



Divergence on manifolds

Smooth vector field

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A smooth vectorfield on a compact manifold \boldsymbol{S} is a function

$$V(p) = Dx \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1(x^{-1}(p)) \\ \alpha_2(x^{-1}(p)) \end{pmatrix}$$

where the coefficient functions $\alpha_i: U \to \mathbb{R}$ are smooth.

Divergence

The divergence of a smooth vectorfield V is the scalar function $\operatorname{div} V:S\to\mathbb{R}$ defined via

 $\int_{S} \langle \nabla f, V \rangle dp = - \int_{S} f(p) \operatorname{div} V(p) dp$

for all test functions $f \in C_c^{\infty}(S)$.

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