

1. Contact Manifolds: (M^{2n+1}, ξ) where

$\xi = \ker(\alpha)$, $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}^1(M)$, $\alpha \wedge (\underbrace{d\alpha})^n$ is a vol. form

alternatively, $d\alpha|_{\xi}$ is non-deg.

Example $\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}_{x_i, y_i}$, $\alpha = dz - \sum y_i dx_i$

Symplectic \rightarrow contact:

if $(W, \omega = d\lambda)$ is symplectic, then

$(M' = W \times S', dz + \lambda)$ is contact.

A contactomorphism is $\phi: M \rightarrow M$ is a diffeomorphism that preserves ξ , i.e. s.t.

$$\phi^* \alpha = e^g \alpha \quad g \in \mathcal{L}^0(M)$$

The choice of α determines the REEB Flow R_α , defined by the conditions

$$d\alpha(R_\alpha, \cdot) = 0 \quad \alpha(R_\alpha) = 1$$

it is a contact isotopy

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