

**Proposition 6.3** Given  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , we have:

(i) **Bilinearity:** for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} [\alpha X + \beta Y, Z] &= \alpha[X, Z] + \beta[Y, Z] \\ [X, \alpha Y + \beta Z] &= \alpha[X, Y] + \beta[X, Z]; \end{aligned}$$

(ii) **Antisymmetry:**

$$[X, Y] = -[Y, X];$$

(iii) **Jacobi identity:**

$$[[X, Y], Z] + [[Y, Z], X] + [[Z, X], Y] = 0;$$

(iv) **Leibniz rule:** For any  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$ ,

$$[fX, gY] = fg[X, Y] + f(X \cdot g)Y - g(Y \cdot f)X.$$

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Exercise in  
Lecture 4.

Proof of proposition  
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(i) **Linearity**

$$[dX + Y, \beta Z + W], \quad X, Y, Z, W \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$$

$\beta, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} & (dX + Y)(\beta Z + W) - (\beta Z + W)(dX + Y) \\ &= d\beta(XZ - ZX) + (XW - WY) + (Y\beta Z - \beta ZY) \\ & \quad + dXW - WdX \end{aligned}$$

$$= d\beta[X, Z] + [Y, W] + \beta[Y, Z] + d[X, W]$$

(ii) **Antisymmetry:**

$$[X, Y] = XY - YX = -(YX - XY) = -[Y, X]$$

$$(iii) \quad [[X, Y], Z] = [XY - YX, Z] \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$[[Y, Z], X] = [YZ - ZY, X] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$[[Z, X], Y] = [ZX - XZ, Y] \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(1)} + \text{(2)} + \text{(3)} &= [XY, Z] - [YX, Z] \\ & \quad + [YZ, X] - [ZY, X] \\ & \quad + [ZX, Y] - [XZ, Y] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ [x, y, z] - [y, x, z] \\
 &+ [y, z, x] - [z, y, x] \\
 &+ [z, x, y] - [x, z, y]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cancel{x y z} - \cancel{z x y} + \cancel{y x z} + \cancel{z y x}$$

$$\cancel{x z x} - \cancel{x y z} - \cancel{z y x} + \cancel{x z y}$$

$$\cancel{z x y} - \cancel{y z x} - \cancel{x z y} + \cancel{y x z}$$

$$= 0$$

(iv) Leibniz rule:

$$[f x, g y] = (f x)(g y) - (g y)(f x)$$

$$= f x(g y) - g y(f x)$$

$$= f(x \cdot g) y + f g(x y) - g(y \cdot f) x - g f(y x)$$

$$= f g [x, y] + f(x \cdot g) y - g(y \cdot f) x$$