

Def.: The **cotangent space** at $p \in M$ is $T_p^*M := (T_p M)^*$, $\omega \in T_p^*M$ is called **(tangent) covector at p** .

Notes: in coordinates, $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right\}$ basis of $T_p M \Rightarrow$ dual basis $\{\lambda^i \Big|_p\}$ of T_p^*M

$$\Rightarrow T_p^*M \ni \omega = \omega_i \lambda^i \Big|_p \text{ with } \omega_i = \omega \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right)$$

Def.: $T^*M = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T_p^*M$ is called **cotangent bundle** of M .

$\omega: M \rightarrow T^*M$ with $\omega(p) \in T_p^*M$ is called **covector field** (= **differential 1-form**)

Note: one can show that T^*M is a smooth manifold

Note: ω covector field, X vector field

$$\Rightarrow \omega(X): M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \omega(X)(p) = \omega(p)(X(p))$$

$$\text{in local coordinates: } \omega(X) = \omega_i X^i$$

Now: for $f \in C^\infty(M)$, the differential at p was def. as $df_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_{f(p)} \mathbb{R}$

We can also regard the **differential of f** as the covector field df , def. by $df_p(v) = v f$

i.e., $T_p^*M \ni df_p: T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$ same map with the identification of $T_{f(p)} \mathbb{R}$ with \mathbb{R} $\forall v \in T_p M$

In coordinates: $T_p^*M \ni df_p = A_i(p) \lambda^i \Big|_p$ for some smooth A_i

$$\Rightarrow A_i(p) = df_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) := \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} (p)$$

$$\Rightarrow df_p = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} (p) \lambda^i \Big|_p$$

$$\text{for } f = x^j \text{ we find } dx^j \Big|_p = \lambda^j \Big|_p \Rightarrow \lambda^j = dx^j \Rightarrow df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dx^i$$

now, consider smooth $F: M \rightarrow N$

recall that for diffeomorphisms F and $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ we defined the push-forward

$$F_* X: N \rightarrow TN, F_* X(q) = dF_{F^{-1}(q)}(X(F^{-1}(q))) \quad (F_* X \text{ is a new vector field})$$

now take any smooth $F: M \rightarrow N$ (not necessarily a diffeomorphism)

Def.: $F: M \rightarrow N$ smooth, $w: N \rightarrow T^*N$ a covector field, then the **pullback of w by F** is def. as

$$F^* w: M \rightarrow T^*M, (F^* w)_p = dF_p^*(w_{F(p)}).$$

note: one can prove that $F^* w$ is a smooth covector field

5.4 Tensors

Def.: $A: \underbrace{V_1 \times \dots \times V_k}_{\text{vector spaces}} \rightarrow W$ is called **multilinear** if

$$A(v_1, \dots, \lambda_i v_i + \tilde{v}_i, \dots, v_k) = \lambda_i A(v_1, \dots, v_k) + A(v_1, \dots, \tilde{v}_i, \dots, v_k)$$

• $L(V_1, \dots, V_k; W) =$ set of all multilinear maps $V_1 \times \dots \times V_k \rightarrow W$

• If $A: V_1 \times \dots \times V_k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $B: W_1 \times \dots \times W_\ell \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are multilinear then

$$A \otimes B: V_1 \times \dots \times V_k \times W_1 \times \dots \times W_\ell \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, A \otimes B(v_1, \dots, v_k, w_1, \dots, w_\ell) = A(v_1, \dots, v_k) B(w_1, \dots, w_\ell)$$

is called **tensor product** of A and B .

Ex.: $w^j \in V_j^*$, then $w^1 \otimes \dots \otimes w^n: V_1 \times \dots \times V_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, (v_1, \dots, v_n) \mapsto w^1(v_1) \dots w^n(v_n)$

Note: • $\mathcal{B} = \{ \varepsilon_{(1)}^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \varepsilon_{(k)}^{i_k} : 1 \leq i_1 \leq n, \dots, 1 \leq i_k \leq n \}$ basis of $L(V_1, \dots, V_k; \mathbb{R})$

• more abstractly one can define a space $V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_k$; here, just take it as the vector space with

$$\text{basis } \mathcal{C} = \{ E_{(1)}^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes E_{(k)}^{i_k} : 1 \leq i_1 \leq n, \dots, 1 \leq i_k \leq n \}$$