

Differential forms, orientability,  
integration on manifolds

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**Exercise 1.**

1. Show that a parallelizable manifold is orientable.
2. Show that the product of two orientable manifolds is orientable.
3. Show that the tangent bundle  $TM$  of a manifold  $M$  is an orientable manifold.

**Exercise 2.**

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

1. Show that the sphere  $\mathbb{S}^n$  is orientable. Is the diffeomorphism  $x \mapsto -x$  orientation preserving?
2. Is the projective space  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  orientable?

**Exercise 3.**

Let  $X = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$  and  $\omega = dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Define  $\alpha$  by

$$\forall Y, Z \in \Gamma(\mathbb{R}^3), \quad \alpha(Y, Z) = \frac{1}{3} \omega(X, Y, Z)$$

1. Show that  $\alpha$  is a differential form of degree 2. Give an expression of  $\alpha$  in the basis  $\{dx \wedge dy, dy \wedge dz, dz \wedge dx\}$ .
2. Does there exist  $\beta \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $\alpha = d\beta$ ?
3. Let  $B$  be the open unit ball of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Compute  $\int_B d\alpha$ .
4. Let  $i: \mathbb{S}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the inclusion of the unit sphere. Compute  $\int_{\mathbb{S}^2} i^* \alpha$ .

**Exercise 4.**

1. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^*$  be defined as  $f(t) = e^t$ . Compute  $f^*\left(\frac{dx}{x}\right)$ .
2. Let  $f: (0, +\infty) \times (0, 2\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  be defined as  $f(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$ . Compute  $f^*(dx \wedge dy)$ .

**Exercise 5.**

Let  $M = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ . Consider the differential form of degree 1  $\alpha = -\frac{y}{x^2+y^2} dx + \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} dy$ .

1. Compute  $d\alpha$ .
2. Let  $C_0$  be the circle centered at the origin of radius 1 and  $C_1$  be the circle centered at  $(3, 0)$  of radius 2. Let  $i_0$  and  $i_1$  be the respective inclusion maps. Compute  $\int_{C_0} i_0^* \alpha$  and  $\int_{C_1} i_1^* \alpha$ .