

HOMEWORK

I. Let U be a vector space. $\Omega \in \bigwedge^p(U^*)$ is said to be *divisible* by $\lambda \in \bigwedge^q(U^*)$ if there exists $\mu \in \bigwedge^{p-q}(U^*)$ such that $\Omega = \lambda \wedge \mu$.

(A) Prove that $\Omega \in \bigwedge^q(U^*)$ is divisible by $\lambda \in \bigwedge^1(U^*)$ iff $\Omega \wedge \lambda = 0$.

(B) Let $\lambda, \mu \in \bigwedge^1(U^*)$ be linearly independent. Prove that Ω is divisible by $\lambda, \mu \in \bigwedge^1(U^*)$ iff Ω is divisible by $\lambda \wedge \mu \in \bigwedge^2(U^*)$.

II. Let U be a 4-dimensional vector space, $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$ be an arbitrary basis of \mathbb{R}^4 . Consider

$$\varphi = Ae_1 \wedge e_2 + Be_1 \wedge e_3 + Ce_1 \wedge e_4 + De_2 \wedge e_3 + Ee_2 \wedge e_4 + Fe_3 \wedge e_4 \in \bigwedge^2(U) .$$

(A) If $AF - BE + CD \neq 0$, prove that every $\Theta \in \bigwedge^3(U)$ is divisible by φ .

(B) If $AF - BE + CD = 0$, prove that the non-zero

$$\Theta = a e_2 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4 + b e_3 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_1 + c e_4 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_2 + d e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3 \in \bigwedge^3(U)$$

is divisible by φ iff the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & F & -E & D & a \\ -F & 0 & C & -B & -b \\ E & -C & 0 & A & c \\ -D & B & -A & 0 & -d \end{bmatrix}$$

has rank 2.

III. Let U be a vector space. Prove that $\omega \in \bigwedge^2(U^*)$ is non-degenerate iff $\dim U = 2n$ for some n and

$$\omega^{\wedge n} = \underbrace{\omega \wedge \cdots \wedge \omega}_{n \text{ times}} \neq 0$$

IV. Let H be a tensor field of bidegree $(0, 2)$ on the manifold M . For every fixed $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, prove that $K = K_X : \mathfrak{X}(M) \times \mathfrak{X}(M) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{F}(M)$ defined by

$$K(Y, Z) = XH(Y, Z) - H([X, Y], Z) - H(Y, [X, Z])$$

for $Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ is a tensor field of bidegree $(0, 2)$ on M .

V. Given a tensor field S of bidegree $(1, 1)$ on M with the property $S \circ S = -Id$, prove that $N : \mathfrak{X}(M) \times \mathfrak{X}(M) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{X}(M)$ defined by

$$N(X, Y) = [S(X), S(Y)] - S([S(X), Y]) - S([X, S(Y)]) - [X, Y]$$

for $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ is a tensor field of bidegree $(1, 2)$ on M .