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Manifolds

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1. (a) Let X be a manifold of dimension n and let $Y \subset X$ be a submanifold of dimension $m < n$.
- (i) Show that Y is a manifold of dimension m . (4 marks)
 - (ii) Show that if $Z \subset Y$ is a submanifold of Y then Z is a submanifold of X . (4 marks)
 - (iii) Assume that Y is compact. Show that there exists a smooth function

$$F: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

such that $F(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in X$ and $F(y) = 0$ if and only if $y \in Y$. (4 marks)

- (b) Recall that the n -dimensional projective space $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^n$ is the quotient of

$$W = \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$$

by the equivalence relation on W given by:

$$x, y \in W \quad x \sim y \quad \text{if and only if} \quad x = \lambda y \quad \text{for some } \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}.$$

We denote by $[x_0, \dots, x_n] \in X$ the equivalence class of $(x_0, \dots, x_n) \in W$ in X .

- (i) Let $X = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^3$ be the three-dimensional projective space and let

$$Y = \{[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3] \in X \mid x_0^2 + x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_3^2 = 0\}.$$

Show that Y is a submanifold of X . (4 marks)

- (ii) Show that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^1$ is diffeomorphic to the circle S^1 . (4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

2. (a) (i) Find a vector field on the circle S^1 which vanishes at exactly one point. (3 marks)
- (ii) Find a vector field on the two-dimensional sphere S^2 which vanishes at exactly one point. (3 marks)
- (iii) Find a non-vanishing vector field on the one-dimensional projective space $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^1$. (2 marks)
- (iv) Find a non-vanishing vector field on the three-dimensional projective space $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^3$. (4 marks)

(b) Let X be a manifold and let $x \in X$.

(i) Recall that

$$R_x(X) = \{h \in C^\infty(X) \mid \text{the rank of } h \text{ at } x \text{ is zero} \}.$$

Show that if $V: C^\infty(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a linear map such that

$$V(h) = 0 \quad \text{for all } h \in R_x(X)$$

then V is a derivation at $x \in X$. (4 marks)

(ii) Let $V: C^\infty(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a derivation on X at x , let U be an open neighbourhood of x in X and let $h_1, h_2 \in C^\infty(X)$ such that

$$h_1(y) = h_2(y) \quad \text{for all } y \in U.$$

Show that

$$V(h_1) = V(h_2).$$

(4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

3. (a) Let X be a manifold. Let $p: E \rightarrow X$ and $q: F \rightarrow X$ be vector bundles on X of rank r_1 and r_2 respectively. Show that the direct sum of E and F , defined as the set

$$E \oplus F = \{(v, w) \in E \times F \mid p(v) = q(w)\}$$

and equipped with the function

$$r: E \oplus F \rightarrow X \quad (v, w) \mapsto p(v),$$

defines a vector bundle of rank $r_1 + r_2$ on X . (8 marks)

- (b) Let X and Y be manifolds.

- (i) Let $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$ show that there exists an isomorphism of vector spaces

$$T_{(x,y)}(X \times Y) \rightarrow T_x X \oplus T_y Y.$$

(3 marks)

- (ii) Assume that the tangent bundles of X and Y are trivial. Show that the tangent bundle of the product $X \times Y$ is also trivial. (4 marks)

- (c) Let X be a manifold of dimension n and let $\pi: E \rightarrow X$ be a vector bundle of rank r . Consider the function $s: X \rightarrow E$, defined by $s(x) = 0 \in E_x$ for all $x \in X$.

- (i) Show that s is a section of E . (2 marks)

- (ii) Show that the image of s is a submanifold of E . (3 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

4. (a) Let X be a compact orientable manifold of dimension n without boundary and let ω be an $(n-1)$ -form on X . Show that $d\omega$ must vanish at some point. (4 marks)
- (b) Let $X = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$ and consider the 1-form on X given by

$$\omega(x, y) = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} dy - \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} dx.$$

- (i) Show that $d\omega = 0$. (4 marks)
- (ii) Let $S^1 \subset X$ be the unit circle. Compute

$$\int_{S^1} \omega.$$

(4 marks)

- (iii) Show that there does not exist any function $f \in C^\infty(X)$ such that $df = \omega$. (4 marks)
- (c) Show that the sphere S^2 is orientable. (4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

5. (a) Let X be a manifold and let V_1, V_2 be derivations on X .

(i) Define the Lie bracket $[V_1, V_2]$ of V_1 and V_2 . (2 marks)

(ii) Show that $[V_1, V_2]$ is a derivation on X . (3 marks)

(iii) Show that if $f \in C^\infty(X)$ then

$$[V_1, fV_2] = V_1(f)V_2 + f[V_1, V_2].$$

(3 marks)

(b) Let $X = \mathbb{R}^3$ and consider the derivation on X given by

$$V(x, y, z) = e^{x-y} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right).$$

(i) Show that

$$V = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, V \right] = \left[V, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right].$$

(3 marks)

(ii) Show that V and $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ span a distribution D on X . (3 marks)

(iii) Show that D is integrable. (3 marks)

(iv) Find all the integrable submanifolds of X . (3 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

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Manifolds (Solutions)

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1. (a) (i) First note that Y is a topological space which is Hausdorff and second countable, since these two properties are preserved by taking subspaces.

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We now show that Y is a topological manifold. By definition, for any point $y \in Y$ there exists an open subset $U \subset X$ such that $y \in U$ and a chart (U, g) of X such that

$$g(U \cap Y) = g(U) \cap A$$

where $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is an m -dimensional affine subspace. After possibly composing g by a translation and a linear isomorphism, we may assume that A is the standard linear subspace

$$A_m = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_{m+1} = \dots = x_n = 0\}.$$

Thus, $A \simeq \mathbb{R}^m$ and if we take $V = U \cap Y$ and $f = g|_V : V \rightarrow A$, then (V, f) is a chart for Y . Therefore, Y is a topological manifold of dimension m .

We now show that the charts defined above define a smooth atlas on Y . Let $y \in Y$ and let (U_1, g_1) and (U_2, g_2) be two charts on X such that $y \in U_1 \cap U_2$ and such that

$$g_i(U_i \cap Y) = g_i(U_i) \cap A_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2$$

where A_1 and A_2 are m -dimensional affine subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n . As above, we may assume that A_i coincides with the standard linear subspace A_m . As above, let $V_i = U_i \cap Y$ and $f_i = g_i|_{V_i}$. Since X is a manifold, we have that the transition function

$$\phi = g_2 \circ g_1^{-1} : g_1(U_1 \cap U_2) \rightarrow g_2(U_1 \cap U_2)$$

is a diffeomorphism. It follows that also the function

$$\psi = f_2 \circ f_1^{-1} = \phi|_{f_1(V_1 \cap V_2)}$$

is a diffeomorphism and, therefore, the claim follows.

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- (ii) Let $z \in Z$. In particular, $z \in Y$, and there exists an open subset $U \subset X$ such that $y \in U$ and a chart (U, g) of X such that

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$$g(U \cap Y) = g(U) \cap A$$

where $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is an m -dimensional affine subspace. As in the previous exercise, we may assume that A is the standard linear subspace

$$A_m = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_{m+1} = \dots = x_n = 0\}.$$

Since g is a diffeomorphism, we may assume that X is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n and $Y = X \cap A$. Since $Z \cap Y$ is a submanifold, it follows that there exists a chart (W, h) of Y such that $z \in W$ and $h(W \cap Z) = h(W) \cap A'$ where A' is an affine subspace of \mathbb{R}^m of dimension k . Let $W' \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set such that $W' \cap Y = W$. We consider the function $\tilde{h} : W' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ defined by

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (h_1(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, h_m(x_1, \dots, x_m), x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n)$$

where $h = (h_1, \dots, h_m)$. Then (W', \tilde{h}) is a chart of X such that $z \in W'$ and

$$\tilde{h}(Z \cap W') = \tilde{h}(W') \cap A.$$

Thus, Z is a submanifold of X .

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- (iii) Let $\{(U_i, g_i)\}$ be charts on X , for $i = 1, \dots, \ell$, such that $Y \subset U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_\ell$ and such that, for each i , we have that

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$$g_i(U_i \cap Y) = g_i(U_i) \cap A$$

where, as in the previous exercises, we may assume that A is the standard linear subspace

$$A_m = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_{m+1} = \dots = x_n = 0\}.$$

Consider the function

$$h_i: g_i(U_i) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \sum_{j=m+1}^n x_j^2.$$

Let $U_{\ell+1} = X \setminus Y$ and let $\{r_i: U_i \rightarrow [0, 1]\}_{i=1, \dots, \ell+1}$ be a partition of the unity with respect to the cover $\{U_1, \dots, U_{\ell+1}\}$. Note that, for any $i = 1, \dots, \ell$, we can extend the function $r_i \cdot (h_i \circ g_i): U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as a smooth function on the whole manifold X by setting it equal to zero outside U_i . Call $f_i: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the extension. Set $f_{\ell+1} = r_{\ell+1}$. Consider the function

$$F: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad x \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^{\ell+1} f_i(x).$$

Then F admits all the desired properties.

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- (b) (i) Let $U_0 = \{[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3] \in X \mid x_0 \neq 0\}$. Recall that if we define $g_1: U_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ by

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$$[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3] \mapsto \left(\frac{x_1}{x_0}, \frac{x_2}{x_0}, \frac{x_3}{x_0} \right),$$

then (U_0, g_0) is a chart of X . We have that

$$g_0(U_0 \cap Y) = \{(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid a^2 - b^2 - c^2 = 1\}.$$

Since 1 is a regular value for the function $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$(a, b, c) \mapsto a^2 - b^2 - c^2,$$

it follows that $g_0(U_0 \cap Y)$ is a submanifold of \mathbb{R}^3 . Since g_0 is a diffeomorphism, we can conclude that $U_0 \cap Y$ is a submanifold of U_0 .

A similar calculation holds for the other three standard charts of X , i.e. U_1, U_2 and U_3 . Thus, Y is a submanifold of X .

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- (ii) Consider the function

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$$F: \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^1 \rightarrow S^1$$

defined by

$$[t_0, t_1] \mapsto \left(\frac{2t_0t_1}{t_0^2 + t_1^2}, \frac{t_0^2 - t_1^2}{t_0^2 + t_1^2} \right).$$

It is easy to check that F is well-defined.

We now show that F is smooth. Consider the chart (U_0, g_0) given by the open subset $U_0 = \{[t_0, t_1] \mid t_0 \neq 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^1$ and the homeomorphism $g_0: U_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $[t_0, t_1] \mapsto \frac{t_1}{t_0}$. Then

$$F \circ g_0^{-1}(s) = \left(\frac{2s}{1+s^2}, \frac{1-s^2}{1+s^2} \right).$$

In particular, $F \circ g_0$ is a smooth function, which implies that $F|_{U_0}$ is smooth. Moreover, $F \circ g_0$ is invertible and its inverse is given by

$$(x, y) \mapsto \frac{x}{1+y}$$

It follows that $F|_{U_0}: U_0 \rightarrow S^1 \setminus \{(0, -1)\}$ is a diffeomorphism. Using the second chart, (U_1, g_1) , it is easy to conclude that F is a diffeomorphism.

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2. (a) (i) Let $X = S^1$ be the unit circle and let $P = (1, 0) \in X$. Consider a smooth function $g: S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $g(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $(x, y) = P$. For example, we can choose $g(x, y) = (x - 1)^2 + y^2$. Let

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$$V(x, y) = (y \cdot g(x, y), -xg(x, y)).$$

Then, V is a smooth function and, for all $(x, y) \in S^1$, we have that

$$(x, y) \cdot V(x, y) = 0.$$

Thus, V defines a vector field on X . It is easy to check that V only vanishes at P .

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- (ii) Let us consider S^2 as the subset

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$$\{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Let $S = (0, 0, -1)$ and let $N = (0, 0, 1)$. In order to construct a vector field on S^2 , it is enough to construct a vector field v_1 on $U = S^2 \setminus \{N\}$ and a vector field v_2 on $V = S^2 \setminus \{S\}$ so that v_1 and v_2 coincide on $U \cap V$.

Recall that the stereographic projection defines a diffeomorphism $g: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ given by

$$(x, y, z) \mapsto \left(\frac{x}{1+z}, \frac{y}{1+z} \right)$$

and with inverse

$$(s, t) \mapsto \left(\frac{2s}{1+s^2+t^2}, \frac{2t}{1+s^2+t^2}, \frac{1-s^2-t^2}{1+s^2+t^2} \right).$$

In particular, if (U, f) is the chart which is also defined by the stereographic projection then the transition function is given by

$$\phi = f \circ g^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\} \quad (s, t) \mapsto \left(\frac{s}{s^2+t^2}, \frac{t}{s^2+t^2} \right).$$

The inverse of ϕ is

$$\phi^{-1}: (S, T) \mapsto \left(\frac{S}{S^2+T^2}, \frac{T}{S^2+T^2} \right).$$

In order to define a vector field on V , it is enough to define a vector field on \mathbb{R}^2 and since the tangent bundle of \mathbb{R}^2 coincides with $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$, it is enough to define a smooth function $\tilde{v}_2: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. Similarly, a vector field on U is given by a smooth function $\tilde{v}_1: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. The two vector fields coincide on $U \cap V$ if we have

$$D\phi \circ \tilde{v}_2 = \tilde{v}_1$$

on $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$.

Consider the constant function

$$\tilde{v}_2: g(V) = \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad (s, t) \mapsto (1, 0).$$

Then \tilde{v}_2 is smooth and nowhere zero.

We have

$$D\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{t^2-s^2}{(s^2+t^2)^2} & \frac{-2st}{(s^2+t^2)^2} \\ \frac{-2st}{(s^2+t^2)^2} & \frac{s^2-t^2}{(s^2+t^2)^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

We define $\tilde{v}_1 = D\phi \circ \tilde{v}_2 \circ \phi^{-1}$. We have

$$\tilde{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} T^2 - S^2 & -2ST \\ -2ST & S^2 - T^2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = (T^2 - S^2, -2ST).$$

Note that \tilde{v}_1 can be extended as a smooth function on \mathbb{R}^2 with exactly one zero at $(0,0)$. Thus, \tilde{v}_1 and \tilde{v}_2 define a vector field with a single zero at N .

- (iii) From Exercise 1. (b)(ii), we know that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^1$ is diffeomorphic to the circle S^1 . Thus, it is enough to find a non-vanishing vector field on S^1 . An example is given by the smooth function $(x, y) \in S^1 \rightarrow (-y, x)$.

Alternatively, the same method used in Ex. (iv) would produce a non-vanishing vector field on $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^1$.

- (iv) There exists a natural smooth function

$$\rho: S^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^3 \quad (x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) \mapsto [x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3].$$

For each $x \in S^3$, the Jacobian of ρ at x is a linear map

$$D\rho|_x: T_x S^3 \rightarrow T_{\rho(x)} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^3.$$

Consider the smooth function

$$t: S^3 \rightarrow S^3 \quad t(x) = -x.$$

We want to find a non vanishing vector field $V: S^3 \rightarrow TS^3$ on S^3 such that for all $x \in S^3$

$$V(t(x)) = Dt|_x \circ V(x).$$

Indeed, this would induce a non vanishing vector field W on $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^3$ such that

$$W(\rho(x)) = D\rho|_x \circ V(x) \in T_{\rho(x)} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^3.$$

If we consider the vector field V , given by

$$V(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-x_1, x_0, -x_3, x_2),$$

then V is never vanishing and, since $Dt|_x = -\text{Id}_{\mathbb{R}^4}$, for any $x \in S^3$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} V(t(x)) &= V(-x_0, -x_1, -x_2, -x_3) \\ &= (x_1, -x_0, x_3, -x_2) \\ &= Dt|_x \circ V(x), \end{aligned}$$

as requested.

- (b) (i) Assume that $V: C^\infty(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a linear map such that

$$V(h) = 0 \quad \text{for all } h \in R_x(X).$$

Let $h_1, h_2 \in C^\infty(X)$ and define

$$h(y) := h_1(y) \cdot h_2(y) - h_1(x) \cdot h_2(y) - h_2(x) \cdot h_1(y).$$

We have that h has rank 0 at x , i.e. $h \in R_x(X)$ and, thus,

$$0 = V(h) = V(h_1 \cdot h_2) - h_1(x)Vh_2 - h_2(x)Vh_1.$$

It follows that V is a derivation.

- (ii) Let $h = h_1 - h_2 \in C^\infty(X)$. We want to show that $V(h) = 0$. There exists a bump function $\rho \in C^\infty(X)$ such that, there exist open sets

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$$x \in V \subset W \subset U$$

such that

$$\rho|_V \equiv 1 \quad \rho|_{X \setminus W} \equiv 0.$$

Let $\psi = 1 - \rho$. Then $\psi \cdot h = h$.

Thus, the Leibniz rule implies

$$V(h) = V(\psi \cdot h) = h(x)V(\psi) + \psi(x)V(h) = 0,$$

as claimed.

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3. (a) Since E and F are vector bundles on X , there exist atlases $\{(U_i, f_i)\}_{i \in I}$ and $\{(U'_j, f'_j)\}_{j \in I'}$ and homeomorphisms

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$$g_i: p^{-1}(U_i) \rightarrow f_i(U_i) \times \mathbb{R}^{r_1}$$

for all $i \in I$ and

$$h_j: q^{-1}(U'_j) \rightarrow f'_j(U'_j) \times \mathbb{R}^{r_2}$$

for all $j \in I'$. After replacing both these atlases, by the atlas given by considering all the intersections $U_i \cap U'_j$ for all $i \in I$ and $j \in I'$, we may assume that the two atlases coincide.

For all $i \in I$, we define

$$V_i = \{(v, w) \in E \times F \mid p(v) = q(w) \in U_i\} = r^{-1}(U_i) \subset E \oplus F$$

and the bijection

$$\ell_i: V_i \rightarrow f_i(U_i) \times \mathbb{R}^{r_1+r_2} \quad (v, w) \mapsto (f_i(v), \text{pr}_2(g_i(v)) \oplus \text{pr}_2(h_i(w))),$$

for all $i \in I$. In particular, ℓ_i defines a topology on V_i such that ℓ_i is a homeomorphism for each $i \in I$. We can therefore define a topology on $E \oplus F$ by requiring that a subset of $E \oplus F$ is open, if its intersection with V_i is open in V_i for all $i \in I$. It is easy to check that $E \oplus F$ is Hausdorff and second countable. Moreover, for each $i \in I$, (V_i, ℓ_i) is a chart and, therefore, $E \oplus F$ is a topological manifold of dimension $r_1 + r_2$.

The transition functions on $E \oplus F$ with respect to such an atlas are given by the direct sum of the transition functions of E and F and, in particular, they are diffeomorphisms. Therefore, $E \oplus F$ is a manifold and the function $r: E \oplus F \rightarrow X$ is a smooth function. Thus, $E \oplus F$ is a vector bundle of rank $r_1 + r_2$.

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- (b) (i) Let n and m be the dimension of X and Y respectively. Let (U, f) be a chart on X such that $x \in U$ and let (V, g) be a chart on Y such that $y \in V$. By construction, $(U \times V, (f, g))$ is a chart on $X \times Y$ containing (x, y) . Thus, we have isomorphisms of vector spaces

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$$\Delta_{(f,g)}: T_{(x,y)}(X \times Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+m} \quad \Delta_f: T_x X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \quad \Delta_g: T_y Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m.$$

The claim follows from the fact that \mathbb{R}^{n+m} is isomorphic to $\mathbb{R}^n \oplus \mathbb{R}^m$.

Alternatively, it is possible to show that the following map is an isomorphism

$$T_x X \oplus T_y Y \rightarrow T_{(x,y)}(X \times Y) \quad [\sigma_1, \sigma_2] \mapsto [(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)]$$

where if $\sigma_1: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow X$ and $\sigma_2: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow Y$ are two smooth curves then

$$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2): (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow X \times Y \quad t \mapsto (\sigma_1(t), \sigma_2(t))$$

is the induced smooth curve.

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- (ii) Let $V: X \rightarrow TX$ be a vector field on X and let $W: Y \rightarrow TY$ be a vector field on Y . By the previous exercise, we have that, for all $(x, y) \in X \times Y$, there exists an isomorphism of vector spaces

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$$T_{(x,y)}(X \times Y) \rightarrow T_x X \oplus T_y Y.$$

Thus, it follows easily that the function

$$V \oplus W: X \times Y \rightarrow T(X \times Y) \quad (x, y) \mapsto V(x) \oplus W(y)$$

define a vector field on $X \times Y$.

Let n be the dimension of X and let m be the dimension of Y . Since, by assumption X and Y have trivial tangent bundles, we know that there exist vector fields V_1, \dots, V_n of X and W_1, \dots, W_m of Y such that, at each point $x \in X$ $V_1(x), \dots, V_n(x)$ are linearly independent in $T_x X$ and, for each $y \in Y$, $W_1(y), \dots, W_m(y)$ are linearly independent in $T_y Y$. Consider the vector fields $M_{i,j} = V_i \oplus W_j$ of $X \times Y$, for all $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $j = 1, \dots, m$. Then, for each $(x, y) \in X \times Y$, we have that $\{M_{i,j}(x, y)\}_{i,j}$ are linearly independent. Thus, it follows that $T(X \times Y)$ is a trivial vector bundle.

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- (c) (i) By definition, we have that $\pi \circ s(x) = x$ for all $x \in X$. Thus, it is enough to show that s is a smooth function.

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Since E is a vector bundle on X , there exist an atlas $\{(U_i, f_i)\}_{i \in I}$ and homeomorphisms

$$g_i: \pi^{-1}(U_i) \rightarrow f_i(U_i) \times \mathbb{R}^{r_1}$$

for all $i \in I$. We have that the function

$$\tilde{s}_i = g_i \circ s_i \circ f_i^{-1}: f_i(U_i) \rightarrow f_i(U_i) \times \mathbb{R}^r$$

is given by $\tilde{s}_i(x) = (x, 0)$ for all i and it is, therefore, smooth.

It follows that s is smooth, as claimed.

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- (ii) Using the same notation as in the previous exercise, it is enough to show that $s(X) \cap \pi^{-1}(U_i)$ is a submanifold of $\pi^{-1}(U_i)$ for all $i \in I$. The homeomorphism g_i defines a chart on $\pi^{-1}(U_i)$ such that

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$$g_i(s(X) \cap \pi^{-1}(U_i)) = f_i(U_i) \times \{0\}.$$

Note that $f_i(U_i) \times \{0\} = g_i(\pi^{-1}(U_i)) \cap A$ where A is the standard linear subspace of \mathbb{R}^{n+r} . Thus, $s(X) \cap \pi^{-1}(U_i)$ is a submanifold of $\pi^{-1}(U_i)$ for all $i \in I$, as claimed.

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4. (a) Assume that $d\omega$ is never zero. Then, $d\omega$ is a volume form on X and, in particular, by Stokes' Theorem we have that

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$$0 \neq \int_X d\omega = \int_{\partial X} \omega$$

contradicting the fact that X is a manifold without boundary.

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- (b) (i) We have

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$$\begin{aligned} d\omega &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \right) dx \wedge dy - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) dy \wedge dx \\ &= \frac{(x^2 + y^2) - x \cdot 2x}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} dx \wedge dy - \frac{(x^2 + y^2) - y \cdot 2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} dy \wedge dx = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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- (ii) Let

$$\gamma: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow X \quad \gamma(\theta) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta) \in X.$$

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Then

$$\int_{S^1} \omega = \int_{[0, 2\pi]} \gamma^* \omega = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos^2 \theta - \sin \theta (-\sin \theta)}{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta} d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta = 2\pi.$$

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- (iii) Assume by contradiction that there exists a smooth function, f on X such that $\omega = df$.

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Since S^1 has no boundary, Stokes' theorem imply

$$\int_{S^1} \omega = \int_{S^1} df = \int_{\partial S^1} f = 0.$$

Hence, we get a contradiction.

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- (c) Consider the inclusion $i: S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ as the sphere of radius one. Let

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$$\omega = i^*(x_1 dx_2 \wedge dx_3 + x_2 dx_3 \wedge dx_1 + x_3 dx_1 \wedge dx_2).$$

We want to show that ω is a volume form on S^2 . Consider the vector fields:

$$V_1 = x_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} - x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \quad V_2 = -x_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}.$$

Then for any $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in S^2$, we have

$$\omega(V_1, V_2)(x) = x_3^3 + x_2^2 x_3 + x_3 x_1^2 = x_3.$$

Thus, ω is non-zero if $x_3 \neq 0$. By symmetry, it follows easily that ω is no-where zero and therefore it is a volume form. In particular, S^2 is orientable.

Alternatively, it is easy to show that the charts defined by the stereographic projection have transition functions whose Jacobian has positive determinant.

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5. (a) (i) We define $[V_1, V_2]$ as the function

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$$[V_1, V_2]: C^\infty(X) \rightarrow C^\infty(X) \quad [V_1, V_2](g) = V_1(V_2(f)) - V_2(V_1(g)).$$

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- (ii) Since V_1 and V_2 are \mathbb{R} -linear, it is immediate to check that also $[V_1, V_2]$ is \mathbb{R} -linear. We now show that $[V_1, V_2]$ satisfies the Leibniz rule. For any $f, g \in C^\infty(X)$, we have

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$$\begin{aligned} [V_1, V_2](f \cdot g) &= V_1(V_2(fg)) - V_2(V_1(fg)) \\ &= V_1(fV_2(g) + gV_2(f)) - V_2(fV_1(g) + gV_1(f)) \\ &= V_1(f)V_2(g) + fV_1(V_2(g)) + V_1(g)V_2(f) + gV_1(V_2(f)) \\ &\quad - (V_2(f)V_1(g) + fV_2(V_1(g)) + V_2(g)V_1(f) + gV_2(V_1(f))) \\ &= fV_1(V_2(g)) + gV_1(V_2(f)) - fV_2(V_1(g)) - gV_2(V_1(f)) \\ &= f[V_1, V_2](g) + g[V_1, V_2](f). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the Leibniz rule holds

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- (ii) For any $g \in C^\infty(X)$, we have

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$$\begin{aligned} [V_1, fV_2](g) &= V_1(fV_2(g)) - fV_2(V_1(g)) \\ &= V_1(f)V_2(g) + fV_1(V_2(g)) - fV_2(V_1(g)) \\ &= V_1(f)V_2(g) + f[V_1, V_2](g). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the equality holds.

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- (b) (i) For any $g \in C^\infty(X)$, we have

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$$\begin{aligned} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, V \right](g) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(e^{x-y} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} g + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g \right) \right) - e^{x-y} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g \right) \\ &= e^{x-y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} g + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g \right) + e^{x-y} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} g + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g \right) - e^{x-y} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g \right) \\ &= V(g). \end{aligned}$$

The second equality is obtained by a similar calculation.

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- (ii) For any $(x, y, z) \in X$, we have that $V(x, y, z)$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ are linearly independent. Thus, they define a distribution of rank two on X .

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- (iii) Note that D is the distribution spanned by $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$, which is integrable since

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$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right] = 0.$$

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Alternatively, the result follows from the identity in Ex. (i) above.

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- (iv) Since D is the distribution spanned by $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$, it follows that all the integrable submanifolds of D are given by

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$$\{(x, y, z) \in X \mid z = c\}$$

for some $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

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