

GR - HW #2 Solutions - 27/9/2017

Q1

The Jacobi Identity (Wald Ch 2 Ex. 3)

Let A, B, C be vector fields on the manifold M .

That means they are sections in the tangent bundle TM .

Let $f \in \mathcal{F}(M)$. For any $p \in M$, $A(p) \in T_p M$, so

$A(p): \mathcal{F}(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Hence $(A(p))(p) \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus

$p \mapsto (A(p))(f)$ is again in $\mathcal{F}(M)$.

Thus it makes sense to compose vector fields together, as $A \circ B \equiv A(p \mapsto (B(p))(\cdot))$ [A acts on the map whose argument is p]

However note that $A \circ B$ is not a tangent field since it doesn't have the Leibnitz property:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (AB)(fg) &\equiv A(p \mapsto (B(p))(fg)) \\
 &= A(p \mapsto (B(p))(f)g(p) + f(p)(B(p))(g)) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{B Leibnitz} \\ \text{A linear} \end{array} \right\} \\
 &= A(p \mapsto (B(p))(f)g(p)) + (p \mapsto f(p)(B(p))(g)) \\
 &= A(p \mapsto (B(p))(p)g(p)) + A(p \mapsto f(p)(B(p))(g)) \\
 &\equiv A((B(\cdot))(p)g) + A(f(B(\cdot))(g)) \\
 &= ((AB)(\cdot))(p)g + (B(\cdot))(p)(A(\cdot))(g) + (A(\cdot))(p)(B(\cdot))(g) \\
 &\quad + f(\cdot)((AB)(\cdot))(g)
 \end{aligned}$$

However the commutator, $[A, B] \equiv AB - BA$, does:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [A, B](fg) &= (AB)(p)g + \cancel{B(p)A(g)} + \cancel{A(p)B(g)} + f(AB)(g) \\
 &\quad - (BA)(p)g - \cancel{A(p)B(g)} - \cancel{B(p)A(g)} - f(BA)(g) \\
 &= ([A, B])(p)g + f([A, B])(g) \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

Repetition of script

2 (i) Cl. $[A, [B, C]] + (\text{cyclic permutations}) = 0$

Pr. $[A, [B, C]] \equiv [A, BC - CB] = ABC - ACB - BCA + CBA$

$[A, [B, C]] + (\text{cyc. perm.}) \equiv [A, [B, C]] + [B, [C, A]] + [C, [A, B]]$

$= \cancel{ABC} - \cancel{ACB} - \cancel{BCA} + \cancel{CBA}$

$+ \cancel{BCA} - \cancel{BAC} - \cancel{CAB} + \cancel{ACB}$

$+ \cancel{CAB} - \cancel{CBA} - \cancel{ABC} + \cancel{BAC} = 0 \quad \checkmark$

(ii) Let $\{Y_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \Gamma(\mathcal{M})$ be n -vector fields s.t. $\forall p \in \mathcal{M}$, $\{Y_i(p)\}_{i=1}^n$ is a basis of $T_p\mathcal{M}$.

Note $[Y_i, Y_j] \in \Gamma(\mathcal{M})$, so we may expand it at each point $p \in \mathcal{M}$ using the basis $\{Y_i(p)\}_{i=1}^n$:

$[Y_i, Y_j] =: C_{ik}^{ij} Y_k$ (this eqn defines the

expansion coefficients C_{ik}^{ij}).

Cl. $C_{ik}^{ij} = -C_{ik}^{ji}$

Pr. $C_{ik}^{ij} \equiv [Y_i, Y_j]_k = (-[Y_j, Y_i])_k \stackrel{\substack{\text{Component map} \\ \text{is linear}}}{=} -[Y_j, Y_i]_k$
 $= -C_{ik}^{ji}$

Note that since everything is a function of the point $p \in \mathcal{M}$, C_{ik}^{ij} are also p -dependent and so they are maps $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Cl. $C_{ik}^{ij} C_{kl}^{jk} + C_{kl}^{jk} C_{li}^{ki} + C_{li}^{ki} C_{ij}^{kl} = Y_i \cdot C_{kl}^{jk} + Y_j \cdot C_{li}^{ki} + Y_k \cdot C_{ij}^{kl}$

Pr. By the Jacobi identity we have for any (i, j, k) in $\{1, \dots, n\}^3$:

$[Y_i, [Y_j, Y_k]] + (\text{cyclic perm.}) = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow [Y_i, C_e^{j,k} Y_e] + \text{cyclic perm of } (i,j,k) = 0$$

$$Y_i(C_e^{j,k} Y_e) - C_e^{j,k} Y_e Y_i$$

$$Y_i(C_e^{j,k}) Y_e + C_e^{j,k} Y_i Y_e$$

$$\text{So } [Y_i, C_e^{j,k} Y_e] = Y_i(C_e^{j,k}) Y_e + C_e^{j,k} [Y_i, Y_e]$$

$$= Y_i(C_e^{j,k}) Y_e + C_e^{j,k} C_m^{i,l} Y_m \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{relabel} \\ m \leftrightarrow l \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= Y_i(C_e^{j,k}) Y_e + C_m^{j,k} C_e^{i,m} Y_e$$

$$= (Y_i(C_e^{j,k}) + C_m^{j,k} C_e^{i,m}) Y_e$$

Since $\{Y_e(p)\}_e$ forms a basis, we find

$$Y_i(C_e^{j,k}) + C_m^{j,k} C_e^{i,m} + \text{cyclic perm. of } (i,j,k) = 0 \quad \forall p$$

Q2 About the Lie Derivative

Let M be a smooth manifold of dim $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$.

Let $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ (a vector field; a section on TM).

That means that there is a flow $(\varphi_t(X)) : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(M)$ associated

group morphism
where $((-\epsilon, \epsilon), +)$ is the additive group

with X as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_b(\cdot \circ ((\varphi_t(X))(c)) \circ p) = X((\varphi_t(X))(c)) \circ p \quad \forall c \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \\ \varphi(X)(0) = \text{id}_M \end{array} \right.$$

Note that the L.H.S. of the first equation is a tangent vector at $((\varphi_t(X))(c)) \circ p$ indeed. Also note that we

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1 Notation

Let $\varphi : U_\varphi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\psi : U_\psi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be two charts near some $p \in \mathcal{M}$.

Then we define basis vectors of $T_p\mathcal{M}$ corresponding to these charts as $d_i^\varphi := [\partial_i (\cdot \circ \varphi^{-1})] \circ \varphi$. Note that this is really a vector field defined in a neighborhood of p . In a point $q \in \mathcal{M}$ it is a tangent vector: d_i^φ at q is $\partial_i|_{\varphi(q)} (\cdot \circ \varphi^{-1})$. There are analogous definitions for ψ . We define the expansion coefficients of a vector field X in the basis corresponding to φ as X_i^φ :

$$X = X_i^\varphi d_i^\varphi$$

so that $X_i^\varphi \equiv X(\varphi_i)$ with $\varphi_i := \pi_i \circ \varphi$ and $\pi_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the natural projection. The transition rule (going from φ to ψ) for the expansion coefficients may be derived easily as

$$\begin{aligned} X_i^\psi &\equiv X(d_i^\psi) \\ &= X_j^\varphi d_j^\varphi(\psi_i) \end{aligned}$$

so that we define

$$M_{ij}^{\psi\varphi} := d_j^\varphi(\psi_i)$$

and get

$$X_i^\psi = M_{ij}^{\psi\varphi} X_j^\varphi$$

Similarly, we can move the basis vectors themselves:

$$\begin{aligned} d_i^\psi &= d_i^\psi(\varphi_j) d_j^\varphi \\ &= M_{ji}^{\varphi\psi} d_j^\varphi \\ &=: N_{ij}^{\psi\varphi} d_j^\varphi \end{aligned}$$

We also have a natural basis for $(T_p\mathcal{M})^*$, given by the dual of d_i^φ . Explicitly it is given by

$$e_i^\varphi := \cdot(\varphi_i)$$

That is, given any tangent vector X , $e_i^\varphi(X) \equiv X(\varphi_i) = X_i^\varphi$. The expansion coefficients of a 1-form ω are given by

$$\omega_i^\varphi = \omega(d_i^\varphi)$$

so that

$$\omega = \omega_i^\varphi e_i^\varphi$$

and the transformation rule for the expansion coefficients is

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_i^\psi &\equiv \omega(d_i^\psi) \\ &= \omega_j^\varphi e_j^\varphi(d_i^\psi) \end{aligned}$$

But $e_j^\varphi(d_i^\psi) \equiv d_i^\psi(\varphi_j) = N_{ij}^{\psi\varphi}$ so that we get

$$\omega_i^\psi = N_{ij}^{\psi\varphi} \omega_j^\varphi$$

and of course the dual basis vectors transform again in the opposite way compared to the expansion coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} e_i^\psi &= e_i^\psi(d_j^\varphi) e_j^\varphi \\ &= d_j^\varphi(\psi_i) e_j^\varphi \\ &= M_{ij}^{\varphi\psi} e_j^\varphi \end{aligned}$$

We find that the expansion coefficients of a general (k, l) tensor T transform as

$$T_{i_1 \dots i_k j_1 \dots j_l}^\psi = M_{i_1 i'_1}^{\psi\varphi} \dots M_{i_k i'_k}^{\psi\varphi} N_{j_1 j'_1}^{\psi\varphi} \dots N_{j_l j'_l}^{\psi\varphi} T_{i'_1 \dots i'_k j'_1 \dots j'_l}^\varphi$$

2 Properties of the Transition Matrices

1 *Claim.* We have $N_{ij}^{\psi\varphi} M_{ik}^{\psi\varphi} = \delta_{jk}$ and $N_{ij}^{\psi\varphi} M_{kj}^{\psi\varphi} = \delta_{ik}$.

Proof. We start by plugging in the definitions

$$N_{ij}^{\psi\varphi} M_{ik}^{\psi\varphi} \equiv d_i^\psi(\varphi_j) d_k^\varphi(\psi_i)$$

we swap out φ_j and ψ_i for e_j^φ and e_i^ψ respectively, because it is more transparent than that these are dual vectors to the d 's. We get

$$\begin{aligned} N_{ij}^{\psi\varphi} M_{ik}^{\psi\varphi} &= d_i^\psi(e_j^\varphi) d_k^\varphi(e_i^\psi) \\ &= d_j^{\varphi*}(d_i^\psi) d_i^{\psi*}(d_k^\varphi) \\ &= \langle d_j^\varphi, d_i^\psi \rangle \langle d_i^\psi, d_k^\varphi \rangle \\ &= \langle d_j^\varphi, d_i^\psi \otimes d_i^{\psi*} d_k^\varphi \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now we use the fact that $d_i^\psi \otimes d_i^{\psi*} = \mathbb{1}$ because $\{d_i^\psi\}_{i=1}^n$ is an ONB of $T_p\mathcal{M}$ for each p in the domain of that basis. Thus

$$N_{ij}^{\psi\varphi} M_{ik}^{\psi\varphi} = \langle d_j^\varphi, d_k^\varphi \rangle$$

and again using the fact that $\{d_i^\varphi\}_{i=1}^n$ is a basis one obtains the proper result. The other result is obtained by repeating the argument with $\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$. \square

2 **Corollary.** We have $d_l^\varphi(N_{ij}^{\psi\varphi}) M_{ik}^{\psi\varphi} = -N_{ij}^{\psi\varphi} d_l^\varphi(M_{ik}^{\psi\varphi})$.

Proof. Apply d_l^φ on the foregoing equation. Since δ_{ik} is a constant scalar function, we get zero on the left hand side (as a tangent vector working on any scalar function is zero). On the right hand side we use the Leibniz property of d_l^φ . \square

3 *Claim.* We have $d_k^\varphi(M_{ii'}^{\psi\varphi}) = d_{i'}^\varphi(M_{ik}^{\psi\varphi})$.

Proof. If we expand out the definitions we will find that this boils down to the fact that $[d_i^\varphi, d_k^\varphi] = 0$, which is always true for basis tangent vectors which correspond to charts, which is what d_i^φ is. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} M_{ii',k} - M_{ik,i'} &\equiv d_k^\varphi(M_{ii'}) - d_{i'}^\varphi(M_{ik}) \\ &= d_k^\varphi(d_{i'}^\varphi(\psi_i)) - d_{i'}^\varphi(d_k^\varphi(\psi_i)) \\ &= [d_k^\varphi, d_{i'}^\varphi](\psi_i) \end{aligned}$$

and $[d_i^\varphi, d_j^\varphi] = 0$ because

$$\begin{aligned} ([d_i^\varphi, d_j^\varphi])(f) &\equiv d_i^\varphi d_j^\varphi f - (i \leftrightarrow j) \\ &= [\partial_i(d_j^\varphi f \circ \varphi^{-1})] \circ \varphi - (i \leftrightarrow j) \\ &= [\partial_i([\partial_j(f \circ \varphi^{-1})] \circ \varphi \circ \varphi^{-1})] \circ \varphi - (i \leftrightarrow j) \\ &= [\partial_i(\partial_j(f \circ \varphi^{-1}))] \circ \varphi - (i \leftrightarrow j) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $\partial_i \partial_j = \partial_j \partial_i$. \square

3 Some short hand notation to make the calculation lighter

From this point onwards, since the charts φ and ψ are fixed, we omit them from the notation. Thus φ is considered the “original” chart and ψ the “new” chart. Consequently, all expansion coefficients in the original chart φ will have φ simply dropped expansion coefficients in the new chart ψ will be denoted by a bar above. We also abbreviate $M_{ij}^{\psi\varphi}$ simply as M_{ij} and the same for N . Finally we also abbreviate $d_i^\varphi(O) \equiv O_{,i}$ for any object O (typically O is an expansion coefficient in φ or ψ carrying itself some indices, but the application of d_i^φ always will be noted with a comma after all other indices).

Hence the transformation law for a vector's expansion coefficients

$$\bar{X}_i = M_{ij} X_j$$

The transformation law for a dual vector's expansion coefficients

$$\bar{\mu}_i = N_{ij} \mu_j$$

Transformation law for a (1, 1) tensor's expansion coefficients

$$\bar{T}_{ij} = M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{i'j'}$$

Transformation law for a basis vector

$$\bar{d}_i = N_{ij} d_j$$

In the exercise, we “define” the Lie derivative along a vector field X of the (1, 1) tensor T via its components as

$$(L_X T)_{ij} = T_{ij, k} X_k - T_{kj} X_{i, k} + T_{ik} X_{k, j}$$

To see how it transforms, we must see how its constituent parts transform:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{X}_{i, j} &\equiv \bar{d}_j (\bar{X}_i) \\ &= N_{jj'} d_{j'} (M_{ii'} X_{i'}) \\ &= N_{jj'} d_{j'} (M_{ii'}) X_{i'} + N_{jj'} M_{ii'} d_{j'} (X_{i'}) \\ &= N_{jj'} M_{ii', j'} X_{i'} + N_{jj'} M_{ii'} X_{i', j'} \end{aligned}$$

So that $\bar{X}_{i, j}$ does *not* transform like a (1, 1) tensor, due to the extra first term (the second term alone is how it should have transformed had it been a (1, 1) tensor).

We have also

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{T}_{ij, k} &\equiv \bar{d}_k (\bar{T}_{ij}) \\ &= N_{kk'} d_{k'} (M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{i'j'}) \\ &= N_{kk'} M_{ii', k'} N_{jj'} T_{i'j'} + N_{kk'} M_{ii'} N_{jj', k'} T_{i'j'} + N_{kk'} M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{i'j', k'} \end{aligned}$$

So that $\bar{T}_{ij, k}$ does *not* transform like a (1, 2) tensor, due to the extra first two terms (the third term alone is how a (1, 2) tensor should have transformed).

We check however the transformation law of $\overline{(L_X T)}_{ij}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{(L_X T)}_{ij} &= \bar{T}_{ij, k} \bar{X}_k - \bar{T}_{kj} \bar{X}_{i, k} + \bar{T}_{ik} \bar{X}_{k, j} \\ &= (N_{kk'} M_{ii', k'} N_{jj'} T_{i'j'} + N_{kk'} M_{ii'} N_{jj', k'} T_{i'j'} + N_{kk'} M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{i'j', k'}) M_{kk''} X_{k''} \\ &\quad - M_{kk'} N_{jj'} T_{k'j'} (N_{kk''} M_{ii', k''} X_{i'} + N_{kk''} M_{ii'} X_{i', k''}) \\ &\quad + M_{ii'} N_{kk'} T_{i'k'} (N_{jj'} M_{kk'', j'} X_{k''} + N_{jj'} M_{kk''} X_{k'', j'}) \\ &\quad \text{(Regroup to terms containing derivatives of N and M and those that don't)} \\ &= N_{kk'} M_{ii', k'} N_{jj'} M_{kk''} T_{i'j'} X_{k''} + N_{kk'} M_{ii'} N_{jj', k'} M_{kk''} T_{i'j'} X_{k''} \\ &\quad - M_{kk'} N_{jj'} N_{kk''} M_{ii', k''} T_{k'j'} X_{i'} + M_{ii'} N_{kk'} N_{jj'} M_{kk'', j'} T_{i'k'} X_{k''} \\ &\quad - M_{kk'} N_{jj'} N_{kk''} M_{ii'} T_{k'j'} X_{i', k''} \\ &\quad + N_{kk'} M_{ii'} N_{jj'} M_{kk''} T_{i'j', k'} X_{k''} + M_{ii'} N_{kk'} N_{jj'} M_{kk''} T_{i'k'} X_{k'', j'} \end{aligned}$$

We know what the answer *should* be:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{(L_X T)}_{ij} &\stackrel{?}{=} M_{ii'} N_{jj'} (L_X T)_{i'j'} \\ &= M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{i'j', k} X_k - M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{kj'} X_{i', k} + M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{i'k} X_{k, j'} \end{aligned}$$

So we identify those terms in $\overline{(L_X T)}_{ij}$ as C (for “correct”, the last two lines) and R (for “rest”, the first two lines):

$$\begin{aligned} C &:= N_{kk'} M_{ii'} N_{jj'} M_{kk''} T_{i'j', k'} X_{k''} - M_{kk'} N_{jj'} N_{kk''} M_{ii'} T_{k'j'} X_{i', k''} \\ &\quad + M_{ii'} N_{kk'} N_{jj'} M_{kk''} T_{i'k'} X_{k'', j'} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} R &:= N_{kk'} M_{ii', k'} N_{jj'} M_{kk''} T_{i'j'} X_{k''} + N_{kk'} M_{ii'} N_{jj', k'} M_{kk''} T_{i'j'} X_{k''} \\ &\quad - M_{kk'} N_{jj'} N_{kk''} M_{ii', k''} T_{k'j'} X_{i'} + M_{ii'} N_{kk'} N_{jj'} M_{kk'', j'} T_{i'k'} X_{k''} \end{aligned}$$

We want to show that

$$C \stackrel{?}{=} M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{i'j', k} X_k - M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{kj'} X_{i', k} + M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{i'k} X_{k, j'} \quad (1)$$

and that $R = 0$.

We start with the first task. In order to do that we must we must “cancel out” factors of M and N . Take for instance the first term in C :

$$N_{kk'} M_{ii'} N_{jj'} M_{kk''} T_{i'j', k'} X_{k''} = (M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{i'j', k'}) (N_{kk'} M_{kk''} X_{k''})$$

Using **1** we find for that term

$$\begin{aligned} N_{kk'} M_{ii'} N_{jj'} M_{kk''} T_{i'j', k'} X_{k''} &= (M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{i'j', k'}) (N_{kk'} M_{kk''} X_{k''}) \\ &= (M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{i'j', k'}) (\delta_{k'k''} X_{k''}) \\ &= (M_{ii'} N_{jj'} T_{i'j', k'}) X_{k'} \end{aligned}$$

so we get the first term on the RHS of (1) correctly. We proceed similarly using **1** twice more to find that (1) is correct.

We go on to prove that $R = 0$: We use **1** three more times to find:

$$\begin{aligned} R &\equiv N_{kk'} M_{ii', k'} N_{jj'} M_{kk''} T_{i'j'} X_{k''} + N_{kk'} M_{ii'} N_{jj', k'} M_{kk''} T_{i'j'} X_{k''} \\ &\quad - M_{kk'} N_{jj'} N_{kk''} M_{ii', k''} T_{k'j'} X_{i'} + M_{ii'} N_{kk'} N_{jj'} M_{kk'', j'} T_{i'k'} X_{k''} \\ &= M_{ii', k} N_{jj'} T_{i'j'} X_k - N_{jj'} M_{ii', k} T_{kj'} X_{i'} \\ &\quad + M_{ii'} N_{jj', k} T_{i'j'} X_k + M_{ii'} N_{kk'} N_{jj'} M_{kk'', j'} T_{i'k'} X_{k''} \end{aligned}$$

for the first line, in the second term we relabel as $i' \leftrightarrow k$ to get

$$M_{ii', k} N_{jj'} T_{i'j'} X_k - N_{jj'} M_{ii', k} T_{kj'} X_{i'} = M_{ii', k} N_{jj'} T_{i'j'} X_k - N_{jj'} M_{ik, i'} T_{i'j'} X_k$$

But now use **3** so the first line of our most recent expression for R is zero.

We go on to the next line. We relabel in the second term $j' \leftrightarrow k'$ and $k \leftrightarrow k''$ to get

$$M_{ii'} N_{jj', k} T_{i'j'} X_k + M_{ii'} N_{kk'} N_{jj'} M_{kk'', j'} T_{i'k'} X_{k''} = M_{ii'} (N_{jj', k} + N_{k''j'} N_{jk'} M_{k''k, k'}) T_{i'j'} X_k$$

Now we deal with the term $N_{k''j'} N_{jk'} M_{k''k, k'}$. In fact we can rewrite it as

$$\begin{aligned} N_{k''j'} N_{jk'} M_{k''k, k'} &= N_{k''j'} N_{jk'} M_{k''k', k} \\ &= -N_{k''j', k} N_{jk'} M_{k''k'} \\ &= -N_{k''j', k} \delta_{jk''} \\ &= -N_{jj', k} \end{aligned}$$

so that we really get zero. In the last expression, used again the fact that $M_{ij, k} = M_{ik, j}$ (in **3**) as proven above already, as well as **2**. The proof is finally complete.