

Derivations

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Let A and B be K -algebras and ϕ an algebra homomorphism. Then $D: A \rightarrow B$ is a derivation if it satisfies

- $D(\lambda f + \mu g) = \lambda D(f) + D(g)\mu$ $f, g \in A, \lambda, \mu \in K$
- $D(fg) = \phi(f)D(g) + \phi(g)D(f)$.

We denote the vector space of derivations by $\text{Der}(A, B, \phi)$. In the literature (B, ϕ) is normally identified with the corresponding A -module. ($\text{Der}(A, B, \phi)$ is also an B -module.)

Examples

i) $A = C^\infty(U), B = \mathbb{R}$ for $p \in U$ $\phi = (\cdot)|_p: C^\infty(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f \mapsto f(p)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}|_p (\lambda f + \mu g) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(p)\lambda + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i}(p)\mu$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}|_p (fg) &= f(p) \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i}(p) + g(p) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(p) \\ &= \phi(f) D(g) + \phi(g) D(f) \end{aligned}$$

ii) $A = B = C^\infty(U)$ $\phi = \text{id}$

$$D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}: f \mapsto \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$$

$$D(fg) = \left\{ p \mapsto f(p) \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i}(p) + g(p) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(p) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}|_p (fg) \right\}$$

So now we can reformulate the following

Def. (Freitag derivation)

A Freitag derivation in a point p is a family of derivations $D_U \in \text{Der}(C^\infty(U), \mathbb{R}, (\cdot)|_p)$ that is compatible with restrictions, i.e.

$D_V(f|_V) = D_U(f)$ for $U \subset V$ & $f \in C^\infty(U)$.
Let us denote the set of such Freitag derivations by $F\text{-Der}(C^\infty_{X,p}, \mathbb{R})$

Then

$$F\text{-Der}(C^\infty_{X,p}, \mathbb{R}) = \text{Der}(C^\infty_{X,p}, \mathbb{R}, (\cdot)|_p)$$

"^{Pl.} Let $D \in \text{Der}(C^\infty_{X,p}, \mathbb{R}, (\cdot)|_p)$

Define $D_U(f) := D[f]$ for $f \in C^\infty(U)$

$[f] = [f|_V]$ they coincide on V !

$$\Rightarrow D_V(f|_V) = D[f|_V] = D[f] = D_U(f)$$

$$D_U(\lambda f + \mu g) = D[\lambda f + \mu g] = \lambda D[f] + \mu D[g]$$

$$D_U(fg) = D[fg] = D([f] \cdot [g])$$

$$= D[f] \cdot ([g])|_p + ([f])|_p \cdot D[g]$$

$$= g(p) \cdot D_U(f) + f(p) \cdot D_U(g) \quad \square$$

"^C Let $(D_U)_U \in F\text{-Der}(C^\infty_{X,p}, \mathbb{R})$

define $D[f] := D_U(f)$ $f \in C^\infty(U)$

$$f \sim g \Rightarrow f|_W = g|_W \Rightarrow D_U(f) = D_W(f) = D_W(g) = D_V(g)$$

$$D[fg] = D_W(f \cdot g) = f(p) D_W(g) + g(p) D_W(f)$$

$$= f(p) D[g] + g(p) D[f] \quad \square$$