Mathematics G4402x Modern Geometry

Assignment #6

Due November 25, 2013

1. (a) An isomorphism of oriented vector spaces is said to be *orientation-preserving* if it takes oriented bases to oriented bases, and *orientation-reversing* otherwise. If $F: M \to N$ is a diffeomorphism of connected manifolds, show that D_pF is either everywhere orientation-preserving or everywhere orientation-reversing. (If the former, F itself is said to be orientation-preserving.)

(b) For which n is the antipodal map $F: S^n \to S^n$ given by F(v) = -v orientation-preserving?

- **2.** Let a finite group Γ act smoothly and freely on a connected oriented manifold M.
 - (a) Show that the pullback induces an isomorphism

 $\Omega^k(M/\Gamma) \cong \{\nu \in \Omega^k(M) \, | \, \gamma^* \nu = \nu \text{ for all } \gamma \in \Gamma \}.$

(b) Show that M/Γ is orientable if and only if the action of every $\gamma \in \Gamma$ is orientationpreserving.

(c) Use the quotient map from S^n to show that \mathbb{RP}^n is orientable if and only if n is odd.

- **3.** If M is a manifold and 0 is a regular value of $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$, show that $f^{-1}[0,\infty)$ is a manifold with boundary.
- **4.** If μ and ν are closed forms, show that $\mu \wedge \nu$ is closed. If, in addition, ν is exact, show that $\mu \wedge \nu$ is exact.
- 5. Sketch how the ordinary Divergence Theorem in \mathbb{R}^3 may be obtained as a special case of the general Stokes's Theorem.
- 6. Let $\omega \in \Omega^{n-1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Prove that ω is closed if and only if its integral over every (n-1)-sphere is zero (regardless of the center and radius).
- 7. Let $\nu \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus (0,0))$ be the form " $d\theta$ " discussed in class, namely

$$\nu = \frac{x\,dy - y\,dx}{x^2 + y^2}$$

Determine $\int_{S} \nu$ and $\int_{T} \nu$, where S and T are circles of radius 5, oriented counterclockwise, with centers at (1, 2) and (7, 2) respectively. Explain your reasoning.

8. (Only for those who have never studied differential forms before.) Make sure you know how to integrate differential forms in practice by parametrizing a specific, nontrivial 1-manifold with boundary (e.g. a helix) in \mathbb{R}^3 and integrating a specific, nontrivial $\nu \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ over it. Same for a 2-manifold with boundary in \mathbb{R}^3 (e.g. a hemisphere) and a 2-form.