
Homework Set 8

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The following three problems are intended to inspire a discussion. The goal is to understand how to approach these questions. We will thus not present "complete" solutions.

Problem 1

(i) Repeat the definition of Sobolev mappings/functions and their basic properties: embedding into C^k -spaces (when is it compact?), products of Sobolev functions.

(ii) The following fact is useful for the next problems.

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ be an open set, $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a smooth map. Let $C > 0$, $p > 2$. Show that F induces a map $F : W^{1,p}([-C, C] \times S^1, U) \rightarrow W^{1,p}([-C, C] \times S^1, \mathbb{R}^n)$ defined by composition $u \mapsto F \circ u$. Moreover, this map is smooth.

Problem 2

Let (M, g) be a closed Riemannian manifold. Denote by $\exp_p : T_p \rightarrow M$ the exponential map, $p \in M$.

(i) Let $u \in W^{1,p}([-C, C] \times S^1, M)$ and $\xi \in W^{1,p}([-C, C] \times S^1, u^*TM)$. We define $\exp_u(\xi) : [-C, C] \times S^1 \rightarrow M$ by

$$\exp_u(\xi)(s, t) := \exp_{u(s,t)}(\xi(s, t)).$$

Show that $\exp_u(\xi)(s, t) \in W^{1,p}([-C, C] \times S^1, M)$ and that for $\epsilon > 0$ small enough the restriction

$$\exp_u : B_\epsilon \rightarrow W^{1,p}([-C, C] \times S^1, M)$$

for the ball $B_\epsilon \subset W^{1,p}([-C, C] \times S^1, T^*M)$ is a 1-1 smooth map onto an open neighbourhood U_u of $u \in W^{1,p}([-C, C] \times S^1, M)$.

(ii) The goal is to show that the maps of (i) define a smooth atlas which turn $W^{1,p}([-C, C] \times S^1, M)$ into a smooth Banach manifold. One way could be to show that for $u, v \in ([-C, C] \times S^1, M)$ on the open subset $\exp_u^{-1}(U_u \cap U_v)$ the composition $\exp_v \circ \exp_u^{-1}$ is differentiable.

(iii) Alternatively, one could proceed as follows. Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ be a smooth embedding, $V \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ a tubular neighborhood of M and $p : V \rightarrow M$ be a differentiable map such that $p|_M = \text{id}_M$. Show that

$$\exp_u^{-1} \circ p : p^{-1}(U_u) \subset W^{1,p}([-C, C] \times S^1, \mathbb{R}^N) \rightarrow ([-C, C] \times S^1, T^*M)$$

is differentiable.

(iv) Show that the space of maps $\mathcal{B}^p(x, y) := W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R} \times S^1, M)$ consisting of $u : \mathbb{R} \times S^1 \rightarrow M$ which are in $u \in W_{\text{loc}}^{1,p}$ and that $\lim_{s \rightarrow -\infty} u(s, \cdot) = x : S^1 \rightarrow M$ and $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} u(s, \cdot) = y : S^1 \rightarrow M$ such that for $C > 0$ sufficiently large $\exp_x^{-1}(u|_{(-\infty, -C]}) \in W^{1,p}((-\infty, -C], x^*TM)$ and $\exp_y^{-1}(u|_{[C, \infty})) \in W^{1,p}([C, \infty), y^*TM)$ for given smooth maps x, y is a Banach manifold. x, y are not necessarily periodic solutions of Hamilton's equation.

Problem 3

Let U_u be as in Problem 1. For $v = \exp_u(\xi) \in U_u$, $\xi \in W^{1,p}([-C, C] \times S^1, u^*TM)$ denote by $P_{u,v} : u^*TM \rightarrow v^*TM$ the parallel transport along the family of geodesics $\{\tau \mapsto \exp_{u(s,t)}(\tau\xi(s, t))\}_{s,t}$. Then this defines a continuous linear map $P_{u,v} : L^p(u^*TM) \rightarrow L^p(v^*TM)$ and via

$U_u \times L^p(u^*TM) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{E}|_{U_u}$ given by $(u, \eta) \rightarrow P_{u,v}(\eta)$ a trivialization of the bundle \mathcal{E} . Show that the transition maps of this trivialization depend smoothly on the base point.