
Exercise Sheet 3

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Due: 06.05.2015, 4:00pm in the Tutorials

Exercise 3.1 (Not a Derivation, 2 Points). For two derivations X and Y and a smooth function we define $XY(f) := X(Y(f))$. Find two derivations X and Y on \mathbb{R}^2 such that XY is *not* a derivation.

Exercise 3.2 (Lie Bracket, 2 Points). Show that the Lie bracket $[X, Y]$ of two vector fields is again a derivation at each point.

Exercise 3.3 (Properties of the Lie Bracket, 4 Points). Prove the following properties of the Lie bracket:

1. $[fX, hY] = fh \cdot [X, Y] + f \cdot X(h) \cdot Y - h \cdot Y(f) \cdot X$;
2. $[X, [Y, Z]] + [Y, [Z, X]] + [Z, [X, Y]] = 0$ (*Jacobi's Identity*);
3. $\left[\sum_i \xi^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \sum_j \eta^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right] = \sum_{i,j} \left(\xi^i \frac{\partial \eta^j}{\partial x^i} - \eta^j \frac{\partial \xi^i}{\partial x^j} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$;
(Here ξ^i and η^j are the coefficients of X and Y respectively in a chart $(U, x = (x^1, \dots, x^k))$ of M .)
4. Conclude that $\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right] = 0$ for any chart!

for vector fields X, Y and smooth functions f, h on M .

Exercise 3.4 (Koszul Formula, 4 Points). Derive the *Koszul formula*

$$2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) = X(g(Y, Z)) + Y(g(Z, X)) - Z(g(X, Y)) - g(Y, [X, Z]) - g(Z, [Y, X]) + g(X, [Z, Y])$$

for a symmetric and $g(\cdot, \cdot)$ -compatible connection. Deduce that such a connection, if it exists, is uniquely determined by $g(\cdot, \cdot)$. It is called the **Levi-Civita connection** for $g(\cdot, \cdot)$.

Hint. Start with $X(g(Y, Z))$, $Y(g(Z, X))$, $Z(g(X, Y))$, apply $g(\cdot, \cdot)$ -compatibility, then symmetry, finally sum up left- and right-hand sides.