

## HOMEWORK 5'

- (1) Prove the following version of Toponogov Comparison Theorem.

**Definition.** A hinge in a complete Riemannian manifold consists of two geodesic segments  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  such that  $\gamma_1(0) = \gamma_2(0)$ . We denote it by  $(\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \alpha)$ , where  $\alpha = \angle(\gamma_1'(0), \gamma_2'(0))$ .

**Theorem.** (*Hinge Version of Toponogov Theorem*) Let  $M$  be a complete Riemannian manifold with  $sec \geq k$ , and let  $\triangle xyz$  be a triangle in  $M$  with sides  $\gamma_{xy}, \gamma_{yz}, \gamma_{zx}$ , and the hinge  $(\gamma_{xy}, \gamma_{yz}, \alpha)$ . Let  $\triangle \tilde{x}\tilde{y}\tilde{z}$  be a triangle in  $\tilde{M}_k$  with sides  $\gamma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}, \gamma_{\tilde{y}\tilde{z}}, \gamma_{\tilde{z}\tilde{x}}$ , and the hinge  $(\gamma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}, \gamma_{\tilde{y}\tilde{z}}, \tilde{\alpha})$  such that  $\ell(\gamma_{xy}) = \ell(\gamma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}})$ ,  $\ell(\gamma_{yz}) = \ell(\gamma_{\tilde{y}\tilde{z}})$ , and  $\alpha = \tilde{\alpha}$ , then  $\ell(\gamma_{zx}) \leq \ell(\gamma_{\tilde{z}\tilde{x}})$ .

[Hint: Assume by contradiction that  $\ell(\gamma_{zx}) > \ell(\gamma_{\tilde{z}\tilde{x}})$ , and use the Corollary of Toponogov Theorem to obtain a contradiction].

- (2) Prove Rauch Comparison Theorem I by using the hinge version of Toponogov, and contradiction method.
- (3) In the following we aim to prove an upper bound on the perimeter of triangles in complete Riemannian manifolds with curvature bounded below by a positive number.
- (a) Show that every triangle on the 2-sphere, with perimeter  $2\pi$  and sides with length  $< \pi$  must lie on a great circle. Conclude that its angles are  $\pi$ .
  - (b) Show that for any two shortest geodesics  $\gamma_{xz}, \gamma_{yw}$ , where  $y$  is an inner point of  $\gamma_{xz}$ , one has  $\angle xyw + \angle wyz = \pi$ .
  - (c) Let  $M$  be a complete Riemannian manifold with  $sec \geq 1$ ,  $k > 0$ , and let  $\text{diam } M < \pi$ . Prove that there exists no triangle in  $M$  with perimeter greater than  $2\pi$ .
  - (d) Let  $M$  be a complete Riemannian manifold with  $sec \geq 1$ , then prove that there exists no triangle in  $M$  with perimeter greater than  $2\pi$ .