

第二十四讲

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Conjugate points

Jacobi fields $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow M^n$ geodesic

V is a vector field along γ s.t.

$$\nabla_T \nabla_T V + R(V, T)T = 0 \quad (\star)$$

Jacobi field Then we call V a Jacobi field.

V is determined by $V(a), \nabla_T V(a) \in T_{\gamma(a)} M^n$

dimension of the linear space of Jacobi field along γ

$$= 2n$$

$$\begin{aligned} A: J_\gamma &\longrightarrow T_{\gamma(a)} M \times T_{\gamma(b)} M \\ U &\mapsto \left(\underbrace{U(a)}, \underbrace{\nabla_T U(a)}_{\sum_{i=1}^n a^i U_i} \right) \quad a^i \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

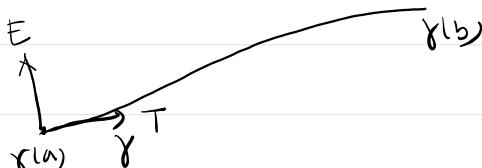
linear, injective, \uparrow uniqueness surjective, \uparrow existence

$\Rightarrow A$ is a linear isometry $\Rightarrow \dim J_\gamma = 2n$.

$$\{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n\} \subset T_{\gamma(a)} M$$

orthonormal

Parallel transport



$\{\bar{E}_1(t), \bar{E}_2(t), \dots, \bar{E}_n(t)\} \leftarrow$ frame field along γ

$\forall V \subset$ vector field along γ

$$V(t) = \sum_i f_i(t) E_i(t)$$

$\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow M$ geodesic $T(t) := \dot{\gamma}(t)$

$f(t) T(t)$ is Jacobi iff f linear.

$$f(t) = at + b, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$(at + b) T(t)$ is a Jacobi field.

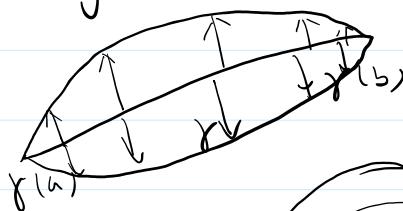
$$\{(at + b) T(t), \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$+ T$, $\textcircled{1}$ linearly indep. in the space

$t \in T$, $\gamma(t)$ linearly indep. in the space

U Jacob: field with
 $U(a) = U(b) = 0$

not identically zero



U is a Jacobian field

$\nabla_{\gamma} U = 0$, \forall vector field along γ with $U(a) = U(b) = 0$

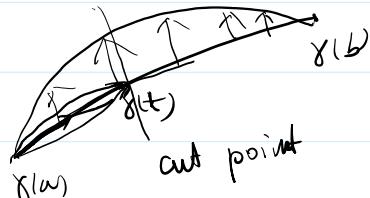


$$\boxed{\nabla_{\gamma} U = 0}$$

Definition. (conjugate point)

Let $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow M^n$ be a geodesic

For $t_0, t_1 \in [a, b]$, if \exists a Jacobian field $U(t)$ along γ that does not vanish identically, but satisfies $U(a) = U(b) = 0$



Then t_0, t_1 are called conjugate values along γ

We call $\gamma(t_0), \gamma(t_1)$ are conjugate points along γ .

The multiplicity of t_0 and t_1 as conjugate values is defined as the dimension of the vector space

$$J'_\gamma = \{ U \text{ a Jacobian field along } \gamma : U(a) = U(b) = 0 \}.$$

Remark: $\dim J'_\gamma \leq n-1$

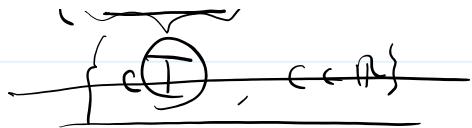
$$\boxed{J'_\gamma = \{ U \text{ a Jacobian field along } \gamma : U(a) = U(b) = 0 \}}$$

$$J'_\gamma \subset \{ U \text{ Jacob: } U(a) = 0 \} \text{ vector space of dimension } n$$

$$\left\{ c(t-a)T, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \neq J'_\gamma$$

$$\left\{ cT, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

□

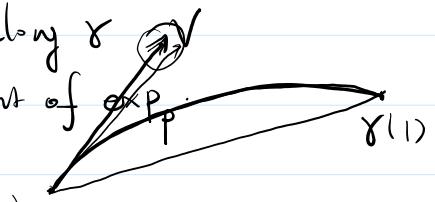


□

Thm. Let $\gamma: [0,1] \rightarrow M$ be a geodesic with $\gamma(0) = p \in M$.

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) = V \in T_p M. \quad (\text{i.e. } \gamma(t) = \exp_p tV, \quad t \in [0,1])$$

Then 0 and 1 are conjugate values along γ
if and only if V is a critical point of \exp_p .



Rmk.: $\exp_p: T_p M \rightarrow M$

$$\text{If } V \in T_p M, \text{ s.t. } d\exp_p(V) : T_V(T_p M) \xrightarrow{\text{in}} T_{\exp_p(V)} M$$

$$\text{If } \exists V \in T_p M, \text{ s.t. } \exists X \in T_V(T_p M),$$

$$d\exp_p(V)(X) = 0$$

then we call V a critical point of \exp_p . □

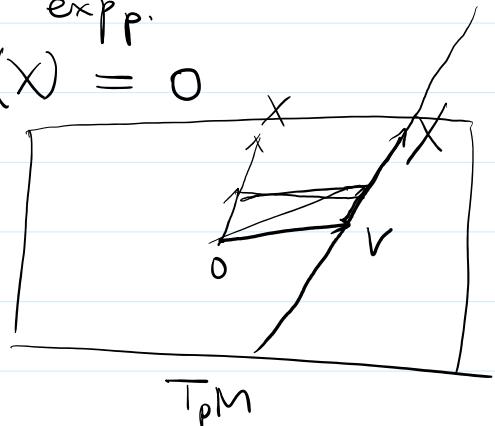
Proof. " \Leftarrow " Suppose V is a critical point of \exp_p .

$$\exists X \in T_V(T_p M), \text{ s.t. } d\exp_p(V)(X) = 0$$

$$F: [0,1] \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$$

$$F(t, s) := \exp_p + \underbrace{(V + sX)}$$

(Let $c^{(s)}$ be a curve in $T_p M$ s.t.)
 $c(0) = V, \quad \dot{c}(0) = X$



$$F(t, s) := \exp_p + c(s)$$

$U(t) := \frac{\partial F}{\partial s}(t, 0)$ is a Jacobi field.

$$U(0) = \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial s}(t, 0) \right|_{t=0} = \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial s}(t, s) \right|_{t=0, s=0} = \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial s}(0, s) \right|_{s=0}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\nabla_T U(0) = \left. \frac{D}{Dt} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial s}(t, 0) \right) \right|_{t=0} = \left. \frac{D}{Dt} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial s}(t, s) \right) \right|_{t=0, s=0}$$

$$= \left. \frac{D}{Ds} \underbrace{\frac{\partial F}{\partial t}(t, s)}_{c(s)} \right|_{t=0, s=0} = \left. \frac{D}{Ds} c^{(s)} \right|_{s=0} = \dot{c}(0) = X$$

$\Rightarrow U$ is not identically zero.

$$\underline{\exp} : \underline{T_p M} \rightarrow M$$

$$c(s)$$

$$U(1) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial s}(1, 0) = \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right|_{s=0} \exp_p + c(s) \Big|_{t=1}$$

$$= \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right|_{s=0} \exp_p \underset{c(s)}{\approx} = d(\exp_p)(c(0))(c'(0))$$

$$= d \exp_p(V) \underset{=}{} = 0 \quad \square$$

" \Rightarrow " \exists U Jacobi $U(0)=U(1) \Rightarrow$ 例 14: 55
 $U \neq 0$

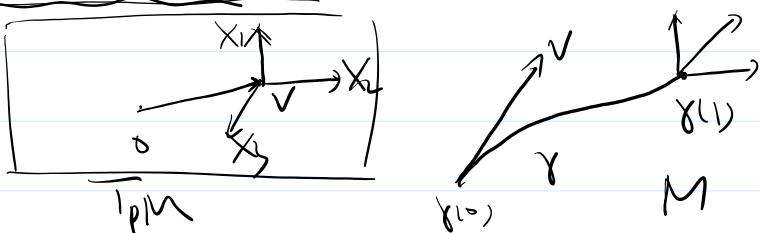
$\Rightarrow V \in \underline{T_p M}$ is a critical point of $\underline{\exp}$

Suppose V is not a critical point, i.e.

$$d\exp_p(V) : \underline{T_v(T_p M)} \rightarrow \underline{T_{\exp_p(V)} M}$$

If $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \underline{T_v(T_p M)}$ are linearly independent vectors,

then $d\exp_p(V)(X_i), i=1, \dots, n \in \underline{T_{\gamma(1)} M}$ are also linearly independent.



$$F_i(t, s)$$

$$:= \exp_p + (V + s X_i)$$

\hookrightarrow Jacobi field $U_i(t)$

$$i=1, \dots, n$$

$$\text{Recall } \begin{cases} U_i(0) = 0 \\ \nabla_T U_i(0) = X_i \end{cases}$$

$U_1(t), \dots, U_n(t)$ linearly independent Jacobi field

$$U_i(0) = 0$$

$$\dim \{ U \text{ Jacobi along } \gamma \text{ with } U(0) = 0 \} = \underline{T_p M}$$

$$\forall i \quad U_i(1) = \underline{d\exp_p(V)(X_i)} \neq 0$$

$\forall U$ Jacobi along γ with $U(0) = 0$, we have

$\forall U$ such along γ with $U(\gamma) = 0$, we have

$$U(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^i U_i(t)$$

$$U(1) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^i \underbrace{\exp_p(\gamma(t))}_{l.i.} \neq 0.$$

□

Index form: $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow M$ Jordan's

$$I(V, W) = \int_a^b (\langle \nabla_T V, \nabla_T W \rangle - \langle R(W, T)V, T \rangle) dt$$

\bullet : $V(t), W(t) \in C^\infty$ vector field along $\gamma(t)$

\mathcal{V}

$$\nabla \underline{V}(t) + \underline{d}W(t)$$



$$+ \underline{V}(t)$$

$$\underline{V}(t)$$

$$I : \underline{\mathcal{V}} \times \underline{\mathcal{V}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

symmetric
bilinear

Morse Index Theorem

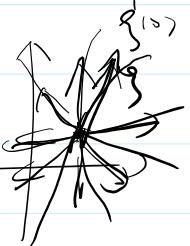
$$\mathbb{R}^n$$

$$f : \underline{\mathbb{R}^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

minimal

$$p \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$\nabla f(p) = 0$ Consider a curve γ in \mathbb{R}^n , $\gamma(s) = p \in \mathbb{R}^n$



$$\frac{d}{ds} f(\gamma(s)) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2}{ds^2} f(\gamma(s)) \Big|_{s=0} = \text{Hess } f(\dot{\gamma}(0), \dot{\gamma}(0))$$

Hess f (v, v) > 0 , $\forall v \in T_p \mathbb{R}^n$, $v \neq 0$

$$\text{Hess } f(v, w) = \frac{1}{2} (\text{Hess } f(v+w, v+w) - \text{Hess } f(v, v) - \text{Hess } f(w, w))$$

$$\text{Hess } f : \underline{T_p \mathbb{R}^n} \times \underline{T_p \mathbb{R}^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

Space: $\mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{all curves } c: [a, b] \rightarrow M \\ c(a) = p, c(b) = q \end{array} \right\}$



γ (A) $C(a)=p, C(b)=q$

function: $E: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\gamma_s(t) = F(t, s)$$

E minimal at γ ?

$\{\gamma_s(t), s \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)\}$
is a curve in \mathcal{C}

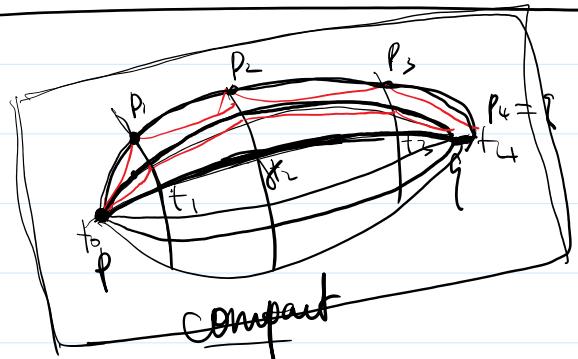
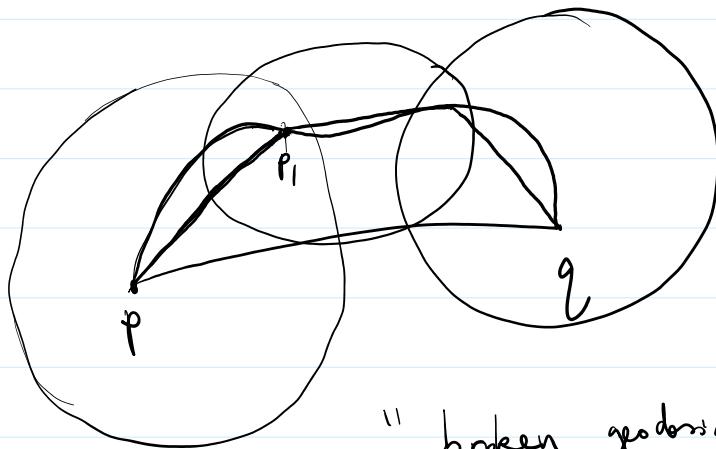
$$E(s) = E(\gamma_s)$$

$$E'(0) = 0 \rightarrow \text{geodetic}$$

$$E''(0) = I(V, V) = \text{Hess } E(V, V)$$

$$\text{Hess } E(W, W) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \text{Hess } E(V+W, V+W) - \text{Hess } E(V, V) - \text{Hess } E(W, W) \right\}$$

$$\text{Hess } E: \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



$$\text{"broken geodesics"} \quad \gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow M$$

$$F: [a, b] \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\gamma_s: [a, b] \rightarrow M}$$

$$a = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_k < t_{k+1} = b$$

$F(t, s)$ vs γ_s p "broken geodesic"

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{broken geodesic}} = M^n \times M^n \times \dots \times M^n$$

$$\text{"Hausdorff". } M^n \times \mathcal{V}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{"Hest": } \mathcal{V}_{bg} \times \mathcal{V}_{bg} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Index form finite dim'l vector space

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