

Homework 1

Geometrical methods in theoretical physics HT-11

1. Consider 3-dimensional manifold M . In analogy with \mathbb{R}^3 define on M the operators of divergence ($div \vec{v}$), curl ($rot \vec{v}$), and gradient ($grad f$) in terms of exterior derivative, d , its adjoint d^\dagger , etc. You will need to use the metric on M to relate vectors and one-forms, and $*$ to identify two-forms with one-forms. Can you comment on the relations $rot grad f = 0$ and $div rot \vec{v} = 0$? Are they true for a general 3-manifold?

2. Consider the complex projective space $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2$ which is defined as collection of 3 complex coordinates

$$(z_1, z_2, z_3) \in \mathbb{C}^3 - \{0\}$$

together with the identification

$$(z_1, z_2, z_3) \sim (\lambda z_1, \lambda z_2, \lambda z_3), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \lambda \neq 0.$$

Please, show that $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2$ is a complex manifold by giving explicitly the holomorphic atlas. Explain why $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2$ is a quotient $S^5/U(1)$.

3. Take \mathbb{R}^3 and remove the origin. Calculate the de Rham cohomology groups $H^\bullet(M, \mathbb{R})$ for this manifold $M = \mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\}$.

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