

Lecture #4

Example

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{\varphi} (x, y) \\ \xrightarrow{\psi} (r, \theta) \end{cases} \quad \psi \circ \varphi^{-1}: (x, y) \mapsto (\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \text{Atan} \frac{y}{x})$$

Relation b/w coordinate vectors (Jacobian)

$$r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \quad \text{dilations}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad \text{rotations}$$

These operators are defined at all $P \in \mathbb{R}^2$,
so are vector fields not just vectors.

Algebra of vector fields on $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\varphi} (x^1, \dots, x^n)$$

Coordinate vectors $e_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$

First moments $g^j_i = x^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$

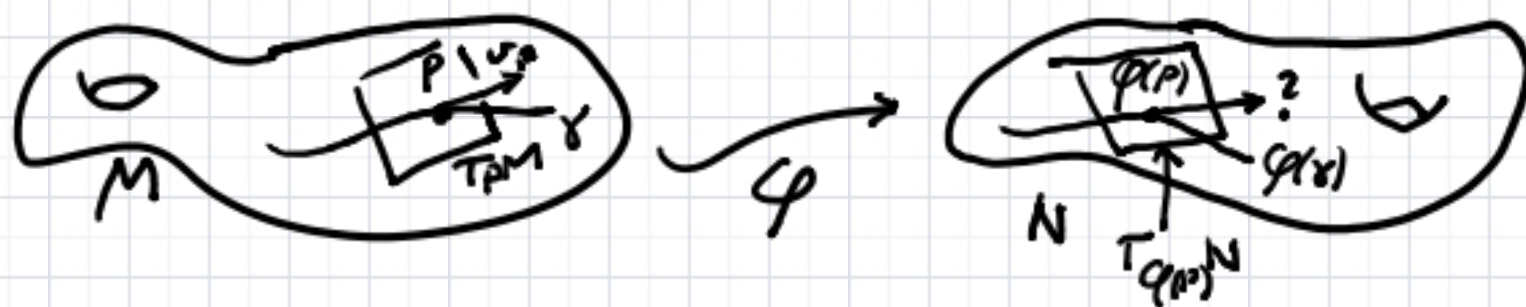
These differential operators close under commutation

$$\begin{cases} e_i e_j - e_j e_i \equiv [e_i, e_j] = 0 \\ g^j_i e_k - e_k g^j_i \equiv [g^j_i, e_k] = \delta^j_k e_k \\ g^j_i g^l_m - g^l_m g^j_i = [g^j_i, g^l_m] = \delta^l_i g^j_m - \delta^j_m g^l_i \end{cases}$$

This is an example of the Lie bracket and a Lie Algebra $(\mathbb{R}^n \ltimes \mathfrak{gl}(n))$. More later.

The Differential $d\varphi$

Idea $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$ differentiable



induces a map

$$d\varphi: T_p M \rightarrow T_{\varphi(p)} N$$

The differential $d\varphi (\equiv \varphi', \varphi_*, T\varphi, D\varphi, d\varphi_r)$ is defined by

$$\underbrace{\frac{d}{dt}\bigg|_0}_{\in T_p M} = \gamma'(0) \xrightarrow{d\varphi} \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt}\bigg|_0}_{\in T_{\varphi(p)} N} = (\varphi \circ \gamma)'(0)$$

Indeed

$$\underbrace{d\varphi(v_p)(f)}_{\in S_{\varphi(p)}(N)} = \underbrace{v_p(f \circ \varphi)}_{\in S_p M}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(f \circ \varphi \circ \gamma)$$

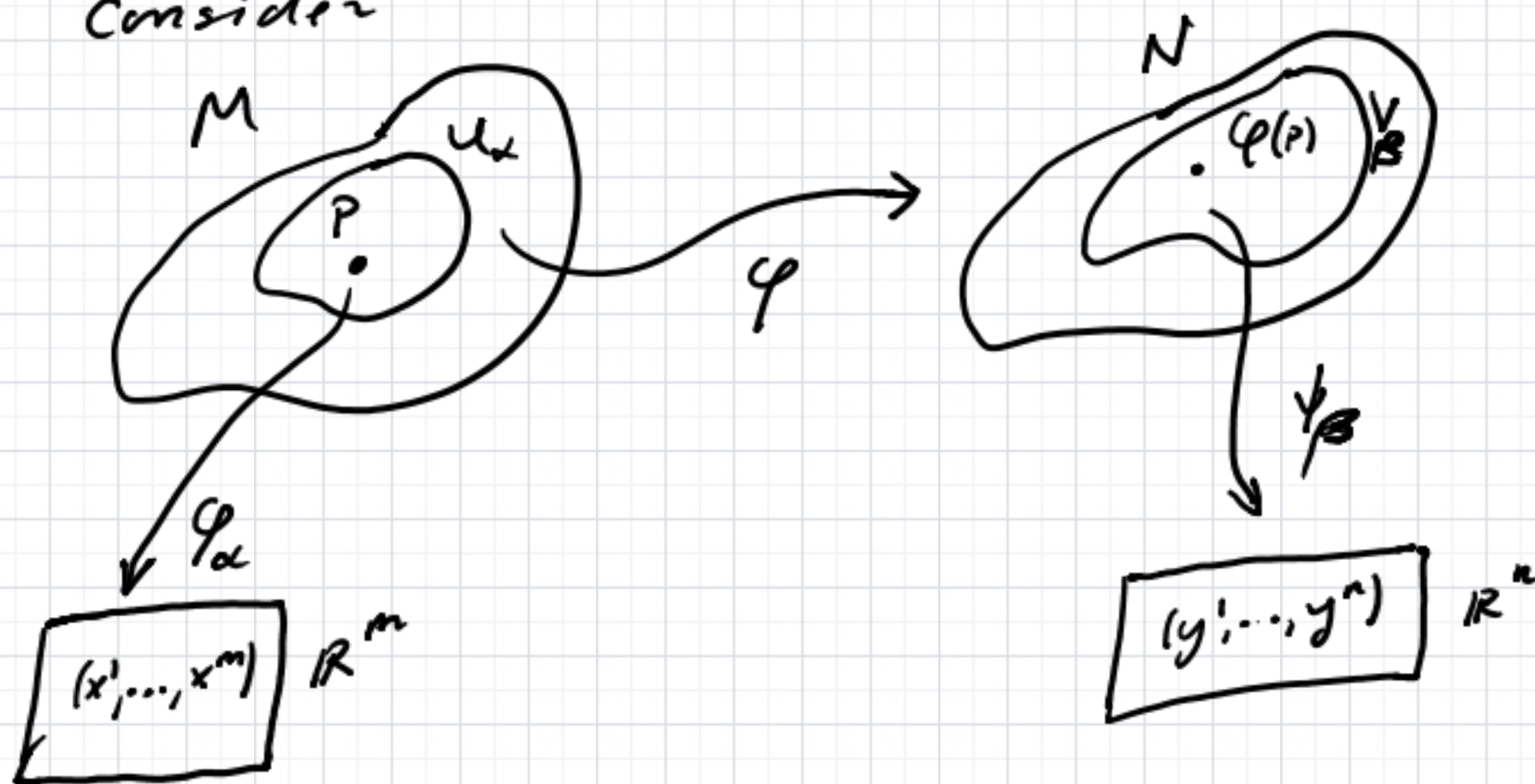
directional
derivative of $f: N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
along $\varphi \circ \gamma$ in N

$$\frac{d}{dt}(f \circ \varphi \circ \gamma)$$

directional
derivative of $f \circ \varphi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
along γ in M

The Jacobian of φ

Consider



$$\text{i.e. } y(x) = \varphi_\beta \circ \varphi \circ \varphi_\alpha(x)$$

& $T_p M$ has basis $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \Big|_p, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} \Big|_p \right\}$

$T_{\varphi(p)} N$ has basis $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} \Big|_{\varphi(p)}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial y^n} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right\}$

The Jacobian of φ is the $m \times n$ matrix representing $d\varphi$ in these bases.

i.e. $J = (J_i^a) \quad i=1, \dots, m \quad ; \quad a=1, \dots, n$ where

$$d\varphi\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\right)_p = J_i^a \frac{\partial}{\partial y^a}\bigg|_{\varphi(p)}$$

Compute J_i^a

$$\underbrace{d\varphi\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\right)_p}_{\substack{\cap \\ T_{\varphi(p)}N}} \underbrace{\bigg|_{\varphi(p)}}_{\substack{\cap \\ \Delta_{\varphi(p)}^M}} \equiv J_i^a \frac{\partial}{\partial y^a} \underbrace{(\varphi \circ \psi_\beta^{-1})}_{\varphi(y)} \bigg|_{\varphi(p)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (\underbrace{\varphi \circ \psi_\beta^{-1}}_{\varphi(x)}) \bigg|_p = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (\varphi \circ \psi_\beta^{-1} \circ \psi_\beta \circ \varphi \circ \varphi^{-1}) \\ &\quad \downarrow \text{Def of } d\varphi \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \tilde{\varphi}(y(x)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{chain rule}}{=} \frac{\partial \varphi \circ \psi_\beta^{-1}}{\partial y^a} \frac{\partial (\psi_\beta \circ \varphi \circ \varphi^{-1})^a}{\partial x^i}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \boxed{J_i^a = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (\psi_\beta \circ \varphi \circ \varphi^{-1})^a \equiv \frac{\partial y^a}{\partial x^i}}$$

1-forms & the Cotangent space

Let $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable.

Then $df: T_p M \rightarrow T_{f(p)} \mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R}$ is a linear functional on the vector space $T_p M$.

The set of all linear functionals $\{T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\} = T_p^* M$ the dual space to $T_p M$. It is called the cotangent space.

Coordinate differentials

Let $\varphi_\alpha: \underset{M}{P} \rightarrow \underset{\mathbb{R}^n}{(x^1, \dots, x^n)(P)}$ be a chart map at P .

We call $x^i(P)$ a coordinate function $x^i: U_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

regarding x^i as a differentiable map from manifolds $U_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we may consider dx^i

In fact, the coordinate differentials dx^i are dual to the coordinate vectors $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$:

$$dx^i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right) = \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x^j} = \delta_j^i$$

and form a basis for T_p^*M .

Exercises ① Show that if $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$df\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\right)|_P = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}\bigg|_P$$

i.e. the components of the gradient of f .

② Deduce the transformation properties of

the components w_i of a 1-form $\omega = w_i dx^i_P \in T_P^* M$

under changes of coordinates. Use this result to

show $\sum_i w_i v^i$ (where v^i are the components of a vector at P) is invariant.

Observe $\bar{f} = \tilde{f} \circ \psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial x^i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left[\tilde{f}(y(x)) \right] \quad \text{where } y(x) = \psi \circ \varphi^{-1}(x)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Chain rule}}{=} \frac{\partial \tilde{f}}{\partial y^j} \frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^i}$$

Thus if v_p has components v^i in chart $(U \cap V, \varphi)$

then

$$\begin{aligned} v_p(f) &= v^i \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial x^i} \\ &= v^i \frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial \tilde{f}}{\partial y^j} \end{aligned}$$

New components in the chart $(U \cap V, \psi)$ are

$$\boxed{\tilde{v}^j = \frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^i} v^i} \quad (*)$$

This rule is called the transformation of a contravariant vector. In many contexts

the set of all components v^i with equivalence $(*)$ defined by $(*)$ is taken as the definition of a tangent vector