

3 Compute $d\psi(\mathbb{R}) \in T_{\mathbb{R}}^*SO(3)$:

a) Differential of a function ψ on a vector space W :

Let $\psi: W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x \mapsto \psi(x)$

The differential of ψ is the unique covector $d\psi(x) \in W^*$ that satisfies:

$$\left\langle d\psi(x) \mid \delta x \right\rangle_W = \left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} \psi(x + \varepsilon \delta x) \quad \forall \delta x \in W, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$$

b) Example \mathbb{R}^n : $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\Rightarrow \text{let } \psi(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T K x, \quad K > 0 \Rightarrow K = K^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \psi(x) &= K x \\ d\psi(x) &= (K x)^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(x + \varepsilon \delta x) = \frac{1}{2} (x + \varepsilon \delta x)^T K (x + \varepsilon \delta x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x^T K x + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon (\delta x)^T K x + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon x^T K (\delta x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon \left[(\delta x)^T K x + (\delta x)^T K^T x \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{2} \varepsilon \left[(\delta x)^T K x \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b)(a+b) \\ a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(x + \varepsilon \delta x) = \frac{1}{2} (x + \varepsilon \delta x)^T K (x + \varepsilon \delta x)$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} x^T K x}_{\text{0}} + \varepsilon (\delta x)^T K x + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^2 (\delta x)^T K (\delta x)}_{\text{0}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \psi \right|_{\varepsilon=0} = \text{0} + (\delta x)^T K x + \text{0}$$

$$= (\delta x)^T K x$$

$$= (Kx)^T \delta x$$

$$d\psi(x) = (Kx)^T$$


* Let $y \in W^* \cong (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$, $x \in W = \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\langle y | x \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n} = yx$$

$$y = [y_1, \dots, y_n]$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

* on \mathbb{R}^n

$$\langle \underbrace{d\psi(x)}_{\text{}} | Sx \rangle = \left(\text{---} \right) Sx$$


c) Differential of a function on a manifold M .

Let $\psi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x \mapsto \psi(x)$

The differential of ψ is the unique covector $d\psi(x) \in T_x^*M$ that satisfies for all $\delta x \in T_x M$:

$$\langle d\psi(x) | \delta x \rangle_{T_x M} = \left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} \psi(x_\varepsilon)$$

where x_ε is a curve on M defined s.t. $x_\varepsilon(0) = x$, $\left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} x_\varepsilon = \delta x \in T_x M$