

# Manifolds I

## Midterm

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1. **Proof** The straightening lemma implies that there are coordinates  $x^j$  such that  $X = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}$ . Putting  $Y = f^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} [X, Y] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \left( f^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right) - f^j \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^j \partial x^1} \\ &= f^j \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^j \partial x^1} + \frac{\partial f^j}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} - f^j \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^j \partial x^1} \\ &= \frac{\partial f^j}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \end{aligned}$$

and setting this equal to  $X = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}$  we obtain  $f^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} = \delta_{1,j}$  so that  $f^1 = x^1$  and  $f^{j \neq 1} = 0$  is a solution. Differentiating and substitution into the expression above confirms this result. ■

2. (i)  
(ii)
3. (i) **Proof** Let  $\phi_x$  be the coordinate chart  $[x, y] = [\frac{x}{y}, 1] \mapsto \frac{x}{y} =: x$ , that is  $[x, 1] \mapsto x$ . Then we have  $g \cdot x = \phi_x^{-1}(g \cdot [x, 1]) = \phi_x^{-1}([ax + b, cx + d]) = \phi_x^{-1}([\frac{ax+b}{cx+d}, 1]) = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$
- (ii) First note that  $E_{jj}^2 = E_{jj}$  for  $j = 1, 2$  and  $E_{i,j}^2 = E_{ji}^2 = 0$  for  $i = 1, j = 2$ . The first relation implies that  $\frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0}(e^{tE_{jj}} \cdot [x, 1]) = \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0}(1 + (e^t - 1)E_{jj}) \cdot [x, 1]$  and the second relation implies that  $\frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0}(e^{tE_{\alpha,\beta}} \cdot [x, 1]) = \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0}(1 + tE_{\alpha,\beta}) \cdot [x, 1]$ . From this we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0}(e^{tE_{11}} \cdot [x, 1]) &= \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0}(1 + (e^t - 1)E_{11}) \cdot [x, 1] \\ &= \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0}([xe^t, 1]) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0}(xe^t) \\ &= xe^t|_{t=0} \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f_{11} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(e^{tE_{22}}.[x, 1]) &= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}([x, e^t]) \\
&= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(xe^{-t}) \\
&= -xe^{-t}\Big|_{t=0} \\
&= -x
\end{aligned}$$

So that  $f_{22}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = -x\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ . And the second relation yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(e^{tE_{12}}.[x, 1]) &= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(1 + tE_{11}).[x, 1] \\
&= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(x + t, 1) \\
&= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(x + t) \\
&= 1\Big|_{t=0} \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

So that  $f_{12}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  and, finally,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(e^{tE_{21}}.[x, 1]) &= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(1 + tE_{21}).[x, 1] \\
&= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(x, 1 + tx) \\
&= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}\left(\frac{x}{1 + tx}\right) \\
&= \frac{-x^2}{(1 + tx)^2}\Big|_{t=0} \\
&= -x^2
\end{aligned}$$

So that  $f_{2,1}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = -x^2\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

(iii) It is not surprising that  $\sigma(E_{11}) + \sigma(E_{22}) = 0$  because we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(e^{t(E_{11}+E_{22})}[x, 1]) &= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(e^{tI}[x, 1]) \\
&= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(e^t I[x, 1]) \\
&= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(e^t[x, 1]) \\
&= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}([e^t x, e^t]) \\
&= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}\left(\frac{e^t x}{e^t}\right) \\
&= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}(x) \\
&= 0 \quad \blacksquare
\end{aligned}$$

- (iv) We have been using the coordinate chart  $[x, y] = [x/y, 1] \mapsto x/y =: x$ , i.e.  $[x, 1] \mapsto x$ . Under this coordinate chart, the solution to  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -x^2$  is  $x = \frac{-1}{t+c}$ . This appears to be singular at  $t = -c$ . However, consider the effect of transitioning to the chart  $[x, y] = [1, y/x] \mapsto y/x =: y$ , i.e.  $[1, y] \mapsto y$ . If the first coordinate chart is  $\phi$  and the second  $\psi$ , we have the transition map  $\psi \circ \phi^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ . Hence, under this coordinate transformation the solution becomes  $x = t+c$  and this is no longer singular at  $t = -c$ . It seems that the apparent singularity was merely an artifact of the coordinate chart.