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## Section 16.4: the pull back on forms

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If  $\eta: M \rightarrow N$  and we have  
vector fields  $X$  on  $M$  and  
 $Y$  on  $N$ , they are  $\eta$ -related  
if  $\eta_{\#}X = Y \iff \eta_{\#}(X_p) = Y_{\eta(p)}$ .

It sometimes happens that  
given  $\eta$  and  $X$  there is a  
push-forward  $Y$ .

If  $\eta: M \rightarrow N$  is smooth and  $\omega$  is a  $k$ -form on  $N$ , then the pull-back  $\eta^*\omega$  is a  $k$ -form on  $M$  defined by

$$(\eta^*\omega)_p(X_1, \dots, X_k) = \omega_{\eta(p)}(\eta_*(X_1), \dots, \eta_*(X_k))$$

$$X_1, \dots, X_k \in T_p M.$$

Alternate:  $\eta^*\omega$

Example  $\eta(x, y) = (2xy, x^2 - y^2)$

Compute  $\eta^*(x dy - y dx)$

$$\eta: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2. \quad (u, v) = (2xy, x^2 - y^2).$$

$$\eta^*(\omega) = \eta^*(u dv - v du) = f(x, y) dx + g(x, y) dy.$$



$$\begin{aligned}
f(x,y) &= \eta^\# \omega \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \\
&= \omega_{\eta(x,y)} \left( \eta^\# \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \\
&= \omega \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right) \\
&= \omega \left( 2y \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + 2x \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right) \\
&= (u dv - v du) \left( 2y \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + 2x \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right) \\
&= 2xu - 2yv \\
&= 2x(2xy) - 2y(x^2 - y^2) \\
&= 2x^2y + 2y^3
\end{aligned}$$

$g(x,y) = \eta^\# \omega \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$  is the same.

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If  $\eta: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  then the space of 3-forms on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consists of  $\omega = f(x,y,z) dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$ .  $\eta^\# \omega = 0$ .  
 Generally this computation depends on the dimensions and  $k$ .

Prop 16.4.3     $\eta^\#(\alpha \wedge \beta) = \eta^\# \alpha \wedge \eta^\# \beta$   
 $d(\eta^\# \alpha) = \eta^\# d\alpha.$

Application:     $\eta(x, y) = (u, v) = (2xy, x^2 - y^2).$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta^\#(u dv - v du) &= \eta^\#(u dv) - \eta^\#(v du) \\ &= \eta^\# u \cdot \eta^\# dv - \eta^\# v \cdot \eta^\# du \end{aligned}$$

For 0-forms  $f$ ,  $\eta^\# f = f \circ \eta.$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta^\#(u dv - v du) &= (u \circ \eta) \cdot d(v \circ \eta) \\ &\quad - (v \circ \eta) d(u \circ \eta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2xy d(x^2 - y^2) \\ &\quad - (x^2 - y^2) d(2xy) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2xy(2x dx - 2y dy) - (x^2 - y^2)(2y dx + 2x dy)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (4x^2 y - 2x^2 y + y^3) dx \\ &\quad + (-4xy^2 - 2x^3 + 2xy^2) dy \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Proposition       $\alpha$   $j$ -form  
     $\beta$   $k$ -form

$$\eta^{\#}(\alpha \wedge \beta)_p(X_1, \dots, X_{j+k})$$

$$= (\alpha \wedge \beta)_p(\eta_{\#} X_1, \dots, \eta_{\#} X_{j+k})$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in S_{j+k}} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \alpha(\eta_{\#} X_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \eta_{\#} X_{\sigma(j)}) \cdot \beta(\eta_{\#} X_{\sigma(j+1)}, \dots, \eta_{\#} X_{\sigma(j+k)})$$

$$= \sum \text{sgn}(\sigma) \eta^{\#} \alpha(X_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, X_{\sigma(j)}) \cdot \eta^{\#} \beta(X_{\sigma(j+1)}, \dots, X_{\sigma(j+k)})$$

$$= \eta^{\#} \alpha \wedge \eta^{\#} \beta(X_1, \dots, X_{j+k}).$$

(Really just  $\eta^{\#}(\alpha \wedge \beta) = \eta^{\#} \alpha \wedge \eta^{\#} \beta$   
 for forms in a vector space.)

$d(\eta^*\alpha) = \eta^*d\alpha$  is harder.

You can prove this in coordinates (see notes).

The reason it works is because  $d$  was defined to be coordinate-invariant.

If  $\eta$  is a diffeomorphism, then we can view this as just a coordinate change.

Still works even if  $\eta$  is not a diffeo because pullback makes sense no matter what.

Let's see the invariant proof.

( $k=1$  for simplicity,  $\alpha$  is a 1-form). Assume also that  $\eta$  is a diffeomorphism.

$$d(\eta^{\#}\alpha)(X, Y) = X(\eta^{\#}\alpha(Y)) - Y(\eta^{\#}\alpha(X)) - \eta^{\#}\alpha([X, Y]).$$

To simplify this, note

that 
$$\frac{\eta^{\#}\alpha(Y) - \alpha(\eta_{\#}Y)}{\quad}$$

$\uparrow$     $\uparrow$     $\uparrow$     $\uparrow$   
 $k$ -form on  $M$    v.f. on  $M$     $k$ -form on  $N$    v.f. on  $N$   

  
 function on  $M$    function on  $N$

Not quite, actually

$$\eta^{\#}\alpha(Y) = \alpha(\eta_{\#}Y) \circ \eta^{-1}$$

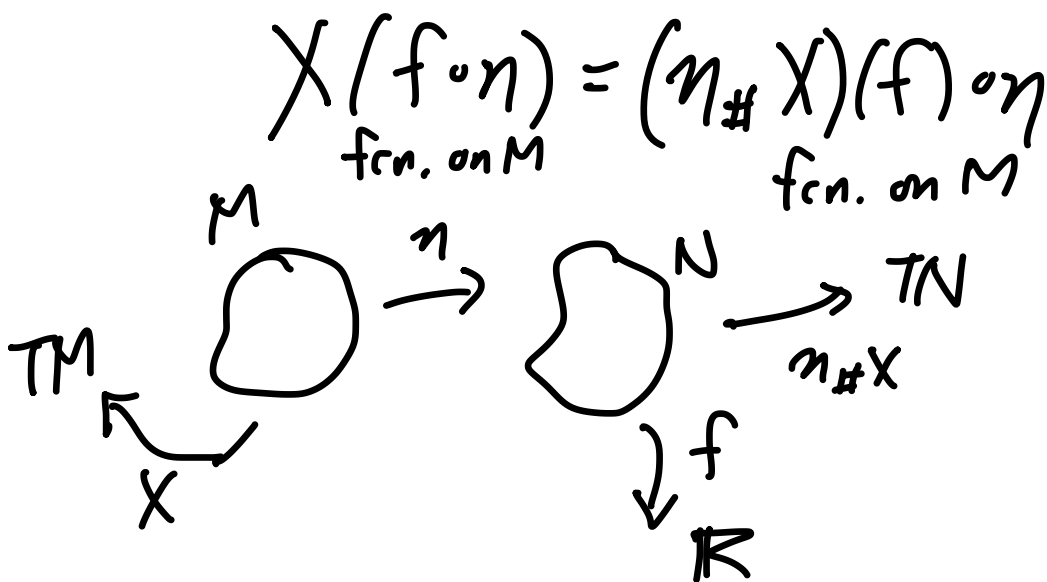
$$(\eta^{\#}\alpha)_p(Y_p) = \alpha(\eta_{\#}(Y_p)) \quad \forall p \in M$$

$$\forall q \in N \quad \alpha_q(\eta_{\#}(Y_p)) = \alpha_q(\eta_{\#}(Y_p)) \quad \text{where } q = \underline{\eta(p)}$$

$$= \alpha_{n(p)}(n_*(Y_p))$$

Returning we get

$$d(\eta^\# \alpha)(X, Y) = \underbrace{X(\alpha(n_\# Y) \circ \eta)}_{- Y(\alpha(n_\# X) \circ \eta)} - \alpha([n_\# X, n_\# Y]) \circ \eta$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 d(\eta^\# \alpha)(X, Y) &= \eta_\# X(\alpha(n_\# Y)) \circ \eta \\
 &\quad - \eta_\# Y(\alpha(n_\# X)) \circ \eta \\
 &\quad - \alpha([n_\# X, n_\# Y]) \circ \eta \\
 &= d\alpha(n_\# X, n_\# Y) \circ \eta \\
 &= \eta^\# d\alpha(X, Y). \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$



## § 17: Integration and Stokes' Theorem

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In vector calculus, we consider line integrals (over a curve), surface integrals in space, and volume integrals.

Ex Given a function  $f$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and a curve  $\gamma$  in that space, the line integral of  $f$  over  $\gamma$  is

$\int_{\gamma} f \, ds$ , where  $ds$  is the "element of arc length."

In practice, we parameterize  $\gamma$  as  $\gamma(t)$  for  $a \leq t \leq b$ .

Then  $ds = |\gamma'(t)| \, dt$ , and

the line integral is

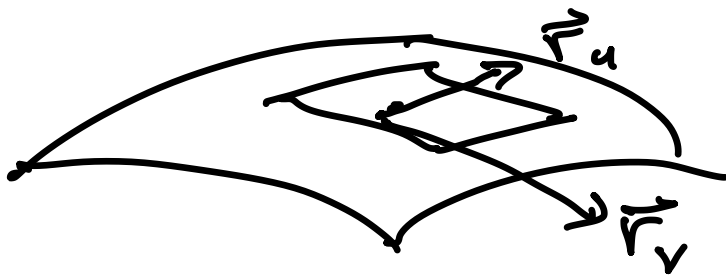
$$\int_{\gamma} f ds = \int_a^b f(\gamma(t)) |\gamma'(t)| dt.$$

Surface integrals involve

$$\int_{\Sigma} f dS, \text{ where } dS \text{ is the surface area element.}$$

If  $\Sigma$  is parameterized by

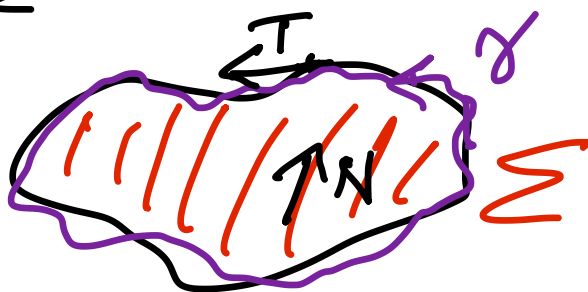
$$\vec{r}(u,v), \text{ then } dS = \left| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial v} \right| du dv.$$



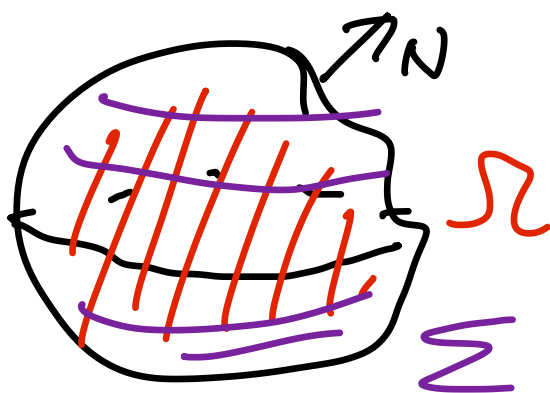
These appear in Stokes' Theorem and Divergence Theorem as

$$\int_{\gamma} X \cdot T ds = \iint_{\Sigma} \text{curl } X \cdot N dS \quad \text{Stokes'}$$

where



$$\iint_{\Sigma} X \cdot N dS = \iiint_{\Omega} \text{div } X dV$$



When we compute  $X \cdot N dS$  in coordinates using a parameterization,  
 $X = p\hat{i} + q\hat{j} + r\hat{k}$ ,  $X(u,v), y(u,v), z(u,v)$ .

$$X \cdot N dS = X \cdot \frac{\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v}{|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v|} |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| du dv$$

$$= X \cdot \vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v \underline{du dv}$$

$$X \cdot \vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v = \begin{vmatrix} p & q & r \\ x_u & y_u & z_u \\ x_v & y_v & z_v \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= p(y_u z_v - y_v z_u) + q(z_u x_v - x_u z_v) + r(x_u y_v - x_v y_u)$$

$$= p \, dy \wedge dz \left( \underbrace{\frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}}_{L_* \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \right)}, \underbrace{\frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}}_{L_* \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right)} \right) + \dots$$

$$= p \, dy \wedge dz \left( L_* \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \right), L_* \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right) \right) + \dots$$

where  $L$  is the parameterization.

$$(p \, dy \wedge dz + q \, dz \wedge dx + r \, dx \wedge dy) \left( L_* \frac{\partial}{\partial u}, L_* \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right) du \wedge dv$$

$$= L^{\#} \omega$$

where  $\omega = p \, dy \wedge dz + \dots$

The point is, all the line/surface integrals that actually show up in Green's, Stokes', Divergence Thm, are quite simple integrals in terms of a parameterization and a  $k$ -form and a pull-back.

We want to define an invariant notion of integration of a  $k$ -form on a  $k$ -dim. object in  $M$ .