1 Section 2.3

Question 1

Let $S^2 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathrm{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$ be the unit sphere and let $A : S^2 \to S^2$ be the (antipodal) map $A(x, y, z) = (-x, -y, -z)$. Prove that A is a diffeomorphism.

Solution. Let $U = \{(x, y, \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}) : x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(U) &= \{-(x, y, \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}) : x^2 + y^2 < 1\} \\ &= \{(x, y, -\sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}) : x^2 + y^2 < 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\phi(u, v) = (u, v, \sqrt{1 - u^2 - v^2})$ be a parametrization for U and $\psi(u, v) = (u, v, -\sqrt{1 - u^2 - v^2})$ a parametrization for $A(U)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^{-1} \circ A \circ \phi(u, v) &= \psi^{-1}(A(\phi(u, v))) \\ &= \psi^{-1}(A((u, v, \sqrt{1 - u^2 - v^2}))) \\ &= \psi^{-1}((-u, -v, -\sqrt{1 - u^2 - v^2})) \\ &= -(u, v). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\psi^{-1} \circ A \circ \phi$ is a differentiable function from $U \to A(U)$. This shows that A is a diffeomorphism.

Question 3

Show that the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$ is diffeomorphic to the plane.

Solution. Luckily, we can pick one local chart each to cover the paraboloid U and the plane V. For the paraboloid, we can have (U, f^{-1}) where $f : (x, y) \to (x, y, x^2 + y^2)$ and for the plane, we can choose our local chart to be (V, g^{-1}) where to be $g : (x, y) \to (x, y)$.

Let us now define the diffeomorphism $\pi : \mathrm{Im} f \to \mathrm{Im} g$. Let $\pi(a, b, c) = (a, b)$. Then, $g^{-1} \circ \pi \circ f = \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{R}^2}$. Thus, π is smooth. Then, π^{-1} is well-defined, as we the fiber over the point (a, b) must be of the form $(a, b, a^2 + b^2)$. π^{-1} is smooth as $f^{-1} \circ \pi^{-1} \circ g = \mathrm{Id}_{\mathrm{R}^2}$. Thus, π is a diffeomorphism.

Question 5

Let $S \subset R^3$ be a regular surface, and let $d : S \to R$ be given by $d(p) = |p - p_0|$, where $p \in S, p \in R^3, p_0 \notin S$; that is, d is the distance from p to a fixed point p_0, not in S. Prove that d is differentiable.

Solution. We select $p \in S$, a open neighborhood U of p and a parametrization $\underset{\sim}{x} : V \to U$, where $V \subset R^2$ and $\underset{\sim}{x}(u_0, v_0) = p$. Let $p_0 = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$. Then

$$d^2 \circ \underset{\sim}{x}(u, v) = (x_1(u, v) - p_1)^2 + (x_2(u, v) - p_2)^2 + (x_3(u, v) - p_3)^2$$

Since $x_i(u, v)$ are all smooth functions, $d^2 \circ \underset{\sim}{x}$ should also be smooth. Since $p_0 \notin S$, we have $d^2 \circ \underset{\sim}{x}(S) \in (0, \infty)$. Note that $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ is smooth on $(0, \infty)$. Therefore, $\sqrt{d^2 \circ \underset{\sim}{x}} = d \circ \underset{\sim}{x}$ is also smooth. This shows that d is differentiable.

Question 7

Question 9

(a). Define the notion of differentiable function on a regular curve. What does one need to prove for the definition to make sense?
Solution. Let $f : C \to \mathrm{R}$ be defined on a regular curve S. Then f is differentiable at $p \in C$ if, for some parametrization $\alpha : I \to C$ with $p \in \alpha(I) \subset C$ where I is an interval, the composition $f \circ \alpha : I \to \mathrm{R}$ is differentiable at $\alpha^{-1}(p)$. f is differentiable in C if it is differentiable at all points $p \in C$.
For the definition to make sense, one has to prove that the definition given does not depend on the choice of parametrization. One needs to prove a statement analogous to proposition 1, that is given two parametrizations of C both containing a neighbourhood of p, the change of parameters between those is a diffeomorphism.

2 Section 2.4

Question 15

Show that if all normals to a connected surface pass through a fixed point, the surface is contained in a sphere.

Solution. Let p_0 be such a fixed point. Then for any $p = \underset{\sim}{x}(u, v) \in S$, $p - p_0$ is normal to the tangent plane in p. That is

$$\underset{\sim}{x}_u \cdot (p - p_0) = \underset{\sim}{x}_v \cdot (p - p_0) = 0.$$

Then for the function $h(u, v) = (\underset{\sim}{x}(u, v) - p_0) \cdot (\underset{\sim}{x}(u, v) - p_0)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} h_u &= 2\underset{\sim}{x}_u \cdot (\underset{\sim}{x} - p_0) = 0 \\ h_v &= 2\underset{\sim}{x}_v \cdot (\underset{\sim}{x} - p_0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that h is constant for any connected component of S. However, since S is connected, h should be constant on S, which implies that $S \subset p \in R^3 : ||p - p_0|| = K$ for some $K > 0$.

Question 17

Question 19

Let $S \in \mathrm{R}^3$ be a regular surface and $P \in \mathrm{R}^3$ be a plane. If all points of S are on the same side of P, prove that P is tangent to S at all points of $P \cap S$.
Proof. Let $p \in P$ and n_P be a unit normal of the plane P, then consider

$$h(r) = (r - p) \cdot n_P$$

one can compute that $dh_r = n_P$ for all $r \in \mathrm{R}^3$.
Without loss of generality assume that for all $s \in S$, $h(s) \geq 0$, so the surface lies on the "positive" side of the plane. If $\gamma(u)$ is a regular path in S, then

$$(h \circ \gamma)'(u) = (\nabla h) \cdot \gamma'(u) = n_P \cdot \gamma'(u).$$

Now if $s \in P \cap S$, then $h(s) = 0$, and if γ is a path that goes through s such that $\gamma(u_0) = s$, then we know that $(h \circ \gamma)(u) \geq (h \circ \gamma)(u_0)$ and by extreme value theorem we have

$$(h \circ \gamma)'(u_0) = 0 = \gamma'(u_0) \cdot n_P.$$

Since the path γ chosen was arbitrary, it means that the entire tangent plane of s is normal to n_P at s, which means that its tangent plane is P.

Question 21

Let $f : S \to R$ be a differentiable function on a connected regular surface S. Assume that $df_p = 0$ for all $p \in S$. Prove that f is constant on S.

Proof. Suppose for a contradiction that f is non-constant, let $f(s_1) = y_1$ and $f(s_2) = y_2$ where $s_1 \neq s_2$ and $y_1 \neq y_2$. Since S is connected, consider a regular path γ from s_1 to s_2, let $\gamma(a) = s_1$ and $\gamma(b) = s_2$. By chain rule

$$(f \circ \gamma)'(x) = df_{\gamma(x)} \cdot \gamma'(x) = 0$$

from single variable calculus we have $f \circ \gamma$ is a constant function, but $(f \circ \gamma)(s_1) = y_1 \neq y_2 = (f \circ \gamma)(s_2)$.

Question 23

Question 25

Prove that if two regular curves C_1 and C_2 of a regular surface S are tangent at a point $p \in S$, and if $\varphi : S \to S$ is a diffeomorphism, then $\varphi(C_1)$ and $\varphi(C_2)$ are regular curves which are tangent at $\varphi(p)$.

Solution. Let U be a neighborhood of p with parametrization $\underset{\sim}{x}(u, v)$. Let $\alpha_1(t)$ and $\alpha_2(t)$ be such that $\underset{\sim}{x} \circ \alpha_1$ and $\underset{\sim}{x} \circ \alpha_2$ are regular parametrizations of C_1 and C_2 with $\underset{\sim}{x} \circ \alpha_1(0) = \underset{\sim}{x} \circ \alpha_2(0) = p$. Then that C_1 and C_2 are tangent at p implies that

$$\alpha_1'(0) = \alpha_2'(0).$$

Now let V be a neighborhood of $\varphi(p)$ with parametrization $\underset{\sim}{y}(w, z)$ and $\psi = (\psi_1, \psi_2) = \underset{\sim}{y}^{-1} \circ \varphi \circ \underset{\sim}{x}$. Let $\beta_1(t)$ and $\beta_2(t)$ be such that $\underset{\sim}{y} \circ \beta_1$ and $\underset{\sim}{y} \circ \beta_2$ are regular parametrizations of $\varphi(C_1)$ and $\varphi(C_2)$ with $\underset{\sim}{y} \circ \beta_1(0) = \underset{\sim}{y} \circ \beta_2(0) = \varphi(p)$. Than

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_1'(0) &= \left(\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial u}(\alpha_1(0))\alpha_{1u}'(0) + \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial v}(\alpha_1(0))\alpha_{1v}'(0), \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial u}(\alpha_1(0))\alpha_{1u}'(0) + \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial v}(\alpha_1(0))\alpha_{1v}'(0) \right) \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial u}(\alpha_1(0)) & \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial v}(\alpha_1(0)) \\ \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial u}(\alpha_1(0)) & \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial v}(\alpha_1(0)) \end{pmatrix} \alpha_1'(0) \\
&= J_\psi(\alpha_1(0))\alpha_1'(0).
\end{aligned}$$

Likewise, we have

$$\beta_2'(0) = J_\psi(\alpha_2(0))\alpha_2'(0).$$

However, since $\alpha_1(0) = \alpha_2(0) = \underset{\sim}{x}^{-1}(p)$ and $\alpha_1'(0) = \alpha_2'(0)$, we have $\beta_1'(0) = \beta_2'(0)$. This implies that $\varphi(C_1)$ and $\varphi(C_2)$ is tangent at $\varphi(p)$.