

## Blatt 10. Abgabe bis 09.01.2026

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54. Let  $(M, \mathbf{g})$  be a Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n$ . Let  $F : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a smooth function on  $M$  such that  $F$  is non-singular<sup>1</sup> on the null set  $S = \{x \in M : F(x) = 0\}$ . In particular,  $S$  is a submanifold of dimension  $n - 1$ .

- (a) Prove that, at any point  $p \in S$ , the gradient  $\nabla F(p)$  is orthogonal to  $T_p S$  in the tangent space  $T_p M$ .

*Hint.* Use Exercise 19.

- (b) Consider the set

$$\Omega := \{x \in M : F(x) < 0\} \quad (29)$$

and prove that  $S = \partial\Omega$ .

*Remark.* An open set  $\Omega \subset M$  is called a *region* if it can be represented in the form (29), where  $F$  is a smooth function on  $M$  that is non-singular on its null set.

55. Let  $H$  be the semi-hyperbola

$$H = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_2^2 - x_1^2 = 1, x_2 > 0\}.$$

For any  $s > 0$ , consider the following subset of  $H$ :

$$H_s = \{(x_1, x_2) \in H : 0 < x_1 < s\}.$$

Let  $\nu$  be the Riemannian measure of  $(H, \mathbf{g}_H)$ , where  $\mathbf{g}_H$  is the hyperbolic metric on  $H$ . Prove that

$$\nu(H_s) = \ln \left( s + \sqrt{s^2 + 1} \right).$$

*Remark.* Note that the function  $\ln(s + \sqrt{s^2 + 1})$  is the inverse to  $\sinh$ .

*Hint.* Use the chart on  $H$  with the coordinate  $y$  from Exercise 36.

56. For any two-dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, \mathbf{g})$ , the Gauss curvature  $K_{\mathbf{g}}(x)$  is defined in a certain way as a function on  $M$ . It is known that if the metric  $\mathbf{g}$  has in coordinates  $x^1, x^2$  the form

$$\mathbf{g} = \frac{(dx^1)^2 + (dx^2)^2}{f^2(x)}, \quad (30)$$

where  $f$  is a smooth positive function, then the Gauss curvature can be computed in this chart as follows

$$K_{\mathbf{g}} = f^2 \Delta \ln f, \quad (31)$$

where  $\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{(\partial x^1)^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{(\partial x^2)^2}$  is the Euclidean two-dimensional Laplace operator in the coordinates  $x^1, x^2$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Recall that  $F$  is non-singular on a set  $S$  if  $dF(x) \neq 0$  at any point  $x \in S$ .

- (a) Compute the Gauss curvature of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and the catenoid  $Cat$  (see Exercise 34).  
 (b) Let  $(M, \mathbf{g})$  be a two-dimensional model manifold with the profile function  $\psi$ , so that in the polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$

$$\mathbf{g} = dr^2 + \psi^2(r) d\theta^2. \quad (32)$$

Prove that

$$K_{\mathbf{g}} = -\frac{\psi''(r)}{\psi(r)}. \quad (33)$$

*Hint.* Find other coordinates  $(\rho, \theta)$  on  $M$  where the metric (32) has the form

$$\mathbf{g} = \frac{d\rho^2 + d\theta^2}{f^2(\rho)},$$

and then use (31).

- (c) Using (33), compute the Gauss curvature of the sphere  $\mathbb{S}^2$ , the hyperbolic plane  $\mathbb{H}^2$ , and the two-dimensional pseudosphere  $PS$  from Exercise 44b.
57. Let  $\mathbf{g}$  be the metric (30) on a two-dimensional manifold  $M$ . Consider the metric  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = \frac{1}{h^2} \mathbf{g}$  where  $h$  is a smooth positive function on  $M$ . Prove that

$$K_{\tilde{\mathbf{g}}} = (K_{\mathbf{g}} + \Delta_{\mathbf{g}} \log h) h^2,$$

where  $\Delta_{\mathbf{g}}$  is the Laplace-Beltrami operator of the metric  $\mathbf{g}$ .

58. \* Let  $\mathbf{g}, \tilde{\mathbf{g}}$  be two Riemannian metric tensors on a smooth  $n$ -dimensional manifold  $M$ . Assume that, for some constant  $C$ ,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{g}} \leq C\mathbf{g}, \quad (34)$$

that is, for all  $x \in M$  and  $\xi \in T_x M$ ,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{g}}(x)(\xi, \xi) \leq C\mathbf{g}(x)(\xi, \xi). \quad (35)$$

- (a) Prove that if  $\nu$  and  $\tilde{\nu}$  are the Riemannian measures of  $\mathbf{g}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}}$ , respectively, then

$$\frac{d\tilde{\nu}}{d\nu} \leq C^{n/2}.$$

- (b) Prove that, for any smooth function  $f$  on  $M$ ,

$$|\nabla f|_{\mathbf{g}}^2 \leq C |\nabla f|_{\tilde{\mathbf{g}}}^2.$$

*Hint.* Fix  $x_0 \in M$  and consider  $T_{x_0} M$  as a Euclidean space with the inner product  $\mathbf{g}$ . Since  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}}$  is a symmetric bilinear form in this space, there exists a  $\mathbf{g}$ -orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  in  $T_{x_0} M$  in which  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}}$  has a diagonal form, that is,  $(\tilde{g}_{ij}) = \text{diag}\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  with some reals  $\alpha_i$ . By a linear change of coordinates in a neighborhood of  $x_0$ , you can assume that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} = e_i$ . For (a) note also that, by Exercise 23, the ratio  $\frac{\det \tilde{g}(x_0)}{\det g(x_0)}$  does not depend on the choice of local coordinates.

59. \* Consider two Riemannian manifolds  $(X, \mathbf{g}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathbf{g}_Y)$ . Let us define a Riemannian metric tensor  $\mathbf{g}$  on the product manifold  $M = X \times Y$  as follows

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}_X + \psi^2(x) \mathbf{g}_Y, \quad (36)$$

where  $\psi$  is a smooth positive function on  $X$ . The Riemannian manifold  $(M, \mathbf{g})$  with this metric is called a *warped product* of  $(X, \mathbf{g}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathbf{g}_Y)$  with profile  $\psi$ .

- (a) Prove that the Riemannian measure  $\nu_{\mathbf{g}}$  of the metric (36) is given by

$$d\nu_{\mathbf{g}} = \psi^m(x) d\nu_X d\nu_Y, \quad (37)$$

where  $\nu_X$  and  $\nu_Y$  are the Riemannian measures of  $(X, \mathbf{g}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathbf{g}_Y)$ , respectively, and  $m = \dim Y$ .

- (b) Prove that the Laplace-Beltrami operator  $\Delta_{\mathbf{g}}$  of the metric (36) is given by

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{g}} f = \Delta_X f + m \langle \nabla_X \ln \psi, \nabla_X f \rangle_{\mathbf{g}_X} + \frac{1}{\psi^2(x)} \Delta_Y f, \quad (38)$$

where  $\nabla_X$  is gradient on  $X$  and  $\Delta_X, \Delta_Y$  are the Laplace-Beltrami operators on  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively.

60. \*\* Let  $X, Y$  be smooth manifolds of the same dimension  $n$  and let  $\Phi : Y \rightarrow X$  be a diffeomorphism. Let  $S$  be a submanifold of  $Y$ , and set  $R = \Phi(S)$ .

- (a) Prove that  $R$  is a submanifold of  $X$  and that  $\Psi := \Phi|_S$  is a diffeomorphism of  $S$  onto  $R$ .  
(b) Prove that, for any  $y \in S$ ,

$$d\Phi|_{T_y S} = d\Psi$$

(that is, for any  $\xi \in T_y S$ , we have  $d\Phi\xi = d\Psi\xi$ ).

- (c) Let  $\mathbf{g}(x)$  be a bilinear form on any space  $T_x X$  (for example, a Riemannian metric) and consider the induced form  $\mathbf{g}_R := \mathbf{g}|_R$ . Prove that

$$(\Phi_* \mathbf{g})_S = \Psi_* (\mathbf{g}_R).$$

- (d) Prove that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are Riemannian manifolds and  $\Phi$  is a Riemannian isometry of  $Y$  and  $X$  then  $\Psi$  is a Riemannian isometry of the Riemannian manifolds  $S$  and  $R$  with the induced metrics.

61. \*\* Fix a point  $a$  on a Riemannian manifold  $(M, \mathbf{g})$  and consider on  $M$  the function  $\rho(x) = d(x, a)$ . Assume that  $\rho$  is finite and smooth in a neighborhood of a point  $b \in M \setminus \{a\}$ . The purpose of this Exercise is to prove that

$$|\nabla \rho(b)|_{\mathbf{g}} \leq 1. \quad (39)$$

- (a) Let  $\gamma : [0, \varepsilon] \rightarrow M$  be a smooth path on  $M$  such that  $\gamma(0) = b$  and  $\dot{\gamma}(0) = \xi \in T_b M$ . Prove that

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} (\rho(\gamma(t))) \right|_{t=0} \leq |\xi|_{\mathbf{g}}. \quad (40)$$

*Hint.* Use the definition of the geodesic distance  $d$  and the triangle inequality.

(b) Prove (39).

*Hint.* It suffices to prove that, for any  $\xi \in T_b M$ ,

$$\langle \nabla \rho(b), \xi \rangle_{\mathbf{g}} \leq |\xi|_{\mathbf{g}}. \quad (41)$$

Use (40) to prove (41).

62. \*\* Consider the Riemannian manifold  $(\mathbb{R}_+^n, \mathbf{g})$  where

$$\mathbf{g} = \frac{(dx^1)^2 + \dots + (dx^n)^2}{(x^n)^2}.$$

Prove that  $(\mathbb{R}_+^n, \mathbf{g})$  is isometric to the hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^n$ .

*Remark.* This manifold  $(\mathbb{R}_+^n, \mathbf{g})$  is called the *Poincaré half-space model* of the hyperbolic space.

*Hint.* By Exercise 39,  $\mathbb{H}^n$  is isometric to the *Poincaré ball*, that is, the unit ball

$$\mathbb{B}^n = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : |y| < 1\}$$

with the metric

$$\mathbf{g}_{\mathbb{B}^n} = 4 \frac{(dy^1)^2 + \dots + (dy^n)^2}{(1 - |y|^2)^2}.$$

Set  $p = (0, \dots, 0, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and consider the mapping  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{-p\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  given by

$$\Phi(y) = \frac{2(y+p)}{|y+p|^2} - p$$

(in fact,  $\Phi$  is the inversion in the sphere of radius 2 centered at  $-p$ ). Prove that  $\Phi$  is a diffeomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{-p\}$  onto itself, and that  $y \in \mathbb{B}^n \Leftrightarrow x = \Phi(y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ . Conclude that  $\Phi$  is a diffeomorphism of  $\mathbb{B}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ . Then prove that  $\Phi$  is isometry, that is,  $\Phi_* \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}_{\mathbb{B}^n}$ .

63. \*\* Fix a real  $\alpha$  and consider the mapping  $x = Q(y)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  onto itself given by

$$\begin{aligned} x^1 &= y^1 \\ &\vdots \\ x^{n-1} &= y^{n-1} \\ x^n &= y^n \cosh \alpha + y^{n+1} \sinh \alpha \\ x^{n+1} &= y^n \sinh \alpha + y^{n+1} \cosh \alpha. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

The mapping  $Q$  is called a *hyperbolic rotation* or the *Lorentz transformation*<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup>Assuming  $n = 1$  and denoting  $x = x^1, t = x^2, x' = y^1, t' = y^2$ , we obtain from (42)

$$x = \frac{x' + vt'}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}}, \quad t = \frac{t' + vx'}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}}$$

where  $v = \tanh \alpha$ . These are classical Lorentz transformations in the 2-dimensional space-time that describe in the Relativity Theory the change of coordinates in the inertial frame  $(x', t')$  moving at a speed  $v$  with respect to the frame  $(x, t)$ . Note that  $v < 1$  where 1 is the speed of light.

- (a) Prove that  $Q$  is an isometry of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  with respect to the Minkowski metric

$$\mathbf{g}_{Mink} = (dx^1)^2 + \dots + (dx^n)^2 - (dx^{n+1})^2.$$

- (b) Prove that  $Q$  maps  $\mathbb{H}^n$  onto itself. Prove that the restriction of  $Q$  to  $\mathbb{H}^n$  is a Riemannian isometry of  $(\mathbb{H}^n, \mathbf{g}_{\mathbb{H}^n})$ .

*Hint.* Recall that the hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^n$  is defined as the hyperboloid

$$(y^1)^2 + \dots + (y^n)^2 - (y^{n+1})^2 = -1, \quad y^{n+1} > 0,$$

with the metric tensor  $\mathbf{g}_{\mathbb{H}^n} = \mathbf{g}_{Mink}|_{\mathbb{H}^n}$ .

64. \*\* We are concerned here with Riemannian isometries of  $\mathbb{H}^n$ .

- (a) Prove that, for any point  $a \in \mathbb{H}^n$ , there exists a Riemannian isometry

$$\Phi : \mathbb{H}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^n$$

such that  $\Phi(a) = p$  where  $p = (0, \dots, 0, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  is the pole of  $\mathbb{H}^n$ .

- (b) Prove that, for any four points  $a, b, a', b' \in \mathbb{H}^n$  such that

$$d(a', b') = d(a, b), \quad (43)$$

there exists a Riemannian isometry  $\Phi$  of  $\mathbb{H}^n$  such that  $\Phi(a') = a$  and  $\Phi(b') = b$ .

*Hint.* Use the hyperbolic rotation of Exercise 63.

65. \*\* Consider the weighted manifold  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathbf{g}, \mu)$  where  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$  is the canonical Euclidean metric and  $d\mu = e^{-x^2} dx$ . Consider also the corresponding weighted Laplace operator  $\Delta_{\mathbf{g}, \mu}$ . Prove that the *Hermite polynomial*

$$h_k(x) = e^{x^2} \frac{d^k}{dx^k} e^{-x^2}$$

of degree  $k$  (where  $k$  is a non-negative integer) satisfies the equation

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{g}, \mu} h_k + 2k h_k = 0.$$

That is,  $h_k$  is an eigenfunction of  $\Delta_{\mathbf{g}, \mu}$ .

*Hint.* Show first that the function  $g(x) = e^{-x^2}$  satisfies the equation

$$\frac{d^{k+2}}{dx^{k+2}} g + 2x \frac{d^{k+1}}{dx^{k+1}} g + (2k+2) \frac{d^k}{dx^k} g = 0. \quad (44)$$