

# Differential Geometry, homework assignment no. 3

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1. Let  $X, Y$  be vector fields and let  $\omega$  be a 1-form. Prove the formula

$$d\omega(X, Y) = X(\omega(Y)) - Y(\omega(X)) - \omega([X, Y]).$$

2. Let  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  be a two-dimensional, embedded submanifold with the induced Riemannian metric. Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  be a neighborhood of zero and let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a smooth function with  $f(0) = 0$  and  $\nabla f(0) = 0$ . Assume that

$$M \cap U = \{(x, y, z) \in U; z = f(x, y)\}.$$

- (a) Find a local orthonormal coframe  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  near  $0 \in M$ , expressed explicitly in terms of the function  $f$  and its derivatives.
- (b) Set  $\omega = \omega_1 + i\omega_2$  and find explicitly a real-valued 1-form  $\phi$  with  $d\omega = i\phi \wedge \omega$ .
- (c) Recall that  $d\phi = K\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2$  where the Gauss curvature  $K$  depends only on the Riemannian metric on  $M$ . Prove *Theorema Egregium*, that at the origin,

$$K = \det \nabla^2 f(0)$$

3. Let  $u : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a smooth function and consider the Riemannian metric  $g = e^u[(dx)^2 + (dy)^2]$ . Prove the formula

$$K = -\frac{1}{2}e^{-u}\Delta u$$

4. Verify that  $K \equiv -1$  for  $\mathbb{H}^2$  (the metric  $\frac{(dx)^2 + (dy)^2}{y^2}$  in the upper half-plane), that  $K \equiv 1$  for the unit sphere  $S^2$ , and that  $K \equiv 0$  for the torus  $T^2$  (with which metric?).
5. Use partitions of unity in order to show that any smooth manifold  $M$  admits a Riemannian metric. Conclude that  $TM$  is diffeomorphic to  $T^*M$ .
6. Let  $X$  be a vector field on a manifold  $M$  and write  $(\varphi_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  for the associated one-parameter group of transformations. Let  $\omega$  be a 1-form, and consider the Lie derivative

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

which is a 1-form on  $M$ . Recall the formula for the Lie derivative of a vector field, and use it to show that for any vector field  $Y$ ,

$$L_X \omega(Y) = d\omega(X, Y) + Y\omega(X).$$