

3. Tangent Vectors

Def: Let M be smooth mfd with $\dim M = n$.

: Let $p \in M$.

A tangent vector $V \in T_p M$ is defined by the following:

For each chart $(U, \varphi, x^i) \in \mathcal{A}$ with $p \in U$, assign a vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} v^1 \\ v^2 \\ \vdots \\ v^n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \text{such that}$$

if: over (U, φ, x^i) , assign (v^1, \dots, v^n)
over $(\tilde{U}, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{x}^i)$, assign $(\tilde{v}^1, \dots, \tilde{v}^n)$

$$\text{then: } \tilde{v}^i = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^i}{\partial x^k} v^k \quad \forall i.$$

Common notation:

1) Summation : $\tilde{v}^i = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^i}{\partial x^k} v^k$ omit \sum for repeated indices
Convention

2) $V \in T_p M$, write $V \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p$ over (U, x^i) .
summation \rightarrow

Reason for notation 2)

$V \in T_p M$ defines a derivation $V: C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
by $V(f) := v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} f.$

Why is $V(f)$ well-defined?

If: $V \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ over (U, x) , $V \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} \tilde{v}^i \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^i}$ over (\tilde{U}, \tilde{x})

then: ...

$$v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} f \stackrel{\text{chain rule}}{=} v^i \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^p}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^p} f \stackrel{\text{defn } \tilde{v}^p}{=} \tilde{v}^p \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^p} f. \quad \checkmark$$

ex) $M = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ with charts:

$(\mathcal{U}, (x, y))$ Cartesian coords, $\mathcal{U} = M$ $\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \end{cases}$

$(\tilde{\mathcal{U}}, (r, \theta))$ Polar coords, $\tilde{\mathcal{U}} = M$.

Define $V \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \Big|_p$ over $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}$. $p = (x, y) \in M$ fixed.

How does V appear over (\mathcal{U}, x) ?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ &= -r \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow V \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} -y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Big|_p + x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big|_p \quad \text{over } \mathcal{U}.$$

Other notation:

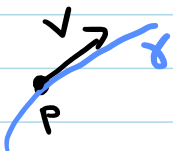
$$V \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ over } \tilde{\mathcal{U}}, \quad V \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} -y \\ x \end{pmatrix} \text{ over } \mathcal{U}.$$

Velocity Vector of Curves

Def: A curve in M is a smooth map $\gamma: J \rightarrow M$
 $J \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ interval

Prop: Every $V \in T_p M$ can be written as

$$V = \frac{d\gamma}{dt}(0) \quad \text{for some curve } \gamma: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M \text{ with } \gamma(0) = p.$$



Pf: ① Why does $\frac{d\gamma}{dt}(0)$ define a tangent vector?

Let $\gamma: (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$ be s.t. $\gamma(0) = p$.

Let $(U, x), (\tilde{U}, \tilde{x})$ be coords near p

Over U : $\gamma(t) \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} x^1(t) \\ \vdots \\ x^n(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad v^i \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} \frac{dx^i}{dt}(0).$

Over \tilde{U} : $\gamma(t) \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x}^1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{x}^n(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{v}^i \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} \frac{d\tilde{x}^i}{dt}(0)$

Chain rule $\Rightarrow \frac{d\tilde{x}^i}{dt} = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^i}{\partial x^p} \frac{dx^p}{dt}$.

$\Rightarrow \tilde{v}^i = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^i}{\partial x^p} v^i$ ✓ defines $v \in T_p M$.

② Given $v \in T_p M$, why does it come from $v = \frac{d\gamma}{dt}(0)$?

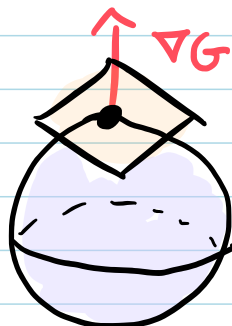
Let $p \in (U, x)$, write $v \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ and define

$$\gamma(t) = \begin{pmatrix} p^1 \\ \vdots \\ p^n \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} v^1 \\ \vdots \\ v^n \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

ex) Calc III. Surface $\{G(x, y, z) = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$
e.g. $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1 = 0$.

$T_p M$ = tangent plane = plane through p with normal $\nabla G|_p$.
at p



Let $V \in T_p M$, write $V = \frac{d\gamma}{dt}(0)$, $\gamma(0) = p$.

$$\frac{d}{dt} G(\gamma(t)) = 0$$

$$\nabla G|_p \cdot \frac{d\gamma}{dt}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{All } V \in T_p M \text{ satisfy } \nabla G|_p \cdot V = 0.$$

$$T_p M \subseteq \left\{ v \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \nabla G|_p \cdot v = 0 \right\}$$

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$$\Rightarrow T_p M = \left\{ v \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \nabla G|_p \cdot v = 0 \right\}$$

Def: (Push forward) M , $\dim M = m$
 N , $\dim N = n$

$F: M \rightarrow N$ smooth map, $p \in M$.

Define: $dF_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$ by:

① choose \circ $p \in (U, x^i) \subseteq M$
coords \circ $F(p) \in (V, y^i) \subseteq N$

and write $F \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} F^1(x) \\ \vdots \\ F^n(x) \end{pmatrix}$

② define \circ $dF_p(V) = \frac{\partial F^k}{\partial x^i}(p) V^i \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} \Big|_p$.

More notation:

$$a) dF_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) = \frac{\partial F^k}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} \Big|_p$$

$$b) dF_p \stackrel{\text{loc}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^1} & \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^2} & \dots \\ \frac{\partial F^2}{\partial x^1} & \frac{\partial F^2}{\partial x^2} & \ddots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial F^k}{\partial x^i} \right)_{n \times m}$$

c) If $v \in T_p M$, then $dF_p(v) \in T_{F(p)} N$ so acts on $C^\infty(N)$:

$$dF_p(v)(f) = v(f \circ F) = v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (f(F(x))) \\ = v^i \frac{\partial F^k}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} f$$

chain rule.

To verify $dF_p(v) \in T_{F(p)} N$, need to check:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{F}^k}{\partial x^i} = \frac{\partial \tilde{y}^k}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial F^p}{\partial x^i} \quad \text{for charts: } \begin{array}{ll} (\mathcal{U}, \varphi, x) & \text{on } M \\ (\mathcal{V}, \psi, y) & \text{on } N \\ (\tilde{\mathcal{V}}, \tilde{\psi}, \tilde{y}) & \text{on } N \end{array}$$

$$\text{where: } \tilde{\psi} \circ \psi^{-1}(y) = (\tilde{y}^1(y), \dots, \tilde{y}^n(y))$$

$$\tilde{F}^k(x) = \tilde{\psi}^k \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}(x)$$

$$F^k(x) = \psi^k \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}(x)$$

$$\text{Indeed: } \frac{\partial \tilde{F}^k}{\partial x^i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \tilde{\psi}^k \circ \psi^{-1} \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}(x) \\ = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \tilde{y}^k \circ F(\varphi^{-1}(x)) \\ = \frac{\partial \tilde{y}^k}{\partial y^p} \frac{\partial F^p}{\partial x^i} \quad \text{chain rule} \quad \checkmark$$

Computing dF using a path

Prop: $F: M \rightarrow N$ smooth map
 $p \in M$
 $V \in T_p M$

$$dF_p(V) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} F \circ \gamma(t) \quad \text{for any path } \gamma: (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$$

with: $\gamma(0) = p$
 $\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \gamma(t) = V.$

Pf: Chain rule in coords:

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} F \circ \gamma(t) = \frac{\partial F^k}{\partial x^i} \underbrace{\left. \frac{d\gamma^i}{dt} \right|_{t=0}}_{V^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} = dF|_p(V). \quad \square$$

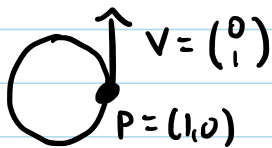
ex) $S^1 = \{x^2 + y^2 = 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$

$$F(x, y) = (-y, x).$$

$F: S^1 \rightarrow S^1.$

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in T_{(1,0)} S^1$: comes from path

$$\gamma(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$$
$$\gamma(0) = (1, 0)$$
$$\dot{\gamma}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

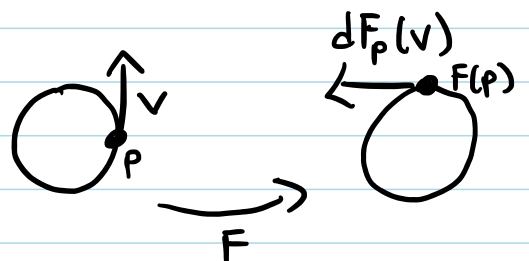


Compute $dF_{(1,0)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = ?$

$$dF_{(1,0)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} F \circ \gamma(t)$$

$$= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} (-\sin t, \cos t)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$



Tangent Bundle

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} M \text{ mfd, } \dim M = n \end{array} \right. \rightsquigarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} TM \text{ mfd, } \dim TM = 2n \\ TM = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T_p M \end{array} \right.$$

$$\pi: TM \rightarrow M, \quad \pi(p, v) = p$$

$\begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ p \in M & v \in T_p M \end{array}$

Charts on TM:

- chart (U, φ, x) for M \rightsquigarrow chart $(\pi^{-1}(U), \tilde{\varphi})$ for TM .

$$\tilde{\varphi}: \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$$

$$\tilde{\varphi} \left(v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) = (x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p), v^1, \dots, v^n).$$

change of coords:

- coords $(U, x^i), (\tilde{U}, \tilde{x}^i)$ on M

$$\tilde{x}^i = f^i(x^1, \dots, x^n) \quad \text{change of coords on } M$$

- coords $(\pi^{-1}(U), (x^i, v^i)), (\pi^{-1}(\tilde{U}), (\tilde{x}^i, \tilde{v}^i))$ on TM

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{x}^i = f^i(x^1, \dots, x^n) \\ \tilde{v}^i = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^i}{\partial x^p} v^p \end{array} \right. \quad \text{change of coords on } TM$$

ex) $S^1 = \{ e^{i\theta} : \theta \in [0, 2\pi] \}$

$$S^1 = U \cup \tilde{U} = \bigcirc \cup \bigcirc$$

$$U = \{ e^{i\theta} : \theta \in (0, 2\pi) \} \quad \text{coord } \theta$$

$$\tilde{U} = \{ e^{i\tilde{\theta}} : \tilde{\theta} \in (-\pi, \pi) \} \quad \text{coord } \tilde{\theta}$$

Compute change of coords on TS^1 and show:

$$TS^1 = S^1 \times \mathbb{R}.$$

ex) $S^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$
 $G: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$
 $G(x) = |x|^2.$

$$S^n = \{ G = 1 \}, \quad T_p S^n = \{ v \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : \nabla G(p) \cdot v = 0 \}$$

$$\Rightarrow TS^n = \left\{ (x, v) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : \begin{array}{l} |x| = 1 \text{ and} \\ x \cdot v = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

