

Introduction to Smooth Manifolds

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Chapter 1

Smooth Manifolds

In simple terms, smooth manifolds are spaces that locally look like \mathbb{R}^n , and on which we can do calculus. We can visualize them like smooth plane curves like circles and parabolas.

The simplest manifold and topological manifolds, which encode just the properties of what we mean by “locally look like \mathbb{R}^n ”. However, to do calculus (volume, curvature, etc.), we need a stronger restriction – the notion of smoothness. Intuitively, we can describe smoothness by having a tangent structure that moves continuously from point to point. For more sophisticated applications we can restrict it to be embedded in some ambient Euclidean vector space. The structure of this ambient space is superfluous that is not guaranteed by the internal structure of the manifold itself.

Also, it is evidently that we cannot define smoothness solely by topological structure. A circle and a square are homeomorphic topological space, but we all agree that square is not smooth but circle is. Therefore, we should think a smooth manifold has two layers of structure: topological manifolds and smoothness.

1.1 Topological Manifolds

Definition 1.1.1: Topological Manifolds

Suppose (M, \mathcal{T}) is a topological space, we say that M is a topological manifold of dimension n if it has the following property:

- M is a Hausdorff space. $\forall p \neq q$ in M , there are disjoint open sets $U, V \subseteq M$ such that $p \in U, q \in V$.
- M is second-countable. There exists a countable basis for the topology of M .
- 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 , in the Euclidean topology. We call the n here the dimension of the topological manifold, denoted $\dim M$.

The last property can be expressed explicitly as: $\forall p \in M, \exists$ open set $U \subseteq M, p \in U$ and $\hat{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $U \cong \hat{U}$.

Remark:

We can change the definition to letting U to be homeomorphic to some open balls in \mathbb{R}^n . This is equivalent to the original definition.

Proof. If we have a neighborhood that is homeomorphic to a open subspace of \mathbb{R}^n , then we have an open ball subspace that would do. \square

We also abbreviate M being a topological manifold of dimension n by M^n . It is worth mentioning that we do not consider spaces with mixed dimensions, like a disjoint union of a plane and a line. The dimension here is global to all the point in the space.

Theorem 1.1.1: Topological Invariant of Dimension

A nonempty n -dimensional topological manifold cannot be homeomorphic to an m -dimensional manifold unless $m = n$.

Remark:

The empty set satisfies the definition of a topological manifold of dimension n for every n . But in most circumstances we shall just ignore the trivial case.

A basic example of an n -dimensional topological space is \mathbb{R}^n itself. As every metrizable space is Hausdorff and $\{B(a, r) \mid a \in \mathbb{Q}^n, r \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ is a countable basis.

1.1.1 Coordinate Chart

Definition 1.1.2: Coordinate Chart

Let M be a topological manifold of dimension n , a coordinate chart on M is a pair (U, φ) , where U is an open set of M and $\varphi : U \rightarrow \hat{U}$ is a homeomorphism from U to an open subset $\hat{U} = \varphi(U) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

An *atlas* on M is a collection of coordinate charts $\{(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha) \mid \alpha \in A\}$ such that $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha = M$.

By the definition of a topological manifold, $\forall p \in M$, we can find a neighborhood where we can define a (U, φ) .

- If $\varphi(p) = 0$, we say that the chart is centered at p . (We can always find a chart centered at p by subtracting $\varphi(p)$.)
- Given a (U, φ) , we say U a coordinate domain. If $\varphi(U)$ is a ball, we say U a coordinate ball.
- φ is called a (local) coordinate map. And the component functions (x^1, \dots, x^n) of φ are called local coordinates on U . We have $\varphi(p) = (x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p))$.

1.1.2 Examples

Example: Graphs of Continuous Functions

Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set. And $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be a continuous function. The graph of f is the subset of $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^k$ defined by

$$\Gamma(f) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^k : x \in U \wedge y = f(x)\} \quad (1.1)$$

with the subspace topology. Let $\pi : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be the projection map, and let $\varphi : \Gamma(f) \rightarrow U$ be the restriction of π to $\Gamma(f)$.

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

Then $\Gamma(f)$ is a topological manifold of dimension n . $(\Gamma(f), \varphi)$ is a global coordinate chart.

Example: Spheres

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the unit sphere \mathbb{S}^n is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^{n+1} , and a local part (hemisphere would do) is the graph of a continuous mapping.

Example: Projective Spaces

The n -dimensional real projective space \mathbb{RP}^n , is defined as (X, \mathcal{T}) , where

- X is the 1-dimensional linear subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n . (The lines that cross the origin)
 - \mathcal{T} is the quotient topology.
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Example: Product Manifold

Suppose M_1, \dots, M_k are topological manifolds of dimension n_1, \dots, n_k respectively. Then the product space $M_1 \times \dots \times M_k$ is a topological manifold of dimension $n_1 + \dots + n_k$.

Proof. The Hausdorff and second-countable properties follows from the product topology itself. Given any point $p = (p_1, \dots, p_k) \in M_1 \times \dots \times M_k$, we can find a neighborhood U_i of p_i such that $U_i \cong \hat{U}_i \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_i}$. Then $U = U_1 \times \dots \times U_k$ is a neighborhood of p and homeomorphic to $\hat{U}_1 \times \dots \times \hat{U}_k \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_1 + \dots + n_k}$. \square

1.1.3 Topological Properties of Manifolds

We shall see that manifolds have a well-behaved topological structure, thanks to the Hausdorff and second-countable properties.

Lemma 1.1.1: Precompact Coordinate Balls

Every topological manifold has a countable basis of precompact coordinate balls. (Precompact means its closure is compact)

First we shall show that every second countable space is Lindelöf(every open cover has a countable subcover).

Proof. First, let $\mathcal{B} = \{B_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a countable basis of the topology of M . Given any open cover $\{U_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$ of M , for each B_i , we can find a U_{α_i} such that $B_i \subseteq U_{\alpha_i}$. Then $\{U_{\alpha_i} \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a countable subcover of M . \square

Now we prove the lemma. For any chart (U, φ) , as $\varphi(U)$ is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n , we can find a countable basis of precompact balls $\{B_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ of $\varphi(U)$. Then $\{\varphi^{-1}(B_i) \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a countable basis of precompact coordinate balls of U . As M is Lindelöf, we can find a countable collection of charts that cover M . The union of the countable bases of precompact coordinate balls of these charts is a countable basis of precompact coordinate balls of M .

Connectedness Topological manifolds also have nice connectedness properties.

Proposition: Connectedness Properties of Manifolds

Let M be a topological manifold, then

- M is locally path-connected.
- M is connected iff it is path-connected.
- The components of M are the same as its path components.
- M has countably many components, each is an open subset of M and a topological manifold itself.

Proof. Since each coordinate ball is path-connected, M has a basis of path-connected neighborhoods, so it is locally path-connected. The second and third properties follows from general topology. The openness of components follows from local path-connectedness. The countability of components follows from second-countability and the disjointness of components.(The components are an open cover of M , so we can find a countable subcover. As the components are disjoint, the only subcover is itself.) \square

Local Compactness and Paracompactness Topological manifolds are also locally compact and paracompact.

Definition 1.1.3: Exhaustion

Let X be a topological space, an exhaustion of X is a sequence of compact sets $\{K_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$ such that

- $K_j \subseteq \text{Int } K_{j+1}$ for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- $\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} K_j = X$.

We say that X is *exhausted* by $\{K_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$.

We can see that for a second-countable locally compact Hausdorff space, we can find a countable exhaustion. This is because we can find a countable basis of compact sets, and we can take the union of these compact sets to form an exhaustion.

Proposition: **Local Compactness and Paracompactness of Manifolds**

Let M be a topological manifold, then

- M is locally compact.
 - M is paracompact. In fact, given any open cover \mathcal{X} of M and any basis \mathcal{B} , there is a countable, locally finite open refinement of \mathcal{X} by elements of \mathcal{B} .
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Proof. Local compactness follows from the fact that each point has a precompact coordinate ball neighborhood. As second-countable Hausdorff spaces are normal, and every regular Lindelöf space is paracompact, M is paracompact. For a construction, let $\{K_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$ be an exhaustion of M by compact sets. For each j , let $V_j = K_{j+1} - \text{Int } K_j$ and $W_j = \text{Int } K_{j+2} - K_{j-1}$. Then \square

Fundamental Groups of Manifolds The topological restrictions on manifolds also limit their fundamental groups, which is of great importance when we study covering spaces of manifolds.

Theorem 1.1.2: Fundamental Groups of Manifolds

The fundamental group of a topological manifold is at most countable.

Proof. SORRY, but fairly obvious due to the countability of coordinate balls. \square

1.2 Smooth Structures

If we only have the topological structure of a manifold, we cannot do calculus on it. One may try to define derivatives of functions on the manifold by using coordinate charts, but the problem is that this definition is not invariant under homeomorphisms.

For example, the map given by

$$\varphi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad \varphi(x, y) = (x^{1/3}, y^{1/3})$$

is a homeomorphism, but it is easy to construct a function $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that f is differentiable at 0, but $f \circ \varphi$ is not differentiable at 0.

The smooth structure allows us to formalize the idea of smooth transition between different coordinate charts, so that we can define derivatives of functions on the manifold in an invariant way. Let $U \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $V \in \mathbb{R}^m$ be two open sets, a map $F : U \rightarrow V$ is said to be *smooth* (or C^∞ , infinitely differentiable) if all its component functions have continuous partial derivatives of all orders. If F is bijective and both F and F^{-1} are smooth, then F is called a *diffeomorphism*.

Let M be a n -dimensional topological manifold, and for $p \in M$, take a coordinate chart (U, φ) with $p \in U$. We would think that a function $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is smooth if $f \circ \varphi^{-1} : \hat{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is smooth (here $\hat{U} = \varphi(U) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$). But this would only make sense if this is independent of the choice of the chart (U, φ) . Therefore, we need to impose some restrictions on the charts, called *smooth charts*. As this is not preserved by arbitrary homeomorphisms, we should thought this as a new structure on the manifold, called *smooth structure*.

Definition 1.2.1: Transition Map

For an n -dimensional topological manifold M , let (U, φ) and (V, ψ) be two coordinate charts such that $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$. Then the map

$$\psi \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U \cap V) \rightarrow \psi(U \cap V) \quad (1.2)$$

is called a *transition map* from (U, φ) to (V, ψ) . It is a composition of homeomorphisms, so it is a homeomorphism itself.

Two coordinate charts (U, φ) and (V, ψ) are said to be *smoothly compatible* if either $U \cap V = \emptyset$, or the transition map $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is a diffeomorphism. A smooth atlas on M is an atlas whose charts are pairwise smoothly compatible.

However, there may be many different smooth atlases that gave the same set of smooth functions on M . We could define an equivalence relation on the set of smooth atlases, but a more straightforward way is to define a maximal smooth atlas: A smooth atlas \mathcal{A} is said to be *maximal* or *complete* if any coordinate chart that is smoothly compatible with every chart in \mathcal{A} is already in \mathcal{A} .

Definition 1.2.2: Smooth Structure

Let M be a topological manifold. A *smooth structure* on M is a maximal smooth atlas \mathcal{A} on M . A smooth manifold is a pair (M, \mathcal{A}) .

It is not convenient to work with maximal smooth atlases directly, so we have the following theorem that allows us to work with arbitrary smooth atlases.

Proposition: Existence of Maximal Smooth Atlas

Let M be a topological manifold,

- Every smooth atlas \mathcal{A} on M is contained in a unique maximal smooth atlas, called the maximal smooth atlas determined by \mathcal{A} .
 - Two smooth atlases \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{A}' on M determine the same smooth structure if and only if their union $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{A}'$ is a smooth atlas.
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Remark:

Intuitively, this means that we can define an equivalence relation on the set of smooth atlases, where two atlases are equivalent if they can be combined to form a larger smooth atlas. Each equivalence class has a unique maximal element, and all elements in the equivalence class are

just the sub-atlases of this maximal element.

Proof. Let \mathcal{A} be a smooth atlas on M . Let $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ be the set of all coordinate charts that are smoothly compatible with every chart in \mathcal{A} . We claim that $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ is a maximal smooth atlas containing \mathcal{A} .

First, let $(U, \varphi), (V, \psi) \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}$, for $x = \varphi(p) \in \varphi(U \cap V)$, we have some chart $(W, \theta) \in \mathcal{A}$ with $p \in W$. Therefore, we have

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

is smooth in a neighborhood of x , so we have $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ is a smooth atlas. Moreover, every chart that is smoothly compatible with every chart in $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ is also smoothly compatible with every chart in \mathcal{A} , so it is already in $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$. Therefore, $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ is maximal.

For the second part, if \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{A}' determine the same smooth structure, then they are both contained in the same maximal smooth atlas, so their union is a smooth atlas. Conversely, if their union is a smooth atlas, then every chart in \mathcal{A}' is smoothly compatible with every chart in \mathcal{A} , so $\mathcal{A}' \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{A}}$. Then both \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{A}' are contained in $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$, so they determine the same smooth structure. \square

Remark:

There exists topological manifolds that do not admit any smooth structure. For example, the E8 manifold in dimension 4. The first such example was constructed by Kervaire in 1960. On the other hand, there are also topological manifolds that admit more than one smooth structure. The first such example is the 7-sphere, discovered by Milnor in 1956. In fact, it is known that for every $n \geq 7$, there exist topological manifolds of dimension n that admit more than one smooth structure.

NOTE that different smooth manifold can be diffeomorphic, which we shall justify later.

We can produce various kinds of structures by changing the requirements on the transition maps:

- If we require the transition maps to be homeomorphisms, we get the notion of a topological manifold.
- If we require the transition maps to be diffeomorphisms of class C^k (i.e., having continuous derivatives up to order k), we get the notion of a C^k -manifold.
- If we require the transition maps to be real-analytic (can be expanded as a convergent power series around each point) diffeomorphisms, we get the notion of a real-analytic manifold.
- If we have even dimension, we can identify \mathbb{R}^{2n} with \mathbb{C}^n , and require the transition maps to be holomorphic (analytic) diffeomorphisms, we get the notion of a complex manifold.

1.2.1 Local Coordinate Representation

If M is a smooth manifold, any chart (U, φ) in the smooth structure is called a smooth chart, and the coordinate map φ is called a smooth coordinate map.

We say a set $B \subseteq M$ is *Regular coordinate ball* if there is a larger coordinate ball $B' \subseteq M$ such that $\overline{B} \subseteq B'$ and a smooth coordinate map $\varphi : B' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ such that for some positive number $r < r'$, we have

$$\varphi(B) = B_r(0), \quad \varphi(\overline{B}) = \overline{B_r(0)}, \quad \varphi(B') = B_{r'}(0) \tag{1.3}$$

Therefore, the regular coordinate ball is precompact.

Remark:

This is not true for arbitrary coordinate balls, take $M = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$, and $B = B_{(1)}(1)$, there is no larger coordinate ball that contains the closure of B , and it is not precompact.

Proposition: Countable Basis of Regular Coordinate Balls

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

Proof. This is a slight improvement of lemma 1.1.1. Let $\{(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha) \mid \alpha \in A\}$ be a countable atlas of smooth charts that cover M . For each $\alpha \in A$, as $\varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha)$ is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n , we can find a countable basis of regular balls $\{B_{\alpha,i} \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ of $\varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha)$. Then $\{\varphi_\alpha^{-1}(B_{\alpha,i}) \mid \alpha \in A, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a countable basis of regular coordinate balls of M . \square

If we have a chart (U, φ) , we can simply identify U with $\varphi(U) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Therefore, for simplicity we shall say that a point $p \in M$ has coordinates $(x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p))$ instead of writing $\varphi(p) = (x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p))$.

A simple example is the polar coordinate on an open set of \mathbb{R}^2 .

1.3 Examples of Smooth Manifolds

0-dimensional Smooth Manifolds 0-dimensional topological manifolds are just countable discrete spaces. Therefore, the only smooth structure on a 0-dimensional topological manifold is the trivial one, where every chart is a homeomorphism to an open subset of $\mathbb{R}^0 = \{0\}$.

Euclidean Spaces For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the space \mathbb{R}^n is a smooth manifold of dimension n with the smooth structure given by the *standard smooth atlas*, which consists of the single global chart $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$.

There are other smooth structures on \mathbb{R}^n . For example, consider $\psi(x) = x^3$, then (\mathbb{R}, ψ) determines a smooth structure on \mathbb{R} that is different from the standard one. However, it can be shown that there are diffeomorphic.

Finite-Dimensional Vector Spaces Let V be a finite-dimensional real vector space of dimension n . Then V is isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n as a vector space if we take a basis. It is fairly obvious that all basis give the same smooth structure on V , making it a smooth manifold of dimension n , called the *standard smooth structure* on V .

1.3.1 Einstein Summation Convention

In differential geometry, we often deal with objects that have multiple components, such as vectors and tensors. To simplify the notation, we use the Einstein summation convention, which states that when an index appears twice in a single term, once as a subscript and once as a superscript,

it implies summation over all possible values of that index. For example,

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

To be consistent, we shall use superscripts for components of vectors and subscripts for basis vectors.

Space of Matrices Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, the space of all $m \times n$ real matrices, denoted by $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, is a finite-dimensional vector space of dimension mn . Therefore, it has a standard smooth structure, making it a smooth manifold of dimension mn .

Open Submanifolds Let M be a smooth manifold of dimension n , and let $U \subseteq M$ be an open subset. Then U is a topological manifold of dimension n with the subspace topology. Define a smooth structure on U by

$$\mathcal{A}_U = \{(V, \varphi) \in \mathcal{A}_M, V \subseteq U\} \quad (1.4)$$

Then \mathcal{A}_U is a smooth atlas on U , making it a smooth manifold of dimension n , called an *open submanifold* of M .

Remark:

As \mathcal{A} is maximal, for any chart, its subchart is also in \mathcal{A} . Therefore, our requirement is sufficient for a mere inclusion.

The General Linear Group Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the general linear group (n, \mathbb{R}) is the set of all invertible $n \times n$ real matrices, which is an open subset of $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ (the determinant function is continuous, and (n, \mathbb{R}) is the preimage of $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$). Therefore, it is a smooth manifold of dimension n^2 , with the smooth structure induced from the standard smooth structure on $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

Full Rank Matrices Let $m < n$ be two natural numbers, the set of all $m \times n$ real matrices of rank m , denoted by $M_m(m \times n, \mathbb{R})$, is an open subset of $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ (the map that sends a matrix to the maximum absolute value of its $m \times m$ minors is continuous, and $M_m(m \times n, \mathbb{R})$ is the preimage of $(0, \infty)$). Therefore, it is a smooth manifold of dimension mn , with the smooth structure induced from the standard smooth structure on $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.

For $m = n$, we have $M_n(n \times n, \mathbb{R}) = (n, \mathbb{R})$.

Linear Map Spaces Let V and W be finite-dimensional real vector spaces of dimension m and n respectively. The set of all linear maps from V to W , denoted by $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$, is a finite-dimensional vector space of dimension mn . Therefore, it has a standard smooth structure, making it a smooth manifold of dimension mn .

Graphs of Smooth Functions Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set, and let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be a smooth function. The graph of f is a n -dimensional smooth manifold, by the projection map as a global smooth chart.

Example: **Spheres**

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the unit sphere \mathbb{S}^n is a topological n -manifold. Each hemisphere is the graph of a smooth mapping, and it is fairly easy to check that the transition maps are all smooth. Therefore, \mathbb{S}^n is a smooth manifold of dimension n , called the *standard smooth structure* on \mathbb{S}^n .

Level Sets of Smooth Functions Suppose $U \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is an open set, and $\Phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a smooth function. For any $c \in \mathbb{R}$, the set

$$M_c = \Phi^{-1}(c) = \{x \in U \mid \Phi(x) = c\} \quad (1.5)$$

is called a *level set* of Φ . Suppose $M_c \neq \emptyset$, and for every $a \in M_c$, the derivative $D\Phi(a) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is non zero. Then by the implicit function theorem, take $\partial\Phi/\partial x^i(a) \neq 0$, we can find a neighborhood U_a of a such that $M_c \cap U_a$ is the graph of a smooth function from an open subset of \mathbb{R}^{n-1} to \mathbb{R} . Therefore, M_c is a topological manifold of dimension $n - 1$. By checking the transition maps, we can see that M_c is a smooth manifold of dimension $n - 1$.

Projective Spaces The n -dimensional real projective space \mathbb{RP}^n can be given a smooth structure by using standard charts.

Proposition: **Smooth Product Manifolds**

Suppose M_1, \dots, M_k are smooth manifolds of dimension n_1, \dots, n_k respectively. Then the product space $M_1 \times \dots \times M_k$ is a smooth manifold of dimension $n_1 + \dots + n_k$, with the smooth structure determined by charts of the form

$$(U_1 \times \dots \times U_k, \varphi_1 \times \dots \times \varphi_k)$$

where (U_i, φ_i) is a smooth chart on M_i .

Up to now, we construct smooth manifolds from topological manifolds. By the following lemma, we can construct smooth manifolds directly from smooth atlases.

Lemma 1.3.1: The Smooth Manifold Chart Lemma

Let M be a set, and let $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ be a collection of subsets of M and $\varphi_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow \hat{U}_\alpha \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, such that

- For each $\alpha \in A$, φ_α is a bijection from U_α to an open subset \hat{U}_α of \mathbb{R}^n .
- For each $\alpha, \beta \in A$, the sets $\varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$ and $\varphi_\beta(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$ are open in \mathbb{R}^n , and the map

$$\varphi_\beta \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1} : \varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta) \rightarrow \varphi_\beta(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$$

is a diffeomorphism.

- Countable many U_α cover M .

- For any two distinct points $p, q \in M$, either there is an $\alpha \in A$ such that $p, q \in U_\alpha$, or there are $\alpha, \beta \in A$ such that $p \in U_\alpha, q \in U_\beta$ and $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta = \emptyset$.

Then there is a unique topology and smooth structure on M such that $\{(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha) \mid \alpha \in A\}$ is a smooth atlas on M , making M a smooth manifold of dimension n .

Remark:

The sets U_α gives local properties of every point in M , so we can define a topology on M by declaring open sets of M by inverses of open sets in \mathbb{R}^n via the maps φ_α . The second requirement ensures that the charts are smoothly compatible, so we can define a smooth structure on M . The third requirement ensures that M is second-countable, and the fourth requirement ensures that M is Hausdorff.

Example: Grassmann Manifolds

Let V be a finite-dimensional real vector space of dimension n . For each $k \leq n$, the Grassmannian $G_k(V)$ is the set of all k -dimensional linear subspaces of V . We can give $G_k(V)$ a smooth structure.

Proof. SORRY

□

1.4 Manifolds with Boundary

Many spaces, like closed balls and half-spaces, are not manifolds in the usual sense, because they have “edges”. However, we can generalize the notion of manifolds to include such spaces because they still locally resemble Euclidean spaces, except at the boundary points.

Definition 1.4.1: Manifold with Boundary

An n -dimensional topological manifold with boundary is a Hausdorff, second-countable topological space M such that for every point $p \in M$, there exists a neighborhood U of p that is either homeomorphic to an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n or to an (relative) open subset of the closed half-space \mathbb{H}^n , where

$$\mathbb{H}^n = \{(x^1, \dots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x^n \geq 0\}$$

We call a chart (U, φ) a *boundary chart* if $\varphi(U)$ is an open subset of \mathbb{H}^n with $\varphi(U) \cap \partial\mathbb{H}^n \neq \emptyset$, and an *interior chart* if $\varphi(U)$ is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n .

A point $p \in M$ is called an *interior point* if there is an interior chart (U, φ) with $p \in U$. p is a *boundary point* if there is a boundary chart (U, φ) with $p \in U$ and $\varphi(p) \in \partial\mathbb{H}^n$.

The set of all boundary points of M is called the *boundary* of M , denoted by ∂M . The set of all interior points of M is called the *interior* of M , denoted by $\text{Int } M$.

Remark:

A point must be either a boundary point or an interior point. If p is not a boundary point, then either it is in the domain of an interior chart, or it is in the domain of a boundary chart

but mapped to the interior of \mathbb{H}^n . In the latter case, we can shrink the domain to get an interior chart containing p .

The following theorem shows that a point cannot be both a boundary point and an interior point.

Theorem 1.4.1: Topological Invariance of Boundary

Let M be a topological manifold with boundary, then each point $p \in M$ is either a boundary point or an interior point, but not both. Thus

$$M = \partial M \cup \text{Int } M, \quad \partial M \cap \text{Int } M = \emptyset \quad (1.6)$$

Remark:

NOTE that here the concept of boundary is not the same as the boundary of a subspace in topology. When in confusion, we shall call the former the *manifold boundary* and the latter the *topological boundary*.

Manifold boundary is a local, absolute concept, while topological boundary is a global, relative concept. For example, consider the closed unit disk $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ as a manifold with boundary. The manifold boundary of D is the unit circle \mathbb{S}^1 , while the topological boundary of D in \mathbb{R}^2 is also \mathbb{S}^1 . However, if we consider D as a subspace of itself, then its topological boundary is empty, since D has no points outside itself.

Proposition: Manifold Structure on Interior and Boundary

Let M be a topological manifold with boundary of dimension n . Then

- The interior $\text{Int } M$ is an n -dimensional topological manifold (without boundary), with the subspace topology.
- The boundary ∂M is an $(n - 1)$ -dimensional topological manifold (without boundary), with the subspace topology.
- M is a topological manifold (without boundary) iff $\partial M = \emptyset$.
- If $n = 0$, then $\partial M = \emptyset$ and M is a 0-dimensional topological manifold (without boundary).

Proof. SORRY □

Proposition: Topological Properties of Manifolds with Boundary

Let M be a topological manifold with boundary, then

- M has countable basis of precompact coordinate balls and half-balls.
- M is locally compact.

- M is paracompact.
 - M is locally path-connected.
 - M has countably many components, each is an open subset of M and a connected topological manifold with boundary itself.
 - The fundamental group of M is at most countable.
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1.4.1 Smooth Structure on Manifolds with Boundary

First we shall define smooth functions on arbitrary subset of \mathbb{R}^n :

Definition 1.4.2: Smooth Maps on subset of \mathbb{R}^n

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an arbitrary subset, a map $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is said to be *smooth* if for every point $p \in A$, there is an open neighborhood U of p in \mathbb{R}^n and a smooth map $\tilde{f} : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ such that $\tilde{f}|_{U \cap A} = f|_{U \cap A}$.

The definition of smooth atlases and smooth structures on manifolds with boundary are similar to those on manifolds without boundary, except that we now allow charts to be homeomorphisms to open subsets of \mathbb{H}^n , and tweak the definition of smooth compatibility accordingly.

Proposition: Properties of Smooth Manifolds with Boundary

Let M be a smooth manifold with boundary of dimension n . Then

- The interior $\text{Int } M$ is an n -dimensional smooth manifold (without boundary), with the subspace topology and the smooth structure induced from M .
 - The boundary ∂M is an $(n - 1)$ -dimensional smooth manifold (without boundary), with the subspace topology and the smooth structure induced from M .
 - Every smooth manifold with boundary has a countable basis of regular coordinate balls and half-balls.
 - The smooth manifold chart lemma 1.3.1 also holds for smooth manifolds with boundary. Just replace \mathbb{R}^n by \mathbb{R}^n or \mathbb{H}^n accordingly.
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As a product of \mathbb{H}^m and \mathbb{H}^n is not a half space, the product of two manifolds with boundary is not a manifold with boundary in general. (It is a smooth manifold with corners, which we shall not discuss here.)

Proposition: Products of Smooth Manifold with Boundary

Suppose M_1, M_2, \dots, M_k are smooth manifolds and N is a smooth manifold with boundary. Then the product space $M_1 \times M_2 \times \dots \times M_k \times N$ is a smooth manifold with boundary, with

the boundary

$$\partial(M_1 \times M_2 \times \dots \times M_k \times N) = M_1 \times M_2 \times \dots \times M_k \times \partial N$$

Chapter 2

Smooth Maps

We shall do calculus on smooth manifolds via smooth maps between them.

2.1 Smooth Functions and Smooth Maps

Although formally maps and functions are the same thing, we shall technically denote functions as maps from a manifold to \mathbb{R}^n and maps as maps between manifolds.

2.1.1 Smooth Functions on Manifolds

Definition 2.1.1: Smooth Functions on Manifolds

Let M be a smooth n -manifold and $k \in \mathbb{N}$. A function $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is a **smooth function** if for every $p \in M$, there exists a smooth chart (U, φ) containing p the corresponding coordinate representation $f \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is a smooth function (in the usual sense) on the open subset $\varphi(U) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$.

The definition for manifolds with boundary is similar.

We denote all smooth functions from M to \mathbb{R}^k by $C^\infty(M, \mathbb{R}^k)$ or simply $C^\infty(M)$ when $k = 1$. It is a vector space over \mathbb{R} .

Remark:

If $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, the definition coincide with the usual definition of smooth functions on subsets of \mathbb{R}^n , obviously.

We shall see that the definition holds for all charts containing p if it holds for one chart containing p , thanks to the smoothness of transition maps.

Proposition: Smoothness is Chart-Independent

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be a function. Then f is a smooth function if and only if for every $p \in M$ and every smooth chart (U, φ) containing p , the coordinate representation $f \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is a smooth function (in the usual sense) on the open subset $\varphi(U) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$.

Given a function $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ and a chart (U, φ) on M , the function

$$\hat{f} : \varphi(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k, \quad \hat{f} = f \circ \varphi^{-1} \quad (2.1)$$

is called the **coordinate representation** of f with respect to the chart (U, φ) . Then the definition just says that f is smooth if and only if for every $p \in M$, there exists a chart (U, φ) containing p such that the coordinate representation \hat{f} is smooth in the usual sense.

2.1.2 Smooth Maps Between Manifolds

Definition 2.1.2: Smooth Maps Between Manifolds

Let M and N be smooth manifolds. A map $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a **smooth map** if for every $p \in M$, there exist smooth charts (U, φ) on M containing p and (V, ψ) on N containing $F(p)$ such that $F(U) \subseteq V$ and the coordinate representation

$$\hat{F} : \varphi(U) \rightarrow \psi(V), \quad \hat{F} = \psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1} \quad (2.2)$$

is a smooth map (in the usual sense) between the open subsets $\varphi(U) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ and $\psi(V) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. The definition for manifolds with boundary is similar.

We denote all smooth maps from M to N by $C^\infty(M, N)$.

Our previous definition of smooth functions is a special case of this definition when $N = \mathbb{R}^k$.

Remark:

The requirement that $F(U) \subseteq V$ is crucial, as we need to make F completely in control when we express it in coordinates. So we can identify F with its coordinate representation \hat{F} on U .

Proposition: Smooth Maps are Continuous

Let M and N be smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a map. If F is smooth, then it is continuous.

Proof. As F is smooth, for every $p \in M$, there exist smooth charts (U, φ) on M containing p and (V, ψ) on N containing $F(p)$ such that the coordinate representation $\hat{F} = \psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is smooth in the usual sense.

$$F_U = \psi^{-1} \circ \hat{F} \circ \varphi : U \rightarrow V$$

is continuous as a composition of continuous maps. Since F agrees with F_U on U , F is continuous at p . As p is arbitrary, F is continuous. \square

Proposition: Characterization of Smooth Maps

Suppose M and N are smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a map. Then F is smooth if and only if one of the following equivalent conditions holds:

- For every $p \in M$ there exist smooth charts (U, φ) on M containing p and (V, ψ) on N

containing $F(p)$ such that $U \cap F^{-1}(V)$ is open in M and the composite map $\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U \cap F^{-1}(V)) \rightarrow \psi(V)$ is smooth in the usual sense.

- F is continuous and there exists smooth atlases $\{(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)\}$ on M and $\{(V_\beta, \psi_\beta)\}$ on N such that for every α and β , the composite map $\psi_\beta \circ F \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1} : \varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap F^{-1}(V_\beta)) \rightarrow \psi_\beta(V_\beta)$ is smooth in the usual sense.

It is also obvious that smooth maps does not depend on the choice of charts, thanks to the smoothness of transition maps.

Proposition: Smoothness is Local

Let M and N be smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a map. Then F is smooth if and only if for every $p \in M$ and every smooth chart (U, φ) on M containing p and every smooth chart (V, ψ) on N containing $F(p)$ such that $F(U) \subseteq V$, the coordinate representation $\hat{F} = \psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is smooth in the usual sense.

Proposition: Algebra of Smooth Maps

Let M, N, P be smooth manifolds, with or without boundary.

- The constant map $C : M \rightarrow N$ defined by $C(p) = q$ for some fixed $q \in N$ is smooth.
- The identity map $\text{Id}_M : M \rightarrow M$ is smooth.
- If $U \subseteq M$ is an open submanifold, then the inclusion map $\iota : U \hookrightarrow M$ is smooth.
- If $F : M \rightarrow N$ and $G : N \rightarrow P$ are smooth maps, then the composition $G \circ F : M \rightarrow P$ is smooth.

Proposition: Smooth Maps by Components

Suppose M_1, \dots, M_k and N are smooth manifolds, with or without boundary (at most one of M_1, \dots, M_k has nonempty boundary), and let $\pi_i : M_1 \times \dots \times M_k \rightarrow M_i$ be the projection map onto the i -th factor. A map $F : N \rightarrow M_1 \times \dots \times M_k$ is smooth if and only if each component map $F_i = \pi_i \circ F : N \rightarrow M_i$ is smooth for $i = 1, \dots, k$.

Example: Smooth Maps

- If M is a 0-manifold, then every map $F : M \rightarrow N$ is smooth.
- The wrapping map $\epsilon : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$ defined by $\epsilon(t) = \exp(2\pi i t)$ is smooth. So is $\epsilon^n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T^n$ defined by $\epsilon^n(t_1, \dots, t_n) = (\exp(2\pi i t_1), \dots, \exp(2\pi i t_n))$.
- The inclusion map $\iota : S^n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ is smooth.
- The quotient map $\pi : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n$ defined by $\pi(x) = [x]$ is smooth.

- If M_1, \dots, M_k are smooth manifolds, then each projection map $\pi_i : M_1 \times \dots \times M_k \rightarrow M_i$ is smooth.
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2.1.3 Diffeomorphisms

Definition 2.1.3: Diffeomorphisms

A **diffeomorphism** is a smooth map $F : M \rightarrow N$ that is a bijection and whose inverse $F^{-1} : N \rightarrow M$ is also smooth. If such a map exists, we say that M and N are **diffeomorphic**, denoted by $M \cong N$.

Remark:

Diffeomorphisms are isomorphisms in the category of smooth manifolds, so diffeomorphic manifolds are “the same” from the smooth manifold point of view.

Diffeomorphisms give an equivalence relation on the class of smooth manifolds. And it is fairly interesting to ask whether a given manifold has multiple smooth structures that are not diffeomorphic to each other. As it turns out, for $n \neq 4$, \mathbb{R}^n has a unique smooth structure up to diffeomorphism, while for $n = 4$, there are uncountably many non-diffeomorphic smooth structures on \mathbb{R}^4 !

2.2 Partitions of Unity

The Gluing lemma in topology states that

Let X, Y be topological spaces, and if one of the following holds:

- X is the union of finitely many closed subsets A_1, \dots, A_n .
- X is the union of open subsets $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$.

If we are given continuous maps $f_i : A_i \rightarrow Y$ (or $f_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow Y$) that agree on the overlaps, then there exists a unique continuous map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $f|_{A_i} = f_i$ (or $f|_{U_\alpha} = f_\alpha$).

We can glue smooth maps for the open cover case, but not for the closed cover case. This is fairly obvious, Take $f(x) = |x|$ on \mathbb{R} , and cover \mathbb{R} by the two closed sets $(-\infty, 0]$ and $[0, \infty)$. The restrictions $f|_{(-\infty, 0]}$ and $f|_{[0, \infty)}$ are both smooth, but f is not smooth at 0.

A slight disadvantage of gluing smooth maps over open covers is that we need to make sure the maps agree on the overlaps. To get around this, we introduce partitions of unity, which allow us to glue local smooth properties into global smooth properties without worrying about the overlaps.

Our discussion is based on the existence of smooth bump functions that are positive in a specific part and vanish outside a slightly larger part. Take the function

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

on \mathbb{R} for example.

Lemma 2.2.1: Smooth Bump on \mathbb{R}^n

Given any $0 < r_1 < r_2$, there exists a smooth function $H : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $H(x) = 1$ for $\|x\| \leq r_1$, $H(x) = 0$ for $\|x\| \geq r_2$, and $0 < H(x) < 1$ for $r_1 < \|x\| < r_2$.

Proof. Using f to patch the two regions together would do. \square

Definition 2.2.1: Partition of Unity

Suppose M is a topological space and $\mathcal{X} = \{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ is an open cover of M . A **partition of unity subordinate to \mathcal{X}** is a collection of continuous functions $\{\varphi_\alpha : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}_{\alpha \in A}$ such that

- For each $\alpha \in A$, $0 \leq \varphi_\alpha(p) \leq 1$ for all $p \in M$.
- $\text{supp } \varphi_\alpha \subseteq X_\alpha$ for each $\alpha \in A$.
- The family of supports $\{\text{supp } \varphi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ is locally finite.
- For every $p \in M$, $\sum_{\alpha \in A} \varphi_\alpha(p) = 1$ (only finitely many terms are nonzero by local finiteness).

If each φ_α is smooth, we say it is a **smooth partition of unity**.

Theorem 2.2.1: Existence of Smooth Partitions of Unity

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ be any open cover of M . Then there exists a smooth partition of unity $\{\varphi_\alpha : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}_{\alpha \in A}$ subordinate to \mathcal{U} .

Proof. SORRY \square

As you can see, we can use smooth partitions of unity to glue local smooth properties into global smooth properties. This is extremely useful in differential geometry.

Definition 2.2.2: Bump functions

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $A \subseteq M$ be closed and $A \subseteq U \subseteq M$ for some open set U . A **bump function** for A supported in U is a continuous function $\psi : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

- $0 \leq \psi(p) \leq 1$ for all $p \in M$.
- $\psi(p) = 1$ for all $p \in A$.
- $\text{supp } \psi \subseteq U$.

Proposition: Existence of Smooth Bump Functions

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $A \subseteq M$ be closed and $A \subseteq U \subseteq M$ for some open set U . Then there exists a smooth bump function for A

supported in U .

Proof. Use the existence of smooth partitions of unity. Let $U_0 = U, U_1 = M - A$. \square

Now we deal with smooth maps on arbitrary subsets of manifolds. Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and $A \subseteq M$ is arbitrary. A map $F : A \rightarrow N$ is **smooth** if for every $p \in A$, there exists an open neighborhood U of p in M and a smooth map $\tilde{F} : U \rightarrow N$ such that $\tilde{F}|_{U \cap A} = F|_{U \cap A}$.

Lemma 2.2.2: Extension Lemma for Smooth Functions

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $A \subseteq M$ be closed and $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be a smooth function. Then for any open set U containing A , there exists a smooth function $\tilde{f} : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ such that $\tilde{f}|_A = f$ and $\text{supp } \tilde{f} \subseteq U$.

Proof. For each $p \in A$, take an open neighborhood $W_p \subseteq U$ and a smooth function $\tilde{f}_p : W_p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ such that $\tilde{f}_p|_{W_p \cap A} = f|_{W_p \cap A}$. Then the family $\{W_p\}_{p \in A} \cup \{M - A\}$ is an open cover of M . Let $\{\varphi_p : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}_{p \in A} \cup \{\varphi_0\}$ be a smooth partition of unity subordinate to this cover. Define

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \sum_{p \in A} \varphi_p(x) \tilde{f}_p(x).$$

From local finiteness, the sum is well-defined and smooth. Also, $\text{supp } \tilde{f} \subseteq U$ and for any $x \in A$,

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \sum_{p \in A} \varphi_p(x) \tilde{f}_p(x) = \sum_{p \in A} \varphi_p(x) f(x) = f(x).$$

Remark:

Note that the codomain is \mathbb{R}^k here, this lemma would fail for arbitrary manifolds.

\square

Definition 2.2.3: Exhaustion Functions

If M is a topological space, a continuous function $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an **exhaustion function** if for every $c \in \mathbb{R}$, the sublevel set $M_c = f^{-1}((-\infty, c])$ is compact.

Well, as $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, the sets M_n forms an exhaustion of M by compact sets, hence the name.

Proposition: Existence of Smooth Exhaustion Functions

Every smooth manifold M without boundary admits a smooth positive exhaustion function.

Proof. SORRY

\square

Theorem 2.2.2: Level Sets of Smooth Functions

Let M be a smooth manifold. If K is a closed subset of M , then there exists a smooth nonnegative function $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f^{-1}(0) = K$.

Proof. SORRY

□

Chapter 3

Tangent Vectors

The basic idea of calculus is linear approximation.

In analysis, we come across the idea of geometric tangent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , which are used for “directional derivatives” of multivariable functions. We shall follow this path initially, and then move to a more abstract definition of tangent vectors as derivations.

3.1 Tangent Vectors

Take $S^{n-1} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ for example. For a point $x \in S^{n-1}$, usually we think it as a location, expressed by coordinates (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) . But when doing calculus, we sometimes need to think of it as a vector. Geometrically, we can think of a vector as an arrow which has arbitrary start point. We imagine tangent vectors as arrows starting from the point x . That is to say, they live in a copy of \mathbb{R}^n that is “attached” to the point x .

3.1.1 Geometric Tangent Vectors

Given $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, define the geometric tangent space to \mathbb{R}^n at a as the vector space

$$\mathbb{R}_a^n = \{a\} \times \mathbb{R}^n = \{(a, v) : v \in \mathbb{R}^n\}, \quad (a, v) + (a, w) = (a, v + w), \quad c(a, v) = (a, cv). \quad (3.1)$$

A geometric tangent vector in \mathbb{R}^n is an element of \mathbb{R}_a^n for some $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$. We shall denote $v_a = (a, v)$.

From this perspective, we can think of the tangent space of S^{n-1} at $a \in S^{n-1}$ as a subspace of \mathbb{R}_a^n : As all vectors in \mathbb{R}_a^n that are perpendicular to the radius vector from the origin to a . To do this, we must have an inner product inherited from \mathbb{R}^n via the natural isomorphism between \mathbb{R}_a^n and \mathbb{R}^n .

This cannot be generalized to arbitrary manifolds, since there is no ambient Euclidean space to provide such a notion of perpendicularity. We shall use smooth structures to define tangent vectors in a more abstract way.

We turn to directional derivatives to motivate our definition. Every geometric tangent vector $v_a \in \mathbb{R}_a^n$ defines a map

$$D_v|_a : C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad D_v|_a f = D_v f(a) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} f(a + tv). \quad (3.2)$$

This map is linear and satisfies the Leibniz product 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 the standard basis, then we have

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

We now reverse the process.

Definition 3.1.1: Derivation

A **derivation** at $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a linear map

$$w : C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

that satisfies the Leibniz product rule:

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

for all $f, g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The set of all derivations at a is denoted by $T_a \mathbb{R}^n$. Then $T_a \mathbb{R}^n$ is a vector space under the operations

$$(w_1 + w_2)(f) = w_1(f) + w_2(f), \quad (cw)(f) = cw(f).$$

It is fairly surprising that $T_a \mathbb{R}^n$ is isomorphic to the geometric tangent space \mathbb{R}_a^n .

Lemma 3.1.1: Property of Derivations

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

- If f is constant, then $w(f) = 0$.
- If $f(a) = g(a) = 0$, then $w(fg) = 0$.

Proof. If $f(x) = 1$, then $wf = w(ff) = f(a)wf + f(a)wf = 2wf$, so $wf = 0$. If $f(x) = c$, then $wf = w(cf_1) = cw(f_1) = 0$. \square

Proposition: The Structure of $T_a \mathbb{R}^n$

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then

- For each geometric tangent vector $v_a \in \mathbb{R}_a^n$, the map $D_v|_a$ defined above is a derivation at a .
 - The map $v_a \mapsto D_v|_a$ is a vector space isomorphism from \mathbb{R}_a^n to $T_a \mathbb{R}^n$.
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Proof. To prove isomorphism:

- Linearity: we have

$$D_{c_1v+c_2w}|_a f = (c_1v + c_2w)^i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(a) = c_1v^i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(a) + c_2w^i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(a) = c_1D_v|_a f + c_2D_w|_a f.$$

- Injectivity: if $D_v|_a = 0$, then for all $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $D_v|_a f = v^i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(a) = 0$. Taking $f(x) = x^j$, we have $v^j = 0$ for all j , so $v = 0$.

- Surjectivity: let $w \in T_a \mathbb{R}^n$. Define $v^i = w(x^i)$, and let $v_a = v^i e_i|_a$. For any $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, by Taylor's theorem, we have

$$f(x) = f(a) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(a)(x^i - a^i) + R(x),$$

$$R(x) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n (x^i - a^i)(x^j - a^j) \int_0^1 (1-t) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(a + t(x-a)) dt.$$

As $R(x)$ is the sum of products of functions vanishing at a , by the previous lemma we have $w(R) = 0$. Thus,

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

□

We have thus established the equivalence. And this definition can be generalized to arbitrary smooth manifolds.

3.1.2 Tangent Vectors on Manifolds

Definition 3.1.2: Tangent Vectors on Manifolds

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $p \in M$. A linear map $v : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a **derivation at p** if it satisfies the Leibniz product rule:

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

The set of all derivations at p is denoted by $T_p M$ and called the **tangent space** of M at p . Its elements are called **tangent vectors** to M at p .

Proposition: Property of Tangent Vectors on Manifolds

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $p \in M$. If $v \in T_p M$ and $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$, then

- If f is constant, then $v(f) = 0$.
- If $f(p) = g(p) = 0$, then $v(fg) = 0$.

3.2 The Differential of a Smooth Map

We talk about the differential in analysis as linear approximations of functions at a given point. In the manifold case, there makes no sense to talk about linear transformations between manifolds, so we do it in terms of tangent spaces.

Definition 3.2.1: Differential on Manifolds

If M, N are smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map, then for each $p \in M$, we define a map

$$dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N \quad (3.3)$$

to be the **differential** of F at p , defined by

$$(dF_p(v))(f) = v(f \circ F), \quad \forall f \in C^\infty(N), v \in T_p M. \quad (3.4)$$

Remark:

This is quite natural. To give a geometric intuition, take a curve γ in M with $\gamma(0) = p$ and $\gamma'(0) = v$. Then $F \circ \gamma$ is a curve in N with $(F \circ \gamma)(0) = F(p)$, and the tangent vector of $F \circ \gamma$ at 0 is $dF_p(v)$.

Here v is a directional derivative operator acting on functions on M , which is given: $v(g) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} g(\gamma(t))$ for $g \in C^\infty(M)$. Then $dF_p(v)$ is also a directional derivative operator acting on functions on N : for $f \in C^\infty(N)$,

$$(dF_p(v))(f) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} f((F \circ \gamma)(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (f \circ F)(\gamma(t)) = v(f \circ F).$$

The operator dF_p is linear, as for $v, w \in T_p M$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$(dF_p(cv + w))(f) = (cv + w)(f \circ F) = cv(f \circ F) + w(f \circ F) = c(dF_p(v))(f) + (dF_p(w))(f).$$

It also follows the Leibniz product rule:

$$\begin{aligned} (dF_p(v))(fg) &= v((fg) \circ F) = v((f \circ F)(g \circ F)) \\ &= (f \circ F)(p)v(g \circ F) + (g \circ F)(p)v(f \circ F) \\ &= f(F(p))(dF_p(v))(g) + g(F(p))(dF_p(v))(f). \end{aligned}$$

Proposition: Properties of Differential

Let M, N, P be smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ and $G : N \rightarrow P$ be smooth maps. Then for each $p \in M$,

- $dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$ is a linear map.
- (Chain Rule) $d(G \circ F)_p = dG_{F(p)} \circ dF_p$.
- If $\text{id}_M : M \rightarrow M$ is the identity map, then $d(\text{id}_M)_p$ is the identity map on $T_p M$.
- If F is a diffeomorphism, then dF_p is an isomorphism, and $(dF_p)^{-1} = d(F^{-1})_{F(p)}$.

Our first application of differentials is to relate tangent spaces of manifolds to those of Euclidean spaces via charts. But first we shall prove that tangent vectors are local-behaved, for charts only give local information.

Proposition: **Locality of Tangent Vectors**

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $p \in M$. If $v \in T_p M$ and $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$ agree on an open neighborhood of p , then $v(f) = v(g)$.

Proof. Let $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$ agree on an open neighborhood U of p . Then $h = f - g$ vanishes on U . Let $\psi \in C^\infty(M)$ be a smooth bump function that is 1 on $\text{supp } h$ and $\text{supp } \psi \subseteq M - \{p\}$. Then $h = h\psi$, so by the previous proposition, we have

$$v(h) = v(h\psi) = h(p)v(\psi) + \psi(p)v(h) = 0.$$

Thus, $v(f) = v(g)$. □

Proposition: **Tangent Space to Open Subsets**

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $U \subseteq M$ be an open subset. Let $\iota : U \hookrightarrow M$ be the inclusion map. Then for $p \in U$, the differential

$$d\iota_p : T_p U \rightarrow T_p M$$

is an isomorphism.

Proof. Via the extension lemma, every $f \in C^\infty(U)$ can be extended to a function $\tilde{f} \in C^\infty(M)$ such that $\tilde{f}|_U = f$. Thus, with the locality of tangent vectors, we can easily see the result. □

Therefore, it is safe to identify $T_p U$ with $T_p M$ via the inclusion map.

Theorem 3.2.1: Dimension of Tangent Space

Let M be a smooth manifold of dimension n , and let $p \in M$. Then $T_p M$ is an n -dimensional real vector space.

Proof. Take a chart (U, φ) containing p . Then as φ is a diffeomorphism from U to an open subset $\hat{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, by the previous proposition, we have an isomorphism

$$T_p M \cong T_p U \cong T_{\varphi(p)} \hat{U} \cong T_{\varphi(p)} \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Thus, by the earlier result on \mathbb{R}^n , we have $\dim T_p M = n$. □

Now we address points on the boundary of manifolds with boundary. The situation is similar. First, we shall relate the tangent spaces of $T_a \mathbb{H}^n$ to those of \mathbb{R}^n when $a \in \partial \mathbb{H}^n$. As \mathbb{H}^n is not an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n , we cannot use the previous proposition 3.2 directly. However, we have the following result.

Lemma 3.2.1: Inclusion of \mathbb{H}^n

Let $\iota : \mathbb{H}^n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be the inclusion map. Then for each $a \in \partial \mathbb{H}^n$, the differential $d\iota_a : T_a \mathbb{H}^n \rightarrow T_a \mathbb{R}^n$ is a linear isomorphism.

Proof. Assume $d\iota_a(v) = 0$, then for all $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{H}^n)$, we let $\tilde{f} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be an extension of f . Thus, $\tilde{f} \circ \iota = f$, and we have

$$v(f) = v(\tilde{f} \circ \iota) = (d\iota_a(v))(\tilde{f}) = 0.$$

So $v = 0$ and $d\iota_a$ is injective.

For surjectivity, let $w \in T_a \mathbb{R}^n$. Define $v : C^\infty(\mathbb{H}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $v(f) = w(\tilde{f})$, where $\tilde{f} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is any extension of f . Thus

$$v(f) = w^i \frac{\partial \tilde{f}}{\partial x^i}(a).$$

From continuity, this does not depend on the choice of extension \tilde{f} , as we can get the result by limiting process from points in the interior of \mathbb{H}^n . So we have $d\iota_a(v) = w$. \square

Therefore, it is safe to identify $T_a \mathbb{H}^n$ with $T_a \mathbb{R}^n$ via the inclusion map, even for $a \in \partial \mathbb{H}^n$.

Proposition: Dimension of Tangent Space with Boundary

Let M be a smooth manifold of dimension n with boundary, and let $p \in M$. Then $T_p M$ is an n -dimensional real vector space.

Next, as we know that for a finite-dimensional vector space, there exists a natural smooth structure on it. We shall see that the tangent space to a vector space at any point is naturally isomorphic to the vector space itself.

Proposition: Tangent Space to a Vector Space

Let V be a finite-dimensional real vector space with the standard smooth structure, and let $v \in V$. Then there is a natural isomorphism $V \cong T_v V$, defined by

$$v \mapsto D_v|_a, \quad D_v|_a(f) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} f(a + tv), \quad \forall f \in C^\infty(V).$$

For any liner transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ between finite-dimensional real vector spaces, we have

$$L \cong dL_a, \quad dL_a(D_v|_a) = D_{L(v)}|_{L(a)}. \quad (3.5)$$

Therefore, we can identify $T_v V$ with V itself via the above isomorphism. For example, since $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is an open subset of the vector space $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, we can identify $T_A GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ with $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ for each $A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$.

For products, we have the following result.

Theorem 3.2.2: Tangent Space to Product Manifolds

Let M_1, \dots, M_k be smooth manifolds, at most one have boundary. Let $\pi_j : M_1 \times \dots \times M_k \rightarrow M_j$ be the projection map onto the j -th factor. Then for each $p = (p_1, \dots, p_k) \in M_1 \times \dots \times M_k$, the map

$$\alpha_p : T_p(M_1 \times \dots \times M_k) \rightarrow T_{p_1} M_1 \oplus \dots \oplus T_{p_k} M_k, \quad \alpha_p(v) = (d\pi_1)_p(v), \dots, (d\pi_k)_p(v)$$

Is an isomorphism.

Therefore, we can identify $T_p(M_1 \times \cdots \times M_k)$ with $T_{p_1}M_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus T_{p_k}M_k$ via the above isomorphism.

3.3 Computation in Coordinates

We shall use charts to compute tangent vectors and differentials in coordinates.

Suppose M is a smooth manifold of dimension n (without boundary for simplicity), and (U, φ) is a chart containing $p \in M$. Then $\varphi : U \rightarrow \hat{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is a diffeomorphism, thus $d\varphi_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{\varphi(p)} \mathbb{R}^n$ is an isomorphism.

In \mathbb{R}^n , we have the standard basis

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} : f \mapsto \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(\varphi(p)), \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Therefore, the preimages of these basis vectors under $d\varphi_p$ form a basis of $T_p M$, denoted by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p = (d\varphi_p)^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right) = d(\varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (3.6)$$

Acting on $f \in C^\infty(M)$, we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p (f) = \frac{\partial(f \circ \varphi^{-1})}{\partial x^i}(\varphi(p)) = \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial x^i}(\hat{p}), \quad \hat{f} = f \circ \varphi^{-1}, \quad \hat{p} = \varphi(p).$$

which is the coordinate expression of f and p in \mathbb{R}^n . We call $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p : i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$ the **coordinate basis** of $T_p M$ induced by the chart (U, φ) .

Remark:

In \mathbb{R}^n , the coordinate basis vectors are just the partial derivative operators along the coordinate axes.

For points on the boundary of manifolds with boundary, the situation is similar, just replacing \mathbb{R}^n with \mathbb{H}^n , and using the inclusion isomorphism between $T_a \mathbb{H}^n$ and $T_a \mathbb{R}^n$ for $a \in \partial \mathbb{H}^n$.

Theorem 3.3.1: The Coordinate Basis

Let M be a smooth manifold of dimension n , with or without boundary, and let $p \in M$. Then take any chart (U, φ) containing p . Then the coordinate vectors

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p = d(\varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right), \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

form a basis of $T_p M$.

This a tangent vector $v \in T_p M$ can be expressed in coordinates as

$$v = v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p, \quad v^i = v(x^i), \quad (3.7)$$

where $x^i = \pi_i \circ \varphi$ are the coordinate functions on U . The numbers v^i are called the **components** of v with respect to the coordinate basis induced by the chart (U, φ) .

3.3.1 The Differential in Coordinates

Now, we shall do computations of differentials of smooth maps in coordinates form. First, for simplicity consider $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ be open subsets, and let $F : U \rightarrow V$ be a smooth map. For $p \in U$, we have $dF_p : T_p \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_{F(p)} \mathbb{R}^m$ being a linear map. In the standard coordinate bases, we have

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

Thus, we have

$$dF_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) = \frac{\partial F^j}{\partial x^i} (p) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \Big|_{F(p)}. \quad (3.8)$$

Writing in matrix form, we have

$$dF_p = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^1} (p) & \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^2} (p) & \cdots & \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^n} (p) \\ \frac{\partial F^2}{\partial x^1} (p) & \frac{\partial F^2}{\partial x^2} (p) & \cdots & \frac{\partial F^2}{\partial x^n} (p) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F^m}{\partial x^1} (p) & \frac{\partial F^m}{\partial x^2} (p) & \cdots & \frac{\partial F^m}{\partial x^n} (p) \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.9)$$

which is just the Jacobian matrix of F at p . The same can be said if U is an open subset of \mathbb{H}^n , so do V .

For a more general case, let M, N be smooth manifolds of dimension n, m respectively, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map. Take charts (U, φ) and (V, ψ) containing $p \in M$ and $F(p) \in N$ respectively. Then we have $d\hat{F}_{\hat{p}} : T_{\hat{p}} \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_{\hat{F}(\hat{p})} \mathbb{R}^m$ being the differential of the smooth map $\hat{F} = \psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1} : \hat{U} \rightarrow \hat{V}$ at $\hat{p} = \varphi(p)$. In the coordinate bases, we have

$$\begin{aligned} dF_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) &= d(\psi^{-1})_{\hat{F}(\hat{p})} \circ d\hat{F}_{\hat{p}} \circ d\varphi_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) \\ &= d(\psi^{-1})_{\hat{F}(\hat{p})} \left(d\hat{F}_{\hat{p}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\hat{p}} \right) \right) \\ &= d(\psi^{-1})_{\hat{F}(\hat{p})} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{F}^j}{\partial x^i} (\hat{p}) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \Big|_{\hat{F}(\hat{p})} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial \hat{F}^j}{\partial x^i} (\hat{p}) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \Big|_{F(p)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Which is just the pushforward of the Jacobian matrix of \hat{F} at \hat{p} via the charts.

3.3.2 Change of Coordinates

Suppose (U, φ) and (V, ψ) are two smooth charts on M and $p \in U \cap V$. Denote the coordinate functions of φ by $x^i = \pi_i \circ \varphi$ and those of ψ by $\tilde{x}^i = \pi_i \circ \psi$. Therefore, any tangent vector

$v \in T_p M$ can be expressed in both coordinate bases, and we want to find the relation between the components.

To do it, consider the transition map $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U \cap V) \rightarrow \psi(U \cap V)$, and we write its coordinate functions by

$$\varphi \circ \psi^{-1}(x) = (\tilde{x}^1(x), \dots, \tilde{x}^n(x)).$$

We have identified V with $\psi(V) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ via the chart ψ , so we use the same notation \tilde{x}^i for the coordinate functions on V for simplicity. Then we have the differential

$$d(\psi \circ \varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} : T_{\varphi(p)} \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_{\psi(p)} \mathbb{R}^n.$$

by the previous result, we have

$$d(\psi \circ \varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right) = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i}(\varphi(p)) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^j} \Big|_{\psi(p)}. \quad (3.11)$$

So we have pull back to $T_p M$ via the charts:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p &= d(\varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right) \\ &= d(\psi^{-1})_{\psi(p)} \circ d(\psi \circ \varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i}(\varphi(p)) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^j} \Big|_p. \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Therefore, the components of v in the two coordinate bases are related by

$$\tilde{v}^j = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i}(\hat{p}) v^i. \quad (3.13)$$

3.4 The Tangent Bundle

Definition 3.4.1: The Tangent Bundle

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary. The **tangent bundle** of M is the disjoint union

$$TM = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T_p M = \{(p, v) : p \in M, v \in T_p M\}.$$

The map $\pi : TM \rightarrow M$ defined by $\pi(p, v) = p$ is called the **bundle projection**.

For example, the tangent bundle of \mathbb{R}^n is naturally isomorphic to $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ via the isomorphism

$$\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T\mathbb{R}^n, \quad (a, v) \mapsto (a, D_v|_a).$$

But for general manifolds, we cannot identify TM with $M \times \mathbb{R}^n$ globally because we cannot have a natural way to identify each tangent space $T_p M$ with each other.

Theorem 3.4.1: Structure of the Tangent Bundle

Let M be a smooth manifold of dimension n . Then TM has a natural topology and smooth structure such that TM is a smooth manifold of dimension $2n$. With this structure, the bundle projection $\pi : TM \rightarrow M$ is a smooth map.

Proof. The ultimate intuition is to do it locally via charts. For each smooth chart (U, φ) on M , note that $\pi^{-1}(U) = \bigsqcup_{p \in U} T_p M$. Define a map $\tilde{\varphi} : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ by

$$\tilde{\varphi}(p, v) = \tilde{\varphi} \left(v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) = (x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p), v^1, \dots, v^n), \quad (3.14)$$

So the image set is $\hat{U} \times \mathbb{R}^n$, being an open subset of \mathbb{R}^{2n} . It is also a bijection from $\pi^{-1}(U)$ to $\hat{U} \times \mathbb{R}^n$, because

$$\tilde{\varphi}^{-1}(x^1, \dots, x^n, v^1, \dots, v^n) = v_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi^{-1}(x^1, \dots, x^n)}.$$

Now suppose we have two smooth charts (U, φ) and (V, ψ) on M and let $(\pi^{-1}(U), \tilde{\varphi})$ and $(\pi^{-1}(V), \tilde{\psi})$ be the corresponding charts on TM . Then the sets

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\pi^{-1}(U) \cap \pi^{-1}(V)) = \varphi(U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \tilde{\psi}(\pi^{-1}(U) \cap \pi^{-1}(V)) = \psi(U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

are both open subsets of \mathbb{R}^{2n} . The transition map is given by

$$\tilde{\psi} \circ \tilde{\varphi}^{-1}(x^1, \dots, x^n, v^1, \dots, v^n) = \left(\tilde{x}^1(x), \dots, \tilde{x}^n(x), \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^j}{\partial x^1}(x)v^i, \dots, \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^j}{\partial x^n}(x)v^i \right),$$

which is smooth.

Finally, choose a countable cover of charts $\{(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)\}$ of M , then the corresponding charts $\{(\pi^{-1}(U_\alpha), \tilde{\varphi}_\alpha)\}$ form an atlas of TM . The conditions of 1.3.1 are easily verified. \square

Remark:

For smooth manifolds with boundary, the construction is similar, just replacing \mathbb{R}^n with \mathbb{H}^n in the above proof. We note that the only “half-ness” happens in the base manifold M , while each tangent space $T_p M$ is a full n -dimensional vector space, so no harm is done to the tangent bundle structure.

Proposition: Single-Chart Tangent Bundle

If M is a smooth manifold of dimension n (with or without boundary) that can be covered by a single chart (M, φ) , then the tangent bundle TM is diffeomorphic to $M \times \mathbb{R}^n$.

Proof. Obvious. \square

Remark:

NOTE that although we can locally view TM as $U \times \mathbb{R}^n$ via charts, there is no natural way to identify TM with $M \times \mathbb{R}^n$ globally in general. In fact, this may not be true in many cases.

Putting all pointwise differentials together, we have a map

$$dF : TM \rightarrow TN, \quad dF(p, v) = (F(p), dF_p(v)),$$

called the global differential of F .

Theorem 3.4.2: Global Differential is Smooth

Let M, N be smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map. Then the global differential

$$dF : TM \rightarrow TN$$

is a smooth map.

Proof. From the coordinate expression, we have

$$dF(p, v) = \left(F(p), \frac{\partial F^j}{\partial x^i}(p)v^i \right),$$

which is smooth for F is. \square

Proposition: Properties of Global Differential

Let M, N, P be smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ and $G : N \rightarrow P$ be smooth maps. Then for each $(p, v) \in TM$,

- (Chain Rule) $d(G \circ F) = dG \circ dF$.
- If $\text{id}_M : M \rightarrow M$ is the identity map, then $d(\text{id}_M) = \text{id}_{TM}$.
- If F is a diffeomorphism, then dF is a diffeomorphism, and $(dF)^{-1} = d(F^{-1})$.

Just using proposition 3.2 would do. From now we may denote dF^{-1} for either $d(F^{-1})$ or $(dF)^{-1}$, when F is a diffeomorphism.

3.5 Velocity Vectors of Curves

Definition 3.5.1: Curves

Let M be a manifold, with or without boundary. A **curve** in M is a continuous map $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$, where $J \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is an open interval. Sometimes we may want J to have one or both endpoints, in which case slight modifications are needed.

Definition 3.5.2: Velocity

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ be a smooth curve. The **velocity** of γ at $t_0 \in J$ is the tangent vector

$$\gamma'(t_0) = d\gamma_{t_0} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t_0} \right) \in T_{\gamma(t_0)} M. \quad (3.15)$$

Other notations include

$$\dot{\gamma}(t_0) = \frac{d\gamma}{dt}(t_0) = \left. \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \right|_{t=t_0}$$

The tangent vector $\gamma'(t_0)$ acts on functions by

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

which is the rate of change of f along the curve γ at t_0 . For a smooth chart (U, φ) containing $\gamma(t_0)$, we can express the velocity in coordinates as

$$\gamma'(t_0) = \left. \frac{d\gamma^i}{dt} \right|_{t=t_0} \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right|_{\gamma(t_0)} = \left(\left. \frac{d\gamma^1}{dt} \right|_{t=t_0}, \dots, \left. \frac{d\gamma^n}{dt} \right|_{t=t_0} \right),$$

which is familiar in Euclidean space.

Next, we shall see that every tangent vector can be expressed as the velocity of some curve, which will lead us to an equivalent definition of tangent vectors.

Proposition: Tangent Vector as Velocity

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $p \in M$. Then for any tangent vector $v \in T_p M$, there exists a smooth curve $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ such that $\gamma(0) = p$ and $\gamma'(0) = v$.

Proof. First suppose $p \in \text{Int } M$, then let (U, φ) be a smooth chart centering p . Then we write $v = v^i \partial/\partial x^i|_p$. For sufficiently small ϵ , we have a smooth curve $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow U$ defined by

$$\gamma(t) = \varphi^{-1}(tv^1, \dots, tv^n)$$

which is smooth because φ^{-1} is smooth.

Now if $p \in \partial M$, then let (U, φ) be a smooth boundary chart centering p . We can similarly define a smooth curve $\gamma : [0, \epsilon) \rightarrow U$ or $(-\epsilon, 0] \rightarrow U$ by the same formula for sufficiently small $\epsilon > 0$, depending on the sign of the first component of v . \square

For composition, we have the following result.

Proposition: Velocity under Composition

Let M, N be smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map. If $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ is a smooth curve, then for each $t_0 \in J$,

$$(F \circ \gamma)'(t_0) = dF_{\gamma(t_0)}(\gamma'(t_0)).$$

Proof. Just the chain rule:

$$(F \circ \gamma)'(t_0)(f) = d(F \circ \gamma)_{t_0} \left(\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t_0} \right) (f) = dF \circ d\gamma_{t_0} \left(\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t_0} \right) (f) = dF_{\gamma(t_0)}(\gamma'(t_0))(f).$$

\square

We can also use curve velocity to compute differentials: Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map, then to compute $dF_p(v)$ for $p \in M$ and $v \in T_p M$, we can first find a smooth curve $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ such that $\gamma(0) = p$ and $\gamma'(0) = v$, then we have

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

3.6 Alternative Definition of Tangent Vectors

3.6.1 Derivations of the Space of Germs

A smooth function element on M is an ordered pair (f, U) , where $U \subseteq M$ is an open set and $f \in C^\infty(U)$. Two smooth function elements (f, U) and (g, V) are said to be equivalent at $p \in U \cap V$ if there exists an open neighborhood $W \subseteq U \cap V$ of p such that $f|_W = g|_W$. The equivalence class of (f, U) at p is called the **germ** of f at p , and the set of all germs of smooth functions at p is denoted by $C_p^\infty(M)$.

Remark:

Intuitively, $C_p^\infty(M)$ of a smooth function at p contains all distinguishable smooth functions locally around p .

We notice that $C_p^\infty(M)$ is a real vector space and an associative algebra under operations defined by

- Addition: $[(f, U)] + [(g, V)] = [(f + g, U \cap V)]$.
- Scalar Multiplication: $c[(f, U)] = [(cf, U)]$.
- Multiplication: $[(f, U)] \cdot [(g, V)] = [(fg, U \cap V)]$.

Now we denote the germ of f at p simply by $[f]_p$ when there is no confusion.

A derivation of $C_p^\infty(M)$ is a linear map $v : C_p^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $[f]_p, [g]_p \in C_p^\infty(M)$,

$$v([f]_p \cdot [g]_p) = f(p)v([g]_p) + g(p)v([f]_p). \quad (3.16)$$

The set of all derivations of $C_p^\infty(M)$ is denoted by $\mathcal{D}_p(M)$. And it is simple to verify that $\mathcal{D}_p(M)$ is naturally isomorphic to $T_p M$.

3.6.2 Equivalent Class of Curves

This definition captures the intuitive idea of tangent vectors as “directions” at a point. Suppose p is a point of M , and consider all smooth curves $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ such that $\gamma(0) = p$. We say two such curves γ_1 and γ_2 are equivalent at p if for any smooth function $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (f \circ \gamma_1)(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (f \circ \gamma_2)(t). \quad (3.17)$$

The equivalence classes are denoted by $[\gamma]$, and all such equivalence classes form a set denoted by $\mathcal{V}_p(M)$, which is naturally isomorphic to $T_p M$.

3.7 Categories and Functors

A category \mathcal{C} consists of

- A class $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, whose elements are called objects of \mathcal{C} .
- A class $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{C})$, whose elements are called morphisms of \mathcal{C} .
- For each morphism $f \in \text{Hom}(\mathcal{C})$, there are two objects $X, Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ called the source and target of f , denoted by $f : X \rightarrow Y$.
- For each triplet of objects $X, Y, Z \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, there is a mapping called composition

$$\circ : \text{Hom}(Y, Z) \times \text{Hom}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(X, Z), \quad (g, f) \mapsto g \circ f.$$

where $\text{Hom}(A, B)$ is the class of all morphisms from A to B .

The morphisms and objects must satisfy the following axioms:

- (Associativity) For each $f : X \rightarrow Y$, $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ and $h : Z \rightarrow W$,

$$h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f.$$

- (Identity) For each object $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, there exists an identity morphism $\text{id}_X : X \rightarrow X$ such that for each $f : X \rightarrow Y$.

$$\text{id}_Y \circ f = f, \quad f \circ \text{id}_X = f.$$

A morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called an isomorphism if there exists a morphism $g : Y \rightarrow X$ such that

$$g \circ f = \text{id}_X, \quad f \circ g = \text{id}_Y.$$

Chapter 4

Submersions, Immersions, and Embeddings

We shall study the geometric properties of smooth maps by their differential.

4.1 Maps of Constant Rank

Suppose M and N are smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map. For each point $p \in M$, we define the **rank** of F at p to be the rank of the linear map $dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$, which is just the rank of the Jacobian matrix of F in any coordinate chart containing p and $F(p)$, or just $\dim \text{range } dF_p$. If the rank of F is the same at every point of M , we say that F is a **map of constant rank**.

The maximum possible rank of F at any point is $\min\{\dim M, \dim N\}$. If the rank of F at p is equal to this maximum value, we say that F has **full rank** at p . If F has full rank at every point of M , we say that F has **constant full rank**.

Definition 4.1.1: smooth Submersions and Immersions

A smooth map $F : M \rightarrow N$ between smooth manifolds is a **smooth submersion** if $dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$ is surjective for every point $p \in M$.

A smooth map $F : M \rightarrow N$ between smooth manifolds is a **smooth immersion** if $dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$ is injective for every point $p \in M$.

From the continuity of dF , we have the following result.

Proposition: Local Surjectivity and Local Injectivity

If $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map and $p \in M$. If dF_p is surjective, then there exists an open neighborhood U of p such that $F|_U : U \rightarrow N$ is a submersion. If dF_p is injective, then there exists an open neighborhood U of p such that $F|_U : U \rightarrow N$ is an immersion.

Proof. Choose any smooth coordinate chart (U, φ) on M containing p and any smooth coordinate chart (V, ψ) on N containing $F(p)$. Then the Jacobian matrix of F has full rank at p . As dF is continuous, there exists an open neighborhood $U' \subset U$ of p such that the Jacobian matrix of F has full rank at every point of U' . \square

Example: Submersion and Immersion

- Suppose M_1, \dots, M_k are smooth manifolds, then the projection map

$$\pi_i : M_1 \times \cdots \times M_k \rightarrow M_i, \quad (p_1, \dots, p_k) \mapsto p_i$$

is a smooth submersion for each $1 \leq i \leq k$.

- If $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ is a smooth curve on a smooth manifold M , with or without boundary, then γ is a smooth immersion if and only if $\gamma'(t) \neq 0$ for all $t \in J$.
- If M is a smooth manifold then the tangent bundle projection $\pi : TM \rightarrow M$ is a smooth submersion.

Proposition: Properties of Submersions and Immersions

- If $F : M \rightarrow N$ and $G : N \rightarrow P$ are smooth submersions, then $G \circ F : M \rightarrow P$ is a smooth submersion.
- If $F : M \rightarrow N$ and $G : N \rightarrow P$ are smooth immersions, then $G \circ F : M \rightarrow P$ is a smooth immersion.
- The composition of maps of constant rank need not have constant rank.

Proof. For the third claim, take

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad t \mapsto (t, t^2)$$

and

$$g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (x, y) \mapsto y.$$

Then both f and g have constant rank 1, but the composition

$$g \circ f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad t \mapsto t^2$$

does not have constant rank. □

4.1.1 Local Diffeomorphisms

If M, N are smooth manifolds with or without boundary, a smooth map $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a **local diffeomorphism** if for each point $p \in M$, there exists an open neighborhood U of p such that $F(U)$ is open in N and $F|_U : U \rightarrow F(U)$ is a diffeomorphism.

Theorem 4.1.1: The Inverse Function Theorem

Suppose M and N are smooth manifolds, and $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map. If $p \in M$ and $dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$ is invertible, then there exist connected open neighborhoods U_0 of p in M and V_0 of $F(p)$ in N such that $F|_{U_0} : U_0 \rightarrow V_0$ is a diffeomorphism.

Proof. Firstly, this implies M, N have the same dimension n , then choose smooth charts (U, φ) centering at p and (V, ψ) centering at $F(p)$ with $F(U) \subseteq V$. Then $\hat{F} = \psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U) \rightarrow \psi(V)$

is a smooth map between open subsets of \mathbb{R}^n with invertible Jacobian matrix at $\varphi(p)$. By the Euclidean version of the Inverse Function Theorem, there exist open neighborhoods U' of $\varphi(p)$ and V' of $\psi(F(p))$ such that $\hat{F}|_{U'} : U' \rightarrow V'$ is a diffeomorphism. Let $U_0 = \varphi^{-1}(U')$ and $V_0 = \psi^{-1}(V')$, then $F|_{U_0} : U_0 \rightarrow V_0$ is a diffeomorphism. \square

Remark:

NOTE that this is true only for manifolds without boundary.

Proposition: Properties of Local Diffeomorphisms

- Compositions of local diffeomorphisms are local diffeomorphisms.
 - Finite products of local diffeomorphisms are local diffeomorphisms.
 - The restriction of a local diffeomorphism to an open submanifold (with or without boundary) is a local diffeomorphism.
 - Every diffeomorphism is a local diffeomorphism. Every bijective local diffeomorphism is a diffeomorphism.
 - A map between smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, is a local diffeomorphism if and only if it has a local diffeomorphism coordinate representation at each point.
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Proposition: Local Diffeomorphisms, Submersions, and Immersions

A smooth map between smooth manifolds (without boundary), is a local diffeomorphism if and only if it is both a smooth immersion and a smooth submersion.

Moreover, if $\dim M = \dim N$, then a smooth map $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth submersion if and only if it is a smooth immersion, and in either case it is a local diffeomorphism.

Example: Local Diffeomorphisms

The map $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$ defined by $t \mapsto (\cos t, \sin t)$ is a local diffeomorphism, but not a diffeomorphism.

4.1.2 The Rank Theorem

Theorem 4.1.2: The Rank Theorem

Suppose M and N are smooth manifolds of dimensions m and n , respectively, and $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map of constant rank k . Then for each point $p \in M$, there exist smooth coordinate charts (U, φ) on M centered at p and (V, ψ) on N centered at $F(p)$ such that

$$\hat{F} = \psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U) \rightarrow \psi(V)$$

is given by

$$\hat{F}(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (x^1, \dots, x^k, 0, \dots, 0).$$

The linear version of the Rank Theorem is that under certain choice of basis, any linear map can be represented by a matrix of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

Proof. From locality, just replace M, N by open subsets $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ and $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ containing p and $F(p)$, respectively. We also assume $p = 0$ and $F(p) = 0$.

SORRY □

The following corollary is an immediate consequence and also can be viewed as a restatement of the Rank Theorem.

Corollary 4.1.1: Local Linearity

Let M and N be smooth manifolds of dimensions m and n , respectively, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map. If M is connected, then F has constant rank k if and only if for each point $p \in M$, there exist smooth coordinate charts (U, φ) on M centered at p and (V, ψ) on N centered at $F(p)$ such that the coordinate representation

$$\hat{F} = \psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U) \rightarrow \psi(V)$$

is linear.

Theorem 4.1.3: Global Rank Theorem

Let M and N be smooth manifolds and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map of constant rank k . Then

- If F is surjective, then it is a smooth submersion.
- If F is injective, then it is a smooth immersion.
- If F is bijective, then it is a diffeomorphism.

Proof. SORRY □

4.1.3 The Rank Theorem with Boundary

The rank theorem does not generalize to manifolds with boundary in full generality. However, we do have the following partial result.

Theorem 4.1.4: The Local Immersion Theorem with Boundary

Suppose M is a smooth manifold with boundary of dimension m , N is a smooth manifold of dimension n , and $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth immersion. Then for each point $p \in \partial M$, there exist smooth boundary charts (U, φ) on M centered at p and smooth chart (V, ψ) on N centered at $F(p)$ such that $F(U) \subseteq V$ and the coordinate representation

$$\hat{F}(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (x^1, \dots, x^m, 0, \dots, 0).$$

Proof. SORRY □

4.2 Embeddings

Definition 4.2.1: Smooth Embeddings

Let M and N be smooth manifolds, with or without boundary. A **smooth embedding** is a smooth immersion $F : M \rightarrow N$ that is also a topological embedding; that is, F is a homeomorphism onto its image $F(M)$, where $F(M)$ is given the subspace topology inherited from N .

Proposition: Compositions of Embeddings

If $F : M \rightarrow N$ and $G : N \rightarrow P$ are smooth embeddings, then $G \circ F : M \rightarrow P$ is a smooth embedding.

Example: Smooth Embeddings

- Let M be a smooth manifold with or without boundary and $U \subseteq M$ be an open submanifold. Then the inclusion map $\iota : U \hookrightarrow M$ is a smooth embedding.
- If M_1, \dots, M_k are smooth manifolds and $p_i \in M_i$ for each $1 \leq i \leq k$, then each of

$$\iota_i : M_i \hookrightarrow M_1 \times \cdots \times M_k, \quad q \mapsto (p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}, q, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_k)$$

is a smooth embedding. Indeed, $\mathbb{R}^n \iota \mathbb{R}^{n+k}$ defined by $x \mapsto (x, 0)$ is a smooth embedding.

Here are some counterexamples that illustrate the definition.

- The map $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $t \mapsto (t^3, 0)$ is a smooth map and a topological embedding, but not a smooth immersion at $t = 0$, so it is not a smooth embedding.
- The figure-eight curve $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $t \mapsto (\sin t, \sin 2t)$ is a smooth immersion, but not a topological embedding because it is not a homeomorphism onto its image. (Compactness fails)
- Now is an interesting example that shows mere injectivity is not enough for a smooth embedding. Consider $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$ by

$$\gamma(t) = (e^{it}, e^{iat}),$$

where α is an irrational number. Then γ is a smooth immersion, injective (because α is irrational), but not a smooth embedding because it is not a homeomorphism onto its image. Because $\gamma(\mathbb{Z})$ is dense in \mathbb{T}^2 , but \mathbb{Z} is not dense in \mathbb{R} .

Proposition: **Criterion for Smooth Embeddings**

Suppose M and N are smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and $F : M \rightarrow N$ is an injective smooth immersion. Then F is a smooth embedding if one of the following equivalent conditions holds:

- F is an open or closed map.
- F is a proper map, that is, for every compact subset $K \subseteq M$, the image $F(K)$ is compact in N .
- M is compact.
- M has empty boundary and $\dim M = \dim N$.

Proof. The first claim is just the definition of a topological embedding. The second claim follows from the fact that a proper map is a closed map, and the third claim follows from the fact that a compact set is closed. The fourth claim follows from the fact that if M has empty boundary, then it is an open submanifold of itself, and if $\dim M = \dim N$, then F is a local diffeomorphism, hence an open map. \square

Theorem 4.2.1: Local Embedding Theorem

Suppose M and N are smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map. Then F is a smooth immersion iff every point $p \in M$ has a neighborhood U such that $F|_U : U \rightarrow N$ is a smooth embedding.

Proof. If F is a local smooth embedding on every point, then it has full rank everywhere, hence it is a smooth immersion. Conversely, if F is a smooth immersion, then for each point $p \in M$:

If $F(p) \notin \partial N$, then by the Rank Theorem, there exist coordinate charts (U, φ) on M centered at p and (V, ψ) on N centered at $F(p)$ such that the coordinate representation

$$\hat{F}(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (x^1, \dots, x^m, 0, \dots, 0).$$

Then restricting U if necessary, we have that $F|_U : U \rightarrow N$ is injective. If $F(p) \in \partial N$, then the same argument applies slight adjustment by \mathbb{H}^n coordinate charts.

Next, let U_1 be a precompact neighborhood of p in U such that $F|_{\overline{U_1}}$ is injective and has compact domain. Then $F|_{\overline{U_1}} : \overline{U_1} \rightarrow N$ is a topological embedding. \square

Remark:

This gives a direct notion for topological immersions: a continuous map between topological spaces that is a local topological embedding at every point.

4.3 Submersions

Definition 4.3.1: Section

Let M and N be topological spaces, and let $\pi : M \rightarrow N$ be a continuous map. A **section** of π is a continuous map $\sigma : N \rightarrow M$ such that $\pi \circ \sigma = \text{id}_N$.

A local section of π over an open set $U \subseteq N$ is a continuous map $\sigma : U \rightarrow M$ such that $\pi \circ \sigma = \text{id}_U$.

Really, sections are right inverses of the map π , so it is injective.

Note that global sections need not exist, for example, consider the S^1 projection onto RP^1 . However, local sections always exist for submersions, as the following result shows.

Theorem 4.3.1: Local Section Theorem

Let M and N be smooth manifolds, and $\pi : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map. Then π is a smooth submersion if and only if for each point $p \in M$, it is in an image of a smooth local section of π .

Proof. Suppose π is a smooth submersion, and given $p \in M$. By the Rank Theorem, there exist smooth coordinate charts (U, φ) on M centered at p and (V, ψ) on N centered at $\pi(p)$ such that the coordinate representation $\pi(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$. For sufficiently small ϵ , the coordinate cube

$$C_\epsilon = \{(x^1, \dots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x^i| < \epsilon, 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

Then $\pi(C_\epsilon)$ is also a coordinate cube in \mathbb{R}^n . The coordinate map by

$$\sigma(x^1, \dots, x^n) = (x^1, \dots, x^n, 0, \dots, 0)$$

is a smooth local section.

Conversely, from $\pi \circ \sigma = \text{id}_N$, we have that $d\pi_{\sigma(q)} \circ d\sigma_q = \text{id}_{T_q N}$ for each $q \in N$. Hence, $d\pi_{\sigma(q)}$ is surjective for each $q \in N$, so π is a smooth submersion. \square

Remark:

This theorem motivates the definition of a topological submersion: a continuous map between topological spaces such that every point in the domain is in the image of a local section.

Proposition: Properties of Smooth Submersions

Let M and N be smooth manifolds, and let $\pi : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth submersion. Then

- π is an open map.
- If π is surjective, then it is a quotient map.

Proof. For the first claim, let $W \subseteq M$ be open and $q \in \pi(W)$, take any $p \in W$ such that $\pi(p) = q$. By the Local Section Theorem, there exists a smooth local section $\sigma : U \rightarrow M$ of π such that $\sigma(q) = p$. Then $\sigma^{-1}(W)$ is an open neighborhood of q contained in $\pi(W)$, so $\pi(W)$ is open in N .

The second claim follows from the first claim and the definition of a quotient map. \square

We can see that smooth submersions plays a similar role to that of quotient maps in topology.

Theorem 4.3.2: Passing Smoothly to Quotient

Suppose M and N are smooth manifolds, and $\pi : M \rightarrow N$ is a surjective smooth submersion. If P is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, then a map $F : N \rightarrow P$ is smooth if and only if $F \circ \pi : M \rightarrow P$ is smooth.

Moreover, if $G : M \rightarrow P$ is a smooth map that is constant on each fiber of π , then there exists a unique smooth map $\tilde{G} : N \rightarrow P$ such that $G = \tilde{G} \circ \pi$.

Proof. If $F : N \rightarrow P$ is smooth, then $F \circ \pi : M \rightarrow P$ is smooth by composition of smooth maps. Conversely, suppose that $F \circ \pi : M \rightarrow P$ is smooth. Given any point $q \in N$, take any $p \in M$ such that $\pi(p) = q$. By the Local Section Theorem, there exists a smooth local section $\sigma : U \rightarrow M$ of π such that $\sigma(q) = p$. Then the restriction $F|_U = (F \circ \pi) \circ \sigma : U \rightarrow P$ is smooth. Since q was arbitrary, F is smooth. \square

Theorem 4.3.3: Uniqueness of Smooth Quotients

Suppose M and N_1, N_2 are smooth manifolds, and $\pi_1 : M \rightarrow N_1$ and $\pi_2 : M \rightarrow N_2$ are surjective smooth submersions that are constant on each other's fibers. Then there exists a unique diffeomorphism $F : N_1 \rightarrow N_2$ such that $F \circ \pi_1 = \pi_2$.

4.4 Smooth Covering Maps

In general topology, a **covering map** is a continuous surjective map $\pi : X \rightarrow Y$ such that for each point $y \in Y$, there exists an open neighborhood U of y such that $\pi^{-1}(U)$ is a disjoint union of open sets in X , each of which is homeomorphic to U via π .

In the context of smooth manifolds, we have the following definition.

Definition 4.4.1: Smooth Covering Map

Let E and M be connected smooth manifolds, with or without boundary. A **smooth covering map** is a smooth surjective map $\pi : E \rightarrow M$ such that for each point $p \in M$, there exists an open neighborhood U of p such that $\pi^{-1}(U)$ is a disjoint union of open sets in E , each of which is diffeomorphic to U via π .

We say that M is the **base space**, E is the **covering space**, and if E is simply connected, we say that E is the **universal covering space** of M .

Proposition: Properties of Smooth Covering Maps

Let E and M be connected smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $\pi : E \rightarrow M$ be a smooth covering map. Then

- π is a local diffeomorphism, a smooth submersion, an open map and a quotient map.
- An injective smooth covering map is a diffeomorphism.
- A topological covering map between smooth manifolds is a smooth covering map if and only if it is a local diffeomorphism.

- Every local section of π is a smooth local section.

Example: Smooth Covering Maps

- The map $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$ defined by $t \mapsto (\cos t, \sin t)$ is a smooth covering map. Its universal covering space is \mathbb{R} itself.
- For $n \geq 1$, the map $q : S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n$ defined by $q(x) = [x]$ is a two-to-one smooth covering map.

For smooth covering maps, we also have the local section theorem strengthened.

Theorem 4.4.1: Local Section Theorem for Smooth Covering Maps

Let E and M be connected smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $\pi : E \rightarrow M$ be a smooth covering map. Then for each evenly covered open set $U \subseteq M$, a point $q \in U$, and $p \in \pi^{-1}(q)$, there exists a unique smooth local section $\sigma : U \rightarrow E$ of π such that $\sigma(q) = p$.

Proof. This is quite obvious from the definition of smooth covering maps. \square

Proposition: Products of Covering Maps

Let E_1, \dots, E_k and M_1, \dots, M_k be smooth manifolds without boundary, and let $\pi_i : E_i \rightarrow M_i$ be smooth covering maps for each $1 \leq i \leq k$. Then the product map

$$\pi_1 \times \cdots \times \pi_k : E_1 \times \cdots \times E_k \rightarrow M_1 \times \cdots \times M_k$$

is a smooth covering map.

Theorem 4.4.2: Covering Space of Smooth manifolds

Suppose M is a connected smooth n -manifold, and $\pi : E \rightarrow M$ is a topological covering map, then E is a topological n -manifold and has a unique smooth structure such that $\pi : E \rightarrow M$ is a smooth covering map.

Moreover, if M is smooth manifold with boundary, then E is a topological manifold with boundary such that $\partial E = \pi^{-1}(\partial M)$, and has a unique smooth structure with boundary such that $\pi : E \rightarrow M$ is a smooth covering map.

Proof. SORRY. \square

Corollary 4.4.1: Existence of Universal Covering Manifold

If M is a connected smooth manifold, there exists a simply connected smooth manifold \tilde{M} called the **universal covering manifold** of M , and a smooth covering map $\pi : \tilde{M} \rightarrow M$. The universal covering manifold is unique up to diffeomorphism. That is, if \tilde{M}' is another simply connected smooth manifold with a smooth covering map $\pi' : \tilde{M}' \rightarrow M$, then there exists a diffeomorphism $F : \tilde{M} \rightarrow \tilde{M}'$ such that $\pi' \circ F = \pi$.

There are not many simple criterion for a smooth map to be a smooth covering map, but we do have the following sufficient (not necessary) condition.

Proposition: Local Proper Diffeomorphism is a Smooth Covering Map

Let E and M be connected smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $\pi : E \rightarrow M$ be a smooth map. If π is a local diffeomorphism and a proper map, then it is a smooth covering map.

Chapter 5

Submanifolds

We have already seen that open subsets of manifolds are themselves manifolds. But the range of possible submanifolds is much broader.

5.1 Embedded Submanifolds

Definition 5.1.1: Embedded Submanifold

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary. An embedded submanifold of M is a subset $S \subseteq M$ equipped with the subspace topology and a smooth structure such that the inclusion map $\iota_S : S \hookrightarrow M$ is a smooth embedding.

If S is an embedded submanifold of M , then the difference $\dim M - \dim S$ is called the **codimension** of S in M . M is called the ambient manifold of S . An embedded hypersurface is an embedded submanifold of codimension 1.

Proposition: Open Submanifolds

Suppose M is a smooth manifold. The embedded submanifolds of M of codimension 0 are precisely the open subsets of M .

Proof. Suppose $U \subseteq M$ is open. Then it has the same dimension as M , and the inclusion map $\iota_U : U \hookrightarrow M$ is a smooth embedding, so U is an embedded submanifold of codimension 0.

Conversely, suppose U is an embedded submanifold of codimension 0. Then the inclusion map $\iota_U : U \hookrightarrow M$ is a smooth embedding, so it is a local diffeomorphism and an open map. Thus, U is open in M . \square

We can produce embedded submanifolds using images of embeddings.

Proposition: Images of Embeddings

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and N is a smooth manifold without boundary. If $F : N \rightarrow M$ is a smooth embedding, then $S = F(N)$ with the subspace topology has a unique smooth structure making it into an embedded submanifold of M such that $F : N \rightarrow S$ is a diffeomorphism.

Remark:

As by definition, embedded submanifolds are images of embeddings, this proposition shows that embedded submanifolds are exactly images of embeddings.

Proposition: Slices of Products

Suppose M and N are smooth manifolds. For each $p \in N$, the subset $M \times \{p\} \subseteq M \times N$ is an embedded submanifold that is diffeomorphic to M .

Proposition: Graphs as Submanifolds

Suppose M is a smooth m -manifold without boundary, and N is a smooth n -manifold with or without boundary. If $U \subseteq M$ be open, and $f : U \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map, then let $\Gamma(f)$ denote the **graph** of f ,

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

Then $\Gamma(f)$ is an embedded m -submanifold of $M \times N$ that is diffeomorphic to U .

Sometimes, merely being an embedded submanifold is not enough. An embedded submanifold S of M is said to be properly embedded if the inclusion map $\iota_S : S \hookrightarrow M$ is a proper map.

Proposition: Criterion for Properly Embedded Submanifolds

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and S is an embedded submanifold of M . Then S is properly embedded if and only if S is a closed subset of M .

Therefore, we have every compact embedded submanifold is properly embedded.

Proof. Suppose S is properly embedded. Then the inclusion map $\iota_S : S \hookrightarrow M$ is a proper map, so the preimage of every compact set in M is compact in S . In particular, the preimage of every closed set in M is closed in S . Since S has the subspace topology, this implies that S is closed in M .

Conversely, suppose S is closed in M . Then for any compact set $K \subseteq M$, the intersection $K \cap S$ is closed in K , and since K is compact, $K \cap S$ is also compact. Thus, the preimage of every compact set in M under the inclusion map ι_S is compact in S , so ι_S is a proper map. Therefore, S is properly embedded. \square

Proposition: Global Graphs are Properly Embedded

Suppose M is a smooth m -manifold without boundary, and N is a smooth n -manifold with or without boundary. If $f : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map, then the graph $\Gamma(f)$ is a properly embedded m -submanifold of $M \times N$ that is diffeomorphic to M .

5.1.1 Slice Charts for Embedded Submanifolds

We will show that embedded submanifolds are modeled locally by the standard embedding \mathbb{R}^k into \mathbb{R}^n as the first k -coordinates:

$$\mathbb{R}^k \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad (x^1, \dots, x^k) \mapsto (x^1, \dots, x^k, 0, \dots, 0).$$

More generally, a k -slice of $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is any subset of the form

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

for some constants $c^{k+1}, \dots, c^n \in \mathbb{R}$. Note that every k -slice is diffeomorphic to an open subset of \mathbb{R}^k via the projection map onto the first k -coordinates.

Now, let M be a smooth manifold and (U, φ) be a smooth chart on M . If $S \subseteq U$ that $\varphi(S)$ is a k -slice of $\varphi(U)$, then we say that S is a **k -slice of U** . In general, we allow slices have any constant values in their last $n - k$ coordinates.

Given a subset $S \subseteq M$, and $k \geq 0$, we say S satisfies the local k -slice condition if each point $p \in S$ has a smooth chart (U, φ) for M such that $p \in U$ and $S \cap U$ is a k -slice of U . Any such chart is called a **slice chart** for S in M and the corresponding coordinates (x^1, \dots, x^n) are called **slice coordinates** for S in M .

Theorem 5.1.1: Local Slice Criterion for Embedded Submanifolds

Let M be a smooth n -manifold, and if $S \subseteq M$ is an embedded k -submanifold, then S satisfies the local k -slice condition.

Conversely, if $S \subseteq M$ is a subset that satisfies the local k -slice condition, then with the subspace topology S is a topological manifold of dimension k , and there is a smooth structure making S into an embedded k -submanifold of M .

Proof. SORRY □

Later we shall see that the smooth structure constructed in the theorem is the unique one in which S is an embedded submanifold of M .

Also, if M is a smooth manifold with boundary, and $S \subseteq M$ is an embedded submanifold, then S might intersect ∂M in complicated ways. However, if $S = \partial M$ itself, then the boundary charts for M is just slice charts for S in M , and we do have the following proposition.

Theorem 5.1.2: Boundary as Embedded Submanifold

If M is a smooth n -manifold with boundary, then ∂M with the subspace topology is a topological $(n - 1)$ -manifold without boundary, and there is a smooth structure making ∂M a properly embedded $(n - 1)$ -submanifold of M .

Later, we shall see that this smooth structure is the unique one in which ∂M is an embedded submanifold of M .

Remark:

In order to study submanifolds of manifolds with boundary in greater generality, a typical approach is to find an embedding of M into a larger smooth manifold \tilde{M} without boundary.

5.1.2 Level Sets

In practice, many embedded submanifolds arise as solution sets of systems of equations. If $\Phi : M \rightarrow N$ be any map and $c \in N$, we call the set

$$\Phi^{-1}(c) = \{p \in M : \Phi(p) = c\}$$

the **level set** of Φ at c . In the special case where $N = \mathbb{R}^k$ and $c = 0$, we call $\Phi^{-1}(0)$ the **zero set** of Φ .

It is easy to find examples where level sets of smooth functions that are not smooth submanifold. As we previously saw, all closed subset of M can be expressed as the zero set of some smooth function $M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. However, we have

Theorem 5.1.3: Constant Rank Level Set Theorem

Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds, and $\Phi : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map with constant rank r . Then each level set of Φ is a properly embedded submanifold of M with codimension r .

Specifically, if Φ is a submersion, then each level set is a properly embedded submanifold of codimension $\dim N$.

Proof. Let $\dim M = m$ and $\dim N = n$, and $k = m - r$ be the codimension. $\forall c$, let $S = \Phi^{-1}(c)$. From the rank theorem, $\forall p \in S$, there exist smooth charts (U, φ) around p in M and (V, ψ) around c in N such that Φ has the local representation

$$\Phi : (x^1, \dots, x^m) \mapsto (x^1, \dots, x^r, 0, \dots, 0).$$

So we have

$$S \cap U = \{(x^1, \dots, x^m) \in U : x^1 = 0, \dots, x^r = 0\},$$

Hence, S satisfies the local k -slice condition. By the Local Slice Criterion for Embedded Submanifolds, S is an embedded k -submanifold of M .

Finally, to see that S is properly embedded, note that Φ is continuous, so $S = \Phi^{-1}(c)$ is closed in M . By the Criterion for Properly Embedded Submanifolds, S is properly embedded. \square

Remark:

This corresponds to the familiar rank-nullity theorem from linear algebra.

Definition 5.1.2: Regular and Critical Point

Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds, and $\Phi : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map. A point $p \in M$ is called a **regular point** of Φ if the differential $d\Phi_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{\Phi(p)} N$ is surjective. If p is not a regular point, then it is called a **critical point** of Φ . The point $c \in N$ is called a **regular value** of Φ if every point in the preimage $\Phi^{-1}(c)$ is a regular point (we include $\Phi^{-1}(c) = \emptyset$). If c is not a regular value, then it is called a **critical value** of Φ .

Now, we weakens the hypothesis of the Constant Rank Level Set Theorem to only require that c is a regular value.

Corollary 5.1.1: Regular Level Set Theorem

Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds, and $\Phi : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map. If $c \in N$ is a regular value of Φ , then the level set $\Phi^{-1}(c)$ is a properly embedded submanifold of M with codimension $\dim N$.

Proof. From proposition 4.1, The set

$$U = \{p \in M : d\Phi_p \text{ is surjective}\}$$

is open in M and contains $\Phi^{-1}(c)$. The restriction $\Phi|_U : U \rightarrow N$ is a submersion, so by the Constant Rank Level Set Theorem, $\Phi^{-1}(c)$ is a properly embedded submanifold of U with codimension $\dim N$. Then take the composition $\Phi^{-1}(c) \hookrightarrow U \hookrightarrow M$ would do. \square

Not all embedded submanifolds arise as level sets of smooth maps. However, we do know that they at least locally do.

Proposition: Local Level Set Representation of Embedded Submanifolds

Suppose M is a smooth m -manifold, and $S \subseteq M$, then S is a embedded k -submanifold of M if and only if $\forall p \in S$, there exist an open neighborhood U of p in M and a smooth submersion $\Phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$ such that $S \cap U = \Phi^{-1}(c)$ for some $c \in \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$.

Definition 5.1.3: Defining Map

If $S \subseteq M$ is an embedded submanifold, then a smooth map $\Phi : M \rightarrow N$ that has S as a regular level set is called a **defining map** for S in M . If $N = \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$, we say Φ is a **defining function** for S in M . For example, $f(x) = |x|^2$ is a defining function for the sphere in \mathbb{R}^n . Generally, if $U \subseteq M$ is open and $\Phi : U \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map that has $S \cap U$ as a regular level set, then we say Φ is a **local defining map** for S in M .

The last proposition shows that every embedded submanifold has local defining function.

Example: Surface of Revolution

Let H be the half plane $\{(r, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : r > 0\}$, and $C \subseteq H$ be a one-dimensional embedded submanifold. Then the **surface of revolution** generated by C is the subset

$$S_C = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, z) \in C\}. \quad (5.1)$$

If $\varphi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is any locally defining function for C in H , then the map

$$\Phi : \tilde{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \Phi(x, y, z) = \varphi(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, z) \quad (5.2)$$

where $\tilde{U} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, z) \in U\}$ is a local defining function for S_C in \mathbb{R}^3 . Thus, by the Local Level Set Representation of Embedded Submanifolds, S_C is an embedded submanifold of \mathbb{R}^3 .

5.2 Immersed Submanifolds

Definition 5.2.1: Immersed Submanifold

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary. An immersed submanifold of M is a subset $S \subseteq M$ equipped with a topology (not necessarily the subspace topology) making it a topological manifold without boundary, and a smooth structure such that the inclusion map $\iota_S : S \hookrightarrow M$ is a smooth immersion.

Remark:

This is a rather larger class of submanifolds, as every embedded submanifold is an immersed submanifold, but not conversely. We shall simply denote “smooth submanifold” to mean “immersed submanifold” unless otherwise specified. A smooth hypersurface is an immersed submanifold of codimension 1.

We can also define a immersed topological submanifold similarly, as a subset $S \subseteq M$ equipped with a topology making it a topological manifold (not necessarily the subspace topology) such that the inclusion map $\iota_S : S \hookrightarrow M$ is a topological immersion.

Usually, immersed submanifolds arise as images of immersions.

Proposition: Images of Immersions as Submanifolds

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and N is a smooth manifold without boundary. If $F : N \rightarrow M$ is an injective smooth immersion, then $S = F(N)$ has a unique topology and smooth structure making it into an immersed submanifold of M such that $F : N \rightarrow S$ is a diffeomorphism.

Proof. We shall define the topology on S to be $\{U \cap S : F^{-1}(U) \text{ is open in } N\}$. And the smooth structure is defined by the charts $\{F(U), \varphi \circ F^{-1}\}$ where (U, φ) are charts of N . \square

Example: Immersed Submanifolds

The figure eight curve and the dense curve on the torus are examples of immersed submanifolds that are not embedded submanifolds.

Remark:

In fact, suppose M is a smooth manifold and $S \subseteq M$ is an immersed submanifold. Then every subset of S that is open in the subspace topology is open in the topology of S , but the converse is not necessarily true. The converse holds if and only if S is an embedded submanifold of M .

Proposition: From Immersed to Embedded Submanifolds

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and S is an immersed submanifold of M . If one of the following conditions holds, then S is an embedded submanifold of

M :

- S has codimension 0 in M .
 - The inclusion map $\iota_S : S \hookrightarrow M$ is a proper map.
 - S is compact.
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Proposition: **Locally Embeddedness of Immersed Submanifolds**

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and S is an immersed submanifold of M . Then $\forall p \in S$, there exists an open neighborhood U of p in S that U is an embedded submanifold of U .

Remark:

This does NOT mean that we can find an open neighborhood W of p in M such that $S \cap W$ is an embedded submanifold of W .

Definition 5.2.2: Local Parametrization

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and S is an immersed k -submanifold of M . A **local parametrization** for S in M is a continuous map $X : U \rightarrow M$ such that

- U is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^k ,
- $X(U)$ is an open subset of S (in the topology of S),
- $X : U \rightarrow X(U)$ is a homeomorphism (in the topology of S),

It is called a **smooth local parametrization** if $X : U \rightarrow X(U)$ is a diffeomorphism onto its image (with the smooth structure of S). If $X(U) = S$, then X is called a **global parametrization** of S in M .

Proposition: **Criterion for Local Parametrization**

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and S is an immersed k -submanifold of M . Let $\iota : S \hookrightarrow M$ be the inclusion map. A map $X : U \rightarrow M$ is a local parametrization for S in M if and only if there is a smooth coordinate chart (V, φ) for S that $X = \iota \circ \varphi^{-1}$.

Therefore, every point in S is in the image of a local parametrization.

Example: **Parametrizations**

- Graph parametrizations: Suppose $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is an open subset and $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is a

smooth function. Then the map

$$\gamma_f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+k}, \quad \gamma_f(x) = (x, f(x))$$

is a global parametrization for the graph $\Gamma(f)$ of f in \mathbb{R}^{n+k} .

- Figure-eight curve: Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ be the figure-eight curve, Then the map

$$\beta : (-\pi, \pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad \beta(t) = (\sin t, \sin(2t))$$

is a global parametrization for S in \mathbb{R}^2 .

5.3 Restricting Maps to Submanifolds

Theorem 5.3.1: Restricting the Domain of a Smooth Map

Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and S is an immersed submanifold of M . If $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map, then the restriction $F|_S : S \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map.

Proof. The inclusion map $\iota_S : S \hookrightarrow M$ is smooth. And $F_S = F \circ \iota_S$, so F_S is smooth. \square

But we cannot generally restrict the codomain of a smooth map to an immersed submanifold. For example, take

$$G : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad G(t) = (\sin t, \sin 2t),$$

it is a smooth map whose image is the figure-eight curve S . However, if we consider G as a map from \mathbb{R} to S , then it is not even continuous at π .

Theorem 5.3.2: Restricting the Codomain of a Smooth Map

Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds without boundary, and S is an immersed submanifold of M , and $F : N \rightarrow M$ is a smooth map such that $F(N) \subseteq S$. If $F : N \rightarrow S$ is continuous in the topology of S , then it is smooth.

The result also holds when M has nonempty boundary. If S is an embedded submanifold of M , then the continuity hypothesis is automatically satisfied.

However, there are certain immersed but not embedded submanifolds that the result automatically holds without the continuity hypothesis. To distinguish them, we introduce the following definition.

Definition 5.3.1: Weakly Embedded

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, and S is an immersed submanifold of M . Then S is said to be **weakly embedded** if for every smooth manifold N and every smooth map $F : N \rightarrow M$ such that $F(N) \subseteq S$, the induced map $F : N \rightarrow S$ is smooth (without any additional continuity hypothesis).

5.3.1 Uniqueness of Smooth Structures on Submanifolds

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5.3.2 Extending Functions from Submanifolds

Lemma 5.3.1: Extension Lemma For Submanifolds

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, and $S \subseteq M$ is an immersed submanifold. If $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a smooth function on the submanifold structure, denote $f \in C^\infty(S)$. Then

- If S is embedded, then there exist a neighborhood U of S in M and a smooth function $\tilde{f} \in C^\infty(U)$ such that $\tilde{f}|_S = f$.
- If S is properly embedded, then U can be taken to be all of M .

5.4 The Tangent Space to a Submanifold

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and S is an immersed submanifold of M . Since the inclusion map $\iota : S \hookrightarrow M$ is a smooth immersion, for each $p \in S$, we can identify the tangent space $T_p S$ as a subspace of $T_p M$ $d\iota_p$:

$$d\iota_p(v)f = v(f \circ \iota) = v(f|_S), \quad \forall v \in T_p S, \forall f \in C^\infty(M).$$

Proposition: Identify Submanifold Tangent Space

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and S is an immersed submanifold of M , and $p \in S$. Then a vector $v \in T_p M$ is in the subspace $T_p S \subseteq T_p M$ if and only if there exists a smooth curve $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ such that

- $\gamma(J) \subseteq S$,
- γ is smooth as a map into S ,
- $0 \in J$ and $\gamma(0) = p$,
- $\gamma'(0) = v$.

If S is an embedded submanifold, then we have

$$T_p S = \{v \in T_p M : \forall f \in C^\infty(M), f|_S = 0, vf = 0\}. \quad (5.3)$$

Proof. Quite clear from the local embeddedness of immersed submanifolds. □

We can also characterize tangent spaces via defining maps.

Proposition: Tangent Space via Defining Maps

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, and S is an embedded submanifold of M . If $\Phi : U \rightarrow N$ is any local defining map for S in M then

$$T_p S = \ker d\Phi_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{\Phi(p)} N, \quad (5.4)$$

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

Specifically, if S is a level set of a smooth submersion $\Phi : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$, then

$$T_p S = \{v \in T_p M : v\Phi^i = 0, i = 1, \dots, k\}, \quad (5.5)$$

If M is a smooth manifold with boundary, and $p \in \partial M$, intuitively, we expect that we can classify the tangent vectors to three categories: those that point inward to M , those that point outward to M , and those that are tangent to the boundary ∂M itself. This is indeed the case. We interpret the boundary as an embedded submanifold of M from theorem 5.1.2.

Definition 5.4.1: Tangent Vectors On the Boundary

If $p \in \partial M$, then a vector $v \in T_p M - T_p(\partial M)$ is said to be **inward-pointing** if $\exists \epsilon > 0$, there is a smooth curve $\gamma : [0, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$ such that $\gamma(0) = p$ and $\gamma'(0) = v$. It is said to be **outward-pointing** if the same holds for a smooth curve $\gamma : (-\epsilon, 0] \rightarrow M$.

Proposition: Boundary Tangent Vectors from Coordinates

Let M be a smooth n -manifold with boundary, and $p \in \partial M$. If (U, φ) is a boundary chart for M around p , with coordinates (x^1, \dots, x^n) , then a vector $v \in T_p M$ is inward-pointing if and only if it has positive x^n -component, outward-pointing if and only if it has negative x^n -component, and tangent to the boundary if and only if its x^n -component is zero.

This gives a partition of $T_p M$ by

$$T_p M = \{\text{inward-pointing}\} \sqcup T_p(\partial M) \sqcup \{\text{outward-pointing}\}. \quad (5.6)$$

Definition 5.4.2: Boundary Defining Function

Suppose M is a smooth manifold with boundary. A **boundary defining function** for M is a smooth function $f : M \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that $\partial M = f^{-1}(0)$ and $df_p \neq 0$ for all $p \in \partial M$.

For example, the defining function for a closed unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n is $f(x) = 1 - |x|^2$.

Proposition: Existence of Boundary Defining Functions

Suppose M is a smooth manifold with boundary. Then there exists a boundary defining function for M .

Proof. Let $\{U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha\}$ be a collection of smooth charts covering M , define $f_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by

- If U_α is an interior chart then $f_\alpha = 1$.
- If U_α is a boundary chart with coordinates (x^1, \dots, x^n) , then $f_\alpha = x^n$.

Thus $f_\alpha > 0$ in the interior and $f_\alpha = 0$ on the boundary. Take any partition of unity $\{\psi_\alpha\}$ subordinate to the cover and taking $f = \sum_\alpha \psi_\alpha f_\alpha$ would do. To see $df_p \neq 0$ for all $p \in \partial M$, we have

$$df_p(v) = \sum_\alpha (f_\alpha d\psi_\alpha|_p(v) + \psi_\alpha(p) df_\alpha|_p(v)) = \sum_\alpha \psi_\alpha(p) df_\alpha|_p(v),$$

□

Remark:

Usually, it is fairly easy to say that if a subset of M is an embedded submanifold for they are exactly those satisfying the local slice condition. However, it is often much more difficult to determine whether a subset is an immersed submanifold. A common technique is to first assume it is, then derive a contradiction from some phenomenon:

- $\forall p \in S$, the tangent space $T_p S$ is a linear subspace of $T_p M$ with constant dimension.
- $\forall p \in S$, it is in the image of a local parametrization.
- Each vector tangent to S at p is the velocity vector of a smooth curve in S through p .
- Each vector tangent to S at p annihilates all smooth functions on M that vanish on S .

Example: Proving Smooth Submanifolds

Consider

$$S = \{(x, y) : y = |x|, x \in \mathbb{R}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2.$$

It is easy that $S - \{(0, 0)\}$ is an embedded submanifold of \mathbb{R}^2 . If S is a smooth submanifold of \mathbb{R}^2 , then it must be one-dimensional from local embeddedness. Then $T_{(0,0)}S$ must be a one-dimensional linear subspace of $T_{(0,0)}\mathbb{R}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}^2$. This means that there is a smooth curve $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow S$ such that $\gamma(0) = (0, 0)$ and $\gamma'(0) \neq 0$. However, the only such curve is $\gamma(t) = (0, 0)$ for all t , which contradicts $\gamma'(0) \neq 0$. Hence, S is not a smooth submanifold of \mathbb{R}^2 .

5.5 Submanifolds with Boundary

The definition is very similar to the case without boundary.

Definition 5.5.1: Submanifold with Boundary

Suppose M is a smooth manifold with or without boundary. A submanifold with boundary of M is a subset $S \subseteq M$ equipped with a topology making it a topological manifold with boundary, and a smooth structure such that the inclusion map $\iota_S : S \hookrightarrow M$ is a smooth immersion.

If the inclusion map is a smooth embedding, then S is called an **embedded submanifold with boundary** of M , and in the general case, it is called an **immersed submanifold with boundary** of M .

A regular domain of M is a properly embedded submanifold with boundary of codimension 0.

Proposition: **Topological Boundary and Manifold Boundary**

Suppose M is a smooth manifold without boundary, and $D \subseteq M$ is a regular domain. Then the topological boundary and interior of D in M coincide with the manifold boundary and interior of D as a manifold with boundary, respectively.

Proof. Simply due to D having the subspace topology from M . □

Proposition: **Generating Regular Domains**

Suppose M is a smooth manifold without boundary, and $f \in C^\infty(M)$, then

- For each regular value $b \in \mathbb{R}$ of f , the set $f^{-1}((-\infty, b])$ is a regular domain in M . It is called a **sublevel set** of f . And if D is a regular domain that $D = f^{-1}((-\infty, b])$ for some f and b , then f is called a **defining function** for D in M .
- For each regular value $a < b$ in f , then the set $f^{-1}([a, b])$ is a regular domain in M .

Theorem 5.5.1: Existence of Sublevel Defining Functions

If M is a smooth manifold without boundary, and $D \subseteq M$ is a regular domain, then there exists a smooth function $f \in C^\infty(M)$ being a defining function for D in M . If D is compact, then f can be chosen to be a smooth exhaustion function on M .

Proposition: **Properties of Submanifolds with Boundary**

Suppose M is a smooth manifold with or without boundary, then

- Every open subset of M is an embedded submanifold with or without boundary of codimension 0.
- If N is a smooth manifold with boundary, and $F : N \rightarrow M$ is a smooth embedding, then $F(N)$ is an embedded submanifold with boundary of M , with the subspace topology and smooth structure.
- If $S \subseteq M$ is an immersed submanifold with boundary of M , then for each $p \in S$ there exists a neighborhood U of p in S such that U is an embedded submanifold with boundary of M .

A k -dimensional half-slice of U is a subset

$$\{(x^1, \dots, x^n) \in U : x^{k+1} = c^{k+1}, \dots, x^n = c^n, x^n \geq 0\},$$

We say that $S \subseteq M$ satisfies the **local half-slice condition** if $\forall p \in S$, there exist a chart (U, φ) for M around p such that $S \cap U$ is a k -dimensional usual slice or half-slice of U . In the former case it is called the interior slice chart of S in M , and in the latter case it is called the boundary slice chart of S in M .

Theorem 5.5.2: Local Half-Slice Criterion for Embedded Submanifolds with Boundary

Suppose M is a smooth manifold with or without boundary, and $S \subseteq M$. Then S is an embedded submanifold with boundary of M if and only if it satisfies the local half-slice condition.

Theorem 5.5.3: Restricting the Domain of a Smooth Map to a Submanifold with Boundary

Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds with boundary and $S \subseteq M$ is an embedded submanifold with boundary.

- Restricting the domain: If $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map, then the restriction $F|_S : S \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map.
- Restricting the codomain: If $\partial M \neq \emptyset$, and $F : N \rightarrow M$ is a smooth map such that $F(N) \subseteq S$, then the induced map $F : N \rightarrow S$ is smooth.

Remark:

Actually, the requirement $\partial M \neq \emptyset$ is not necessary.

Chapter 6

Sard's Theorem

We study the behavior of critical values of smooth maps between manifolds. Sard's Theorem states that the set of critical values has measure zero in the target manifold.

6.1 The Sard's Theorem

Theorem 6.1.1: The Sard's Theorem

Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map. Then the set of critical values of F has measure zero in N .

This shows that if $\dim M < \dim N$, then $F(M)$ has measure zero in N . Because each point of M is critical for F .

6.2 The Whitney Embedding Theorem

Now we formalize our intuition that smooth manifolds are smooth “surfaces” in Euclidean space.

Firstly, we show that an injective immersion of an n -dimensional manifold into \mathbb{R}^N can be turned into a lower dimensional immersion if $N > 2n + 1$.

Lemma 6.2.1: Lower the Immersion Dimension

Suppose $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ is a smooth n -dimensional submanifold with or without boundary. Let \mathbb{R}^{N-1} be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^N with last coordinate zero. For any $v \in \mathbb{R}^N - \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$, let $\pi_v : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$ be the projection with kernel $\mathbb{R}v$. If $N > 2n + 1$, then there exists a dense set of $v \in \mathbb{R}^N - \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$ such that $\pi_v|_M : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$ is an injective immersion.

Lemma 6.2.2: Lowering to $2n + 1$

Let M be a smooth n -dimensional manifold with or without boundary. If M has a smooth embedding into \mathbb{R}^N for some $N > 2n + 1$, then it has a smooth embedding into \mathbb{R}^{2n+1} .

Theorem 6.2.1: Whitney Embedding Theorem

Every smooth n -dimensional manifold with or without boundary admits a proper smooth embedding into \mathbb{R}^{2n+1} .

Theorem 6.2.2: Whitney Immersion Theorem

Every smooth n -dimensional manifold with or without boundary admits a smooth immersion into \mathbb{R}^{2n} .

Theorem 6.2.3: Strong Whitney Embedding Theorem

Every smooth n -dimensional manifold with or without boundary admits a smooth embedding into \mathbb{R}^{2n} .

Theorem 6.2.4: Strong Whitney Immersion Theorem

Every smooth n -dimensional manifold with or without boundary admits a smooth immersion into \mathbb{R}^{2n-1} .

6.3 The Whitney Approximation Theorem

If $\delta : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a positive continuous function, then we say two functions $F_1, F_2 : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ are **δ -close** if for all $p \in M$, we have

$$\|F_1(p) - F_2(p)\| < \delta(p).$$

Theorem 6.3.1: Whitney Approximation Theorem for Functions

Let M be a smooth manifold with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be a continuous map. Given a positive continuous function $\delta : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, there exists a smooth map $G : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ that is δ -close to F . If F is smooth on a closed subset $A \subseteq M$, then we can choose G so that $G|_A = F|_A$.

6.3.1 Tabular Neighborhoods

We need to generalize the Whitney Approximation Theorem to maps between manifolds. If $F : N \rightarrow M$ is smooth, then by the Whitney Embedding Theorem, we can embed M into some \mathbb{R}^n , and approximate F by a smooth map into \mathbb{R}^n . However, the image may not lie in M . To fix this, we use **tabular neighborhoods**.

Definition 6.3.1: Normal Space

Suppose $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is an embedded m -dimensional submanifold. For each $p \in M$, the **normal space** to M at p is the subspace $N_p M \subseteq T_p \mathbb{R}^n$ that are orthogonal to $T_p M$ via the inherited Euclidean inner product on \mathbb{R}^n itself.

The **normal bundle** of M is the set

$$NM = \{(p, v) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n : p \in M, v \in N_p M\}. \quad (6.1)$$

with a natural projection map $\pi_{NM} : NM \rightarrow M$ defined as the restriction of the projection map $\pi : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ to NM .

Theorem 6.3.2: Structure of Normal Bundle

If $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is an embedded m -dimensional submanifold, then the normal bundle NM is an embedded n -dimensional submanifold of $T\mathbb{R}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$.

Definition 6.3.2: Tabular Neighborhoods

Think NM as a submanifold in $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$. Define

$$E : NM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad E(p, v) = p + v. \quad (6.2)$$

Then E is smooth. A **tabular neighborhood** of M is a neighborhood $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ of M such that it is diffeomorphic image under E of an open subset $V \subseteq NM$ that

$$V = \{(p, v) \in NM : \|v\| < \delta(p)\} \quad (6.3)$$

for some positive continuous function $\delta : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 6.3.3: Tabular Neighborhood Theorem

Every embedded submanifold $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ has a tabular neighborhood.

Definition 6.3.3: Retraction

A **retraction** of a topological space X onto a subspace $A \subseteq X$ is a continuous map $r : X \rightarrow A$ such that $r(a) = a$ for all $a \in A$.

Proposition: Tabular Neighborhood to Retraction

If $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is an embedded submanifold with a tabular neighborhood U , then there exists a smooth retraction $r : U \rightarrow M$ that is also a smooth submersion.

6.3.2 Smooth Approximation between Manifolds

Theorem 6.3.4: Whitney Approximation Theorem

Let N be smooth manifolds with or without boundary, M be a smooth manifold without boundary, and let $F : N \rightarrow M$ be a continuous map, then F is homotopic to a smooth map $G : N \rightarrow M$. Furthermore, if F is a smooth map on a closed subset $A \subseteq N$, then the homotopy can be taken to be relative to A .

Corollary 6.3.1: Extension Lemma for Smooth Maps

Suppose N is a smooth manifold with or without boundary, and M is a smooth manifold without boundary. If $A \subseteq N$ is closed and $F : A \rightarrow M$ is a smooth map, then f has a smooth extension to N if and only if it has a continuous extension to N .

Definition 6.3.4: Smooth Homotopy

A **smooth homotopy** between smooth maps $F_0, F_1 : M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map $H : M \times [0, 1] \rightarrow N$ such that $H(p, 0) = F_0(p)$ and $H(p, 1) = F_1(p)$ for all $p \in M$.

If N, M are smooth manifolds with or without boundary, it is easy to see that smooth homotopy is an equivalence relation on the set of smooth maps from N to M .

Theorem 6.3.5: Homotopy and Smooth Homotopy

Suppose N is a smooth manifold with or without boundary, and M is a smooth manifold without boundary. $F, G : N \rightarrow M$ are smooth maps. Then if F is homotopic to G , then they are smoothly homotopic. If F, G are homotopic relative to a closed subset $A \subseteq N$, then they are smoothly homotopic relative to A .

6.4 Transversality

Vector space intersects nicely: If $V_1, V_2 \subseteq W$ are subspaces of a vector space W , then $V_1 \cap V_2$ is also a subspace of W . For manifolds, it is not always true: There are smooth submanifolds whose intersection is not a submanifold.

Theorem 6.4.1: Transversality

Suppose M is a smooth manifold. Two embedded submanifolds $S_1, S_2 \subseteq M$ intersect **transversely** if for every $p \in S_1 \cap S_2$, we have

$$T_p S_1 + T_p S_2 = T_p M.$$

in linear algebraic sense, where we consider $T_p S_1, T_p S_2$ as subspaces of $T_p M$.

If $F : N \rightarrow M$ is a smooth map and $S \subseteq M$ is an embedded submanifold, then we say F is **transverse** to S if for every $p \in F^{-1}(S)$, we have

$$T_{F(p)} S + dF_p(T_p N) = T_{F(p)} M. \quad (6.4)$$

Remark:

The first definition is easy to understand: At each intersection point, the two submanifolds' tangent spaces cross nicely to span the whole tangent space of the ambient manifold. The second definition generalizes the first: It means that the image of N and the submanifold S intersect nicely in M .

Specially, if F is a submersion, then it is transverse to every embedded submanifold of M . And two embedded submanifolds $S_1, S_2 \subseteq M$ intersect transversely if and only if the inclusion

map $i : S_1 \hookrightarrow M$ is transverse to S_2 .

Theorem 6.4.2: Generalized Level Set Theorem

Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds and $S \subseteq M$ is an embedded submanifold.

- If $F : N \rightarrow M$ is a smooth map that is transverse to S , then $F^{-1}(S)$ is an embedded submanifold of N with codimension equal to that of S in M .
- If $S' \subseteq M$ is another embedded submanifold that intersects S transversely, then $S \cap S'$ is an embedded submanifold of M with codimension equal to the sum of the codimensions of S and S' in M .
- If $F : N \rightarrow M$ is a smooth submersion, then for any embedded submanifold S with codimension k in M , $F^{-1}(S)$ is an embedded submanifold of N with codimension k .

This shows in \mathbb{R}^3 , a smooth surface and a smooth curve intersecting transversely will yield a discrete set of points, and two smooth surfaces intersecting transversely will yield a smooth curve.

Theorem 6.4.3: Global Characterization of Graphs

Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds and $S \subseteq M \times N$ is an immersed submanifold. Let π_M and π_N be the projection maps from $M \times N$ to M and N respectively. Then the following are equivalent:

- S is the graph of a smooth map $f : M \rightarrow N$.
- $\pi_M|_S$ is a diffeomorphism from S to M .
- For each $p \in M$, the submanifolds S and $\pi_M^{-1}(p)$ intersect transversely in $M \times N$ at exactly one point.
- S is the graph of $f = \pi_N \circ (\pi_M|_S)^{-1}$.

Corollary 6.4.1: Local Characterization of Graphs

Suppose M, N are smooth manifolds and $S \subseteq M \times N$ is an immersed submanifold. If $(p, q) \in S$, S intersects $\pi_M^{-1}(p)$ transversely at (p, q) , then there exists an open neighborhood U of p in M and V of (p, q) in S such that V is the graph of a smooth map $f : U \rightarrow N$.

Now, we generalize the concept of smooth homotopy:

Suppose N, M, S are smooth manifolds and $\forall s \in S$, we have a smooth map $F_s : N \rightarrow M$. If the map $F : N \times S \rightarrow M$ defined as $F(p, s) = F_s(p)$ is smooth, then we say $\{F_s\}_{s \in S}$ is a **smooth family** of smooth maps from N to M . This is just a higher dimensional generalization of smooth homotopy.

Proposition: Smooth Family and Homotopy

If $\{F_s\}_{s \in S}$ is a smooth family of smooth maps from N to M , if S is connected, then for any $s_1, s_2 \in S$, F_{s_1} is smoothly homotopic to F_{s_2} .

Proof. S is connected so it is path connected. Let $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow S$ be a smooth path with $\gamma(0) = s_1$ and $\gamma(1) = s_2$. Define $H(p, s) = F(p, \gamma(s))$ is a smooth homotopy between F_{s_1} and F_{s_2} . \square

Theorem 6.4.4: Parametric Transversality Theorem

Suppose N, M are smooth manifolds, $X \subseteq M$ is an embedded submanifold, and $\{F_s\}_{s \in S}$ is a smooth family of smooth maps from N to M . If the map $F : N \times S \rightarrow M$ defined as $F(p, s) = F_s(p)$ is transverse to X , then for almost every $s \in S$, the map $F_s : N \rightarrow M$ is transverse to X .

Theorem 6.4.5: Transversality Homotopy Theorem

Suppose N, M are smooth manifolds and $X \subseteq M$ is an embedded submanifold. Every smooth map $F : N \rightarrow M$ is homotopic to a smooth map $g : N \rightarrow M$ that is transverse to X .

Chapter 7

Lie Groups

7.1 Definition and Examples

Definition 7.1.1: Lie Group

A **Lie group** is a smooth manifold G without boundary that is also a group, such that the group operations (multiplication and inversion) are smooth maps.

Proposition: Identify Lie Groups

If G is a smooth manifold and a group such that the map

$$f : G \times G \rightarrow G, \quad (g, h) \mapsto gh^{-1} \quad (7.1)$$

is smooth, then G is a Lie group.

Proof. We have

$$g \cdot h = f(g, h^{-1}), \quad h^{-1} = f(e, h).$$

□

If G is a Lie group, $\forall g \in G$, define

$$L_g : G \rightarrow G, \quad h \mapsto gh, \quad R_g : G \rightarrow G, \quad h \mapsto hg.$$

These are called **left** and **right translations** by g , respectively. Both are diffeomorphisms with inverses $L_{g^{-1}}$ and $R_{g^{-1}}$, obviously.

Example: Lie Groups

- The general linear group $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is a Lie group under matrix multiplication. It is an open submanifold of $M(n, \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$.

Some subsets of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$: $GL^+(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) : \det(A) > 0\}$, $SL(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) : \det(A) = 1\}$, $O(n) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) : A^T A = I\}$, $SO(n) = O(n) \cap SL(n, \mathbb{R})$.

Similarly, we have complex versions $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$, $SL(n, \mathbb{C})$, $U(n)$, $SU(n)$.

- Generally, for any vector space V over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} with finite dimension, the group of all automorphisms $Aut(V)$ is a Lie group isomorphic to $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ or $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$.
- If G is a Lie group, and $H \subseteq G$ be an open subgroup, then H is also a Lie group.
- The \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C} under addition are Lie groups. The $\mathbb{R}^* = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ and $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ under multiplication are also Lie groups.
- The S^1 under complex multiplication is a Lie group, called the **circle group**.
- Given G_1, \dots, G_k Lie groups, their product $G_1 \times \dots \times G_k$ is also a Lie group under component-wise multiplication:

$$(g_1, \dots, g_k) \cdot (h_1, \dots, h_k) = (g_1 h_1, \dots, g_k h_k). \quad (7.2)$$

So the n -torus $T^n = S^1 \times \dots \times S^1$ is a Lie group.

- Any group with discrete topology is a 0-dimensional Lie group.

7.2 Lie Group Homomorphisms

Definition 7.2.1: Lie Group Homomorphism

A **Lie group homomorphism** is a smooth map $F : G \rightarrow H$ between Lie groups that is also a group homomorphism, i.e., $F(gh) = F(g)F(h)$ for all $g, h \in G$. It is called a **Lie group isomorphism** if it is a diffeomorphism as well.

Example: Lie Group Homomorphisms

- The inclusion map $S^1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ is a Lie group homomorphism.
- The map $\exp : (\mathbb{R}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$ is a Lie group homomorphism. And $\exp : (\mathbb{R}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^+, \cdot)$ is a Lie group isomorphism. The same goes for \mathbb{C} .
- The map $\epsilon : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$ defined by $\epsilon(t) = e^{2\pi it}$ is a Lie group homomorphism with kernel \mathbb{Z} . Same goes for $\epsilon^n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T^n$ defined by $\epsilon^n(t_1, \dots, t_n) = (e^{2\pi it_1}, \dots, e^{2\pi it_n})$ with kernel \mathbb{Z}^n .
- The determinant map $\det : GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$ is a Lie group homomorphism.
- For any Lie group G , the conjugation map $C_g : G \rightarrow G$ defined by $C_g(h) = ghg^{-1}$ is a Lie group isomorphism for each fixed $g \in G$.

Theorem 7.2.1: Constant Rank for Lie Group Homomorphisms

Every Lie group homomorphism has constant rank. A Lie group homomorphism is an isomorphism if and only if it is a bijection.

Proof. Let $F : G \rightarrow H$ be a Lie group homomorphism, and e_g and e_h be the identity elements. $\forall g_0 \in G$, we have

$$F(L_{g_0}(g)) = F(g_0g) = F(g_0)F(g) = L_{F(g_0)}(F(g)), \quad F \circ L_{g_0} = L_{F(g_0)} \circ F.$$

Taking the differential at e_g , we get

$$dF_{g_0} \circ dL_{g_0}|_{e_g} = dL_{F(g_0)}|_{e_h} \circ dF_{e_g}.$$

As L_{g_0} and $L_{F(g_0)}$ are diffeomorphisms, $dL_{g_0}|_{e_g}$ and $dL_{F(g_0)}|_{e_h}$ are isomorphisms. Thus, dF_{g_0} has the same rank as dF_{e_g} for all $g_0 \in G$.

The second claim follows from the global rank theorem. \square

7.2.1 Universal Covering Groups

Theorem 7.2.2: Existence of Universal Covering Groups

Every connected Lie group G has a simply connected Lie group \tilde{G} called the **universal covering group** of G , that has a smooth covering map $\pi : \tilde{G} \rightarrow G$ which is also a Lie group homomorphism.

Also, the universal covering group is unique up to isomorphism.

Example: Universal Covering Group

- $\epsilon^n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T^n$ by

$$\epsilon^n(t_1, \dots, t_n) = (e^{2\pi i t_1}, \dots, e^{2\pi i t_n})$$

is a Lie group homomorphism and a smooth covering map. So \mathbb{R}^n is the universal covering group of T^n .

- $\exp : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ is a Lie group homomorphism and a smooth covering map. So \mathbb{C} is the universal covering group of \mathbb{C}^* .

7.3 Lie Subgroups

Definition 7.3.1: Lie Subgroup

A **Lie subgroup** of a Lie group G is a subgroup H of G with a topology and smooth structure such that H is a Lie group and an immersed submanifold of G .

The following shows that embedded subgroups are automatically Lie subgroups.

Proposition: Embedded Subgroup is Lie Subgroup

If H is an embedded submanifold of a Lie group G and a subgroup of G , then H is a Lie subgroup.

Proof. We only need to show the multiplication and inversion maps on H are smooth. \square

The possibility of open subgroups as a candidate is limited:

Lemma 7.3.1: Open Subgroups as Lie Subgroups

Suppose G is a Lie group and H is an open subgroup of G . Then H is an embedded Lie subgroup of G . In addition H is also closed, and thus a union of connected components of G .

Proof. If H is open, then it is embedded from proposition 5.1. Then every left coset gH is also open. As $G - H$ is a union of left cosets, it is also open. Thus, H is closed. \square

If G is a group and $S \subseteq G$, then the subgroup generated by S is the intersection of all subgroups of G containing S .

Proposition: Generating Lie Subgroups

Suppose G is a Lie group and $W \subseteq G$ is any neighborhood of the identity element e .

- W generates an open subgroup of G .
- If W is connected, then the subgroup generated by W is also connected.
- If G is connected, then W generates G .

Proposition: The Identity Component

Let G be a Lie group, and let G_0 be the connected component of the identity element $e \in G$, called the **identity component** of G . Then G_0 is a normal subgroup of G , and it is the only connected open subgroup of G . Every connected component of G is a coset of G_0 , thus diffeomorphic to G_0 .

Now lets move on to Lie subgroups that are not open subgroups.

Proposition: Kernel as Lie Subgroup

If $F : G \rightarrow H$ is a Lie group homomorphism, then $\ker F$ is a properly embedded Lie subgroup of G , with codimension equal to the rank of F .

Proposition: Image as Lie Subgroup

If $F : G \rightarrow H$ is an injective Lie group homomorphism, then $F(G)$ has a unique smooth structure making it a Lie subgroup of H , such that $F : G \rightarrow F(G)$ is a Lie group isomorphism.

Example: Embedded Lie Subgroups

- $GL^+(n, \mathbb{R})$ is an open subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$, thus an embedded Lie subgroup.
- S^1 is an embedded Lie subgroup of \mathbb{C}^* .
- $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is the kernel of the determinant map $\det : GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$, thus a properly embedded Lie subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ with codimension 1. As determinant is a smooth submersion, $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ has dimension $n^2 - 1$.

On the torus, let $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow T^2$ be defined by $\gamma(t) = (e^{2\pi it}, e^{2\pi i\alpha t})$ for some irrational number α . Then γ is a Lie group homomorphism from \mathbb{R} to T^2 . Its image is a Lie subgroup of T^2 that is not an embedded submanifold. In fact, its image is dense in T^2 .

More interesting, in general smooth submanifolds can be closed without being embedded submanifolds, like figure-eight curve in \mathbb{R}^2 , and can be embedded without being closed. However, for Lie subgroups, we have the following result:

Theorem 7.3.1: Embeddedness and Closeness of Lie Groups

Suppose G is a Lie group and H is a Lie subgroup of G . Then H is closed in G if and only if H is an embedded submanifold of G .

7.4 Group Actions and Equivariant Maps

Lie groups often act on smooth manifolds in a smooth way. Generally, if G is a group and M is a set, a **left group action** of G on M is a map $G \times M \rightarrow M$, $(g, x) \mapsto g \cdot x$ such that $\forall g, h \in G$ and $x \in M$, $e \cdot x = x$ and $g \cdot (h \cdot x) = (gh) \cdot x$. A **right group action** is defined similarly.

Now, let G be a Lie group and M be a smooth manifold. A **smooth left group action** of G on M is a left group action such that the map $\theta : G \times M \rightarrow M$, $(g, x) \mapsto g \cdot x$ is smooth.

We denote the left action by $\theta_g : M \rightarrow M$, $x \mapsto g \cdot x$. For a smooth left group action, each θ_g is a diffeomorphism with inverse $\theta_{g^{-1}}$. Some frequently used notions are listed below.

- Orbit: For each $p \in M$, the **orbit** of p is

$$G \cdot p = \{g \cdot p : g \in G\}.$$

- Isotropy Group: The **isotropy group** or **stabilizer** of p is

$$G_p = \{g \in G : g \cdot p = p\}.$$

The stabilizer is a subgroup of G .

- Transitive Action: If for every $p, q \in M$, there exists $g \in G$ such that $g \cdot p = q$, then the action is called **transitive**. Equivalently, the only orbit is M itself.
- Free Action: If for every $p \in M$, the only $g \in G$ such that $g \cdot p = p$ is $g = e$. Equivalently, the isotropy group G_p is trivial for all $p \in M$.

Example: Lie Group Action

- Trivial Action: G is any Lie group, and M is any smooth manifold. The trivial action is defined by $g \cdot p = p$ for all $g \in G$ and $p \in M$. This is a smooth left group action. Every orbit is a single point, and the isotropy group is the whole group G .
- Natural action of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ on \mathbb{R}^n : For $A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ and $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the action is defined by $A \cdot v = Av$. This is a smooth left group action. The orbit of v is the line spanned by v , and the isotropy group is the set of all matrices that scale v . There are two orbits: $\{0\}$ and $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$.
- Every Lie Group acts smoothly on itself by left multiplication. The action is both free and transitive. Also, every Lie group acts smoothly on itself by conjugation, i.e., $g \cdot h = ghg^{-1}$.
- A discrete group G acts smoothly on a smooth manifold M if and only if for each $g \in G$, the map $\theta_g : M \rightarrow M$ is a smooth map from M to itself. For example, \mathbb{Z}^n acts on \mathbb{R}^n by translation, i.e., $(m_1, \dots, m_n) \cdot (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1 + m_1, \dots, x_n + m_n)$.

Another important situation is covering maps. Suppose E, M be topological spaces and $\pi : E \rightarrow M$ is a topological covering map. An automorphism of π (or **covering transformation** or **deck transformation**) is a homeomorphism $\varphi : E \rightarrow E$ such that $\pi \circ \varphi = \pi$. The set of all automorphisms of π forms a group under composition, denoted by $\text{Aut}_\pi(E)$, left acting on E .

Proposition: Automorphisms as Lie Group

Suppose E, M are smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and $\pi : E \rightarrow M$ is a smooth covering map. With the discrete topology, $\text{Aut}_\pi(E)$ is a zero-dimensional Lie group that acts smoothly and freely on E .

7.4.1 Equivariant Maps**Definition 7.4.1: Equivariant Maps**

Suppose G is a Lie group acting smoothly on smooth manifolds M and N . A map $F : M \rightarrow N$ is called **G -equivariant** if $\forall g \in G$ and $p \in M$,

$$F(g \cdot p) = g \cdot F(p).$$

We also say that F intertwines the actions of G on M and N .

Theorem 7.4.1: Equivariant Rank Theorem

Let M, N be smooth manifolds, and G be a Lie group. Suppose $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a G -equivariant smooth map. If G acts transitively on M , then F has constant rank.

Proof. Let θ and φ be the actions of G on M and N , respectively. $\forall p, q \in M$, choose $g \in G$, $\theta_g(p) =$

q . Then from $\varphi_g \circ F = F \circ \theta_g$, we have

$$d\varphi_g|_{F(p)} \circ dF_p = dF_q \circ d\theta_g|_p.$$

So dF_q has the same rank as dF_p . \square

Definition 7.4.2: Orbit Map

Suppose G is a Lie group acting smoothly on a smooth manifold M . For each $p \in M$, the **orbit map** at p is the map $\theta^p : G \rightarrow M$ defined by $\theta^p(g) = g \cdot p$. The image of θ^p is the orbit $G \cdot p$.

Proposition: Properties of Orbit Maps

Suppose θ is a smooth left group action of a Lie group G on a smooth manifold M . For each $p \in M$, the orbit map $\theta^{(p)} : G \rightarrow M$ is smooth and has constant rank. So the isotropy group $G_p = (\theta^{(p)})^{-1}(p)$ is a properly embedded Lie subgroup of G . If $G_p = e$, then $\theta^{(p)}$ is an injective smooth immersion, so the orbit $G \cdot p$ is an immersed submanifold of M .

Remark:

In fact, every orbit is an immersed submanifold of M . But we shall postpone the proof until we develop more tools.

Proof. The orbit map $\theta^{(p)}$ is smooth as

$$G \cong G \times \{p\} \hookrightarrow G \times M \xrightarrow{\theta} M.$$

As G acts transitively on itself by left multiplication, by the equivariant rank theorem, $\theta^{(p)}$ has constant rank. Thus, G_p is a properly embedded Lie subgroup of G .

Also, when $G_p = e$, $d\theta^{(p)}|_e$ is injective, so $\theta^{(p)}$ is an injective smooth immersion. Thus the orbit $G \cdot p$ is an immersed submanifold of M . \square

Example: The Orthogonal Group

$O(n)$ is naturally a subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$. Define a smooth map $\Phi : GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M(n, \mathbb{R})$ by $\Phi(A) = A^T A$. Then $O(n) = \Phi^{-1}(I)$.

Define an action of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ on $M(n, \mathbb{R})$ by $A \cdot X = A^T X A$. This is a smooth left group action. And $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ acts on itself by left multiplication. The map Φ is $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ -equivariant, since

$$\Phi(A \cdot B) = \Phi(AB) = (AB)^T (AB) = B^T (A^T A) B = A \cdot \Phi(B).$$

So by the equivariant rank theorem, Φ has constant rank. Thus, $O(n)$ is a properly embedded Lie subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$. It is compact for it is closed and bounded in $M(n, \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$.

To compute the dimension of $O(n)$, take $B \in T_I GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \cong M(n, \mathbb{R})$. Then take $\gamma(t) = I + tB$, we have

$$d\Phi_I(B) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \Phi(I + tB) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (I + tB)^T (I + tB) = B^T + B.$$

So $d\Phi_I(T_I GL(n, \mathbb{R}))$ is the space of symmetric matrices, which has dimension $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$. Then, $O(n)$ is a properly embedded Lie subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ with dimension $n^2 - \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$. The special orthogonal group $SO(n)$ is the intersection of $O(n)$ and $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$. It is also a properly embedded Lie subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ with dimension $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$.

Example: Unitary Group

The unitary group $U(n)$ is defined as

$$U(n) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{C}) : A^*A = I\},$$

where A^* is the conjugate transpose of A . Similar to the orthogonal group, the unitary group is a properly embedded Lie subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ with dimension n^2 . The special unitary group $SU(n) = U(n) \cap SL(n, \mathbb{C})$ is also a properly embedded Lie subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ with dimension $n^2 - 1$.

7.4.2 Semidirect Products

Definition 7.4.3: Semidirect Product

Suppose H, N are Lie groups, and $\theta : H \times N \rightarrow N$ is a smooth left group action of H on N . It is said to be by **automorphisms** if $\forall h \in H$, the map $\theta_h : N \rightarrow N$, $n \mapsto h \cdot n$ is a Lie group automorphism of N .

Now we define a new Lie group $G = N \rtimes_{\theta} H$, called the **semidirect product** of N and H with respect to θ . As a smooth manifold, $G = N \times H$. The group operation is defined by

$$(n_1, h_1) \cdot (n_2, h_2) = (n_1(h_1 \cdot n_2), h_1 h_2). \quad (7.3)$$

Remark:

Intuitively, a semidirect product is a generalization of a direct product. If the action θ is trivial, i.e., $h \cdot n = n$ for all $h \in H$ and $n \in N$, then the semidirect product reduces to the direct product $N \times H$. Its like first twisting N by the action of H , then taking the product.

Example: The Euclidean Group

Consider \mathbb{R}^n as a Lie group under addition, and $O(n)$ as a Lie group under matrix multiplication. Then the natural action of $O(n)$ on \mathbb{R}^n by matrix multiplication is by automorphisms. The semidirect product $E(n) = \mathbb{R}^n \rtimes O(n)$ is called the **Euclidean group**, which is the group of all isometries of \mathbb{R}^n that preserve distances. The group acting on \mathbb{R}^n is given by

$$(b, A) \cdot x = Ax + b, \quad (b, A)(b', A') = (b + Ab', AA'),$$

Proposition: Properties of Semidirect Products

Suppose H, N are Lie groups, and $\theta : H \times N \rightarrow N$ is a smooth left group action of H on N by automorphisms. Let $G = N \rtimes_{\theta} H$ be the semidirect product of N and H with respect to θ . Then

- The subsets $\tilde{N} = N \times \{e_H\}$ and $\tilde{H} = \{e_N\} \times H$ are closed Lie subgroups of G that are isomorphic to N and H , respectively.
 - \tilde{N} is a normal subgroup of G .
 - $\tilde{N} \cap \tilde{H} = \{e_G\}$, where $e_G = (e_N, e_H)$ is the identity element of G .
 - $\tilde{N}\tilde{H} = G$.
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Theorem 7.4.2: Characterization of Semidirect Products

Suppose G is a Lie group, and $N, H \subseteq G$ are closed Lie subgroups such that N is normal. Also, suppose $N \cap H = \{e_G\}$ and $NH = G$. Then the map $(n, h) \mapsto nh$ is a Lie group isomorphism from the semidirect product $N \rtimes_{\theta} H$ to G , where $\theta : H \times N \rightarrow N$ is the action by conjugation, i.e., $\theta(h, n) = hnh^{-1}$.

7.4.3 Representations of Lie Groups

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Chapter 8

Vector Fields

8.1 Vector Fields on Manifolds

Definition 8.1.1: Vector Fields

If M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, a **vector field** on M is a smooth section of the map $\pi : TM \rightarrow M$. In other words, a vector field is a continuous map $X : M \rightarrow TM$ such that $\pi \circ X = \text{id}_M$. This means that for each point $p \in M$, the vector field X assigns a tangent vector $X(p) \in T_p M$.

Usually, we are interested in smooth vector fields, meaning that the map X is smooth. If X is not even necessarily continuous, we say that X is a **rough vector field**.

We shall denote $X(p)$ by X_p for each $p \in M$, to be more readable. For any vector field X on M , we can write its component functions

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

according to some local smooth chart $(U, \varphi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$ around p .

Proposition: Smoothness Criterion for Vector Fields

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $X : M \rightarrow TM$ be a rough vector field on M . If $(U, \varphi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$ is a smooth chart on M , then the restriction of X to U is smooth if and only if the component functions $X^i : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is smooth for each i .

Example: Vector Fields

- Now if $(U, \varphi = (x^i))$ is any smooth chart on M , then we can define the **coordinate vector fields** on U by

$$p \mapsto \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right|_p . \quad (8.1)$$

called the i -th coordinate vector field on U .

- Euler vector field: The vector field V on \mathbb{R}^n by

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

is called the **Euler vector field** on \mathbb{R}^n .

- The angle vector field: Let θ be any angle coordinate on a proper open subset $U \subseteq S^1$, then let $d/d\theta$ be the corresponding coordinate vector field on U . Any other angle coordinate only differs from θ by an additive constant, so the vector field $d/d\theta$ is independent of the choice of angle coordinate. Thus, we can define a vector field on all of S^1 by defining it to be $d/d\theta$ on U at each proper open subset $U \subseteq S^1$. This vector field is called the **angle vector field** on S^1 .

The same goes for tori T^n .

We can see that tangent spaces behave locally. So we can identify $T_p U$ with $T_p M$ without ambiguity.

Definition 8.1.2: Vector Field Along a Subset

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $A \subseteq M$ be any subset. A **vector field along A** is a continuous map $X : A \rightarrow TM$ such that $\pi \circ X = \text{id}_A$. We call it a smooth vector field along A if for each $p \in A$, there is an open neighborhood V of p in M and a smooth vector field \tilde{X} on V such that $\tilde{X}|_{V \cap A} = X|_{V \cap A}$.

Lemma 8.1.1: Extension Lemma for Vector Fields

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $A \subseteq M$ be any closed subset. If X is a smooth vector field along A , then for any open neighborhood U of A in M , there is a smooth vector field \tilde{X} on M such that $\tilde{X}|_A = X$ and $\text{supp}(\tilde{X}) \subseteq U$.

Specifically, any vector at a point $p \in M$ can be extended to a smooth vector field on M that vanishes outside a small neighborhood of p .

Definition 8.1.3: Vector Field Spaces

If M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, we denote the space of all smooth vector fields on M by $\mathfrak{X}(M)$. It is a vector space over \mathbb{R} under pointwise addition and scalar multiplication.

In addition, smooth vector fields can be multiplied by smooth functions to produce new smooth vector fields. If $f \in C^\infty(M)$ and $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, then we define a new vector field $fX \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ by

$$(fX)_p = f(p)X_p \tag{8.2}$$

Proposition: **Properties of $\mathfrak{X}(M)$**

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary.

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

8.1.1 Local and Global Frames

Definition 8.1.4: Local and Global Frames

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and an ordered k -tuple (X_1, \dots, X_k) of vector fields on some subset $A \subseteq M$. We say that they are linearly independent if $\forall p \in A$, the vectors $(X_1)_p, \dots, (X_k)_p$ are linearly independent in $T_p M$, and it spans the tangent bundle over A if $\forall p \in A$, the vectors $(X_1)_p, \dots, (X_k)_p$ span $T_p M$.

A **local frame** on M is an ordered n -tuple of vector fields (E_1, \dots, E_n) on some open subset $U \subseteq M$ that is linearly independent and spans the tangent bundle over U . The vectors $(E_1)_p, \dots, (E_n)_p$ then form a basis for $T_p M$ for each $p \in U$. It is called a **global frame** if $U = M$, and a **smooth frame** if each E_i is a smooth vector field.

A smooth manifold M is called **parallelizable** if it admits a smooth global frame.

Example: Local and Global Frames

- The standard coordinate vector fields $(\partial/\partial x^1, \dots, \partial/\partial x^n)$ form a smooth global frame on \mathbb{R}^n .
- For any smooth chart $(U, \varphi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$ on a smooth manifold M , the coordinate vector fields $(\partial/\partial x^1, \dots, \partial/\partial x^n)$ form a smooth local frame on U .
- The angle vector field $d/d\theta$ on S^1 is a smooth global frame. And the n angle vector fields $\partial/\partial\theta^1, \dots, \partial/\partial\theta^n$ form a smooth global frame on the torus T^n .

Proposition: Completion of Local Frames

Let M be a n -smooth manifold, with or without boundary,

- Let $U \subseteq M$ be any open subset, and let (X_1, \dots, X_k) be a linearly independent k -tuple of smooth vector fields on U , where $k < n$. Then there exist smooth vector fields X_{k+1}, \dots, X_n on U such that (X_1, \dots, X_n) is a smooth local frame on U .
- If (v_1, \dots, v_k) is any linearly independent k -tuple of vectors in $T_p M$ at some point $p \in M$, where $k \leq n$, then there exist a smooth local frame (X_i) on some open neighborhood U of p such that $X_i|_p = v_i$ for each $1 \leq i \leq k$.
- If X_1, \dots, X_n is a linearly independent n -tuple of smooth vector fields on some closed subset $A \subseteq M$, then there exist smooth local frame (\tilde{X}_i) on some open neighborhood U of A such that $\tilde{X}_i|_A = X_i$ for each $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Specially for subsets of \mathbb{R}^n , we can use the Euclidean inner product to define orthonormal frames. For example, the standard coordinate vector fields on \mathbb{R}^n or the polar coordinate vector fields on $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$.

Lemma 8.1.2: Gram-Schmidt Algorithm for Frames

Suppose (X_j) is a smooth local frame for $T\mathbb{R}^n$ over some open subset $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Then there exists a smooth orthonormal local frame (E_j) for $T\mathbb{R}^n$ over U such that

$$\text{span}\{X_1, \dots, X_k\} = \text{span}\{E_1, \dots, E_k\} \quad \text{for each } 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

Generally speaking, parallelizable manifolds are rare. For example, spheres S^n are only parallelizable for $n = 1, 3, 7$. We shall later see that all Lie groups are parallelizable.

8.1.2 Vector Fields as Derivations

Vector fields define operators on smooth functions. If $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ and f is a smooth function on some open subset $U \subseteq M$, then we can define a new smooth function Xf on U by

$$(Xf)(p) = X_p(f) \quad \forall p \in U. \quad (8.3)$$

Remark:

Note the difference between Xf and fX . The former is a smooth function on U , while the latter is a smooth vector field on M .

It is quite direct that Xf is defined locally, for any open subset $V \subseteq U$, we have

$$(Xf)|_V = X|_V(f|_V).$$

Proposition: Properties of Vector Field Derivations

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $X : M \rightarrow TM$ be a rough vector field on M . Then the following are equivalent:

- X is smooth.
- For every $f \in C^\infty(M)$, the function $Xf : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is smooth.
- For every open subset $U \subseteq M$ and every $f \in C^\infty(U)$, the function $Xf : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is smooth.

Proof. Quite obvious, just taking a local chart around each point. □

Recall the definition of a derivation at a point 3.1.1. Now we present the global version.

Definition 8.1.5: Derivations

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary. A **derivation** on M is a linear map $D : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$ such that for all $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$,

$$D(fg) = fD(g) + gD(f).$$

The derivation at a point $p \in M$ is just the composition of D with the evaluation map at p :

$$D_p : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad D_p(f) = D(f)(p).$$

We can see that for a vector field $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, we have

$$X(fg)(p) = X_p(fg) = f(p)X_p(g) + g(p)X_p(f) = f(p)(Xg)(p) + g(p)(Xf)(p) = (fXg + gXf)(p).$$

which matches our definition.

Theorem 8.1.1: Vector Fields and Derivations

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary. A map $D : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$ is a derivation on M if and only if there exists a smooth vector field $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ such that $D(f) = Xf$ for all $f \in C^\infty(M)$.

Thus, we can identify the space of derivations on M with the space $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ of smooth vector fields on M .

Proof. We have already shown the "if" part. For the "only if" part, for each $p \in M$, define $X_p : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $X_p(f) = D(f)(p)$ would do. Smoothness follows from the fact that $D(f)$ is smooth for each $f \in C^\infty(M)$. \square

8.2 Vector Fields and Smooth Maps

Given $F : M \rightarrow N$ a smooth map and X a vector field on M , we can try to "push forward" X to a vector field on N by $dF_p(X_p) \in T_{F(p)}N$. However, this does not necessarily define a vector field on N . If F is not surjective, then there may be points in N that are not in the image of F , and if F is not injective, then there may be points in N that have multiple preimages in M with different pushed-forward vectors.

Definition 8.2.1: F -related Vector Fields

Let M and N be smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map. If X is a vector field on M and Y is a vector field on N , we say that X and Y are **F -related** if for every $p \in M$,

$$dF_p(X_p) = Y_{F(p)}.$$

Proposition: F -related Vector Fields on Smooth Functions

Let M and N be smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map. If $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ and $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$, then they are F -related if and only if for every $g \in C^\infty(N)$,

$$X(g \circ F) = (Yg) \circ F. \tag{8.4}$$

Proof. We have

$$X(g \circ F)(p) = X_p(g \circ F) = dF_p(X_p)(g) = Y_{F(p)}(g) = (Yg)(F(p)) = ((Yg) \circ F)(p).$$

\square

Example: F -related Vector Fields

Let $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, t \mapsto (\cos t, \sin t)$ be the standard embedding of the unit circle. Then the vector field $X = d/dt$ on \mathbb{R} is F -related to the angle vector field

$$Y_{(x,y)} = -y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x,y)} + x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big|_{(x,y)}$$

For an arbitrary smooth map $F : M \rightarrow N$, there may not exist any nontrivial F -related vector fields. But for diffeomorphisms, we have the following result.

Proposition: Existence of Related Vector Fields for Diffeomorphisms

Let M and N be smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a diffeomorphism. Then for every vector field $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, there exists a unique vector field $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$ that is F -related to X , and vice versa.

We often denote Y by F_*X , called the **pushforward** of X by F . Explicitly, for each $q \in N$,

$$(F_*X)_q = dF_{F^{-1}(q)}(X_{F^{-1}(q)}). \quad (8.5)$$

and we have

$$((F_*X)g) \circ F = X(g \circ F) \quad \forall g \in C^\infty(N). \quad (8.6)$$

8.2.1 Vector Fields and Submanifolds

If $S \subseteq M$ is an immersed or embedded submanifold, with or without boundary, then in general, a vector field on M does not restrict to a vector field on S , because the vectors may not lie in the tangent spaces of S .

Definition 8.2.2: Tangent to a Submanifold

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $S \subseteq M$ be an immersed or embedded submanifold, with or without boundary. A vector field $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ is said to be **tangent to S** if for every $p \in S$, $X_p \in T_p S \subseteq T_p M$.

Proposition: Criterion for Tangency to a Submanifold

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $S \subseteq M$ be an embedded submanifold, with or without boundary. A vector field $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ is tangent to S if and only if for every smooth function $f \in C^\infty(M)$ that vanishes on S , the function Xf also vanishes on S .

If $S \subseteq M$ is an immersed submanifold, with or without boundary, and $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(S)$, then if there is a vector field $X \in \mathfrak{X}(S)$ that is $\iota : S \hookrightarrow M$ -related to Y , then clearly Y is tangent to S . Because for each $p \in S$, $Y_p = d\iota_p(X_p) = X_p \in T_p S$. We shall see that the converse is also true.

Proposition: **Restricting Vector Fields to Submanifolds**

Let M be a smooth manifold, and $S \subseteq M$ be an immersed submanifold, with or without boundary. Let $\iota : S \hookrightarrow M$ be the inclusion map. A vector field $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ is tangent to S if and only if there exists a vector field $X \in \mathfrak{X}(S)$ that is ι -related to Y . In this case, X is unique, and we often denote it by $Y|_S$, called the **restriction** of Y to S .

8.3 Lie Brackets

Now, we introduce an important operation on vector fields, joining two vector fields to produce a new vector field, called the Lie bracket.

Let $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ be two smooth vector fields on a smooth manifold M . Given a $f \in C^\infty(M)$, we can successively apply X and Y to f to get a new smooth function $Y(Xf)$. However, this operation $f \mapsto YXf$ does not satisfy the Leibniz rule, so is not a vector field. To fix this, we introduce the Lie bracket.

Definition 8.3.1: Lie Bracket

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ be two smooth vector fields on M . The **Lie bracket** of X and Y is the map $[X, Y] : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$ defined by

$$[X, Y]f = X(Yf) - Y(Xf) \quad \forall f \in C^\infty(M). \quad (8.7)$$

Then $[X, Y]$ is a smooth vector field on M .

Proof. We shall show that $[X, Y]$ is a derivation on M . For any $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [X, Y](fg) &= X(Y(fg)) - Y(X(fg)) \\ &= X(fYg + gYf) - Y(fXg + gXf) \\ &= fX(Yg) + (Xf)(Yg) + gX(Yf) + (Xg)(Yf) \\ &\quad - fY(Xg) - (Yf)(Xg) - gY(Xf) - (Yg)(Xf) \\ &= f(X(Yg) - Y(Xg)) + g(X(Yf) - Y(Xf)) \\ &= f[X, Y]g + g[X, Y]f. \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 8.3.1: Coordinate Formula for Lie Bracket

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $(U, \varphi = (x^1, \dots, x^n))$ be a smooth chart on M . If $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ are two smooth vector fields on M , then on U , we can write

$$X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \quad Y = Y^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j},$$

where $X^i, Y^j \in C^\infty(U)$ are the component functions of X and Y with respect to the coordinate vector fields. Then the Lie bracket $[X, Y]$ on U is given by

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

Proof. Mere computation: take $f \in C^\infty(U)$,

$$\begin{aligned} [X, Y]f &= X(Yf) - Y(Xf) \\ &= X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left(Y^j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} \right) - Y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left(X^j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} \right) \\ &= X^i \left(\frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} + Y^j \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} \right) - Y^i \left(\frac{\partial X^j}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} + X^j \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} \right) \\ &= \left(X^i \frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i} - Y^i \frac{\partial X^j}{\partial x^i} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} + (X^i Y^j - Y^i X^j) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} \\ &= \left(X^i \frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i} - Y^i \frac{\partial X^j}{\partial x^i} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j}. \end{aligned}$$

□

A trivial example is that

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right] = 0, \quad \forall 1 \leq i, j \leq n.$$

This is only that mixed partial derivatives commute for smooth functions.

Proposition: Properties of Lie Bracket

Let M be a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and let $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ be three smooth vector fields on M , and let $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$ be two smooth functions on M . Then the Lie bracket satisfies the following properties:

- Bilinearity: $[aX + bY, Z] = a[X, Z] + b[Y, Z]$ and $[Z, aX + bY] = a[Z, X] + b[Z, Y]$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.
- Antisymmetry: $[X, Y] = -[Y, X]$.
- Jacobi identity: $[X, [Y, Z]] + [Y, [Z, X]] + [Z, [X, Y]] = 0$.
- Leibniz rule: $[fX, gY] = fg[X, Y] + f(Xg)Y - g(Yf)X$.

Theorem 8.3.2: Naturality of Lie Bracket

Let M and N be smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map. If $X_1, X_2 \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ and $Y_1, Y_2 \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$ are vector fields such that X_i is F -related to Y_i for $i = 1, 2$, then the Lie bracket $[X_1, X_2]$ is F -related to the Lie bracket $[Y_1, Y_2]$.

Proof. We have

$$X_1 X_2(f \circ F) = X_1((Y_2 f) \circ F) = (Y_1(Y_2 f)) \circ F, \quad X_2 X_1(f \circ F) = (Y_2(Y_1 f)) \circ F.$$

So putting them together,

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

□

Corollary 8.3.1: Pushforward of Lie Bracket

Let M and N be smooth manifolds, with or without boundary, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a diffeomorphism. If $X_1, X_2 \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ then

$$F_*[X_1, X_2] = [F_*X_1, F_*X_2]. \quad (8.8)$$

Corollary 8.3.2: Brackets Tangent to Submanifolds

Let M be a smooth manifold and S be an immersed submanifold, with or without boundary. If $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ are vector fields that are tangent to S , then the Lie bracket $[X, Y]$ is also tangent to S .

8.4 The Lie Algebra of Lie Groups

Definition 8.4.1: Left-Invariant

Let G be a Lie group, and let $X \in \mathfrak{X}(G)$ be a smooth vector field on G . We say that X is **left-invariant** if for every $g \in G$, X is L_g -related to itself. In other words

$$\forall g, h \in G, \quad dL_g(X_h) = X_{gh}. \quad (8.9)$$

Since L_g is a diffeomorphism for each $g \in G$, this means $(L_g)_*X = X$ for all $g \in G$.

From linearity, the set of all left-invariant vector fields on G forms a vector subspace of $\mathfrak{X}(G)$, and it is closed under the Lie bracket.

Proof. We have from $(L_g)_*X = X$ and $(L_g)_*Y = Y$ that

$$(L_g)_*[X, Y] = [(L_g)_*X, (L_g)_*Y] = [X, Y].$$

□

Definition 8.4.2: Lie Algebra

A Lie algebra over \mathbb{R} is a real vector space \mathfrak{g} equipped with a map $[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ called the bracket, such that for all $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{g}$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, the following properties hold:

- Bilinearity: $[aX + bY, Z] = a[X, Z] + b[Y, Z]$ and $[Z, aX + bY] = a[Z, X] + b[Z, Y]$.
- Antisymmetry: $[X, Y] = -[Y, X]$.
- Jacobi identity: $[X, [Y, Z]] + [Y, [Z, X]] + [Z, [X, Y]] = 0$.

If \mathfrak{g} is a Lie algebra, a linear subspace $\mathfrak{h} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$ is called a **Lie subalgebra** if it is closed under the bracket operation.

If \mathfrak{g} and \mathfrak{h} are Lie algebras, a linear map $\varphi : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ is called a **Lie algebra homomorphism** if for all $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$, $\varphi([X, Y]) = [\varphi(X), \varphi(Y)]$. It is called a **Lie algebra isomorphism** if it is bijective, and we say that \mathfrak{g} and \mathfrak{h} are **isomorphic** Lie algebras.

Example: Lie Algebras

- The space $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ of all smooth vector fields on a smooth manifold M , with or without boundary, is a Lie algebra under the Lie bracket.
- If G is a Lie group, then the set of all left-invariant vector fields on G forms a Lie subalgebra of $\mathfrak{X}(G)$, denoted by $\text{Lie}(G)$.
- The vector space $M(n, \mathbb{R})$ of all $n \times n$ real matrices is a Lie algebra under the bracket operation defined by the commutator:

$$[A, B] = AB - BA \quad \forall A, B \in M(n, \mathbb{R}).$$

denoted by $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$. Similarly, $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{C})$ is a $2n^2$ -dimensional real Lie algebra.

- Generally, if V is a vector space over \mathbb{R} , the space $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$ of all linear operators on V is a Lie algebra under the commutator bracket.
 - Any vector space V becomes a Lie algebra under the trivial bracket operation $[X, Y] = 0$ for all $X, Y \in V$. Such a Lie algebra is called an **abelian** Lie algebra. (This name reflects that most cases Lie algebras are just commutators like above.)
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For $\text{Lie}(G)$, intuitively, if we know the vector at any point on the manifold, then we can determine the whole vector field by left translations, so the dimension of $\text{Lie}(G)$ should be the same as that of G .

Theorem 8.4.1: Structure of $\text{Lie}(G)$

Let G be a Lie group of dimension n . Then the evaluation map $\epsilon : \text{Lie}(G) \rightarrow T_e G$ defined by $\epsilon(X) = X_e$ is a vector space isomorphism. In particular, $\dim \text{Lie}(G) = \dim G = n$.

The inversion map is given by

$$T_e G \rightarrow \text{Lie}(G), \quad v \mapsto v^L|_g = d(L_g)_e(v). \quad (8.10)$$

Proof. It is clear that ϵ is linear. To show it is injective, suppose $X \in \text{Lie}(G)$ such that $X_e = 0$. Then for any $g \in G$, $X_g = d(L_g)_e(X_e) = d(L_g)_e(0) = 0$. So X is the zero vector field, and hence ϵ is injective. Surjectivity follows from the construction in the second part of the theorem, and smoothness is clear: take any smooth curve $\gamma : (-\delta, \delta) \rightarrow G$ with $\gamma(0) = e$ and $\gamma'(0) = v$, then

$$(v^L f)(g) = v^L|_g(f) = d(L_g)_e(v)(f) = v(f \circ L_g) = \gamma'(0)(f \circ L_g) = \frac{d}{dt}(f \circ L_g \circ \gamma)(0).$$

If we define $\varphi : (-\delta, \delta) \times G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $\varphi(t, g) = f \circ L_g \circ \gamma(t) = f(g\gamma(t))$, then φ is smooth, so $(v^L f)(g) = \partial \varphi / \partial t(0, g)$ is smooth in g . Thus v^L is a smooth vector field, and hence $v^L \in \text{Lie}(G)$. \square

Therefore, given any vector $v \in T_e G$, there exists a unique left-invariant vector field $X \in \text{Lie}(G)$ such that $X_e = v$, denoted by X^L .

We shall see that the smoothness condition in the definition of left-invariant vector fields is actually superfluous.

Corollary 8.4.1: Left-Invariant Rough Field

Let G be a Lie group. For any rough vector field $X : G \rightarrow TG$ that is left-invariant, X is smooth, and hence $X \in \text{Lie}(G)$.

Corollary 8.4.2: Parallelizability of Lie Groups

Every Lie group admits a left-invariant smooth global frame, and is therefore parallelizable.

Example: Lie Algebras of Lie Groups

- \mathbb{R}^n : as a Lie group under addition, so a vector field X is left-invariant if and only if $X^i \partial/\partial x^i$ has constant component functions X^i . Thus $\text{Lie}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cong T_0 \mathbb{R}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^n$.
- S^1 : as a Lie group under multiplication, the basis is just $d/d\theta$, so $\text{Lie}(S^1) \cong T_1 S^1 \cong \mathbb{R}$. The same goes for the torus T^n , the basis is $\partial/\partial\theta^1, \dots, \partial/\partial\theta^n$, so $\text{Lie}(T^n) \cong T_e T^n \cong \mathbb{R}^n$.

We notice that the group \mathbb{R}^n, S^1 are abelian, and their Lie algebras are also abelian. This is not a coincidence. Every abelian Lie group has an abelian Lie algebra.

Proof. If G is abelian, then for any $X, Y \in \text{Lie}(G)$, we have SORRY □

We shall also see that the converse holds when G is connected.

Now we come to inspect the Lie algebra of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$. Consider $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is an open subset of $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$, so its tangent space is naturally isomorphic to $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$ itself. Also, from the structure theorem of $\text{Lie}(G)$ 8.4.1, we have a vector space isomorphism $\text{Lie}(GL(n, \mathbb{R})) \cong T_I GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$. However, note that $\text{Lie}(GL(n, \mathbb{R}))$ and $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$ have independently defined brackets, the former is defined by Lie brackets of left-invariant vector fields, while the latter is defined by commutators of matrices. We shall see that these two brackets actually agree under the above isomorphism.

Theorem 8.4.2: Lie Algebra of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$

The composition of natural vector space isomorphisms

$$\text{Lie}(GL(n, \mathbb{R})) \xrightarrow{\epsilon} T_I GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R}) \quad (8.11)$$

is a Lie algebra isomorphism between the left-invariant Lie algebra $\text{Lie}(GL(n, \mathbb{R}))$ and the matrix Lie algebra $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$. This can also be generalized to any finite-dimensional real vector space V to give a Lie algebra isomorphism between $\text{Lie}(GL(V))$ and $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$.

Proof. Using the matrix entries X_j^i as global coordinates on $GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \subseteq \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$, the isomorphism

$$T_I GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R}), \quad A_j^i \frac{\partial}{\partial X_j^i} \Big|_I \mapsto A = (A_j^i)$$

So the isomorphism from $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$ to $\text{Lie}(GL(n, \mathbb{R}))$ is given by, take any $A \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$, then the corresponding left-invariant vector field $X^A \in \text{Lie}(GL(n, \mathbb{R}))$ is given by

$$A^L|_X = d(L_X)_I \left(A_j^i \frac{\partial}{\partial X_j^i} \Big|_I \right) = A_j^i d(L_X)_I \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial X_j^i} \Big|_I \right) = A_j^i X_k^k \frac{\partial}{\partial X_j^k} \Big|_X = X_j^i A_k^j \frac{\partial}{\partial X_k^i} \Big|_X.$$

Next is pure computation: Take any $A, B \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$, then

$$\begin{aligned} [A^L, B^L] &= \left[X_j^i A_k^j \frac{\partial}{\partial X_k^i}, X_q^p B_r^q \frac{\partial}{\partial X_r^p} \right] \\ &= X_j^i A_k^j \frac{\partial}{\partial X_k^i} (X_q^p B_r^q) \frac{\partial}{\partial X_r^p} - X_q^p B_r^q \frac{\partial}{\partial X_r^p} (X_j^i A_k^j) \frac{\partial}{\partial X_k^i} \\ &= X_j^i A_k^j B_r^k \frac{\partial}{\partial X_r^i} - X_q^p B_r^q A_k^r \frac{\partial}{\partial X_k^p} \\ &= X_j^i (A_k^j B_r^k - B_k^j A_r^k) \frac{\partial}{\partial X_r^i} \\ &= [A, B]^L. \end{aligned}$$

□

8.4.1 Induced Lie Algebra Homomorphisms

We shall see that Lie group homomorphisms induce Lie algebra homomorphisms.

Theorem 8.4.3: Induced Lie Algebra Homomorphisms

Let G and H be Lie groups, and let $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}$ be their respective Lie algebras. Suppose $F : G \rightarrow H$ is a Lie group homomorphism. For every $X \in \mathfrak{g}$, there exists a unique vector field $Y \in \mathfrak{h}$ that is F -related to X , denoted by F_*X . The map $F_* : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ defined by $X \mapsto F_*X$ is a Lie algebra homomorphism.

Proof. By the spirit of one point generates all, the only choice for Y is given by

$$Y = (\mathrm{d}F_e(X_e))^L.$$

And we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{d}F_g(X_g) &= \mathrm{d}F_g(\mathrm{d}(L_g)_e(X_e)) = \mathrm{d}(F \circ L_g)_e(X_e) = \mathrm{d}(L_{F(g)} \circ F)_e(X_e) \\ &= \mathrm{d}(L_{F(g)})_{F(e)}(\mathrm{d}F_e(X_e)) = (\mathrm{d}F_e(X_e))^L|_{F(g)} = Y_{F(g)}. \end{aligned}$$

where as $F(L_g g') = F(gg') = F(g)F(g') = L_{F(g)}(F(g'))$ for all $g' \in G$, so we have $F \circ L_g = L_{F(g)} \circ F$. So precisely, Y is F -related to X . Next from naturality of Lie bracket, F_* is a Lie algebra homomorphism. □

Remark:

Note that here we only require F to be a Lie group homomorphism, not necessarily a diffeomorphism. So the induced map F_* may not be an isomorphism.

Proposition: Properties of Induced Lie Algebras

- The identity homomorphism $\mathrm{id}_G : G \rightarrow G$ induces the identity Lie algebra homomorphism $\mathrm{id}_{\mathfrak{g}} : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$.
- Transitive property: if $F : G \rightarrow H$ and $H \rightarrow K$ are Lie group homomorphisms, then

the composition $K \circ F : G \rightarrow K$ induces the composition of Lie algebra homomorphisms $K_* \circ F_* : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{k}$.

- Isomorphic Lie groups have isomorphic Lie algebras.

8.4.2 Lie Algebra of Lie Subgroups

Intuitively, if H is a subgroup of a Lie group G , then the Lie algebra of H should be a Lie subalgebra of that of G . There is a slight confusion however, for elements of $\text{Lie}(H)$ are vector fields on H , not on G . We propose a small patch here nevertheless.

Theorem 8.4.4: Lie Algebra of Lie Subgroups

Suppose $H \subseteq G$ is a Lie subgroup of a Lie group G , and $\iota : H \hookrightarrow G$ is the inclusion map. There is a Lie algebra $\mathfrak{h} \subseteq \text{Lie}(G)$ isomorphic to $\text{Lie}(H)$, given by

$$\mathfrak{h} = \iota_*(\text{Lie}(H)) = \{X \in \text{Lie}(G) : X \in T_e H \subseteq T_e G\}. \quad (8.12)$$

This is quite natural, as both can be generated by the tangent space at the identity. This gives a nice way to identify the Lie algebra of a Lie subgroup as a Lie subalgebra of that of the bigger Lie group.

Example: Lie Algebra of $O(n)$

The orthogonal group $O(n)$ is a Lie subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$. For $\Phi(A) = A^T A$, it is equal to the level set $\Phi^{-1}(I)$. We have

$$T_I O(n) = \{B \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R}) : B^T + B = 0\},$$

consisting of all skew-symmetric matrices. It is a Lie subalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$ under the commutator bracket, denoted by $\mathfrak{o}(n)$.

We can do the same for $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ viewed as a real Lie group.

Definition 8.4.3: Representation of Lie Algebra

Let \mathfrak{g} be a finite-dimensional Lie algebra over \mathbb{R} . A **representation** of \mathfrak{g} is a Lie algebra homomorphism

$$\varphi : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V), \quad (8.13)$$

for some finite-dimensional real vector space V . If such a representation is injective, we say that \mathfrak{g} is **faithfully represented** on V , in this case it is isomorphic to a Lie subalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$.

Theorem 8.4.5: Ado's Theorem

Every finite-dimensional Lie algebra over \mathbb{R} admits a faithful finite-dimensional representation, so it is isomorphic to a Lie subalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$ for some n with the commutator bracket.

Chapter 9

Integral Curves and Flows

9.1 Integral Curves

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, with or without boundary, and $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ is a smooth curve, then $\forall t \in J$, the velocity vector $\gamma'(t) \in T_{\gamma(t)}M$. Now we want to work in the reverse direction.

Definition 9.1.1: Integral Curve

If V is a vector field on M , then a differentiable curve $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ is called an **integral curve** of V if $\forall t \in J$,

$$\gamma'(t) = V_{\gamma(t)}.$$

Usually if $0 \in J$, we say γ is an integral curve of V **starting at** $\gamma(0)$.

Suppose V is a smooth vector field on M . For a smooth chart $U \subseteq M$, in local coordinates, we can write $\gamma(t) = (\gamma^i(t))$, and $V = (V^i)$, then the integral curve equation becomes

$$\frac{d\gamma^i}{dt}(t) = V^i(\gamma(t)), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (9.1)$$

From ODE theory, we have

Proposition: Existence of Integral Curve

Let V be a smooth vector field on a smooth manifold M . For each point $p \in M$, there exists $\epsilon > 0$ and an integral curve $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$ of V such that $\gamma(0) = p$.

Next, we investigate some reparametrization properties of integral curves.

Proposition: Reparametrization of Integral Curves

Let V be a smooth vector field on a smooth manifold M , and let $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ be an integral curve of V .

- Rescaling: For any $a \in \mathbb{R}$, the curve $\tilde{\gamma} : \tilde{J} \rightarrow M$ defined by $\tilde{\gamma}(s) = \gamma(as)$, where $\tilde{J} = \{s \in \mathbb{R} : as \in J\}$, is an integral curve of the vector field aV .
- Translation: For any $b \in \mathbb{R}$, the curve $\hat{\gamma} : \hat{J} \rightarrow M$ defined by $\hat{\gamma}(u) = \gamma(u + b)$, where

$\hat{J} = \{u \in \mathbb{R} : u + b \in J\}$, is an integral curve of the vector field V .

Proposition: **Naturality of Integral Curves**

Let M and N be smooth manifolds, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map. Then $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ and $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$ are F -related if and only if for every integral curve γ of X , the curve $F \circ \gamma$ is an integral curve of Y .

Proof. First suppose X and Y are F -related, and let $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ be an integral curve of X . Then define $\sigma = F \circ \gamma : J \rightarrow N$. For any $t \in J$,

$$\sigma'(t) = dF_{\gamma(t)}(\gamma'(t)) = dF_{\gamma(t)}(X_{\gamma(t)}) = Y_{F(\gamma(t))} = Y_{\sigma(t)},$$

so σ is an integral curve of Y .

Conversely, suppose that for every integral curve γ of X , the curve $F \circ \gamma$ is an integral curve of Y . Let $p \in M$, and let $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$ be an integral curve of X with $\gamma(0) = p$. Then $\sigma = F \circ \gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow N$ is an integral curve of Y . Evaluating at $t = 0$, we have

$$Y_{F(p)} = (F \circ \gamma)'(0) = dF_{\gamma(0)}(\gamma'(0)) = dF_p(X_p),$$

so X and Y are F -related. □

9.2 Flows

We come by another way to look at integral curves. Suppose for each point $p \in M$, we have a unique integral curve $\theta^{(p)} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$ (Actually, it may always be defined on the whole \mathbb{R} , but for simplicity we assume this here) starting at p . Then we can define a map

$$\theta_t : M \rightarrow M, \quad \theta_t(p) = \theta^{(p)}(t).$$

which sends each point p to the point that slides along the integral curve starting at p for time t . It is easy to see that

$$\theta_t \circ \theta_s = \theta_{t+s}, \quad \theta_0 = \text{id}_M.$$

well, this is just the property of group action. So the map $\theta : \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow M$ defined by $\theta(t, p) = \theta_t(p)$ is an action of the group \mathbb{R} on M .

Definition 9.2.1: Global Flow

Let M be a smooth manifold. A **global flow** on M is a continuous left action $\theta : \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow M$ of the group \mathbb{R} on M .

The geometric meaning of a global flow is find where each point goes as time passes.

- For each fixed $t \in \mathbb{R}$, the map $\theta_t : M \rightarrow M$ defined by $\theta_t(p) = \theta(t, p)$ is a homeomorphism, and if the flow is smooth, then θ_t is a diffeomorphism.
- For each fixed $p \in M$, the map $\theta^{(p)} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$ defined by $\theta^{(p)}(t) = \theta(t, p)$ is the orbit of p under the action.

Every smooth global flow can be associated with integral curves of a smooth vector field. For any $\theta : \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow M$ smooth global flow, we can define a vector field V on M by

$$V_p = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \theta_t(p).$$

called the **infinitesimal generator** of the flow.

Proposition: Infinitesimal Generator

Let $\theta : \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow M$ be a smooth global flow on a smooth manifold M , and let V be its infinitesimal generator. Then V is a smooth vector field on M , and for each $p \in M$, the orbit $\theta^{(p)} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$ is the unique integral curve of V starting at p .

Proof. Take any $f \in C^\infty(M)$ on some open neighborhood of p . Then

$$Vf(p) = V_p f = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} (f \circ \theta_t)(p) = \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right|_{(0,p)} (f \circ \theta)(t, p),$$

So it is smooth. The second part follows according to the definition of integral curves. \square

9.2.1 The Fundamental Theorem of Flows

We cannot say that every smooth vector field on a smooth manifold generates a global flow because integral curves may not be defined for all \mathbb{R} . So we introduce a small patch here.

Definition 9.2.2: Flow

Let M be a manifold. A **flow domain** in M is an open subset $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times M$ such that for each $p \in M$, the set $\mathcal{D}^{(p)} = \{t \in \mathbb{R} : (t, p) \in \mathcal{D}\}$ is an open interval containing 0. A **flow** or **local flow** on M is a continuous map $\theta : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow M$ such that

- $\forall p \in M$, we have $\theta(0, p) = p$;
- For any $s \in \mathcal{D}^{(p)}$ and $t \in \mathcal{D}^{(\theta(s, p))}$, such that $s + t \in \mathcal{D}^{(p)}$, we have

$$\theta(t, \theta(s, p)) = \theta(s + t, p). \quad (9.2)$$

If θ is a flow, we define $\theta_t : M_t \rightarrow M$ by $\theta_t(p) = \theta(t, p)$, where $M_t = \{p \in M : (t, p) \in \mathcal{D}\}$. Then if θ is smooth, the infinitesimal generator of θ is defined as before.

Proposition: Infinitesimal Generator of a Flow

Let $\theta : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow M$ be a smooth flow on a smooth manifold M , and let V be its infinitesimal generator. Then V is a smooth vector field on M , and for each $p \in M$, the orbit $\theta^{(p)} : \mathcal{D}^{(p)} \rightarrow M$ is an integral curve of V starting at p .

Definition 9.2.3: Maximal Integral Curve

Let V be a smooth vector field on a smooth manifold M . An integral curve $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ of V is called a **maximal integral curve** of V if there is no integral curve $\tilde{\gamma} : \tilde{J} \rightarrow M$ of V such that $J \subsetneq \tilde{J}$ and $\tilde{\gamma}|_J = \gamma$.

A maximal flow of V is a flow $\theta : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow M$ that cannot be extended to a larger flow domain.

Theorem 9.2.1: The Fundamental Theorem of Flows

Let V be a smooth vector field on a smooth manifold M . Then there exists a unique maximal flow $\theta : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow M$ on M whose infinitesimal generator is V . And θ has the following properties:

- For each $p \in M$, the map $\theta^{(p)} : \mathcal{D}^{(p)} \rightarrow M$ defined by $\theta^{(p)}(t) = \theta(t, p)$ is the unique maximal integral curve of V starting at p .
- If $s \in \mathcal{D}^{(p)}$, then $\mathcal{D}^{(\theta(s,p))} = \mathcal{D}^{(p)} - s = \{t - s : t \in \mathcal{D}^{(p)}\}$.
- For each $t \in \mathbb{R}$, the set $M_t = \{p \in M : (t, p) \in \mathcal{D}\}$ is open in M , and the map $\theta_t : M_t \rightarrow M_{-t}$ is a diffeomorphism with inverse θ_{-t} .

Proposition: Naturality of Flows

Let M and N be smooth manifolds, and let $F : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map. Let $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ and $Y \in \mathfrak{X}(N)$ be F -related smooth vector fields, and let θ and η be their respective maximal flows. Then for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $F(M_t) \subseteq N_t$, and the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_t & \xrightarrow{\theta_t} & M_{-t} \\ \downarrow F & & \downarrow F \\ N_t & \xrightarrow{\eta_t} & N_{-t} \end{array}$$

Proof. For any $p \in M$, the curve $F \circ \theta^{(p)}$ is an integral curve of Y starting at $F(p)$. So by the uniqueness of maximal integral curves, $\eta^{(F(p))}$ extends $F \circ \theta^{(p)}$ and must be defined at least on $\mathcal{D}^{(p)}$. Thus, $F(M_t) \subseteq N_t$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Moreover,

$$F(\theta^{(p)}(t)) = F \circ \theta^{(p)}(t) = \eta^{(F(p))}(t) = \eta_t(F(p)),$$

thus $\eta_t \circ F = F \circ \theta_t$ on M_t . □

9.2.2 Complete Vector Fields

As we have seen, not every smooth vector field generates a global flow.

Definition 9.2.4: Complete Vector Field

A smooth vector field V on a smooth manifold M is called **complete** if its maximal flow $\theta : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow M$ has flow domain $\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{R} \times M$; that is, it generates a global flow on M .

We will show that compactly supported vector fields are complete.

Lemma 9.2.1: Uniform Time Lemma

Let V be a smooth vector field on a smooth manifold M , and let $\theta : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow M$ be its maximal flow. If there exists $\epsilon > 0$ such that for each $p \in M$, the interval $(-\epsilon, \epsilon) \subseteq \mathcal{D}^{(p)}$, then V is complete.

Proof. Suppose for some $p \in M$, the domain $\mathcal{D}^{(p)}$ is bounded above, let $b = \sup \mathcal{D}^{(p)}$ and let $b - \epsilon < t_0 < b$, and $q = \theta(t_0, p)$. Then by the hypothesis, $\theta^{(q)}$ is defined on $(-\epsilon, \epsilon)$, so $\gamma : (-\epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon) \rightarrow M$ defined by

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

is an integral curve of V extending $\theta^{(p)}$, contradicting the maximality of $\theta^{(p)}$. Thus, $\mathcal{D}^{(p)}$ is unbounded above. A similar argument shows that $\mathcal{D}^{(p)}$ is unbounded below, so $\mathcal{D}^{(p)} = \mathbb{R}$ for all $p \in M$, and hence V is complete. \square

Theorem 9.2.2: Completeness of Compactly Supported Vector Fields

Let M be a smooth manifold, and let V be a smooth vector field on M with compact support. Then V is complete.

Therefore, on a compact smooth manifold, every smooth vector field is complete.

Proof. Obvious. \square

Theorem 9.2.3: Completeness of Left-Invariant Vector Fields

Let G be a Lie group, and let V be a left-invariant vector field on G . Then V is complete.

Proof. There is some ϵ that $\theta^{(e)}$ is defined on $(-\epsilon, \epsilon)$, where e is the identity element of G . For any $g \in G$, the integral curve $\theta^{(g)}$ starting at g is given by $L_g \circ \theta^{(e)}$, which is defined on $(-\epsilon, \epsilon)$ as well. Thus, by the Uniform Time Lemma, V is complete. \square

Lemma 9.2.2: Escape Lemma

Suppose M is a smooth manifold, and $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$. If $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$ is a maximal integral curve of V and J is bounded above, let $b = \sup J$. Then for any $t_0 \in J$, $\gamma([t_0, b))$ is not contained in any compact subset of M .

9.3 Flowouts

Flows provide some technique for geometric constructions on manifolds.

Theorem 9.3.1: Flowout Theorem

Let M be a smooth manifold, let $S \subseteq M$ be an embedded k -dimensional submanifold, and let V be a smooth vector field on M that is nowhere tangent to S . Let $\theta : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow M$ be the maximal flow of V . Then let $\mathcal{O} = (\mathbb{R} \times S) \cap \mathcal{D}$ be the submanifold part of the flow domain. Let $\Phi = \theta|_{\mathcal{O}} : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow M$ be the restriction of the flow to \mathcal{O} .

- $\Phi : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow M$ is an immersion;
- $\partial/\partial t \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{O})$ is Φ -related to $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$;
- There exists a smooth positive function $\delta : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that the restriction $\Phi|_{\mathcal{O}_\delta} : \mathcal{O}_\delta \rightarrow M$ is injective, where

$$\mathcal{O}_\delta = \{(t, p) \in \mathbb{R} \times S : |t| < \delta(p)\}.$$

Thus $\Phi(\mathcal{O}_\delta)$ is an immersed submanifold of M containing S , and V is tangent to $\Phi(\mathcal{O}_\delta)$.

- If S has codimension 1, then $\Phi|_{\mathcal{O}_\delta} : \mathcal{O}_\delta \rightarrow \Phi(\mathcal{O}_\delta)$ is a diffeomorphism onto an open submanifold of M .

The submanifold $\Phi(\mathcal{O}_\delta)$ is called the **flowout** of S along V .

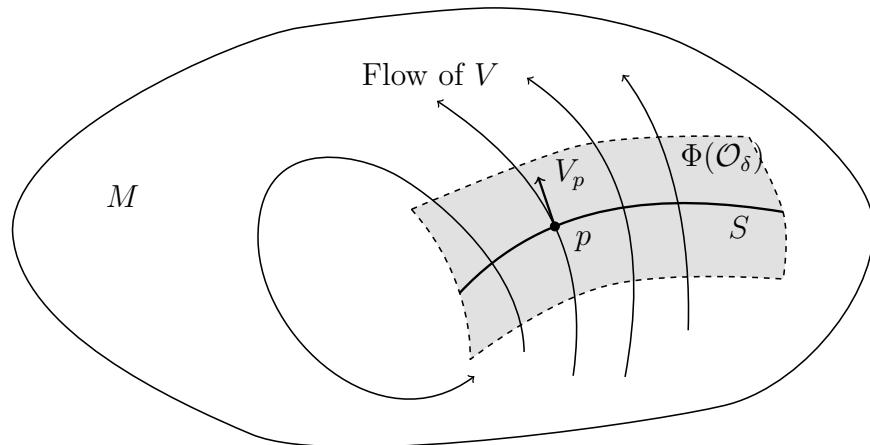


Figure 9.1: Flowout

Proof. SORRY □

9.3.1 Regular Points and Singular Points

Definition 9.3.1: Regular Point and Singular Point

Let M be a smooth manifold, and let V be a vector field on M . A point $p \in M$ is called a **regular point** of V if $V_p \neq 0$. Otherwise, it is called a **singular point** of V .

Proposition: **Regular and Singular Points**

Let V be a smooth vector field on a smooth manifold M . Let $\theta : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow M$ be the maximal flow of V . Then if $p \in M$ is a singular point of V , then $\mathcal{D}^{(p)} = \mathbb{R}$, and $\theta^{(p)}(t) = p$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ is a constant curve. If p is a regular point of V , then $\theta^{(p)} : \mathcal{D}^{(p)} \rightarrow M$ is a smooth immersion.

This shows that equilibrium points (The points where $\theta^{(p)}$ is constant) of a flow are exactly the singular points of its infinitesimal generator.

Now we give a complete local structure of a vector field around a regular point.

Theorem 9.3.2: Canonical Form near a Regular Point

Let M be a smooth manifold, and let V be a smooth vector field on M . If $p \in M$ is a regular point of V , then there exists a smooth chart (U, φ) near p , with coordinates (s^1, \dots, s^n) , such that on U ,

$$V = \frac{\partial}{\partial s^1}.$$

If $S \subseteq M$ is any embedded hypersurface (codimension 1 submanifold) with $p \in S$ and $V_p \notin T_p S$, then the chart (U, φ) can be chosen so that s^1 is the local defining function of S .

9.4 Flows and Flowouts on Manifolds with Boundary

Well from definition point we see that vector fields on manifolds with boundary need not generate flows when the point is on the boundary, which only permits half-open intervals as domains of integral curves. However, there are some flowout results that are important.

Theorem 9.4.1: Boundary Flowout Theorem

Let M be a smooth manifold with nonempty boundary, let N be a smooth vector field on M that is inward points on every $p \in \partial M$. There exists a smooth function $\delta : \partial M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ and a smooth embedding $\Phi : \mathcal{P}_\delta \rightarrow M$, where $\mathcal{P}_\delta = \{(t, p) : p \in \partial M, 0 \leq t < \delta(p)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \partial M$, such that $\Phi(\mathcal{P}_\delta)$ is an open neighborhood of ∂M in M , and for each $p \in \partial M$, the curve $\Phi^{(p)} : [0, \delta(p)) \rightarrow M$ defined by $\Phi^{(p)}(t) = \Phi(t, p)$ is the integral curve of N starting at p .

Lemma 9.4.1: Existence of Inward Vector Fields

Let M be a smooth manifold with nonempty boundary. There exists a smooth global vector field on M that inward points at every point of ∂M .

Theorem 9.4.2: Collar Neighborhood Theorem

Let M be a smooth manifold with nonempty boundary. A neighborhood of ∂M is called a **collar neighborhood** if it is the image of a smooth embedding $[0, 1) \times \partial M \rightarrow M$ that restricts to the identity on $\{0\} \times \partial M$.

Then every smooth manifold with nonempty boundary has a collar neighborhood.

Theorem 9.4.3: Homotopy to Interior

Let M be a smooth manifold with nonempty boundary. And let $\iota : \text{Int } M \rightarrow M$ be the inclusion map. Then there exists a proper smooth embedding $R : M \rightarrow \text{Int } M$ such that both $\iota \circ R : M \rightarrow M$ and $R \circ \iota : \text{Int } M \rightarrow \text{Int } M$ are smoothly homotopic to the respective identity maps. Therefore, ι is a homotopy equivalence between $\text{Int } M$ and M .

Proof. Quite natural, just shrinking the boundary along the collar neighborhood a little bit to get R would do. \square

Theorem 9.4.4: Whitney Approximation Theorem for Manifolds with Boundary

Let M, N be smooth manifolds with boundary, then every continuous map $F : M \rightarrow N$ is homotopic to a smooth map.

We next generalize theorem 6.2.4