

Exercise sheet 1

Exercise 1.

- (a) Let $F: M \rightarrow N$ be a diffeomorphism between smooth manifolds M and N and let $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ be vector fields on M . Show that

$$DF([X, Y]) = [DF(X), DF(Y)]$$

where for all $p \in M$, $(DF(X))_{F(p)} = DF_p(X_p)$.

- (b) Let G be a Lie group and let $X \in \mathfrak{X}^G(G)$ be a left-invariant vector field on G . Show that

$$(ab) \cdot X_c = a \cdot (b \cdot X_c)$$

for all $a, b, c \in G$, where $a \cdot X_b := (DL_a)_b(X_b)$.

Exercise 2. *Lie algebras associated to Lie groups.* Let G be a Lie group. Show that the Lie algebra associated to G , defined as $\mathfrak{g} := T_{\text{id}}G$ with Lie bracket induced by the commutator of vector fields via the isomorphism $\mathfrak{X}^G(G) \simeq T_{\text{id}}G$, is indeed a Lie algebra.

Exercise 3. Prove that the groups

$$\text{SO}(n), \text{Sp}_{\frac{n}{2}}(\mathbb{R}), \text{U}(n), \text{SU}(n), \text{SL}_n(\mathbb{R}), \text{SL}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

are Lie subgroups of $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ or $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$ for at least two of these groups. (Here $\text{Sp}_{\frac{n}{2}}$ is only defined for even n .) Determine their dimension and their tangent space at the identity and prove that the tangent space at the identity is closed under the commutator of matrices.

Exercise 4. *Matrix Lie groups as closed submanifolds.* Recall that a *matrix Lie group* is a Lie subgroup of $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$ which is closed in $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$. Prove or disprove the following claim:

A matrix Lie group $G \subset \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C}) \subset \text{Mat}_{\mathbb{C}}(n \times n)$ is also a closed submanifold of $\text{Mat}_{\mathbb{C}}(n \times n)$.

Exercise 5. *Low-dimensional Lie algebras.*

- (a) Show that up to isomorphism there is a unique non-Abelian Lie algebra of dimension 2.
- (b) Give at least three (mutually non-isomorphic) examples of non-Abelian Lie algebras of dimension 3.