

CHOOSE A ‘CODE’ (not part of your soc sec number) for yourself. Put it on each page. Attach extra pages as necc.

1. For what values of the constant  $c$  is the level set  $x^2 + y^2 - zw = c$  an embedded submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?

2. Consider the vector field  $X = \sum x^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  
a) Compute the flow of  $X$

b) Find constants  $k$  and one-forms  $\alpha$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $L_X \alpha = k\alpha$ , where  $L_X$  denotes the Lie derivative along the vector field  $X$ .

c) Prove that the only globally defined one-form  $\alpha$  invariant under  $X$ 's flow is the trivial one-form  $\alpha = 0$ .

The next three questions are true or false questions. If true, give a proof. If false, provide a counterexample. In these questions  $X$  and  $Y$  are smooth manifolds and  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is a submersion.

3. True or False? If  $X$  is connected then  $Y$  is connected.

4. True or False? If  $Y$  is connected then  $X$  is connected.

5. True or False? If both  $X$  and  $Y$  are compact and connected, and if  $Y$  is simply connected then  $X$  is simply-connected.

6. . (a) Describe a coordinate chart for the Grassmannian of 2-planes in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

b) The group  $SO(4)$  of rotations of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  acts on this Grassmannian.. Show that this action is transitive.

c) Compute the isotropy group for the action at the plane  $x_3 = x_4 = 0$  where  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  are the standard coordinates for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

7. Consider the one-form  $\theta = dz - y^2 dx$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

a) Find a frame  $V_1, V_2, V_3$  of vector fields for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\theta(V_3) = 1$  while  $\theta(V_1) = \theta(V_2) = 0$  and which agrees with the standard coordinate frame  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$  at the origin, expressing the elements of your frame in terms of the coordinate standard frame.

b) An infinitesimal symmetry of  $\theta$  is a smooth vector field  $X$  such that  $L_X\theta = f\theta$  for some smooth function  $f(x, y, z)$ , where  $L_X$  denotes the Lie derivative along the vector field  $X$ . By expanding  $X$  in terms of the frame as  $X = h_1V_1 + h_2V_2 + h_3V_3$ , show that if  $X$  is an infinitesimal symmetry of  $\theta$  then  $h_2 = 0$  and  $h_3 = h_3(x, z)$  does not depend on  $y$ .

c) Show that  $X$  must be tangent to the surface  $y = 0$ .