Question 39.

Let $M \subseteq \mathbf{R}^N$ be a set and let $\varphi : U \to M$ be a smooth parametrization of M, defined on some open set $U \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$. We say that φ is a **regular parametrization** if φ is a homeomorphism, and if $\varphi'(p)$ has rank n at every point $p \in U$. Note that we require φ^{-1} to be continuous, but not necessarily smooth!

(a) Prove that if φ is a regular parametrization of M, then φ^{-1} is also smooth.

(b) Prove that if $\varphi : U \to M$ and $\psi : V \to M$ are two regular parametrizations of M, then $\mathrm{vol}_\varphi(M) = \mathrm{vol}_\psi(M)$.

(c) Use regular parametrizations to find the surface area of a sphere of radius r in $\mathbf{R}^4$.

Proof.
(a):
We claim that it suffices to show that the inversion map for invertible linear maps $T \mapsto T^{-1}$ is smooth.
Let T be a linear mapping. We will show that the total derivative of the inversion map at T is defined by $h \mapsto -T^{-1}hT^{-1}$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Let $\delta = \|T^{-1}\|^{-1}(1 - \frac{\|T^{-1}\|^2}{\varepsilon + \|T^{-1}\|^2})$. Let $\|h\| < \delta$, and recall that for this choice of δ, $T + h$ is still invertible. We have that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\|h\|}\left\|(T+h)^{-1} - T^{-1} + T^{-1}hT^{-1}\right\| &= \frac{1}{\|h\|}\left\|(T(I+T^{-1}h))^{-1} - T^{-1} + T^{-1}hT^{-1}\right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{\|h\|}\left\|(I+T^{-1}h)^{-1}T^{-1} - T^{-1} + T^{-1}hT^{-1}\right\|\end{aligned}$$

Notice that $\|I - I - T^{-1}h\|_{\mathrm{op}} = \|T^{-1}h\|_{\mathrm{op}} \le \|T^{-1}\|_{\mathrm{op}}\|h\|_{\mathrm{op}} < 1$, so by a lemma from long ago, we have that $I + T^{-1}h$ is invertible and

$$(I + T^{-1}h)^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}(I - (I + T^{-1}h))^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}(-1)^n(T^{-1}h)^n$$

Thus we can rewrite our original expression as

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{1}{\|h\|}\left\|\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}(-1)^n(T^{-1}h)^nT^{-1} - T^{-1} + T^{-1}hT^{-1}\right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{\|h\|}\left\|\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}(-1)^n(T^{-1}h)^n - I\right)T^{-1} + T^{-1}hT^{-1}\right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{\|h\|}\left\|\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}(-1)^n(T^{-1}h)^n\right)T^{-1} + T^{-1}hT^{-1}\right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{\|h\|}\left\|\left(-T^{-1}h + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty}(-1)^n(T^{-1}h)^n\right)T^{-1} + T^{-1}hT^{-1}\right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{\|h\|}\left\|\sum_{n=2}^{\infty}(-1)^n(T^{-1}h)^nT^{-1}\right\|\end{aligned}$$

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\begin{aligned}
&< \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\|h\|} \left\| (T^{-1}h)^n T^{-1} \right\| \\
&\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\|h\|} \|T^{-1}\|^{n+1} \|h\|^n \\
&= \|T^{-1}\|^3 \|h\| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|T^{-1}\|^n \|h\|^n \\
&= \frac{\|T^{-1}\|^3 \|h\|}{1 - \|T^{-1}\| \|h\|} && (\|T^{-1}\| \|h\| < 1) \\
&= \frac{\|T^{-1}\|^2}{1 - \|T^{-1}\| \|h\|} - \|T^{-1}\|^2 \\
&< \varepsilon
\end{aligned}
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Thus $T^{-1}hT^{-1}$ is the desired derivative. Now, notice that the derivative is also differentiable because it is built from the identity mapping and itself. But this implies that the original mapping is twice differentiable, so the derivative is in fact also twice differentiable. We can continue this process an arbitrary number of times, but hopefully it is convincing enough to show that the inversion mapping is infinitely differentiable. For convenience, define our inversion mapping as V (which i should've done earlier lol). Now we can prove our result.

Suppose φ is a smooth regular parametrization of M. Since φ' has full rank, we can apply the Inverse Function Theorem, we obtain that φ^{-1} is C^1 and

$$(\varphi^{-1})' = (\varphi' \circ \varphi^{-1})^{-1} = V \circ \varphi' \circ \varphi^{-1}$$

We can apply the same argument from before to φ^{-1} to show that it is infinitely differentiable. Since V and φ' are smooth, $(\varphi^{-1})'$ is C^1, so φ^{-1} is C^2, and so on. Therefore we can conclude that φ^{-1} is indeed C^∞.

(b):

Suppose that $\varphi : U \to M$ and $\psi : V \to M$ are regular parametrizations of M. We can rewrite

$$\psi = \varphi \circ \left(\varphi^{-1} \circ \psi\right).$$

Let $\Phi : V \to U$ be defined by $\Phi = \varphi^{-1} \circ \psi$. We claim that Φ is a diffeomorphim. ψ is smooth, and by part (a), we know that φ^{-1} is smooth, so Φ is also smooth. Furthermore, $\Phi^{-1} = \psi^{-1} \circ \varphi$, which is smooth for similar reasons. Thus Φ is indeed a diffeomorphism. This being the case, we know that parametrizations are diffeomorphism-invariant (done in class), so we can conclude that

$$\mathrm{vol}_\varphi(M) = \mathrm{vol}_\psi(M).$$

(c):

Let $rS^3 = \{(x, y, z, w) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2} = r\}$. Let $S_w^+ = \{(x, y, z, w) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2} = r, w > 0\}$ be the positive w-hemisphere of rS^3. We define $S_w^-, S_z^+, S_z^-, S_y^+, S_y^-, S_x^+, S_x^-$ similarly. It is not too hard to see that these sets form an open cover of rS^3. We will only analyze the volume of S_w^+, as the volume for all other sets can be computed in the same fashion. Let $f(x,y,z) = \sqrt{r^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2}$. We define the parametrization $\Phi : B(0,1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 \to S_w^+$ by

$$\Phi(x,y,z) = (x,y,z,f(x,y,z)).$$

Then

$$J\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} I_3 \\ \nabla f \end{pmatrix}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}
(J\Phi)^t J\Phi &= \begin{pmatrix} I_3 & (\nabla f)^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_3 \\ \nabla f \end{pmatrix} = I_3 + (\nabla f)^t \nabla f \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \dfrac{x^2}{r^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2} & \dfrac{xy}{r^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2} & \dfrac{xz}{r^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2} \\ \dfrac{xy}{r^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2} & 1 + \dfrac{y^2}{r^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2} & \dfrac{yz}{r^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2} \\ \dfrac{xz}{r^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2} & \dfrac{yz}{r^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2} & 1 + \dfrac{z^2}{r^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2} \end{pmatrix} \\
&\implies \det((J\Phi)^t J\Phi) = \det(\nabla f (\nabla f)^t - (\nabla f)^t \nabla f)
\end{aligned}$$

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