

Submanifolds, Tangent spaces and Differentials

Critical values, Sard's Theorem

Correction

Exercise 1 (Tangent space of a submanifold).

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ and $N \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be submanifolds of \mathbb{R}^m and \mathbb{R}^n respectively.

1. (a) If M is locally given by a submersion $f: U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n-m}$, with $M \cap U = f^{-1}(\{0\})$, then

$$T_p M = \ker(df(p))$$

- (b) If M is locally given by an immersion $f: V \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, with $f(0) = p$ and f homeomorphism from V to $U \cap M$, then

$$T_p M = \text{Im}(df(0))$$

- (c) If M is locally given by a diffeomorphism $f: U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, with $f(p) = 0$ and $M \cap U = f^{-1}(V \cap (\mathbb{R}^m \times \{0\}))$, then

$$T_p M = df^{-1}(0) \cdot (\mathbb{R}^m \times \{0\})$$

Note that if M is considered as an abstract manifold in itself, and $T_p M$ as an abstract vector space, then the inclusion map

$$\iota: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

is a smooth embedding and its differential at p

$$d\iota(p): T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

is an injective linear map with image $d\iota(p)(T_p M)$ canonically isomorphic to the extrinsic definitions of $T_p M$ above.

2. Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ and $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open neighborhoods. Let $\tilde{f}: U \rightarrow V$ be a smooth map such that $f := \tilde{f}|_{M \cap U}: M \cap U \rightarrow N \cap V$. Show that f is a smooth map between manifolds and that

$$df_p = \left(d\tilde{f}_p \right) \Big|_{T_p M}: T_p M \rightarrow T_{f(p)} N.$$

Exercise 2 (Veronese embedding).

1. It suffices to show that f is a homeomorphism onto its image. It will then be a smooth immersion which is an homeomorphism onto its image, that is, an embedding. Notice that it is sufficient to show that f^{-1} is continuous. Here are two proofs:

- (a) Using that a manifold is metrizable, *i.e* that its topology is defined thanks to a metric.

Let $\{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a converging sequence in $f(M)$ with limit $y \in f(M)$. Let x_n and x be the unique point in M with $f(x_n) = y_n$ and $f(x) = y$ (which do exist because f is injective). Then the subset $K = (\cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{y_n\}) \cup \{y\}$ is compact. The function f

being proper, $f^{-1}(K) = (\cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{x_n\}) \cup \{x\}$ is compact. Hence, $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ has a limit points. Let \tilde{x} be on of them. By continuity of f , we have $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(\tilde{x})$, that is $y_n \rightarrow f(\tilde{x})$, and $f(x) = f(\tilde{x})$. By injectivity of f , $\tilde{x} = x$. It follows that (x_n) has a unique limit point x , and thus, $x_n \rightarrow x$, that is, $f^{-1}(y_n) \rightarrow f^{-1}(y)$. Finally, f^{-1} is continuous.

- (b) Using that a manifold is compactly generated, that is a subset is open / closed if and only if it is open / closed in any compact subset. In particular, it suffices to show that the restriction of f^{-1} to any compact subset of $f(M)$ is continuous.

Let $K \subset f(M)$ be a compact: f being proper, $f^{-1}(K)$ is compact. Then, the restriction $f|_{f^{-1}(K)}: f^{-1}(K) \rightarrow K$ is continuous between $f^{-1}(K)$, compact Hausdorff, and K , compact. Hence, it is a homeomorphism. It follows that $f^{-1}|_K$ is continuous. This concludes the proof.

2. Let us first show that f is well defined. Let $(x : y : z) \in \mathbb{RP}^2$ be represented by $(x, y, z) \neq (0, 0, 0)$ and $(x', y', z') \neq (0, 0, 0)$: there exists $\lambda \neq 0$ such that $(x, y, z) = (\lambda x, \lambda y, \lambda z)$. But then, $(x^2, y^2, z^2, xy, yz, zx) = \lambda^2(x'^2, y'^2, z'^2, x'y', y'z', z'x') \neq (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ and it follows that f is well defined.

Let us show that f is injective. Suppose $f(x : y : z) = f(x' : y' : z')$. Then there exists $t \neq 0$ with

$$\begin{cases} x^2 &= tx'^2 \\ y^2 &= ty'^2 \\ z^2 &= tz'^2 \\ xy &= tx'y' \\ yz &= ty'z' \\ yx &= tz'x' \end{cases}$$

Notice first that $t > 0$. The three first equations shows that

$$\begin{cases} x &= \pm\sqrt{t}x' \\ y &= \pm\sqrt{t}y' \\ z' &= \pm\sqrt{t}z' \end{cases}$$

The fourth equation shows that either $(x, y) = \sqrt{t}(x', y')$ or $(x, y) = -\sqrt{t}(x', y')$: that is, the sign is the same for the two first equations. Similarly, the fifth equation shows that the sign before \sqrt{t} is the same for y and z . It follows that $(x : y : z) = (x' : y' : z')$, and then, f is injective.

Let us now show that f is an immersion. Consider the affine chart (φ_x, U_x) of \mathbb{RP}^2 defined by $U_x = \{(x : y : z) \in \mathbb{RP}^2 \mid x \neq 0\}$ and $\varphi_x^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow U_x$ defined by $\varphi_x^{-1}(y, z) = (1 : y : z)$. Similarly, consider the chart (U_0, φ_0) of \mathbb{RP}^5 defined by $U_a = \{(a : b : c : d : e : f) \in \mathbb{RP}^5 \mid a \neq 0\}$ and $\varphi_a(a : b : c : d : e : f) = \frac{1}{a}(b, c, d, e, f)$. Then $f(U_x) \subset U_a$ and in these charts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f} &= \varphi_a \circ f \circ \varphi_x^{-1}: \quad \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbb{R}^5 \\ (z, y) &\longmapsto (y^2, z^2, y, yz, z) \end{aligned}$$

It is smooth as a polynomial function, and if $(y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, the differential of \tilde{f} at (x, y)

has matrix in the canonical bases

$$\text{Mat}_{\text{can}} \left(d\tilde{f}(x, y) \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2y & 0 \\ 0 & 2z \\ 1 & 0 \\ z & y \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and thus, $d\tilde{f}(y, z)$ has rank 2. Hence, f is an immersion on U_x . Similarly, f is a smooth immersion on $U_y = \{(x : y : z) \in \mathbb{RP}^2 \mid y \neq 0\}$ and on $U_z = \{(x : y : z) \in \mathbb{RP}^2 \mid z \neq 0\}$ and finally, f is a smooth immersion on $U_x \cup U_y \cup U_z = \mathbb{RP}^2$.

Therefore, f is an injective smooth immersion on \mathbb{RP}^2 . As \mathbb{RP}^2 is compact and f continuous, f is obviously proper. By 1., f is an embedding.

Exercise 3 (Tangent space of the torus).

1. Consider the map $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ defined by

$$f(t_1, t_2) = (\cos 2\pi t_1, \sin 2\pi t_1, \cos 2\pi t_2, \sin 2\pi t_2)$$

It is \mathbb{Z}^2 -invariant and descends as a smooth map $\bar{f}: \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ such that $f = \bar{f} \circ p$. If $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, then $df(t_1, t_2)$ has matrix in the canonical bases

$$\text{Mat}_{\text{can}}(df(t_1, t_2)) = 2\pi \begin{bmatrix} -\sin 2\pi t_1 & 0 \\ \cos 2\pi t_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin 2\pi t_2 \\ 0 & \cos 2\pi t_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and $df(t_1, t_2)$ is of rank 2. Recall that $p: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$ is a local diffeomorphism. Therefore, if $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, the chain rule yields

$$df(t_1, t_2) = d\bar{f}(\overline{(t_1, t_2)}) \circ dp(t_1, t_2)$$

from which we deduce, recalling that $dp(t_1, t_2)$ is a linear isomorphism

$$d\bar{f}(\overline{(t_1, t_2)}) = df(t_1, t_2) \circ (dp(t_1, t_2))^{-1}$$

Thus, $d\bar{f}(\overline{(t_1, t_2)})$ has rank 2. This being true for all $\overline{(t_1, t_2)} \in \mathbb{T}^2$, \bar{f} is an immersion.

One can check that \bar{f} is injective: for example, $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$ is a group homomorphism with kernel \mathbb{Z}^2 , so that \bar{f} is injective.

Finally, \mathbb{T}^2 is compact Hausdorff, so that \bar{f} is proper (any continuous function on a compact Hausdorff space is proper). Hence, \bar{f} is an injective proper immersion, and is an embedding.

Let us now consider $\mathbf{T}^2 = \bar{f}(\mathbb{T}^2) \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ the embedded torus in \mathbb{R}^4 and fix any point $p = (\cos 2\pi t_1, \sin 2\pi t_1, \cos 2\pi t_2, \sin 2\pi t_2) \in \mathbf{T}_2$. Then \mathbf{T}^2 is locally given by the immersion $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ defined above, and $T_p \mathbf{T}^2 = \text{Im } df(t_1, t_2)$, which is then

$$T_p \mathbf{T}_2 = \{\lambda X_1(p) + \mu X_2(p) \mid (\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$$

with $X_1(p) = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin 2\pi t_1 \\ \cos 2\pi t_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $X_2(p) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\sin 2\pi t_2 \\ \cos 2\pi t_2 \end{bmatrix}$, which are linearly independent.

It follows that X_1 and X_2 are smooth vector fields on \mathbf{T}_2 which are everywhere linearly independent, so that \mathbf{T}_2 is trivializable.

2. If $R > r$, the map

$$g_{R,r}: \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$(t_1, t_2) \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} (R + r \cos 2\pi t_1) \cos 2\pi t_2 \\ (R + r \cos 2\pi t_1) \sin 2\pi t_2 \\ r \sin 2\pi t_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is \mathbb{Z}^2 invariant and descends to the quotient as $\bar{g}_{R,r}: \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ which is an embedding: this can be derived from the exact same study as in 1.

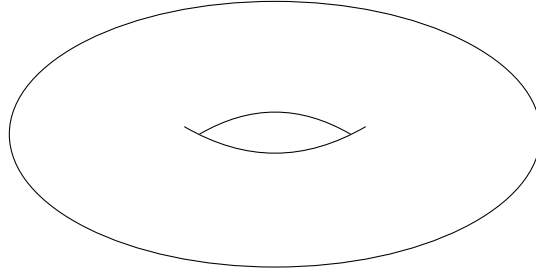


Figure 1: A torus embedded in \mathbb{R}^3

3. An exact same study as in 1. shows that one can embed \mathbb{T}^n in \mathbb{R}^{2n} and that the vector fields

$$X_i \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\pi t_1 \\ \cos 2\pi t_2 \\ \vdots \\ \cos 2\pi t_n \\ \sin 2\pi t_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ -\sin 2\pi t_i \\ \cos 2\pi t_i \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

give a parallelization of $\mathbb{T}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^{2n}$.

Remark: we have shown that these particular embedded tori in \mathbb{R}^4 or \mathbb{R}^3 are parallelizable. In fact, this notion is intrinsic and does not depend on the embedding in \mathbb{R}^N , but it requires the definition of vector bundle isomorphism, which has not been seen yet.

Exercise 4 (Tangent space of spheres).

1. Let $\gamma: (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a smooth arc. Then for all t , $\|\gamma(t)\|^2 = 1$. Differentiating this shows that $\langle \gamma(0), \gamma'(0) \rangle = 0$, so that $\gamma'(0) \in \gamma(0)^\perp$. We deduce that $T_{\gamma(0)}\mathbb{S}^1 \subset \gamma(0)^\perp$,

and we have in fact an equality because \mathbb{S}^1 is a one dimensional submanifold of \mathbb{R}^2 , so that $T_{\gamma(0)}\mathbb{S}^1$ is one dimensional.

It follows that $X(x, y) = (-y, x)$ is a smooth vector field on \mathbb{S}^1 , which does not vanish. Thus, we have found a parallelization of $T\mathbb{S}^1$.

The two dimensional sphere is not parallelizable because of the Hairy ball Theorem: any smooth (in fact, continuous) vector field on \mathbb{S}^2 vanishes somewhere.

2. Let $G \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a Lie group.

(a) For $g \in G$, consider the left translation by g :

$$\begin{aligned} L_g: \quad G &\longrightarrow G \\ h &\longmapsto gh \end{aligned}$$

which is smooth as the restriction to $\{g\} \times G$ of the multiplication μ . Then $L_{g^{-1}}$ is also smooth and $L_g \circ L_{g^{-1}} = L_{g^{-1}} \circ L_g = \text{Id}_G$, so that L_g is a diffeomorphism.

As $L_g(e) = g$, the linear map

$$dL_g(e): T_e G \rightarrow T_g G \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

is a linear isomorphism. It follows from the smoothness of μ that the map $g \in G \mapsto dL_g(e) \in \mathcal{L}(T_e G, \mathbb{R}^n)$ is smooth.

Let (e_1, \dots, e_m) be a basis of $T_e G$ and consider $X_i: G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ defined by

$$X_i(g) = dL_g(e) \cdot e_i$$

By construction, it is a smooth vector field on G , and at each point $g \in G$, $(X_1(g), \dots, X_m(g))$ is a basis of $T_g G$. Thus, G is parallelizable.

(b) It is a well-known fact that $SU(2)$ is a subgroup of $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ with

$$SU(2) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\bar{\beta} & \bar{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \mid |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1 \right\}.$$

Consider the map

$$\begin{aligned} f: \quad \mathbb{R}^4 &\longrightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C}) \\ (x, y, z, t) &\longmapsto \begin{bmatrix} x + iy & z + it \\ -z + it & x - iy \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then f is an injective linear map, and is thus a smooth embedding. Moreover, \mathbb{S}^3 is a submanifold of \mathbb{R}^4 whose image is precisely $SU(2)$: it follows that $SU(2)$ is a submanifold of $M_2(\mathbb{C}) \simeq \mathbb{R}^8$ diffeomorphic to \mathbb{S}^3 .

The multiplication in $M_2(\mathbb{C})$ is smooth, and so is its restriction to $SU(2)$. Also, the inversion in $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

which is smooth, and its restriction to $SU(2)$ is smooth.

- (c) We know that $SU(2)$ is parallelizable as a Lie group. Hence, it has 3 vectors fields Y_1, Y_2 and Y_3 that are pointwise linearly independent. It follows that $X_i(p) = df(p)^{-1}Y_i(f(p))$ are three vector fields on \mathbb{S}^3 which are pointwise linearly independent, and then, \mathbb{S}^3 is parallelizable.
- (d) (*bonus*) In \mathbb{C}^2 , define

$$\mathbf{1} = (1, 0), \quad \mathbf{i} = (i, 0), \quad \mathbf{j} = (0, 1), \quad \mathbf{k} = (0, i),$$

which form an orthonormal basis if $\mathbb{C}^2 \simeq \mathbb{R}^4$ for the usual inner product. One can show that the multiplication defined by

$$\mathbf{i}^2 = \mathbf{j}^2 = \mathbf{k}^2 = \mathbf{ijk} = -\mathbf{1}$$

extended linearly, is associative (in fact, we have constructed the *quaternions*) and satisfies $\|qq'\| = \|q\|\|q'\|$.

Define on \mathbb{S}^3 the functions

$$X_1(x) = \mathbf{i}x, \quad X_2(x) = \mathbf{j}x, \quad X_3(x) = \mathbf{k}x.$$

Show that they are vector fields on \mathbb{S}^3 and that they parallelize the sphere.

Exercise 5 (Computation of a differential).

Exercise 6 (Extending smooth function).

Sketch of a proof:

1. First, note that if $f: M^m \subset \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow N^n \subset \mathbb{R}^q$ is smooth, then its co-extension $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ is smooth, and "there is nothing to tell on the right". Let us then focus on the left.
2. Second, take a chart on \mathbb{R}^p adapted to M , that is, in that chart, M is given by $M \cap U = \{(x^1, \dots, x^m, 0, \dots, 0)\}$.
3. In that chart, extend f by $\tilde{f}(x^1, \dots, x^p) = f(x^1, \dots, x^m)$.
4. Choose a locally finite open covering of M by charts as above and consider a partition of unity subordinate to this cover. Glue the extensions constructed above thanks to this partition of unity: this gives an extension of f on an open subset of \mathbb{R}^p .
5. Enjoy.

Exercise 7 (Critical points VS critical values).

1. $\mathbb{R} \setminus F$ is an open subset of the real line. If non-empty, it is a countable union of disjoint open intervals: say $\mathbb{R} \setminus F = \cup_{i \in I} (a_i, b_i)$ with I finite or countable. It may be possible that one of the a_i (and only one) is equal to $-\infty$, and similarly, that one of the b_i (and only one) is equal to $+\infty$.

For $i \in I$, construct a smooth nonnegative function $f_i: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $f_i(x) > 0 \iff x \in (a_i, b_i)$. Then the function $f = \sum_{i \in I} f_i$ is a solution.

2. As K is closed, there exists by 1. a smooth nonnegative function $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $g(x) = 0 \iff x \in K$. Define

$$f(x) = \int_0^x g(t) dt.$$

Then f is smooth with $f' = g \geq 0$, and is thus nondecreasing. The function g vanishes exactly on K , which is of empty interior: hence, if $x < y$, then $f(y) - f(x) = \int_x^y g(t) dt > 0$, and f is strictly increasing. It follows that f is a smooth homeomorphism of \mathbb{R} onto its image. Its set of critical points is K , by definition of g , which has Lebesgue measure $\lambda(K) > 0$. But by Sard's Theorem, $f(\text{Crit}(f))$ has measure zero.

Remark: the function f constructed above may not be a homeomorphism from \mathbb{R} onto \mathbb{R} , because its image may not be all of \mathbb{R} . But we can adapt the proof in order to do so: show it!

Exercise 8 (Change of variable).

First, notice that we have the disjoint union $\varphi(U) = (\varphi(U) \setminus \varphi(\text{Crit}\varphi)) \cup \varphi(\text{Crit}\varphi)$. Therefore:

$$\lambda(\varphi(U)) = \int_{\varphi(U)} 1 d\lambda = \int_{\varphi(U) \setminus \varphi(\text{Crit}\varphi)} 1 d\lambda + \int_{\varphi(\text{Crit}\varphi)} 1 d\lambda$$

From Sard's Theorem, $\varphi(\text{Crit}\varphi)$ has measure zero, and thus, we have

$$\lambda(\varphi(U)) = \int_{\varphi(U) \setminus \varphi(\text{Crit}\varphi)} 1 d\lambda$$

Since φ is an homeomorphism, it is injective and it follows that $\varphi(U) \setminus \varphi(\text{Crit}\varphi) = \varphi(U \setminus \text{Crit}\varphi)$. But by definition of $\text{Crit}\varphi$, $d\varphi(x)$ is invertible is $x \in U \setminus \text{Crit}\varphi$, and from the inverse function Theorem, the restriction $\varphi|_{U \setminus \text{Crit}\varphi}$ is a diffeomorphism onto its image. The usual change of variable gives

$$\lambda(\varphi(U)) = \int_{U \setminus \text{Crit}\varphi} |\det d\varphi| d\lambda$$

and to conclude, note that on $\text{Crit}\varphi$, we have $|\det d\varphi| = 0$, so that we have the formula

$$\lambda(\varphi(U)) = \int_U |\det d\varphi| d\lambda.$$