

**10. PROBLEM SET FOR “DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY II”  
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**Problem 29.** For the covariant derivative  $\nabla: \mathfrak{X}(M) \times \mathfrak{X}(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}(M)$  defined for a submanifold  $M$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  supply the proofs of the following two properties, which were omitted in class.

- (3)  $\nabla_X(fY) = (Xf)Y + f\nabla_X Y$ .
- (4)  $\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X = [X, Y] = L_X Y$ .

**Problem 30.** Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a smooth function and  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x$ . Let  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be the submanifold  $M := \{(x, y, z): y^2 + z^2 = f(x)^2\}$ . Let  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Determine all geodesic curves  $p = (p^1, p^2, p^3)$  on  $M$  for which  $p^1(t) = x_0$  for all  $t$ . (The answer will probably depend on the behaviour of  $f$  near  $x_0$ .)

**Problem 31.** Let  $M$  be a Riemannian manifold and  $N$  a submanifold of codimension 1. Let  $Z$  be a vector field on  $M$  such that  $Z_q$  is a unit normal vector to  $N$  (i.e. orthogonal to  $T_q M$  and with norm 1) for every  $q \in N$ . Let  $p \in N$  and  $X_p \in T_p N \subset T_p M$ . Show that  $\nabla_{X_p} Z \in T_p N$ . (Here  $\nabla$  is the Riemannian connection on  $M$ .)