# Smooth Manifolds

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# Chapter 1

# Manifolds and Smoothness

### 1.1 Topological Manifolds

#### 1.1.1 Elements of a Manifold

We start with the most basic type of manifolds: topological manifolds, and then equip them smooth structures.

**Definition 1.1.1.** Suppose M is a topological space. We say that M is a **topological manifold of dimension** n if it has the following properties:

- *M* is a Hausdorff space.
- M is second-countable.
- M is **locally Euclidean of dimension** n: each point of M has a neighborhood that is homeomorphic to an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

"Locally Euclidean of dimension n" means that for each point  $p \in M$  we can find an open neighborhood U of p and an open set  $\widehat{U} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , and a homeomorphism  $\varphi: U \to \widehat{U}$ . There are equivalent definitions of "locally Euclidean".

EXERCISE 1. Show that equivalent definitions of manifolds are obtained if instead of allowing U to be homeomorphic to any open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we require it to be homeomorphic to an open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , or to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  itself.

**Definition 1.1.2** (chart). Let M be a topological n-manifold. A **coordinate chart** (or chart) on M is a pair  $(U, \varphi)$ , where U is an open subset of M and  $\varphi: U \to \varphi(U)$  is a homeomorphism.

Given a chart  $(U, \varphi)$ , we call U a **coordinate domain** of each of its points. If in adition  $\varphi(U)$  is an open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then U is called a **coordinate ball**. The map  $\varphi$  is called a **(local) coordinate map**, and the component functions  $x^1, \dots, x^n$  in  $\varphi(p) = (x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p))$  are called **local coordinates** on U.

EXAMPLE 1. Consider 1-sphere  $\mathbb{S}^1$ , a topological subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , we show it is locally Euclidean. Denote

$$U_i^+ = \{(x^1, x^2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^i > 0\}, \quad U_i^- = \{(x^1, x^2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^i < 0\}.$$

Let  $f: \mathbb{B}^1 \to \mathbb{R}$  be the continuous function

$$f(u) = \sqrt{1 - |u|^2}.$$

Then  $U_i^+ \cap S^1$  is the graph of the function

$$x^{1} = f(0, x^{2}) = \sqrt{1 - |x_{2}|^{2}}, \quad x^{2} = f(x_{1}, 0) = \sqrt{1 - |x_{1}|^{2}}.$$

(the unit circle is given by the equation  $(x^1)^2 + (x^2)^2 = 1$ ) Similarly,  $U_i^- \cap S^1$  is the graph of

$$x^{1} = -f(0, x^{2}) = -\sqrt{1 - |x_{2}|^{2}}, \quad x^{2} = -f(x_{1}, 0) = -\sqrt{1 - |x_{1}|^{2}}.$$

Thus, each  $U_i^{\pm} \cap S^1$  is locally Euclidean of dimension 2 since each point of  $\mathbb{S}^1$  is in the domain of at least one of these charts.

#### 1.1.2 Topological Properties of Manifolds

#### Compactness

**Lemma 1.1.1.** Every topological manifold has a countable basis of precompact coordinate balls.

Proof. Let M be a topological n-manifold, then M admits a trivial covering  $M = \bigcup \{U : (U, \varphi) \text{ is a chart}\}$ . Since M is second countable, there is a countable subcover, say,  $M = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i$ , where  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$  is a chart. For each i let  $\mathcal{B}_i$  be the set of all rational balls  $B_r(x)$  such that  $B_{r'}(x) \subset \varphi_i(U_i)$  for some r' > r, that is,

$$\mathcal{B}_i = \{ B_r(x) \subset \mathbb{R}^n : x \in \mathbb{Q}^n, r \in \mathbb{Q}, \exists r' > r : B_{r'}(x) \subset \varphi_i(U_i) \}.$$

Because  $\varphi$  is a homeomorphism and  $\mathcal{B}_i$  is a basis for  $\phi_i(U_i)$ ,  $\varphi^{-1}(\mathcal{B}_i)$  is a basis for  $U_i$ , hence  $\mathcal{B} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \varphi_i^{-1}(\mathcal{B}_i)$  is a countable basis for M.

Now we show each basis element is precompact. Let  $B_r(x) \in \mathcal{B}_i$ , then  $\overline{B_r(x)} \subset \varphi_i(U_i)$ . As a continuous image of a compact set,  $\varphi_i^{-1}(\overline{B_r(x)})$  is compact in M. Since M is Hausdorff,  $\varphi_i^{-1}(\overline{B_r(x)})$  is closed, so

$$\overline{\varphi_i^{-1}(B_r(x))} \subset \varphi_i^{-1}(\overline{B_r(x)}).$$

Thus 
$$\varphi_i^{-1}(\overline{B_r(x)})$$
 is precompact.

#### Local compactness and paracompactness

Proposition 1.1.1. Every topologial manifold is locally compact.

*Proof.* This is because every topological manifold has a countable basis of precompact sets.  $\Box$ 

**Definition 1.1.3.** Let M be a topological space.

- A collection \$\mathcal{X}\$ of subsets of \$M\$ is said to be locally finite if each point of \$M\$ has a neighborhood that intersects at most finitely many of the sets in \$\mathcal{X}\$.
- Given a cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of M, another cover  $\mathcal{V}$  is called a **refinement** of  $\mathcal{U}$  if for each  $V \in \mathcal{V}$  there exists some  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $V \subset U$ .
- We say that M is **paracompact** if every open cover of M admits an open, locally finite refinement.

**Lemma 1.1.2.** Every topological manifold M can be exhausted by compact sets: there is a sequence of compact sets  $\{K_j\}$  such that  $K_j \subset \text{Int } K_{j+1}$  for all j and  $M = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} K_j$ .

*Proof.* M has a countable basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{U_i\}$ , where each  $U_i$  is precompact. Define  $K_1, \dots, K_n$  as follows:

- 1.  $K_1 = \overline{U_1}$ .
- 2. Assume  $K_1, \dots, K_n$  have been defined, then  $K_n \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i$ , hence there is a finite subcover  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{N} U_i \supset K_n$ . Let  $K_{n+1} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{N} \overline{U_i} \cup \overline{U_{n+1}}$ , then clearly  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \supset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} U_n = M$ .

**Theorem 1.1.1.** Given a topological manifold M, an open cover  $\mathcal{X}$ , and a basis  $\mathcal{B}$ , there is a countable locally finite refinement of  $\mathcal{X}$ , consisting of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{K_j\}$  be a compact exhaustion of M, define  $\widehat{K_j} = K_{j+1} \setminus \text{Int } K_j, O_j = \text{Int } K_{j+2} \setminus K_{j-1}$ . Then

- $\widehat{K}_j$  is compact,
- $\widehat{K_j} \subset O_j$ ,
- $O_j \cap O_l \neq \emptyset \iff |j-l| \leq 2.$

For  $x \in \widehat{K_j}$  there exists  $U_x \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $U_x \ni x$ , then there is a basis element  $B_x \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $x \in B_x \subset U_x \cap O_j$ , then  $\widehat{K_j} \subset \bigcup_{x \in \widehat{K_i}} B_x$ , so there is a finite subcover  $\mathcal{Y}_j$  of  $\widehat{K_j}$ . Clearly  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \widehat{K_j} = M$ , so  $\mathcal{Y} := \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{Y}_j$  is a countable refinement of  $\mathcal{X}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{Y}$  is locally finite.

#### Connectedness

In a topological manifold, connectedness is equivalent to path-connectedness. Recall that a topological space X is

- **connected** if there do not exist two disjoint, nonempty, open subsets U, V of X such that  $U \cup V = X$ ,
- **path-connected** if every pair of points in X can be joined by a path (continuous image of an interval) in X,
- locally path-connected if for every  $x \in X$  and open set  $U \ni x$  there is a path-connected open set V such that  $x \in V \subset U$ .

A maximal connected subset of X is called a **component** (or **connected component**) of X.

**Proposition 1.1.2** (properties of connected spaces). Let X, Y be topological spaces.

- 1. If  $F: X \to Y$  is continuous and X is connected, then F(X) is connected.
- 2. A union of connected subspaces of X with a point in common is connected.
- 3. The components of X are disjoint nonempty closed subsets whose union is X.
- 4. If S is a subset of X that is both open and closed, then S is a union of components of X.

Proof.

**Proposition 1.1.3** (properties of locally path-connected spaces). Let X be a locally path-connected topological space.

- 1. The components of X are open in X.
- 2. The path components of X are equal to its components.
- 3. X is connected if and only if it is path-connected.
- 4. Every open subset of X is locally path-connected.
- Proof. 1. Let C be a component of X, and let  $x \in C$ , then x has a path-connected neighborhood basis, thus it is a connected neighborhood basis. Any open set in this basis must be contained in C, as C is a maximal connected subsets. This shows that C is open.
  - 2. We show that C is a path component of X iff C is a component of X. Suppose C is a path component, then C itself is connected

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**Proposition 1.1.4.** Let M be a topological manifold.

- 1. M is locally path-connected.
- 2. M is connected  $\iff$  M is path-connected.
- 3. The connected components of M are the same as its path components.
- 4. M has countably many components, each of which is open and a connected topological manifold.

*Proof.* Since M is locally Euclidean and  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is locally path-connected, M is locally path-connected. (2) and (3) comes from Proposition 1.1.3. To prove (4), note that each component is open in M, so the collection of components is an open cover of M. Since M is second countable, this cover has a countable subcover. Since the components are disjoint, this cover must be countable.

#### 1.1.3 Quotient Topology and Projective Spaces

Let  $\sim$  be an equivalence relation on the set X. We denote the set of equivalence classes by  $X/\sim$  and call this set the *quotient* of X by the equivalence relation  $\sim$ . There is a natural *projection map* 

$$\pi: X \to X/\sim,$$
 
$$x \mapsto [x].$$

We call a set U in  $X/\sim open$  if and only if  $\pi^{-1}(U)$  is open in X. Clearly  $\varnothing$  and  $X/\sim$  are open. Since pre-image commutes with unions and intersections, the collection of open sets in  $X/\sim$  is closed under arbitrary union and finite intersection, hence is a topology.

**Definition 1.1.4.** The collection  $\{U \subset X/\sim: \pi^{-1}(U) \text{ is open in } X\}$  is called the **quotient topology** on  $X/\sim$ . With this topology,  $X/\sim$  is called the **quotient space** of X by the equivalence relation  $\sim$ .

EXERCISE 2 . With the quotient topology, the projection map  $\pi: X \to X/\sim$  is continuous.

*Proof.* Let U be an open set in  $X/\sim$ , then by definition  $\pi^{-1}(U)$  is open in X, so  $\pi$  is continuous.  $\square$ 

Let Y be another topological space, and let  $f: X \to Y$  be constant on each equivalence class. It induces a map  $\overline{f}: X/\sim \to Y$  by

$$\overline{f}([x]) = f(x), \quad x \in X.$$

We can draw a commutative diagram

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y$$

$$\downarrow^{\pi} \overline{f} \uparrow$$

$$X/\sim$$

**Proposition 1.1.5** (characteristic property). The induced map  $\overline{f}: X/\sim Y$  is continuous if and only if the map  $f: X \to Y$  is continuous.

Proof. Suppose  $\overline{f}$  is continuous, then since  $\pi$  is continuous, so is  $f = \overline{f} \circ \pi$ . On the other hand, suppose f is continuous. Let V be an open set in Y, then  $f^{-1}(V) = \pi^{-1}(\overline{f}^{-1}(V))$  is open in X. By the definition of quotient topology,  $\overline{f}^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X/\sim$ , hence  $\overline{f}$  is continuous.

If A is a subspace of a topological space X, we define a relation  $\sim$  on X by declaring  $x \sim x$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $x \sim y$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . We say that the quotient space  $X/\sim$  is obtained from S by identifying A to a point.

**EXAMPLE 2**. Let I = [0,1] and  $I/\sim$  be the quotient space obtained from I by identifying the two points  $\{0,1\}$  to a point. The function  $f: I \to S^1, f(x) = e^{2\pi i x}$  assumes the same value at 0 and 1, and so induces a function  $\overline{f}: I/\sim \to S^1$ .

**Proposition 1.1.6.** The function  $\overline{f}: I/\sim \to S^1$  is a homeomorphism.

Proof. Since f is continuous,  $\overline{f}$  is also continuous.  $\overline{f}$  is a bijection because  $\overline{f}(0) = \overline{f}(1) = e^{i0}$  (we identify 0 and 1 in I), and  $\overline{f}$  is clearly a bijection on  $[0,1] \setminus \{0,1\}$ . The quotient  $I/\sim$  is compact as the continuous image of I under the projection map. Thus,  $\overline{f}$  is a continuous bijection from the compact space  $I/\sim$  to the Hausdorff space  $S^1$ , hence  $\overline{f}$  is a homeomorphism.

The Hausdorff property is of vital importance in the theory of manifolds.

**Proposition 1.1.7.** If the quotient space  $X/\sim$  is Hausdorff, then the equivalence class [p] of any point p in X is closed in X.

*Proof.* Let  $\pi: X \to X/\sim$  be the projection map and let  $X/\sim$  be Hausdorff, then for any  $p \in X$ ,  $\{\pi(p)\}$  is closed in  $X/\sim$ . Since  $\pi$  is continuous,  $\pi^{-1}(\{\pi(p)\}) = [p]$  is closed in X.

#### Open equivalence relations

Now we derive conditions under which a quotient space is Hausdorff or second countable.

**Definition 1.1.5.** An equivalence relation  $\sim$  on a topological space X is said to be **open** if the projection  $\pi: X \to X/\sim$  is open.

**Proposition 1.1.8.** Let  $\sim$  be an equivalence relation on X. Then  $\sim$  is open if and only if for every open set  $U \subset X$ , the set

$$\pi^{-1}(\pi(U)) = \bigcup_{x \in U} [x]$$

is open.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\sim$  is open, then  $\pi(U)$  is open. Since  $\pi$  is continuous,  $\pi^{-1}(\pi(U))$  is open. Conversely, let U be open in X. Then

$$\pi(U) = \pi\left(\bigcup_{x \in U} [x]\right)$$

**EXAMPLE 3**. The projection map to a quotient space is in general not open. Let  $\sim$  be the equivalence relation on the real line  $\mathbb R$  that identifies the two points 1,-1, and let  $\pi:\mathbb R\to\mathbb R/\sim$  be the projection map. Let V=(-2,0), then

$$\pi^{-1}(\pi(V)) = (-2,0) \cup \{1\},\$$

which is not open in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Thus,  $\pi(V)$  is not open in the quotient space, so  $\pi: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}/\sim$  is not an open map.

**Definition 1.1.6.** Given an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on X, the set

$$R = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : x \sim y\}$$

is called the **graph** of the equivalence relation  $\sim$ .

**Theorem 1.1.2.** Suppose  $\sim$  is an open equivalence relation on X. Then the quotient space  $X/\sim$  is Hausdorff if and only if the graph R of the equivalence relation is closed in  $X\times X$ .

Proof. ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) Suppose  $X/\sim$  is Hausdorff, we will show that  $X\times X\setminus R$  is open. Let  $(x,y)\in X\times X\setminus R$ , then x is not equivalent to y, hence  $[x]\neq [y]$  in  $X/\sim$ . Since  $X/\sim$  is Hausdorff, there exist disjoint open sets  $\tilde{U},\tilde{V}\subset X/\sim$  with  $[x]\in \tilde{U}$  and  $[y]\in \tilde{V}$ . Since  $\tilde{U}\cap \tilde{V}=\varnothing$ , no element in  $U:=\pi^{-1}(\tilde{U})$  is equivalent to an element of  $V:=\pi^{-1}(\tilde{V})$ . Thus  $U\times V$  is open and  $U\times V\cap R=\varnothing$ , so

 $(x,y) \in U \times V \subset X \times X \setminus R$ .

( $\iff$ ) Suppose R is closed in  $X \times X$  and  $[x] \neq [y]$  in  $X/\sim$ . Then  $x \nsim y$ . Thus  $(x,y) \in X \times X \setminus R$ . Since  $X \times X \setminus R$  is open, there exists an open set  $U \times V$  such that  $(x,y) \in U \times V \subset X \times X \setminus R$ . Thus no element of U is equivalent to an element of V, so  $\pi(U) \cap \pi(V) = \emptyset$ . Since  $\pi$  is an open map,  $\pi(U)$  and  $\pi(V)$  are open in  $X/\sim$ . Clearly  $[x] \in \pi(U)$  and  $[y] \in \pi(V)$ , hence  $X/\sim$  is Hausdorff.

**Theorem 1.1.3.** Let  $\sim$  be an open equivalence relation on a space X with projection  $\pi: X \to X/\sim$ . If  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_{\alpha}\}$  is a basis for X, then its image  $\{\pi(B_{\alpha})\}$  under  $\pi$  is a basis for  $X/\sim$ .

*Proof.* Let W be an open set in  $X/\sim$ , we want to find an element  $\pi(B_{\alpha}) \subset W$ . Let  $[x] \in W$ , then  $x \in \pi^{-1}(W)$ . Since  $\pi^{-1}(W)$  is open, there is a basis element  $B_{\alpha}$  such that  $x \in B_{\alpha} \subset \pi^{-1}(W)$ . Then  $[x] = \pi(x) \in \pi(B_{\alpha}) \subset W$ .

**Corollary 1.1.1.** If  $\sim$  is an open equivalence relation on a second countable space X, then the quotient space  $X/\sim$  is second countable.

#### Real projective spaces

Define an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$  by

$$x \sim y$$
 iff  $y = tx$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

**Definition 1.1.7** (real projective spaces). The **real projective space**  $\mathbb{RP}^n$  is the quotient space of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$  by the above equivalence relation. We denote the equivalence class of a point  $(a_0, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$  by  $[a_0, \dots, a_n]$  and let  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \to \mathbb{RP}^n$  be the projection. We call  $[a_0, \dots, a_n]$  the **homogeneous coordinates** on  $\mathbb{RP}^n$ .

We define an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $S^n$  by identifying the antipodal points:

$$x \sim y \text{ iff } x = \pm y, \quad x, y \in S^n.$$

We then have a bijection  $\mathbb{RP}^n \leftrightarrow S^n / \sim$ .

Exercise 3. Prove that the map

$$f: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \to S^n$$
  
$$f(x) = \frac{x}{|x|}$$

induces a homeomorphism  $\overline{f}: \mathbb{RP}^n \to S^n/\sim$ .

(Hint: Find an inverse map  $\overline{g}: S^n/\sim \to \mathbb{RP}^n$  and show that  $\overline{f}$  and  $\overline{g}$  are continuous.)

*Proof.* Consider the diagram

$$\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \xleftarrow{f^{-1}} S^n$$

$$\uparrow \pi_1 \downarrow \qquad \uparrow \pi_1 \circ f^{-1} \downarrow \pi_2$$

$$\mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}^n \xleftarrow{\overline{g}} S^n / \sim$$

Clearly  $\pi_1 \circ f^{-1}$  is continuous, hence the induced map  $\overline{\pi_1 \circ f^{-1}} : S^n / \sim \to \mathbb{RP}^n$  is continuous, and we denote it  $\overline{g}$ . Moreover,  $\mathbb{RP}^n = (\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}) / \sim$ , and by another diagram

$$\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \xrightarrow{f} S^n$$

$$\downarrow_{\pi_1} \xrightarrow{\pi_2 \circ f} \downarrow_{\pi_2}$$

$$\mathbb{RP}^n \xrightarrow{\overline{f}} S^n / \sim$$

we have obtain the continuous induced map  $\overline{f} := \overline{\pi_2 \circ f}$ . From the diagrams we also have

$$\overline{f} = \pi_2 \circ f \circ \pi_1^{-1},$$

$$\overline{g} = \pi_1 \circ f^{-1} \circ \pi_2^{-1},$$

hence

$$\overline{f} \circ \overline{g} = \pi_2 \circ f \circ \pi_1^{-1} \circ \pi_1 \circ f^{-1} \circ \pi_2^{-1} = \operatorname{id}_{S^n/\sim},$$

$$\overline{g} \circ \overline{f} = \pi_1 \circ f^{-1} \circ \pi_2^{-1} \circ \pi_2 \circ f \circ \pi_1^{-1} = \operatorname{id}_{\mathbb{RP}^n}.$$

Therefore  $\overline{f}$  is a continuous bijection, with its inverse  $\overline{g}$  also being continuous.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 1.1.9.** The equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$  in the definition of  $\mathbb{RP}^n$  is an open equivalence relation.

*Proof.* Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$  be open, then  $\pi(U)$  is open in  $\mathbb{RP}^n$  if and only if  $\pi^{-1}(\pi(U))$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ .

**Proposition 1.1.10.**  $\mathbb{RP}^n$  is second countable and Hausdorff.

*Proof.* Since  $\sim$  is an open equivalence relation on the second countable space  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ ,  $\mathbb{RP}^n=X/\sim$  is second countable.

Let 
$$S = \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$$
 and let

$$R = \{(x, y) \in S \times S : y = tx \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}\}.$$

Viewed as column vectors,  $[x \ y]$  is an  $(n+1) \times 2$  matrix, and R can be identified as

the set of matrices  $[x \ y]$  in  $S \times S$  of rank  $\leq 1$ . Then the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & tx_1 \\ x_2 & tx_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{n+1} & tx_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$ 

has all  $2 \times 2$  minors equal to 0.

#### 1.2 Smooth Structures

#### 1.2.1 Smooth Functions Between Euclidean Spaces

If U and V are open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , a function  $F:U\to V$  is called **smooth** (or  $C^\infty$ , or infinitely differentiable) if each of its component functions has continuous partial derivatives of all orders. If in addition F is bijective and has a smooth inverse map, it is called a **diffeomorphism**.

**Theorem 1.2.1** (inverse function theorem). Suppose U, V are open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $F: U \to V$  is a smooth function. If DF(a) is invertible at some point  $a \in U$ , then there exist connected neighborhoods  $U_0 \subset U$  of a and  $V_0 \subset V$  of F(a) such that  $F|_{U_0}: U_0 \to V_0$  is a diffeomorphism.

#### 1.2.2 Smooth Structures on Manifolds

Let M be a topological n-manifold. If  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi)$  are two charts such that  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , the composite map  $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U \cap V) \to \psi(U \cap V)$  is called the **transition map** from  $\varphi$  to  $\psi$ . Two charts  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi)$  are said to be **smoothly compatible** if either  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  or  $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$  is a diffeomorphism.

Temporarily denote the smooth compatibility of  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi)$  by  $(U, \varphi) \sim (V, \psi)$ . Then

- clearly  $(U, \varphi) \sim (V, \psi)$ .
- If  $(U,\varphi) \sim (V,\psi)$ , then  $(\psi \circ \varphi^{-1})^{-1} = \varphi \circ \psi^{-1}$  is still a diffeomorphism, hence  $(V,\psi) \sim (U,\varphi)$ .
- Let  $(U, \varphi) \sim (V, \psi)$  and  $(V, \psi) \sim (W, \theta)$ , then  $\varphi \circ \psi^{-1}$  and  $\psi \circ \theta^{-1}$  are diffeomorphisms, hence  $(\varphi \circ \psi^{-1}) \circ (\psi \circ \theta^{-1}) = \varphi \circ \theta^{-1}$  is a diffeomorphism, thus  $(U, \varphi) \sim (W, \theta)$ .

We conclude that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

**Definition 1.2.1** (atlas). We define an **atlas** for M to be a collection of charts whose domains cover M. An atlas  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a **smooth atlas** if any two charts in  $\mathcal{A}$  are smoothly compatible with each other.

**Definition 1.2.2** (smooth structure). Let M be a topological manifold. A smooth atlas  $\mathcal{A}$  on M is **maximal** if it is not properly contained in any larger smooth atlas.

A smooth structure on M is a maximal smooth atlas.

**Definition 1.2.3** (smooth manifold). A **smooth manifold** is a pair (M, A), where M is a topological manifold and A is a smooth structure on M.

**Proposition 1.2.1** (smooth compatibility). Let M be a topological manifold.

- 1. Every smooth atlas A for M is contained in a unique maximal smooth atlas, called the **smooth structure determined by** A.
- 2. Two smooth atlases for M determine the same smooth structure if and only if their union is a smooth atlas.
- 1. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a smooth atlas for M, and let  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$  be the set of all charts that Proof. are smoothly compatible with every chart in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then clearly  $\mathcal{A} \subset \overline{\mathcal{A}}$ . We need to show that for any  $(U,\varphi), (V,\psi) \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}$ , the map  $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U \cap V) \to \overline{\mathcal{A}}$  $\psi(U \cap V)$  is smooth. Let  $x = \varphi(p) \in \varphi(U \cap V)$  be arbitrary. Since the domains of the charts in  $\mathcal{A}$ cover M, there exists a chart  $(W, \theta) \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $p \in W$ . Because every chart in  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$  is smoothly compatible with  $(W,\theta)$ , the maps  $\theta \circ \varphi^{-1}$  and  $\psi \circ \theta^{-1}$ are smooth. Since  $p \in U \cap V \cap W$ , it follows that  $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1} = (\psi \circ \theta^{-1}) \circ (\psi \circ \theta^{-1})$ is smooth on a neighborhood of x. Thus  $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$  is smooth in a neighborhood of each point in  $\varphi(U \cap V)$ . Therefore  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$  is a smooth atlas. If  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$  is properly contained in a larger smooth atlas  $\mathcal{E}$ , then there is a smooth chart  $(U,\varphi) \in$  $\mathcal{E} \setminus \overline{\mathcal{A}}$  which is not compatible with a chart  $(V, \psi) \in \mathcal{A}$ . But  $\mathcal{A} \subset \overline{\mathcal{A}} \subset \mathcal{E}$ implies  $(U,\varphi)$  is compatible with  $(V,\psi)$ , a contradiction. This shows the maximality of  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ . If  $\mathcal{B}$  is any other maximal smooth atlas containing  $\mathcal{A}$ , each of its charts is smoothly compatible with each chart in  $\mathcal{A}$ , so  $\mathcal{B} \subset \overline{\mathcal{A}}$ .
  - 2. Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  be smooth at lases for M.

Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is maximal,  $\mathcal{B} = \overline{\mathcal{A}}$ .

 $(\Longrightarrow)$ : Suppose they determine the same smooth structure, then  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are contained in a unique maximal smooth atlas  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ . By the construction in (1), every chart in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$  is compatible with every chart in  $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$ .

To show  $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$  is a smooth atlas, we need to show that for any  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi) \in \mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$ , the map  $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U \cap V) \to \psi(U \cap V)$  is smooth. If  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi) \in \mathcal{A}$  or  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi) \in \mathcal{B}$ , then this is the same as part (1). We may assume  $(U, \varphi) \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $(V, \psi) \in \mathcal{B}$ . If  $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B} = \emptyset$ , then  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ , so by definition they are smoothly compatible, implying that  $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$  is a smooth atlas. Now suppose  $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B} \neq \emptyset$  and  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x = \varphi(p) \in \varphi(U \cap V)$  be arbitrary, then there exists a chart  $(W, \theta) \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $p \in W$ . Because every chart in  $\overline{\mathcal{M}} \supset \mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$  is smoothly compatible with  $(W, \theta)$ , the maps  $\theta \circ \varphi^{-1}$  and  $\psi \circ \theta^{-1}$  are smooth. The following is the same as part (1).

( $\iff$ ): Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  determine different smooth structures  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{B}}$ , then there is a smooth chart  $(U, \varphi) \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}$  such that  $(U, \varphi) \notin \overline{\mathcal{B}}$ . Then  $(U, \varphi)$  is smoothly compatible with each  $(A, \alpha) \in \mathcal{A}$ , and there exists  $(V, \psi) \in \mathcal{B}$  with which  $(U, \varphi)$  is not compatible. Since smooth compatibility is an equivalence relation,  $(A, \alpha)$  is not smoothly compatible with  $(V, \psi)$ , thus  $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$  is not a smooth atlas.

#### 1.2.3 Local Coordinate Representations

If M is a smooth manifold, any chart  $(U, \varphi)$  contained in the given maximal smooth atlas is called a **smooth chart**, and the coordinate map  $\varphi$  is called a **smooth coordinate map**. The domain of a smooth coordinate chart is called a **smooth coordinate domain** or **smooth coordinate neighborhood**.

If the image of a smooth coordinate domain under a smooth coordinate map is a ball in Euclidean space, the domain is called a **smooth coordinate ball**. A **smooth coordinate cube** is defined similarly.

**Definition 1.2.4.** We say a set  $B \subset M$  is a **regular coordinate ball** if there is a smooth coordinate ball  $B' \supset \overline{B}$  and a smooth coordinate map  $\varphi : B' \to \mathbb{R}^n$  such that for some positive real numbers r > r':

$$\varphi(B) = B_r(0), \quad \varphi(\overline{B}) = \overline{B}_r(0), \quad \varphi(B') = B_{r'}(0).$$

**Proposition 1.2.2.** Every smooth manifold has a countable basis of regular coordinate balls.

### 1.3 Examples of Smooth Manifolds

**EXAMPLE 4**. A topological manifold M of dimension 0 is just a countable discrete space. For each  $p \in M$  the only neighborhood of p that is homeomorphic to an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^0$  is  $\{p\}$  itself, and there is exactly one coordinate map  $\varphi : \{p\} \to \mathbb{R}^0$ .

EXAMPLE 5 (EUCLIDEAN SPACES).  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a smooth n-manifold with the smooth structure determined by the atlas consisting of the single chart  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n})$ . We call this the **standard smooth structure** on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the resulting coordinate map **standard coordinates**.

EXAMPLE 6 (ANOTHER SMOOTH STRUCTURE ON  $\mathbb{R}$ ). Consider the homeomorphism  $\psi : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  given by  $\psi(x) = x^3$ . The atlas consisting of the single chart  $(\mathbb{R}, \psi)$  defines a smooth structure on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

EXAMPLE 7 (FINITE-DIMENSIONAL VECTOR SPACE). Let V be a finite-dimensional real vector space. Any norm on V determines a topology. With this topology, V is a topological n-manifold, and has a natural smooth structure defined as follows. Each basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  of V defines a basis isomorphism  $E : \mathbb{R}^n \to V$  by

$$E(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x^{i} e_{i}.$$

This map is clearly a homeomorphism, so  $(V, E^{-1})$  is a chart. If  $\tilde{e}_1, \dots, \tilde{e}_n$  is any other basis and  $\tilde{E}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n x^j \tilde{e}_j$  is the corresponding isomorphism, then there is an invertible matrix  $(A_i^j)$  such that  $e_i = \sum_{j=1}^n A_i^j \tilde{e}_j$  for each i.

The transition map between the two charts is given by  $\tilde{E}^{-1} \circ E(x) = \tilde{x}$ , where  $\tilde{x} = (\tilde{x}^1, \dots, \tilde{x}^n)$  is determined by

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} \tilde{x}^{j} \tilde{e}_{j} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x^{i} E_{i} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x^{i} \sum_{j=1}^{n} A_{i}^{j} \tilde{e}_{j}.$$

It follows that  $\tilde{x}^j = \sum_{j=1}^n A_i^j \tilde{e}_j$ , thus  $\tilde{E}^{-1} \circ E$  is an invertible linear map and hence a diffeomorphism, so any two such charts are smoothly compatible. The collection of all such charts thus defines a smooth structure.

EXAMPLE 8 (GRAPHS OF CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS). Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set, let  $f: U \to \mathbb{R}^k$  be a continuous function. The **graph** of f is the subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^k$  is defined by

$$\Gamma(f) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^k : y = f(x)\}\$$

with the subspace topology. Let  $\pi_1 : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^n$  be the projection onto the first factor, and let  $\varphi = \pi_1|_{\Gamma(f)}$ :

$$\varphi(x,y) = x, \quad (x,y) \in \Gamma(f).$$

Then

- $\varphi$  is continuous,
- $\varphi$  is a homeomorphism since  $\varphi^{-1}(x) = (x, f(x))$ .

Thus  $\Gamma(f)$  is homeomorphic to  $\varphi(\Gamma(f)) = U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , so  $\Gamma(f)$  is a topological manifold of dimension n.

 $(\Gamma(f), \varphi)$  is a global coordinate chart, called **graph coordinates**.

In summary, the graph of a continuous function is a topological manifold.

#### **Spheres**

EXAMPLE 9 (SPHERES). For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the unit *n*-sphere  $\mathbb{S}^n$  is Hausdorff and second countable since it is a topological subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . We want to show  $\mathbb{S}^n$  is locally Euclidean. For each  $i = 1, \dots, n+1$ , let

$$U_i^+ = \{(x_1, \cdots, x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : x_i > 0\},\$$

$$U_i^- = \{(x_1, \cdots, x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : x_i < 0\}.$$

Let  $f: \mathbb{B}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  be the continuous function (Notice:  $\mathbb{B}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ )

$$f(u) = \sqrt{1 - |u|^2}.$$

The equation of the sphere is given by (temporarily using subscripts)

$$x_1^2 + \dots + x_{n+1}^2 = 1,$$

hence

$$x_i^2 = 1 - x_1^2 - \dots - x_{i-1}^2 - x_{i+1}^2 - \dots - x_{n+1}^2,$$

thus

$$x_1^2 + \dots + x_{i-1}^2 + x_{i+1}^2 + x_{n+1}^2 \le 1$$
 (so that  $(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{B}^n$ )

and

$$x^{i} = \pm \sqrt{1 - x_{1}^{2} - \dots - x_{i-1}^{2} - x_{i+1}^{2} - \dots - x_{n+1}^{2}} = \pm f((x^{1}, \dots, x^{i-1}, x^{i+1}, \dots, x^{n+1})).$$

Therefore  $U_i^+ \cap \mathbb{S}^n$  is the graph of the function<sup>1</sup>

$$x^{i} = f(x^{1}, \cdots, \widehat{x^{i}}, \cdots, x^{n+1}),$$

where  $(x^1,\cdots,\widehat{x^i},\cdots,x^{n+1}):=(x^1,\cdots,x^{i-1},x^{i+1},\ldots,x^{n+1})$ . Similarly,  $U_i^-\cap\mathbb{S}^n$  is the graph of

$$x^i = -f(x^1, \cdots, \widehat{x^i}, \cdots, x^{n+1}).$$

Thus, each  $U_i^{\pm} \cap \mathbb{S}^n$  is locally Euclidean of dimension n. The maps  $\varphi_i^{\pm}: U_i^{\pm} \cap \mathbb{S}^n \to \mathbb{B}^n$  given by

$$\varphi_i^{\pm}(x^1, \dots, x^{n+1}) = (x^1, \dots, \hat{x^i}, \dots, x^{n+1})$$

are graph coordinates for  $\mathbb{S}^n$ . Since each point of  $\mathbb{S}^n$  is in the domain of at least one of these 2n+2 charts,  $\mathbb{S}^n$  is a topological *n*-manifold (See Example 1 for the case n=1).

#### Real Projective Spaces

 $\mathbb{RP}^n$  is the quotient space of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$  under the equivalence relation

$$x \sim y$$
 iff  $y = tx$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

The equivalence class of a point  $(a_0, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$  is denoted by  $[a_0, \dots, a_n]$ , called the homogeneous coordinates on  $\mathbb{RP}^n$ .

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , if  $a_0 = 0$ , then  $[a_0, a_1, a_2]$  is the x-axis. In fact, the condition  $a_0 \neq 0$  is independent of the choice of a representative for  $[a_0, \dots, a_n]$ .

We may define

$$U_0 = \{ [a_0, \cdots, a_n] \in \mathbb{RP}^n : a_0 \neq 0 \}.$$

think  $U_i^{\pm} \cap \mathbb{S}^n$  of north and south hemisphere

Similarly, for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$  let

$$U_i = \{ [a_0, \cdots, a_n] \in \mathbb{RP}^n : a_i \neq 0 \}.$$

Define

$$\phi_0: U_0 \to \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$[a_0, \cdots, a_n] \mapsto \left(\frac{a_1}{a_0}, \cdots, \frac{a_n}{a_0}\right).$$

This map has a continuous inverse

$$(b_1,\cdots,b_n)\mapsto [1,b_1,\cdots,b_n]$$

and is therefore a homeomorphism. Similarly, there are homeomorphisms for each  $i=1,\cdots,n$ :

$$\phi_0: U_i \to \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$[a_0, \cdots, a_n] \mapsto \left(\frac{a_1}{a_i}, \cdots, \frac{a_{i-1}}{a_i}, \frac{a_{i+1}}{a_i}, \cdots, \frac{a_n}{a_i}\right) = \left(\frac{a_1}{a_i}, \frac{\widehat{a_i}}{a_i}, \cdots, \frac{a_n}{a_i}\right).$$

This shows  $\mathbb{RP}^n$  is locally Euclidean with the  $(U_i, \phi_i)$  as charts.

#### Grassman manifolds

EXAMPLE 10 (GRASSMAN MANIFOLDS). Let V be a real vector space and  $\dim V = d < \infty$ , the **Grassmannian**  $\operatorname{Gr}_k(V)$  is the set of k-dimensional vector subspaces of V.

#### The Einstein Summation Convention

We often abbreviate expressions such as  $\sum_i x^i e_i$  to  $x^i e_i$ . This is a rule called the **Einstein summation convention**.

#### 1.4 Smooth Functions

#### 1.4.1 Smooth Functions on Manifolds

Suppose M is a smooth n-manifold,  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ,  $f: M \to \mathbb{R}^k$  is any function.

**Definition 1.4.1** (smooth function). We say that f is a **smooth function** if for every  $p \in M$  there exists a smooth chart  $(U, \varphi)$  for M whose domain contains p and such that

$$f \circ \varphi^{-1}$$
 is smooth on  $\varphi(U) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

EXERCISE 4. Let M be a smooth manifold with or without boundary. Show that pointwise multiplication turns  $C^{\infty}(M)$  into a commutative ring and a commutative and associative algebra over  $\mathbb{R}$ . (See Appendix B, p. 624, for the definition of an algebra.)

Proof. Let  $f, g \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , then clearly  $(C^{\infty}(M), +)$  is an abelian group. Multiplicative associativity is obvious, so it remains to show  $fg \in C^{\infty}(M)$ . By definition, there are smooth charts near a point  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi)$  near a point  $p \in M$  such that  $f \circ \varphi^{-1}$  is smooth on  $\varphi(U)$  and  $g \circ \psi^{-1}$  is smooth on  $\psi(V)$ .

EXERCISE 5. Let M be a smooth manifold with or without boundary, and suppose  $f: M \to \mathbb{R}^k$  is a smooth function. Show that  $f \circ \varphi^{-1}: \varphi(U) \to \mathbb{R}^k$  is smooth for every smooth chart  $(U, \varphi)$  for M.

*Proof.* Recall that any two smooth charts are smoothly compatible. Let  $(U, \varphi)$  be an arbitrary smooth chart and let  $p \in U$ . Then for this p there exists a smooth chart  $(V, \psi)$  such that  $V \ni p$  and  $f \circ \psi^{-1}$  is smooth on  $\psi(U)$ . Since  $(U, \varphi)$  is smoothly compatible with  $(V, \psi)$ ,  $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$  is a diffeomorphism. Now

$$f \circ \varphi^{-1} = (f \circ \psi^{-1}) \circ (\psi \circ \varphi^{-1})$$

is smooth on  $\varphi(U)$ , so f is a smooth function.

**Definition 1.4.2** (coordinate representation). Given a function  $f: M \to \mathbb{R}^k$  and a chart  $(U, \varphi)$  for M, the function  $\widehat{f}: \varphi(U) \to \mathbb{R}^k$  defined by  $\widehat{f}(x) = f \circ \varphi^{-1}(x)$  is called the **coordinate representation** of f.

EXAMPLE 11. Consider  $f(x,y)=x^2+y^2$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . In polar coordinates on the set  $U=\{(x,y):x>0\}$ , it has the coordinate representation  $\widehat{f}(r,\theta)=r^2$ .

#### 1.4.2 Smooth Maps Between Manifolds

**Definition 1.4.3** (smooth map). Let M, N be smooth manifolds,  $F: M \to N$  be any map. We say that F is a **smooth map** if for every  $p \in M$ , there exists smooth charts  $(U, \varphi)$  containing p and  $(V, \psi)$  containing F(p) such that

- $F(U) \subset V$ , and
- $\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}$  is smooth from  $\varphi(U)$  to  $\psi(V)$ .

**Proposition 1.4.1.** Every smooth map is continuous.

*Proof.* Let M, N be smooth manifolds and  $F: M \to N$  be smooth. Let  $p \in M$ , then there are smooth charts  $(U,\varphi)$  containing p and  $(V,\psi)$  containing F(p) such that  $F(U) \subset V$  and  $\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U) \to \psi(V)$  is a smooth function, hence is continuous. Then

$$F|_{U} = \psi^{-1} \circ (\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}) \circ \varphi : U \to V$$

is continuous in a neighborhood of p. Since p is arbitrary, F is continuous on M.

**Proposition 1.4.2.** Let M and N be smooth manifolds and let  $F: M \to N$  be a map.

- 1. If every  $p \in M$  has a neighborhood U such that  $F|_U$  is smooth, then F is smooth.
- 2. If F is smooth, then its restriction to every open subset is smooth.
- 1. Let  $p \in M$ , then there are smooth charts  $(U, \varphi)$  containing p and  $(V,\psi)$  containing  $F|_{U}(p)$  such that  $F|_{U}(U)\subset V$  and  $\psi\circ F|_{U}\circ\varphi^{-1}:\varphi(U)\to$  $\psi(V)$  is a smooth function. It is obvious that  $F|_{U}(U) = F(U)$ , so all  $F|_{U}$ 's appeared in the above expressions can be substituted by F, thus F is smooth.
  - 2. Let W be an open set in M. By the smoothness of F, for every  $p \in W$ there exists smooth charts  $(U_p, \varphi_p)$  and  $(V_p, \psi_p)$  such that  $F(U_p) \subset V_p$  and  $\psi_p \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}$  is smooth from  $\varphi(U)$  to  $\psi(V)$ . By considering the set  $W \cap U_p$ it is easy to see that  $F|_W$  is smooth.

**Theorem 1.4.1** (gluing lemma). Let M, N be smooth manifolds and  $\{U_{\alpha}\}_{{\alpha}\in A}$  be an open cover of M. Suppose for each  $\alpha$  we are given a smooth map  $F_{\alpha}: U_{\alpha} \to N$ such that

$$F_{\alpha}|_{U_{\alpha}\cap U_{\beta}} = F_{\beta}|_{U_{\alpha}\cap U_{\beta}} \ \forall \alpha, \beta.$$

Then there exists a unique smooth map  $F: M \to N$  such that

$$F|_{U_{\alpha}} = F_{\alpha} \ \forall \alpha \in A.$$

A smooth map  $F: M \to N$  induces a smooth structure on N.

**Theorem 1.4.2.** Let  $\{(U,\varphi)\}$  be a smooth structure on M, then  $\{(F(U),\}\}$  is a smooth structure on N.

#### 1.4.3 Diffeomorphisms

**Definition 1.4.4.** If M, N are smooth manifolds, a **diffeomorphism** from M to N is a smooth bijective map  $F: M \to N$  that has a smooth inverse. We say that M and N are **diffeomorphic** if there exists a diffeomorphism between them.

EXAMPLE 12. Let  $F: \mathbb{B}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $G: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{B}^n$  be

$$F(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1 - |x|^2}}, \quad G(y) = \frac{y}{\sqrt{1 + |y|^2}}.$$

Then F, G are diffeomorphisms.

*Proof.* First we compute  $F \circ G$  and  $G \circ F$ .

$$(F \circ G)(y) = F(G(y)) = \frac{G(y)}{\sqrt{1 - |G(y)|^2}},$$

where

$$1 - |G(y)|^2 = 1 - \frac{|y|^2}{1 + |y|^2} = \frac{1}{1 + |y|^2},$$

hence

$$(F \circ G)(y) = \frac{y}{\sqrt{1+|y|^2}} / \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|y|^2}} = y.$$

Similarly,

$$(G \circ F)(x) = x.$$

Now consider each component  $F_i(x) = \frac{x_i}{\sqrt{1-|x|^2}}$ , then  $F_i$  is smooth by elementary calculus. Hence  $\mathbb{B}^n$  is diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**EXAMPLE 13**. If M is a smooth manifold and  $(U, \varphi)$  is a smooth coordinate chart on M, then  $\varphi: U \to \varphi(U) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a diffeomorphism.

*Proof.* Since  $\varphi \circ \varphi^{-1} = \operatorname{id}$  is clearly smooth,  $\varphi$  is a smooth map. To see  $\varphi^{-1}$  is smooth, we view  $\varphi^{-1}$  as a map between manifolds  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and M. Choose a smooth chart  $(\varphi(U), \varphi^{-1})$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $\varphi^{-1} \circ (\varphi^{-1})^{-1} = \operatorname{id}$  is clearly smooth, completing the proof.

**Proposition 1.4.3** (properties of diffeomorphisms). Let M, N, P be manifolds.

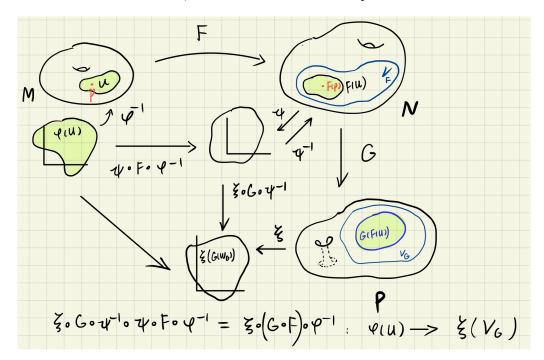
- 1. If  $F: M \to N, G: N \to P$  are diffeomorphisms, then  $G \circ F: M \to P$  is a diffeomorphism.
- 2. If F, G are diffeomorphisms from M to N, then the Cartesian product  $F \times G$  is a diffeomorphism.

- 3. "Diffeomorphic" is an equivalence relation on the class of all smooth manifolds.
- Proof. 1. Let  $p \in M$ . Since F is smooth, there are smooth charts  $(U, \varphi)$  on M and  $(V_F, \psi)$  on N such that  $p \in U, F(U) \subset V_F$  and  $\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U) \to \psi(V_F)$  is a smooth function. Since G is smooth,  $G|_{F(U)}$  is smooth, so there are smooth charts  $(F(U), \psi)$  on N and  $(W, \xi)$  on P such that
  - $F(p) \in F(U), (G \circ F)(p) \in G(F(U)) \subset W$ ,
  - $\xi \circ G \circ \psi^{-1}$  is a smooth function.

Then

$$\xi \circ G \circ \psi^{-1} \circ \psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1} = \xi \circ (G \circ F) \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U) \to \xi(W)$$

is a smooth function, hence  $G \circ F$  is a diffeomorphism.



- 2. Let  $p \in M$ , then there are smooth charts  $(U_F, \varphi_F)$ ,  $(U_G, \varphi_G)$  and  $(V_F, \psi_F)$ ,  $(V_G, \psi_G)$  such that
  - $p \in U_f, p \in U_G$  and  $F(p) \in V_F, G(p) \in V_G$ ,
  - $\psi_F \circ F \circ \varphi_F^{-1}$  and  $\psi_G \circ G \circ \varphi_G^{-1}$  are smooth functions.
- 3. Let M, N, P be smooth manifolds.
  - M is clearly diffeomorphic with M via the identity map.

- If  $F: M \to N$  is a diffeomorphism, so is  $F^{-1}: N \to M$ .
- Suppose  $M \simeq N$  and  $N \simeq P$ . Since composition of diffeomorphisms is a diffeomorphism,  $M \simeq P$ .

## 1.5 Partitions of Unity

**Lemma 1.5.1.** The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/t}, & t > 0, \\ 0, & t \le 0, \end{cases}$$

is smooth.

*Proof.* This is a calculus exercise.

**Lemma 1.5.2.** For any  $0 < r_1 < r_2$  there is a smooth functions  $h : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ , where

- 1. H = 1 on  $\overline{B_{r_1}(0)}$ ;
- 2. 0 < H < 1 on  $B_{r_2}(0) \setminus \overline{B_{r_1}(0)}$ ;
- 3. H = 0 on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_{r_2}(0)$ .

Using the notation in Urysohn's lemma, we can write

$$\overline{B_{r_1}(0)} \prec h \prec B_{r_2}(0).$$

Proof. Let

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/t}, & t > 0, \\ 0, & t \le 0, \end{cases}$$

and define

$$H(x) = \frac{f(r_2 - |x|)}{f(r_2 - |x|) + f(|x| - r_1)}.$$

Then

- 1. If  $x \in \overline{B_{r_1}(0)}$ , then  $0 \le |x| \le r_1 < r_2$ , so  $f(|x| r_1) = 0$ , hence  $H(x) = f(r_2 |x|)/f(r_2 |x|) = 1$ .
- 2. Let  $x \in B_{r_2}(0) \setminus \overline{B_{r_1}(0)}$ , then  $r_1 < |x| < r_2$ , so  $f(r_2 |x|) > 0$  and  $f(|x| r_1) > 0$ , hence 0 < H(x) < 1.

3. If  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_{r_2}(0)$ , then  $|x| \ge r_2$ , so  $f(r_2 - |x|) = 0$ .

Therefore H is as desired.

**Definition 1.5.1.** Let M be a topological space,  $\mathcal{X} = (X_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in A}$  be an open cover of M. A **partition of unity** subordinate to  $\mathcal{X}$  is a family  $\{\psi_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in A}$  of continuous functions  $\psi_{\alpha} : M \to \mathbb{R}$  with the following properties:

- 1.  $0 \le \psi_{\alpha}(x) \le 1 \ \forall \alpha \in A \ \text{and} \ \forall x \in M$ .
- 2. supp  $(\psi_{\alpha}) \subset X_{\alpha}$  for each  $\alpha \in A$ .
- 3.  $\{\text{supp }(\psi_{\alpha})\}_{\alpha\in A}$  is locally finite.
- 4.  $\sum_{\alpha \in A} \psi_{\alpha}(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in M$ .

If M is a smooth manifold and each  $\psi_{\alpha}$  is smooth, then  $\{\psi_{\alpha}\}_{{\alpha}\in A}$  is called a smooth partition of unity.

**Theorem 1.5.1.** Suppose M is a smooth manifold and  $\mathcal{X} = (X_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in A}$  is an open cover of M. Then there exists a smooth partition of unity subordinate to  $\mathcal{X}$ .

If M is a topological space,  $A \subset M$  is a closed set,  $U \supset A$  is open, a continuous function  $\psi : M \to \mathbb{R}$  is called a **bump function** for A supported in U if  $\psi = 1$  on A, supp  $\psi \subset U$ , and  $0 \le \psi \le 1$ . Analysts use the notation  $A \prec f \prec U$  to describe the above properties.

**Proposition 1.5.1.** Let M be a smooth manifold. For any closed  $A \subset M$  and any open  $U \supset A$ , there exists a smooth bump function for A supported in U.

*Proof.* Let  $U_0 = U$  and  $U_1 = M \setminus A$ , and let  $\{\psi_0, \psi_1\}$  be a smooth partition of unity subordinate to the open cover  $\{U_0, U_1\}$ . Since  $\psi_0 = 0$  on A, it follows that  $\psi_0 = \sum_i \psi_i = 1$  there, the function  $\psi_0$  has the desired properties.  $\square$ 

**Lemma 1.5.3** (extension lemma). Suppose M is a smooth manifold,  $A \subset M$  is closed,  $f: A \to \mathbb{R}^k$  is a smooth function. Then for any open  $U \supset A$ , there is a smooth function  $\tilde{f}: M \to \mathbb{R}^k$  such that  $\tilde{f}|_A = f$  and supp  $\tilde{f} \subset U$ .

# 1.6 Manifolds with Boundary

We define the **closed** *n*-dimensional upper half-space  $\mathbb{H}^n = \{(x^1, \dots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x^n \geq 0\}$ . When n > 0, the interior and boundary of  $\mathbb{H}^n$  are given by

Int 
$$\mathbb{H}^n = \{(x^1, \dots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x^n > 0\},\$$
  
 $\partial \mathbb{H}^n = \{(x^1, \dots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x^n = 0\}.$ 

In the n=0 case,  $\mathbb{H}^0=\mathbb{R}^0=\{0\},$  so Int  $H^0=\mathbb{R}^0$  and  $\partial\mathbb{H}^0=\varnothing.$ 

# Chapter 2

# Tangent Spaces

### 2.1 Tangent Vectors

#### 2.1.1 Geometric Tangent Vectors

In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we always identify a **point** with a **vector**, expressed by the coordinates  $(x^1, \dots, x^n)$ . However, when come to tangent vectors, it is convenient to think of a point as a location, and think of a vector as have magnitude and direction.

Let us begin with a prototype definition of tangent vectors in Euclidean space. Given a point  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , define the **geometric tangent space** to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  at a, denoted by  $\mathbb{R}^n_a$ , to be the set

$$\{(a,v):v\in\mathbb{R}^n\}=\{a\}\times\mathbb{R}^n.$$

A **geometric tangent vector** in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is an element of  $\mathbb{R}^n_a$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . We abbreviate (a, v) as  $v_a$  and think of  $v_a$  as the vector v with its initial point at a. These definitions will serve as prototypes of tangent spaces on a manifold. So far they are of no practical uses because there is nothing to "tangent"  $\mathbb{R}^n$ !

Remark. We can regard a geometric tangent vector as a special type of vector which is not unique up to translation. Two vectors are identical if they have the same direction and magnitude, but two geometric tangent vectors are distinct even if

- their initial points are different, and
- they have the same direction and magnitude.

EXAMPLE 1 (DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES). Any geometric tangent vector  $v_a \in \mathbb{R}^n_a$  yields a map

$$D_v|_a : C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathbb{R}$$
  
 $D_v|_a f = D_v f(a) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \Big|_{t=0} f(a+tv).$ 

This operation is linear over  $\mathbb{R}$  and satisfies the Leibniz's rule:

$$D_v|_a(fg) = f(a)D_v|_a g + g(a)D_v|_a f.$$

If  $v_a = v^i e_i|_a$  in terms of the standard basis, then by the chain rule we have

$$D_v|_a f = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\Big|_{t=0} f(a_1 + tv^1, \cdots, a_n + tv^n) = v^i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(a),$$

where we are using the summation convention.

**Definition 2.1.1.** If a is a point of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , a map  $w: C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathbb{R}$  is called a **derivation** at a if is linear over  $\mathbb{R}$  and satsifies the **Leibniz's rule**:

$$w(fg) = f(a)w(g) + g(a)w(f).$$

Denote the set of all derivations of  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  at a by  $T_a\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Lemma 2.1.1.** Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $w \in T_a\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $f, g \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

- 1. If f is a constant function, then wf = 0.
- 2. If f(a) = g(a) = 0, then w(fg) = 0.

Proof. If  $f_1 = 1$ , then  $wf_1 = w(f_1f_1) = f_1(a)wf_1 + (wf_1)f_1(a) = 2wf_1$ , hence  $wf_1 = 0$ . If f = c, then by linearity  $wf = w(cf_1) = cwf_1 = 0$ . If f(a) = g(a) = 0, then by the Leibniz's rule w(fg) = 0.

**Proposition 2.1.1**  $(\mathbb{R}^n_a \simeq T_a \mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

1. For each gemoetric tangent vector  $v_a \in \mathbb{R}^n_a$ , the map

$$D_v|_a: C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathbb{R}$$
  
 $D_v|_a f = D_v f(a) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\Big|_{t=0} f(a+tv).$ 

is a derivation at a.

- 2. The map  $v_a \mapsto D_v|_a$  is an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{R}^n_a$  to  $T_a\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- 3. The n partial derivative operators

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right|_a, \cdots, \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n} \right|_a$$

form a basis for  $T_a\mathbb{R}^n$ .

*Proof.* The directional derivative operator is the same as the differentiation in calculus, so  $\mathbb{D}_v|_a$  is clearly a derivation. Now we show that  $\mathbb{R}^n_a \simeq T_a \mathbb{R}^n$ . Write  $u = u^i e_i|_a, v = v^i e_i|_a$  in terms of the standard basis, then

$$D_{u+v}|_{a}(f) = (u^{i} + v^{i})\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{i}}(a) = u^{i}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{i}}(a) + v^{i}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{i}}(a) = D_{u}|_{a}(f) + D_{v}|_{a}(f),$$

and  $D_u|_a(cf) = cD_u|_a(f)$  is easy to see. This shows the linearity.

Denote the map by  $T: v_a \mapsto Tv_a = D_v|_a$ . To see that T is injective, suppose  $Tv_a = D_v|_a = 0$ , then take f to be the jth coordinate function:  $f(x^1, \dots, x^j, \dots, x^n) = x^j$ , we obtain

$$0 = D_v|_a(f) = v^i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(f) = v^j.$$

Since this is true for each j, it follows that  $v_a$  is the zero vector.

Now we show the surjectivity. Let  $w \in T_a\mathbb{R}^n$  be arbitrary, and define  $v = v^i e_i$ , where the coefficients  $v^1, \dots, v^n$  are given by  $v^i = w(x^i)$ . Here  $x^i$  is the *i*th coordinate function:  $(x^1, \dots, x^i, \dots, x^n) \mapsto x^i$ . We will show that  $w = D_v|_a$ . Let f be any smooth real-valued function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . By Taylor's theorem, we can write

$$f(x) = f(a) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{i}}(a)(x^{i} - a^{i}) + \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} (x^{i} - a^{i})(x^{j} - a^{j}) \int_{0}^{1} (1 - t) \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x^{i} \partial x^{j}}(a + t(x - a)) dt.$$

Each term in the last sum is a product of two smooth functions of x that vanish at x = a. Thus

$$wf = w(f(a)) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} w\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{i}}(a)(x^{i} - a^{i})\right)$$
$$= 0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{i}}(a)(w(x^{i}) - w(a^{i}))$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{i}}(a)v^{i} = D_{v}|_{a}f.$$

#### 2.1.2 Tangent Vectors on Manifolds

**Definition 2.1.2.** Let M be a smooth manifold, and let  $p \in M$ . A linear map  $v: C^{\infty}(M) \to \mathbb{R}$  is called a **derivation** at p if it satisfies

$$v(fg) = f(p)vg + g(p)vf \quad \forall f, g \in C^{\infty}(M).$$

Denote the set of all derivations of  $C^{\infty}(M)$  at p by  $T_pM$ , which is a vector space called the **tangent space** to M at p. An element of  $T_pM$  is called a tangent vector at p.

**Lemma 2.1.2.** Suppose M is a smooth manifold,  $p \in M, v \in T_pM$ , and  $f, g \in C^{\infty}(M)$ .

- 1. If f is a constant function, then vf = 0.
- 2. If f(p) = g(p) = 0, then v(fg) = 0.

*Proof.* First let  $f_1 = 1$ , then  $vf_1 = v(f_1f_1) = f_1(p)vf_1 + (vf_1)f_1(p) = 2vf_1$ , hence  $vf_1 = 0$ . If f = c, then by linearity  $vf = v(cf_1) = c(vf_1) = 0$ . The second assertion is obvious by the Leibniz's rule.

### 2.2 The Differential of a Smooth Map

**Definition 2.2.1.** If M, N are smooth manifolds and  $F: M \to N$  is a smooth map, for each  $p \in M$  we define a map

$$dF_p: T_pM \to T_{F(p)}N,$$
  
 $v \mapsto dF_p(v),$ 

called the **differential** of F at p. Given  $v \in T_pM$ , we let  $dF_p(v)$  be the derivation at F(p) that acts on  $f \in C^{\infty}(N)$  by the rule

$$dF_p(v)(f) = v(f \circ F). \tag{2.1}$$

If  $f \in C^{\infty}(N)$ , then  $f \circ F \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , so  $v(f \circ F)$  makes sense. The operator  $dF_p(v): C^{\infty}(N) \to \mathbb{R}$  is linear since

- $dF_p(v)(f+g) = v((f+g) \circ F) = v(f \circ F + g \circ F) = v(f \circ F) + v(g \circ F).$
- $dF_n(v)(cf) = v((cf) \circ F) = v(c(f \circ F)) = cv(f \circ F).$

And  $dF_p(v)$  is a derivation at F(p) because

$$dF_p(v)(fg) = v((fg) \circ F) = v((f \circ F)(g \circ F))$$
  
=  $(f \circ F)(p)v(g \circ F) + (g \circ F)(p)v(f \circ F)$   
=  $f(F(p))dF_p(v)(g) + g(F(p))dF_p(v)(f).$ 

**Proposition 2.2.1** (properties of differentials). Let M, N, P be smooth manifolds, let  $F: M \to N$  and  $G: N \to P$  be smooth maps, and let  $p \in M$ .

- 1.  $dF_p: T_pM \to T_{F(p)}N$  is linear.
- 2.  $d(G \circ F)_p = dG_{F(p)} \circ dF_p : T_pM \to T_{G \circ F(p)}P$ .
- 3.  $d(\mathrm{id}_M)_p = \mathrm{id}_{T_pM} : T_pM \to T_pM$ .
- 4. If F is a diffeomorphism, then  $dF_p: T_pM \to T_{F(p)}N$  is an isomorphism, and  $(dF_p)^{-1} = d(F^{-1})_{F(p)}$ .

*Proof.* 1. Let  $u, v \in T_pM$  and  $f \in C^{\infty}(N)$  be arbitrary, then

$$dF_p(u+v)(f) = (u+v)(f \circ F) = u(f \circ F) + v(f \circ F) = dF_p(u)(f) + dF_p(v)(f).$$

Because f is arbitrary, we have  $dF_p(u+v) = dF_p(u) + dF_p(v)$ . Let c be a scalar, then  $dF_p(cu)(f) = (cu)(f \circ F) = cdF_p(u)(f)$ . Therefore  $dF_p$  is linear.

2. Let  $v \in T_pM$  and  $f \in C^{\infty}(P)$ . Let  $w = dF_p(v)$ , and recall that  $dF_p : T_pM \to T_{F(p)}N$ , hence  $w \in T_{F(p)}N$ , and  $dG_{F(p)}N \to T_{G(F(p))}P$ . Start with

$$(dG_{F(p)} \circ dF_p)(v) = dG_{F(p)}(dF_p(v)) = dG_{F(p)}(w),$$

and then plug f in the right side,

$$dG_{F(p)}(w)(f) = w(f \circ G) = v(f \circ G \circ F) = d(G \circ F)_p(v)(f).$$

3. Let  $v \in T_pM$  and  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , then

$$d(\mathrm{id}_M)_p(v)(f) = v(f \circ \mathrm{id}_M) = v(f),$$

hence  $d(\mathrm{id}_M)_p(v) = v$ , implying that  $d(\mathrm{id}_M)_p = \mathrm{id}_{T_pM} : T_pM \to T_pM$ .

4. First,

$$\begin{split} (dF_{F(p)}^{-1} \circ dF_p)(v)(f) &= dF_{F(p)}^{-1}(dF_p(v))(f) \\ &= dF_p(v)(f \circ F^{-1}) \\ &= v(f \circ F^{-1} \circ F) = v(f). \end{split}$$

On the other hand,

$$(dF_p \circ dF_{F(p)}^{-1})(w)(g) = dF_p(dF_{F(p)}^{-1}(w))(g)$$
  
=  $(dF_{F(p)}^{-1}(w))(g \circ F)$   
=  $w(g \circ F \circ F^{-1}) = w(g).$ 

Therefore,  $dF_p$  is invertible, and  $(dF_p)^{-1} = dF_{F(p)}^{-1}$ .

**Proposition 2.2.2.** Let M be a smooth manifold,  $p \in M$ , and  $v \in T_pM$ . If  $f, g \in C^{\infty}(M)$  agree on some neighborhood of p, then vf = vg.

**Proposition 2.2.3** (the tangent space to an open submanifold). Let M be a smooth manifold, let  $U \subset M$  be open, and let  $\iota: U \hookrightarrow M$  be the inclusion map. For every  $p \in U$ , the differential  $d\iota_p: T_pU \to T_pM$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* To show injectivity, let  $v \in T_pU$  and  $d\iota_p(v) = 0 \in T_pM$ . Let B be a neighborhood of p such that  $\overline{B} \subset U$ . Let  $f \in C^{\infty}(U)$  be arbitrary, then the extension lemma for smooth functions implies that there exists  $\tilde{f} \in C^{\infty}(M)$  such that  $\tilde{f} = f$  on  $\overline{B}$ . Then since  $f = \tilde{f}|_U$  in a neighborhood of p, Proposition (2.2.2) implies

$$vf = v(\tilde{f}|_U) = v(\tilde{f} \circ \iota) = d\iota(v)_p(\tilde{f}) = 0.$$

Since this holds for every  $f \in C^{\infty}(U)$ , it follows that v = 0, so  $d\iota_p$  is injective.

On the other hand, suppose  $w \in T_pM$  is arbitrary. Define an operator  $v: C^{\infty}(U) \to \mathbb{R}$  by  $vf = w\tilde{f}$ , where  $\tilde{f}$  is any smooth function on M that agrees with f on  $\overline{B}$ . By Proposition (2.2.2), vf is independent of the choice of  $\tilde{f}$ , so v is well defined, and it is a derivation of  $C^{\infty}(U)$  at p because w is. For any  $g \in C^{\infty}(M)$ ,

$$d\iota_p(v)(g) = v(g \circ \iota) = w(\widetilde{g \circ \iota}) = wg,$$

where the last two equalities follow from the facts that  $g \circ \iota, \widetilde{g} \circ \iota, g$  all agree on B. Therefore,  $d\iota_p$  is surjective.

**Proposition 2.2.4** (dimension of the tangent space). If M is an n-dimensional smooth manifold, then for each  $p \in M$ , the tangent space  $T_pM$  is an n-dimensional vector space.

*Proof.* Given  $p \in M$ , let  $(U, \varphi)$  be a smooth coordinate chart containing p. Since  $\varphi$  is a difference of the form U to  $\varphi(U)$ ,  $d\varphi_p$  is an isomorphism from  $T_pU$  to  $T_{\varphi(p)}(\varphi(U))$ . By Proposition (2.4),  $T_pM \simeq T_pU$  and  $T_{\varphi(p)}\varphi(U) \simeq T_{\varphi(p)}\mathbb{R}^n$ , it follows that

$$\dim T_p M = \dim T_{\varphi(p)} \mathbb{R}^n = n.$$

# 2.3 Computations in Coordinates

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, and let  $(U, \varphi)$  be a smooth coordinate chart on M. Then  $d\varphi_p : T_pM \to T_{\varphi(p)}\mathbb{R}^n$  is an isomorphism. Since the derivations  $\partial/\partial x^1|_{\varphi(p)}, \cdots, \partial/\partial x^n|_{\varphi(p)}$  form a basis for  $T_{\varphi(p)}\mathbb{R}^n$ , the preimages

$$(d\varphi_p)^{-1}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\Big|_{\varphi(p)}\right), \cdots, (d\varphi_p)^{-1}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\Big|_{\varphi(p)}\right)$$

form a basis for  $T_pM$ . We use the notation We use another notation  $\partial/\partial x^i|_p$  for these vectors:

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right|_p = (d\varphi_p)^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right|_{\varphi(p)} \right) = d(\varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right|_{\varphi(p)} \right). \tag{2.2}$$

Notice that  $\partial/\partial x^i|_{\varphi(p)}$  is a derivation in  $T_{\varphi(p)}\mathbb{R}^n$ , hence  $\partial/\partial x^i|_p$  acts on a function  $f \in C^{\infty}(U)$  by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big|_{p} f = d(\varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big|_{\varphi(p)} f\right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big|_{\varphi(p)} (f \circ \varphi^{-1}) = \frac{\partial \widehat{f}}{\partial x^{i}} (\widehat{p}), \tag{2.3}$$

where  $\hat{f} = f \circ \varphi^{-1}$  is the coordinate representation of f, and  $\hat{p} = \varphi(p)$  is the coordinate representation of p. We summarize these in the following prosposition.

**Definition 2.3.1.** The vectors  $\partial/\partial x^i|_p$  are called the **coordinate vectors** at p associated with the given coordinate system.

**Proposition 2.3.1.** Let M be a smooth n-manifold,  $p \in M$ . Then  $T_pM$  is an n-dimensional vector space, and for any smooth chart  $(U,(x^i))$  containing p, the coordinate vectors  $\partial/\partial x^1|_{p}, \cdots, \partial/\partial x^n|_{p}$  form a basis for  $T_pM$ .

Thus, a tangent vector  $v \in T_pM$  can be written uniquely as a linear combination

$$v = v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \bigg|_p.$$

The ordered basis  $(\partial/\partial x^i|_p)$  is called a **coordinate basis** for  $T_pM$ , and the numbers  $v^1, \dots, v^n$  are called the **components** of v with respect to the coordinate basis. For each j, the components of v are given by  $v^j = v(x^j)$ , where  $x^j$  is the jth coordinate function.

#### 2.3.1 The Differential in Coordinates

Consider a smooth map  $F: U \to V, U \subset \mathbb{R}^n, V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  are open subsets. Let  $(x^1, \dots, x^n)$  denote the coordinates in U and  $(y^1, \dots, y^m)$  denote those in V.  $dF_p: T_p\mathbb{R}^n \to T_{F(p)}\mathbb{R}^m$  acts on a basis vector as follows:

$$\begin{split} dF_p \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) f &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p (f \circ F) = \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\partial f}{\partial y^j} (F(p)) \frac{\partial F^j}{\partial x^i} (p) \\ &= \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\partial F^j}{\partial x^i} (p) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \Big|_{F(p)} \right) f \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial F^j}{\partial x^i} (p) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \Big|_{F(p)} \right) f. \quad \text{(Einstein summation)} \end{split}$$

Since  $f \in C^{\infty}(V)$  is arbitrary, we have

$$dF_p\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p\right) = \frac{\partial F^j}{\partial x^i}(p)\frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}\Big|_{F(p)}.$$
 (2.4)

In terms of the coordinate bases, the matrix of the linear map  $dF_p: T_p\mathbb{R}^n \to T_{F(p)}\mathbb{R}^m$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^1}(p) & \cdots & \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^1}(p) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^1}(p) & \cdots & \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^1}(p) \end{pmatrix}.$$

This is non other than the Jacobian matrix of F at p. In this case,  $dF_p: T_p\mathbb{R}^n \to T_{F(p)}\mathbb{R}^m$  corresponds to the total derivative  $DF(p): \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ .

Now we consider a smooth map  $F: M \to N$  between smooth manifolds. Choosing smooth coordinate charts  $(U, \varphi)$  for M containing p and  $(V, \psi)$  for N containing F(p), we obtain the coordinate representation  $\widehat{F} = \psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}$  from a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Next, we will find the domain of  $\widehat{F}$ . Let's draw a diagram:

$$M \xrightarrow{F} N$$

$$\varphi^{-1} \downarrow \psi$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{n} \psi \xrightarrow{F} \varphi^{-1} \mathbb{R}^{m}$$

But the domain of  $\varphi$  is U and the domain of  $\psi$  is V, so we can be a bit more precise step by step:

$$U \xrightarrow{F} V \cap F(U)$$

$$\varphi^{-1} \uparrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \psi$$

$$\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}} \mathbb{R}^m$$

 $\psi$  should take values on  $V \cap F(U)$ , but this also affects the domain of F. Instead of starting from U, F will map from  $F^{-1}(V \cap F(U)) = F^{-1}(V) \cap U$ . Thus the domain of the diffeomorphism  $\varphi^{-1}$  is  $\varphi(U \cap F^{-1}(V))$ , and our ultimate diagram goes:

$$F^{-1}(V \cap F(U)) \xrightarrow{F} V \cap F(U)$$

$$\varphi^{-1} \uparrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \psi$$

$$\varphi(U \cap F^{-1}(V)) \xrightarrow{\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}} \psi(V \cap F(U))$$

Using the formula 2.2 and chain rule, we compute

$$\begin{split} dF_{p}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big|_{p}\right) &= dF_{p}\left(d(\varphi^{-1})_{\widehat{p}}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big|_{\widehat{p}}\right)\right) \\ &= dF_{\varphi^{-1}(\widehat{p})}d(\varphi^{-1})_{\widehat{p}}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big|_{\widehat{p}}\right) \\ &= d(F\circ\varphi^{-1})_{\widehat{p}}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big|_{\widehat{p}}\right) = d(\psi^{-1}\circ\widehat{F})_{\widehat{p}}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big|_{\widehat{p}}\right) \\ &= d(\psi^{-1})_{\widehat{F}(\widehat{p})}\left(d\widehat{F}_{\widehat{p}}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big|_{\widehat{p}}\right)\right) \quad \text{(chain rule)} \\ &= d(\psi^{-1})_{\widehat{F}(\widehat{p})}\left(\frac{\partial\widehat{F}^{j}}{\partial x^{i}}(\widehat{p})\frac{\partial}{\partial y^{j}}\Big|_{\widehat{F}(\widehat{p})}\right) \quad (\widehat{F}(\widehat{p}) = F(p)) \\ &= (d\psi_{F(p)})^{-1}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\widehat{F}^{j}}x^{i}(\widehat{p})\frac{\partial}{\partial y^{j}}\Big|_{\widehat{F}(\widehat{p})}\right) \quad (2.2) \\ &= \frac{\partial\widehat{F}^{j}}{\partial x^{i}}(\widehat{p})\frac{\partial}{\partial y^{j}}\Big|_{F(p)}. \end{split}$$

#### 2.3.2 Change of Coordinates

Let  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi)$  be two smooth charts on M, and  $p \in U \cap V$ . Denote the coordinate functions of  $\varphi$  by  $(x^i)$  and those of  $\psi$  by  $(\tilde{x}^i)$ . Any tangent vector at p can be represented by either basis  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p\right)$  or  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^i}\Big|_p\right)$ .

Write the transition map  $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$ :  $\varphi(U \cap V) \to \psi(U \cap V)$  in the following notation:

$$\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}(x) = (y^1(x), \cdots, y^n(x)) \quad (x \in \varphi(U \cap V)).$$

By (2.4), we have

$$d(\psi \circ \varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \bigg|_{\varphi(p)} \right) = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i} (\varphi(p)) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} \bigg|_{\psi(p)}.$$

Using the definition of coordinate vectors, we obtain

$$\begin{split} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} \Big|_{p} \right) &= d(\varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right) \\ &= d(\psi^{-1} \circ \psi \circ \varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right) \\ &= d(\psi^{-1})_{(\psi \circ \varphi^{-1})(\varphi(p))} \circ d(\psi \circ \varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right) \\ &= d(\psi^{-1})_{\psi(p)} \left( \frac{\partial y^{j}}{\partial x^{i}} (\varphi(p)) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{i}} \Big|_{\psi(p)} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial y^{j}}{\partial x^{i}} (\widehat{p}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \widetilde{x}^{j}} \Big|_{p}, \end{split}$$

where  $\hat{p} = \varphi(p)$ . Applying this to the components of a derivation  $v = v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p = \tilde{v}^j \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^j} \Big|_p$ , by the above rule

$$\tilde{v}^j = \frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^i}(\hat{p})v^i,$$

where  $y^j$ 's are the components of the transition map  $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$ .

**EXAMPLE 2**. The transition map between polar coordinates and standard coordinates in suitable open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is given by  $(x,y)=(r\cos\theta,r\sin\theta)$ . Let  $p\in\mathbb{R}^2$  with polar coordinate represent being  $(r,\theta)=(2,\pi/2)$ , and  $v\in T_p\mathbb{R}^2$  with polar coordinate represent being

$$v = 3\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\bigg|_{p} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\bigg|_{p}.$$

We find

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\bigg|_{p} &= \frac{\partial (r\cos\theta)}{\partial r}\bigg|_{(2,\pi/2)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\bigg|_{p} + \frac{\partial (r\sin\theta)}{\partial r}\bigg|_{(2,\pi/2)} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\bigg|_{p} = \cos(\pi/2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\bigg|_{p} + \sin(\pi/2) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\bigg|_{p} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\bigg|_{p}, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\bigg|_{p} &= \frac{\partial (r\cos\theta)}{\partial \theta}\bigg|_{(2,\pi/2)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\bigg|_{p} + \frac{\partial (r\sin\theta)}{\partial \theta}\bigg|_{(2,\pi/2)} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\bigg|_{p} = -2\sin(\pi/2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\bigg|_{p} + 2\cos(\pi/2) - 2\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\bigg|_{p} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\bigg|_{p}, \end{split}$$

thus v has the coordinate representation in standard coordinates

$$v = 3\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\bigg|_p + 2\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\bigg|_p.$$

EXERCISE 1. Let (x, y) denote the standard coordinates on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Verify that  $(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$  are global smooth coordinates on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , where

$$\tilde{x} = x, \quad \tilde{y} = y + x^3.$$

Let  $p = (0,1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  (in standard coordinates), and show that

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right|_p \neq \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}} \right|_p.$$

# 2.4 The Tangent Bundle

**Definition 2.4.1.** Given a smooth manifold M, we define the **tangent bundle** of M, denoted by TM, to be the disjoint union of the tangent spaces at all points of M:

$$TM = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T_p M.$$

We often write an element of TM as (p, v), where  $p \in M$  and  $v \in T_pM$ . The next proposition gives a smooth structure on TM, with the idea of divide-and-conquer: utilizing the smooth structure on M and identifying  $T_pM$  with  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Proposition 2.4.1.** For any smooth n-manifold M, the tangent bundle TM has a natural topology and smooth structure that make it into a 2n-dimensional smooth manifold. With respect to this structure, the projection  $\pi: TM \to M$  is smooth.

*Proof.* Let  $(U, \varphi)$  be a smooth chart for M, then  $\pi^{-1}(U)$  is an open subset of TM consisting of all tangent vectors at each point of U. We construct a smooth structure on TM. Let  $\varphi = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$  be the coordinate representation, and define  $\widetilde{\varphi} : \pi^{-1}(U) \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  by

$$\widetilde{\varphi}\left(v^i\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p\right) = (x^1(p), \cdots, x^n(p), v^1, \cdots, v^n) = (\varphi(p), v),$$

then  $\{(\pi^{-1}(U), \widetilde{\varphi}) : (U, \varphi) \text{ is a smooth chart for } M\}$  is a smooth structure on TM.

# 2.5 Velocity Vectors of Curves

Every element in the tangent space is the velocity of some curve. This insight will be frequently used in Chapter ??: Integral Curves and Flows.

**Definition 2.5.1.** A *curve* in M is a continuous map  $\gamma: J \to M$ , where J is an interval.

Given a smooth curve  $\gamma: J \to M$  and  $t_0 \in J$ , we define the *velocity* of  $\gamma$  at  $t_0$  to be the vector

$$\gamma'(t_0) = d\gamma \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\Big|_{t_0}\right) \in T_{\gamma(t_0)M}.$$

Here  $d\gamma: T_{t_0}J \to T_{\gamma(t_0)}M$ , and for any  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ ,

$$d\gamma \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\Big|_{t_0}\right)(f) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\Big|_{t_0}(f\circ\gamma)(t) = (f\circ\gamma)'(t_0).$$

Other common notations are

$$\dot{\gamma}(t_0) = \frac{\mathrm{d}\gamma}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\gamma}{\mathrm{d}t}\Big|_{t=t_0}.$$

 $\gamma'(t_0)$  is the derivation at  $\gamma(t_0)$  obtained by taking the derivative of a function along  $\gamma$ .

Let  $(U, \varphi)$  be a smooth chart with coordinate  $(x^i)$ . If  $\gamma(t_0) \in U$ , we can write the coordinate representation of  $\gamma$  is

$$\widehat{\gamma}(t) = (\gamma^1(t), \cdots, \gamma^n(t)) \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^n,$$

for t sufficiently close to  $t_0$ . Then the coordinate formula for the differential yields

$$\gamma'(t_0) = \frac{\mathrm{d}\widehat{\gamma}^i}{\mathrm{d}t}(t_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \bigg|_{\gamma(t_0)}.$$

Every tangent vector on a manifold is the velocity of some curve.

**Proposition 2.5.1.** Suppose M is a smooth manifold and  $p \in M$ . Every  $v \in T_pM$  is the velocity of some smooth curve in M.

*Proof.* Let  $(U,\varphi)$  be a smooth chart centered at p, and write  $v=v^i\,\partial/\partial x^i\mid_p$ . For small  $\varepsilon>0$  let  $\gamma:(-\varepsilon,\varepsilon)\to U$  be the curve whose coordinate representation is  $\widehat{\gamma}(t)=(tv^1,\cdots,tv^n)\in\mathbb{R}^n$ . Hence  $\gamma(t)=\varphi^{-1}\circ\widehat{\gamma}(t)=\varphi^{-1}(tv^1,\cdots,tv^n)$ . Then  $\gamma$  is smooth and

- $\gamma(0) = \varphi^{-1}(0) = p$ ,
- $\gamma'(0) = \frac{\mathrm{d}\widehat{\gamma}^i}{\mathrm{d}t}(0) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\gamma_0} = v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p = v.$

**Proposition 2.5.2** (the velocity of a composite curve). Let  $F: M \to N$  be a smooth map, and let  $\gamma: J \to M$  be a smooth curve. For any  $t_0 \in J$ , the velocity at  $t = t_0$  of the curve  $F \circ \gamma: J \to N$  is given by

$$(F \circ \gamma)'(t_0) = dF(\gamma'(t_0)).$$

Since every derivation  $v \in T_pM$  is the velocity of some curve, we can compute  $dF_p(v)$  by choosing a smooth curve  $\gamma$  whose initial tangent vector is v.

**Proposition 2.5.3** (computing differential using velocity). Suppose  $F: M \to N$  is a smooth map,  $p \in M$ ,  $v \in T_pM$ . Then

$$dF_p(v) = (F \circ \gamma)'(0),$$

for any smooth curve  $\gamma: J \to M$  such that  $0 \in J, \gamma(0) = p, \gamma'(0) = v$ .

# 2.6 Categories and Functors

- a Category C consists of the following things:
  - a class Ob(C), whose elements are called **objects** of C,
  - a class Hom(C), whose elements are called **morphisms** of C,
  - for each morphism  $f \in \text{Hom}(C)$ , two objects  $X, Y \in \text{Ob}(C)$  called the **source** and **target** of f, respectively,
  - for each triple  $X, Y, Z \in Ob(C)$ , a mapping called **composition**:

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathsf{C}}(X,Y) \times \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathsf{C}}(Y,Z) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathsf{C}}(X,Z),$$

written  $(f,g) \mapsto g \circ f$ .  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathsf{C}}(X,Y)$  denotes the class of all morphisms with source X and target Y.

The morphisms are required to satisfy the following axioms:

- 1. Associativity:  $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$ .
- 2. Existence of identities: For each object  $X \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathsf{C})$ , there exists an **identity** morphism  $\mathrm{id}_X \in \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathsf{C}}(X,X)$  such that  $\mathrm{id}_Y \circ f = f = f \circ \mathrm{id}_X$  for all  $f \in \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathsf{C}}(X,Y)$ .

# Chapter 3

# Submersions, Immersions, Embeddings

## 3.1 Maps of Constant Rank

Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds. Given a smooth amp  $F: M \to N$  and a point  $p \in M$ , we define the **rank** of F at p to be the rank of the linear map  $dF_p: T_pM \to T_{F(p)}N$ . If F has the same rank r at every point, we say that it has **constant rank**, and write rank F = r. By the rank-nullity theorem, rank  $F \leq \min(\dim M, \dim N)$ . If the rank of  $dF_p$  is equal to this upper bound, we say that F has **full rank** at p, and if F has full rank everywhere, we say F has full rank.

**Definition 3.1.1** (submersion, immersion). A smooth map  $F: M \to N$  is called a **smooth submersion** if its differential is surjective at each point (or equivalently, if rank  $F = \dim N$ ). It is called a **smooth immersion** if its differential is injective at each point (equivalently, rank  $F = \dim M$ ).

EXAMPLE 1 (OPEN SUBMANIFOLDS). Let U be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then U is a topological n-manifold, and the single chart  $(U, \mathrm{id}_U)$  defines a smooth structure on U. More generally, let M be a smooth n-manifold and let  $U \subset M$  be any open subset. Define an atlas on U by

$$\mathcal{A}_U = \{ \text{smooth charts } (V, \varphi) \text{ for } M \text{ such that } V \subset U \}.$$

EXAMPLE 2 (GENERAL LINEAR GROUP). The general linear group  $GL(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} : \det A \neq 0\}$ . Show that it is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , hence it is a smooth  $n^2$ -dimensional manifold.

EXAMPLE 3 (MATRICES OF FULL RANK). Suppose m < n, and let  $\mathcal{M}_m(m \times n, \mathbb{R})$  be the subset of  $\mathcal{M}(m \times n, \mathbb{R})$  consisting of matrices of rank m. Prove that  $\mathcal{M}_m(m \times n, \mathbb{R})$  is an open subset of  $\mathcal{M}(m \times n, \mathbb{R})$ , and therefore is a smooth mn-manifold.

**Proposition 3.1.1.** Suppose  $F: M \to N$  is a smooth map and  $p \in M$ . If  $dF_p$  is surjective, then p has a neighborhood U such that  $F|_U$  is a submersion. if  $dF_p$  is injective, then p has a neighborhood such that  $F|_U$  is an immersion.

#### 3.1.1 Local Diffeomorphisms

A smooth map  $F: M \to N$  is called a **local diffeomorphism** if every  $p \in M$  has an open neighborhood U where F(U) is open and  $F|_{U}: U \to F(U)$  is a diffeomorphism.

EXAMPLE 4. The map  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{S}^1$  given by  $f(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$  is a local diffeomorphism.

**Theorem 3.1.1** (inverse function theorem). Suppose  $F: M \to N$  is a smooth map. If  $p \in M$  and  $dF_p$  is invertible, then there are connected open neighborhoods  $U_0$  of P and  $V_0$  of F(p) such that  $F|_{U_0}: U_0 \to V_0$  is a diffeomorphism.

*Proof.* Since  $dF_p$  is invertible,  $n = \dim M = \dim N$ . Fix charts  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi)$  centered at p and F(p) with  $F(U) \subset V$ . Let

$$\widehat{F}: \psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}: \varphi(U) \to \psi(V),$$

then

$$d\widehat{F}_0 = d\psi_{F(p)} \circ dF_p \circ d(\varphi^{-1})_0$$

is invertible. By the classical inverse function theorem there exist connected open neighborhoods  $\widehat{U}_0 \subset \varphi(U)$  and  $\widehat{V}_0 \subset \psi(V)$  such that  $\widehat{F}|_{\widehat{U}_0} : \widehat{U}_0 \to \widehat{V}_0$  is a diffeomorphism. Then letting  $U_0 = \varphi^{-1}(\widehat{U}_0)$  and  $V_0 = \psi^{-1}(\widehat{U}_0)$  completes the proof.

#### 3.1.2 The Rank Theorem

**Theorem 3.1.2.** Suppose  $F: M \to N$  is a smooth map, dim M = m, dim N = n. If F has constant rank r (i.e., rank  $dF_p = r$  for all p). then for every  $p \in M$  there exist smooth charts  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi)$  of M, N centered at p, F(p) such that  $F(U) \subset V$  and

$$\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}(x^1, \cdots, x^m) = (x^1, \cdots, x^r, 0, \cdots, 0).$$

In particular,

• if F is a smooth submersion, then  $m \geq n$  and

$$\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}(x^1, \cdots, x^m) = (x^1, \cdots, x^n).$$

• If F is a smooth immersion, then  $m \leq n$  and

$$\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (x^1, \dots, x^m, 0, \dots, 0).$$

*Proof.* Linear algebra and inverse function theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.3** (global rank theorem). Let  $F: M \to N$  be a smooth map of constant rank.

- 1. If F is surjective, then F is a smooth submersion.
- 2. If F is injective, then F is a smooth immersion.
- 3. If F is bijective, then F is a diffeomorphism.

# 3.2 Topology Review

Theorem 3.2.1 (closed map lemma).

## 3.3 Embeddings

#### 3.3.1 Topological Embeddings

An injective contniuous map that is a homeomorphism onto its image (in the subspace topology) is called a **topological embedding**. If  $f: A \to X$  is such a map, we can think of f(A) as a homeomorphic copy of A inside X.

EXERCISE 1 . Let X be a topological space and let S be a subspace of X. Show that the inclusion  $\iota: S \to X$  is a topological embedding.

**Proposition 3.3.1.** A continuous injective map that is either open or closed is a topological embedding.

**Proposition 3.3.2.** A surjective topological embeddings is a homeomorphism.

#### 3.3.2 Smooth Embeddings

A smooth map  $F: M \to N$  is called a **smooth embedding** if

- 1. F is an immersion,
- 2. F is a topological embedding: M is homeomorphic to  $F(M) \subset N$  in the subspace topology.

Example 5.

# Chapter 4

# Submanifolds and Sard's Theorem

#### 4.1 Embedded Submanifolds

An embedded submanifold of M is a subset  $S \subset M$  which is a topological manifold (w.r.t. the subspace topology) endowed with a smooth structure that makes the inclusion  $\iota: S \to M$  a smooth embedding.

#### Example 1.

- If  $U \subset M$  is open, then U is an embedded submanifold.
- $\mathbb{S}^{n-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is an embedded submanifold.

In fact, every embedded submanifold is the image of some manifold under a smooth embedding.

**Proposition 4.1.1.** Suppose  $F: N \to M$  is a smooth embedding, then S = F(N) is a topological manifold (w.r.t. the subspace topology) and has a unique smooth structure such that

- 1. S is an embedded submanifold.
- 2.  $F: N \to S$  is a diffeomorphism.

EXAMPLE 2 (SLICES OF PRODUCT MANIFOLDS). Suppose M and N are smooth manifolds. For each  $p \in N$ , the subset  $M \times \{p\}$  is an embedded submanifold of  $M \times N$  diffeomorphic to M.

*Proof.*  $M \times \{p\}$  is the image of the smooth embedding  $x \mapsto (x, p)$ .

EXAMPLE 3 (GRAPH OF A MAP). Suppose M, N are smooth m, n-manifolds,  $U \subset M$  is open,  $f: U \to N$  is smooth. Then

$$\Gamma(f) = \{(x, y) \in M \times N : x \in U, y = f(x)\}\$$

is an embedded m-dimensional submanifold of  $M \times N$ .

#### Slice Charts

If U is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $k \leq n$ , a k-dimensional slice of U (or a k-slice) is a subset of the form

$$S = \{(x^1, \dots, x^k, x^{k+1}, \dots, x^n) \in U : x^{k+1} = c^{k+1}, \dots, x^n = c^n\}$$

for some constants  $c^{k+1}, \dots, c^n$ . In practice, those constants are often set to be zero:  $c^{k+1} = \dots = c^n = 0$ . Now we define a slice on a manifold.

**Definition 4.1.1.** Let M be a smooth n-manifold, and  $(U, \varphi)$  be a smooth chart on M. If  $S \subset U$  such that  $\varphi(S)$  is a k-slice of  $\varphi(U)$ , then we say that S is a k-slice of U.

**Definition 4.1.2** (local k-slice condition). Let  $S \subset M$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . We say that S satisfies the **local** k-slice condition if each point of S is contained in a smooth chart  $(U, \varphi)$  for M such that  $S \cap U$  is a k-slice in U. Any such chart is called a slice chart for S in M.

**Theorem 4.1.1** (local slice criterion). Let M be a smooth n-manifold. If  $S \subset M$  is an embedded k-dimensional submanifold, then S satisfies the local k-slice condition. Conversely, if  $S \subset M$  is a subset that satisfies the local k-slice condition, then S is a k-dimensional topological manifold, and it has a smooth structure making it into an embedded submanifold of M.

#### 4.2 Level Sets

If  $\Phi: M \to N$  is a map, the preimages  $\Phi^{-1}(c)$  are called level sets.

**Theorem 4.2.1.** Let  $\Phi: M \to N$  be a smooth map with constant rank r. Each level set of  $\Phi$  is embedded submanifold of codimension r in M, i.e.,  $\dim \Phi^{-1}(c) = \dim M - r$ 

Let  $\Phi: M \to N$  be a smooth map.

•  $p \in M$  is called a **regular point** if  $d\Phi_p$  is surjective, otherwise it is called a **critical point**.

•  $c \in N$  is called a **regular value** if every point in  $\Phi^{-1}(c)$  is a regular point (in this case  $\Phi^{-1}(c)$  is called a regular level set), otherwise c is called a critical value.

Corollary 4.2.1. Every regular level set of a smooth map  $\Phi: M \to N$  is an embedded submanifold with dimension equal to dim M – dim N.

Every embedded submanifold is locally a level set of a smooth submersion.

**Proposition 4.2.1.** Let S be a subset of a smooth m-manifold M, then S has the structure of an embedded k-dimensional submanifold if and only if every point in S has an open neighborhood U such that  $U \cap S$  is a level set of a smooth submersion  $\Phi: U \to \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$ .

*Proof.* First suppose S is an embedded k-submanifold, and let  $(x^1, \dots, x^m)$  be slice coordinates for S on an open subset  $U \subset M$ . Let  $\Phi: U \to \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$  given in coordinates by

$$\Phi(x) = (x^{k+1}, \cdots, x^m).$$

Then  $\Phi$  is a smooth submersion. By the local slice condition,  $S \cap U$  is a k-slice in U, so

$$S \cap U = \{(x^1, \dots, x^k, x^{k+1}, \dots, x^m) \in U : x^{k+1} = c^{k+1}, \dots, x^m = c^m\},\$$

hence  $S \cap U = \Phi^{-1}(c^{k+1}, \dots, c^m)$  is a level set of  $\Phi$ .

Conversely, suppose that every  $p \in S$  has a neighborhood U and a smooth submersion  $\Phi: U \to \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$  such that  $S \cap U$  is a level set of  $\Phi$ . Then  $S \cap U$  is an embedded submanifold of U, so it satisfies the local slice condition. It follows that S itself is an embedded submanifold of M.

If  $S \subset M$  is an embedded submanifold, a smooth map  $\Phi: M \to N$  such that S is a regular level set of  $\Phi$  is called a *defining map* for S. More generally, if U is an open subset of M and  $\Phi: U \to N$  is a smooth map such that  $S \cap U$  is a regular level set of  $\Phi$ , then  $\Phi$  is called a *local defining map* for S. The above proposition says that every embedded submanifold admits a local defining function in a neighborhood of each of its points.

#### Regular Sets

If  $\Phi: M \to N$  is a smooth map, a point  $p \in M$  is said to be a regular point of  $\Phi$  if  $d\Phi_p: T_pM \to T_{\Phi(p)}N$  is surjective; it is called a *critical point* of  $\Phi$  otherwise.

A point  $c \in N$  is called a regular value of  $\Phi$  if every point in  $\Phi^{-1}(c)$  is a regular point, and a critical value otherwise.

**Theorem 4.2.2** (regular level set theorem). Every regular level set of a smooth map between smooth manifolds is a properly embedded submanifold whose codimension is equal to the dimension of the codomain.

#### 4.3 Immersed Submanifolds

## 4.4 The Tangent Space to a Submanifold

**Proposition 4.4.1** (characerization of  $T_pS$ ). Suppose M is a smooth manifold,  $S \subset M$  is an embedded submanifold, and  $p \in S$ . As a subspace of  $T_pM$ , the tangent space  $T_pS$  is characterized by

$$T_pS = \{v \in T_pM : vf = 0 \text{ whenever } f \in C^{\infty} \text{ and } f|_S = 0\}.$$

**Proposition 4.4.2.** Suppose M is a smooth manifold and  $S \subset M$  is an embedded submanifold. If  $\Phi: U \to N$  is any local defining map for S, then

$$T_p S = \ker d\Phi_p : T_p M \to T_{\Phi(p)} N$$

for each  $p \in S \cap U$ .

#### 4.5 Sard's Theorem

**Theorem 4.5.1** (Sard's theorem). Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds,  $F: M \to N$  is a smooth map. Then the set of critical values of F has measure zero in N.

**Corollary 4.5.1.** Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds, and  $F: M \to N$  is a smooth map. if dim  $M < \dim N$ , then F(M) has measure zero in N.

# 4.6 The Whitney Embedding Theorem

**Theorem 4.6.1** (Whitney embedding theorem). Every smooth n-manifold admits a proper smooth embedding into  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$ .

# 4.7 The Whitney Approximation Theorem

#### 4.7.1 Tubular Neighborhoods and Normal Bundles

#### 4.7.2 Smooth Approximation of Maps Between Manifolds

**Theorem 4.7.1** (Whitney approximation theorem). Suppose N, M are a smooth manifolds and  $F: N \to M$  is a continuous map. Then F is homotopic to a smooth map. If F is smooth on a closed subset  $A \subset N$ , then the homotopy can be taken to be relative to A.

*Proof.* We embed M into  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let U be a tubular neighborhood of M, and  $r:U\to M$  be the smooth retraction. For  $x\in M$ , let

$$\delta(x) = \sup\{\varepsilon \le 1 : B_{\varepsilon}(x) \subset U\},\$$

then  $\delta: M \to \mathbb{R}^+$  is continuous. Let  $\widetilde{\delta} = \delta \circ F: N \to \mathbb{R}^+$ .

## 4.8 Transversality

**Definition 4.8.1.** Suppose M is a smooth manifold. Two embedded submanifolds  $S, S' \subset M$  are transverse if

$$T_pS + T_pS' = T_pM$$
 for all  $p \in S \cap S'$ 

**Definition 4.8.2.** If  $F: N \to M$  is smooth and  $S \subset M$  is an embedded submanifold, then F is transverse to S if

$$T_{F(x)}S + dF_x(T_xN) = T_{F(x)}M$$

or all  $x \in F^{-1}(S)$ .

**Theorem 4.8.1.** Suppose N, M are smooth manifolds and  $S \subset M$  is an embedded submanifold.

- 1. If  $F: N \to M$  is transverse to S, then  $F^{-1}(S) \subset N$  is an embedded submanifold with codimension of  $F^{-1}(S)$  in N equals codimension of S in M.
- 2. If  $S' \subset M$  is an embedded submanifold which is transverse to S, then  $S' \cap S \subset M$  is an embedded submanifold with

$$\operatorname{codim} S \cap S' = \operatorname{codim} S + \operatorname{codim} S'.$$

*Proof.* We use the fact that a subset is a submanifold if and only if it is locally the level set of a submersion (see **Proposition 4.2.1**). Fix  $x \in F^{-1}(S)$ , then there is an open neighborhood  $U \subset M$  of F(x) and a submersion  $\varphi : U \to \mathbb{R}^k$   $(k = \dim M - \dim S)$ , where  $\varphi^{-1}(0) = S \cap U$ . Let  $\widetilde{U} = F^{-1}(U)$  and  $\widetilde{\varphi} = \varphi \circ F$ , then  $\widetilde{\varphi}^{-1}(0) = \widetilde{U} \cap F^{-1}(S)$ .

We claim that  $\widetilde{\varphi}$  is a submersion in a neighborhood of x. It suffices to show that  $d\widetilde{\varphi}_x: T_xN \to T_{\widetilde{\varphi}(x)}\mathbb{R}^k$  is surjective. Fix  $v \in T_{\widetilde{\varphi}(x)}\mathbb{R}^k$ , since  $\varphi$  is a submersion,  $v = d\varphi_{F(x)}w$  for some  $w \in T_{F(x)}M$ . Since F is transverse to S and  $F(x) \in S$ ,

$$w = w_1 + dF_x w_2$$
 for some  $w_1 \in T_{F(x)}S, w_2 \in T_xN$ .

Since  $\varphi = 0$  on S,  $d\varphi_{F(x)}w_1 = 0$ , so

$$v = d\varphi_{F(x)}w = d\varphi_{F(x)}(w_1 + dF_x w_2) = d\varphi_{F(x)}dF_x w_2 = d\widetilde{\varphi}_x w_2.$$

Apply (1) to the inclusion map  $S' \hookrightarrow M$ , we get (2).

#### Deforming To Obtain Transversality

Goal: Given  $F:N\to M$  smooth and  $X\subset M$  embedded, "deform" F to be transverse.

**Theorem 4.8.2.** Suppose N, M are smooth manifolds and  $X \subset M$  is an embedded submanifold. If  $F: N \times S \to M$  is smooth and transverse to X, then for almost every  $s \in S$  the map  $F_s = F(\cdot, s): N \to M$  is transverse to X.

*Proof.* Since  $F: N \times S \to M$  is transverse to  $X, W := F^{-1}(X) \subset N \times S$  is an embedded submanifold. Let  $\pi: N \times S \to S$  be the projection. By Sard's theorem it suffices to show that if  $s \in S$  is a regular value of  $\pi|_W$ , then  $F_s$  is transverse to X.

Fix  $p \in F_s^{-1}(X)$  and  $v \in T_{F_s(p)}M$ , let  $q = F_s(p) = F(p, s)$ . By transversality,

$$v = u + dF_{(p,s)}(v_1, v_2)$$

for some  $u \in T_qX$  and  $(v_1, v_2) \in T_{(p,s)}(N \times S) = T_pN \times T_sS$ . Since s is a regular value of  $\pi|_W$  and  $(p,s) \in W$ ,  $v_2 = d\pi_{(p,s)}(w_1, w_2)$  for some  $(w_1, w_2) \in T_{(p,s)}W$ . Then  $v_2 = w_2$ . So  $v = u + dF_{(p,s)}(v_1, v_2)$ 

**Theorem 4.8.3.** Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds and  $X \subset M$  is an embedded submanifold. Every smooth map  $f: N \to M$  is homotopic to a smooth map  $g: N \to M$  transverse to X.

# Chapter 5

# Lie Groups

#### 5.1 Basic Definitions

**Definition 5.1.1.** A **Lie group** is a smooth manifold G (without boundary) that is also a group, with the property that the multiplication and inversion are both smooth.

**Proposition 5.1.1.** If G is a smooth manifold with a group structure such that that map  $(g,h) \mapsto gh^{-1}$  is smooth, then G is a Lie group.

*Proof.* Let  $a,b \in G$ , then  $(a,b^{-1}) \mapsto ab$  is smooth, so the multiplication is smooth. Let g=e, then the inverse map  $(e,h) \mapsto h^{-1}$  is smooth. Thus G is a Lie group.

Let G be a Lie group, then any  $g \in G$  defines maps  $L_g, R_g : G \to G$ , called **left translation** and **right translation** respectively, by

$$L_g(h) = gh, \quad R_g(h) = hg.$$

#### Examples

Example 1.

# 5.2 Lie Group Homomorphisms

**Definition 5.2.1.** If G and H are Lie groups, a **Lie group homomorphism** from G to H is a smooth map  $F:G\to H$  that is also a group homomorphism. It is called a Lie group **isomorphism** if it is also a diffeomorphism, which implies that it has an inverse which is also a Lie group homomorphism. In this case we say that G and H are isomorphic Lie groups.

**Theorem 5.2.1.** Every Lie group homomorphism has constant rank.

# 5.3 Lie Subgroups

**Definition 5.3.1.** Suppose G is a Lie group. A **Lie subgroup** of G is a subgroup of G endowed with a topology and smooth structure making it into a Lie group and an immersed submanifold of G.

# 5.4 Group Actions and Equivariant Maps

# 5.5 Questions

**Example 1.26** Let U be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then U is a topological n-manifold, and the single chart  $(U, \mathrm{id}_U)$  defines a smooth structure on U. More generally, let M be a smooth n-manifold and let  $U \subset M$  be any open subset. Define an atlas on U by

 $\mathcal{A}_U = \{ \text{smooth charts } (V, \varphi) \text{ for } M \text{ such that } V \subset U \}.$ 

# Chapter 6

# Vector Fields, Integral Curves and Flows

#### 6.1 Vector Fields on Manifolds

A vector field is a map  $X: M \to TM$  such that  $X(p) \in T_pM$  for all  $p \in M$ . We often write  $X_p$  for X(p). More generally, a vector field on M is a section of the map  $\pi: TM \to M$ . Intuitively, the section gives a well-defined rule of assigning each  $p \in M$  to an element of  $T_pM \in TM$ .

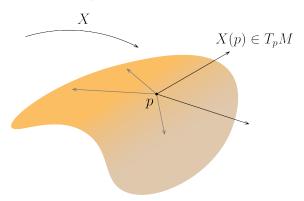


Figure 6.1: There are many tangent vectors in  $T_pM$ , a vector field picks a unique one so that the map is well-defined.

It would be wise to review the smooth structure for TM. Recall that  $TM = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T_p M$  and  $\pi : TM \to M$  is given by  $\pi(p, v) = p$ , where  $v \in T_p M$ . TM is a 2n-dimensional smooth manifold with the smooth structure

$$\{(\pi^{-1}(U), \widetilde{\varphi} : (U, \varphi = (x^i)) \text{ a smooth chart for } M\},\$$

where

$$\widetilde{\varphi}\left(v^i\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p\right) = \left(x^1(p), \cdots, x^n(p), v^1, \cdots, v^n\right).$$

The coordinates  $(x^i, v^i)$  are called the *natural coordinates* on TM. Given a vector field X and a chart  $(U, \varphi)$ , we can write

$$X_p = X^i(p) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \bigg|_p$$

for some functions  $X^i: U \to \mathbb{R}$  called the component functions of X.

**Proposition 6.1.1.** A vector field  $X: M \to TM$  is smooth if and only if for every chart the component functions are smooth.

*Proof.* We only need to prove the smoothness of the coordinate representation  $\widehat{X}$ . Let  $(U, \varphi = (x^i))$  be a smooth chart on M and  $(\pi^{-1}(U), \widetilde{\varphi})$  be the corresponding smooth chart on TM. Then

$$\begin{split} \widehat{X}(\varphi(p)) &= \widetilde{\varphi} \circ X \circ \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(p)) \\ &= \widetilde{\varphi} \circ X(p) \\ &= \widetilde{\varphi} \left( X^i(p) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \bigg|_p \right) \\ &= \left( x^1(p), \cdots, x^n(p), X^1(p), \cdots, X^n(p) \right). \end{split}$$

It follows that X is smooth if and only if each component  $X^i$  is smooth.

EXAMPLE 1. If  $(U,(x^i))$  is a smooth chart on M, then

$$p \mapsto \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \bigg|_p$$

determines a vector field on U.

EXAMPLE 2 (EULER'S HOMOGENEOUS FUNCTION THEOREM). Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a smooth function such that  $f(\lambda x) = \lambda^c f(x)^1$  for all  $\lambda > 0$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ . Let V be the Euler vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  given by

$$V_x = x^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \Big|_x + \dots + x^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n} \Big|_x.$$

Prove that Vf = cf.

Let  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  denote the set of all smooth vector fields. This is naturally a  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space where

- $(X+Y)_p = X_p + Y_p$  for all  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ ,
- $(aX)_p = aX_p$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}, X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Such a function is called *positively homogeneous* of degree c.

**Definition 6.1.1.** Given  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , we can also define  $fX \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  by  $(fX)_p = f(p)X(p)$ .

**Proposition 6.1.2.** Let M be a smooth manifold.

- 1. If  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and  $f, g \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , then  $fX + gY \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .
- 2.  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  is a module over  $C^{\infty}(M)$ .

*Proof.* 1. Let  $p \in M$ , then

$$\begin{split} (fX+gY)(p) &= f(p)X(p) + g(p)Y(p) \\ &= f(p)X^i(p)\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\bigg|_p + g(p)Y^i(p)\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\bigg|_p \end{split}$$

is clearly smooth vector field.

- 2. Recall that a left  $C^{\infty}(M)$ -module  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  consists of an abelian group  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  and a left action  $\cdot : C^{\infty}(M) \times \mathfrak{X}(M) \to \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . It is easily seen that  $C^{\infty}(M)$  is a ring and  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  is an abelian group, thus we check that  $\cdot$  is an action.
  - Let 1 denote the identity function in  $C^{\infty}(M)$ , then

$$(1 \cdot X)_p = 1(p)X(p) = X(p)$$

for all  $p \in M$ .

• Let  $f, g \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , then

$$[(fg) \cdot X]_p = f(p)g(p)X(p) = f(p)[g(p)X(p)] = [f \cdot (g \cdot X)]_p.$$

**Definition 6.1.2.** If M is a smooth manifold and  $A \subset M$ , a vector field along A is a continuous map  $X: A \to TM$  satisfying  $\pi \circ X = \mathrm{id}_A$ . We call it a smooth vector field along A if for each  $p \in A$ , there is a neighborhood V of p in M and a smooth vector field  $\widetilde{X}$  on V that agrees with X on  $V \cap A$ .

**Lemma 6.1.1** (extension lemma for vector fields). Let M be a smooth manifold with or without boundary, and let  $A \subseteq M$  be a closed subset. Suppose X is a smooth vector field along A. Given any open subset U containing A, there exists a smooth global vector field  $\tilde{X}$  on M such that  $\tilde{X}\Big|_{A} = X$  and  $\operatorname{supp} \tilde{X} \subseteq U$ .

*Proof.* The proof uses the standard smooth structure of TM and essentially follows the proof of the extension lemma of a smooth function. The idea is to "pull back" from  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  to TM using the diffeomorphism  $\widetilde{\varphi}$ .

We begin by recalling some notations in the construction of the smooth structure on TM. If  $(U, \varphi)$  is a smooth chart on M with coordinates  $(x^1, \dots, x^n)$  and

 $\pi:TM\to M$  given by  $\pi(p,v)=p,$  then  $(\pi^{-1}(U),\widetilde{\varphi})$  is a smooth chart on TM, where

$$\widetilde{\varphi}\left(v^i\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p\right) = (x^1(p), \cdots, x^n(p), v^1, \cdots, v^n).$$

Let  $p \in A$ , then there is an open neighborhood  $W_p$  of p such that there exists a smooth vector field  $Y: W_p \to TM$  with  $Y|_{W_p \cap A} = X|_{W_p \cap A}$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $W_p$  is the domain of a smooth chart  $(W_p, \varphi)$  for M, Thus  $(\pi^{-1}(W_p), \widetilde{\varphi})$  is a smooth chart for TM.

Because  $\{W_p\}_{p\in A}$  is an open cover of A, by the gluing lemma, there exists a unique smooth map  $Z:A\to TM$  such that

$$Z_{W_p \cap A} = Y|_{W_p \cap A} = X|_{W_p \cap A}$$
 for every  $p \in A$ ,

thus  $X:A\to TM$  is a smooth map. Since  $\widetilde{\varphi}:\pi^{-1}(W_p)\to \widetilde{\varphi}(\pi^{-1}(W_p))\subset \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  is a diffeomorphism, the composition  $\widetilde{\varphi}\circ X:=f:A\to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  is smooth.

Since  $\pi^{-1}(W_p)$  consists of all the tangent vectors at each point of  $W_p$  and Y is a vector field, we have  $Y(W_p) \subset \pi^{-1}(W_p)$ . Thus  $\widetilde{f_p} := \widetilde{\varphi} \circ Y : W_p \to TM$  is a smooth map. By replacing  $W_p$  by  $W_p \cap U$ , we may assume that  $W_p \subset U$ . Now the family  $\{W_p\}_{p \in A} \cup \{M \setminus A\}$  is an open cover of M, so there exists a smooth partition of unity  $\{\psi_p\}_{p \in A} \cup \{\psi_0\}$  subordinate to this cover such that

- supp  $\psi_p \subset W_p$ ,
- supp  $\psi_0 \subset M \setminus A$ ,
- $\{\text{supp }\psi_p\}$  is locally finite.
- $\bigcup_{p \in A} \operatorname{supp} \psi_p \subset U$ .

The product  $\psi_p \widetilde{f}_p$  is smooth on  $W_p$  and admit a smooth extension to all of M since supp  $\psi_p \subset W_p$ . Define  $\widetilde{f}: M \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  by

$$\widetilde{f}(x) = \sum_{p \in A} \psi_p(x) \widetilde{f}_p(x),$$

which is a finite sum due to the local finiteness of {supp  $\psi_p$ }, thus  $\widetilde{f}$  is a smooth map.

Define  $\widetilde{X}: M \to TM$  by

$$\widetilde{X}(x) = \widetilde{\varphi}^{-1} \circ \widetilde{f}(x),$$

then

•  $\widetilde{X}$  is smooth since it is a composition of smooth maps, and

$$\widetilde{X}(x) = Y(x) \in T_x M,$$

so that  $\widetilde{X}(x)$  is a smooth vector field.

• If  $x \in A$ , then

$$\widetilde{\varphi}^{-1} \circ \widetilde{f}(x) = \widetilde{\varphi}^{-1} \left( \sum_{p \in A} \psi_p(x) \widetilde{f}_p(x) \right)$$

$$= \widetilde{\varphi}^{-1} \left( \sum_{p \in A} \psi_p(x) f(x) \right)$$

$$= \widetilde{\varphi}^{-1} \left( f(x) \sum_{p \in A} \psi_p(x) \right)$$

$$= \widetilde{\varphi}^{-1} (f(x))$$

$$= \widetilde{\varphi}^{-1} (\widetilde{\varphi} \circ X(x))$$

$$= X(x),$$

hence  $\widetilde{X}|_A = X|_A$ .

• By the coordinate representation of  $\widetilde{\varphi}$ , we have  $\widetilde{\varphi}^{-1}(0) = 0$ , thus

$$\operatorname{supp} \, \widetilde{X} = \operatorname{supp} \, \widetilde{\varphi}^{-1} \circ \widetilde{f} \subset \operatorname{supp} \, \widetilde{f} = \bigcup_{p \in A} \operatorname{supp} \, \psi_p \subset U,$$

completing the proof.

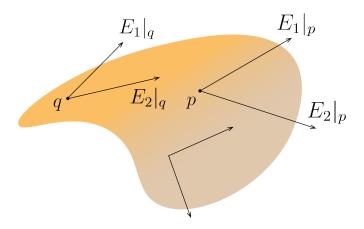
#### 6.1.1 Local and Global Frames

Fix a point p in a smooth chart  $(U, \varphi)$ , then  $X_p \in T_p M \simeq \mathbb{R}^n$ . Now we consider the case when there are finitely many vector fields. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  be a list of vector fields defined on some  $A \subset M$ . This list

- is called *linearly independent* if the list  $X_1|_p, \dots, X_k|_p$  is linearly independent in  $T_pM$  for each  $p \in A$ .
- said to span the tangent bundle if span  $\{X_1|_p, \dots, X_k|_p\} = T_pM$  for each  $p \in A$ .

**Definition 6.1.3** (frame). Let M be a smooth n-manifold. A local frame for M is a list of vector fields  $(E_1, \dots, E_n)$  defined on an open  $U \subset M$  that is linearly independent and spans the tangent bundle, equivalently,  $E_1|_p, \dots, E_n|_p$  is a basis for  $T_pM$  at each  $p \in U$ . It is called a global frame if U = M.

- $(E_1, \dots, E_n)$  is called a *smooth frame* if each  $E_i$  is smooth.
- For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(E_1, \dots, E_k)$  defined on  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is called *orthonormal* if for each  $p \in A$ ,  $E_1|_p, \dots, E_k|_p$  are orthonormal w.r.t. the Euclidean inner product.



We denote a frame  $(E_1, \dots, E_n)$  by  $(E_i)$ .

Example 3. The standard coordinate vector fields

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\bigg|_p, \cdots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\bigg|_p\right)$$

form a smooth global frame for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

#### **6.1.2** Vector Fields as Derivations of $C^{\infty}(M)$

A derivation of  $C^{\infty}(M)$  is a map  $D: C^{\infty}(M) \to C^{\infty}(M)$  such that

$$D(fg) = fD(g) + gD(f)$$
 for all  $f, g \in C^{\infty}(M)$ .

In the chapter of tangent space, we study the derivation of  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$  at a point p, satisfying v(fg) = f(p)vg + g(p)vf. Here the derivation is global and is a map from  $C^{\infty}(M)$  to  $C^{\infty}(M)$ .

If  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , we define

$$Xf: M \to \mathbb{R}$$
  
 $(Xf)(p) = X_p(f).$ 

This makes sense since  $X_p \in T_pM$ , so it acts on any  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ . It turns out that the smoothness of X and the smoothness of Xf are related.

**Proposition 6.1.3.** Let  $X: M \to TM$  be a vector field. The following are equivalent:

- 1. X is smooth.
- 2. Xf is a smooth function on M for every  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ .
- 3. Xf is smooth on U for every open  $U \subset M$  and every  $f \in C^{\infty}(U)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\implies$  (2): Let X be smooth,  $f \in C^{\infty}(M), p \in M$ . Choose smooth coordinates  $(x^i)$  on a neighborhood U of p, then for all  $x \in U$ , we can write

$$Xf(x) = \left(X^{i}(x)\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}}\Big|_{x}\right)f = X^{i}(x)\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{i}}(x).$$

Since  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ ,  $\partial f/\partial x^i$  is smooth. Since components  $X^i$  are smooth, it follows that Xf is smooth on U. Because U is arbitrary, Xf is smooth on M.

(2)  $\Longrightarrow$  (3): Let open  $U \subset M$  and  $f \in C^{\infty}(U)$ . For any  $p \in U$ , let  $\psi$  be a smooth bump function such that  $\psi = 1$  on a neighborhood of p and supp  $\psi \subset U$ . Define  $\tilde{f} = \psi f$ , extended to be 0 on  $M \setminus \text{supp } \psi$ , then  $X\tilde{f}$  is smooth, and  $X\tilde{f} = Xf$  in a neighborhood of p.

(3)  $\Longrightarrow$  (1): Suppose (3) holds, let  $(x^i)$  be a smooth local coordinates on  $U \subset M$ , we can think of each  $x^i$  as a smooth function on U. Then

$$Xx^i = X^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(x^i) = X^i,$$

so each  $X^i$  is smooth, hence X is smooth.

**Proposition 6.1.4.** A map  $D: C^{\infty}(M) \to C^{\infty}(M)$  is a derivation if and only if Df = Xf for some  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

*Proof.* First we show that X induces a derivation.

$$X(fg)(p) = X_p(fg) = fX_pg + gX_pf$$
  
=  $f(Xg)(p) + g(Xf)(p)$ ,

and X is clearly linear, thus  $X: C^{\infty}(M) \to C^{\infty}(M)$  is a derivation. Conversely, we need to construct a vector field X such that Df = Xf for all f. Fix an arbitrary  $p \in M$ , and define  $X_p$  by

$$X_p f = (Df)(p),$$

then  $X_p: C^{\infty}(M) \to \mathbb{R}$  is a tangent vector. Since p is arbitrary, this defines a vector field X. by **Proposition** 6.1.3, X is smooth.

# 6.2 Vector Fields and Smooth Maps

We can map a vector field on M to a vector field on N. Let  $F: M \to N$  be smooth and X be a vector field on X, then the differential of F at p is  $dF_p: T_pM \to T_pN$ , thus  $dF_p(X_p) \in T_pN$ . However, this does not necessarily define a vector field on N.

EXAMPLE 4. Let  $M=\mathbb{R}^2, N=\mathbb{R}^3, F(x^1,x^2)=(x^1,x^2,0),$  then dF is not surjective, so there is no vector to assign at  $q\in N\setminus F(M)$ .

**Definition 6.2.1.** Suppose  $F: M \to N$  is smooth and X is vector field on M, and suppose there is a vector field Y on N such that for each  $p \in M$ ,  $dF_p(X_p) = Y_{F(p)}$ , then we say X and Y are F-related.

**Proposition 6.2.1.** Suppose  $F: M \to N$  is a smooth map between manifolds,  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M), Y \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$ . Then X and Y are F-related if and only if for every  $f \in C^{\infty}(V)$ , where V is open in N,

$$X(f \circ F) = (Yf) \circ F.$$

*Proof.* Let  $p \in M$  and f defined in a neighborhood of F(p) be smooth, then

$$X(f \circ F)(p) = X_p(f \circ F) = dF_p(X_p)f.$$

We also have

$$(Yf)\circ F(p)=(Yf)(F(p))=Y_{F(p)}f.$$

Example 5. Let  $F(t)=(\cos t,\sin t)$ , then  $d/dt\in\mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{R})$  is F-related to the vector field  $Y\in\mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  defined by

$$Y = x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}.$$

*Proof.* From definition To compute  $dF_p(X_p)$ , we need to plug in an arbitrary  $f \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . Thus

$$dF_{t_0}\left(\frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t_0}\right)f = \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t_0} (f \circ F)$$

$$= -\sin t_0 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\cos t_0, \sin t_0) + \cos t_0 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\cos t_0, \sin t_0)$$

$$= -\cos t_0 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\Big|_{F(t_0)} -\sin t_0 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\Big|_{F(t_0)}.$$

and

$$Y_{F(t_0)}f = \cos t_0 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \bigg|_{F(t_0)} - \sin t_0 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \bigg|_{F(t_0)}.$$

Since f is arbitrary, we find that  $Y_{F(t_0)} = dF_{t_0} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t_0} \right)$ .

By the above proposition Let  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$X(f \circ F)(t_0) = X_{t_0}(f \circ F)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t_0} (f \circ F)$$

$$= Y_{F(t_0)}f = (Yf) \circ F(t_0).$$

Remark. A comment on the notation:  $\frac{d}{dt}|_{t_0}f = f'(t_0)$ , and in the computation of  $\frac{d}{dt}|_{t_0}f \circ F$ , it is convenient to formally plug in t so that

$$\frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t_0} f \circ F(t) = \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t_0} f(\cos t, \sin t)$$

$$= -\sin t_0 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} (\cos t_0, \sin t_0) + \cos t_0 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} (\cos t_0, \sin t_0).$$

**Proposition 6.2.2.** Suppose  $F: M \to N$  is a diffeomorphism. For every  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , there is a unique smooth vector field on N that is F-related to X.

*Proof.* Let  $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$  be F-related to X, then  $dF_p(X_p) = Y_{F(p)}$  for all  $p \in M$ . Since F is a diffeomorphism,  $p = F^{-1}(q)$  for a unique  $q \in N$ , then

$$Y_q = dF_{F^{-1}(q)} (X_{F^{-1}(q)}).$$

This gives a unique  $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$  because q runs through all of N. Since Y is the composition of smooth maps  $F^{-1}, X, dF$ , it follows that Y is smooth.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} N & \xrightarrow{Y} & TN \\ F^{-1} \downarrow & & \uparrow dF \\ M & \xrightarrow{X} & TM \end{array}$$

#### **Pushforwards**

Given  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and a diffeomorphism  $F: M \to N$ , the pushforward of X by F is the vector field  $F_*X \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$  defined by

$$(F_*X)_q = dF_{F^{-1}(q)}(X_{F^{-1}(q)}),$$

or equivalently

$$(F_*X)_{F(p)} = dF_p(X_p).$$

This is the unique smooth vector field that is F-related to X.

Example 6. Let

$$M = \{(x,y) : y > 0, x + y > 0\},\$$
  
$$N = \{(u,v) : u > 0, v > 0\},\$$

Define F(x,y) = (x+y, x/y+1), compute the pushforward  $F_*X$ .

**Lemma 6.2.1.** If  $F: M \to N$  is a diffeomorphism,  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , and  $f \in C^{\infty}(N)$ , then

$$(F_*X)(f) = X(f \circ F) \circ F^{-1}.$$

### 6.3 Lie Brackets

**Definition 6.3.1.** The *Lie bracket* of  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  is the map

$$[X,Y]: C^{\infty}(M) \longrightarrow C^{\infty}(M)$$
$$[X,Y](f) = XYf - YXf.$$

**Lemma 6.3.1.**  $[X,Y] \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

Proof. Just compute

$$[X,Y](fg) = f[X,Y]g + g[X,Y]f,$$

where  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ .

The calue of the vector field [X,Y] at  $p \in M$  is given by

$$[X,Y]_p f = X_p(Yf) - Y_p(Xf).$$

EXAMPLE 7. In general,  $XY \notin \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . If  $M = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $X = \partial/\partial x$ ,  $Y = x \partial/\partial y$ , f(x,y) = x, g(x,y) = y, then

$$\begin{split} XY(fg) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xy) \right) = 2x, \\ fXY(g) &+ gXY(f) = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xy) \right) + y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x) \right) = 2x^2 \end{split}$$

**Proposition 6.3.1** (coordinate formula). If  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and  $(U, \varphi)$  is a smooth chart, and  $X = X^i \partial/\partial x^i$ ,  $Y = Y^j \partial/\partial x^j$ , then locally

$$[X,Y] = \left(X^i \frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i} - Y^i \frac{\partial X^j}{\partial x^i}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{split} [X,Y]f &= XYf - YXf \\ &= X\left(Y^j\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j}\right) - Y\left(X^i\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}\right) \\ &= X^i\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\left(Y^j\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j}\right) - Y^j\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}\left(X^i\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}\right) \\ &= X^i\frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} + X^iY^j\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i\partial x^j} - Y^j\frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^j}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} - Y^jX^i\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^j\partial x^i} \\ &= X^i\frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} - Y^j\frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^j}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \\ &= X^i\frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} - Y^i\frac{\partial X^j}{\partial x^i}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} \\ &= \left(X^i\frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i} - Y^i\frac{\partial X^j}{\partial x^i}\right)\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j}. \end{split}$$

**Proposition 6.3.2** (properties of Lie brackets). 1. BILINEARITY: For  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$[aX + bY, Z] = a[X, Z] + b[Y, Z],$$
  
 $[Z, aX + bY] = a[Z, X] + b[Z, Y].$ 

- 2. Antisymmetry: [X, Y] = -[Y, X].
- 3. Jacobi Identity:

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

4. For  $f, g \in C^{\infty}(M)$ ,

$$[fX, gY] = fg[X, Y] + (fXg)Y - (gYf)X.$$

*Proof.* We prove (4). Just plug in as many variables as you can. Let  $p \in M$  and  $h \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , then

$$\begin{split} [fX,gY]_ph &= (fX)_p(gYh) - (gY)_p(fXh) \\ &= f(p)X_p(gYh) - g(p)Y_p(fXh) \\ &= f(p)[g(p)X_p(Yh) + Y_phX_p(g)] - g(p)[f(p)Y_p(Xh) + X_phY_p(f)] \quad \text{(Leibniz Rule)} \\ &= f(p)g(p)X_p(Yh) + f(p)Y_phX_p(g) - f(p)g(p)Y_p(Xh) - g(p)X_phY_p(f) \\ &= f(p)g(p)[X,Y]_ph + f(p)(Xg)_pY_ph - g(p)(Yf)_pX_ph \\ &= \{fg[X,Y]\}_ph + (fXg)_pY_ph - (gYf)_pX_ph. \end{split}$$

**Proposition 6.3.3** (Naturality). Let  $F: M \to N$  be smooth,  $X_1, X_2 \in \mathfrak{X}(M), Y_1, Y_2 \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$  such that  $X_i$  is F-related to  $Y_i$ . Then  $[X_1, X_2]$  is F-related to  $[Y_1, Y_2]$ .

*Proof.* By **Proposition** 6.2.1, since  $X_2$  and  $Y_2$  is F-related

$$X_2(f \circ F) = (Y_2 f) \circ F,$$

hence

$$X_1 X_2(f \circ F) = X_1((Y_2 f) \circ F) = (Y_1 Y_2 f) \circ F.$$
  $(X_1, Y_1 \text{ are } F\text{-related})$ 

Then

$$[X_1, X_2](f \circ F) = X_1 X_2(f \circ F) - X_2 X_1(f \circ F)$$
  
=  $(Y_1 Y_2 f) \circ F - (Y_2 Y_1 f) \circ F$   
=  $([Y_1, Y_2] f) \circ F$ .

Corollary 6.3.1. If  $F: M \to N$  is a diffeo and  $X_1, X_2 \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , then

$$F_*[X_1, X_2] = [F_*X_1, F_*X_2].$$

*Proof.* Take  $Y_i = F_*X_i$ , then  $X_i$  is F-related to  $Y_i$ . By naturality we have

$$[Y_1, Y_2]_{F(p)} = dF_p([X_1, X_2]_p) = (F_*[X_1, X_2])_{F(p)},$$

which is to be shown.

## 6.4 Integral Curves

Fix M a smooth manifold.

**Definition 6.4.1.** If  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , then an *integral curve* of V is a smooth curve  $\gamma: I \to M$  with  $\gamma'(t) = V_{\gamma(t)}$  for all  $t \in I$ .

Locally, in a chart  $(U, \varphi)$ , we have  $\gamma^i = x^i \circ \gamma$  and  $V = V^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ , and

$$\gamma'(t) = \dot{\gamma}^i(t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \bigg|_{\gamma(t)}.$$

Then  $\gamma'(t) = V_{\gamma(t)}$  gives a system of ODE

$$\dot{\gamma}^{1}(t) = V^{1}(\gamma^{1}(t), \cdots, \gamma^{n}(t)),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\dot{\gamma}^{n}(t) = V^{n}(\gamma^{1}(t), \cdots, \gamma^{n}(t)).$$

The fundamental fact about such systems is the existence, uniqueness, and smoothness theorem, from **Theorem D.1**. of Lee's book.

**Proposition 6.4.1.** Let  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , for any  $p \in M$  there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a smooth curve  $\gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \to M$  that is an integral curve of V with  $\gamma(0) = p$ .

*Proof.* Apply the existence statement to the coordinate representation of V.  $\square$ 

EXAMPLE 8. Let (x,y) be standard coordinates on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and let  $V=\partial/\partial x$  be the first coordinate vector field. Then the integral curves of V are precisely the straight lines parallel to the x-axis.

Example 9. Let  $W=x\frac{\partial}{\partial y}-y\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $\gamma:\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}^2, \gamma(t)=(x(t),y(t))$  be a smooth curve, solve the system of ODE  $\gamma'(t)=W_{\gamma(t)}$ .

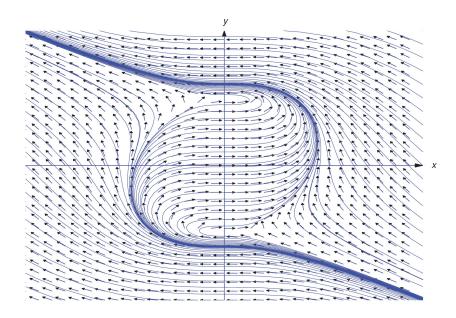


Figure 6.2: flow

#### 6.5 Flows

Intuitively, flow is the set of all integral curves, which can be viewed as the set of all solutions of an ODE. To specify a point in an integral curve, we need two parameters: initial point p and traveling time t (here we assume curves are defind on  $[0,\infty)$  for convenience). Fix a smooth manifold M and  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . For each  $p \in M$ , V has a unique integral curve starting at p and defined for all  $t \in [0,\infty)$ . Now let p runs through all points of M, we get a map

$$\theta: \mathbb{R} \times M \to M$$
  
 $(t,p) \mapsto \theta(t,p).$ 

Now we can take sections on  $\mathbb{R}$  or M.

- Fix p, we get a map  $\theta^{(p)}: \mathbb{R} \to M$  given by  $\theta^{(p)}(t) = \theta(t, p)$ , which is the point on the curve at time t starting at p. This is essentially same as a parametrized curve.
- Fix t, we get a map  $\theta_t: M \to M$  given by  $\theta_t(p) = \theta(t, p)$ . This is to see how far can each integral curve travel in time t.

Suppose a curve  $\theta^{(p)}$  is chosen and let q be another point in this curve:  $q = \theta^{(p)}(s)$  for some  $s \in (0, \infty)$ . By concatenating the time interval [0, s], we can

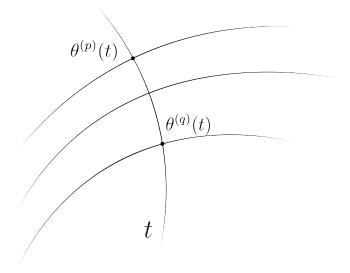


Figure 6.3: Fix t, the position  $\theta^{(p)}(t)$  and  $\theta^{(q)}(t)$ 

reparametrize q w.r.t. p:

$$\theta^{(q)}(t) = \theta^{(p)}(t+s), \quad t \in [0, \infty).$$

Now  $\theta^{(q)}(0) = \theta^{(p)}(s) = q$  is the initial point of  $\theta^{(q)}$ . In fact,  $\theta$  is an action of the group  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  on M. To see this, notice that

- $\theta_t \circ \theta_s(p) = \theta_t(\theta_s(p)) = \theta_t(q) = \theta^{(q)}(t) = \theta^{(p)}(t+s) = \theta_{t+s}(p).$
- $\theta_0(p) = \theta^{(p)}(0) = p$ .

If we denote the the action by  $t \cdot p = \theta^{(p)}(t)$ , then  $0 \cdot p = \theta^{(p)}(0) = p$ , and

$$t \cdot (s \cdot p) = t \cdot (\theta^{(p)}(s)) = t \cdot q = \theta^{(q)}(t) = \theta^{(p)}(t+s) = (t+s) \cdot p.$$

**Definition 6.5.1** (global flow). A *global flow* is a smooth map  $\theta : \mathbb{R} \times M \to M$  such that

- $\theta(0,\cdot) = \mathrm{id}_M$ ,
- $\theta(t+s,p) = \theta(t,\theta(s,p))$  for all  $s,t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $p \in M$ .

Note that if  $\theta_t = \theta(t, \cdot) : M \to M$ , then the map

$$t \in (\mathbb{R}, +) \mapsto \theta_t \in \mathrm{Diff}(M)$$

is a homomorphism, since the second property implies that

$$\theta_{t+s} = \theta_t \circ \theta_s$$
,

and  $\theta_t^{-1} = \theta_{-t}$  because  $\theta_0 = \mathrm{id}_M$ .

#### $FLOW \rightarrow VECTOR FIELD$

It is intuitive that if we take derivative at each point of each integral curve, we will obtain a vector field.

**Definition 6.5.2.** If  $\theta : \mathbb{R} \times M \to M$  is a smooth global flow, for each  $p \in M$  we define a tangent vector  $V_p \in T_pM$  by

$$V_p = \theta^{(p)'}(0).$$

The assignment  $p \mapsto V_p$  is a vector field on M, which is called the *infinitesimal* generator of  $\theta$ .

**Proposition 6.5.1.** Let  $\theta : \mathbb{R} \times M \to M$  be a global flow. Then

$$V_p = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \Big|_{t=0} \theta(t,p) \in T_p M$$

defines a smooth vector field on M. Moreover, each curve  $\theta^{(p)}$  is an integral curve of V.

*Proof.* Rewrite the expression

$$V_p = d\theta_{(0,p)} \left( \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \Big|_{t=0} \right),$$

so V is smooth (in local coordinates  $d\theta_{(0,p)}$  is a matrix whose entries depend smoothly on p), hence  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . For the moreover part, fix  $p \in M$  and let  $\gamma(t) = \theta(t,p)$ . Then

$$\gamma'(t) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}s}\Big|_{s=0} \gamma(t+s) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}s}\Big|_{s=0} \theta(t+s,p) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}s}\Big|_{s=0} \theta(s,\theta(t,p)) = V_{\theta(t,p)} = V_{\gamma(t)}.$$

## Vector Field $\rightarrow$ Flow

Conversely, we would like to be able to say that every smooth vector field is the infinitesimal generator of a smooth global flow, which is not always the case.

**EXAMPLE 10**. Let  $M = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  and V be the vector field  $\partial/\partial x$  on M. The unique integral curve of V starting at  $(-1,0) \in M$  is  $\gamma(t) = (t-1,0)$ . In this case,  $\gamma$  cannot be extended continuously past t=1. Suppose this were true, let  $\widetilde{\gamma}$  be any continuous extension of  $\gamma$  past t=1, and notice that  $\widetilde{\gamma}$  is still a curve in  $M = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ . Then

$$\lim_{t \to 1^{-}} \gamma(t) = \widetilde{\gamma}(1) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\},\$$

but if we consider  $\gamma: M \to \mathbb{R}^2$ , then

$$\lim_{t \to 1^{-}} \gamma(t) = \lim_{t \to 1^{-}} (t - 1, 0) = (0, 0) \neq \widetilde{\gamma}(1),$$

a contradiction.

It seems that the domain is too large, so we have to restrict integral curves into a  $flow\ domain$ .

**Definition 6.5.3** (flow domain). A flow domain  $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R} \times M$  is an open set such that for each  $p \in M$ , the section  $\mathcal{D}^{(p)} := \{t \in \mathbb{R} : (t,p) \in \mathcal{D}\}$  is an open interval containing 0. A (partial) flow is a smooth map  $\theta : \mathcal{D} \to M$  defined on a flow domain such that  $\theta(0,\cdot) = \mathrm{id}_M$  and  $\theta(t+s,p) = \theta(t,\theta(s,p))$  whenever both sides are defined.

EXAMPLE 11. Let  $\mathbb{D}$  be the open disc in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , let  $V = \partial/\partial x$ . integral curves don't exist for all time. Get a flow  $\theta: D \to \mathbb{D}$  where  $D \neq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{D}$ .

**Definition 6.5.4.** A maximal integral curve is one that cannot be extended to an integral curve on any larger open interval, and a maximal flow is a flow that admits no extension to a flow on a larger flow domain (i.e., a flow defined on a maximal flow domain)

**Theorem 6.5.1** (fundamental theorem on Flows). Let  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , there is a unique maximal flow  $\theta : \mathcal{D} \to M$  where  $V_p = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\Big|_{t=0} \theta(t,p)$  for all  $p \in M$ . Moreover,

- 1. for each  $p \in M$ ,  $t \in \mathcal{D}^{(p)} \mapsto \theta(t,p) \in M$  is the unique maximal integral curve starting at p.
- 2. If  $s \in \mathcal{D}^{(p)}$ , then  $\mathcal{D}^{(\theta(s,p))} = \mathcal{D}^{(p)} \setminus \{s\}$ .

*Proof.* Use the existence theorem of an ODE to construct the slice  $\mathcal{D}^{(p)}$ , and define a flow domain  $\mathcal{D}$ .

**Definition 6.5.5.** The flow in **Theorem 6.5.1** is called the *flow generated by* V, or just the *flow of* V.

## 6.6 Complete Vector Fields

A vector field is *complete* if its flow is a global flow (i.e., defined on  $\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{R} \times M$ , so that  $\mathcal{D}^{(p)} = \mathbb{R}$ ).

**Lemma 6.6.1** (uniform time lemma). Let  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and  $\theta : \mathcal{D} \to M$  be the flow of V. If there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \subset \mathcal{D}^{(p)}$  for all  $p \in M$ , then V is complete.

*Proof.* Suppose to the contrary that for some  $p \in M$ , the domain  $\mathcal{D}^{(p)}$  is bounded above. Let  $b = \sup \mathcal{D}^{(p)}$ , let  $t_0 > 0$  be such that  $b - \varepsilon < t_0 < b$ , and let  $q = \theta^p(t_0)$ . The hypothesis implies that  $\theta^{(q)}(t)$  is defined at least for  $t \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ . Concatenate  $\theta^{(p)}$  and  $\theta^{(q)}$  by a curve  $\gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon + t_0)$  defined as

$$\gamma(t) = \begin{cases} \theta^{(p)}(t), & \varepsilon < t < b, \\ \theta^{(q)}(t - t_0), & t_0 - \varepsilon < t < t_0 + \varepsilon. \end{cases}$$

Since by the group law we have

$$\theta^{(q)}(t-t_0) = \theta_{t-t_0}(q) = \theta_{t-t_0} \circ \theta_{t_0}(p) = \theta_t(p) = \theta^{(p)}(t),$$

these two definitions agree where they overlap. By the transition lemma,  $\gamma$  is an integral curve starting at p. Since  $t_0 + \varepsilon \notin \mathcal{D}^{(p)}$ , this contradicts the maximality of the flow domain.

Corollary 6.6.1. On a compact manifold, every vector field is complete.

*Proof.* See HW 8, Problem 1(a).

**Lemma 6.6.2.** Suppose M is a smooth manifold,  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , and let  $\theta : \mathcal{D} \to M$  be the flow of V. Then for any compact set  $K \subset M$ , there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $(-\epsilon, \epsilon) \times K \subset \mathcal{D}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\theta$  is a flow,  $\mathcal{D}$  is a flow domain. Thus for any  $p \in M$ ,

$$\mathcal{D}^{(p)} = \{ t \in \mathbb{R} : (t, p) \in \mathcal{D} \} = (a_p, b_p) \ni 0.$$

We also have  $(a_p, b_p) \times \{p\} \subset \mathcal{D}$ , but  $\mathcal{D}$  is open in  $\mathbb{R} \times M$ , thus there exists an open set  $U_p \ni p$  such that  $(a_p, b_p) \times U_p \subset \mathcal{D}$ . For the cover  $\{U_p\}_{p \in K}$  we can extract a finite subcover  $\bigcup_{j=1}^n U_{p_j} \supset K$ , and each  $U_{p_j}$  corresponds to a

$$\mathcal{D}^{(p_j)} = \{ t \in \mathbb{R} : (t, p_j) \in \mathcal{D} \} = (a_{p_j}, b_{p_j}) \ni 0$$

and  $(a_{p_j}, b_{p_j}) \times U_{p_j} \subset \mathcal{D}$ . Choose  $0 < \varepsilon < \min_{1 \le j \le n} (|a_{p_j}|, |b_{p_j}|)$ , we have  $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \subset (a_{p_j}, b_{p_j})$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Hence

$$(-\varepsilon,\varepsilon) \times U_{p_i} \subset \mathcal{D}$$
 for each  $j=1,\cdots,n$ .

Therefore,

$$(-\varepsilon,\varepsilon)\times K\subset (-\varepsilon,\varepsilon)\times \bigcup_{j=1}^n U_{p_j}\subset \mathcal{D}.$$

**Lemma 6.6.3** (escape lemma). If  $\gamma: J \to M$  is a maximal integral curve of V whose domain J has a finite least upper bound b, then for any  $t_0 \in J$ ,  $\gamma([t_0, b))$  is not contained in any compact subset of M.

Proof. We may assume that  $J=(a,b)\ni 0$ . Suppose that there exists  $t_0\in J$  such that  $\gamma([t_0,b))$  is contained in a compact set K of M. Set  $p=\gamma(a)$ , then by the fundamental theorem of flow, there is a maximal flow  $\theta:\mathcal{D}\to M$ . By uniquenss,  $\theta^{(p)}:\mathcal{D}^{(p)}\to M$  is exactly  $\gamma$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{(p)}=J$ . Let  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty\subset [t_0,b)$  converge to b, then  $\{\gamma(t_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty\subset K$ . Then there is a subsequence  $\{\gamma(t_{n_k})\}_{k=1}^\infty$  with  $\gamma(t_{n_k})$  converging to some  $q\in K$  as  $k\to\infty$ . By the last lemma, there exists  $\varepsilon>0$  such that  $(-\varepsilon,\varepsilon)\subset [t_0,b)$  and  $(-\varepsilon,\varepsilon)\times K\subset \mathcal{D}$ , so  $\theta$  is defined on  $(-\varepsilon,\varepsilon)\times K$ . Choose n large so that  $t_n>b-\varepsilon$ , and define  $\beta:(a,t_n+\varepsilon)\to M$  by

$$\beta(t) = \begin{cases} \gamma(t), & a < t < b. \\ \theta_{t-t_n} \circ \theta_{t_n}(p), & t_n - \varepsilon < t < t_n + \varepsilon. \end{cases}$$

These two definitions agree where they overlap since

$$\theta_{t-t_n} \circ \theta_{t_n}(p) = \theta_t(p) = \gamma(t),$$

hence  $\beta$  extends  $\gamma$  past b, a contradiction.

# 6.7 Regular Points and Singular Points

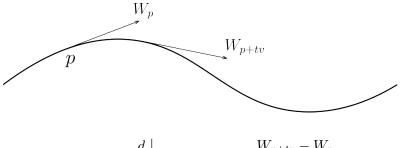
If  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , then  $p \in M$  is a regular point of V if  $V_p \neq 0$ . Otherwise, if  $V_p = 0$ , then p is a singular point of V.

**Theorem 6.7.1** (canonical form near a regular point). If  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ ,  $p \in M$ , and  $V_p \neq 0$ , then there exists a chart  $(U, \varphi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$  centered at p where  $V = \partial/\partial x^i$  on U.

Remark. No canonical form near singular points: see Lee Figure 9.8.

#### 6.8 Lie Derivatives

How to define the directional derivative of a vector field? In Euclidean space, we can measure the rate of change of a smooth vector field W in the direction of  $v \in T_p \mathbb{R}^n$ . It is the vector



$$D_v W(p) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} W_{p+tv} = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{W_{p+tv} - W_p}{t}.$$

In attempt to generalizing this definition to manifolds, we replace p + tv by a curve  $\gamma(t)$  with  $\gamma'(0) = v$ . But  $W_{\gamma(t)} \in T_{\gamma(t)}M, W_{\gamma(0)} \in T_{\gamma(0)}M$  are in different vector spaces.

If we replace the vector  $v \in T_pM$  with a vector field V, then we can use the flow of V to push values of W back to p.

**Definition 6.8.1.** Suppose  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  has flow  $\theta$ . Then the *Lie derivative* of  $W \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  w.r.t. V is the vector field where

$$\mathcal{L}_V(W) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \bigg|_{t=0} d(\theta_{-t})_{\theta_t(p)}(W_{\theta_t(p)}) = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{d(\theta_{-t})_{\theta_t(p)}(W_{\theta_t(p)}) - W_p}{t}$$

Remark. The vector field V is represented in the picture by its flow, and  $d(\theta_{-t})_{\theta_t(p)}(W_{\theta_t(p)}) \in T_{\theta_{-t}(\theta_t(p))}M$ 

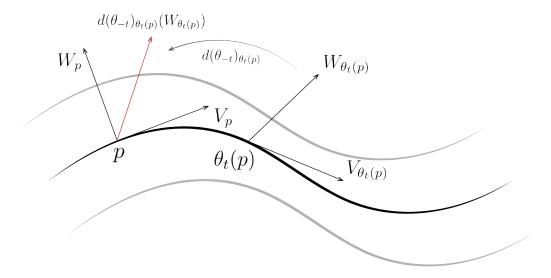


Figure 6.4: Using flow to pull back

There is a simple formula for computing the Lie derivative.

**Theorem 6.8.1.** If  $V, W \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_V(W) = [V, W]$ .

*Proof.* Fix a chart  $(U, \varphi)$ . In these coordinates

$$\theta(t,p) = (\theta^1(t,p), \cdots, \theta^n(t,p)), \quad W = W^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}.$$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{V}(W) &= \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \bigg|_{t=0} \frac{\partial \theta^{i}}{\partial x^{j}} (-t, \theta(t, x)) W^{j}(\theta(t, x)) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} \\ &= -\frac{\partial^{2} \theta^{i}}{\partial t \partial x^{j}} (-t, \theta(t, x)) W^{j}(\theta(t, x)) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} + \frac{\partial^{2} \theta^{i}}{\partial x^{k} \partial x^{j}} \frac{\partial \theta^{k}}{\partial t} (t, x) W^{j}(\theta(t, x)) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} \\ &+ \frac{\partial \theta^{u}}{\partial x^{j}} (-t, \theta(t, x)) \frac{\partial W^{j}}{\partial x^{k}} (\theta(t, x)) \frac{\partial \theta^{k}}{\partial t} (t, x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} \bigg|_{t=0} \\ &= \frac{\partial^{2} \theta}{\partial t \partial x^{j}} (0, x) W^{j}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} + \frac{\partial^{2} \theta^{i}}{\partial x^{k} \partial x^{j}} (0, x) \frac{\partial \theta^{k}}{\partial t} (0, x) W^{j}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} \\ &+ \frac{\partial \theta^{i}}{\partial x^{j}} (0, x) \frac{\partial W^{j}}{\partial x^{k}} (x) \frac{\partial \theta^{k}}{\partial t} (0, x). \end{split}$$

Note

$$\frac{\partial \theta^k}{\partial t}(0,x) = V^k, \quad \frac{\partial^2 \theta^i}{\partial t \partial x^j}(0,x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \left( \frac{\partial \theta^i}{\partial t}(0,x) \right) = \frac{\partial V^i}{\partial x^j},$$

and  $\theta(0,\cdot) = \mathrm{id}_M$ , so

$$\frac{\partial \theta^{i}}{\partial x^{j}}(0,x) = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j, \\ 0 & i \neq j, \end{cases}$$
$$\frac{\partial^{2} \theta^{i}}{\partial x^{k} \partial x^{j}}(0,x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{k}} \left( \frac{\partial \theta^{i}}{\partial x^{j}}(0,x) \right) = 0,$$

then

$$\mathcal{L}_{V}(W) = -\frac{\partial V^{i}}{\partial x^{j}} W^{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} + 0 + \frac{\partial W^{j}}{\partial x^{k}} V^{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j}} = [V, W].$$

Corollary 6.8.1. If  $V, W, X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , then

1. 
$$\mathcal{L}_V(W) = -\mathcal{L}_W(V);$$

2. 
$$\mathcal{L}_V([X,Y]) = [\mathcal{L}_V X, Y] + [X, \mathcal{L}_V Y];$$

3. 
$$\mathcal{L}_{[V,W]}X = \mathcal{L}_V \mathcal{L}_W X - \mathcal{L}_W \mathcal{L}_V X$$
.

4. If 
$$g \in C^{\infty}(M)$$
, then

$$\mathcal{L}_V(gW) = (Vg)W + g\mathcal{L}_V(W).$$

5. If  $F: M \to N$  is a diffeomorphism,

$$F_*\mathcal{L}_V(W) = \mathcal{L}_{F_*V}(F_*W).$$

*Proof.* 1.  $\mathcal{L}_W(V) = [W, V] = -[V, W].$ 

2.  $\mathcal{L}_{V}([X,Y]) = [V,[X,Y]]$ . Let  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , then

$$\begin{split} [V,[X,Y]]f &= V[X,Y]f - [X,Y]Vf \\ &= V(XYf - YXf) - (XYVf - YXVf) \\ &= VXYf - VYXf - XYVf + YXVf, \end{split}$$

and

$$[\mathcal{L}_{V}X, Y]f = [[V, X], Y]f$$

$$= [V, X]Yf - Y[V, X]f$$

$$= VXYf - XVYf - YVXf + YXVf,$$

$$[X, \mathcal{L}_{V}Y]f = [X, [V, Y]]f$$

$$= X[V, Y]f - [V, Y]Xf$$

$$= XVYf - XYVf - VYXf + YVXf.$$

3. Similar as (2).

4.

6.9 Commuting Vector Fields

**Definition 6.9.1.** Let M be a smooth manifold and  $V, W \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

- We say that  $V, W \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  are commute if [V, W] = 0, i.e., VWf = WVf for every smooth function f.
- If  $\theta: \mathcal{D} \to M$  is a flow and  $W \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , then W is invariant under  $\theta$  if

$$d(\theta_t)_p W_p = W_{\theta_t(p)}$$
 for all  $(t, p) \in \mathcal{D}$  (6.1)

• Two flows  $\theta, \psi$  commute if whenever  $p \in M$  and  $I, J \subset \mathbb{R}$  are open intervals containing 0 such that one of  $\psi_s \circ \theta_t(p)$  or  $\theta_t \circ \psi_s(p)$  is defined for all  $(s,t) \in I \times J$ , then

$$\psi_s \circ \theta_t(p) = \theta_t \circ \psi_s(p)$$

for all  $(s,t) \in I \times J$  (in particular both defined).

**Theorem 6.9.1.** If  $V, W \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , then TFAE:

- 1. V, W commute.
- 2. W is invariant under the flow of V.
- 3. V is invariant under the flow of W.
- 4. The flows of V, W commute.

*Proof.* (a)  $\iff$  (b).

- (a)  $\iff$  (c): Since [V, W] = -[W, V], this follows from the equivalence of (a) and (b).
- (b), (c)  $\Longrightarrow$  (d): By symmetry, it suffices to fix  $p \in M$  and open intervals  $I, J \subset \mathbb{R}$  containing 0, where  $\psi_s \circ \theta_t(p)$  exists for all  $(s,t) \in I \times J$ , then show that  $\psi_s \circ \theta_t(p) = \theta_t \circ \psi_s(p)$  for all  $(s,t) \in I \times J$ . Fix  $s \in I$ . Define  $\gamma : J \to M$  by  $\gamma(t) = \psi_s \circ \theta_t(p)$ . Then

$$\gamma'(t) = d(\psi_s)_{\theta_t(p)} V_{\theta_t(p)} = V_{\psi_s(\theta_t(p))} = V_{\gamma(t)},$$

so  $\gamma$  is an integral curve of V. Then  $\gamma(t) = \theta_t(\psi_s(p))$  for all  $t \in J$  since  $\gamma(0) = \psi_s(p)$ . Hence  $\theta_t(\psi_s(p)) = \psi_s(\theta_t(p))$  for all  $t \in J$ . Since  $s \in I$  was arbitrary, we are done.

(d)  $\implies$  (b): Fix  $p \in M$ , then  $\psi_s \circ \theta(p) = \theta_t \circ \psi_s(p)$  for s, t small enough. Then

$$W_{\theta_t(p)} = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}s} \bigg|_{s=0} \psi_s(\theta_t(p)) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}s} \bigg|_{s=0} \theta_t(\psi_s(p)) = d(\theta_t)_p W_p \quad (*)$$

for t small. To show this for any  $t \in D^{(p)}$ , use (\*) and the fact that

$$d(\theta_{t_1+t_2})_p = d(\theta_t)_{\theta_{t_2}(p)} d(\theta_{t_2})_p.$$

## Chapter 7

## Vector Bundles

## 7.1 Vector Bundles

Goal: introduce the language of vector bundles.

**Definition 7.1.1.** Let M be a topological space. A (real) vector bundle of rank k over M is a topological space E and a surjective continuous map  $\pi: E \to M$  such that

- for each  $p \in M$ , the fiber  $E_p := \pi^{-1}(p)$  is endowed with a k-dimensional real vector space structure.
- For each  $p \in M$ , there is a open neighborhood U of p and a homeomorphism

$$\Phi: \pi^{-1}(U) \to U \times \mathbb{R}^k$$

(called the local trivialization of E over U) such that

- $-\pi_U \circ \Phi = \pi$  where  $\pi_U : U \times \mathbb{R}^k \to U$  is the projection.
- For each  $q \in U$ , the map  $\Phi|_{E_q} : E_q \to \{q\} \times \mathbb{R}^k \simeq \mathbb{R}^k$  is a linear isomorphism.

If E, M are smooth manifolds,  $\pi$  is smooth, and each  $\Phi$  is a diffeomorphism, then  $\pi: E \to M$  is a *smooth vector bundle*.

E= total space of the vector bundle  $\pi=$  projection space of the vector bundle M= base space of the vector bundle

EXAMPLE 1.  $M \times \mathbb{R}^k \to M$  is the trivial bundle.

*Proof.* Let  $p \in M$ , then  $\pi^{-1}(p) = \{p\} \times \mathbb{R}^k \simeq \mathbb{R}^k$  is a k-dimensional vector space. Let U be an open neighborhood of p, and define

$$\Phi: \pi^{-1}(U) \to U \times \mathbb{R}^k$$
$$\Phi(p, x) = (p, x).$$

Then  $\Phi$  is clearly a homeomorphism.

EXAMPLE 2. Given a smooth manifold  $M, TM \to M$  is a smooth vector bundle.

*Proof.* Suppose dim M = n. Let  $p \in M$ , then  $E_p := \pi^{-1}(p) = T_p M = \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let U be a neighborhood of p, then  $\pi^{-1}(U)$  is the set of all tangent vectors at each point of U. Define

$$\Phi: \pi^{-1}(U) \to U \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\Phi\left(v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_p\right) = (p, v^1, \dots, v^n),$$

then  $\Phi$  is a homeomorphism. Next,

$$\pi_U \circ \Phi \left( v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) = \pi_U(p) = p,$$

and

$$\Phi|_{E_q}\left(v^i\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\Big|_q\right) = (q, v^1, \cdots, v^n)$$

is clearly a linear isomorphism.

EXAMPLE 3 . If  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is an embedded submanifold,  $NM \to M$  is a smooth vector bundle.

EXAMPLE 4. Let  $E = [0,1] \times \mathbb{R}/(0,t) \sim (1,-t)$ ,  $\mathbb{S}^1 = [0,1]/0 \sim -1$ . Then  $\pi: E \to \mathbb{S}^1$  defined by  $\pi([x,t]) = [x]$  is a vector bundle.

## 7.2 Transition Functions

**Lemma 7.2.1.** Let  $\pi: E \to M$  be a smooth vector bundle of rank k. Suppose

$$\Phi:\pi^{-1}(U)\to U\times\mathbb{R}^k,\quad \Psi:\pi^{-1}(V)\to V\times\mathbb{R}^k$$

are smooth local trivializations with  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Then

$$\Phi \circ \Psi^{-1}(p,w) = (p,\tau(p)w)$$

on  $(U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^k$ , where  $\tau : U \cap V \to \operatorname{GL}(k, \mathbb{R})$  is smooth.  $\tau$  is called the transition function between the trivializations.

*Proof.* By definition,

$$\Phi \circ \Psi^{-1}(p,v) = (p,\tau(p)v)$$

for some map  $\tau: U \cap V \to \mathrm{GL}(k,\mathbb{R})$ . To show that  $\tau$  is smooth, it suffices to show that the (i,j)-entry  $\tau(p)^i_j$  is smooth. Let  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^k$ . Let  $\pi^i: \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}$  be the projection onto the *i*th entry. Let  $\widehat{\pi}: (U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^k$  be the projection. Then

$$\tau(p)_j^i = \pi^i(\tau(p)E_j) = \pi^i(\widehat{\pi}(\Phi \circ \Psi^{-1}(p, E_j)))$$

is smooth.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 7.2.2** (vector bundle chart lemma). Let M be a smooth manifold. For each  $p \in M$ , suppose  $E_p$  is a real vector space of dimension k. Let  $E = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} E_p$  and let  $\pi : E \to M$  be the map with  $\pi_{E_p} = p$  for all  $p \in M$ . Suppose we are given:

- 1. an open cover  $\{U_{\alpha}\}_{{\alpha}\in A}$  of M.
- 2. For each  $\alpha \in A$ , a bijection  $\Phi_{\alpha} : \pi^{-1}(U_{\alpha}) \to U_{\alpha} \times \mathbb{R}^{k}$ , where  $\Phi_{\alpha}|_{E_{p}} : E_{p} \to \{p\} \times \mathbb{R}^{k} \simeq \mathbb{R}^{k}$  is a linear isomorphism for all  $p \in U_{\alpha}$ .
- 3. For each  $\alpha, \beta \in A$  with  $U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta}$  nonempty, there is a smooth map  $\tau_{\alpha\beta}$ :  $U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta} \to GL(k, \mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\Phi_a \circ \Phi_{\beta}^{-1}(p,v) = (p, \tau_{\alpha\beta}(p)v)$$

on 
$$(U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta}) \times \mathbb{R}^k$$
.

Then E has a unique topology and smooth structure making  $\pi: E \to M$  a smooth vector bundle of rank k where each  $\Phi_{\alpha}$  is a local trivialization.

*Proof.* Topology: See Lee.

Smooth Structure: Let

$$\mathcal{A} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \{ (\widetilde{U}, \widetilde{\varphi}) : (U, \varphi) \text{ a smooth chart of } M \text{ where } U \subset U_{\alpha} \},$$

where

$$\widetilde{U} = \pi^{-1}(U) = \bigcup_{p \in U} E_p, \quad \widetilde{\varphi} = (\varphi \times \mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{R}^k}) \circ \Phi_{\alpha}.$$

We claim that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a smooth atlas covers M, since  $M = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_{\alpha}$ . If  $(\widetilde{U}, \widetilde{\varphi}), (\widetilde{W}, \widetilde{\psi}) \in \mathcal{A}$ , then

$$\widetilde{\varphi} \circ \widetilde{\psi}^{-1}(x,v) = (\varphi \times \mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{R}^k}) \circ \Phi_{\alpha} \circ \Phi_{\beta}^{-1} \circ (\psi \times \mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{R}^k})^{-1}(x,v)$$

$$= (\varphi \times \mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{R}^k}) \circ \Phi_{\alpha} \circ \Phi_{\beta}^{-1}(\psi^{-1}(x),v)$$

$$= (\varphi \times \mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{R}^k})(\psi^{-1}(x),\tau_{\alpha\beta}(\psi^{-1}(x),v))$$

$$= (\varphi \circ \psi^{-1}(x),\tau_{\alpha\beta}(\psi^{-1}(x),v)).$$

is smooth, so  $\mathcal{A}$  is a smooth atlas.

Vector Bundle: Check that  $\Phi_{\alpha}$  are smooth local trivializations.

EXAMPLE 5 (WHITNEY SUMS). Suppose  $\pi_1 : E_1 \to M, \pi_2 : E_2 \to M$  are smooth vector bundles. Let  $E_p = E_{1p} \oplus E_{2p}$  and  $E = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} E_p$ . Then the projection  $\pi : E \to M$  is a smooth vector bundle (called the Whitney sum of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ ).

*Proof.* Fix an open cover  $M = \bigcup_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}$  such that there are smooth local trivializations  $\Phi_{i\alpha} : \pi_i^{-1}(U_{\alpha}) \to U_{\alpha} \times \mathbb{R}^{k_i}$ . Let  $\tau_{i\alpha\beta} : U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta} \to \operatorname{GL}(k_i, \mathbb{R})$  be the transition functions. Define  $\Phi_{\alpha} : \pi^{-1}(U_{\alpha}) \to U_{\alpha} \times \mathbb{R}^{k_1 + k_2}$  by

$$\Phi_{\alpha}((v_1, v_2)) = (\pi_1(v_1), (\pi_{\mathbb{R}^{k_1}}(\Phi_{i\alpha}(v_1)), \pi_{\mathbb{R}^{k_2}}(\Phi_{i\alpha}(v_2)))).$$

Note that  $\pi_1(v_1) = \pi_2(v_2)$  since  $(v_1, v_2) \in E_p = E_{1p} \oplus E_{2p}$ . Define  $\tau_{\alpha\beta} : U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta} \to GL(k_1 + k_2, \mathbb{R})$  by

$$\tau_{\alpha\beta}(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_{1\alpha\beta}(p) & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_{2\alpha\beta}(p) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Check that this satisfies the lemma.

**EXAMPLE 6** (Dual). Suppose  $\pi : E \to M$  is a smooth vector bundle. Let  $E_p^* = (E_p)^*$  be the dual of  $E_p$ . Let  $E^* = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} E_p^*$ , then the projection  $\pi : E^* \to M$  is a smooth vector bundle (called the *dual* to E).

*Proof.* Check on HW. 
$$\Box$$

## 7.3 Sections of Vector Bundles

Let  $\pi: E \to M$  be a vector bundle. A section of E is a continuous map  $\sigma: M \to E$  such that  $\pi \circ \sigma = \mathrm{id}_M$  (so that  $\sigma$ ) is injective.

Example 7. Sections of TM are vector fields on M.

**Definition 7.3.1.** If  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$  and  $\sigma$  is a section of E, then define a new section  $f\sigma$  by

$$(f\sigma)(p) = f(p)\sigma(p).$$

## 7.4 Maps Between Bundles

**Definition 7.4.1.** Suppose  $\pi_1: E_1 \to M_1$ ,  $\pi_2: E_2 \to M_2$  are two vector bundles. A continuous map  $F: E_1 \to E_2$  is a vector bundle homomorphism if

1. there is a continuous map  $f: M_1 \to M_2$  such that

$$E_1 \xrightarrow{F} E_2$$

$$\downarrow^{\pi_1} \qquad \downarrow^{\pi_2}$$

$$M_1 \xrightarrow{f} M_2$$

2. For each  $p, F|_{E_{1p}}: E_{1p} \to E_{2f(p)}$  is linear.

Moreover,

- if E, f are homeomorphisms, F is a bundle isomorphism.
- If everything is smooth, we add the word smooth to F.

*Remark.* If F is a bundle homomorphism, then F is a bundle isomorphism if and only if F is bijective and  $F^{-1}$  is a bundle homomorphism.

EXAMPLE 8 . If  $F:M\to N$  is smooth, then  $dF:TM\to TN$  is a smooth bundle homomorphism.

## 7.5 Cotangent Bundles

#### 7.5.1 Covector Fields

For the rest of the chapter, fix a smooth manifold M. Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space, a *covector* on V is defined to be a real-valued linear functional on V.

**Definition 7.5.1.** For each  $p \in M$ , we define the *cotangent space* at p to be the dual space to  $T_pM$ :

$$T_p^*M := (T_pM)^*.$$

Elements of  $T_p^*M$  are called tangent covectors at p, or just covectors at p.

**Definition 7.5.2.** Let  $T^*M = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T_p^*M$ , then  $T^*M$  is called the *cotangent bundle* of TM.

There is a natural projection  $\pi: T^*M \to M$  given by  $\omega \in T_p^*M \mapsto p \in M$ . Fix a chart  $(U, \varphi)$  of M. If  $p \in U$ , let  $dx^1|_p, \dots, dx^n|_p \in T_p^*M$  be the dual basis to  $\partial/\partial x^1|_p, \dots, \partial/\partial x^n|_p \in T_pM$  so that

$$dx^{i}|_{p}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j}}\Big|_{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j, \\ 0 & i\neq j. \end{cases}$$

Next, let  $\widetilde{U} = \pi^{-1}(U) \subset T^*M$  and define  $\widetilde{\varphi} : \widetilde{U} \to \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  by

$$\widetilde{\varphi}\left(\xi_i dx^i|_p\right) = \left(\varphi(p), \xi_1, \cdots, \xi_n\right).$$

**Proposition 7.5.1.**  $(\widetilde{U},\widetilde{\varphi})$  is a smooth chart of  $T^*M$ .

Proof. Check. 
$$\Box$$

A section  $w: M \to T^*M$  is called a *covector field*. Given a chart, we can write  $w = w_i dx^i$  on U where  $w_1, \dots, w_n: U \to \mathbb{R}$  are the component functions of w.

**Proposition 7.5.2.** A covector field is smooth if and only if for every chart its component functions are smooth.

Proof.

We let  $\mathfrak{X}^*(M)$  be the vector space of covector fields.

#### 7.5.2 Differential of a Function

Given  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , if we identify  $T_x \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $df_p \in T_p^* M$ .

**Definition 7.5.3.** Define a covector field df called the *differential* of f, by

$$df_n(v) = vf, \quad v \in T_nM.$$

equivalently,

$$df_p(v) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\bigg|_{t=0} (f \circ \gamma)(t),$$

where  $\gamma: I \to M$  is a smooth curve with  $\gamma(0) = p, \gamma'(0) = v$ .

Remark. On a chart  $(U, \varphi)$ ,

- $df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dx^i$ , so f is smooth.
- $dx^i \in \mathfrak{X}(U)$  is the differential of  $x^i: U \to \mathbb{R}$ , the *i*th component of  $\varphi$ .

**Proposition 7.5.3.** The differential of a smooth function is a smooth covector field.

*Proof.* By the linearity of v as a derivation,  $df_p$  is linear, so  $df_p$  is a covector at p. Let  $(x^i)$  be smooth coordinates on an open  $U \subset M$ , and let  $(\lambda^i)$  be the corresponding coordinate coframe on U. Write  $df_p = A_i(p)\lambda^i|_p$  for some  $A_i: U \to \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$A_i(p) = df_p \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p).$$

Then

$$df_p = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)\lambda^i|_p.$$

Apply this to coordinate functions, we obtain

$$dx^{j}|_{p} = \frac{\partial x^{j}}{\partial x^{i}}(p)\lambda^{i}|_{p} = \lambda^{j}|_{p}.$$

Hence the coordinate covector field  $\lambda^j$  is just the differential  $dx^j$ . Now we obtain the formula

$$df_p = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)dx^i|_p,$$

and

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dx^i.$$

 ${\it Remark}.$  The 1-dimensional case reduces to

$$df = \frac{df}{dx}dx.$$

## Chapter 8

## Tensors

## 8.1 Multilinear Algebra

**Definition 8.1.1.** Let  $V_1, \dots, V_k$  and W be vector spaces. A map  $F: V_1 \times \dots \times V_k \to W$  is called **multilinear** if

$$F(u_1, \dots, au_i + bv_i, \dots, u_k) = aF(u_1, \dots, u_i, \dots, u_k) + bF(u_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, u_k) \quad \text{for each } i.$$

Denote  $\mathcal{L}(V_1, \dots, V_k; W)$  for the set of all multilinear maps from  $V_1 \times \dots \times V_k$  to W.

Remark. We all know that  $V_1 \times \cdots V_k$  is also a vector space, however, a multilinear map F on this vector space is different from a linear map on this vector space. Take k=2, then

$$F(av_1, av_2) = aF(v_1, av_2) = a^2 F(v_1, v_2),$$

since the scalar multiplication on a product space is defined as  $a(v_1, v_2) = (av_1, av_2)$ .

#### Example 1.

1. The dot product in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a bilinear function of two vectors.

$$\langle v, w \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto v \cdot w \in \mathbb{R}$$

is in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R})$ .

2. The cross product

$$(v, w) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto v \times w \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

is in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^3; \mathbb{R}^3)$ .

3. The determinant is a real-valued multilinear function of n vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\langle au + bv, w \rangle = a \langle u, w \rangle + b \langle v, w \rangle$ . Let  $v_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\det[v_1 \cdots av_i + bv_j \cdots v_n] = a \det[v_1 \cdots v_n] + b \det[v_1 \cdots v_n]$ .

**Definition 8.1.2.** Given  $F \in \mathcal{L}(V_1, \dots, V_k; \mathbb{R})$  and  $G \in \mathcal{L}(W_1, \dots, W_l; \mathbb{R})$ , define the tensor (product) of F and G by  $F \otimes G \in \mathcal{L}(V_1, \dots, V_k, W_1, \dots, W_l, \mathbb{R})$  by

$$F \otimes G(v_1, \cdots, v_k, w_1, \cdots, w_l) = F(v_1, \cdots, v_k)G(w_1, \cdots, w_l).$$

EXAMPLE 2. Let  $E_1, \dots, E_n$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\varepsilon^1, \dots, \varepsilon^n$  be the dual basis. Then

$$v \cdot w = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon^{i} \otimes \varepsilon^{i}\right) (v, w)$$

for all  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . For each i,

$$\varepsilon^i \otimes \varepsilon^i(v_1, \cdots, v_n) \varepsilon^i(w_1, \cdots, w_n) = v_i w_i.$$

**EXAMPLE 3**. (Need to be justified) Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space, and let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be integrable independent variables, that is,  $\mathbb{E}X_j < \infty$  for all j, where  $\mathbb{E}$  is the expectation. Note that  $\mathbb{E}$  is a linear map on  $L^1(\Omega)$ , and we write  $\mathbb{E} \in \mathcal{L}(L^1, \mathbb{R})$ . Then  $\mathbb{E}(X_1)\mathbb{E}(X_2) = \mathbb{E} \otimes \mathbb{E}(X_1, X_2) = \mathbb{E}(X_1X_2)$ .

**Proposition 8.1.1.** Let  $V_1, \dots, V_k$  be a vector space of dimension  $n_1, \dots, n_k$ . For each  $j = 1, \dots, k$ , let  $E_1^{(j)}, \dots E_{n_j}^{(j)}$  be a basis of  $V_j$  and  $\varepsilon_{(j)}^1, \dots, \varepsilon_{(j)}^{n_j}$  be the dual basis, then

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \varepsilon_{(1)}^{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \varepsilon_{(k)}^{i_k} : 1 \leq i_j \leq n_j \text{ for } j = 1, \cdots, k \right\}$$

is a basis for  $\mathcal{L}(V_1, \dots, V_k; \mathbb{R})$ .

*Proof.* Fix a multi-linear function  $F \in \mathcal{L}(V_1, \dots, V_k; \mathbb{R})$ . Define coefficients

$$F_{i_1,\dots,i_k} = F\left(E_{i_1}^{(1)},\dots,E_{i_k}^{(k)}\right),$$

then (using Einstein summation)

$$F(v_{1}, \dots, v_{k}) = F\left(v_{1}^{i_{1}} E_{i_{1}}^{(1)}, \dots, v_{k}^{i_{k}} E_{i_{k}}^{(k)}\right)$$

$$= v_{1}^{i_{1}} \dots v_{k}^{i_{k}} F\left(E_{i_{1}}^{(1)}, \dots, E_{i_{k}}^{(k)}\right)$$

$$= v_{1}^{i_{1}} \dots v_{k}^{i_{k}} F_{i_{1}, \dots, i_{k}}$$

$$= \left(F_{i_{1}, \dots, i_{k}} \varepsilon_{(1)}^{i_{1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \varepsilon_{(k)}^{i_{k}}\right) (v_{1}, \dots, v_{k}).$$

If we do not use Einstein summation, the above sum can be written as

$$F\left(\sum_{i_1} v_1^{i_1} E_{i_1}^{(1)}, \sum_{i_2} v_2^{i_2} E_{i_2}^{(2)}, \cdots, \sum_{i_k} v_k^{i_k} E_{i_k}^{(k)}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i_1} v_1^{i_1} F\left(E_{i_1}^{(1)}, \sum_{i_2} v_2^{i_2} E_{i_2}^{(2)}, \cdots, \sum_{i_k} v_k^{i_k} E_{i_k}^{(k)}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i_1} v_1^{i_1} \sum_{i_2} v_2^{i_2} F\left(E_{i_1}^{(1)}, E_{i_2}^{(2)}, \cdots, \sum_{i_k} v_k^{i_k} E_{i_k}^{(k)}\right) = \cdots$$

$$= \sum_{i_1} v_1^{i_1} \sum_{i_2} v_2^{i_2} \cdots \sum_{i_k} v_k^{i_k} F\left(E_{i_1}^{(1)}, \cdots, E_{i_k}^{(k)}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i_1, \cdots, i_k} v_1^{i_1} \cdots v_k^{i_k} F\left(E_{i_1}^{(1)}, \cdots, E_{i_k}^{(k)}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i_1, \cdots, i_k} v_1^{i_1} \cdots v_k^{i_k} F_{i_1, \cdots, i_k}.$$

Recall the definition of a dual basis, we have

$$v_1^{i_1} = \varepsilon_{(1)}^{i_1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} v_1^j E_j^{(1)} \right) = \varepsilon_{(1)}^{i_1}(v_1).$$

Then

$$\sum_{i_1,\dots,i_k} v_1^{i_1} \cdots v_k^{i_k} F_{i_1,\dots,i_k} = \sum_{i_1,\dots,i_k} \varepsilon_{(1)}^{i_1}(v_1) \cdots \varepsilon_{(k)}^{i_k}(v_k) F_{i_1,\dots,i_k}$$

$$= \sum_{i_1,\dots,i_k} F_{i_1,\dots,i_k} \left[ \varepsilon_{(1)}^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \varepsilon_{(k)}^{i_k}(v_1,\dots,v_k) \right].$$

Now we show  $\mathcal{B}$  is linearly independent. Suppose  $\alpha_{i_1,\dots,i_k}\varepsilon_{(1)}^{i_1}\otimes\dots\otimes\varepsilon_{(k)}^{i_k}=0$ , then

$$0 = \left(\alpha_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \varepsilon_{(1)}^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \varepsilon_{(k)}^{i_k}\right) \left(E_{j_1}^{(1)}, \dots, E_{j_k}^{(k)}\right) = \alpha_{j_1, \dots, j_k}$$

for all indices  $j_1, \dots, j_k$ .

## 8.2 Abstract Tensor Products

## 8.2.1 Free Vector Spaces

Given a set S,

• A formal linear combination of elements in S is a function  $f: S \to \mathbb{R}$ , where

$$\#\{x \in S : f(x) \neq 0\} < \infty.$$

In this case we write  $f = \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i x_i$ , where  $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\} = \{x \in S : f(x) \neq 0\}$ , and  $c_i = f(x_i)$ .

• The free vector space of S denoted by  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  is the vector space of formal linear combinations. We view S as a subset of  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  by identifying  $x \in S$  with  $\delta_x \in \mathcal{F}(S)$ , where  $\delta_x(y) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = y \\ 0, & x \neq y \end{cases}$ , so  $f = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \delta_{x_i}$ .

Rigorously,  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  is the vector space of functions  $f \in \mathbb{R}^S$ , but in practice we think of S as a subset of  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  (S is just a set). Typically we identify  $x \in S$  with  $\delta_x \in \mathbb{R}^S$ .

There are many formal linear combinations. Is it possible to construct a sequence of formal linear combinations  $\#\{x \in S : f_n(x) \neq 0\} = n$ ?

EXAMPLE 4. Let  $S = \{1, 2\}$ , then  $\#\{x \in S : f_n(x) \neq 0\} \leq 2$ , and thus all functions from S to  $\mathbb{R}$  is a formal linear combination. Thus  $\mathcal{F}(S) = \mathbb{R}^S$ .

EXAMPLE 5. Let  $S = \mathbb{R}$  and f be a formal linear combination, then supp  $f = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ , so we can write  $f = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \delta_{x_i}$ . In this case  $\text{Im } f = \{c_1, \dots, c_m\}$ . Hence

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ f \in \mathbb{R}^S : f = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \delta_{x_i}, m \in \mathbb{N}, x_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ distinct} \right\},\,$$

which is a vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^S$  (think of simple functions in real analysis, but assume values on a finite set).

Example 6. Let  $S = \mathbb{R}^d$ , then

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}^d) = \left\{ f \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^S : f = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \delta_{x_i}, m \in \mathbb{N}, x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ distinct} \right\},\,$$

Example 7. Let  $V_1, V_2$  be finite-dimensional vector spaces, then

$$\mathcal{F}(V_1 \times V_2) = \left\{ f \in (V_1 \times V_2)^S : f = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \delta_{(v_1, v_2)}, m \in \mathbb{N}, v_i \in V_i \right\},\,$$

**Proposition 8.2.1.** If W is a vector space, then every map  $A: S \to W$  has a unique extension to a linear map  $\overline{A}: \mathcal{F}(S) \to W$ .

*Proof.* Check that

$$\overline{A}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i A(x_i)$$

defines  $\overline{A}$ . Let  $\sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i x_i, \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i y_i \in \mathcal{F}(S)$ , then

$$\overline{A}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i y_i\right) = \overline{A}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} (c_i x_i + d_i y_i)\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \overline{A}(c_i x_i + d_i y_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i A(x_i) + d_i A(y_i)$$

$$= \overline{A}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i x_i\right) + \overline{A}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i y_i\right).$$

Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\overline{A}\left(\lambda \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i x_i\right) = \overline{A}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda c_i x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda c_i A(x_i) = \lambda \overline{A}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i x_i\right).$$

#### 8.2.2 Tensor Products

Given  $V_1, \dots, V_k$  vector spaces, Let  $\mathcal{R} \subset \mathcal{F}(V_1 \times \dots \times V_k)$  be the linear subspace spanned by elements of the form

$$(w_1, \dots, w_{i-1}, aw_i, w_{i+1}, \dots, w_k) - a(w_1, \dots, w_k)$$

and

$$(w_1, \dots, w_{i-1}, w_i + w'_i, w_{i+1}, \dots, w_k)$$
  
-  $(w_1, \dots, w_i, \dots, w_k) - (w_1, \dots, w_{i-1}, w'_i, w_{i+1}, \dots, w_k).$ 

Then

• The tensor product of  $V_1, \dots, V_k$  is the vector space

$$V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k = \mathcal{F}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k)/\mathcal{R}.$$

• Let  $\Pi : \mathcal{F}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k) \to V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k$  be the projection and define the tensor product of  $w_1, \dots, w_k$  as

$$w_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes w_k = \Pi(w_1, \cdots, w_k)$$

where  $w_i \in V_i$ . This is the equivalence class of  $(v_1, \dots, v_k)$  in  $V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_k$ . Remark. By definition,

$$a \cdot (w_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes w_k) = (aw_1) \otimes w_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes w_k$$
$$= w_1 \otimes (aw_2) \otimes w_3 \otimes \cdots \otimes w_k = w_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes w_{k-1} \otimes (aw_k)$$

and

$$w_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes w_{i-1} \otimes (w_i + w_i') \otimes w_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes w_k$$
  
=  $w_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes w_k + w_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes w_{i-1} \otimes w_i' \otimes w_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes w_k$ 

for all  $w_j \in V_j, w'_j \in V_j, a \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \dots, k$ .

We review a property of quotient vector space.

**Lemma 8.2.1.** Let W be a vector space and V be a subspace of W, let  $T: W \to X$  be a linear map. Then T descends<sup>1</sup> to  $\widetilde{T}: W/V \to X$  iff  $V \subset \ker T$ , where  $\widetilde{T}(w+V) = Tw$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $V \subset \ker T$ . If u + V = w + V, then  $u - w \in V \subset \ker T$ , so T(u - w) = Tu - Tw = 0. Hence  $\widetilde{T}(u + V) = \widetilde{T}(w + V)$ , so  $\widetilde{T}$  is well-defined, and it is clearly linear.

Conversely, suppose T descends to a linear map  $\widetilde{T}: W/V \to X$ . Then  $\widetilde{T}(u+V) = Tu = 0$  for all  $u \in V$ , hence  $V \subset \ker T$ .

**Proposition 8.2.2** (Characteristic Property). If  $A \in \mathcal{L}(V_1, \dots, V_k; W)$ , then there is a unique linear map  $\widetilde{A}: V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_k \to W$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k \xrightarrow{A} W$$

$$\downarrow^{\pi} \qquad \widetilde{A}$$

$$V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k$$

where  $\pi(v_1, \dots, v_k) = v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_k$ .

*Proof.* First extend A to  $\overline{A}: \mathcal{F}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k) \to W$ , then

$$\overline{A}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i A(x_i).$$

Since A is multi-linear,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Think of as "T induces a map  $\widetilde{T}$ ".

- $\overline{A}((v_1, \dots, av_i, \dots, v_k) a(v_1, \dots, v_k)) = 0$ ,
- $\overline{A}((v_1, \dots, v_i + v_i', \dots, v_k) (v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k) (v_1, \dots, v_i', \dots, v_k)) = 0,$

so  $\mathcal{R} \subset \ker \overline{A}$ , hence by the above lemma  $\overline{A}$  descends to a linear map  $\widetilde{A} : \mathcal{F}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k)/\mathcal{R} \to W$  satisfying  $\widetilde{A}(\sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i + \mathcal{R}) = \overline{A}(\sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i)$ .

$$\mathcal{F}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k) \xrightarrow{\overline{A}} W$$

$$\downarrow \Pi \qquad \qquad \widetilde{A}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k)/\mathcal{R}$$

Let  $\Pi : \mathcal{F}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k) \to \mathcal{F}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k)/\mathcal{R}$  be the natural projection, then we can write

$$\widetilde{A} \circ \Pi = \overline{A}.$$

The subtle difference between  $\pi$  and  $\Pi$  is that

$$\pi: V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k \to V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k$$

and

$$\Pi: \mathcal{F}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k) \to V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k.$$

Consider the following diagram,

we have  $\pi = \Pi \circ \iota$ . Then  $\widetilde{A} \circ \pi = \widetilde{A} \circ \pi \circ \iota = \overline{A} \circ \iota = A$ .

Uniqueness follows from the fact that  $\pi(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k)$  spans  $V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 8.2.3.** There are unique isomorphisms

$$V_1 \otimes (V_2 \otimes V_3) \simeq V_1 \otimes V_2 \otimes V_3 \simeq (V_1 \otimes V_2) \otimes V_3$$

where  $w_1 \otimes (w_2 \otimes w_3), w_1 \otimes w_2 \otimes w_3, (w_1 \otimes w_2) \otimes w_3$  are identified for all  $w_i \in V_i$ .

**Proposition 8.2.4.** If  $V_1, \dots, V_k$  are finite dimensional vector spaces, then there is a canonical isomorphism

$$V_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k^* \simeq \mathcal{L}(V_1, \cdots, V_k; \mathbb{R}).$$

*Proof.* Fix a basis

$$E_1^{(j)}, \cdots, E_{n_j}^{(j)}$$

of  $V_i$ , and let

$$\varepsilon^1_{(j)}, \cdots, \varepsilon^{n_j}_{(j)}$$

denote the dual basis. Define

$$\Psi: \mathcal{L}(V_1, \cdots, V_k; \mathbb{R}) \to V_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k^*$$

by

$$\Psi(F) = F\left(E_1^{(j)}, \cdots, E_n^{(j)}\right) \varepsilon_{(j)}^1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \varepsilon_{(j)}^n.$$

Next, define

$$\Phi: V_1^* \times \cdots \times V_k^* \to \mathcal{L}(V_1, \cdots, V_k; \mathbb{R})$$

by

$$\Phi(w^1, \dots, w^k)(v_1, \dots, v_k) = w^1(v_1)w^2(v_2)\cdots w^k(v_k).$$

This is multi-linear, so there is a linear map  $\widetilde{\Phi}: V_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k^* \to \mathcal{L}(V_1, \cdots, V_k; \mathbb{R})$  with

$$\widetilde{\Phi}(w^1 \otimes \cdots \otimes w^k) = \widetilde{\Phi} \circ \pi(w_1, \cdots, w_k) = \Phi(w^1, \cdots, w^k).$$

Check that

$$\widetilde{\Phi} \circ \Psi = \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{L}(V_1, \cdots, V_k; \mathbb{R})}$$

and

$$\Psi \circ \widetilde{\Phi} = \mathrm{id}_{V_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes V_k^*}.$$

Corollary 8.2.1. If  $V_1, \dots, V_k$  have finite dimension, then

1. 
$$V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k \simeq \mathcal{L}(V_1^*, \cdots, V_k^*; \mathbb{R})$$
.

2. If 
$$E_1^{(j)}, \dots, E_k^{(j)}$$
 is a basis of  $V_j$ , then

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ E_{i_1}^{(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes E_{i_k}^{(k)} : 1 \leq i_j \leq n_j \text{ for } j = 1, \cdots, k \right\}$$

is a basis for  $V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k$ .

*Proof.* (1) We can identify  $V = V^{**}$  by  $v \in V \mapsto \psi_V \in V^{**}$ , where  $\psi_v(f) = f(v)$ . Hence

$$V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k = (V_1^*)^* \otimes \cdots \otimes (V_k^*)^* \simeq \mathcal{L}(V_1^*, \cdots, V_k^*, \mathbb{R}).$$

(2) follows from **Proposition 12.4** of Lee, where we computed a basis of  $\mathcal{L}(V_1, \dots, V_k; \mathbb{R})$ .

EXAMPLE 8. Show that  $M_n(\mathbb{R}) \simeq \mathbb{R}^n \otimes \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Proof. 
$$M_n(\mathbb{R}) \simeq \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n) \simeq (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \otimes (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \simeq \mathbb{R}^n \otimes \mathbb{R}^n$$
.

### 8.2.3 Covariant and Contravariant Tensors

Let

$$T^k(V^*) = \underbrace{V^* \otimes \cdots \otimes V^*}_{k \text{ terms}},$$

which is called the *space of covariant tensors* of rank k.

$$T^k(V) = \underbrace{V \otimes \cdots \otimes V}_{k \text{ terms}}$$

is called the space of *contravariant* tensors of rank k.

$$T^{(k,l)}(V) = \underbrace{V \otimes \cdots \otimes V}_{k \text{ terms}} \otimes \underbrace{V^* \otimes \cdots \otimes V^*}_{l \text{ terms}}$$

is called the space of *mixed* tensors of type (k, l).

**Corollary 8.2.2.** Suppose  $E_1, \dots, E_n$  is a basis of V and  $\varepsilon^1, \dots, \varepsilon^n$  is the dual basis. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \varepsilon^{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \varepsilon^{i_k} : 1 \leq i_1, \cdots, i_k \leq n \}, \\ & \{ E_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes E_{i_k} : 1 \leq i_1, \cdots, i_k \leq n \}, \\ & \{ E_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes E_{i_k} \otimes \varepsilon^{j_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \varepsilon^{j_l} : 1 \leq i_1, \cdots, i_k \leq n \} \end{aligned}$$

are bases of  $T^k(V^*), T^k(V), T^{(k,l)}(V)$ .

## 8.3 Symmetric and Alternating Tensors

#### 8.3.1 Symmetric Tensors

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space. A convariant k-densor  $\alpha$  on V is said to be symmetric if

$$\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_k) = \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k)$$

whenever  $1 \le i < j \le k$ .

Let  $S_k$  be the symmetric group on  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ . Then  $S_k$  acts on  $T^k(V^*) \simeq \mathcal{L}(V, \dots, V; \mathbb{R})$  by

$$(\sigma \cdot \alpha)(v_1, \cdots, v_k) = \alpha(v_{\sigma^{-1}(1)}, \cdots, v_{\sigma^{-1}(k)}),$$

where  $\sigma \in S_k, \alpha \in T^k(V^*), v_1, \cdots, v_k \in V$ .

*Remark.* Lee uses the notation  $\sigma \cdot \alpha = \sigma_{\alpha}$ , this is a group action.

EXERCISE 1. For a covariant k-tensor  $\alpha$ , the following are equivalent:

1.  $\alpha$  is symmetric.

- 2. For any  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$ ,  $\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_k)$  is unchanged when  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  are rearranged in any order.
- 3. The components  $\alpha_{i_1\cdots i_k}$  of  $\alpha$  w.r.t. any basis are unchanged by any permutation of the indices.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Longrightarrow$  (2): Suppose  $\alpha$  is symmetric. Since any permutation is a product of transpositions, we can write  $\sigma = \tau_1 \cdots \tau_N$ , where  $\tau_n$  is a transposition: it acts on  $\alpha$  by interchanging a pair of arguments, say,

$$\tau_n \cdot \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_k) = \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k).$$

But by symmetry,

$$\tau_n \cdot \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_k) = (v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_k).$$

Hence,  $\sigma \cdot \alpha = \alpha$ .

(2)  $\Longrightarrow$  (1): Since  $\sigma \cdot \alpha = \alpha$  for any  $\sigma \in \Sigma_k$ , taking  $\alpha$  to be transpositions shows that  $\alpha$  is symmetric.

**Proposition 8.3.1.** The action is by linear transformations

$$\sigma \cdot (a\alpha + b\beta) = a(\sigma \cdot \alpha) + b(\sigma \cdot \beta)$$

for all  $\sigma \in S_k, \alpha, \beta \in T^k(V^*), a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 8.3.1.**  $\alpha \in T^k(V^*)$  is called *symmetric* if  $\sigma \cdot \alpha = \alpha$  for all  $\sigma \in S_k$ . Let  $\Sigma^k(V^*) \subset T^k(V^*)$  be the vector space of symmetric tensors. Let  $Sym : T^k(V^*) \to \Sigma^k(V^*)$  be the map

$$Sym(\alpha) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \sigma \cdot \alpha.$$

**Proposition 8.3.2.** If  $\alpha \in T^k(V^*)$ , then

- 1.  $Sym(\alpha) \in \Sigma^k(V^*)$ .
- 2.  $Sym(\alpha) = \alpha$  if and only if  $\alpha \in \Sigma^k(V^*)$ .

*Proof.* (1) If  $\eta \in S_k$ , then

$$\eta \cdot Sym(\alpha) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (\eta \sigma) \cdot \alpha = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma' \in S_k} \sigma' \cdot \alpha = Sym(\alpha).$$

(2) See Lee. 
$$\Box$$

### 8.3.2 Symmetric Products

If  $\alpha \in \Sigma^k(V^*)$  and  $\beta \in \Sigma^l(V^*)$ , we define their symmetric product by

$$\alpha\beta = Sym(\alpha \otimes \beta).$$

More explicitly,

$$\alpha\beta(v_1,\cdots,v_k,v_{k+1},\cdots,v_{k+l}) = \frac{1}{(k+l)!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{k+l}} \alpha\left(v_{\sigma(1)},\cdots,v_{\sigma(k)}\right) \beta\left(v_{\sigma(k+1)},\cdots,v_{\sigma(k+l)}\right).$$

## 8.3.3 Alternating Tensors

A tensor  $\alpha \in T^k(V^*)$  is alternating if  $\sigma \cdot \alpha = (-1)^{\operatorname{sgn} \sigma} \alpha$  for all  $\sigma \in S_k$ . Equivalently,

$$\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_k) = (-1)\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k)$$

for all  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$  and  $1 \le i < j \le k$ . Sometimes alternating tensors are called *skew* or *anti-symmetric*.

EXAMPLE 9. Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \dots, \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$  be

$$\alpha(v_1, \cdots, v_k) = \det([v_1 \cdots v_k]),$$

then  $\alpha$  is alternating.

## 8.4 Tensor and Tensor Fields on Manifolds

Given a smooth manifold M, let

$$T^k T^* M = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T^k (T_p^* M)$$

be the bundle of covariant k-tensors on M, and

$$T^k TM = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T^k (T_p M)$$

be the bundle of contravariant k-tensors on M, and

$$T^{(k,l)}TM = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T^{(k,l)}(T_pM)$$

be the bundle of mixed tensors of type (k, l). These bundles are called *tensor bundles* of M and sections of these bundles are called *tensor fields*. Here is an analogy:

| bundle                      | section                        |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| tangent bundle $TM$         | vector field $T_pM$            |
| tensor bundle $T^{(k,l)}TM$ | tensor field $T^{(k,l)}(T_pM)$ |

EXERCISE 2. These are smooth vector bundles over M.

*Proof.* Check using **Lemma 10.6** of Lee.

Locally, fix a chart  $(U, \varphi)$  of M. If  $p \in U$ , then

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i_1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i_k}} \otimes dx^{j_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes dx^{j_l}|_p : 1 \leq i_1, \cdots, i_k, j_1, \cdots, j_l \leq n = \dim M \right\}$$

is a basis of  $T^{(k,l)}T_pM$ . Let  $\widetilde{U}=\pi^{-1}(U)\subset T^{(k,l)}TM$ , define

$$\widetilde{\varphi}: \widetilde{U} \to \mathbb{R}^n \times T^{(k,l)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

$$\widetilde{\varphi}\left(\xi_{j_1\cdots j_l}^{i_1\cdots i_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i_1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i_k}} \otimes dx^{j_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes dx^{j_l}|_p\right)$$

$$= \left(\varphi(p), \xi_{j_1\cdots j_l}^{i_1\cdots i_k} E_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes E_{i_k} \otimes \varepsilon^{j_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \varepsilon^{j_l}\right),$$

where  $E_1, \dots, E_n, \varepsilon^1, \dots, \varepsilon^n$  are standard basis and dual basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Proposition 8.4.1.** If  $L: T^{(k,l)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathbb{R}^{n^{k+l}}$  is a linear isomorphism, then  $(\widetilde{U}, (\mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n} \times L) \circ \widetilde{\varphi})$  is a smooth chart.

#### 8.4.1 Basic Properties

Regularity

Suppose  $A: M \to T^{(k,l)}TM$  is a section and  $(U,\varphi)$  is a smooth chart. On U,

$$A = A_{j_1 \cdots j_l}^{i_1 \cdots i_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i_1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i_k}} \otimes dx^{j_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes dx^{j_l},$$

where  $A_{j_1\cdots j_l}^{i_1\cdots i_k}:U\to\mathbb{R}$  are component functions.

**Proposition 8.4.2.** Let  $A: M \to T^{(k,l)}TM$  be a section. Then TFAE:

- 1. A is smooth.
- 2. For every chart, the component functions are smooth.
- 3. Whenever  $X_1, \dots, X_l \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and  $Y_1, \dots, Y_k \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$ , the function  $A(Y_1, \dots, Y_k, X_1, \dots, X_l)$  defined by

$$A(Y_1, \dots, Y_k, X_1, \dots, X_l)(p) = A_p(Y_1|_p, \dots, Y_k|_p, X_1|_p, \dots, X_l|_p)$$

is smooth.

#### 8.4.2 Mixed Tensor Products

The tensor product of  $\alpha \in T^{(k,l)}T_pM$  and  $\beta \in T^{(u,v)}E_pM$  is the element  $\alpha \otimes \beta \in T^{(k+u,l+v)}T_pM$  satisfying

$$(\alpha \otimes \beta)(Y_1, \cdots, Y_{k+u}, X_1, \cdots, X_{l+v}) = \alpha(Y_1, \cdots, Y_k, X_1, \cdots, X_l)\beta(Y_{k+1}, \cdots, Y_{k+u}, X_{l+1}, \cdots, X_{l+v})$$

for all  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{k+u} \in T_p^*M$  and  $X_1, \dots, X_{l+v} \in T_pM$ .

**Definition 8.4.1** (tensor product of tensor fields). The *tensor product* of two tensor fields A, B is the tensor field  $A \otimes B$  satisfying  $(A \otimes B)_p = A_p \otimes B_p$ .

Example 10. If  $M = \mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\otimes dx^2\right)\otimes\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}=\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\otimes\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}\otimes dx^2$$

## 8.5 Pullbacks of Covariant Tensor Fields

**Definition 8.5.1.** Suppose  $F: M \to N$  is smooth.

• Given  $p \in M$  and  $\alpha \in T^k(T^*_{F(p)}N)$ , the *(pointwise) pullback* of  $\alpha$  by F is the element  $dF^*_p(\alpha) \in T^k(T^*_pM)$  satisfying

$$dF_p^*(\alpha)(v_1,\cdots,v_k) = \alpha(dF_pv_1,\cdots,dF_pv_k)$$

for all  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in T_pM$ .

• Given a covariant k-tensor field A on N, the pullback of  $\alpha$  by F is the covariant k-tensor field  $F^*A$  where

$$(F^*A)_p = dF_p^*A_{F(p)}.$$

This tensor acts on  $(v_1, \dots, v_k) \in T_p M \times \dots T_p M$  by

$$(F^*A)_p(v_1, \dots, v_k) = A_{F(p)} (dF_p(v_1), \dots, dF_p(v_k)).$$

**Proposition 8.5.1.** Suppose  $F: M \to N$  and  $G: P \to M$  are smooth, A and B are covariant tensor fields on N, and  $f: N \to \mathbb{R}$ .

- 1.  $F^*(fB) = (f \circ F)F^*B$ .
- 2.  $F^*(A \otimes B) = F^*A \otimes F^*B$ .
- 3.  $F^*(A+B) = F^*A + F^*B$ .
- 4. If B is smooth, then  $F^*B$  is smooth.

5. 
$$(F \circ G)^*B = G^*(F^*B)$$
.

*Proof.* (1) Recall that  $fB(p) = f(p)B_p$  (See Section 7.3). Then

$$[F^*(fB)]_p(v_1, \dots, v_k) = (fB)_{F(p)} (dF_p(v_1), \dots, dF_p(v_k))$$

$$= f(F(p))B_{F(p)} (dF_p(v_1), \dots, dF_p(v_k))$$

$$= (f \circ F)(p)(F^*B)_p(v_1, \dots, v_k)$$

$$= [(f \circ F)F^*B]_p(v_1, \dots, v_k).$$

(2) Let 
$$(v_1, \dots, v_k), (w_1, \dots, w_k) \in \underbrace{T_p M \times \dots \times T_p M}_{k}$$
, then

$$(F^*A \otimes F^*B)_p(v_1, \dots, v_k, w_1, \dots, w_k)$$

$$= (F^*A)_p(v_1, \dots, v_k)(F^*B)_p(w_1, \dots, w_k)$$

$$= A_{F(p)} (dF_p(v_1), \dots, dF_p(v_k)) B_{F(p)} (dF_p(w_1), \dots, dF_p(w_k))$$

$$= A_{F(p)} \otimes B_{F(p)} (dF_p(v_1), \dots, dF_p(v_k), dF_p(w_1), \dots, dF_p(w_k))$$

$$= (A \otimes B)_{F(p)} (dF_p(v_1), \dots, dF_p(v_k), dF_p(w_1), \dots, dF_p(w_k))$$

$$= F^*(A \otimes B)_p(v_1, \dots, v_k, w_1, \dots, w_k).$$

(5) Let 
$$p \in P$$
 and  $(v_1, \dots, v_k) \in \underbrace{T_p P \times \dots \times T_p P}_{k}$ , then

$$((F \circ G)^*B)_p (v_1, \dots, v_k) = B_{F \circ G(p)} (d(F \circ G)_p (v_1), \dots, d(F \circ G)_p (v_k))$$
  
=  $B_{F \circ G(p)} (dF_{G(p)} \circ dG_p (v_1), \dots, dF_{G(p)} \circ dG_p (v_k))$ 

EXAMPLE 11. Suppose  $F: M \to N$  is smooth and  $f: N \to \mathbb{R}$  is smooth. Then  $df \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$  is a covariant 1-tensor field. For  $X \in T_pM$ ,

$$(F^*df)_p(X) = df_{F(p)}(dF_pX) = d(f \circ F)_p(X),$$

so

$$F^*df = d(f \circ F).$$

Example 12. Locally a convariant k-tensor field A on N can be written as

$$A = A_{j_1 \cdots j_l} dx^{j_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes dx^{j_l},$$

so locally

$$F^*A = (A_1 \dots j_l \circ F) F^* dx^{j_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dx^{j_l}$$
  
=  $(A_1 \dots j_l \circ F) d(x^{j_1} \circ F) \otimes \dots \otimes d(x^{j_l} \circ F)$   
=  $(A_1 \dots j_l \circ F) dF^{j_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dF^{j_l},$ 

where  $F^i$  is the *i*th component of F.

## 8.6 Lie Derivative of Tensor Fields

**Definition 8.6.1.** Suppose  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and  $\theta : \mathcal{D} \to M$  is the flow of V. Given a smooth covariant k-tensor field A, the Lie derivative of A with respect to V is the smooth covariant k-tensor field where

$$(\mathcal{L}_V A)_p = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \bigg|_{t=0} (\theta_t^* A)_p = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{d(\theta_t)_p^* A_{\theta_t(p)} - A_p}{t}.$$

Note that  $(\theta_t^* A)_p \in T^k(T_p^* M)$  and  $T^k(T_p^* M)$  is just a vector space, so we can use the limit definition of the derivative.

**Proposition 8.6.1.** Suppose  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ ,  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$  and A, B are smooth covariant tensor fields on M. Then:

- 1.  $\mathcal{L}_V(f) = Vf$ .
- 2.  $\mathcal{L}_V(fA) = \mathcal{L}_V(f)A + f\mathcal{L}_V(A)$ .
- 3.  $\mathcal{L}_V(A \otimes B) = \mathcal{L}_V(A) \otimes B + A \otimes \mathcal{L}_V(B)$ .
- 4. If  $X_1, \dots, X_k \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and A is a covariant k-tensor field, then

$$\mathcal{L}_{V}(A(X_{1}, \dots, X_{k})) = (\mathcal{L}_{V}A)(X_{1}, \dots, X_{k}) + A(\mathcal{L}_{V}(X_{1}), X_{2}, \dots, X_{k}) + \dots + A(X_{1}, \dots, X_{k-1}, \mathcal{L}_{V}(X_{k})).$$

Note that in (1), we regard elements of  $C^{\infty}(M)$  as smooth covariant 0-tensors. If we do this,  $f \otimes A = fA$ , then (2) is a consequence of (3)

Corollary 8.6.1. If  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$  and  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , then

$$\mathcal{L}_V(df) = d(V(f)) = d(\mathcal{L}_V(f)).$$

*Proof.* Use (4): If  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , then

$$\mathcal{L}_{V}(df)(X) = \mathcal{L}_{V}(df(X)) - df(\mathcal{L}_{V}(X))$$

$$= V(X(f)) - df([V, X])$$

$$= V(Xf) - [V, X](f)$$

$$= VXf - VXf + XVf$$

$$= X(Vf) = d(V(f))X.$$

Since  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  was arbitrary,  $\mathcal{L}_V(df) = d(V(f))$ .

EXAMPLE 13. Suppose A is a smooth covariant k-tensor field and  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . Fix a chart  $(U, \varphi)$ , then on U we can write

$$V = V^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i},$$

$$A = A_{i_1 \cdots i_k} dx^{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes dx^{i_k}.$$

Note

$$\mathcal{L}_V(dx^i) = d(V(x^i)) = dV^i = \frac{\partial V^i}{\partial x^j} dx^j.$$

By proposition (3)

$$\mathcal{L}_{V}(A) = V(A_{i_{1}\cdots i_{k}}dx^{i_{1}}\otimes\cdots\otimes dx^{i_{k}} + A_{i_{1}\cdots i_{k}}\mathcal{L}_{V}(dx^{i_{1}})\otimes\cdots\otimes dx^{i_{k}} + \cdots + A_{i_{1}\cdots i_{k}}dx^{i_{1}}\otimes\cdots\otimes\mathcal{L}_{V}dx^{i_{k}} = V(A_{i_{1}\cdots i_{k}}dx^{i_{1}}\otimes\cdots\otimes dx^{i_{k}} + A_{i_{1}\cdots i_{k}}\frac{\partial V^{i_{1}}}{\partial x^{j}}dx^{j}\otimes dx^{i_{2}}\otimes\cdots\otimes dx^{i_{k}} + \cdots + A_{i_{1}\cdots i_{k}}\frac{\partial V^{i_{k}}}{\partial x^{j}}dx^{i_{1}}\otimes\cdots\otimes dx^{i_{k-1}}\otimes dx^{j}.$$

## 8.7 Recapitulation

tensor product of multi-linear functions vectors tensor fields

## Chapter 9

# Differential Forms and Integration

## 9.1 Differential Forms

## 9.1.1 Alternating Tensors: Review

Recall that  $\alpha \in T^k(V^*)$  is alternating if  $\sigma \cdot \alpha = (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma)\alpha$  for all  $\sigma \in S_k$ . Equivalently,

$$\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_k) = (-1)\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k)$$

for all  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$  and  $1 \leq i < j \leq k$ . Let  $\Lambda^k(V^*) \subset T^k(V^*)$  be the vector space of alternating tensors.

**Lemma 9.1.1.** If  $\alpha \in T^k(V^*)$ , then TFAE

- 1.  $\alpha \in \Lambda^k(V^*)$ .
- 2.  $\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_k) = 0$  whenever  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  is linearly dependent.
- 3.  $\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_k) = 0$  whenever  $v_i = v_j$  for some  $i \neq j$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  is linearly dependent. Without loss of generality, let  $v_1 = a_2v_2 + \dots + a_kv_k$  with  $a_2, \dots, a_k$  not all zero, then

$$\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \alpha(a_2v_2 + \dots + a_kv_k, v_2, \dots, v_k)$$

$$= a_2\alpha(v_2, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k) + \dots + a_k\alpha(v_k, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k).$$
(9.1)

- (2)  $\Longrightarrow$  (3): If  $v_i = v_j$  for some  $i \neq j$ , the  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  is linearly dependent, hence by (2),  $\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_k) = 0$ .
- (1)  $\implies$  (3): If  $v_i = v_j$  for some  $i \neq j$ , then

$$\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k) = (-1)\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k)$$

implies  $\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k) = 0$ .

 $(3) \implies (1)$  and (2): By the observation (9.1) made in the beginning of the proof we get (2). Next,

$$0 = \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i + v_j, \dots, v_i + v_j, \dots, v_k)$$

$$= \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_i + v_j, \dots, v_k) + \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_i + v_j, \dots, v_k)$$

$$= \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k) + \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_k)$$

$$+ \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k) + \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_k)$$

$$= \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k) + \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k),$$

hence

$$\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_k) = (-1)\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k).$$

**Definition 9.1.1.** Let Alt:  $T^k(V^*) \to \Lambda^k(V^*)$  be the map given by

$$Alt(\alpha) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (sgn \ \sigma) \sigma \cdot \alpha.$$

This means

$$\operatorname{Alt}(\alpha)(v_1, \cdots, v_k) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma) \alpha(v_{\sigma(1)}, \cdots, v_{\sigma(k)}).$$

We begin by a technical result which will be used to show  $Alt(\alpha)$  is an alternating tensor.

**Proposition 9.1.1.** Let  $\sigma, \tau \in S_k$  and f be a k-linear function on V, then

$$\tau(\sigma f) = (\tau \sigma) f.$$

Proof.

$$\tau(\sigma f)(v_1, \cdots, v_k) = (\sigma f)(v_{\tau(1)}, \cdots, v_{\tau(k)}) \quad \text{let } w_{\square} = v_{\tau(\square)}$$

$$= (\sigma f)(w_1, \cdots, w_k)$$

$$= f(w_{\sigma(1)}, \cdots, w_{\sigma(k)})$$

$$= f(v_{\tau(\sigma(1))}, \cdots, v_{\tau(\sigma(k))})$$

$$= (\tau \sigma) f(v_1, \cdots, v_k).$$

**Proposition 9.1.2.** If  $\alpha \in T^k(V^*)$ , then

1. Alt
$$(\alpha) \in \Lambda^k(V^*)$$
.

2. Alt
$$(\alpha) = \alpha \iff \alpha \in \Lambda^k(V^*)$$

*Proof.* Let  $\tau \in S_k$ . We will use the identity sgn  $\tau \sigma = (\operatorname{sgn} \tau)(\operatorname{sgn} \sigma)$ .

$$\tau \left( \operatorname{Alt}(\alpha) \right) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma) \tau(\sigma \alpha)$$

$$= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (\operatorname{sgn} \alpha) (\tau \sigma) \alpha$$

$$= \frac{1}{k!} (\operatorname{sgn} \tau) \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (\operatorname{sgn} \tau \sigma) (\tau \sigma) \alpha$$

$$= (\operatorname{sgn} \tau) \operatorname{Alt}(\alpha),$$

since  $\tau \sigma$  runs through all of  $S_k$ . For the second part,  $\alpha = \text{Alt}(\alpha)$  is obviously alternating. Now suppose  $\alpha$  is alternating, then

$$(\operatorname{sgn} \sigma)\alpha(v_{\sigma(1)},\cdots,v_{\sigma(k)})=\alpha(v_1,\cdots,v_k),$$

hence

$$\operatorname{Alt}(\alpha)(v_1,\cdots,v_k) = \frac{1}{k!}k!\alpha(v_1,\cdots,v_k) = \alpha(v_1,\cdots,v_k).$$

We will use terms "k-linear functions", "multilinear functions", "covariant k-tensors" in a mixed way, thanks to the isomorphism

$$V^* \otimes \cdots \otimes V^* \simeq \mathcal{L}(V_1, \cdots, V_k).$$

In many cases it suffices to consider multilinear functions to express the idea.

EXERCISE 1 . Let f be an alternating 3-linear function on a vector space V, compute  $\mathrm{Alt}(f)(v_1,v_2,v_3)$ , where  $v_i\in V$ .

Proof.

$$\operatorname{Alt}(f)(v_1, v_2, v_3) = \frac{1}{3!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_3} (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma) f(v_{\sigma(1)}, v_{\sigma(2)}, v_{\sigma(3)})$$

$$= \frac{1}{3!} (f(v_1, v_2, v_3) - f(v_1, v_3, v_2) - f(v_2, v_1, v_3) + f(v_2, v_3, v_1)$$

$$- f(v_3, v_2, v_1) + f(v_3, v_1, v_2)).$$

EXAMPLE 1. Let  $E_1, \dots, E_n$  and  $\varepsilon^1, \dots, \varepsilon^n$  be the standard basis and dual basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

$$Alt(\varepsilon^{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \varepsilon^{n})(v_{1}, \cdots, v_{n}) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n}} (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma) \varepsilon^{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \varepsilon^{n}(v_{\sigma(1)}, \cdots, v_{\sigma(n)})$$

$$= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n}} (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma) v_{\sigma(1)}^{1}, \cdots, v_{\sigma(n)}^{n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n!} \det[v_{1} \cdots v_{n}].$$

## 9.1.2 Elementary Alternating Tensors

GOAL Find a nice basis of  $\Lambda^k(V^*)$ .

Fix V a vector space and a basis  $E_1, \dots, E_n$ , and let  $\varepsilon^1, \dots, \varepsilon^n$  be the dual basis.

**Definition 9.1.2.** Given  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k) \in \{1, \dots, n\}^k$  (called the *multi-index* of length k), let  $\varepsilon^I \in \Lambda^k(V^*)$  be the element where

$$\varepsilon^{I}(v_{1}, \cdots, v_{k}) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon^{i_{1}}(v_{1}) & \cdots & \varepsilon^{i_{1}}(v_{k}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \varepsilon^{i_{k}}(v_{1}) & \cdots & \varepsilon^{i_{k}}(v_{k}) \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} v_{1}^{i_{1}} & \cdots & v_{k}^{i_{1}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ v_{1}^{i_{k}} & \cdots & v_{k}^{i_{k}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that  $\varepsilon^I \in \Lambda^k(V^*)$  because of the column swapping property of the determinant. We call  $\varepsilon^I$  an elementary alternating tensor.

The multi-index can also be permuted: for  $\sigma \in S_k$  let

$$I_{\sigma} = (i_{\sigma(1)}, \cdots, i_{\sigma(k)})$$

and for  $J = (j_1, \dots, j_k)$  let

$$\delta^I_J = \det \begin{pmatrix} \delta^{i_1}_{j_1} & \cdots & \delta^{i_1}_{j_k} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \delta^{i_k}_{j_1} & \cdots & \delta^{i_k}_{j_k} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Example 2 . Let  $v, w, x \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $e^1, e^2, e^3$  be the standard dual basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then

$$e^{13}(v,w) = \det \begin{pmatrix} v^1 & w^1 \\ v^3 & w^3 \end{pmatrix} = v^1 w^3 - w^1 v^3.$$

$$e^{123}(v,w,x) = \det \begin{pmatrix} v^1 & w^1 & x^1 \\ v^2 & w^2 & x^2 \\ v^3 & w^3 & x^3 \end{pmatrix} = \det(v,w,x).$$

**Lemma 9.1.2.** Let  $(E_i)$  be a basis of V and  $(\varepsilon^i)$  be the dual basis, and let  $\varepsilon^I$  be as defined above

- (a) If I has repeated entries, then  $\varepsilon^{I} = 0$ .
- (b) If  $J = I_{\sigma}$  for some  $\sigma \in S_k$ , then  $\varepsilon^I = (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma)\varepsilon^J$ .
- (c)  $\varepsilon^I(E_{j_1}, \cdots, E_{j_k}) = \delta^I_J$ .

*Proof.* (a) In this case, the matrix has a repeated row, hence  $\varepsilon^{I} = 0$ .

(b) In this case, the matrices are equal after n row swaps where  $(-1)^n = \operatorname{sgn} \sigma$ . Hence  $\varepsilon^I = (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma)\varepsilon^J$ .

(c) By definition 
$$\varepsilon^i(E_j) = \delta^i_j$$
.

EXERCISE 2 . Show that

$$\delta_J^I = \begin{cases} 0, & I \text{ or } J \text{ has a repeated entry, or } J \text{ is not a permutation of } I \\ \text{sgn } \sigma, & I \text{ and } J \text{ has no repeated entries and } J = I_\sigma \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* If I or J have a repeated index, then there is a repeated column or row. Hence  $\delta_J^I = 0$ . Otherwise:

- If J is not a permutation of I, then there is a zero column (there is some  $i \in I J$ ). Hence  $\delta_J^I = 0$ .
- If  $J = I_{\sigma}$  for some  $\sigma$ , then

$$\delta_J^I = \varepsilon^I(E_{j_1}, \cdots, E_{j_k} = (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma)\varepsilon^J(E_{j_1}, \cdots, E_{j_k}) = (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma)\det(\operatorname{id}_k) = \operatorname{sgn} \sigma.$$

NOTATION A multi-index  $I=(i_1,\cdots,i_k)$  is said to be *increasing* if  $i_1<\cdots< i_k$ . We use a primed summation sign to denote a sum over only increasing multi-indices:

$$\sum_{I}' \alpha_{I} \varepsilon^{I} = \sum_{1 \le i_{1} < \dots < i_{k} \le n} \alpha_{I} \varepsilon^{I}.$$

**Proposition 9.1.3.** The collection of k-covectors

$$\mathcal{E} = \{ \varepsilon^I : I = (i_1, \dots, i_k), 1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \le n \}$$

is a basis for  $\Lambda^k(V^*)$ . Hence, dim  $\Lambda^k(V^*) = \binom{n}{k}$ .

*Proof.* If k>n, then any collection of k vectors in V are linearly dependent. Hence

$$\Lambda^k(V^*) = \{0\},\$$

so  $B = \emptyset$  is a basis. Suppose  $k \leq n$ , fix  $\alpha \in \Lambda^k(V^*)$ . For each multi-index I let  $\alpha_I = \alpha(E_{i_1}, \dots, E_{i_k})$ , then for any  $J = (j_1, \dots, j_k)$  we have

$$(\sum_{I}' \alpha_{I} \varepsilon^{I})(E_{j_{1}}, \cdots, E_{j_{k}}) = \sum_{I}' \alpha_{I} \delta_{J}^{I} = \alpha_{J}$$
$$= \alpha(E_{j_{1}}, \cdots, E_{j_{k}}),$$

so  $\sum_{I}' \alpha_{I} \varepsilon^{I} = \alpha$ . Suppose  $\sum_{I}' \alpha_{I} \varepsilon^{I} = 0$ . Fix J an increasing multi-index, then

$$0 = (\sum_{I}' \alpha_{I} \varepsilon^{I})(E_{j_{1}}, \cdots, E_{j_{k}}) = \alpha_{J}.$$

**EXAMPLE 3**.  $\Lambda^n(V^*)$  is 1-dimensional (because  $\binom{n}{n}=1$ ) and spanned by  $\varepsilon^{(1,\cdots,n)}$ .

**Proposition 9.1.4.** Suppose V is an n-dimensional vector space and  $\omega \in \Lambda^n(V^*)$ . If  $T: V \to V$  is a linear map and  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ , then

$$\omega(Tv_1, \cdots, Tv_n) = (\det T)\omega(v_1, \cdots, v_n).$$

*Proof.* It suffices to consider  $w = \varepsilon^{(1,\dots,n)}$ . Since an element of  $\Lambda^n(V^*)$  is determined by its value on  $E_1,\dots,E_n$ , it suffices to show that

$$\varepsilon^{(1,\dots,n)}(TE_1,\dots,TE_n) = \det(T)\varepsilon^{(1,\dots,n)}(E_1,\dots,E_n).$$

Note

$$\det(T) = \varepsilon^{(1,\dots,n)}(E_1,\dots,E_n) = \det(T)\det(\mathrm{id}_n) = \det(T).$$

Let  $(T_i^J)$  be the matrix representative of T relative to  $E_1, \dots, E_n$ . That is,

$$Tv = v^i T_i^j E_j$$

when  $v = v^i E_i$ . Then

$$\varepsilon^{j}(TE_{i}) = \varepsilon^{j}(T_{i}^{j}E_{j}) = T_{i}^{j},$$

so

$$w(TE_1, \dots, TE_n) = \det(\varepsilon^j(TE_i)) = \det(T_i^j) = \det(T).$$

## 9.1.3 Wedge Product

The wedge product of  $w \in \Lambda^k(V^*)$  and  $\eta \in \Lambda^l(V^*)$  is defined by

$$w \wedge \eta = \frac{(k+l)!}{k!l!} \text{Alt}(w \otimes \eta) \in \Lambda^{k+l}(V^*).$$

In the following lemma we will see where the coefficient comes from.

**Lemma 9.1.3.** If 
$$I = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$$
 and  $J = (j_1, \dots, j_l)$ , then

$$\varepsilon^I \wedge \varepsilon^J = \varepsilon^{IJ}$$
,

where  $IJ = (i_1, \dots, i_k, j_1, \dots, j_l)$ .

*Proof.* Long calculation.

**Proposition 9.1.5.** Let  $\omega, \omega', \eta, \eta', \xi$  be alternating tensors.

(a) The map

$$(w,\eta) \in \Lambda^k(V^*) \times \Lambda^l(V^*) \to w \land \eta \in \Lambda^{k+l}(V^*)$$

is bilinear:

$$(aw + a'w') \wedge (b\eta + b'\eta') = (ab)w \wedge \eta + (ab')w \wedge \eta' + (a'b)w' \wedge \eta + (a'b')w' \wedge \eta'.$$

- (b)  $w \wedge (\eta \wedge \xi) = (w \wedge \eta) \wedge \xi$ .
- (c) For all  $w \in \Lambda^k(V^*)$  and  $\eta \in \Lambda^l(V^*)$ , then  $w \wedge \eta = (-1)^{kl} \eta \wedge w$ .
- (d) If  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$ , then

$$\varepsilon^{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \varepsilon^{i_k} = \varepsilon^I$$
.

(e) If  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$  and  $w^1, \dots, w^k \in V^*$ , then

$$(w^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge w^k)(v_1, \cdots, v_k) = \det(w^j(v_i)).$$

*Proof.* (a) By definition  $(\omega, \eta) \to w \otimes \eta$  is bilinear and  $\xi \to Alt(\xi)$  is linear. So there composition is bilinear.

(b) By multilinearity, we can assume that  $w=\varepsilon^I, \eta=\varepsilon^J$  and  $\xi=\varepsilon^K$ . Then

$$\varepsilon^I \wedge (\varepsilon^J \wedge \varepsilon^K) = \varepsilon^I \wedge \varepsilon^{JK} = \varepsilon^{IJK} = \varepsilon^{IJ} \wedge \varepsilon^K = (\varepsilon^I \wedge \varepsilon^J) \wedge \varepsilon^K.$$

(c) By multi-linearity, we can assume  $w = \varepsilon^I$  and  $\eta = \varepsilon^J$ . Let  $\tau$  be the permutation that maps IJ to JI. Note this can be done in kl swaps, so  $\operatorname{sgn} \tau = (-1)^{kl}$ . Then

$$w \wedge \eta = \varepsilon^{IJ} = (\operatorname{sgn} \, \tau)\varepsilon^{JI} = (-1)^{kl}\eta \wedge w.$$

- (d) follows from  $\varepsilon^I \wedge \varepsilon^J = \varepsilon^{IJ}$ .
- (e) By multi-linearity we can assume  $w^j = \varepsilon^{a_j}$  and  $v_i = E_{b_i}$ . Then

$$\varepsilon^{a_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \varepsilon^{a_k}(E_{b_1}, \cdots, E_{b_k}) = \det(\varepsilon^{a_j} E_{b_i})$$

by 14.7(c) of Lee.

By part (d) we can use the notations  $\varepsilon^I$  and  $\varepsilon^{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \varepsilon^{i_k}$  interchangeably.

Corollary 9.1.1. If  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$  and  $w^1, \dots, w^k \in V^*$ , then

$$(w^1 \wedge \dots \wedge w^k)(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i-1} w^i(v_1)(w^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{w}^i \wedge \dots \wedge w^k)(v_2, \dots, v_k)$$

where the hat means that  $w^i$  is omitted.

Proof.

$$(w^1 \wedge \dots \wedge w^k)(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \det(w^j(v_i))$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i-1} w^i(v_1) \det(V_1^i)$$

where  $V_1^i$  is the submatrix of  $(w^j(v_i))$  obtained by deleting the *i*th column and 1st row. Then

$$\det(V_1^i) = (w_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \widehat{w}^i \wedge \cdots \wedge w^k)(v_2, \cdots, v_k).$$

EXERCISE 3 . The wedge product is the unique associative bilinear and anticommutative map

$$\Lambda^k(V^*) \times \Lambda^l(V^*) \to \Lambda^{k+l}(V^*)$$

satisfying

$$\varepsilon^{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \varepsilon^{i_k} = \varepsilon^I$$

for any multi-index  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$ .

## 9.1.4 Interior Multiplication

Given  $v \in V$ , define  $i_v : \Lambda^k(V^*) \to \Lambda^{k-1}(V^*)$  by

$$(i_V\omega)(v_1,\cdots,v_{k-1})=\omega(v,v_1,\cdots,v_{k-1}).$$

Another common notation is

$$v \, \omega = i_v \omega$$
.

**Lemma 9.1.4.** If  $v \in V$ , then

(a) 
$$i_v \circ i_v = 0$$
.

(b) If 
$$\omega \in \Lambda^k(V^*)$$
 and  $\eta \in \Lambda^l(V^*)$ , then

$$i_v(\omega \wedge \eta) = i_v(\omega) \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge i_v(\eta).$$

*Proof.* (a)  $i_v i_v \omega(v_1, \dots, v_{k-2}) = \omega(v, v, v_1, \dots, v_{k-2}) = 0$ . (b) By multi-linearity, we can assume

$$\omega = \omega^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \omega^k$$

and

$$\eta = \omega^{k+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \omega^{k+l}$$

for some  $\omega^1, \dots, \omega^{k+l} \in V^*$ . By the corollary,

$$i_v(\omega \wedge \eta) = \sum_{i=1}^{k+l} (-1)^{i-1} \omega^i(v) \omega^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{\omega}^i \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^{k+l}.$$

Likewise,

$$i_{v}(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^{l} (-1)^{i-1} \omega^{i}(v) \omega^{1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \widehat{\omega}^{i} \wedge \cdots \wedge \omega^{k}$$

and

$$i_v(\eta) = \sum_{i=l+1}^{k+l} (-1)^{i-k-1} \omega^i(v) \omega^{k+1} \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{\omega}^i \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^{k+l},$$

SO

$$i_v(\omega \wedge \eta) = i_v(\omega) \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge i_v(\omega).$$

## 9.2 Differential Forms on Manifolds

#### 9.2.1 Differential of a Function

In calculus, given  $f \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$ , the gradient of f at a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is given by

$$\nabla f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{i}}(x).$$

For V a finite-dimensional vector space, recall that a *covector* on V is a real-valued linear functional on V. For each  $p \in M$ , the *cotangent space* at p is the dual space of  $T_pM$ :

$$T_p^*M := (T_pM)^*.$$

Elements of  $T_p^*M$  are called tangent covectors/covectors at p. Taking union over all  $p \in M$  gives the cotangent bundle  $T^*M = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T_p^*M$ . A covector field is just a section of  $T^*M$  (so that we can specify a component of the union).

**Definition 9.2.1** (differential as a covector). Let  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , we define a covector field df called the *differential* of f by

$$df_p(v) = vf, \quad v \in T_pM.$$

Here  $df_p$  is a covector (a linear functional on  $T_pM$ ).

The coordinate covector field  $\lambda^j$  is precisely the differential  $dx^j$ . Now we can write

$$df_p = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(p)dx^i|_p.$$

In 1-dimensional case, this reduces to the familiar expression

$$df = \frac{df}{dx}dx.$$

Example 4. Let  $f(x,y) = x^2y\cos x$ , then

$$df(x,y) = (2xy\cos x - x^2y\sin x) dx + x^2\cos x dy.$$

### 9.2.2 Local Expressions

Let  $\Lambda^k T^* M = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} \Lambda^k (T_p^* M)$ .  $\Lambda^k T^* M$  is a smooth vector bundle over M by Lemma 10.6 of Lee.

- A section  $M \to \Lambda^k T^* M$  is called a differential k-form or just a k-form.
- $\Omega^k(M)$  denotes the vector space of smooth k-forms.
- The wedge  $\omega \wedge \eta$  of two forms is defined by

$$(\omega \wedge \eta)_p = \omega_p \wedge \eta_p.$$

• Let  $\Omega^0(M) = C^{\infty}(M)$ . If  $f \in \Omega^0(M)$ , then  $f \wedge \omega = f\omega$ .

Remark.  $\Omega^1(M)=\mathfrak{X}^*(M)$  is a covector field. If  $f\in C^\infty(M)=\Omega^0(M)$ , then

$$df \in \Omega^1(M) = \mathfrak{X}^*(M).$$

For simplicity, one can think of  $\Omega^k(M)$  as the set of all alternating multi-linear functions on  $T_p^*M \times \cdots \times T_p^*M$  for some  $p \in M$ .

Since a k-form is a section, we can consider it as an element in  $\Lambda^k T_p^* M$  for some p. Recall that  $(dx^i)$  is a basis for  $T_p^* M$  and a basis for  $\Lambda^k T_p^* M$  is given by

$$\{dx^I = dx^{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^{i_k} : I \text{ runs through all multi-indices}\}.$$

Locally, given a smooth chart  $(U, \varphi)$  and a k-form  $\omega$ , then

$$\omega = \sum_{I}' \omega_{I} dx^{i_{1}} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^{i_{k}} = \sum_{I}' \omega_{I} dx^{I}$$

on U. The standard basis for  $T_pM$  is  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \cdots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_k}}\right)$ , and hence

$$dx^{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^{i_k} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \cdots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_k}} \right) = \delta_J^I.$$

Thus the component functions  $\omega_I$  are given by

$$\omega_I = \omega \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i_1}}, \cdots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i_k}} \right).$$

The functions  $\omega_I: U \to \mathbb{R}$  are called component functions. See Page 281 of Lee to refresh on the notation  $dx^{i_0}$ .

**Proposition 9.2.1.** A form is smooth if and only if its component functions are smooth in every chart.

#### 9.2.3 Pullbacks

If  $F: M \to N$  is smooth and  $\omega \in \Omega^k(N)$ , then  $F^*\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$  satisfies

$$(F^*\omega)_p(v_1,\cdots,v_k) = \omega_{F(p)}(dF_pv_1,\cdots,dF_pv_k).$$

**Lemma 9.2.1.** Suppose  $F: M \to N$  smooth.

- (a)  $F^*: \Omega^k(N) \to \Omega^k(M)$  is linear over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (b)  $F^*(\omega \wedge \eta) = F^*(\omega) \wedge F^*(\eta)$ .
- (c) In any smooth chart,

$$F^*\left(\sum_{I}'\omega_{I}dy^{i_1}\wedge\cdots\wedge dy^{i_k}\right)=\sum_{I}'(\omega_{I}\circ F)d(y^{i_1}\circ F)\wedge\cdots\wedge d(y^{i_k}\circ F).$$

*Proof.* (a) Let  $\omega, \eta \in \Omega^k(N)$ , then

$$(F^{*}(\omega + \eta))_{p}(v_{1}, \cdots, v_{k}) = (\omega + \eta)_{F(p)}(dF_{p}v_{1}, \cdots, dF_{p}v_{k})$$

$$= (\omega_{F(p)} + \eta_{F(p)})(dF_{p}v_{1}, \cdots, dF_{p}v_{k})$$

$$= \omega_{F(p)}(dF_{p}v_{1}, \cdots, dF_{p}v_{k}) + \eta_{F(p)}(dF_{p}v_{1}, \cdots, dF_{p}v_{k})$$

$$= (F^{*}\omega)_{p}(v_{1}, \cdots, v_{k}) + (F^{*}\eta)_{p}(v_{1}, \cdots, v_{k}),$$

$$(F^{*}(\lambda\omega))_{p}(v_{1}, \cdots, v_{k}) = (\lambda\omega)_{F(p)}(dF_{p}v_{1}, \cdots, dF_{p}v_{k})$$

$$= \lambda\omega_{F(p)}(dF_{p}v_{1}, \cdots, dF_{p}v_{k})$$

$$= \lambda(F^{*}\omega)_{p}(v_{1}, \cdots, v_{k}).$$

(b) This is also a long calculation:

$$(F^*\omega \wedge F^*\eta)_p(v_1, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_{2k})$$

$$= (F^*\omega)_p \wedge (F^*\eta)_p(v_1, \dots, v_{2k})$$

$$= \frac{(2k)!}{k!k!} \operatorname{Alt} ((F^*\omega)_p \wedge (F^*\eta)_p) (v_1, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_{2k})$$

$$= \frac{(2k)!}{k!k!k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma) ((F^*\omega)_p \otimes (F^*\eta)_p) (v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(k)}, v_{\sigma(k+1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(2k)})$$

$$= \frac{(2k)!}{k!k!k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma) (F^*\omega)_p (v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(k)}) (F^*\eta)_p (v_{\sigma(k+1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(2k)})$$

$$= \frac{(2k)!}{k!k!k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma) \omega_{F(p)} (dF_p v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, dF_p v_{\sigma(k)}) \eta_{F(p)} (dF_p v_{\sigma(k+1)}, \dots, dF_p v_{\sigma(2k)})$$

$$= \frac{(2k)!}{k!k!k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma) (\omega_{F(p)} \otimes \eta_{F(p)}) (dF_p v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, dF_p v_{\sigma(k)}, dF_p v_{\sigma(k+1)}, \dots, dF_p v_{\sigma(2k)})$$

$$= \frac{(2k)!}{k!k!k!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma) (\omega_{F(p)} \otimes \eta_{F(p)}) (dF_p v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, dF_p v_{\sigma(k)}, dF_p v_{\sigma(k+1)}, \dots, dF_p v_{\sigma(2k)})$$

$$= \frac{(2k)!}{k!k!} \operatorname{Alt} (\omega_{F(p)} \otimes \eta_{F(p)}) (dF_p v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, dF_p v_{\sigma(k)}, dF_p v_{\sigma(k+1)}, \dots, dF_p v_{\sigma(2k)})$$

$$= (\omega_{F(p)} \wedge \eta_{F(p)}) (dF_p v_1, \dots, dF_p v_{2k})$$

$$= (\omega \wedge \eta)_{F(p)} (dF_p v_1, \dots, dF_p v_{2k})$$

$$= (F^*(\omega \wedge \eta)_p (dF_p v_1, \dots, dF_p v_{2k}).$$

(c) Fix an increasing multi-index  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$ , then by **Proposition** 8.5.1 (1),

$$(F^* (\omega_I dy^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{i_k}))_p = (\omega_I \circ F(p)) (F^* (\omega_I dy^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{i_k}))_p$$

$$= (\omega_I \circ F(p)) (F^* dy^{i_1})_p \wedge \dots \wedge (F^* dy^{i_k})_p$$

$$= (\omega_I \circ F(p)) d(y^{i_1} \circ F)_p \wedge \dots \wedge d(y^{i_1} \circ F)_p.$$

Since  $F^*$  is linear, it follows that

$$F^*\left(\sum_{I}'\omega_{I}dy^{i_1}\wedge\cdots\wedge dy^{i_k}\right)=\sum_{I}'(\omega_{I}\circ F)d(y^{i_1}\circ F)\wedge\cdots\wedge d(y^{i_k}\circ F).$$

**EXAMPLE 5**. Let  $\omega = dx \wedge dy$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Consider polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$  on  $V = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(x, 0) : x \geq 0\}$  with 0 < r and  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ ,  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ . Let  $F : V \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be  $F(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$ .

$$F^*(dx \wedge dy) = d(\underbrace{r\cos\theta}_{x \circ F}) \wedge d(\underbrace{r\sin\theta}_{y \circ F})$$

$$= (\cos\theta dr - r\sin\theta d\theta) \wedge (\sin\theta dr + r\cos\theta d\theta)$$

$$= (r(\cos\theta)^2 + r(\sin\theta)^2) dr \wedge d\theta$$

$$= rdr \wedge d\theta.$$

**Proposition 9.2.2.** Suppose  $F: M \to N$  is smooth and dim  $M = n = \dim N$ . If  $(U, \varphi = (x^i)), (V, \psi = (y^i))$  are smooth charts with  $F(U) \subset V$ , then

$$F^*(udy^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dy^n) = (u \circ F)(\det DF)dx^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^n,$$

where DF is the derivative matrix in these coordinates.

Proof. Note that

$$F^*(udy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^n) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n} \right)$$

$$= (u \circ F) dF^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dF^n \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n} \right)$$

$$= (u \circ F) \det \left( dF^j \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right) \right)$$

$$= (u \circ F) \det \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)$$

$$= (u \circ F) (\det DF) (dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n} \right).$$

## 9.3 Exterior Derivatives

Let M be a smooth manifold,  $\Omega^k(M)$  be the vector space of k-forms. Goal: Define a "derivative"  $d:\Omega^k(M)\to\Omega^{k+1}(M)$ .

### 9.3.1 Euclidean Case

If  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is open, define  $d: \Omega^k(U) \to \Omega^{k+1}(U)$  by

$$d\left(\sum_{I}^{\prime}\omega_{I}dx^{I}\right) = \sum_{I}^{\prime}d\omega_{I} \wedge dx^{I}.$$

Example 6 . Let  $U=\mathbb{R}^3, k=1$ . If  $\omega=Pdx+Qdy+Rdz\in\Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , then  $d\omega=dP\wedge dx+dQ\wedge dy+dR\wedge dz,$ 

$$\begin{split} dP \wedge dx &= \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} dz\right) \wedge dx \\ &= -\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dx \wedge dy - \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} dx \wedge dz. \end{split}$$

Expand other terms,

$$d\omega = \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}\right) dx \wedge dy + \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial z}\right) dx \wedge dz + \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z}\right) dy \wedge dz.$$

If we define isomorphisms

$$\flat: \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{R}^3) \to \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$$
$$\flat(X)(\cdot) = \langle X, \cdot \rangle$$

$$\beta: \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{R}^3) \to \Omega^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$$
$$\beta(X) = i_X (dx \wedge dy \wedge dz)$$
$$\beta(X)(y_1, y_2) = (dx \wedge dy \wedge dz)(X, y_1, y_2)$$

One can show

$$\mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{R}^3) \xrightarrow{curl} \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

$$\downarrow^{\flat} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\beta}$$

$$\Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \xrightarrow{d} \Omega^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

**Proposition 9.3.1.** (a) d is linear over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- (b) If  $\omega \in \Omega^k(U)$  and  $\eta \in \Omega^l(U)$ , then  $d(\omega \wedge \eta) = d\omega \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d\eta$ .
- (c)  $d \circ d = 0$ .
- (d) If  $F: U \to V$  is smooth and  $\omega \in \Omega^k(U)$ , then  $F^*(d\omega) = dF^*(\omega)$ .

*Proof.* (a) By definition.

(b) By (a) we can assume that  $\omega = udx^I$  and  $\eta = vdx^J$ , then

$$\begin{split} d(\omega \wedge \eta) &= d(uvdx^{IJ}) \\ &= d(uv) \wedge dx^{IJ} \\ &= (vdu + udv) \wedge dx^{IJ} \\ &= du \wedge dx^I \wedge (vdx^J) + dv \wedge (udx^I) \wedge dx^J \\ &= d\omega \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d\eta. \end{split}$$

(c) By (a) we can assume  $\omega = udx^I$ , then

$$\begin{split} d(d\omega) &= d(du \wedge dx^I) \\ &= d\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} dx^j \wedge dx^I\right) \\ &= d\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x^j}\right) dx^j \wedge dx^I \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^k \partial x^j} dx^k \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^I \\ &= \sum_{j < k} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^k \partial x^j} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^j \partial x^k}\right) dx^k \wedge dx^j \wedge dx^I \\ &= 0. \end{split}$$

(d) By (a) we can assume  $\omega = udx^I$ , then

$$F^*(d\omega) = F^*(du \wedge dx^I)$$
  
=  $d(u \circ F) \wedge d(x^{i_1} \circ F) \wedge \cdots \wedge d(x^{i_k} \circ F)$ 

#### 9.3.2 Manifold Case

Theorem 9.3.1. There are unique operators

$$d: \Omega^k(M) \to \Omega^{k+1}(M)$$

for  $K = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$  called exterior differentiation such that

- 1. d is linear over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- 2. If  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$  and  $\eta \in \Omega^l(M)$ , then

$$d(\omega \wedge \eta) = d\omega \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d\eta.$$

- $3. d \circ d = 0.$
- 4. For  $f \in \Omega^0(M) = C^{\infty}(M)$ , df is the previously defined differential.

*Proof.* First note that if  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$  and  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi)$  are smooth charts, then on  $U \cap V$ 

$$\varphi^* d(\underbrace{\varphi^{-1*}\omega}_{\text{in }\Omega^k(\varphi(U))}) = \psi^* \psi^{-1*} \varphi^* d(\varphi^{-1*}\omega)$$

$$= \psi^* (\varphi \circ \psi^{-1})^* d(\varphi^{-1*}\omega)$$

$$= \psi^* d\left((\varphi \circ \psi^{-1})^* \varphi^{-1*}\omega\right) \quad \text{by } 14.24(d)$$

$$= \psi^* d\left((\psi^{-1})^* \varphi^* \varphi^{-1*}\omega\right)$$

$$= \psi^* d\left(\psi^{-1*}\omega\right).$$

Then define  $d\omega \in \Omega^{k+1}(M)$  to the element where  $d\omega = \varphi^*d(\varphi^{-1*}\omega)$  on every chart  $(U,\varphi)$ . By 14.23, d satisfies (1) - (4). This proves existence. See Lee for uniqueness.

**Proposition 9.3.2.** If  $F: M \to N$  is smooth, then the pullback commutes with d:

$$F^*d\omega = dF^*\omega$$
 for all  $\omega \in \Omega^k(N)$ .

*Proof.* Fix charts  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi)$  with  $F(U) \subset V$ . Then on U,

$$F^*(d\omega) = F^*\psi^*d(\psi^{-1*}\omega)$$

$$= \varphi^*(\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1})^*d(\psi^{-1*}\omega)$$

$$= \psi^*d((\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1})^*\psi^{-1*}\omega)$$

$$= \varphi^*d(\varphi^{-1*}F^*\omega)$$

$$= d(F^*\omega).$$

#### 9.3.3 a Non-Local (Invariant) Formula for d

**Proposition 9.3.3.** Let  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$  and  $X_1, \dots, X_{k+1} \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . Then

$$d\omega(X_1, \dots, X_{k+1}) = \sum_{1 \le i \le k+1} (-1)^{i-1} X_i \left( \omega(X_1, \dots, \widehat{X}_i, \dots, X_{k+1}) \right)$$
$$+ \sum_{1 \le i < j \le k+1} (-1)^{i+j} \omega \left( [X_i, X_j], X_1, \dots, \widehat{X}_i, \dots, \widehat{X}_j, \dots, X_n \right).$$

Note: If k = 1 (so  $\omega$  is a contangent vector) then

$$d\omega(X,Y) = X(\omega(Y)) - Y(\omega(X)) - \omega([X,Y])$$

for all  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $D_{\omega}(X_1, \dots, X_{k+1})$  be the right hand side. Observe that

- 1. we can work locally.
- 2. The expressions are
  - linear in  $\omega$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - linear in  $X_1, \dots, X_{k+1}$  over  $C^{\infty}(M)$ . (Check this when k=1)

so it suffices to fix a chart and assume  $\omega = udx^I$  and  $X_1, \dots, X_{k+1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_{k+1}}}$ . Then

$$d\omega(X_1, \dots, X_{k+1}) = \left(\sum_m \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^m} dx^m \wedge dx^I\right) (X_1, \dots, X_{k+1})$$
$$= \left(\sum_m \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^m} \delta_J^{mI}\right),$$

where  $J = (j_1, \dots, j_{k+1})$ . Note that

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_p}}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_q}}\right] = 0,$$

so

$$D_{\omega}(X_{1}, \dots, X_{k+1}) = \sum_{p} (-1)^{p-1} X_{p} \left( \omega(X_{1}, \dots, \widehat{X_{p}}, \dots, X_{k+1}) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{p} (-1)^{p-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_{p}}} \left( u dx^{I} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_{1}}}, \dots, \frac{\widehat{\partial}}{\partial x^{j_{p}}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_{k+1}}} \right) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{p} (-1)^{p-1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^{j_{p}}} \delta_{\widehat{J_{p}}}^{I},$$

where  $\widehat{J}_p = (j_1, \dots, \widehat{j}_p, \dots, j_{k+1})$ . Note at most one term in (\*\*) is nonzero and for this term I is a permutation of  $\widehat{J}_p$ . Then  $j_p I$  is a permutation of J and the  $m = j_p$  term is the only non-vanishing term in (\*). Finally, by row/column expansion of determinant

$$(-1)^{p-1}\delta^{I}_{\widehat{J}_{p}} = \delta^{j_{p}I}_{J}.$$

#### 9.3.4 Lie Derivatives

We previously defined Lie derivatives for tensor fields, hence we can consider Lie derivatives of forms (i.e. alternating tensor fields)

**Proposition 9.3.4.** If  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega^K(M)$  and  $\eta \in \Omega^l(M)$ , then

$$\mathcal{L}_V(\omega \wedge \eta) = \mathcal{L}_V(\omega) \wedge \eta + \omega \wedge \mathcal{L}_V(\eta).$$

Proof. HW.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 9.3.2** (Cartan's magic formula). If  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$ , then

$$\mathcal{L}_V(\omega) = i_V(d\omega) + d(i_V(\omega)).$$

*Proof.* We induct on k.

k=0. Recall  $\omega^0(M)=C^\infty(M).$  Fix  $f\in C^\infty(M),$  then  $i_V(f)=0$  (by definition). Also

$$i_V(df) = df(V) = V(f),$$

so 
$$\mathcal{L}_V(f) = V(f) = i_V(df) + d(i_V(f)).$$

Suppose k > 0. It suffices to work locally. Then since both sides are linear over  $\mathbb{R}$  in  $\omega$ , we can assume that  $\omega = f dx^I$ . Let  $u = x^{i_1}, \beta = f dx^{i_2} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^{i_k}$ , then  $\omega = du \wedge \beta$ .

Reminders:

$$i_{V}(\alpha \wedge \xi) = i_{V}(\alpha) \wedge \xi + (-1)^{k} \alpha \wedge i_{V}(\xi), \quad \alpha \in \Omega^{k}(M).$$

$$d(\alpha \wedge \xi) = d\alpha \wedge \xi + (-1)^{k} \alpha \wedge d\xi, \quad \alpha \in \Omega^{k}(M).$$

$$d \circ d = 0.$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{V}(f) = V(f), \quad f \in C^{\infty}(M).$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{V}(df) = d\mathcal{L}_{V}(f), \quad f \in C^{\infty}(M).$$

Then,

$$\mathcal{L}_{V}(\omega) = \mathcal{L}_{V}(du \wedge \beta)$$

$$= \mathcal{L}_{V}(du) \wedge \beta + du \wedge \mathcal{L}_{V}(\beta)$$

$$= d\mathcal{L}_{V}(u) \wedge \beta + du \wedge (i_{V}(d\beta) + d(i_{V}\beta)),$$

and

$$i_V(d\omega) = i_V(d(du \wedge \beta))$$

$$= i_V(0 - du \wedge d\beta)$$

$$= -i_V(du) \wedge d\beta + du \wedge i_V(d\beta)$$

$$= -V(u)d\beta + du \wedge i_V(d\beta)$$

and

$$\begin{split} d(i_V(\omega)) &= d(i_V(du \wedge \beta)) \\ &= d(i_V(du) \wedge \beta - du \wedge i_V(\beta)) \\ &= d(V(u)\beta - du \wedge i_V(\beta)) \\ &= d(V(u)\beta + V(u)d\beta - 0 + du \wedge d(i_V(\beta)) \end{split}$$

so

$$\mathcal{L}_V(\omega) = i_V(d\omega) + d(i_V\omega).$$

Note 
$$d\mathcal{L}_V(u) \wedge \beta = d(V(u) \wedge \beta)$$
.

Corollary 9.3.1. If  $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and  $\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$ , then

$$\mathcal{L}_V(d\omega) = d\mathcal{L}_V(\omega).$$

Proof. By Cartan,

$$\mathcal{L}_V(d\omega) = i_V(dd\omega) = di_V(d\omega) = d(i_V d\omega)$$

and

$$d\mathcal{L}_V(\omega) = d\left[i_V(d\omega) + d(i_V\omega)\right] = d(i_V(d\omega)).$$

#### 9.4 Orientations

GOAL: Define orientable manifolds

#### 9.4.1 Orientations of Vector Spaces

Let V be a vector space with dim V = n. Two ordered bases  $E_1, \dots, E_n$  and  $E'_1, \dots, E'_n$  are consistently oriented if the transition matrix (the matrix  $(B_i^j)$  satisfying  $E_i = B_i^j E'_i$ ) has positive determinant.

EXERCISE 4 . Show that being consistently oriented is an equivalence relation and there are two equivalence classes.

**Definition 9.4.1.** An orientation for V is a choice of one of this equivalence classes. An ordered basis in this class is called positively oriented, otherwise it is called negatively oriented.

EXAMPLE 7. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  with the orientation making the standard basis positive. If dim V = 0, then an orientation is a choice of +1 or -1.

#### 9.4.2 Orientations of Manifolds

**Definition 9.4.2.** An *orientation* on a smooth n-manifold M is a choice of orientation on each tangent space which is continuous in the following sense: every  $p \in M$  has an open neighborhood U where there exist  $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  such that

$$(X_1|_q,\cdots,X_n|_q)$$

is a positively oriented basis of  $T_qM$  for all  $q \in U$ .

Remark. If M has an orientation,  $U \subset M$  is open and connected, and there exist  $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \mathfrak{X}(U)$ , where  $(X_1|_q, \dots, X_n|_q)$  is a basis for all  $q \in U$ , then  $(X_1|_q, \dots, X_n|_q)$  is either always positively oriented or always negatively oriented.

**Definition 9.4.3.** M is orientable if it has an orientation. An oriented manifold is an ordered pair  $(M, \mathcal{O})$ , there  $\mathcal{O}$  is a choice of orientation for M. For each  $p \in M$ , the orientation of  $T_pM$  determined by  $\mathcal{O}$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{O}_p$ .

Example 8. The Möbius band is not orientable.

#### 9.4.3 Oriented Atlases

**Definition 9.4.4.** A smooth atlas  $\mathcal{A}$  of M is *oriented* if for all  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi) \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\det(D(\psi \circ \varphi^{-1})) > 0$  on  $\varphi(U \cap V)$ .

A smooth atlas  $\mathcal{A}$  of M is *compatible* with an orientation on M if for every  $(U, \varphi = (x^i)) \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $p \in U$  the basis  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\Big|_p, \cdots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\Big|_p\right)$  of  $T_pM$  is positively oriented.

**Proposition 9.4.1.** Suppose M is a smooth manifold.

- 1. If A is an oriented smooth atlas, then there is an orientation on M compatible with A.
- 2. If M has an orientation, then there exists a compatible oriented smooth atlas.

*Proof.* For each  $p \in M$ , give  $T_pM$  the orientation where  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\Big|_p, \cdots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\Big|_p\right)$  is positively oriented for every chart containing p. This is well-defined since  $\mathcal{A}$  is oriented.

Let

$$\mathcal{A} = \{(U, \varphi) : (U, \varphi) \text{ smooth chart}, U \text{ is connected, and } \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\Big|_p, \cdots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\Big|_p\right)$$
 is positively oriented for all  $p \in U$ ,

then  $\det(D(\psi \circ \varphi^{-1})) > 0$  for all  $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi) \in \mathcal{A}$ . We need to show that  $M = \bigcup_{(U, \varphi) \in \mathcal{A}} U$ . Fix  $p \in M$  and fix a smooth chart  $(V, \psi)$  with  $p \in V$ . By shrinking,

we can assume that V is connected. Since V is connected,  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\Big|_q, \cdots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\Big|_q\right)$  is either always positively oriented or always negatively oriented for  $a \in V$ . In the

is either always positively oriented or always negatively oriented for  $q \in V$ . In the first case,  $(V, \psi) \in \mathcal{A}$ . In the second case, let

$$(U,\varphi) = (V,\varphi = (-x^1, x^2, x^3, \cdots, x^n)).$$

Then  $(U, \varphi) \in \mathcal{A}$ .

#### **9.4.4** *n***-Forms**

Recall if dim V = n,  $\omega \in T^n(V^*)$  and  $L: V \to V$  is linear, then

$$\omega(Lv_1, \cdots, Lv_n) = (\det L)\omega(v_1, \cdots, v_n)$$

for all  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ . So any nonzero  $\omega \in T^n(V^*)$  determines an orientation on V where  $(E_1, \dots, E_n)$  is positively oriented if and only if  $\omega(E_1, \dots, E_n) > 0$ .

**Definition 9.4.5.** An orientation on a smooth n-manifold M is compatible with a non-vanishing n-form  $\omega \in \Omega^n(M)$  if for every  $p \in M$  the orientation on  $T_pM$  is determined by  $\omega_p$ .

**Proposition 9.4.2.** 1. If  $\omega \in \Omega^n(M)$  is non-vanishing, then M has an orientation compatible with  $\omega$ .

2. If M has an orientation, then there is a non-vanishing compatible n-form.

Proof. 1.

2. Fix a compatible smooth atlas  $\mathcal{A} = \{(U_i, \varphi_i) : i \in I\}$ , then fix a partition of unity  $\{\chi_i\}_{i \in I}$  subordinate to  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ . Define

$$\omega = \sum_{i \in I} \chi_i \varphi_i^* \left( dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n \right).$$

Note, on  $U_i \cap U_j$  we have

$$\varphi_i^*(dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n) = \varphi_j^*(\varphi_j^{-1})^* \varphi_i^*(dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n)$$

$$= \varphi_j^*(\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1})^*(dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n)$$

$$= \det\left(D(\phi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1})\right) \varphi_j^*(dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n).$$

So since  $\det \left( D(\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1}) \right) > 0$ ,  $\omega$  is non-vanishing.

Topology

**Theorem 9.4.1.** Every connected non-orientable manifold M admits a 2-sheeted covering map  $\pi: \widehat{M} \to M$  where  $\widehat{M}$  is connected and orientable.

Corollary 9.4.1. Any simply connected manifold is orientable.

## 9.5 Integration

 $\operatorname{Goals}$ 

- Given an oriented manifold M and  $\omega \in \Omega^n(M)$  where  $n = \dim M$ . Define  $\int_M \omega$ .
- Prove Stokes' Theorem.

#### 9.5.1 Integration on $\mathbb{R}^n$

Given an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $\int_U f \ dV$  denote the Lebesgue integral.

**Definition 9.5.1.** Given an *n*-form  $\omega$  on an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , we can write  $\omega = f dx^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x^n$  where  $f: U \to \mathbb{R}$ . If f is Lebesgue integrable, then  $\omega$  is *integrable* and the integral of  $\omega$  over U is

$$\int_{U} \omega = \int_{U} f \ dV.$$

Example 9. Let  $n = 1, U = (a, b), \omega = f dx$ , then

$$\int_{U} \omega = \int_{(a,b)} f \ dx.$$

**Proposition 9.5.1.** Suppose  $U, W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  are open and  $G: U \to W$  is a diffeomorphism which either preserves or reverses orientation (i.e. det DG is either always positive or always negative).

If  $\omega$  is an integrable n-form on W, then

$$\int_{U} G^{*}\omega = \begin{cases} \int_{W} \omega & \text{if } G \text{ preserves orientation,} \\ -\int_{W} \omega & \text{if } G \text{ reverses orientation.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* If  $\omega = f dx^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^n$ , then

$$G^*\omega = f \circ G(\det DG)dx^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^n$$
  
=  $s(f \circ G)|\det DG|dx^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^n$ ,

where s = 1 if G preserves orientation and s = -1 if G reverses orientation. Then

$$\int_{W} \omega = \int_{W} f \ dV = \int_{U} f \circ G |\det DG| \ dV$$
$$= s \int_{U} G^{*} \omega.$$

#### 9.5.2 Integration on Manifolds

Fix an oriented smooth *n*-manifold M. A chart  $(U, \varphi)$  is positively (negatively, resp.) oriented if  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\Big|_p, \cdots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\Big|_p\right)$  is positively (negatively, resp.) oriented for all  $p \in U$ .

GOAL Define  $\int_M \omega$  when  $\omega \in \Omega^n(M)$  is compactly supported.

CASE 1 Suppose supp  $\omega \subset U$  where  $(U, \varphi)$  is a positively or negatively oriented chart. Then define

$$\int_{M} \omega = \begin{cases} \int_{\varphi(U)} (\varphi^{-1})^* \omega & \text{if positively oriented,} \\ -\int_{\varphi(U)} (\varphi^{-1})^* \omega & \text{if positively oriented.} \end{cases}$$

Note

$$\int_{\varphi(U)} (\varphi^{-1})^* \omega = \int_{\varphi(U)} \omega \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \bigg|_{\varphi(p)}, \cdots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n} \bigg|_{\varphi(p)} \right) dV(p).$$

Recall

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right|_p = d(\varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right|_{\varphi(p)}.$$

**Proposition 9.5.2.**  $\int_M \omega$  does not depend on the choice of charts containing supp  $\omega$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $(U, \varphi), (W, \psi)$  are smooth charts, each of which are positively or negatively oriented, and where supp  $\omega \subset U \cap W$ . Then

$$\int_{\psi(W)} (\psi^{-1})^* \omega = \int_{\psi(U \cap W)} (\psi^{-1})^* \omega$$

$$= s \int_{\varphi(U \cap W)} (\psi \circ \psi^{-1})^* (\psi^{-1})^* \omega$$

$$= s \int_{\varphi(U \cap W)} (\varphi^{-1})^* \psi^* (\psi^{-1})^* \omega$$

$$= s \int_{\varphi(U \cap W)} (\varphi^{-1})^* \omega$$

$$= s \int_{\varphi(U)} (\varphi^{-1})^* \omega,$$

where s=1 if  $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$  preserves orientation (equivalently,  $\psi, \varphi$  have same orientation), s=-1 if  $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$  reverses orientation (equivalently,  $\psi, \varphi$  have opposite orientation)

GENERAL CASE Fix finitely many charts  $\{(U_i, \psi_i)\}_{i \in I}$ , where supp  $\omega \subset \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$  and each chart is either negatively or positively oriented. Fix a partition of unity  $\{\chi_i\}_{i \in I}$  subordinate to  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ . Then define

$$\int_{M} \omega = \sum_{i \in I} \int_{M} \chi_{i} \omega = \sum_{i \in I} (\pm 1) \int_{\varphi_{i}(U_{i})} (\varphi_{i})^{*} (\chi_{i} \omega).$$

**Proposition 9.5.3.**  $\int_M \omega$  is well defined.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\{(\widetilde{U}_j, \widetilde{\varphi}_j)_{j \in J} \text{ and } \{\widetilde{\chi}_j\}_{j \in J} \text{ are other choices. Then } \}$ 

$$\int_{M} \chi_{i}\omega = \int_{M} \left( \sum_{j} \widetilde{\chi}_{j} \right) \chi_{i}\omega$$
$$= \sum_{j} \int_{M} \widetilde{\chi}_{j} \chi_{i}\omega.$$

Also,

$$\int_{M} \widetilde{\chi}_{j} \omega = \sum_{i} \int_{M} \widetilde{\chi}_{j} \chi_{i} \omega.$$

So

$$\sum_{i} \int_{M} \chi_{i} \omega = \sum_{j} \int_{M} \widetilde{\chi}_{j} \omega.$$

CORNER CASE If  $M = \{p\}$  is a single point, then

- $n = \dim M = 0$ ,
- $\Omega^n(M) = \Omega^0(M) = C^{\infty}(M) \simeq \mathbb{R}$ ,
- an orientation on M is a choice of +1 or -1.

So we define

$$\int_{M} \omega = (\text{orientation of } M) \ \omega(p).$$

**Proposition 9.5.4** (Properties). Suppose  $\omega, \eta \in \Omega^n(M)$  are compactly supported.

1. If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\int_{M} a\omega + b\eta = a \int_{M} \omega + b \int_{M} \eta.$$

2. If -M is M with the opposite orientation, then

$$\int_{-M} \omega = \int_{M} \omega.$$

3. If N is an oriented n-manifold and  $F: N \to M$  is a diffeomorphism, then

$$\int_{N} F^{*}\omega = \begin{cases} \int_{M} \omega, & F \text{ preserves orientation} \\ -\int_{M} \omega, & F \text{ reserves orientation} \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 9.5.5.** Let  $\omega \in \Omega^n(M)$  be compactly supported. Suppose  $D_1, \cdot, D_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are open and  $F_i : \overline{D_i} \to M$  is smooth for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

- 1.  $D_i$  is bounded and  $\partial D_i$  has Lebesgue measure 0.
- 2.  $F_i$  induces an orientation-preserving diffeomorphism of  $D_i$  onto an open set  $W_i \subset M$ .
- 3.  $W_i \cap W_j = \emptyset$  if  $i \neq j$ .
- 4. supp  $\omega \subset \overline{W_1} \cup \cdots \overline{W_k}$ .

Then

$$\int_{M} \omega = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \int_{D_{i}} F_{i}^{*} \omega.$$

**EXAMPLE 10**. Consider  $\mathbb{S}^2$  with the orientation induced by  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $\omega = x \, dy \wedge dz$  and  $\int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \omega$ . Let  $F(\phi, \theta) = (\sin \phi \cos \theta, \sin \phi \sin \theta, \cos \phi)$ .  $D = (0, \pi) \times (-\pi, \pi)$ ,  $W = \mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0, -1)\}$ . Then  $F: D \to W$  is a diffeomorphism which preserves orientation and  $\overline{W} = \mathbb{S}^2$ . Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \omega = \int_D F^* \omega$$

$$= \int_D (\sin \phi \cos \theta) \ d(\sin \phi \sin \theta) \wedge d(\cos \phi)$$

$$= \int_D \sin \phi \cos \theta (\sin \theta \cos \phi \ d\phi + \sin \phi \cos \theta \ d\theta) \wedge (-\sin \phi \ d\phi)$$

$$= \int_D (\sin \phi)^3 (\cos \theta)^2 \ d\phi \wedge d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (\sin \phi)^3 (\cos \theta)^2 \ d\phi \ d\theta$$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{3}.$$

#### 9.6 Stokes Theorem

**Theorem 9.6.1** (Stokes Theorem). Let M be an oriented smooth n-manifold and let  $\omega \in \Omega^{n-1}(M)$  be compactly supported. Then

$$\int_{M} d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega.$$

Remark. If  $\partial M=\varnothing$ , then we define  $\int_{\partial M}\omega=0$ . If  $\partial M\neq\varnothing$ , then  $\partial M$  is given the induced orientation.

EXAMPLE 11 (FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF CALCULUS). Let  $M = [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$  with standard orientation. Then  $\partial M = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\{a\}$  has -1 and  $\{b\}$  has +1 orientation. If  $f \in \Omega^{n-1}(M) = \Omega^0(M) = C^{\infty}([a, b])$ , then df = f'(x)dx. Then

$$\int_{M} df = \int_{a}^{b} f'(x)dx$$
$$\int_{\partial M} f = f(b) - f(a).$$

By Stokes,  $\int_a^b f'(x) dx = f(b) - f(a)$ .

EXAMPLE 12 (GREEN'S THEOREM). If  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is a bounded open set,  $\partial D$  is an embedded submanifold, and  $P, Q : \overline{D} \to \mathbb{R}$  are smooth, then

$$\int_{D} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \ dV = \int_{\partial D} P dx + Q dy.$$

Apply Stokes to  $\omega = Pdx + Qdy$ .

## PROOF OF STOKES

Assume  $M = \mathbb{H}^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x^n \ge 0\}$ . Pick R > 0 such that

supp 
$$\omega \subset (-R,R)^{n-1} \times [0,R)$$
.

Then

$$\omega = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_i \ dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dx^i} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n$$

for some  $\omega_i: \mathbb{H}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ . So

$$d\omega = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \frac{\partial \omega_i}{\partial x^j} dx^j \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dx^i} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (-1)^{i-1} \frac{\partial \omega_i}{\partial x^i} dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n,$$

then

$$\int_{M} d\omega = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (-1)^{i-1} \int_{x^{1}=-R}^{R} \cdots \int_{x^{i-1}=-R}^{R} \cdots \int_{x^{n}=0}^{R} \frac{\partial \omega_{i}}{\partial x^{i}} dV$$

where we can integrate in any order. If  $1 \le i \le n-1$ ,

$$\int_{-R}^{R} \frac{\partial \omega_i}{\partial x^i} dx^i = \omega_i \Big|_{x^i = -R}^{R} = 0$$
(9.3)

since supp  $\omega \subset (-R,R)^{n-1} \times [0,R)$ . If i=n,

$$\int_0^R \frac{\partial \omega_n}{\partial x^n} \ dx^n = -\omega_n(x^1, \cdots, x^{n-1}, 0),$$

so

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}^n} d\omega = (-1)^n \int_{x^1 = -R}^R \cdots \int_{x^{n-1} = -R}^R \omega_n(x^1, \cdots, x^{n-1}, 0) \ dx^1 \cdots dx^n.$$

Next we compute  $\int_{\partial M} \omega = \int_{\partial \mathbb{H}^n} \omega$ . Note  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \cdots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{n-1}}$  are positively oriented on  $\partial \mathbb{H}^n$ , so by definition  $-\frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \cdots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{n-1}}$  are positively oriented on  $\mathbb{R}^n$   $\iff (-1)^n = 1 \iff n \text{ is even. Also, } \omega|_{\partial \mathbb{H}^n} = \omega_n \ dx^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^{n-1}, \text{ so}$ 

$$\int_{\partial \mathbb{H}^n} \omega = (-1)^n \int_{\partial \mathbb{H}^n} \omega_n \ dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{n-1},$$

so  $\int_{\partial M} \omega = \int_M d\omega$ .

Special Case 2:  $M = \mathbb{R}^n$  Now  $\partial M = \emptyset$ , so  $\int_{\partial M} = 0$  by definition. Further by (9.3), we can show  $\int_M \omega = 0$ .

Special Case 3: supp  $\omega$  is contained in a positively or negatively oriented chart  $(U, \varphi)$ . Then

$$\begin{split} \int_{M} d\omega &= \pm \int_{\varphi(U)} (\varphi^{-1})^{*} \ d\omega \\ &= \pm \int_{\varphi(U)} d(\varphi^{-1})^{*} \omega \quad \text{by (14.26) of Lee} \\ &= \begin{cases} \pm \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} d(\varphi^{-1})^{*} \omega, \quad \varphi \text{ is an interior chart} \\ \pm \int_{\mathbb{H}^{n}} d(\varphi^{-1})^{*} \omega, \quad \varphi \text{ is an exterior chart} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & U \cap \partial M = \varnothing \\ \pm \int_{\varphi(U) \cap \partial \mathbb{H}^{n}} (\varphi^{-1})^{*} \omega, \quad U \cap \partial M \neq \varnothing \end{cases} \\ &= \int_{\partial M} \omega. \end{split}$$

General Case Fix finitely many smooth charts  $\{(U_i, \varphi_i)\}_{i \in I}$  such that

- 1. supp  $\omega \subset \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ .
- 2. Each  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$  is either positively or negatively oriented.

Fix a partition of unity  $\{\chi_i\}$  subordinate to  $\{U_i\}$ , then

$$\int_{M} d\omega = \int_{M} d\left(\sum \chi_{i}\omega\right)$$

$$= \sum \int_{M} d(\chi_{i}\omega)$$

$$= \sum \int_{\partial M} \chi_{i}\omega$$

$$= \int_{\partial M} \sum \chi_{i}\omega$$

$$= \int_{\partial M} \omega.$$

#### 9.6.1 An Application

**Theorem 9.6.2** (Brouwer Fixed Point Theorem). Let  $B = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| \leq 1\}$ . If  $f: B \to B$  is continuous, then f has a fixed point in B.

**Lemma 9.6.1.** There does not exist a smooth retraction of B onto  $\partial B$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $r: B \to \partial B$  is a smooth retraction (i.e.  $r|_{\partial B} = \mathrm{id}|_{\partial B}$ ). Since  $\partial B \simeq \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$  is oriented, there is a non-vanishing (n-1)-form  $\omega$  on  $\partial B$  which is compatible with the orientation. Then

$$0 < \int_{\partial B} \omega = \int_{\partial B} r^* \omega$$
$$= \int_{B} dr^* \omega = \int_{B} r^* d\omega$$
$$= 0$$

because  $d\omega \in \Omega^n(\partial B)$ , a contradiction.

**Lemma 9.6.2.** Every smooth map  $f: B \to B$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* Suppose  $f(x) \neq x$  for all  $x \in B$ . Define

$$\mu: B \to \mathbb{R}$$
 
$$\mu(x) = \frac{-2 \langle x, f(x) - x \rangle + \sqrt{4(\langle x, f(x) - x \rangle)^2 + 4|f(x) - x|^2}}{2|f(x) - x|^2},$$

then

- 1.  $\mu$  is smooth.
- 2.  $\mu \ge 0$ .

3. 
$$|x + \mu(x)(f(x) - x)|^2 = 1$$
.

4. If |x| = 1, then  $\mu(x) = 0$ .

Then  $r(x) = x + \mu(x)(f(x) - x)$  is a retraction from B to  $\partial B$ , a contradiction.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 9.6.3.** Every continuous map  $f: B \to B$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* Using approximation, we can find a sequence  $\{f_n\}$  of smooth functions from B to B where  $f_n \to f$  uniformly. Each  $f_n$  has a fixed point  $x_n \in B$ . Passing to a subsequence, we can assume  $x_n \to x_\infty \in B$ . Then  $f(x_\infty) = \lim_{n \to \infty} f_n(x_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x_\infty$ .

## Appendix A

# Set Theory

## A.1 Cartesian Products

**Definition A.1.1.** Let  $\{X_{\alpha}\}_{{\alpha}\in A}$  be an indexed family of sets, their **Cartesian product**  $\prod_{{\alpha}\in A} X_{\alpha}$  is the set of all maps  $f:A\to \bigcup_{{\alpha}\in A} X_{\alpha}$  such that  $f({\alpha})\in X_{\alpha}$  for all  ${\alpha}\in A$ .

**Definition A.1.2.** If  $X = \prod_{\alpha \in A} X_{\alpha}$  and  $\alpha \in A$ , we define the  $\alpha$ th **projection** or **coordinate map**  $\pi_{\alpha} : X \to X_{\alpha}$  by  $\pi_{\alpha}(f) = f(\alpha)$ .