

## Lecture 12

Last time

→ the bundle  $\Lambda^k T^*M$  and its sections  $\omega: M \rightarrow \Lambda^k T^*M$   
differential  $k$ -forms;  $\Omega^k(M)$  space of  $k$ -forms

→  $(U, \varphi)$  coordinate chart for  $M$

$$\omega|_U = \sum_{I \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \omega_I d\varphi^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\varphi^{i_k}$$

where  $\omega_I = \omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^{i_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^{i_k}}\right)$

→  $\Omega^k(M) = \left\{ \omega: \mathcal{X}(M)^k \rightarrow C^\infty(M) \mid \omega \text{ is alternating} \right\}$

→  $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$

$$X \lrcorner \omega \in \Omega^{k-1}(M)$$

→ given  $F: M \rightarrow N$  smooth we have

$$F^*: \Omega^k(N) \rightarrow \Omega^k(M)$$

Lemma

Let  $F: M \rightarrow N$  be smooth map between  $n$ -dimensional manifolds. Let  $(U, \varphi) \subseteq M$ ,  $(F(U) \subseteq V, \psi) \subseteq N$  smooth charts

$$\Rightarrow F^*(\psi^* d\psi^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\psi^{i_n}) = \psi^* \det\left(\frac{\partial \psi^j}{\partial \varphi^i}\right) d\varphi^1 \wedge \dots \wedge d\varphi^n$$



## → Exterior derivative

There exists an operator  $d: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M)$  which extends the usual differential of smooth functions  $d: C^\infty(M) = \Omega^0(M) \rightarrow \Omega^1(M)$

Let  $M = \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\hookrightarrow w \in \Omega^k(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad w = \sum_I w_I \underbrace{dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k}}_{dx^I}$$

We then define

$$dw := \sum_I dw_I \wedge dx^I$$

Proposition (Exercise)

(a)  $d$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear

(b)  $d(w \wedge \eta) = dw \wedge \eta + (-1)^{\deg w} w \wedge d\eta$

(c)  $d \circ d = 0$

(d)  $F^* d w = d(F^* w)$

Hint: After having observed (a), it is enough to prove the statements for forms

$$w = F dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k} \quad F \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

Theorem (14.24 Lee's book)

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold

$$\Rightarrow \exists! \underline{d}: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M)$$

having the property (a), (c), (d) above



proof [existence]

given a chart  $(U, \varphi) \in \mathcal{M}$  we want to define

$$d\omega|_U := \varphi^* (d(\varphi^{-1})^* \omega)$$

We need to show that the definition is well posed,  $\langle \Rightarrow \rangle$  does not depend from the choice of coordinates

(so we can glue!)

Let  $(U', \psi)$  another chart  $\varphi(U \cap U') \xrightarrow{\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}} \psi(U \cap U')$

$$\varphi^* (d(\varphi^{-1})^* \omega) = \varphi^* d((\psi^{-1} \circ \psi \circ \varphi^{-1})^* \omega) =$$

$$= \varphi^* d(\varphi^{-1*} \circ \psi^* \circ (\psi^{-1})^* \omega) =$$

$$= \varphi^* \circ (\varphi^{-1})^* \circ \psi^* d(\psi^{-1})^* \omega \quad \square$$

## § 12.1 Orientation on Manifolds

Definition: Let  $V$  be a vector space of  $\dim n$ . We say that two bases

$\langle e_1, \dots, e_n \rangle, \langle F_1, \dots, F_n \rangle$  are consistently oriented

if the matrix of the change of base

$$B = (B_i^j)_{i,j} \text{ s.t. } e_i = \sum B_i^j F_j \text{ satisfy}$$

$$\det B > 0$$



An orientation for  $V$  is an equivalence class of ordered basis  $\star$

$$\langle \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{O} : \{ \text{Basis of } V \} \rightarrow \{ \pm 1 \}$$

$$\langle b_1, \dots, b_n \rangle \rightarrow \text{sgn}$$

Example on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  we have a standard orientation  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{std}}$  induced by the equivalence class of the standard basis  $\langle e_1, \dots, e_n \rangle$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{std}} : \{ \text{Basis of } \mathbb{R}^n \} \rightarrow \{ \pm 1 \}$$

$$\langle b_1, \dots, b_n \rangle \mapsto \text{sgn}(\det B)$$

$\hookrightarrow$  An orientation  $\mathcal{O}$  on  $V$  is determined by its value at a base  $B$

Indeed,  $\forall$  other base  $B'$ ,  $\exists C \in GL(\dim V, \mathbb{R})$

$$B' = C \cdot B \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{O}(B') = \text{sgn}(\det(C)) \mathcal{O}(B)$$

$\hookrightarrow \exists$  exactly two possibilities:  $\mathcal{O}(B) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}$   
 $\mathcal{O}(B) = -1 \Leftrightarrow -\mathcal{O}$



## Important example

Fixing  $\omega \in \Lambda^n V^*$  defines an orientation  $\mathcal{O}_\omega$  on  $V$  by setting

$$\mathcal{O}_\omega(B) = \text{sgn}(\omega(B_1, \dots, B_n))$$

Given  $(V, \mathcal{O}_V)$ ,  $(W, \mathcal{O}_W)$  two oriented vector spaces of dim  $n$  and  $T: V \rightarrow W$  an isomorphism. Let  $\langle b_1, \dots, b_n \rangle$  be a base of  $V$  and  $\langle T(b_1), \dots, T(b_n) \rangle$  be a base of  $W$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_W(T(B)) = \text{sgn}(\det T_B) \cdot \mathcal{O}_V(B)$$

We say that  $T$  is orientation preserving if

$\text{sgn} T = 1$  and orientation reversing if  $\text{sgn} T = -1$ .

Definition: let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional manifold. An orientation  $\mathcal{O}$  on  $M$  is a function that to each  $p$  assigns

$$\mathcal{O}_p \text{ an orientation on } T_p M \quad \mathcal{O}: M \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$$
$$\mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_p: T_p M \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$$

We say that  $\mathcal{O}$  is continuous if

$\forall p \in M \exists$  a chart  $(U, \varphi)$  around  $p$

such that



The Function  $\mathcal{O}: U \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$   

$$P \mapsto \mathcal{O}_P \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^1}|_P, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^n}|_P \right)$$
 is constant on  $P \subseteq U_P \subseteq U$ .

IF  $M$  admits a continuous orientation  
 $\Rightarrow$  we say that  $M$  is orientable

We say that  $(M, \mathcal{O})$  is an oriented manifold.

### Important Remark

$\rightarrow$  explicit on what this is

• For  $\mathcal{O}$  a continuous orientation, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_P &:= \mathcal{O}_P \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^1}|_P, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^n}|_P \right) \\ &= \text{sgn} \left( D_P \varphi: (\mathbb{T}_P M, \mathcal{O}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\text{std}}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

• IF  $(U, \psi)$  is another chart around  $P$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(\psi) = \text{sgn} \det D\psi|_P (\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}) \mathcal{O}_P(\varphi)$$

is constant on a connected nbd of  $P$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(\psi)$  is constant on a nbd

$\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(\varphi)$  is constant on a neighborhood



⇒ The definition of continuity on  $\mathcal{O}$  is well posed, does not depend on the choice of chart

Definition: let  $\mathcal{A} = \{(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)\}$  a smooth atlas for  $M$ . We define a orientation-signed atlas to be  $\mathcal{A}$  together with

$$s: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$$

$$(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha) \mapsto s(\varphi_\alpha) = \mathcal{O}_p \left( \frac{\partial \varphi_\alpha}{\partial x} \Big|_p \right) = \text{sgn}(\det D_p \varphi)$$

⇒  $s$  satisfy

$$s(\psi) = \text{sgn} \det(D_p \varphi) \varphi \circ \psi^{-1} \Big|_p s(\varphi)$$

A smooth atlas is said to be consistently oriented if  $\varphi_\beta \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1}$  has positive determinant on all of  $\varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$

Proposition (15.6 Lee; 7.1.8 Notes)

Let  $M$  a smooth manifold.

- 1) let  $(\mathcal{A}, s)$  a consistently oriented atlas  
 ⇒  $\exists!$   $\mathcal{O}$  orientation on  $M$  st.  $\mathcal{O}_p(\varphi) > 0 \forall \varphi_\alpha$
- 2) Viceverse, IF  $M$  is oriented  
 ⇒  $\mathcal{A}$  collection of (positively) oriented



smooth atlas is a consistently oriented atlas.

### proof

(1) Let  $(A, s)$  consistently oriented, then for  $(U, \varphi) \in \mathcal{A}$ , define  $\mathcal{O}_p(\varphi)$  to be the unique orientation on  $\mathbb{T}_p M$  s.t.  $D_p \varphi$  has positive sign

$\hookrightarrow$  this gives because on the overlaps the sign is the same.

(2) If  $M$  is oriented, given any chart, either  $\varphi$  or  $-\varphi$  is positively oriented

By choosing all the charts in such a way that they are positively oriented, their transition function will have positive determinant.

□



### Proposition (15.5 Lee; 7.1.1 Notes)

Let  $M$  be a smooth  $n$ -dimensional

(1) manifold. Let  $\omega \in \Omega^n(M)$  a nowhere vanishing form. Then  $\omega$  defines an orientation

$$\mathcal{O}_p M \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$$

$$p \mapsto \mathcal{O}_p(\omega|_{v_1}, \dots, v_n) = \text{sgn}(\omega(v_1, \dots, v_n))$$

(2) Every orientation on a smooth manifold is the  $\text{sgn}$  of a nowhere vanishing  $n$ -form.

### proof

(1) we only need to check continuity of

$$\mathcal{O}_p(v_1, \dots, v_n) := \text{sgn} \omega_p(v_1, \dots, v_n)$$

$\Rightarrow \exists \forall p \in (U, \varphi)$  s.t.  $\text{sgn} \omega_p(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}|_p, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}|_p)$  is constant.

on  $U$ ,  $\omega = f dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n$   $f$  continuous

$\Rightarrow$  up to shrinking  $U$ , we can assume it is connected  $\Rightarrow$  since  $f \neq 0 \forall p \in U$  by NP

$\Rightarrow \text{sgn}(f)$  is constant on  $U$

$\Rightarrow \text{sgn} \omega(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}) = \text{sgn } f$  is const on  $U$

□



(2) Vice versa, we want to construct  $\omega$  up to passing to a refinement of  $A = \{U, \varphi\}$  we can assume all  $U$  are connected.

$\Rightarrow$  IF  $\mathcal{O}$  is a continuous orientation

$$\Rightarrow \omega: U \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_p \left( \frac{\partial \varphi^1}{\partial x^1} \Big|_p, \dots, \frac{\partial \varphi^n}{\partial x^n} \Big|_p \right) = \omega_p(\varphi)$$

is constant.

$\Rightarrow \forall \varphi$  we can define a non vanishing form

$$\omega_\varphi = \omega(\varphi) dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n.$$

$\Rightarrow$  Choose  $\{\eta_\varphi\}_{\varphi \in A}$  a partition of unity subordinated to  $\{U_\varphi\}_{\varphi \in A}$

$\Rightarrow$  We can define a global  $n$ -form

$$\omega = \sum_{\varphi \in A} \eta_\varphi \omega_\varphi$$

We are left to check that  $\omega$  is not vanishing anywhere and that

$$\mathcal{O}_p = \text{sgn } \omega_p$$



let  $\langle b_1, \dots, b_n \rangle = \tau_p M$

$$w_p(b_1, \dots, b_n) = \sum_{\varphi \in A} \underbrace{\eta_\varphi(p)}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{w_{\varphi|_p}(b)}_{\text{have sign } \varphi_p(b) \forall \varphi}$$

and not all 0 since they sum to 1  
at  $p$



$M$  is orientable  $\Leftrightarrow$  it admits a volume form, i.e.  
 $w \in \Omega^n(M)$   
nonzero everywhere

Important example

$S \hookrightarrow (M, \omega)$  an embedded hypersurface in an oriented  $n+1$  dimensional manifold

$\Rightarrow$  A transverse vector field  $Y$  on  $S$

[i.e.  $Y: S \rightarrow TM \mid Y_p \in T_p M \setminus T_p S \quad \forall p \in S$ ]

induces an orientation

$$\mathcal{O}_p^Y(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \mathcal{O}_p(Y, X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

Example on  $S^2$ , take  $N = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$

$\Rightarrow N$  is transverse for  $S^2$

What is the associated volume form?



## § 12.2 Integration

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold,  $\omega \in \Omega^n(M)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{supp } \omega = \{p \in M \mid \omega_p \neq 0\}$$

Definition: Let  $(M, \theta)$  be oriented manifold

$\omega \in \Omega^n(M)$  s.t.  $\text{supp } \omega$  is compact  
and  $\text{supp } \omega \subseteq (U, \varphi)$  coordinate chart

$\Rightarrow$  The integral of  $\omega$  is defined to be

$$\int_M \omega := \text{sgn } \theta \int_U \varphi^* \omega = \text{sgn } \varphi \int_{\varphi(U)} h dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

### Proposition

The integral is independent from the choice of chart.

### proof

• Let also  $\varphi: U' \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow M$ ,  $\psi: V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow M$ .

Up to shrinking  $U', V$  if necessary,

we can assume that

$$\varphi(U) = \psi(V).$$



• write  $\sigma: \varphi \circ \psi: V \rightarrow U$ , this is a diffeomorphism because it's a change of chart. And

$$\text{sgn } \psi = \text{sgn } \varphi \cdot \text{sgn}(\det D\sigma)$$

• Write  $\varphi^* \omega = h dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n$   
 $\psi^* \omega = g dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^n \Rightarrow g = h(\sigma(y)) \det D_x \sigma$

$$\Rightarrow \text{sgn } \varphi \int \varphi^* \omega = \text{sgn } \varphi \int h(x) dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n =$$

change of variable

$$= \text{sgn } \varphi \int h(\sigma(y)) \|\det D_x \sigma\| dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^n$$

$\text{sgn}^2 = 1$

$$= \text{sgn } \varphi \cdot \text{sgn}(\det D_x \sigma) \int h(\sigma(y)) \det D_x \sigma dy$$

$$= \text{sgn } \psi \int g dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^n$$

$$= \text{sgn } \psi \int \psi^* \omega$$

On  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , if the standard chart, the orientation has  $\text{sgn} = +1$



Definition :  $(M, \omega)$  oriented.

Let  $\omega \in \Omega^n(M)$  s.t.  $\text{supp } \omega$  is compact

Let  $\{(U_i, \varphi_i^{-1})\}$  atlas of a consistently oriented atlas covering  $\text{supp } \omega$ , and

Let  $(x_i)_i$  be a partition of unity subordinate to  $U_i$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{(M, \omega)} \omega = \sum_i \int_{(M, \omega)} x_i \omega$$

where  $\int_M x_i \omega = \text{sgn}(\varphi_i) \int_{\varphi_i(U_i)} \varphi_i^*(x_i \omega)$

Proposition

The above definition is well posed. It does not depend on the choice of atlas nor on the partition of unity

Proof

$$\sum_j \int_M x_j \omega \stackrel{\substack{\text{finite sum can write} \\ \text{integral}}}{=} \sum_j \int_M \sum_i x_i x_j \omega = \sum_{i,j} \int_M x_i x_j \omega$$

do not depend from the chart!