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# Solution Sheet 1

### Exercise 1: The hyperbolic plane

Consider the hyperbolic n-space

$$\mathbb{H}^{n} = \left\{ p \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \colon b(p,p) = -1 \text{ and } p_{n+1} \ge 1 \right\}$$

defined by the bilinear form  $b(p,q) = p_1q_1 + \ldots + p_nq_n - p_{n+1}q_{n+1}$ . The tangent space at a point  $p \in \mathbb{H}^n$  is defined as

$$T_p \mathbb{H}^n = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \colon \begin{array}{c} \text{There exists a smooth path } \gamma \colon (-1,1) \to \mathbb{H}^n \\ \text{such that } \gamma(0) = p \text{ and } \dot{\gamma}(0) = x \end{array} \right\}.$$

(1) Show that  $T_p \mathbb{H}^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \colon b(p,x) = 0\}.$ 

Solution:

Let  $x \in T_p \mathbb{H}^n$ . Let  $\gamma: (-1,1) \to \mathbb{H}^n$  be a smooth path such that  $\gamma(0) = p$ and  $\dot{\gamma}(0) = x$ . For every  $t \in (-1,1)$ ,  $b(\gamma(t), \gamma(t)) = -1$ , since  $\gamma$  takes values in  $\mathbb{H}^n$ . We write  $\gamma(t) = (\gamma_1(t), \cdots, \gamma_{n+1}(t))$ . Taking derivatives results in

$$0 = \frac{d}{dt}b(\gamma(t), \gamma(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \gamma_i(t)^2 - \gamma_{n+1}^2\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} 2\gamma_i(t)\dot{\gamma}_i(t) - 2\gamma_{n+1}(t)\dot{\gamma}_{n+1}(t)$$

and at t = 0 this is

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \gamma_i(0) \dot{\gamma}_i(0) - \gamma_{n+1}(0) \dot{\gamma}_{n+1}(0) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i x_i - p_{n+1} \cdot x_{n+1} = b(p, x).$$

We have shown that  $T_p \mathbb{H}^n \subset \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \colon b(p,x) = 0\}$  but since dim  $T_p \mathbb{H}^n = n$  we have equality.

(2) Show that  $g_p = b|_{T_p \mathbb{H}^n} : T_p \mathbb{H}^n \times T_p \mathbb{H}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  is a positive definite symmetric bilinear form on  $T_p \mathbb{H}^n$ . This means that  $g_p$  is a scalar product and  $(\mathbb{H}^n, g)$  is a Riemannian manifold.

*Hint: Use (1) and the Cauchy-Schwarz-inequality on*  $\mathbb{R}^n$ *.* 

Solution:

Bilinearity and symmetry b(x, y) = b(y, x) follow directly. To show positive definiteness, we use the definition of  $\mathbb{H}^n$  and (1) to write

$$p = \left(\overrightarrow{p}, \sqrt{|\overrightarrow{p}|^2 + 1}\right) \in \mathbb{H}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$$
$$x = \left(\overrightarrow{x}, \frac{\langle \overrightarrow{p}, \overrightarrow{x} \rangle}{\sqrt{|\overrightarrow{p}|^2 + 1}}\right) \in T_p \,\mathbb{H}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the standard scalar product in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . To show positive definiteness it remains to prove that for all  $x \in T_p \mathbb{H}^n$ 

 $b(x,x) \ge 0.$ 

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Indeed, by the Cauchy-Schwarz-inequality

$$< p, x >^2 \le |\overrightarrow{p}|^2 |\overrightarrow{x}|^2 \le |\overrightarrow{p}|^2 |\overrightarrow{x}|^2 + |\overrightarrow{x}|^2 = (|\overrightarrow{p}|^2 + 1) |\overrightarrow{x}|^2$$

and thus

$$|\overrightarrow{x}|^2 \ge \frac{\langle p, x \rangle^2}{|\overrightarrow{p}|^2} + 1$$

and

$$b(x,x) = |\overrightarrow{x}|^2 - \frac{\langle p, x \rangle^2}{|\overrightarrow{p}|^2 + 1} \ge 0.$$

(3) Show that the map  $s_p \colon \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \to \mathbb{R}^{n+1}, q \mapsto -2p \cdot b(p,q) - q$  is a well defined geodesic symmetry of  $\mathbb{H}^n$ , i.e. it is an involution, with an isolated fixed point p. This means that the hyperbolic plane  $\mathbb{H}^n$  is a symmetric space.

Solution:

To see that  $s_p$  is well-defined we write

$$p = \left(\frac{\overrightarrow{p}}{\sqrt{|\overrightarrow{p}|^2 + 1}}\right), \quad q = \left(\frac{\overrightarrow{q}}{\sqrt{|\overrightarrow{q}|^2 + 1}}\right) \in \mathbb{H}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}.$$

We have

$$s_p(q) = -2pb(p,q) - q = \left(\frac{-2\overrightarrow{p}b(p,q) - \overrightarrow{q}}{-2\sqrt{|\overrightarrow{p}|^2 + 1}b(p,q) - \sqrt{|\overrightarrow{q}|^2 + 1}}\right)$$

where

$$b(p,q) = \langle \overrightarrow{p}, \overrightarrow{q} \rangle - \sqrt{|\overrightarrow{p}|^2 + 1} \sqrt{|\overrightarrow{q}|^2 + 1}.$$

The calculation

$$b(s_{p}(q), s_{p}(q)) = 4|\overrightarrow{p}|^{2}b(p, q)^{2} + 4 < \overrightarrow{p}, \overrightarrow{q} > b(p, q) + |\overrightarrow{q}|^{2} - \left[4(|\overrightarrow{p}|^{2} + 1)b(p, q)^{2} + 4\sqrt{|\overrightarrow{p}|^{2} + 1}\sqrt{|\overrightarrow{q}|^{2} + 1}b(p, q) + |\overrightarrow{q}|^{2} + 1\right] = 4 < \overrightarrow{p}, \overrightarrow{q} > b(p, q) - 4b(p, q)^{2} - 4\sqrt{|\overrightarrow{p}|^{2} + 1}\sqrt{|\overrightarrow{q}|^{2} + 1}b(p, q) - 1 = 4b(p, q)b(p, q) - 4b(p, q)^{2} - 1 = -1$$

shows that  $s_p(q) \in \mathbb{H}^2$ .

Note that  $s_p(p) = -2p(-1) - p = p$  is a fixed point. Next we show that  $s_p$  is an isometry. We need to look at the differential

$$D_p s_p \colon T_p M \to T_{s_p(p)} M = T_p M.$$

of  $s_p: q \mapsto -2pb(p,q) - q$ . If we write the points  $q, p \in \mathbb{H}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  in the standard basis  $\{e_i\}_i$ , we get the partial derivatives

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} b(p,\cdot) &= \begin{cases} p_i & \text{if } i \leq n \\ -p_{n+1} & \text{if } i = n+1 \\ \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} s_p &= \begin{cases} -2p \cdot p_i - e_i & \text{if } i \leq n \\ 2p \cdot p_{n+1} - e_{n+1} & \text{if } i = n+1 \end{cases} \end{split}$$

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and thus for  $v \in T_p M$  we have

$$(\mathbf{D}_{p} s_{p})v = \begin{pmatrix} -2p_{1}^{2} - 1 & -2p_{1}p_{2} & \cdots & 2p_{1}p_{n+1} \\ -2p_{2}p_{1} & -2p_{2}^{2} - 1 & \cdots & 2p_{2}p_{n+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -2p_{n+1}p_{1} & -2p_{n+1}p_{2} & \cdots & 2p_{n+1}^{2} - 1 \end{pmatrix} v$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2p_{1}^{2}v_{1} - 2p_{1}p_{2}v_{2} - \cdots + 2p_{1}p_{n+1}v_{n+1} \\ -2p_{2}p_{1}v_{1} - 2p_{2}^{2}v_{2} - \cdots + 2p_{2}p_{n+1}v_{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ -2p_{n+1}p_{1}v_{1} - 2p_{n+1}p_{2}v_{2} - \cdots + 2p_{n+1}^{2}v_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} - v$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2b(p, v)p_{1} \\ -2b(p, v)p_{2} \\ \vdots \\ -2b(p, v)p_{n} \end{pmatrix} - v = -v$$

where we used that b(p, v) = 0 from part (1). By bilinearity from (2)

$$g_{s_p(p)}((D_p s_p)v, (D_p s_p)w) = g_p(-v, -w) = g_p(v, w),$$

so  $s_p$  is an isometry.

We need to show that  $s_p$  is a symmetry. By lemma II.6 of the lecture,  $D_p s_p = -\operatorname{Id}_{T_p \mathbb{H}^n}$  is equivalent to  $s_p \circ s_p = \operatorname{Id}_{\mathbb{H}^n}$ . Alternatively the calculation

$$s_p \circ s_p(q) = s_p(-2pb(p,q) - q)$$
  
= -2pb(p, -2pb(p,q) - q) - (-2pb(p,q) - q)  
= 4pb(p,q)b(p,p) + 2pb(p,q) + 2pb(p,q) + q = q

shows the same. That p is an isolated fixed point of  $s_p$  can be seen by the following argument. Let  $q \in \mathbb{H}^n$  be a fixed point  $s_p(q) = q$ , then -2pb(p,q) - q = q, so q = -b(p,q)p, in particular  $q = \lambda p$  is a scaled version of p for  $\lambda = -b(p,q)$ . But since  $p, q \in \mathbb{H}^n$ ,  $-1 = b(q,q) = b(\lambda p, \lambda p) = \lambda^2 b(p,p) = -1$ , so  $\lambda = \pm 1$ . The  $\lambda = -1$  solution corresponds to  $q_{n+1} < 0$  which is excluded since  $\mathbb{H}^n$  is only the upper hyperboloid. We showed that q = p is the only fixed point of  $s_p$ , in particular it is an isolated fixed point.

This concludes the proof, that  $\mathbb{H}^n$  is a symmetric space.

# Exercise 2: The symmetric space $\mathcal{P}^1(n)$

Show that  $A \mapsto gA^{t}g$  defines a group action of  $SL(n, \mathbb{R}) \ni g$  on

$$\mathcal{P}^{1}(n) = \left\{ A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \colon A = {}^{t}\!\!A, \ \det A = 1, \ A >> 0 \right\}.$$

Show that this action is transitive, i.e.  $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{P}^1(n) \exists g \in \mathrm{SL}(n, \mathbb{R}) \colon gA^tg = B$ . You may use the Linear-Algebra-fact that symmetric matrices are orthogonally diagonalizable, i.e. if  $A = {}^tA$ , then  $\exists Q \in \mathrm{SO}(n, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $QA^tQ$  is diagonal. Solution:

We write the group action as  $g.A = gA^{t}g$ . We first need to show that the action is well defined.

Symmetry:  ${}^{t}(g.A) = {}^{t}(gA {}^{t}g) = g {}^{t}A {}^{t}g = gA {}^{t}g = g.A.$ 

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Determinant:  $det(g.A) = det g det A det {}^{t}g = det A = 1.$ 

Positive definiteness: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0$ .  ${}^txg.Ax = {}^txgA{}^tgx = {}^t({}^tgx)A{}^tgx > 0$ , since  ${}^tgx \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0$ . Next, we check the two axioms of a group action.

Identity:  $\operatorname{Id}_{\operatorname{SL}(n,\mathbb{R})} A = \operatorname{Id} A \operatorname{Id} = A.$ 

Compatibility:  $(gh) A = ghA^{t}(gh) = ghA^{t}h^{t}g = g(hA)^{t}g = g(hA).$ 

It remains to show that the action is transitive. Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}^1(n)$ . We can use Linear Algebra to get  $Q, R \in \mathrm{SO}(n) < \mathrm{SL}(n, \mathbb{R})$  such that Q.A and R.B are diagonal, have determinant 1 and are positive definite (by the well-definedness of the group action). Positive definiteness implies that all entries are non-negative. Then the matrix  $\Lambda = (Q.A) \cdot (R.B)^{-1}$  is also diagonal, has determinant 1 and positive elements on the diagonal. We can therefore take the component wise root  $\sqrt{\Lambda}$  of  $\Lambda$ . Define  $g = Q^{-1}\sqrt{\Lambda R} \in \mathrm{SL}(n, \mathbb{R})$  and use the fact that R.Bcommutes with  $\sqrt{\Lambda}$  since they are diagonal to see that

$$g.B = Q^{-1}.\sqrt{\Lambda}.R.B = Q^{-1}.\sqrt{\Lambda}(R.B)^{t}\sqrt{\Lambda} = Q^{-1}.\left(\sqrt{\Lambda}^{t}\sqrt{\Lambda} \cdot R.B\right)$$
$$= Q^{-1}.(\Lambda \cdot R.B) = Q^{-1}.((Q.A)(R.B)^{-1}(R.B)) = Q^{-1}.Q.A = A.$$

this shows that from any point  $B \in \mathcal{P}$  you can go to any point  $A \in \mathcal{P}$  by the action of  $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ , i.e. the action is transitive.

### **Exercise 3: Topological groups**

A group G with a topology is a *topological group* if multiplication  $m: G \times G \to G$ and inverse  $\iota: G \to G$  are continuous maps. Let G be a topological group and  $e \in G$  the identity.

(1) Show that  $\forall g \in G$ , the inner automorphism  $\phi_g(h) = ghg^{-1}$  is a homeomorphism.

#### Solution:

m and  $\iota$  are continuous, so also the composition  $\phi_g \colon h \mapsto m(m(g,h),\iota(g))$  for any  $g \in G$ . Note that  $\phi_g^{-1} = \phi_{g^{-1}}$ , so the inverse is also continuous, i.e.  $\phi_g$  is homeomorph.

(2) Show that the connected component of the identity  $G^{\circ}$  is a normal closed subgroup of G.

#### Solution:

The image under a continuous map of a connected set is connected. Let  $g, h \in G^{\circ}$ . First consider the continuous map  $a \mapsto m(g, a)$ . Since h is in the same connected component as e, also m(g, h) = gh is in the same connected component as m(g, e) = g, which is  $G^{\circ}$ . Since  $\iota(e) = e$ , also  $\iota(g) = g^{-1}$  is in the same connected component as g. Therefore  $G^{\circ}$  is a subgroup of G.

The image  $\phi_g(G^\circ)$  is connected and contains e, therefore  $gG^\circ g^{-1} \subset G^\circ$ , i.e.  $G^\circ$  is normal.

Connected components are always open and closed.

(3) Show that any open subgroup H < G is also closed.

Hint: Cosets.

Solution:

The coset gH is also open, since it is the preimage of H under the continuous map  $h \mapsto m(g^{-1}, h)$ . The complement of H is a union of open cosets, therefore H is closed.

(4) Let  $U \ni e$  be an open neighborhood of e. Let H be the subgroup generated by U, i.e.

$$H = \bigcup_{n \ge 1} \left( U \cup U^{-1} \right)^n.$$

Show that H is open.

Solution:

If U is open, then also  $\iota(U) = U^{-1}$  open and  $U \cup U^{-1}$  open. For any  $g \in G$ , gU and  $gU^{-1}$  are open, since they are preimages of the continuous map  $h \mapsto g^{-1}h$ . Using  $gU \cup gU^{-1} = g(U \cup U^{-1})$  we get that

$$(U \cup U^{-1})^n = \bigcup_{g \in U} g(U \cup U^{-1})^{n-1}$$

is open for any  $n \ge 2$  by induction. Thus H is a union of open sets and therefore open.

(5) Show that  $G^{\circ}$  is generated by any neighborhood of e.

Solution:

Any neighborhood of e contains an open neighborhood U. By the construction of (4), this generates an open subgroup H. By (3) H is also closed. The only clopen sets in a connected component are the empty set and the component itself. Since  $e \in H$  and  $G^{\circ}$  connected,  $H = G^{\circ}$ .

## Exercise 4: Lemma II.17

Recall that  $\forall f \in C^{\infty}(M), X \in \text{Vect}(M)$ , we have  $f \cdot X \in C^{\infty}(M)$  via  $(f \cdot X)(p) = f(p)X(p)$ . If c is a smooth curve, we denote by  $\text{Vect}(c^*(TM))$  the space of vector fields along c. Prove the following lemma.

**Lemma II.17**: Let M be a smooth manifold,  $\nabla$  a connection on M and  $c: I \to M$  a smooth curve. Then there exists a unique linear map

$$\frac{\mathrm{D}}{dt}: \operatorname{Vect}\left(c^*(TM)\right) \to \operatorname{Vect}\left(c^*(TM)\right)$$

such that

- (1)  $\frac{\mathrm{D}}{\mathrm{d}t}(f \cdot V) = f' \cdot V + f \cdot \frac{\mathrm{D}}{\mathrm{d}t}V$  for all  $V \in \operatorname{Vect}(c^*(TM)), f \in C^{\infty}(M)$
- (2)  $\left(\frac{\mathrm{D}}{dt}V\right)(t) = (\nabla_{\dot{c}(t)}Y)(c(t))$  for all  $V \in \operatorname{Vect}(c^*(TM)), Y \in \operatorname{Vect}(M), t \in I$  with V(t) = Y(c(t)).

*Hint: Work in local coordinates. Solution:* 

Let M be a *n*-dimensional manifold. Since c is a smooth immersion, for every point  $c(t_0)$  we can find  $\varepsilon > 0$ , a neighborhood  $U \ni c(t_0)$  and a chart  $\psi : U \to \mathbb{R}^n$ 

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such that  $\psi(c(t_0)) = 0$  and for  $t \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ ,  $\psi(U \cap c(t)) = t \times \{0\}^{n-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . This means that we can assume without loss of generality that  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and c(t) = tfor  $t \ni I \subset \mathbb{R} \times \{0\}^{n-1}$ .

Let  $V: I \to TM$  be a vector field along c and  $Y, Y' \in \text{Vect}(M)$  with Y(c(t)) = V(t) = Y'(c(t)). We can write  $Y = \sum_{j=1}^{n} y_j e_j$  and  $Y' = \sum_{j=1}^{n} y'_j e_j$  for functions  $y_j, y'_j: I \to \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $X \in \text{Vect}(M)$  be defined by  $X(p) = e_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}$ , in particular  $X(c(t)) = \dot{c}(t)$  for  $t \in I$ . Let us define  $(\frac{D}{dt}V)(t) = (\nabla_X Y)(c(t))$ . We have to show that this is well defined (independent of Y). Note that

defined (independent of Y). Note that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} Y(c(t_0)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} Y'(c(t_0)) = \frac{d}{dt} V(t_0). \tag{(\clubsuit)}$$

We have

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{\mathbf{D}}{dt}V\right)(t) &= \nabla_X Y(c(t_0)) \\ &= \nabla_{e_1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n y_j e_j\right)(c(t_0)) \\ &= \left[\sum_{j=1}^n y_j \cdot \nabla_{e_1} e_j + (e_1 y_j) \cdot e_j\right](c(t_0)) \qquad (\text{Rule (3) for connections}) \\ &= \left[\sum_{j,k=1}^n y_j \cdot \Gamma_{1j}^k \cdot e_k + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} y_j \cdot e_j\right](c(t_0)) \qquad (\text{for Christoffel symbols } \Gamma_{ij}^k \colon M \to \mathbb{R}) \\ &= \left[\sum_{j,k=1}^n y_j \cdot \Gamma_{1j}^k \cdot e_k\right](c(t_0)) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} Y(c(t_0)) \\ &= \left[\sum_{j,k=1}^n y_j \cdot \Gamma_{1j}^k \cdot e_k\right](c(t_0)) + \frac{d}{dt} V(t_0), \qquad (\text{Equation } (\clubsuit)) \end{split}$$

which is an expression which does not depend on Y. This shows that a map  $\frac{D}{dt}$ : Vect $(c_*TM) \to$  Vect $(c_*TM)$  that satisfies (2) exists and is unique.

We have to show (1). Let  $f: I \to \mathbb{R}$ . We can extend it to  $\tilde{f} \in C^{\infty}(M)$  with  $\tilde{f}(t, 0^{n-1}) = f(t)$  for  $t \in I$ . then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbf{D}}{dt}(f \cdot V)(t_0) &= \nabla_X (\tilde{f} \cdot Y)(c(t_0)) \\ &= \left[ \tilde{f} \cdot \nabla_X Y + (X\tilde{f}) \cdot Y \right] (c(t_0)) \\ &= \left( f \cdot \frac{\mathbf{D}}{dt} V \right) (t_0) + \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \tilde{f} \right) \cdot Y \right] (c(t_0)) \\ &= \left( f \cdot \frac{\mathbf{D}}{dt} V \right) (t_0) + (f' \cdot V) (t_0), \end{aligned}$$

which concludes the proof of lemma II.17.

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## Exercise 5: Lemma II.20

Let now  $\varphi \colon M \to M$  be a diffeomorphism. Recall that the pushforward  $\varphi_*X$  is defined as  $(\varphi_*X)(p) = (\mathcal{D}_{\varphi^{-1}(p)}\varphi) (X(\varphi^{-1}(p)))$  for  $X \in \operatorname{Vect}(M), p \in M$ . The goal is to prove the following lemma.

**Lemma II.20**: Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection of a Riemannian manifold (M, g) and  $\varphi \in Is(X)$ . Then  $\nabla_{\varphi_* X} \varphi_* Y = \varphi_*(\nabla_X Y)$ .

Solution:

Throughout this exercise, let  $X, Y, X_1, X_2, Y_1, Y_2, Z \in \text{Vect}(M), f, g \in C^{\infty}(M), p \in M, \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ . We first want to collect some properties of  $\varphi_* \colon \text{Vect}(M) \to \text{Vect}(M)$ .

**Lemma (automorphism):**  $\varphi_*$  is a Lie-algebra-automorphism of Vect(M).

Proof:

• Linearity  $\varphi_*(\lambda X_1 + \mu X_2) = \lambda \varphi_* X_1 + \mu \varphi_* X_2.$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_*(\lambda X_1 + \mu X_2)(p) &= (\mathcal{D}_{\varphi^{-1}(p)} \,\varphi) \cdot (\lambda X_1(\varphi^{-1}(p)) + \mu X_2(\varphi^{-1}(p))) \\ &= \lambda \cdot (\mathcal{D}_{\varphi^{-1}(p)} \,\varphi) \cdot X_1(\varphi^{-1}(p)) + \mu \cdot (\mathcal{D}_{\varphi^{-1}(p)} \,\varphi) \cdot X_2(\varphi^{-1}(p)) \\ &= \lambda(\varphi_* X_1)(p) + \mu(\varphi_* X_2)(p). \end{aligned}$$

• Inverse  $(\varphi_*)^{-1} = (\varphi^{-1})_*$ 

$$(\varphi_* \circ (\varphi^{-1})_* X)(p) = (\varphi_*((\varphi^{-1})_* X))(p)$$
  
=  $(\mathbf{D}_{\varphi^{-1}(p)} \varphi) \cdot ((\varphi^{-1})_* X)(\varphi^{-1}(p))$   
=  $(\mathbf{D}_{\varphi^{-1}(p)} \varphi) \cdot (\mathbf{D}_p \varphi^{-1}) \cdot X(p)$   
=  $(\mathbf{D}_p \varphi \circ \varphi^{-1}) \cdot X(p) = X(p)$ 

• Lie brackets  $\varphi_*[X, Y] = [\varphi_* X. \varphi_* Y].$ 

To show that the Lie-brackets are preserved we want to use Lemma 2, which is proven a bit later. To make sense of the Lie bracket, we need to think of X, Y and [X, Y] as derivations  $C^{\infty}(M) \to C^{\infty}(M)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi_*[X,Y])(f) &= \varphi_*\left([X,Y](\varphi_*^{-1}f)\right) & (\text{Lemma 2}) \\ &= \varphi_*\left(X(Y(\varphi_*^{-1}f)) - Y(X(\varphi_*^{-1}f))\right) & (\text{Def of } [\cdot,\cdot]) \\ &= \varphi_*\left(X(\varphi_*^{-1}(\varphi_*Y)(f)) - Y(\varphi_*^{-1}(\varphi_*X)f)\right) & (\text{Lemma 2}) \\ &= \varphi_*\varphi_*^{-1}\left((\varphi_*X)((\varphi_*Y)f) - (\varphi_*Y)((\varphi_*X)f)\right) & (\text{Lemma 2}) \\ &= [\varphi_*X,\varphi_*Y](f) & (\text{Def of } [\cdot,\cdot]) \end{aligned}$$

At various occasions we will see need to use how f interacts with  $\varphi_*$  and X, so we state two more lemmas. It will be convenient to use the notation of the pushforward  $\varphi_* f = f \circ \varphi^{-1}$  of f.

**Lemma 1:**  $\varphi_*(f \cdot X) = (\varphi_* f) \cdot (\varphi_* X).$ 

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Proof:

$$(\varphi_*(fX))(p) = (\mathcal{D}_{\varphi^{-1}(p)} \varphi) \cdot f(\varphi^{-1}(p)) \cdot X(\varphi^{-1}(p))$$
$$= f(\varphi^{-1}(p)) \cdot (\mathcal{D}_{\varphi^{-1}(p)} \varphi) \cdot X(\varphi^{-1}(p))$$
$$= ((f \circ \varphi^{-1}) \cdot \varphi_* X)(p)$$
$$= ((\varphi_* f) \cdot (\varphi_* X))(p)$$

Lemma 2:  $\varphi_*(Xf) = (\varphi_*X)(\varphi_*f).$ 

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} ((\varphi_*X)(\varphi_*f))(p) &= (\mathcal{D}_p \, \varphi_*f) \cdot \varphi_*X(p) \\ &= (\mathcal{D}_p \, f \circ \varphi) \cdot (\mathcal{D}_{\varphi_*^{-1}(p)} \, \varphi) \cdot X(\varphi^{-1}) \\ &= (\mathcal{D}_{\varphi^{-1}(p)} \, \varphi_*f) \cdot X(\varphi^{-1}(p)) \\ &= (Xf)(\varphi^{-1}(p)) \\ &= (\varphi_*(Xf))(p) \end{aligned}$$

(1) Show that  $D_X Y = \varphi_*^{-1} (\nabla_{\varphi_* X}(\varphi_* Y))$  is a connection. Solution:

We have to check three conditions. First  $\mathrm{C}^\infty(M)\text{-linearity}$  in X

$$D_{fX}Y = \varphi_*^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_*(fX)}(\varphi_*Y) \right)$$
 (Definition)  

$$= \varphi_*^{-1} \left( \nabla_{(\varphi_*f) \cdot \varphi_*X}(\varphi_*Y) \right)$$
 (Lemma 1)  

$$= \varphi_*^{-1} \left( (\varphi_*f) \cdot \nabla_{\varphi_*X}(\varphi_*Y) \right)$$
 (C<sup>∞</sup>(M)-linearity of  $\nabla$ )  

$$= (\varphi_*^{-1}\varphi_*f) \cdot \varphi_*^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_*X}(\varphi_*Y) \right)$$
 (Lemma 1)  

$$= fD_XY.$$
 (Definition)

and

$$D_{X_1+X_2}Y = \varphi_*^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_*(X_1+X_2)}(\varphi_*Y) \right)$$
(Definition)  
$$= \varphi_*^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_*X_1}\varphi_*Y + \nabla_{\varphi_*X_2}\varphi_*Y \right)$$
(C<sup>\infty</sup>(M)-linearity of \nabla)  
$$= \varphi_*^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_*X_1}\varphi_*Y \right) + \varphi^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_*X_2}\varphi_*Y \right)$$
(\varphi is automorphism)  
$$= D_{X_1}Y + D_{X_2}Y.$$
(Definition)

Second,  $\mathbbm{R}\text{-linearity}$  in Y follows directly from  $\mathbbm{R}\text{-linearity}$  of  $\nabla$  and  $\varphi^{-1}.$  Third,

$$\begin{aligned} D_X fY &= \varphi_*^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_* X} (\varphi_*(fY)) \right) & \text{(Definition)} \\ &= \varphi_*^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_* X} ((\varphi_* f) \cdot \varphi_* Y) \right) & \text{(Lemma 1)} \\ &= \varphi_*^{-1} \left( (\varphi_* f) \cdot \nabla_{\varphi_* X} (\varphi_* Y) + ((\varphi_* X) (\varphi_* f)) \cdot \varphi_* Y \right) & \text{(Rules for } \nabla) \\ &= \varphi_*^{-1} \varphi_* f \cdot \varphi_*^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_* X} \varphi_* Y \right) + \varphi_*^{-1} \left( (\varphi_* X) (\varphi_* f) \right) \cdot \varphi_*^{-1} (\varphi_* Y) & \text{(Lemma 1)} \\ &= f \cdot \varphi_*^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_* X} \varphi_* Y \right) + \varphi_*^{-1} \left( \varphi_* (Xf) \right) \cdot \varphi_*^{-1} (\varphi_* Y) & \text{(Lemma 2)} \\ &= f \cdot \varphi_*^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_* X} \varphi_* Y \right) + (Xf) \cdot Y & \text{(Definition)} \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof that  $D_X Y$  is a connection.

(2) Show that  $D_X Y - D_Y X = [X, Y]$ .

Solution:

$$D_X Y - D_Y X = \varphi_*^{-1} (\nabla_{\varphi_* X}(\varphi_* Y)) - \varphi^{-1} (\nabla_{\varphi_* Y}(\varphi_* X))$$
  

$$= \varphi_*^{-1} (\nabla_{\varphi_* X}(\varphi_* Y) - \nabla_{\varphi_* Y}(\varphi_* X)) \qquad \text{(linearity of } \varphi_*^{-1})$$
  

$$= \varphi_*^{-1} ([\varphi_* X, \varphi_* Y]) \qquad (\nabla \text{ is Levi-civita connection})$$
  

$$= \varphi_*^{-1} (\varphi_* [X, Y]) \qquad (\varphi_* \text{ preserves brackets})$$
  

$$= [X, Y]$$

(3) Show that  $X\langle Y, Z \rangle = \langle D_X Y, Z \rangle + \langle Y, D_X Z \rangle$ .

Solution:

We first show that  $\langle \varphi_* X, \varphi_* Y \rangle = \varphi_* \langle X, Y \rangle.$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \varphi_* X, \varphi_* Y \rangle(p) &= g_p \left( \mathcal{D}_{\varphi^{-1}(p)} \,\varphi \cdot X(\varphi^{-1}(p)), \mathcal{D}_{\varphi^{-1}(p)} \,\varphi \cdot Y(\varphi^{-1}(p)) \right) \\ &= g_{\varphi^{-1}(p)} \left( X(\varphi^{-1}(p)), Y(\varphi^{-1}(p)) \right) \\ &= \langle X, Y \rangle(\varphi^{-1}(p)) = (\varphi_* \langle X, Y \rangle)(p) \end{aligned} \tag{$\varphi$ is an isometry}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{D}_{X}Y, Z \rangle + \langle Y, \mathbf{D}_{X}Z \rangle \\ &= \langle \varphi_{*}^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_{*}X}(\varphi_{*}Y) \right), Z \rangle + \langle Y, \varphi_{*}^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_{*}X}(\varphi_{*}Z) \right) \rangle \\ &= \varphi_{*}^{-1} \left( \nabla_{\varphi_{*}X}(\varphi_{*}Y), \varphi_{*}Z \right) + \varphi_{*}^{-1} \langle \varphi_{*}Y, \nabla_{\varphi_{*}X}(\varphi_{*}Z) \rangle \qquad \text{(Remark above)} \\ &= \varphi_{*}^{-1} \left( \langle \nabla_{\varphi_{*}X}(\varphi_{*}Y), \varphi_{*}Z \rangle + \langle \varphi_{*}Y, \nabla_{\varphi_{*}X}(\varphi_{*}Z) \rangle \right) \qquad \text{(Linearity of } \mathbf{C}^{\infty}(M)) \\ &= \varphi_{*}^{-1} \left( \varphi_{*}X \langle \varphi_{*}Y, \varphi_{*}Z \rangle \right) \qquad \qquad (\nabla \text{ is a Levi-Civita-connection)} \\ &= \varphi_{*}^{-1} \left( \left( \varphi_{*}X \right) \left( \varphi_{*} \langle Y, Z \rangle \right) \right) \qquad \qquad (\text{Remark above)} \\ &= \varphi_{*}^{-1} \varphi_{*} (X \langle Y, Z \rangle) \qquad \qquad (\text{Lemma 2)} \end{aligned}$$

(4) Show the lemma by using that the Levi-Civita-connection is unique.

Solution: The Levi-Civita-connection is unique, and  $D_X Y$  satisfies is a Levi-Civita-connection. So  $\nabla_X Y = D_X Y = \varphi_*^{-1} (\nabla_{\varphi_* X} \varphi_* Y)$ . Applying  $\varphi_*$  on both sides results in

$$\varphi_*(\nabla_X Y) = \nabla_{\varphi_* X} \varphi_* Y.$$