

Math 411

Let $f: M \rightarrow N$. Show that the ordinary derivative glues together to give a mapping $df := f' := f_* : TM \rightarrow TN$.

Solution / Take charts (U, h) at $p \in M$ and (V, k) at $f(p) \in N$ with $U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$. So $TM \cong \pi_m^{-1}(U) \cong U \times \mathbb{R}^m \cong h(U) \times \mathbb{R}^m$
 $TN \cong \pi_N^{-1}(V) \cong V \times \mathbb{R}^n \cong k(V) \times \mathbb{R}^n$. Define

$$f_* : h(U) \times \mathbb{R}^m \longrightarrow k(V) \times \mathbb{R}^n$$
$$(x, v) \longmapsto ((k \circ f \circ h^{-1})(x), (k \circ f \circ h^{-1})'(x) v).$$

To show that f_* , here defined locally, glues together, take two pairs of charts (U_i, h_i) , (V_i, k_i) with $U_i \subseteq f^{-1}(V_i)$, $i = 1, 2$, then

note that we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h_1(U_1 \cap U_2) \times \mathbb{R}^m & \xrightarrow{(k_1 f_{h_1}^{-1}, (k_1 f_{h_1}^{-1})')} & k_1(V_1 \cap V_2) \times \mathbb{R}^n \\ (h_2 h_1^{-1}, (h_2 h_1^{-1})') \downarrow & \parallel & \downarrow (k_2 k_1^{-1}, (k_2 k_1^{-1})') \\ h_2(U_1 \cap U_2) \times \mathbb{R}^m & \xrightarrow{(k_2 f_{h_2}^{-1}, (k_2 f_{h_2}^{-1})')} & k_2(V_1 \cap V_2) \times \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$