UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MATHEMATICAL TRIPOS Part III

Friday 1 June 2007 9.00 to 12.00

PAPER 15

DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY

*Attempt **THREE** questions.*

*There are **FIVE** questions in total.*

The questions carry equal weight.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS
Cover sheet
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Script paper

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
None

You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages until instructed to do so by the Invigilator.

1 Let M be a smooth manifold.

(a) Define the tangent bundle TM of M and show that it can be endowed in a natural way with a smooth structure making it a vector bundle over M.

(b) Define the cotangent bundle T^*M of M and show that it can be endowed in a natural way with a smooth structure making it a vector bundle over M.

(c) Are TM and T^*M isomorphic as vector bundles? Justify your answer.

2 Let (M, g) be an n-dimensional Riemannian manifold and ∇ its Levi-Civita connection.

(a) Let X be a smooth vector field on M. Define the *divergence* of X as the function $\operatorname{div} X : M \to \mathbf{R}$ given by $\operatorname{div} X(p) = \operatorname{trace}(v \mapsto (\nabla_v X)(p))$.

Fix a point $p \in M$. Suppose that there exist a neighbourhood U of p and n smooth vector fields $E_1, \dots, E_n$ defined on U such that $\{E_1, \dots, E_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis at every point of U and $(\nabla_{E_i} E_j)(p) = 0$ for all i and j. Show that $\operatorname{div}X(p) = \sum_{i=1}^n E_i(f_i)(p)$ where $X = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i E_i$.

(b) Suppose M is orientable and let ω_g be its Riemannian volume form. For $i = 1, \dots, n$, let ω_i be the 1-forms on U defined by $\omega_i(E_j) = \delta_{ij}$, where $\{E_1, \dots, E_n\}$ is a frame as in (a) which is compatible with the orientation of M. Consider the $(n-1)$-forms $\theta_i := \omega_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{\omega}_i \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_n$, where $\widehat{\omega}_i$ indicates that the form ω_i is omitted from the product. Show that

$$\nu = \sum_i (-1)^{i+1} f_i \, \theta_i$$

where ν is the $(n-1)$-form defined by $\nu(Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1}) = \omega_g(X, Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1})$.

(c) Show that $d\nu = (\operatorname{div}X) \, \omega_g$.

[*You may assume that for any 1-form α, $d\alpha(X,Y) = X\alpha(Y) - Y\alpha(X) - \alpha([X,Y])$.*]

(d) Suppose M is compact and orientable and let f be any smooth function. Show that

$$\int_M X(f) \, \omega_g = -\int_M f \operatorname{div} X \, \omega_g .$$

3 Let A be a connection on a vector bundle E.

(a) Using local coordinates on the base manifold and a local trivialization of E, give an explicit local formula for the covariant derivative d_A induced by A and acting on the sections of E. Explain how to extend d_A, using an appropriate version of the Leibnitz rule, to the differential forms with values in E and to the differential forms with values in the endomorphism bundle $\operatorname{End} E$. For both cases, include explicit formulas for d_A in local trivializations.

(b) Define the curvature F of a connection A, showing that F is a well-defined 2-form with values in $\operatorname{End} E$. Prove that if σ be an E-valued r-form, then $d_A^2(\sigma) = F \wedge \sigma$.

(c) Prove the Bianchi identity $d_A F = 0$. By using the Bianchi identity or otherwise, show that if E is a vector bundle of rank 1, then F is a closed form and its de Rham cohomology class is independent of the choice of connection A.

[*Preliminary results on connections may be used without proof provided these are clearly stated.*]

4 Let M be a smooth n-dimensional manifold.

(a) Let $\widehat{M}$ be the set of pairs (p, o_p), where $p \in M$ and o_p is one of the two orientations of T_pM. Let $\pi : \widehat{M} \to M$ be $\pi(p, o_p) = p$. Given an open oriented set $U \subset M$ with orientation form $\omega \in \Omega^n(U)$ we let $\widehat{U} \subset \widehat{M}$ be the set of pairs (p, o_p), where $p \in U$ and o_p is the orientation of T_pM determined by ω_p. Show that $\widehat{M}$ has a topology such that $\widehat{U}$ is open and π maps $\widehat{U}$ homeomorphically onto U for every oriented open set $U \subset M$.

(b) Show that $\widehat{M}$ has a smooth structure such that π maps $\widehat{U}$ diffeomorphically onto U for every oriented open set $U \subset M$. Show that $\widehat{M}$ has a canonical orientation.

(c) Let M be a connected smooth manifold. Show that $\widehat{M}$ has at most two connected components and that M is orientable if and only if $\widehat{M}$ is not connected.

5 (a) State the Hodge decomposition theorem.

(b) Let M be a compact Riemannian manifold with $\operatorname{Ric} \geqslant 0$. Show that any harmonic 1-form is parallel. [*You may assume that if ω is a harmonic 1-form and X is the vector field dual to ω then,*

$$-\Delta\left(|\omega|^2/2\right) = |\nabla\omega|^2 + \operatorname{Ric}(X, X),$$

where Δ is the Laplace-Beltrami operator.]

(c) Show that a compact connected Riemannian manifold of dimension n with $\operatorname{Ric} \geqslant 0$ has first Betti number less than or equal to n. Give an example of a compact manifold of dimension $\geqslant 3$ which does not admit a metric of non-negative Ricci curvature.

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