

1. Lee SECOND 9-3. (8 points)

Compute the flow of each of the following vector fields on \mathbb{R}^2 :

(a) $V = y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$

(b) $W = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 2y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$

(c) $X = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$

(d) $Y = x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

2. Lee SECOND 9-16. (3 points)

Give an example of smooth vector fields V, \tilde{V} , and W on \mathbb{R}^2 such that

$$V = \tilde{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

along the x -axis but

$$\mathcal{L}_V W \neq \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{V}} W$$

at the origin. Remark: this shows that it is really necessary to know the vector field V to compute $(\mathcal{L}_V W)_p$; it is not sufficient just to know the vector V_p , or even to know the values of V along an integral curve of V .

3. Lee SECOND 9-17. (6 points)

For each k -tuple of vector fields on \mathbb{R}^3 shown below, either find smooth coordinates (s^1, s^2, s^3) in a neighborhood of $(1, 0, 0)$ such that $V_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial s^i}$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$ or explain why there are none.

(a) ($k = 2$); $V_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$, $V_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$

(b) ($k = 2$); $V_1 = (x + 1)\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - (y + 1)\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$, $V_2 = (x + 1)\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (y + 1)\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$

(c) ($k = 3$); $V_1 = x\frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$, $V_2 = y\frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$, $V_3 = z\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$

4. Lee SECOND 9-18. (3 points)

Define vector fields X and Y on the plane as in (1) by

$$X = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \quad Y = x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

Recall that you computed the flows ϕ and ψ of X and Y . Now verify that the flows do not commute by finding explicit open intervals I and J containing 0 such that $\phi_s \circ \psi_t$ and $\psi_t \circ \phi_s$ are both defined for all $(s, t) \in I \times J$, but they are unequal for some such (s, t) .

5. How difficult was this assignment?