

Problem (Problem 1): Let $f: M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map of manifolds. Prove that the graph of f is a smooth submanifold of $M \times N$.

Solution: Let (U, φ) be a chart on M with $\varphi(U) \cong \mathbb{R}^m$, and (V, ψ) a chart on N with $\psi(V) \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ and $f(U) \subseteq V$.

Define a chart on $M \times N$ corresponding to $U \times V$, and notice that the graph of $f|_U$ is a subset of $U \times V$.

Problem (Problem 2): Let $U(n)$ be the set of unitary complex $n \times n$ matrices. Write $SU(n) \leq U(n)$ for the kernel of the determinant map.

- (a) Show that $U(1)$ is diffeomorphic to the circle, so that $SU(1)$ is a point.
- (b) Prove that $U(n)$ is a smooth manifold.
- (c) Prove that $SU(2)$ is diffeomorphic to S^3 , the three-sphere.
- (d) Prove that $U(2)$ is diffeomorphic to $S^1 \times S^3$.

Solution:

- (a) Since complex 1×1 matrices are diffeomorphic to \mathbb{C} , we see that $x \in U(1)$ if and only if $|x|^2 = 1$, meaning $|x| = 1$, so $x = e^{i\theta}$ for some θ . In particular, this means that the assignment $x \mapsto e^{i\theta}$ gives a diffeomorphism between S^1 and $U(1)$.
- (b) Consider the self-map $f: \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}^{n^2}$ given by $f(A) = A^*A$. Note that this maps $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C})$ to positive semi-definite matrices $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C})^+$.

We want to calculate the derivative of f by taking

$$\begin{aligned} f(A + H) - f(A) &= (A + H)^*(A + H) - A^*A \\ &= (A^* + H^*)(A + H) - A^*A \\ &= A^*A + H^*A + A^*H + H^*H - A^*A \\ &= H^*A + A^*H + H^*H. \end{aligned}$$

Dividing out by $\|H\|_{\text{op}}$, we find that $D_A(f) = A + A^*$. Now, since I is of full rank, so too is $\frac{1}{2}I$, meaning that $D_{\frac{1}{2}I}(f) = I$, and thus f has a locally defined inverse about I . In particular, this means that $f^{-1}(\{I\})$ consists entirely of regular points, or that I is a regular value for f . Thus, $U(n)$ is a smooth manifold.

- (c) We view S^3 as a subset of \mathbb{C}^2 , so that S^3 consists of all (z_1, z_2) such that

$$|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 = 1.$$

We claim that the matrix

$$A_{z_1, z_2} = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & z_2 \\ -\bar{z}_2 & \bar{z}_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is an element of $SU(2)$. Since it is uniquely determined by z_1 and z_2 in S^3 , it follows that $SU(2)$ is diffeomorphic to S^3 .

To see this, observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= 1 \\ A^*A &= \begin{pmatrix} \bar{z}_1 & -z_2 \\ \bar{z}_2 & z_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & z_2 \\ -\bar{z}_2 & \bar{z}_1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \begin{pmatrix} |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 & z_2 \overline{z_1} - z_1 \overline{z_2} \\ z_1 \overline{z_2} - z_2 \overline{z_1} & |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $SU(3)$ is diffeomorphic to S^3 , with the diffeomorphism given by coordinate assignment.

- (d) Observe that if $(z_1, z_2) = z \in S^3 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$, then if $a \in U(2)$, we have $az \in S^3$. In particular, since unitary matrices are invertible, the operation of $a \in U(2)$ on $z \in S^3$ by multiplication is a group action.