

Recall. • A k -form ω on M is a smooth function

$$\omega: M \rightarrow \Omega^k(M)$$

• $\omega(\vec{x}) \in \mathcal{A}^k(T_{\vec{x}}M)$ \hookrightarrow bundle of k -forms

$$\mathcal{A}^k(M) = \bigcup_{\vec{x} \in M} \mathcal{A}^k(T_{\vec{x}}M)$$

$$\Omega^k(M)$$

= { k -forms on M }

set of all k -forms on $T_{\vec{x}}M$

• Can take wedge & exterior derivatives:

$$\omega \in \Omega^k(M), \eta \in \Omega^l(M)$$

$$\omega \wedge \eta \in \Omega^{k+l}(M), d\omega \in \Omega^{k+1}(M)$$

$$\omega = \sum_{I \text{ ascending}} f_I dx_I \text{ then}$$

$$d\omega = \sum_{I \text{ asc}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f_I}{\partial x_i} dx_i \wedge dx_I$$

Let's now generalize operations on vector/scalar fields in \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^n .

Def: $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ smooth.

The gradient of f is

$$\begin{aligned}(\text{grad } f)(\vec{x}) &= \nabla f(\vec{x}) \\ &= (\vec{x}, D_1 f(\vec{x})\mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + D_n f(\vec{x})\mathbf{e}_n)\end{aligned}$$

Note: This is a vector field & $\nabla f(\vec{x}) \in T_{\vec{x}} \mathbb{R}^n \quad \forall \vec{x} \in A$.

Def: $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. $G(\vec{x}) = (\vec{x}, g(\vec{x}))$

where $g: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is given by

$$g(\vec{x}) = (g_1(\vec{x}), \dots, g_n(\vec{x})), \text{ then}$$

its divergence is

$$(\text{div } G)(\vec{x}) = (\nabla \cdot G)(\vec{x})$$

$$= D_1 g_1(\vec{x}) + \dots + D_n g_n(\vec{x}).$$

Note: $\text{div } G: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ smooth function

Remark: There's no generalization of curl beyond $n=3$ in general because there's no "cross product" outside $n=3$.

[Actually there's something for $n=7$ but we ignore it.]

Thm: Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open. There exists vector space isomorphisms α_i, β_j and diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C^\infty(A) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_0} & \Omega^0(A) \\
 \downarrow \text{grad} & & \downarrow d \\
 \text{vector fields} & \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} & \Omega^1(A) \\
 \text{in } A & &
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{vector fields} & \xrightarrow{\beta_{n-1}} & \Omega^{n-1}(A) \\
 \text{in } A & & \downarrow d \\
 & & \Omega^n(A) \\
 & \xrightarrow{\beta_n} & \\
 C^\infty(A) & &
 \end{array}$$

so that

$$\begin{cases}
 d \circ \alpha_0 = \alpha_1 \circ \text{grad} \\
 d \circ \beta_{n-1} = \beta_n \circ \text{div}
 \end{cases}$$

Rmk: Recall $\dim A^k(V) = \binom{n}{k}$

for an n -dim vector space V ,

$$\text{so } \dim A^k(V) = \binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

$$= \dim A^{n-k}(V)$$

which means $A^k(V)$ and $A^{n-k}(V)$

are isomorphic as vector spaces.

This is the reason why

$$\Omega^k(A) \cong \Omega^{n-k}(A).$$

Proof: Let $f, g \in C^\infty(A)$

let

$$F(\vec{x}) = \left(\vec{x}, \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\vec{x}) e_i \right)$$

$$G(\vec{x}) = \left(\vec{x}, \sum_{i=1}^n g_i(\vec{x}) e_i \right)$$

be vector fields.

Define

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_0 f := f \\ \alpha_1 F := \sum_{i=1}^n f_i dx_i \end{cases}$$

this indicates the factor that is omitted

$$\begin{cases} \beta_{n-1} G := \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i-1} g_i dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dx_i} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n \\ \beta_n h := h dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n. \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha_1(\nabla f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_i} dx_i$$

$$d(\alpha_0 f) = df$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Also } (\beta_n \circ \text{div}) G \\
&= \beta_n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n D_i g_i(\vec{x}) \right) \\
&= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n D_i g_i(\vec{x}) \right) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
d(\beta_{n-1} G) &= d \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i-1} g_i dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dx}_i \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n \right] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i-1} \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_i} dx_i \wedge (dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dx}_i \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n) \\
&= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n D_i g_i(\vec{x}) \right) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n
\end{aligned}$$

□

Def $A \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, $F(\vec{x}) = (\vec{x}, \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\vec{x}) e_i)$
vector field in A . Define another
vector field in A by

$$(\text{curl } F)(\vec{x}) = (\nabla \times F)(\vec{x})$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \\ D_1 & D_2 & D_3 \\ f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

For $n=3$ we can connect all three operations:

Thm:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 C^\infty(A) & \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} & \text{v.f.} & \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} & \text{v.f.} & \xrightarrow{\text{div}} & C^\infty(A) \\
 & & \text{in } A & & \text{in } A & & \\
 \alpha_0 \downarrow & & \alpha_1 \downarrow & & \beta_2 \downarrow & & \beta_3 \downarrow \\
 \Omega^0(A) & \rightarrow & \Omega^1(A) & \rightarrow & \Omega^2(A) & \rightarrow & \Omega^3(A) \\
 & & \text{commutative diagram.} & & & &
 \end{array}$$

Def: $A \stackrel{\text{open}}{\subset} \mathbb{R}^k$, $\alpha: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ smooth

$\stackrel{\text{open}}{B} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$: $\alpha(A) \subset B$ define

$\alpha^*: \Omega^l(B) \rightarrow \Omega^l(A)$ as follows:

if $\omega \in \Omega^l(B)$ then

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\alpha^* \omega)(\vec{x})(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_\ell) \\
&= \omega(\alpha(\vec{x}))(\alpha_*(\vec{v}_1), \dots, \alpha_*(\vec{v}_\ell)) \\
&= \omega(\alpha(\vec{x}))\left(\alpha(\vec{x}), D\alpha(\vec{x})\vec{v}_1, \dots, \left(\alpha(\vec{x}), D\alpha(\vec{x})\vec{v}_\ell\right)\right)
\end{aligned}$$

or without referring to the base-points:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\alpha^* \omega)(v_1, \dots, v_\ell) = \omega(D\alpha \cdot v_1, \dots, D\alpha \cdot v_\ell) \\
& \text{the "pullback" of } \omega \text{ along } \alpha.
\end{aligned}$$

Thm: $A \subset \mathbb{R}^k$, $B \subset \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\alpha: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, \alpha(A) \subset B$$

$$\beta: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\omega, \eta \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \theta \in \Omega^\ell(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

$$(1) \beta^*(a\omega + b\eta) = a\beta^*\omega + b\beta^*\eta$$

$$(2) \beta^*(\omega \wedge \theta) = \beta^*\omega \wedge \beta^*\theta$$

$$(3) (\beta \circ \alpha)^* \omega = \alpha^* (\beta^* \omega)$$

Proof Reformulations of earlier properties of the linear transformation

$$T^* : A^k(W) \rightarrow A^k(V) \quad \text{where}$$

$$T : V \rightarrow W$$

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Thm $A \subset \mathbb{R}^k$, $\alpha : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ smooth

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k \quad \alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$$

$$y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$(a) \alpha^*(dy_i) = d\alpha_i$$

(b) $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$ ascending
 $i_j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \forall j$, then

$$\alpha^*(dy_I) = \left(\det \frac{\partial \alpha_I}{\partial x} \right) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_k$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_I}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial (\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_k})}{\partial (x_1, \dots, x_k)}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \alpha_{i_1}}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial \alpha_{i_k}}{\partial x_k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \alpha_{i_n}}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial \alpha_{i_n}}{\partial x_k} \end{pmatrix}$$

Proof: (a) By def if $(x, v) \in T_x A$

$$[\alpha^*(dy_i)](x, v)$$

$$= dy_i(\alpha(x), D\alpha \cdot v) = i\text{-th component of } D\alpha \cdot v$$

$$D\alpha \cdot v = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x_k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \alpha_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial \alpha_n}{\partial x_k} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial \alpha_i}{\partial x_1} v_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial \alpha_i}{\partial x_n} v_i \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{So}$$

$$dy_i((\alpha(x), D\alpha \cdot v)) = \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\partial \alpha_i}{\partial x_j} v_j$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\partial \alpha_i}{\partial x_j} dx_j(x, v)$$

$$= d\alpha_i(x, v)$$

(b) $\alpha^*(dy_I)$ $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$

$i_1 < \dots < i_k$, $i_j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \forall j$

is a k -form in \mathbb{R}^n so it's of the form

$$\alpha^*(dy_I) = h dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k}$$

where $h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is smooth.

To find $\alpha^*(dy_I)$ we need to

calculate $h(x)$. Note

$$h(dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_k)(\partial_{x_1}, \dots, \partial_{x_k})$$

$= h(x)$. Evaluate

$\alpha^*(dy_I)$ on the same k -tuple:

$$\alpha^*(dy_I)(\partial_{x_1}, \dots, \partial_{x_k})$$

$$= dy_I(D\alpha \cdot \partial_{x_1}, \dots, D\alpha \cdot \partial_{x_k}) \quad (*)$$

$$\partial_{x_i} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{Position } i$$

$$D\alpha \cdot \partial_{x_i} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial\alpha_1/\partial x_1 & \dots & \partial\alpha_1/\partial x_k \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \partial\alpha_n/\partial x_1 & \dots & \partial\alpha_n/\partial x_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \partial\alpha_1/\partial x_i \\ \vdots \\ \partial\alpha_n/\partial x_i \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial\alpha_j}{\partial x_i} \partial y_j$$

$$(*) = dy_I \left(\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x_1} dy_j, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x_k} dy_j \right) \right)$$

$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_{i_1}}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_{i_1}}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial x_{i_k}}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_{i_k}}{\partial x_1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \det \frac{\partial \alpha_I}{\partial x} = h(x)$$

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Thm: $\alpha: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ smooth
 $\omega \in \Omega^l(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then

$$\alpha^*(d\omega) = d(\alpha^*\omega)$$

Proof: $x = (x_1, \dots, x_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$
 $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Step 1: Let's prove it

for $l=0$ (so $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ smooth)

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha^*(df) &= \alpha^*\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} dy_j\right) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} \alpha^*(dy_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} dx_j \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial \alpha_j}{\partial x_i} dx_i
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
d(\alpha^*f) &= d(f \circ \alpha) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^k D_i(f \circ \alpha) dx_i \quad (*)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
D(f \circ \alpha) &= Df(y) \cdot D\alpha(x) \\
&= \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y_1} \cdots \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_n} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x_k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \alpha_n}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \alpha_n}{\partial x_k} \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} \cdot \frac{\partial \alpha_j}{\partial x_1} \quad \cdots \quad \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} \cdot \frac{\partial \alpha_j}{\partial x_k} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$D_i(f \circ \alpha) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} \cdot \frac{\partial \alpha_j}{\partial x_i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (*) &= \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} \cdot \frac{\partial \alpha_j}{\partial x_i} dx_i \\ &= \alpha^*(df) \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Suffices to prove it for

$$\omega = f dy_I, \quad I = \{i_1, \dots, i_l\}$$

$i_j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \quad \forall j$

for any $l > 0$.

$$d(\alpha^*\omega) = d\alpha^*(f dy_I)$$

$$= d(\alpha^*(f \wedge dy_I))$$

$$= d(\alpha^*f \wedge \alpha^*dy_I)$$

$$= d(\alpha^*f) \wedge \alpha^*dy_I \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{=0}$$

$$+ (-1)^0 \alpha^*f \wedge d(\alpha^*dy_I)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } d(\alpha^* dy_I) \\ = \alpha^* (\underbrace{d(dy_I)}_{=0}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } d(\alpha^* \omega) &= d(\alpha^* f) \wedge \alpha^* dy_I \\ &= \alpha^* (df \wedge dy_I) \\ &= \alpha^* (d(f dy_I)) = \alpha^* d\omega. \end{aligned}$$

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