

1. Lee 14-6 [Second Edition]

Define a 2-form  $\omega$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by

$$\omega = xdy \wedge dz + ydz \wedge dx + zdx \wedge dy.$$

(a) Compute  $\omega$  in spherical coordinates  $(\rho, \varphi, \theta)$  defined by

$$(x, y, z) = (\rho \sin \varphi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \varphi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \varphi).$$

(b) Compute  $d\omega$  in both Cartesian and spherical coordinates and verify that both expressions represent the same 3-form.

(c) Compute the pullback  $\iota_{S^2}^* \omega$  to  $S^2$ , using coordinates  $(\varphi, \theta)$  on the open subset where these coordinates are defined.

(d) Show that  $\iota_{S^2}^* \omega$  is nowhere zero.

2. Lee 14-7 [Second Edition]

Let  $M = \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $N = \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\omega = ydz \wedge dx$ , and  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is the smooth map defined by

$$F(\theta, \varphi) = ((\cos \varphi + 2) \cos \theta, (\cos \varphi + 2) \sin \theta, \sin \varphi).$$

Compute  $d\omega$  and  $F^*\omega$ . Observe that it is possible to verify by direct computation that  $F^*(d\omega) = d(F^*\omega)$ , but do not do so.

3. Check in local coordinates that if  $\alpha$  is a 1-form and  $V$  and  $W$  are vector fields on  $M$ , then

$$d\alpha(V, W) = V\alpha(W) - W\alpha(V) - \alpha([V, W]).$$

4. Lee 19-1 [Second Edition]

Show that a smooth distribution  $D \subset TM$  is involutive if and only if  $\mathcal{I}(D)$  is a differential ideal.

( $\Rightarrow$ ): Use Prop 14.32. ( $\Leftarrow$ ): Use Theorem 19.7.

\* Which problems provided a worthwhile learning experience? How many hours did you spend on it?