

X. Forms

A. Linear Algebra

recall $\underbrace{V^* \otimes \dots \otimes V^*}_k = \text{Bilin}(\underbrace{V \times \dots \times V}_k, \mathbb{R})$

we say a map $\phi \in \text{Bilin}(V \times \dots \times V, \mathbb{R})$ is alternating

if

$$\phi(v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(k)}) = \text{sgn}(\sigma) \phi(v_1, \dots, v_k)$$

where $\sigma \in S_k$ an element of the symmetric group

and $\text{sgn}(\sigma) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is even \# of permutations} \\ -1 & \text{if " " odd " " " "} \end{cases}$

example: $\phi(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_k) = -\phi(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k)$

let $\Lambda^k(V) = \{ \phi \in \text{Bilin}(V \times \dots \times V, \mathbb{R}) : \phi \text{ is alternating} \}$

$$\text{so } \Lambda^k(V) \subset \underbrace{V^* \otimes \dots \otimes V^*}_k$$

lemma 1:

$\phi \in \text{Bilin}(V \times \dots \times V, \mathbb{R})$ then

The following are equivalent

① $\phi \in \Lambda^k(V)$

② $\phi(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k) = 0$ (zero when entry repeated)

③ $\phi(v_1, \dots, v_k) = 0$ whenever v_1, \dots, v_k not lin. independent

Proof: ① \Rightarrow ②

$\phi \in \Lambda^k(V)$ then

$$\phi(v_1 \dots v_i \dots v_i \dots v_k) = -\phi(v_1 \dots v_i \dots v_i \dots v_k)$$

switch

$$\text{so } 2 \phi(v_1 \dots v_i \dots v_i \dots v_k) = 0$$

$$\text{so } \phi(v_1 \dots v_i \dots v_i \dots v_k) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

② \Rightarrow ③

can assume $v_1 = a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_k v_k$

$$\text{so } \phi(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \sum_{i=2}^k a_i \phi(v_i, v_2, \dots, v_k) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

③ \Rightarrow ② \checkmark

② \Rightarrow ①

$$\phi(v_1, \dots, v_i + v_j, \dots, v_i + v_j, \dots, v_k) = 0$$

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$$\phi(v_1, \dots, \cancel{v_i}, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k) + \phi(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, \cancel{v_j}, \dots, v_k)$$

$$+ \phi(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k) + \phi(v_1, \dots, \cancel{v_j}, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_k) = 0$$

we define a map

$$\text{Alt} : \text{Bilin}(V \times \dots \times V, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \Lambda^k(V)$$

$$\phi \longmapsto \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (\text{sgn } \sigma) \phi^\sigma$$

$$\text{where } \phi^\sigma(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \phi(v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(k)})$$

example:

$$1) \phi \in V^* \otimes V^*$$

$$(\text{Alt } \phi)(v_1, v_2) = \frac{1}{2} [\phi(v_1, v_2) - \phi(v_2, v_1)]$$

$$2) \phi \in V^* \otimes V^* \otimes V^*$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{Alt } \phi)(v_1, v_2, v_3) = & \frac{1}{6} [\phi(v_1, v_2, v_3) + \phi(v_2, v_3, v_1) \\ & + \phi(v_3, v_1, v_2) - \phi(v_2, v_1, v_3) \\ & - \phi(v_1, v_3, v_2) - \phi(v_3, v_2, v_1)] \end{aligned}$$

exercise:

1) Alt is a linear map

2) for any $\phi \in T^k(V)$, $\text{Alt}(\phi)$ is alternating

3) if $\phi \in \Lambda^k(V)$, then $\text{Alt } \phi = \phi$

$$\text{(i.e. } \text{Alt}(\text{Alt}) = \text{Alt}$$

so Alt is a projection)

now given $\omega \in \Lambda^k(V)$ and $\eta \in \Lambda^l(V)$, then we define their wedge product to be

$$\omega \wedge \eta = \frac{(k+l)!}{k! l!} \text{Alt}(\omega \otimes \eta)$$

example:

$$1) \omega, \eta \in \Lambda^1(V) = V^*$$

$$\omega \wedge \eta = \frac{2!}{1!1!} \text{Alt}(\omega \otimes \eta) = 2 \frac{1}{2} (\omega \otimes \eta - \eta \otimes \omega) = \omega \otimes \eta - \eta \otimes \omega$$

$$2) \omega \in \Lambda^2(V), \eta \in \Lambda^1(V)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega \wedge \eta(v_1, v_2, v_3) &= \frac{3!}{2!1!} \text{Alt}(\omega \otimes \eta)(v_1, v_2, v_3) \\ &= 3 \left[\frac{1}{6} \left[\underbrace{\omega(v_1, v_2) \eta(v_3)}_{\text{red}} - \underbrace{\omega(v_1, v_3) \eta(v_2)}_{\text{green}} - \underbrace{\omega(v_2, v_1) \eta(v_3)}_{\text{red}} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \underbrace{\omega(v_3, v_1) \eta(v_2)}_{\text{green}} + \underbrace{\omega(v_2, v_3) \eta(v_1)}_{\text{purple}} - \underbrace{\omega(v_3, v_2) \eta(v_1)}_{\text{purple}} \right] \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[2 \underbrace{\omega(v_1, v_2) \eta(v_3)}_{\text{red}} + 2 \underbrace{\omega(v_2, v_3) \eta(v_1)}_{\text{purple}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2 \underbrace{\omega(v_1, v_3) \eta(v_2)}_{\text{green}} \right] \\ &= \omega(v_1, v_2) \eta(v_3) + \omega(v_2, v_3) \eta(v_1) + \omega(v_3, v_1) \eta(v_2) \end{aligned}$$

recall if e_1, \dots, e_n is a basis for V , then

$$\{e^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e^{i_k}\}_{1 \leq i_j \leq n}$$

is a basis for $\underbrace{V^* \otimes \dots \otimes V^*}_k$

so $\text{Alt}(\{e^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e^{i_k}\}) = \{e^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{i_k}\}$ spans $\Lambda^k(V)$

but not independent e.g. $e^1 \wedge e^2 \wedge \dots = -e^2 \wedge e^1 \wedge \dots$

but if we demand $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k$ then

exercise: 1) $\{e^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{i_k}\}_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n}$ is a basis for $\Lambda^k V$

Hint: assume dependent and evaluate on k vectors

$$2) \text{ so } \dim \Lambda^k V = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \quad 0 \leq k \leq n$$

note: $\Lambda^k V = \{0\}$ for $k < 0$ or $k > n$

we define

$$\Lambda(V) = \Lambda^0(V) \oplus \dots \oplus \Lambda^n(V) \quad (\dim V = n)$$

and call it the exterior algebra of V

note: $\dim \Lambda(V) = 2^n$

lemma 2:

$$1) (a\omega + a'\omega') \wedge \eta = a\omega \wedge \eta + a'\omega' \wedge \eta$$

$$\eta \wedge (a\omega + a'\omega') = a\eta \wedge \omega + a'\eta \wedge \omega'$$

$$2) \omega \wedge (\eta \wedge \zeta) = (\omega \wedge \eta) \wedge \zeta$$

$$3) \omega \wedge \eta = (-1)^{kl} \eta \wedge \omega \quad \text{where } \omega \in \Lambda^k(V) \\ \eta \in \Lambda^l(V)$$

$$4) (\omega^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^k)(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k) = \det(\omega^j(\sigma_i))$$

where $\omega^i \in V^*$, $\sigma_i \in V$

Proof: 1) \otimes has this property and Alt is linear

2) we first note if $\omega \in T_k V^*$, $\eta \in T_l V^*$ then

$$\text{Alt}(\omega \otimes \text{Alt} \eta) = \frac{1}{(k+l)!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{k+l}} (\text{sgn} \sigma) \left(\omega \otimes \frac{1}{l!} \sum_{\tau \in S_l} (\text{sgn} \tau) \eta^\tau \right)^\sigma$$

think of $S_l \subset S_{k+l}$ so that $\tau \in S_l$
only moves last l elements

$$= \frac{1}{(k+l)! \cdot l!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{k+l}} \sum_{\tau \in S_l} (\text{sgn} \sigma) (\text{sgn} \tau) (\omega \otimes \eta)^{\sigma \circ \tau}$$

set $\mu = \sigma \circ \tau$ for each $\mu \in S_{k+l}$ there
are $l!$ ways to write μ as $\sigma \circ \tau$

$$= \frac{1}{(k+l)!} \sum_{\mu \in S_{k+l}} (\text{sgn } \mu) (\omega \otimes \eta)^\mu$$

$$= \text{Alt}(\omega \otimes \eta)$$

similarly $\text{Alt}((\text{Alt } \omega) \otimes \eta) = \text{Alt}(\omega \otimes \eta)$

$$\text{so } \omega \wedge (\eta \wedge \xi) = \omega \wedge \left(\frac{(l+m)!}{l!m!} \text{Alt}(\eta \otimes \xi) \right)$$

$$= \frac{(k+l+m)!}{k!(l+m)!} \frac{(l+m)!}{l!m!} \text{Alt}(\omega \otimes \text{Alt}(\eta \otimes \xi))$$

$$= \frac{(k+l+m)!}{k!l!m!} \text{Alt}(\omega \otimes (\eta \otimes \xi))$$

$$= \frac{(k+l+m)!}{k!l!m!} \text{Alt}((\omega \otimes \eta) \otimes \xi)$$

$$= (\omega \wedge \eta) \wedge \xi$$

similarly ✓

$$3) \text{ let } \tau = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & l & l+1 & \dots & l+k \\ k+1 & \dots & k+l & 1 & \dots & k \end{bmatrix}$$

note: $\sigma(1) = \sigma(\tau(l+1))$

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$$\sigma(k) = \sigma(\tau(l+k))$$

$$\sigma(k+1) = \sigma(\tau(1))$$

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$$\sigma(k+l) = \sigma(\tau(l))$$

$$\text{so } \text{Alt}(\omega \otimes \eta)(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{k+l})$$

$$= \frac{(k+l)!}{k!l!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{k+l}} (\text{sgn } \sigma) \omega(\sigma_{\sigma(1)} \dots \sigma_{\sigma(k)}) \eta(\sigma_{\sigma(k+1)} \dots \sigma_{\sigma(k+l)})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(k+l)!}{k!l!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{k+l}} (\text{sgn } \sigma) \omega(v_{\sigma(\tau(l+1))} \dots v_{\sigma(\tau(l+k))}) \eta(v_{\sigma(\tau(1))} \dots v_{\sigma(\tau(l))}) \\
&= \frac{(k+l)!}{k!l!} (\text{sgn } \tau) \sum_{\sigma \in S_{k+l}} (\text{sgn } \sigma \tau) \omega(v_{\sigma(\tau(l+1))} \dots v_{\sigma(\tau(l+k))}) \eta(v_{\sigma(\tau(1))} \dots v_{\sigma(\tau(l))}) \\
&= (\text{sgn } \tau) \frac{(k+l)!}{k!l!} \sum_{\sigma' \in S_{k+l}} (\text{sgn } \sigma') \omega(v_{\sigma'(l+1)} \dots v_{\sigma'(l+k)}) \eta(v_{\sigma'(1)} \dots v_{\sigma'(l)}) \\
&= (\text{sgn } \tau) \text{Alt}(\eta \otimes \omega)(v_1, \dots, v_{k+l})
\end{aligned}$$

so $\omega \wedge \eta = (-1)^{kl} \eta \wedge \omega$ (check $\text{sgn } \tau = (-1)^{kl}$)

$$\begin{aligned}
4) (\omega^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^k)(v_1, \dots, v_k) &= \frac{(1+\dots+1)!}{1! \dots 1!} \text{Alt}(\omega^1 \otimes \dots \otimes \omega^k)(v_1, \dots, v_k) \\
&= k! \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (\text{sgn } \sigma) \omega^1(v_{\sigma(1)}) \dots \omega^k(v_{\sigma(k)})
\end{aligned}$$

Claim:

if $M = (m_j^i)$ is a $k \times k$ matrix, then

$$\det M = \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (\text{sgn } \sigma) m_{\sigma(1)}^1 \dots m_{\sigma(k)}^k$$

Clearly Claim \Rightarrow (4)

Proof of Claim


exercise: Show $\exists!$ function $f: \text{Mat}(k \times k) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

s.t. 1) $f(I_k) = 1$

2) $f(M) = -f(M')$ if M' is obtained from M by switching adjacent columns

3) $f(M) = f(M')$ if M' is obtained from M by adding a multiple of one column to another

4) $f(M') = n f(M)$ if M' is obtained from M by multiplying one column by n

exercise: Show Det and formula above satisfy 1) - 4) 

Cor 3:

let $L: V^n \rightarrow W^n$ be a linear map

e_1, \dots, e_n a basis for V

f_1, \dots, f_n " " W

express L as a matrix $M_L = (m_i^j)$ in these bases
(i.e. $L e_i = \sum m_i^j f_j$)

then $L^*(f^1 \wedge \dots \wedge f^n) = (\det M_L) e^1 \wedge \dots \wedge e^n$

Proof: immediate from lemma 2 part 4)

(evaluate both sides on e_1, \dots, e_n) 

B. k-forms

for a manifold set

$$\Lambda^k M = \coprod_{p \in M} \Lambda^k(T_p M)$$

exercise: Show $\Lambda^k M$ is a manifold and a vector bundle over M with fiber $\Lambda^k(T_p M) \subset T_k(T_p^*(M))$

let $\Omega^k(M) = \Gamma(\Lambda^k M)$ sections of $\Lambda^k M$

$\alpha \in \Omega^k(M)$ is called a k-form

note: 1) $\Lambda^1 M = T^*M$

so $\Omega^1(M)$ agrees with earlier definition

2) $\Lambda^0 M = M \times \mathbb{R}$

so $\Omega^0(M) \cong C^\infty(M)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times \mathbb{R} & & \\ \downarrow \uparrow \sigma & & \sigma(p) = (p, f(p)) \\ M & & f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

now given $f: M \rightarrow N$

we get $f^*: \Omega^k(N) \rightarrow \Omega^k(M)$


by restricting $f^*: \Gamma(T^k N) \rightarrow \Gamma(T^k M)$
to $\Omega^k(N)$

lemma 4:

$$f^*(\omega \wedge \eta) = f^*\omega \wedge f^*\eta$$

Proof: we know

$$f^*(\omega \otimes \eta) = f^*\omega \otimes f^*\eta$$

the result follows 

In local coords

$$\begin{aligned} f^*\left(\sum \omega_{i_1, \dots, i_k} dy^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{i_k}\right) \\ = \sum (\omega_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \circ f) d(y^{i_1} \circ f) \wedge \dots \wedge d(y^{i_k} \circ f) \end{aligned}$$

example: $f(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(dx \wedge dy) &= d(r \cos \theta) \wedge d(r \sin \theta) \\ &= (\cos \theta dr - r \sin \theta d\theta) \wedge (\sin \theta dr + r \cos \theta d\theta) \\ &= -r \sin^2 \theta d\theta \wedge dr + r \cos^2 \theta dr \wedge d\theta \\ &= r dr \wedge d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Thm 5:

$f: M^n \rightarrow N^n$ smooth map

$\phi: U \rightarrow V$ local coords for M (x^1, \dots, x^n)

$\phi': U' \rightarrow V'$ " " N (y^1, \dots, y^n)

s.t. $f(U) \subset U'$

set $F = \phi' \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}$

Then $F^*(dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^n) = \det(Df) dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n$

Proof: by Cor 3 since $(Df)_j^i = \frac{\partial f^i}{\partial x^j}$ 

C Exterior Derivative

Th^m 6:

M a smooth manifold of dimension n

$\exists!$ map

$$d: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M)$$

for $k=0, \dots, n$

such that

- 1) $d(a\alpha + b\beta) = ad\alpha + bd\beta$ $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$
- 2) $d(\alpha \wedge \beta) = d\alpha \wedge \beta + (-1)^{|\alpha|} \alpha \wedge d\beta$ where $\alpha \in \Omega^{|\alpha|}(M)$
- 3) $d^2 = 0$
- 4) df is the exterior derivative
if $f \in \Omega^0(M) = C^\infty(M)$

d is called the exterior derivative on forms

Proof: if $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ x^1, \dots, x^n coordinates

then

$$\omega = \sum \omega_{i_1, \dots, i_k} dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k}$$

where $\omega_{i_1, \dots, i_k}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

to simplify notation we use multi-index notation

i.e. $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$ then

$$dx^I = dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k}$$

note: $d\omega_I \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$

so we define $d\omega = \sum (d\omega_I) \wedge dx^I$

clearly: $\bullet d\omega \in \Omega^{k+1}(M)$

$$\bullet d(a\omega + b\eta) = a d\omega + b d\eta$$

$\bullet df$ same as before for $f \in \Omega^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$

now $\bullet \alpha = \sum \alpha_I dx^I$ and $\beta = \sum \beta_J dx^J$

then

$$\begin{aligned} d(\alpha \wedge \beta) &= d \sum (\beta_J \alpha_I dx^I \wedge dx^J) \\ &= \sum (\beta_J d\alpha_I + \alpha_I d\beta_J) \wedge dx^I \wedge dx^J \\ &= \sum (d\alpha_I \wedge dx^I \wedge (\beta_J dx^J) \\ &\quad + (-1)^{|k_I|} \alpha_I dx^I \wedge (d\beta_J \wedge dx^J)) \\ &= d\alpha \wedge \beta + (-1)^{|k|} \alpha \wedge d\beta \end{aligned}$$

and $\bullet d\omega = \sum d\omega_I \wedge dx^I$

$$\text{so } d^2\omega = \sum d^2\omega_I \wedge dx^I - d\omega_I \wedge d(dx^I) \quad \text{by defn}$$

now $f \in \Omega^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then

$$df = \sum \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dx^i$$

$$\text{so } d^2f = \sum d\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}\right) \wedge dx^i$$

$$= \sum \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^j \partial x^i} dx^j \wedge dx^i$$

$= 0$ each term appears twice and with opposite sign!

$$\text{so } d^2 \omega = 0$$

thus d on \mathbb{R}^n has all the properties!

now for $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$

let $\phi: U \rightarrow V$ be a coordinate chart

$(\phi^{-1})^* \omega$ is a k -form on $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

$d((\phi^{-1})^* \omega)$ is a $(k+1)$ -form on $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

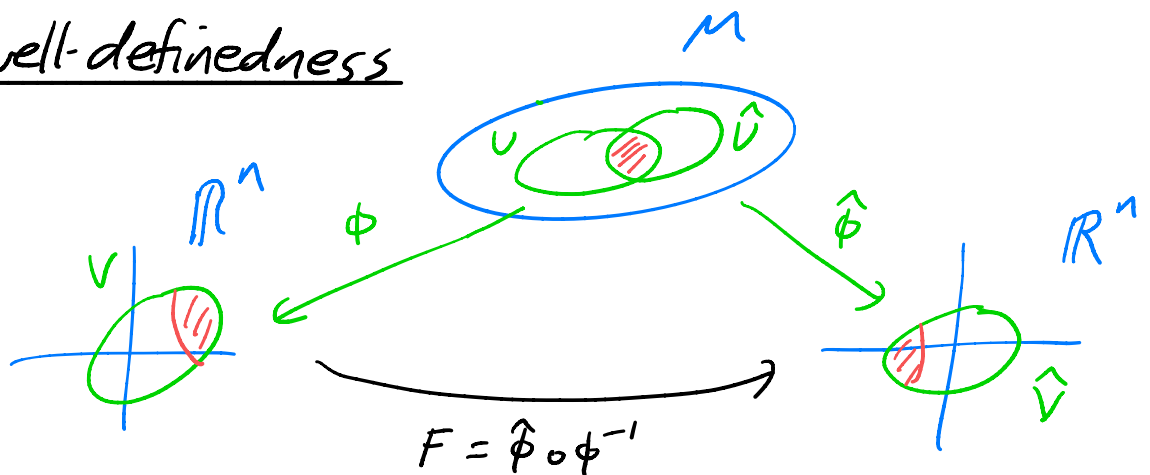
so $\phi^*(d((\phi^{-1})^* \omega))$ is a $(k+1)$ -form on $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

we define

$$d\omega(x) = \phi^*(d((\phi^{-1})^* \omega))(x) \in \Lambda_x^{k+1} M$$

clearly $d\omega$ satisfies all the properties if it is well-defined

check well-definedness



need to show

$$\phi^* [d((\phi^{-1})^* \omega)](x) = \hat{\phi}^* [d((\hat{\phi}^{-1})^* \omega)](x)$$

for this let $\omega_V = (\phi^{-1})^* \omega$ and

$$\omega_{\hat{V}} = (\hat{\phi}^{-1})^* \omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{note: } F^* \omega_{\hat{V}} &= (\hat{\phi} \circ \phi^{-1})^* (\hat{\phi}^{-1})^* \omega \\ &= (\phi^{-1})^* \circ \hat{\phi}^* \circ (\hat{\phi}^{-1})^* \omega \\ &= (\phi^{-1})^* \omega = \omega_V \end{aligned}$$

Claim: $dF^* = F^* d$

given this note

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^* [d((\phi^{-1})^* \omega)] &= \phi^* (d\omega_V) = \phi^* (d(F^* \omega_{\hat{V}})) \\ &= \phi^* (F^* (d\omega_{\hat{V}})) = \phi^* \circ (\hat{\phi} \circ \phi^{-1})^* d\omega_{\hat{V}} \\ &= \phi^* \circ (\phi^{-1})^* \circ \hat{\phi}^* d\omega_{\hat{V}} \\ &= \hat{\phi}^* (d((\hat{\phi}^{-1})^* \omega)) \quad \text{done!} \end{aligned}$$

proof of Claim:

given any $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$(x^1, \dots, x^n) \mapsto (F^1(x^1, \dots, x^n), \dots, F^n(x^1, \dots, x^n))$$

$\begin{matrix} \parallel & & \parallel \\ y^1 & & y^n \end{matrix}$

$$\text{we know } dF \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right) = \sum \frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^i} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j}$$

$$\text{so } F^* dy^j = \sum_i \frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^i} dx^i$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} d(F^* dy^j) &= d\left(\sum_i \frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^i} dx^i\right) \\ &= \sum_i \left(d \frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^i}\right) \wedge dx^i \\ &= \sum_{i,k} \frac{\partial^2 y^j}{\partial x^k \partial x^i} dx^k \wedge dx^i \\ &= \sum_{i < k} \left(\frac{\partial^2 y^j}{\partial x^i \partial x^k} - \frac{\partial^2 y^j}{\partial x^k \partial x^i}\right) dx^i \wedge dx^k \\ &= 0 = F^*(d(dy^j)) \end{aligned}$$

$dx^i \wedge dx^i = 0$ so

and $dF^*(dy^i \wedge dy^j) \stackrel{\text{lemma 4}}{=} d(F^* dy^i \wedge F^* dy^j)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (\cancel{dF^* dy^i}) \wedge F^* dy^j - F^* dy^i \wedge (\cancel{dF^* dy^j}) \\ &= 0 = F^*(d(dy^i \wedge dy^j)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore F^* d(\omega_I dx^I) &= F^*(d\omega_I \wedge dx^I) \\ &= F^* d\omega_I \wedge F^* dx^I \\ &\stackrel{\text{exercise from VIII B}}{=} d(F^* \omega_I) \wedge F^* dx^I \\ &= d[(F^* \omega_I) F^* dx^I] \\ &= d(F^*(\omega_I dx^I)) \end{aligned}$$

now for uniqueness:

Claim: if $\omega = \omega'$ on an open set U ,

then $d\omega = d\omega'$ on U

(i.e. d is local)

Proof: let $p \in U$ and $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a bump

function s.t. $f = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{near } p \\ 0 & \text{outside } U \end{cases}$

$$\text{so } f(\omega - \omega') = 0$$

\therefore linearity of d gives

$$0 = d(f(\omega - \omega'))(p)$$

$$= \cancel{df(p)}^0 \wedge (\omega - \omega')(p) + f(p) \cancel{d(\omega - \omega')}(p)^1$$

$$= d\omega(p) - d\omega'(p)$$

now in a coordinate chart $\phi: U \rightarrow V$

if ω is supported in U then we have

$$\text{the forms } "dx^I" = \phi^* dx^I$$

and we can write ω as

$$\omega = \sum \omega_I "dx^I"$$

now

$$d\omega \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} \sum d(\omega_I "dx^I")$$

$$\stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} \sum d\omega_I \wedge "dx^I" + d\omega_I \wedge d"dx^I"$$

$$\text{note: } d"dx^i" = d\phi^*(dx^i)$$

$$= d(d(x^i \circ \phi))$$

$$\stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{=} 0$$

$$\text{so } d"dx^I" = 0 \text{ too}$$


$$= \sum dw_I \wedge "dx^I"$$

since dw_I is determined by ④

this expression uniquely determines dw

finally if $\omega \in \mathcal{L}^k(M)$ let $\tilde{\omega} = f\omega$ where f is a bump function with support in coord chart and $f=1$ near p

so $d\omega(p) = d\tilde{\omega}(p) \leftarrow$ is determined by ①-④

$\therefore d\omega(p)$ unique $\forall p$ 

examples:

1) $\alpha = dz - ydx$ in \mathbb{R}^3

then $d\alpha = -dy \wedge dx = dx \wedge dy$

and $\alpha \wedge d\alpha = dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$

2) if $\omega = Pdx + Qdy + Rdz$

then $d\omega = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dy \wedge dx + \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} dz \wedge dx$

$$+ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dx \wedge dy + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} dz \wedge dy$$

$$+ \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} dx \wedge dz + \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} dy \wedge dz$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx \wedge dy + \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \right) dx \wedge dz$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right) dy \wedge dz$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} P \\ Q \\ R \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} Q_x - P_y \\ R_x - P_z \\ R_y - Q_z \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{looks like curl!}$$

$$\Omega \xrightarrow{d} \Omega^2$$

dx	$dx \wedge dy$
dy	$dx \wedge dz$
dz	$dy \wedge dz$

$$3) \eta = P dx \wedge dy + Q dz \wedge dx + R dy \wedge dz$$

$$\text{then } d\eta = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right) dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$$

(similar to divergence)

note we have

DeRham complex $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Omega^0(M) \xrightarrow{d} \Omega^1(M) \xrightarrow{d} \Omega^2(M) \xrightarrow{d} \dots \xrightarrow{d} \Omega^n(M) \\ \text{and } d^2 = 0 \\ \text{so } \text{im } d \subset \text{ker } d \end{array} \right.$

define: $H_{DR}^k(M) = \frac{\text{ker}(d: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M))}{\text{im}(d: \Omega^{k-1}(M) \rightarrow \Omega^k(M))}$

this is called the k^{th} DeRham cohomology of M

if $dw = 0$ we say w is closed

if $w = d\eta$ we say w is exact

$$\text{so } H_{DR}^k(M) = \frac{\text{closed } k\text{-forms}}{\text{exact } k\text{-forms}}$$

note: 1) $H_{DR}^k(M) = 0$ if $k > \dim M$ or $k < 0$

$$2) H_{DR}^0(M) = \ker(d: \underbrace{\Omega^0(M)}_{C^\infty(M)} \rightarrow \Omega^1(M))$$

= locally constant functions

= $\mathbb{R}^{\# \text{ components of } M}$

Amazing Fact: If M is compact, then

$H_{DR}^k(M)$ is finite dimensional $\forall k$

Thm 7:

given $f: M \rightarrow N$, then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Omega^k(N) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \Omega^k(M) \\ \downarrow d & \circ & \downarrow d \\ \Omega^{k+1}(N) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \Omega^{k+1}(M) \end{array}$$

commutes

Remark: if $[\omega] \in H_{DR}^k(N)$ then $d\omega = 0$

so $f^*\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$ and

$$d f^*\omega = f^*d\omega = 0$$

so $[f^*\omega] \in H_{DR}^k(M)$

If $\omega' = \omega + d\eta$, then

$$f^* \omega' = f^* \omega + d(f^* \eta)$$

$$\text{so } [f^* \omega'] = [f^* \omega]$$


that is we get a linear map

$$f^*: H_{DR}^k(N) \rightarrow H_{DR}^k(M)$$

i.e. k^{th} DeRham cohomology is a contravariant functor from smooth manifolds to vector spaces

Proof of Th^m 7:

need $(d f^* \omega)(x) = (f^* d\omega)(x)$ for all x

since d is local we can just check in coordinate charts, but we did this in the proof of Th^m 6 

a useful lemma is

lemma 8:

$\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$, v_1, \dots, v_{k+1} vector fields, then

$$d\omega(v_1, \dots, v_{k+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (-1)^{i-1} v_i \cdot (\omega(v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_{k+1})) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k+1} (-1)^{i+j} \omega([v_i, v_j], v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, v_{k+1})$$

examples:

1) $\omega \in \Omega^0(M)$, then

$$d\omega(v) = v \cdot \omega$$

2) $\omega \in \Omega^1(M)$, then

$$d\omega(v_1, v_2) = v_1 \cdot \omega(v_2) - v_2 \cdot \omega(v_1) - \omega([v_1, v_2])$$

Proof: let $D(v_1, \dots, v_{k+1}) = \text{R.H.S.}$

note: 1) both $D\omega$ and $d\omega$ can be computed locally so we just check in coord. charts

2) both are linear so just need to check

$$D\omega = d\omega \text{ for } \omega = f dx^I$$

$$3) d\omega(v_1, \dots, f v_i, \dots, v_{k+1}) = f d\omega(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_{k+1})$$

since $d\omega$ a $(k+1)$ -tensor

$$\text{exercise: } D\omega(v_1, \dots, f v_i, \dots, v_{k+1}) = f D\omega(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_{k+1})$$

so by linearity $D\omega = d\omega$

$$\text{if } D\omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_{k+1}}}\right) = d\omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_{k+1}}}\right)$$

for all $1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_{k+1} \leq n$

to see this note

$$d(f dx^I) = \sum_l \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^l} dx^l \wedge dx^I$$

$$I = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$$

$$\text{so } d(f dx^I) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_{k+1}}} \right) = \sum \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^l} \delta_J^{lI}$$

$$\text{where } \delta_J^{lI} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \{l\} \cup I = J \text{ upto even permutation} \\ -1 & \text{if } \{l\} \cup I = J \text{ " " odd " "} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

if non-zero then $j_{p_l} = l$ some $1 \leq p_l \leq k+1$

$$\text{clearly } \delta_J^{lI} = (-1)^{p_l-1} \delta_{\hat{J}_{p_l}}^{lI} \text{ where } \hat{J}_{p_l} = J \text{ with } p_l \text{ removed}$$

$$\text{so } d\omega \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_{k+1}}} \right) = \sum_l (-1)^{p_l-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^l} \delta_{\hat{J}_{p_l}}^{lI}$$

$$\text{now } \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right] = 0 \text{ so}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D\omega \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_{k+1}}} \right) &= \sum_{z=1}^{k+1} (-1)^{z-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_z}} \left(f dx^I \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_z}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_{k+1}}} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum (-1)^{z-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{j_z}} \delta_{\hat{J}_{j_z}}^{lI} \\ &= d\omega \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_{k+1}}} \right) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

D. Lie Derivatives

generalizing the Lie derivative we get

$$\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$$

$$v \in \mathcal{X}(M)$$

ϕ_t the flow of v

$$\text{then } \mathcal{L}_v \omega(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi_t^* \omega_{\phi_t(x)} - \omega_x}{t}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} (\phi_t^* \omega_t)_{t=0}$$

lemma 9:

$\mathcal{L}_v: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^k(M)$ is

1) Linear

$$2) \mathcal{L}_v(\omega \wedge \eta) = (\mathcal{L}_v \omega) \wedge \eta + \omega \wedge (\mathcal{L}_v \eta)$$

$$3) \mathcal{L}_v(L_w \omega) = L_{\mathcal{L}_v w} \omega + L_w \mathcal{L}_v \omega$$

4) if v_1, \dots, v_k are vector fields, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_v(\omega(v_1, \dots, v_k)) &= (\mathcal{L}_v \omega)(v_1, \dots, v_k) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^k \omega(v_1, \dots, \mathcal{L}_v v_i, \dots, v_k) \end{aligned}$$

recall here $L_v \omega$ is a $(k-1)$ -form defined

$$\text{by } L_v \omega(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}) = \omega(v, v_1, \dots, v_{k-1})$$

and we know

$$L_v(\omega \wedge \eta) = (L_v \omega) \wedge \eta + (-1)^{|\omega|} \omega \wedge L_v \eta$$

Proof: 1) evaluation and pull-backs are linear

$$2) \phi_t^*(\omega \wedge \eta)_{\phi_t(x)} = (\phi_t^* \omega)_{\phi_t(x)} \wedge (\phi_t^* \eta)_{\phi_t(x)}$$

by lemma 4

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{so } \mathcal{L}_v(\omega \wedge \eta) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi_t^* \omega_{\phi_t(x)} \wedge \phi_t^* \eta_{\phi_t(x)} - \omega_x \wedge \eta_x}{t} \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi_t^* \omega_{\phi_t(x)} \wedge \phi_t^* \eta_{\phi_t(x)} - \omega_x \wedge \phi_t^* \eta_{\phi_t(x)} + \omega_x \wedge \phi_t^* \eta_{\phi_t(x)} - \omega_x \wedge \eta_x}{t} \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[\left(\frac{\phi_t^* \omega_{\phi_t(x)} - \omega_x}{t} \right) \wedge \phi_t^* \eta_{\phi_t(x)} + \omega_x \wedge \left(\frac{\phi_t^* \eta_{\phi_t(x)} - \eta_x}{t} \right) \right] \\
&= \mathcal{L}_v \omega \wedge \eta + \omega \wedge \mathcal{L}_v \eta
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
3) \quad \mathcal{L}_v(L_w \omega) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi_t^*(L_w \omega)_{\phi_t(x)} - (L_w \omega)_x}{t} \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi_t^*(L_w \omega)_{\phi_t(x)} - L_w \phi_t^* \omega_{\phi_t(x)} + L_w \phi_t^* \omega_{\phi_t(x)} - (L_w \omega)_x}{t}
\end{aligned}$$

note: $L_w \phi_t^* \omega_{\phi_t(x)}(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1})$

$$= \omega_{\phi_t(x)}(d\phi_t(w), d\phi_t(v_1), \dots, d\phi_t(v_{k-1}))$$

$$= \phi_t^* \left(L_{d\phi_t(w)} \omega \right) (v_1, \dots, v_{k-1})$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[\phi_t^* \left(L_{\left(\frac{w - d\phi_t(w)}{t} \right)} \right) \omega_x + L_w \left(\frac{\phi_t^* \omega_{\phi_t(x)} - \omega_x}{t} \right) \right]$$

$$= L_{\mathcal{L}_v w} \omega + L_w \mathcal{L}_v \omega$$

recall $\mathcal{L}_v \omega = \frac{(d\phi_{-t})(\omega) - \omega}{t}$

but note $\psi_t = \phi_{-t}$ is flow of $-v$

so the above is $-\mathcal{L}_{-v}w = \mathcal{L}_v w$

4) by induction:

$$k=0: \mathcal{L}_v w = \mathcal{L}_v w$$

$$\begin{aligned} k=1: \mathcal{L}_v(\omega(v_i)) &= \mathcal{L}_v(L_{v_i} \omega) \\ &= L_{\mathcal{L}_v v_i} \omega + L_{v_i} \mathcal{L}_v \omega \\ &= (\mathcal{L}_v \omega)(v_i) + \omega(\mathcal{L}_v v_i) \end{aligned}$$

assume true for $k-1$, now let ω be a k -form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_v(\omega(v_1, \dots, v_k)) &= \mathcal{L}_v((L_{v_1} \omega)(v_2, \dots, v_k)) \\ &\stackrel{\text{by induction}}{=} (\mathcal{L}_v(L_{v_1} \omega))(v_2, \dots, v_k) + \sum_{i=2}^k (L_{v_1} \omega)(v_2, \dots, \mathcal{L}_v v_i, \dots, v_k) \\ &\stackrel{\text{by 3)}}{=} (L_{\mathcal{L}_v v_1} \omega)(v_2, \dots, v_k) + L_{v_1}(\mathcal{L}_v \omega)(v_2, \dots, v_k) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=2}^k (L_{v_1} \omega)(v_2, \dots, \mathcal{L}_v v_i, \dots, v_k) \\ &= \mathcal{L}_v \omega(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k) + \sum_{i=1}^k \omega(v_1, \dots, \mathcal{L}_v v_i, \dots, v_k) \end{aligned}$$

Cor 10:

for functions f

$$\mathcal{L}_v(df) = d\mathcal{L}_v f$$

Proof: by lemma 9.4) we know

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathcal{L}_v(df))(w) &= \mathcal{L}_v(df(w)) - df([v, w]) \\ &= v \cdot w \cdot f - [v \cdot (w \cdot f) - w \cdot (v \cdot f)] \\ &= d(\mathcal{L}_v f)(w) \quad \square\end{aligned}$$

Thm 11:

for any k -form ω and vector field v

$$\mathcal{L}_v \omega = d \mathcal{L}_v \omega + \mathcal{L}_v d \omega$$

Cartan's
Magic
Formula

Proof: induct on $k = |\omega|$

$$k=0: \mathcal{L}_v df + d \cancel{\mathcal{L}_v f}^{\circ} = df(v) = v \cdot f = \mathcal{L}_v f$$

$k=1$: locally any 1-form is a sum of terms

$f dg$ for functions f, g

thus since both sides are linear and local
we just need to check for $f dg$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_v(f dg) &\stackrel{\text{by 9.2)}}{=} (\mathcal{L}_v f) dg + f(\mathcal{L}_v dg) \\ &= (\mathcal{L}_v f) dg + f d(\mathcal{L}_v g) \\ &\stackrel{\text{by 10}}{=} (v \cdot f) dg + f d(v \cdot g)\end{aligned}$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
L_v d(fdg) + dL_v(fdg) &= L_v(df \wedge dg) + d(L_v(fdg)) \\
&= df(v)dg - \cancel{dg(v)df} + \cancel{dg(v)df} + f d(dg(v)) \\
&= (v \cdot f)dg + f d(v \cdot g) = L_v(fdg)
\end{aligned}$$

now for $k > 1$

$$\text{locally } \omega = \sum \omega_I dx^I$$

$$\text{set } \alpha = \omega_I dx^{i_1}, \quad \beta = dx^{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k}$$

then ω is a sum of terms of the form

$$\begin{array}{c}
\alpha \wedge \beta \\
\uparrow \quad \uparrow \\
\text{1-form} \quad \text{k-1 form}
\end{array}$$

so by linearity and locality suffices to check
on terms $\alpha \wedge \beta$

$$\begin{aligned}
(L_v d + dL_v) \alpha \wedge \beta &= L_v(d\alpha \wedge \beta - \alpha \wedge d\beta) \\
&\quad + d((L_v \alpha) \wedge \beta - \alpha \wedge (L_v \beta)) \\
&= \underbrace{(L_v d\alpha) \wedge \beta}_{\text{induction}} + \cancel{d\alpha \wedge L_v \beta} - \cancel{(L_v d) \wedge d\beta} + \underbrace{\alpha \wedge L_v d\beta}_{\text{induction}} \\
&\quad + \underbrace{d(L_v \alpha) \wedge \beta}_{\text{induction}} + \cancel{(L_v d) \wedge d\beta} - \cancel{d\alpha \wedge L_v \beta} + \underbrace{\alpha \wedge d(L_v \beta)}_{\text{induction}} \\
&= \underbrace{L_v \alpha \wedge \beta}_{\text{induction}} + \underbrace{\alpha \wedge L_v \beta}_{\text{induction}} = L_v(\alpha \wedge \beta)
\end{aligned}$$

Cor 12:

$$L_v d = d L_v$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_v(d\omega) &= \cancel{L_v d(d\omega)} + d(L_v(d\omega)) \\ &= d(L_v(d\omega)) + \cancel{d d L_v \omega} \\ &= d(\mathcal{L}_v \omega) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

exercise:

$$\mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{L}_w - \mathcal{L}_w \mathcal{L}_v = \mathcal{L}_{[v, w]}$$

to "geometrically" see what the Lie derivative is telling us we have

Th^m 13:

let v be a vector field on a manifold
 Then a k -form ω is invariant under
 the flow of v (i.e. $\phi_t^* \omega = \omega$)
 \iff
 $\mathcal{L}_v \omega = 0$

Proof:

(\implies) obviously $\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \phi_t^* \omega_{\phi_t(x)} = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \omega_x = 0$ ✓

(\impliedby) need a lemma

lemma 14:

let $v \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ and $\phi_t : M \rightarrow M$ its flow
for $\alpha \in \Omega^k(M)$ (or even $T^k(M)$) we have

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=t_0} \left(\phi_t^* \alpha_{\phi_t(x)} \right) = \phi_{t_0}^* \left(\left. \left(\mathcal{L}_v \alpha \right) \right|_{\phi_{t_0}(x)} \right)$$

we first finish proof of Th^m 13:

if $\mathcal{L}_v \omega = 0$, then

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=s} \phi_t^* \omega_{\phi_t(x)} = \phi_s^* (0) = 0$$

thus for a fixed $x \in M$ constant

let $\gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \Lambda^k(T_x^*M)$ ← vector space
 $t \mapsto \phi_t^* \omega_{\phi_t(x)}$

from above we see

$$\gamma'(s) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=s} \phi_t^* \omega_{\phi_t(x)} = 0$$

$\therefore \gamma'$ is constant i.e. $\phi_t^* \omega = \omega$ 

Proof of lemma 14:

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=t_0} \phi_t^* \alpha_{\phi_t(x)} \stackrel{t=t_0+s}{=} \left. \frac{d}{ds} \right|_{s=0} \phi_{s+t_0}^* \alpha_{\phi_{s+t_0}(x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \phi_{t_0}^* (\phi_s^* \alpha_{\phi_s(\phi_{t_0}(x))}) \\
&= \phi_{t_0}^* \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} (\phi_s^* \alpha_{\phi_s(\phi_{t_0}(x))}) \\
&= \phi_{t_0}^* (\mathcal{L}_v \alpha)_{\phi_{t_0}(x)} \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

example:

$$\text{set } v = \frac{1}{r + \cos r \sin r} \left((\sin r + r \cos r) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \sin r \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

$$\text{and } \alpha = \cos r \, dz + r \sin r \, d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{note: } \mathcal{L}_v \alpha &= d \mathcal{L}_v \alpha + \mathcal{L}_v d\alpha \\
&= d(1) + \mathcal{L}_v (-\sin r \, dr \, dz + (\sin r + r \cos r) \, dr \, d\theta) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

so the flow of v preserves α

exercise: Show if α_t is a time dependent

1-form, then

$$\frac{d}{dt} \phi_t^* \alpha_t = \phi_t^* (\mathcal{L}_v \alpha + \frac{d\alpha_t}{dt})$$