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Exercise 1 (shape derivative of area elements)

Let Γ_0 an orientable hypersurface and $X: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ a sufficiently smooth transport mapping with $X(0, \cdot) = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}}$. Furthermore, define $\Gamma(t) := X(t, \Gamma_0)$ for all $t \in [0, T]$ and let $V(t, \cdot) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} X(t, \cdot)$ the velocity field associated to the transport X .

Denote $\gamma: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $(t, x) \mapsto \det(DX(t, x))$ the volume area element and $\omega: [0, T] \times \Gamma_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $(t, x) \mapsto \gamma(t, x) \|DX(t, x)^{-T} \cdot \nu(x)\|$ the surface area element where ν is the outer unit normal on Γ_0 .

Assuming that $\Gamma(t)$ is an orientable hypersurface for all $t \in [0, T]$, show that

a)

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \gamma(t) \right|_{t=0} = \nabla \cdot V(0)$$

b)

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \omega(t) \right|_{t=0} = \nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot V(0)$$

Exercise 2 (shape derivative of volume area functional)

Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ compact and $X \in C^1([0, T] \times \Omega, \mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ such that $\det(DX(t, \cdot)) > 0$ for all $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \Omega$ and $X(0, \cdot) = \text{id}_{\Omega}$. Define $\Omega(t) := X(t, \Omega)$ for $t \in [0, T]$.

Compute the shape derivative of the volume area functional, i. e. compute

$$J'(\Omega)(\partial_t X) := \lim_{t \searrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (J(\Omega(t)) - J(\Omega(0)))$$

where we define for all (bounded and measurable) $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

$$J(A) := \int_A 1 dx.$$

Show that $J'(\Omega)(\partial_t X)$ only depends on $\partial_t X|_{\partial\Omega}$.

Have fun!