} (-1)^{n-1} dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{n-1}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} y^i (-1)^{i-1} dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dy^i} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} y^j dy^j}{\sqrt{1-|y|^2}} + (-1)^{n-1} \sqrt{1-|y|^2} dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{n-1}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{-y^i}{\sqrt{1-|y|^2}} (-1)^{i-1} (-1)^{(n-1)-i} dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{n-1} + (-1)^{n-1} \sqrt{1-|y|^2} dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{n-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1-|y|^2}{\sqrt{1-|y|^2}} (-1)^{n-1} + \frac{|y|^2 (-1)^{n-1}}{\sqrt{1-|y|^2}} \right) dy^1 \dots dy^{n-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-|y|^2}} (-1)^{n-1} dy^1 \dots dy^{n-1}$$

A similar calculation yields that

$$\sigma_-^*(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-|y|^2}} (-1)^n dy^1 \dots dy^{n-1}$$

iii) for $n=3$ we make the polar substitution

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B(0,1)} \sigma_+^*(\omega) &= \int_{B(0,1)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-|y|^2}} (-1)^{n-1} dy^1 \dots dy^{n-1} \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r^2}} r dr d\theta \\ &= 2\pi \left[-\sqrt{1-r^2} \right]_0^1 \\ &= 2\pi \end{aligned}$$

similarly

$$\int_{B(0,1)} \sigma_-^*(\omega) = -2\pi$$

3. Let $e_1, \dots, e_k$ be an ON basis of W . and $e_{k+1}, \dots, e_n$ complete it to an ON basis of V . Is such $e_{k+1}, \dots, e_n$ is an ON basis of $W^\perp$. Suppose $e_1, \dots, e_k$ is ordered so that $e_1 \wedge \dots \wedge e_k \sim \vec{e}_W$, and let $e_{k+1}, \dots, e_n$ be ordered so that $e_1 \wedge \dots \wedge e_k \wedge e_{k+1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_n \sim \vec{e}_V$. Then $\vec{e}_W \wedge e_{k+1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_n \sim e_1 \wedge \dots \wedge e_k \wedge e_{k+1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_n \sim \vec{e}_V$. So $e_{k+1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_n$ appropriately scaled is a suitable orientation for $W^\perp$.

4. Now we must calculate the respective integrals.

$$\int_P \omega = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \varphi^* \omega \quad \text{where } \varphi \text{ is an orientation preserving affine isomorphism.}$$

Let $\varphi: e_i \mapsto e'_i + p$ then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \varphi^* \omega = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \frac{\omega(\xi)}{J(x)} dx.$$

Now we must show that this is equal to

$$c \int_P \omega_x(x, \xi) dH^k(x).$$

To see this we must note that H^k is invariant under isometry so we can translate P and rotate by the map Φ , which takes $e'_i + p$ to e_i for e'_i a basis of $\mathbb{R}^n$ and e_i the standard basis.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_P \omega_x(x, \xi) dH^k(x) &= \int_{\Phi(P)} \frac{\omega_{\Phi^{-1}(y)}(\Phi^{-1}(y), \xi)}{J(\Phi^{-1}(y))} dH^k(y) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \omega_{\varphi(y)}(\varphi(y), \xi) dH^k(y) \end{aligned}$$

Now we note that H^k is a Haar measure for $\mathbb{R}^k$ and so is equal to a constant times Lebesgue measure. And so we're done.

5 i) Suppose $\dim T_p(f) = n$ then

$Df_p(e_1), \dots, Df_p(e_n)$ are linearly independent
and $Df_p(e_1) \wedge \dots \wedge Df_p(e_n) \neq 0$. The reverse
implication also holds.

ii) The map f must be injective, but the differential
need not be. consider $x \mapsto x|x|$.
with derivative $2|x|e_1 \otimes dx_1$, which is 0.

$Df(e_1) = 0$ so $\dim T_{df} = 0 < 1$.

6 i) Applying the theory of covering spaces, we know that $\delta: \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\exp(i\pi 2 \cdot)} S^1$ $t \mapsto e^{i2\pi t}$, and that $\mathbb{Z}$ acts transitively and totally discontinuously on the fiber of $\exp(i\pi 2 \cdot)$ and hence on $\pi_1(S^1)$, so $S^1 \cong \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$, while $\pi_1(\mathbb{R}) = 0$. But $\pi_1(S^1)/\mathbb{Z} = \pi_1(\mathbb{R}) = 0$, so $\pi_1(S^1) = \mathbb{Z}$.

ii) Let γ be a curve in $X \times Y$, then

$\gamma = (\gamma_x, \gamma_y)$ in coordinates.

Now $\gamma \sim \eta$ if and only if

$\gamma_x \sim \eta_x$ and $\gamma_y \sim \eta_y$.

To see this let $H: \eta \rightarrow \gamma$ be a homotopy from γ to η , then H_x is a homotopy from γ_x to η_x and H_y is from γ_y to η_y .

The converse is given by Homotopies H^1, H^2 from γ_x to η_x and γ_y to η_y respectively. Then (H^1, H^2) is a homotopy from γ to η . Thus the spaces are bijective, so we must show $\gamma_1 \times \eta \sim \gamma_2 \times \eta \sim \gamma_1 \cdot \gamma_2 \times \eta$.

But here we take the homotopy from $\eta \cdot 0$ to η , H and combine it with $(\gamma_1 \cdot \gamma_2, H)$ to yield the desired identification.

6. iii) $\mathbb{R}^2$ via $t, s \mapsto \exp(2\pi i t) \times \exp(2\pi i s)$
and $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$ via $t, e^{i\theta} \mapsto e^{2\pi i t} \times e^{i\theta}$.