MATH 121B. MIDTERM 1. 2020 SPRING

Total 50 points

(1) Are they vector spaces? Just true or false. (5 points)
  (a) The points in $\mathbb{R}^2$ satisfying $x + y = 1$.
  (b) The points in $\mathbb{R}^3$ satisfying $x + y + z = 0$.
  (c) The points in $\mathbb{R}^3$ satisfying $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 0$.
  (d) The points in $\mathbb{R}^3$ satisfying $xyz = 0$.
  (e) The set of polynomials $f(t)$ such that degree of $f(t)$ is at most 5, and satisfies $f(1) = 0$.

(2) Let V be the vector space of smooth functions on the interval $[0, 1]$. Are the following $\phi : V \to \mathbb{R}$ linear functions on V? Just true or false. (5 points)
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  (b) $\phi(f) = \int_0^1 f(t)dt$
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(3) Let V be a vector space of dimension 3 with basis $e_1, \cdots, e_3$. Let $\widetilde{e}_1 = e_1, \widetilde{e}_2 = e_1 + e_2, \widetilde{e}_3 = e_1 + e_2 + e_3$ be a new basis of V. (10 points)
  (a) What is the dimension of $V \otimes V$? (2 pts)
  (b) Write down a basis of $V \wedge V$ using e_is. (2 pts)
  (c) Suppose we have vector $\mathbf{v} = 3e_2 + 5e_3$, can you express $\mathbf{v}$ in the basis $\widetilde{e}_i$? (3 pts)
  (d) Suppose we have a tensor $T = e_2 \otimes e_3$, can you express T in the basis $\widetilde{e}_i$? (3 pts)

(4) Let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ with coordinates (x, y) and with $g = dx^2 + dy^2$. Introduce a new basis $\mathbf{e}_1 = (-1, 0)$ and $\mathbf{e}_2 = (-1, 1)$ of V. Introduce new linear coordinates (u, v) on $\mathbb{R}^2$, such that $u(\mathbf{e}_1) = 1, u(\mathbf{e}_2) = 0$ and $v(\mathbf{e}_1) = 0, v(\mathbf{e}_2) = 1$. (10 points)
  (a) Let $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1)$ (in the (x, y) coordinate system). Write $\mathbf{v}$ as a linear combination of $\mathbf{e}_1$ and $\mathbf{e}_2$. (5 points)
  (b) What is the metric tensor g (or ds^2 in Boas term), expressed using du and dv? (5 points)

(5) Let (u, v) be a new set of coordinates near $(0, 0)$ on $\mathbb{R}^2$, which is related to the Cartesian coordinate as the following. (20 points)

$$x = u + (u^2 - v^2)/2, \quad y = v + uv$$

(where we require $u > -1/2$.)
  (a) what is ds^2 in du, dv? (10 points)
  (b) Let $f = u^2 - v^2$, what is the gradient of f? (5 points)
  (c) Let $V = u\frac{\partial}{\partial v} - v\frac{\partial}{\partial u}$ be a vector field, (in Boas notation, $V = u\mathbf{a}_v - v\mathbf{a}_u$). What is the divergence of V? (5)

1. SOLUTION

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  (d) The points in $\mathbb{R}^3$ satisfying $xyz = 0$. False.
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  For the last two problem, we can plug in $e_2 = \widetilde{e}_2 - \widetilde{e}_1$ and $e_3 = \widetilde{e}_3 - \widetilde{e}_2$, to get
$$\mathbf{v} = 3(\widetilde{e}_2 - \widetilde{e}_1) + 5(\widetilde{e}_3 - \widetilde{e}_2)$$
  and
$$T = e_2 \otimes e_3 = (\widetilde{e}_2 - \widetilde{e}_1) \otimes (\widetilde{e}_3 - \widetilde{e}_2).$$
  Then, one may open the parenthesis and expand if one want.

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  $\mathbf{v} = e_2 - 2e_1$
  (b) What is the metric tensor g (or ds^2 in Boas term), expressed using du and dv? (5 points) $u_1 = u, u_2 = v$ are dual basis of e_1, e_2, hence the coefficients in front of $du_i \otimes du_j$ is $g(e_i, e_j)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} g &= g(e_1, e_1)du \otimes + g(e_1, e_2)du \otimes dv + g(e_2, e_1)dv \otimes du + g(e_2, e_2)dv \otimes dv \\ &= du \otimes du + du \otimes dv + dv \otimes du + 2dv \otimes dv. \end{aligned}$$

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We plug in $dx = (1 + u)du - vdv$ and $dy = (1 + u)dv + vdu$ into $ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2$, we get

$$ds^2 = [(1 + u)^2 + v^2](du^2 + dv^2]$$

It is a orthogonal coordinate.

(2) $\nabla f = g^{uu}\partial_u f \partial_u + g^{vv}\partial_v f \partial_v = \frac{2u\partial_u - 2v\partial_v}{(1+u)^2+v^2}$

(3) $\nabla \cdot V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}}\partial_i(\sqrt{g}V^i) = \frac{1}{(1+u)^2+v^2}(\partial_u((-(1 + u)^2 + v^2)v) + \partial_v((1 + u)^2 + v^2)u) =$