
Exercise Sheet 7

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Exercise 7.1 (Jacobi Fields along Radial Geodesics, 4 Points). Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold with normal coordinates (U, x^i) around $p \in M$. For $W = \sum W^i \partial_i \in T_p M$, show that the Jacobi field along a radial geodesic γ (i. e. $\gamma(0) = p$) with $J(0) = 0$ and $\dot{J}(0) = W$ is given by $J(t) = t \sum W^i \partial_i$ for all t .

Exercise 7.2 (Connections, 2 Points). Let ∇ and $\tilde{\nabla}$ denote two connections¹ on a manifold M . Show that $\nabla - \tilde{\nabla}$ is a $(1, 2)$ -tensor field on M .

Exercise 7.3 (Ricci vs. Sectional, 4 Points). Let M be a Riemannian manifold. Consider an orthonormal basis $\{E_1, \dots, E_{n-1}, X\}$ of $T_p M$ at a point p , and denote by π_i the plane in $T_p M$ given by the span $\langle \{E_i, X\} \rangle$. Prove that

$$\text{Ric}(X, X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} K(\pi_i)$$

where $K(\pi_i)$ denotes the sectional curvature.

Exercise 7.4 (Curvatures, 6 Points). Consider the manifold \mathbb{R}^n with the metric

$$g_{-1}|_p := \frac{4}{(1 - \|p\|^2)^2} \delta_i^j.$$

Compute

1. the curvature tensor R ,
2. the Ricci curvature Ric ,
3. the sectional curvature K
4. and the scalar curvature S

for (\mathbb{R}^n, g_{-1}) .

¹Recall that a connection does not need to be torsion-free nor compatible with the metric.