

Derivation:

A vector space ~~on~~ equipped with a bilinear product is called an algebra.

example ( $\mathbb{R}^3$  with cross-product)

→ A derivation ( $D$ ) over an algebra ( $A$ ) is a mapping  $D: A \rightarrow A$  such that —

i)  $D(\alpha a + \beta b) = \alpha D(a) + \beta D(b)$  for any  $a, b \in A$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in K$ , where  $K$  is the underlying field.

ii)  $D(ab) = D(a)b + D(b)a$  (Leibniz rule)

In our case we have  $v(\alpha): C^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined

$$as \quad v(\alpha)(f) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} (f \circ \alpha(t)) \right|_{t=0}$$

where,

$\alpha: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $v(\alpha)$  is a tangent to  $\alpha(t)$  at  $t=0$ , i.e.  $v(\alpha) = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial t} \end{array} \right] \Big|_{t=0}$ .

## Tangent vectors on Smooth Manifold:

→ A manifold  $M$  with a smooth structure imposed by  $\{(U_\alpha, f_\alpha) | \alpha \in A\}$ .

→ Consider a smooth curve  $\gamma: (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$  passing through  $p \in M$ , i.e.  $\gamma(0) = p$ .

• Smoothness of the curve is equivalent to smoothness of the function —

where  $f_\alpha \circ \gamma: \mathbb{R} \supset (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow f_\alpha(U_\alpha) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$   
 $U_\alpha$  is a neighborhood of  $p \in M$ .

• Also, if  $f_\alpha \circ \gamma$  is smooth for some  $\alpha \in A$  such that  $p \in U_\alpha$ , then  $f_\alpha \circ \gamma$  is smooth for all  $\alpha \in A$  such that  $p \in U_\alpha$ .

→ Let,  $\Phi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then,  $\Phi \circ \gamma$  is a real-valued function defined on  $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ , and we can define a tangent vector  $v_p$  to  $M$  at a point  $p \in M$  as —

$$v_p(\Phi) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} (\Phi \circ \gamma(t)) \right|_{t=0}$$

• Suppose  $\tilde{\gamma}: (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$  is another smooth curve on  $M$  such that  $\tilde{\gamma}(0) = p \in M$ . It defines the same tangent vector  $v_p$  if —

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\Phi \circ \tilde{\gamma}) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{d}{dt}(\Phi \circ \gamma) \Big|_{t=0}$$

for any smooth function  $\Phi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . This implies that  $\tilde{\gamma}$  and  $\gamma$  are infinitesimally equivalent. Also, this defines an equivalence relationship, and as a result a tangent vector can be perceived as an equivalence class.

→ Similar to the planar case on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , tangent vectors of a smooth manifold ( $M$ ) can also be perceived as a derivation on the space of smooth functions on  $M$ .

⊙ Let,  $M$  be a smooth manifold of dimension  $n$ , and  $p \in M$ . Then, a tangent vector at point  $p \in M$  can be viewed as a derivation at point  $p$ , i.e. a smooth map  $\nu_p: C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

i)  $\nu_p(\alpha\Phi + \beta\Psi) = \alpha\nu_p(\Phi) + \beta\nu_p(\Psi)$  for any  $\Phi, \Psi \in C^\infty(M)$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

ii)  $\nu_p(\Phi\Psi) = \Phi(p) \cdot \nu_p(\Psi) + \Psi(p) \nu_p(\Phi)$