

From last time:

If M^n ^{smooth} manifold, $p \in M$, define $C_p := \{ \text{parametrized curves } \alpha: I \rightarrow M \text{ with } I \ni 0 \text{ and } \alpha(0) = p \}$.

Def: The tangent space $T_p M$ of M at p is the set of equivalence classes C_p / \sim . Call an element of $T_p M$ a tangent vector to M at p .

\uparrow where $\alpha \sim \tilde{\alpha}$ if $(\phi \circ \alpha)'(0) = (\phi \circ \tilde{\alpha})'(0)$ for one equivalently any chart (U, ϕ) containing p .

Lemma: (1) If (U, ϕ) chart containing p , then the map

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$\Phi: T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ defined by

$[\alpha] \longmapsto (\phi \circ \alpha)'(0)$ is a bijection.

(2) For any other chart $(\tilde{U}, \tilde{\phi})$ around p , the map

$\tilde{\Phi} \circ (\Phi^{-1}): \mathbb{R}^m \xrightarrow{\Phi^{-1}} T_p M \xrightarrow{\tilde{\Phi}} \mathbb{R}^m$

coincides with $d(\tilde{\phi} \circ \phi^{-1})(\phi(p))$, which is a linear isomorphism,

\uparrow transition for (tangent vectors)

in particular it's linear.

Cor: The tangent space $T_p M$ has a unique structure as a vector space over \mathbb{R} s.t.

for every (U, ϕ) around p , the map $\Phi: T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a linear ISO.

Notation: If $v \in T_p M$ is the vector rep. by a curve $\alpha: I \rightarrow M$ w/ $\alpha(0) = p$,

we'll say that " v is the vector tangent to α at $t=0$ (or at the point p),"

and write " $v = \alpha'(0)$."

II. Tangent spaces as spaces of derivations.

A. Some 'sheaf-theoretic' notions:

- $U \subseteq M$ _{open set} \rightsquigarrow _{can define} $C^\infty(U) := \{ \text{smooth functions } f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \}$
(recall $U \subseteq M$ is naturally an m - n -fold too).

$C^\infty(U)$ is an \mathbb{R} -algebra: operates $cf, f \cdot g, f+g$ for any $c \in \mathbb{R}, f, g \in C^\infty(U)$.

- Given $U_1 \subseteq U_2$ open sets in M , there's a natural restriction map

$$\rho_{U_1}^{U_2}: C^\infty(U_2) \rightarrow C^\infty(U_1)$$

$$f \longmapsto f|_{U_1}.$$

(note: for $U_1 \subseteq U_2 \subseteq U_3$, $\rho_{U_1}^{U_2} \rho_{U_2}^{U_3} = \rho_{U_1}^{U_3}$).

" $C^\infty(-)$ is a presheaf on M , meaning a functor $\{ \text{open sets in } M, \subseteq \}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{algebra}_{\mathbb{R}}$ "

(see more of this on HW: in fact $C^\infty(-)$ is a sheaf, which is a presheaf satisfying certain nice "local-to-global" properties)

- $V \subseteq M^m$ any sub-set, not necessarily open. Then, we can define.

$$C^\infty(V) := \left\{ (f, U) \mid \begin{array}{l} U \subseteq M, \text{ open} \\ V \subset U, \\ f \in C^\infty(U) \end{array} \right\} / \sim$$

where $(f_1, U_1) \sim (f_2, U_2)$ if there exists

$$V \subset U \subset U_1 \cap U_2 \text{ on which } f_1|_U = f_2|_U.$$

exercise: $C^\infty(V)$ is still an \mathbb{R} -algebra.



Note: Algebraically, can write $C^\infty(V)$ as the "direct limit"

$$C^\infty(V) := \varinjlim_{U \supseteq V} C^\infty(U).$$

A "smooth function on V ", i.e., an element of $C^\infty(V)$, is more aptly sometimes called a "germ of a smooth function on V ."

Main example: $V = \{p\} \subseteq M \rightsquigarrow C^\infty(\{p\})$ (or just $C^\infty(p)$)

is the set of germs of smooth functions on p .

(Note: $C^\infty(p)$ is the "stalk at p " of the (pre)sheaf $C^\infty(-)$ on M).

B. The definition: M^m manifold.

Def: A derivation (at p) is an \mathbb{R} -linear map

$$X : C^\infty(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

obs: an element $f \in C^\infty(p)$
has well-defined value
 $f(p) \in \mathbb{R}$

satisfying the Leibniz rule: $X(fg) = X(f)g(p) + f(p)X(g)$.

Def 2 of tangent space:

The tangent space $T_p M := \{ \text{derivations } C^\infty(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \}$

Elements of $T_p M$, i.e., derivations, are called tangent vectors.

Note: w.r.t. vector space structure on $\text{Hom}_{\text{Vect}_\mathbb{R}}(C^\infty(p), \mathbb{R})$, derivations are a subspace,
in particular $T_p M$ is naturally an \mathbb{R} -vector space, defined this way.

Example of a derivation: $M = \mathbb{R}^n$, $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$, & consider

the directional derivative $D_{\vec{v}}$ at p along a tangent vector $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, defined by
 $D_{\vec{v}}(f)(p) = (f \circ \alpha)'(0)$ for any curve $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\alpha(0) = p$, $\alpha'(0) = \vec{v}$.

check: (1) $D_v(-)(p)$ gives a well-defined map $C^\infty(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. (\mathbb{R} -linear).

$$(2) D_v(fg)(p) = (D_v f)(p) \cdot g(p) + f(p)(D_v g)(p).$$

Exercise: If $X: C^\infty(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a derivation, then $X(c) = 0$ for any (equiv. class of) constant function $c \in C^\infty(p)$

for the next example, note that since $C^\infty(p)$, $p \in M$, only depends on a sufficiently small neighborhood $\underset{p}{U} \subseteq M$, it follows that any chart $(\underset{p}{U}, \underset{p}{\phi})$ induces an identification

$$C^\infty(p) \cong C^\infty(\cdot \phi(p))$$

" $[f] \longmapsto [f \circ \phi^{-1}]$ "

Examples:

(1) For a set of local coords x_1, \dots, x_m near p , get a "tangent vector"

$$X_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}. \text{ Meaning, have a chart } (U, \phi) \text{ of } p \text{ sending } p \text{ to } 0 \in \mathbb{R}^m,$$

then under identification $C^\infty(p) \cong C^\infty(0 \in \mathbb{R}^m)$, take $X_i(f) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(0)$.

(i.e., as $\curvearrowright X_i(f) := \frac{\partial (f \circ \phi^{-1})}{\partial x_i}(0)$).

(2) next time: map between Def'n 1 of $T_p M$ & Def. 2 of $T_p M$.