

Theorem 0.1. Let M be a compact manifold and let $g: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be a smooth map, with $k \geq 2n + 1$. Then, for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a smooth embedding $g': M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$, such that $\sup_{x \in M} |g(x) - g'(x)| < \varepsilon$.

Theorem 0.2 (Parametric transversality theorem). Suppose $F: X \times S \rightarrow Y$ is smooth, and $Z \subset Y$ is a submanifold. Denote $F_s: X \rightarrow Y$ by $F_s(\cdot) = F(s, \cdot)$. Suppose that $F \pitchfork Z$. Then for almost all $s \in S$, $F_s \pitchfork Z$.

Lemma 0.3. If $s \in S$ is a regular value of π then $F_s \pitchfork Z$.

Proof of Lemma 0.3. Since the claim is local, we work in local coordinates. Let (x, s) be coordinates on $X \times S$, and choose coordinates (u, z) on Y such that z is the coordinate on Z and locally Z is given by $\{(z, u): u = 0\}$ and $F(0, 0) = 0$. In these coordinates we can write

$$F(x, s) = (A(x, s), B(x, s)).$$

$$W = F^{-1}(Z) = \{(x, s): A(x, s) = 0\}.$$

By Example ??, $T_0W = \{(\dot{x}, \dot{s}) \in T_0X \times T_0S: \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \cdot \dot{x} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial s} \cdot \dot{s} = 0\}$.

1. The transversality of F to Z means that $A_*(0)$ is onto. Indeed, by our choice of coordinates, $T_0Z = \{(0, \dot{z})\} \subset T_0Y = \{(\dot{u}, \dot{z})\}$. Additionally, $F_*(T_0X \times S) = (A_*(T_0X \times S), B_*(T_0X \times S))$. Therefore, the condition $F_*(T_0X \times S) + T_0Z = T_0Y$ translates to surjectivity of $A_*(0)$. Thus for any \dot{u} there exist \dot{x}, \dot{s} such that $\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \cdot \dot{x} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial s} \cdot \dot{s} = \dot{u}$.
2. By assumption, $s = 0$ is a regular value of the projection $\pi|_W$. Now, $\pi_*: T_0W \rightarrow T_0S$, $(\dot{x}, \dot{s}) \mapsto \dot{s}$. Therefore, the surjectivity of $(\pi|_W)_*$ means that for any \dot{s} we can find \dot{x} such that $(\dot{x}, \dot{s}) \in T_0W$, that is, such that $\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \dot{x} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial s} \dot{s} = 0$.

Finally, our goal is to prove the transversality of F_0 to Z . As before, this amounts to requiring that $\frac{\partial A}{\partial x}(0)$ is surjective, that is, for any \dot{u} we should find \dot{x} such that $\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \cdot \dot{x} = \dot{u}$. So, let \dot{u} . By condition (1), we have \dot{x}_1, \dot{s} such that $\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \cdot \dot{x}_1 + \frac{\partial A}{\partial s} \cdot \dot{s} = \dot{u}$. Now by condition (2) we have \dot{x}_2 such that $\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \cdot \dot{x}_2 + \frac{\partial A}{\partial s} \cdot \dot{s} = \dot{u}$. Subtracting the two equations, we find that $\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \cdot (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2) = \dot{u}$. This proves the surjectivity of $\frac{\partial A}{\partial x}(0)$ and hence the lemma. \square

Theorem 0.4 (Approximation theorem). Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be smooth, and let $Z \subset Y$ be a submanifold. Then there is $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and a smooth $F: X \times D^N \rightarrow Y$ so that $F \pitchfork Z$ and $F(x, 0) = f(x)$.

Therefore, by the parametric transversality theorem, $F_s \pitchfork Z$ for almost all $s \in S$. In particular, we can find $s_i \rightarrow 0$ such that $F_{s_i} \pitchfork Z$. In a suitably chosen topology on the space of smooth maps $X \rightarrow Y$, one obtains $F_{s_i} \rightarrow f$ as $s_i \rightarrow 0$. Moreover, we note that by taking $s \rightarrow 0$ we in fact obtain a homotopy F_s such that $F_0 = 0$ and $F_s \pitchfork Z$ for almost any s . Thus Theorem 0.4 states that *any map between manifolds can be approximated by homotopic maps transversal to Z* .

For the proof of Theorem 0.4 we require the notion of a *tubular neighbourhood*: we assume that Y is compact, and consider it embedded in \mathbb{R}^N . Let $U_\varepsilon(Y) = \{w \in \mathbb{R}^N: d(w, Y) < \varepsilon\}$. Consider the *normal bundle* to Y in \mathbb{R}^N : $NY = \{(y, \xi): y \in Y, \xi \in T_y^\perp \mathbb{R}^N, \xi \perp T_y Y\}$, and its ε -disc bundle: $N_\varepsilon Y = \{(y, \xi) \in NY: |\xi| < \varepsilon\}$.

Exercise 0.5. Show that for small $\varepsilon > 0$ the map $N_\varepsilon Y \rightarrow U_\varepsilon(Y)$, $(y, \xi) \mapsto y + \xi$ is a diffeomorphism.

Exercise 0.6. Let $\pi: N_\varepsilon Y \rightarrow Y$ be the projection $(y, \xi) \mapsto y$. Prove that π is a submersion.

Next, define $G: Y \times D^N \rightarrow Y$, $(y, \varepsilon) \mapsto \pi(y + \varepsilon \xi)$.

Exercise 0.7. Prove that for any $y \in Y$, the map $D^N \rightarrow Y$, $\xi \mapsto G(y, \xi)$ is a submersion.

Proof of Theorem 0.4. Define $F: X \times D^N \rightarrow Y$, $F(x, \xi) = G(f(x), \xi) = \pi(f(x) + \varepsilon \xi)$. Note that $F(x, 0) = f(x)$. By Exercise 0.7, $\frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi}(x, \xi) = \frac{\partial G}{\partial \xi}(f(x), \xi): T_\xi D^N \rightarrow T_{F(x, \xi)} Y$ is onto for all (x, ξ) . In particular, $F \pitchfork Z$. \square

Intersection Index First, a bit of terminology: A compact and boundaryless manifold is called *closed*. Define the *intersection index* of f and Z by $I(f, Z) = \sum_{x \in f^{-1}(Z)} (f_* T_x X) \circ Z$.

Lemma 0.8. Assume that $X = \partial W$ with W oriented and X oriented with the boundary orientation. Let $F: X \rightarrow Y$ such that $F \pitchfork Z$ and $F|_X \pitchfork Z$. Then $I(F|_X, Z) = 0$.

Theorem 0.9 (Classification of 1-manifolds). Let M be a 1-dimensional compact connected manifold with boundary. Then M is diffeomorphic either to S^1 or $[0, 1]$.

Lemma 0.10. Assume that $X = \partial W$ with W oriented and X oriented with the boundary orientation. Let $F: X \rightarrow Y$ such that $F \pitchfork Z$ and $F|_X \pitchfork Z$. Then $I(F|_X, Z) = 0$.

Proof of Lemma 0.10. Denote $f = F|_X$ and $\gamma = F^{-1}(Z)$. If $\gamma = \emptyset$ then no problem, so assume $\gamma \neq \emptyset$. Since $\dim W = \dim X + 1$, γ is a 1-dimensional submanifold, and by an exercise from last time, $\partial\gamma = F^{-1}(Z) \cap X$, and by definition, this is just $f^{-1}(Z)$. Now, by Lemma 0.9, γ a finite union of circles and intervals, and hence each component of γ is either boundaryless or has exactly two boundary points, denote them x_{\pm} . For each such point x put $\varepsilon(x) = f_*(T_x X) \circ T_{f(x)} Z$. We will show that for any such pair $\varepsilon(x_+) + \varepsilon(x_-) = 0$. Therefore we can assume wlog that $\gamma \approx [0, 1]$, and $\partial\gamma = f^{-1}(Z)$ contains exactly two points. Choose a parametrization $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ such that $\gamma(0) = x_-$, $\gamma(1) = x_+$, and $\dot{\gamma}(t) \neq 0 \forall t \in [0, 1]$. Note that, since $\dim F_{x_{\pm}} X + \dim T_{f(x_{\pm})} Z = \dim T_{f(x_{\pm})} Y$, the transversality of f and Z implies that $f_*(T_{x_{\pm}} X) \cap T_{f(x_{\pm})} Z = \{0\}$. In particular, since $F_*|_{T_{x_{\pm}} X} = f_*$, $F_*(T_{x_{\pm}} X) \cap T_{f(x_{\pm})} Z = \{0\}$. On the other hand, note that since $F(\gamma(t)) \in Z$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$, we have $F_*\dot{\gamma}(t) \in T_{F(\gamma(t))} Z$. In particular, $F_*\dot{\gamma}(0) \in T_{F(x_-)} Z$, $F_*\dot{\gamma}(1) \in T_{F(x_+)} Z$. Therefore, $\dot{\gamma}(0) \notin T_{x_-} X$ and $\dot{\gamma}(1) \notin T_{x_+} X$, which allows us to pick a Riemannian metric on W such that $\dot{\gamma}(0) \perp T_{x_-} X$ and $\dot{\gamma}(1) \perp T_{x_+} X$. Set $E(t) = \{\dot{\gamma}(t)\}^{\perp}$. By definition, $E(0) = T_{x_-} X$ and $E(1) = T_{x_+} X$. Observe that since $F \pitchfork Z$ and $F_*\dot{\gamma}(t) \in T_{F(\gamma(t))} Z$, $F_*(E(t)) \pitchfork T_{F(\gamma(t))} Z \quad \forall t \in [0, 1]$. Thus the function $t \mapsto F_*(E(t)) \circ T_{F(\gamma(t))} Z$ is defined for all $t \in [0, 1]$ and continuous. Therefore, it is constant. In particular, $F_*(T_{x_-} X) \circ T_{F(\gamma(0))} Z = F_*(T_{x_+} X) \circ T_{F(\gamma(1))} Z$. However, we note that this function is constant when considered with the *product* orientation. In view of Remark ??, in terms of the induced orientation on X , $-f_*(T_{x_-} X) \circ T_{f(\gamma(0))} Z = f_*(T_{x_+} X) \circ T_{f(\gamma(1))} Z$. Therefore, $\varepsilon(x_-) + \varepsilon(x_+) = 0$ and the lemma is proved. \square

Proof of Theorem ??. Suppose $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$ are homotopic and transversal to Z . Put $W = X \times [0, 1]$ and let $F: W \rightarrow Y$ be a homotopy between f and g . By the approximation theorem, we may assume that $F \pitchfork Z$. Now, considered with the boundary orientation, $\partial W = (X \times \{0\}, -or) \sqcup (X \times \{1\}, +or)$. Now by Lemma 0.10 $I(f, Z, -or) + I(g, Z, +or) = 0$, thus with respect to the standard orientation on X , $I(f, Z) = I(g, Z)$. \square

Theorem 0.11. Let W^{n+1} , $V^n = \partial W$ as above, and assume $n \geq 2$. Let $f: W \rightarrow S^n$ be a smooth map with $\deg f = 0$. Then f extends to $F: W \rightarrow S^n$.

Lemma 0.12 (Homotopy extension). Suppose $f, g: V \rightarrow S^n$ are homotopic maps, and g extends to W . Then f extends as well.

Lemma 0.13. Let M be a smooth manifold, $X \subset N$ a smooth subset and $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ a smooth map. Then f extends to a smooth $F: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$.

Lemma 0.14. Let $A_0, A_1 \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ be two matrices such that

$$\text{sign det } A_0 = \text{sign det } A_1.$$

Then there exists a smooth $G: D^n \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $G(x, 0) = A_0 x$, $G(x, 1) = A_1 x$, $G(x, t) = 0 \iff x = 0$.

Proof of Theorem 0.11. Let $y \in S^n$ be a regular value of f . If $f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset$, f is not surjective, and hence since the sphere with one point removed is contractible, f is homotopic to a constant map, which clearly extends to W , and hence by Lemma 0.12 f extends to W as well.

Therefore, assume $f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset$. In this case, we know that it is a finite collection of points, say x_1, \dots, x_m . Then $\deg(g) = \sum_j \varepsilon(x_j)$, where, as usual, $\varepsilon(x_j) = \begin{cases} +1, & D_{x_j} f: T_{x_j} V \rightarrow T_y S^n \text{ is orientation preserving,} \\ -1, & D_{x_j} f: T_{x_j} V \rightarrow T_y S^n \text{ is orientation reversing.} \end{cases}$ Since $\deg f = 0$, $m = 2k$ must be even, and we can assume that $\varepsilon(x_{2j-1}) + \varepsilon(x_{2j}) = 0$ for all j . Choose pair-wise non-intersecting embedded arcs $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k$ such that γ_j connects x_{2j-1} to x_{2j} . This can be achieved since by the transversality theorem we may assume that each pair is transversal. But since each arc is one-dimensional and by assumption $\dim W \geq 3$, if $\gamma_{2j-1} \pitchfork \gamma_{2j}$ they must be non-intersecting. Additionally, equip W with a Riemannian metric such that $\gamma_j \perp \partial W$ for all j (as we did in the proof of the transversality theorem).

For each j , let U_j be a tubular neighbourhood of γ_j , such that $U_j \simeq D^n \times [0, 1]$. Choose local coordinates near $x_j \in W$ which agree with the product orientation on $U_j \simeq D^n \times [0, 1]$. Choose coordinates near $y \in S^n$ such that $f(x_j) = 0$ and write in local coordinates $f(q) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}(0) \cdot q + O(q^2)$. Now, using a local homotopy near x_j , we can 'kill' the remainder term, so that in local coordinates $f(q) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}(0) \cdot q$. Now, the matrix $\frac{\partial f}{\partial q}(0)$ is simply the local coordinate expression for $D_{x_j} f$. Since $\varepsilon(x_{2j-1}) = -\varepsilon(x_{2j})$ we have, in our coordinates, $\text{sign det } D_{x_{2j-1}} f = \text{sign det } D_{x_{2j}} f$. The signs are reversed since the coordinates respect the *product* orientation.

Now, applying Lemma 0.14 to each U_j we can extend f to $F': V \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^k U_j = Z \rightarrow S^n$. Note that the last condition in the lemma ensures that $F'(z) = y$ iff $z \in \gamma_j$. Therefore, we have $F': Z \setminus \bigcup_j \gamma_j \rightarrow S^n \setminus \{y\} \simeq \mathbb{R}^n$. Now we can use Lemma 0.13 to extend F' to $F: W \setminus \bigcup_j \gamma_j \rightarrow S^n \setminus \{y\}$. Now we note that by construction, F agrees with F' on a neighbourhood of each γ_j and hence extends f smoothly to W . \square

Definition 0.15. The *Euler characteristic* of X is the intersection index $X \circ X$ in TX . It is denoted $\chi(X)$.

Example 0.16. We know that in general $A \circ B = (-1)^{\dim A \dim B} B \circ A$. Therefore, if $\dim X$ is odd, $\chi(X) = 0$.

In general, if X' is sufficiently close to X , then X' is the graph of some vector field. This is since $\pi|_X: X \rightarrow X$ is a diffeomorphism, so for small enough perturbations, $\pi|_{X'}: X' \rightarrow X$ is still a diffeomorphism. Now, assume that X' is the graph of a vector field v . Then $X \cap X'$ is in bijection with the set of zeroes of v . By definition,

$$\chi(X) = X \circ X' = \sum_{x: v(x)=0} \text{ind}_x v, \quad (1)$$

where $\text{ind}_x v = T_x x \circ T_x \text{ graph } v$.

Proposition 0.17. In local positively-oriented coordinates (q_1, \dots, q_n) on X , $\text{ind}_q v = \text{sign det } \frac{\partial v}{\partial q}(q)$.

Proof. Take the natural coordinates $(q_1, \dots, q_n, \dot{q}_1, \dots, \dot{q}_n)$. Then $X = \{(q, 0)\}$. Therefore, a positive basis for $T_q X$ is $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial q_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial q_n}\right)$. Additionally, $\text{graph } v = \{(q, v(q))\}$. Therefore, a positive basis of $T_q \text{graph } v$ is $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} \oplus \frac{\partial v}{\partial q_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial q_n} \oplus \frac{\partial v}{\partial q_n}\right)$. We need to determine whether the union of these bases is positively oriented with respect to the natural orientation on TX . Therefore, we form the $2n \times 2n$ matrix with these vectors as columns, and compute its determinant. We get, in block notation: $\det \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1} & \mathbb{1} \\ 0 & \frac{\partial v}{\partial q} \end{pmatrix} = \det \frac{\partial v}{\partial q}$. This proves the claim. \square

The Gauss Map Let M be a closed surface embedded in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Let $v(x)$ define the outward unit normal to M . $|v(x)| = 1$, $v(x) \perp T_x M$.

Definition 0.18. The **Gauss map** $M \rightarrow S^2$ is given by $x \mapsto v(x)$.

Theorem 0.19. $\deg g = \frac{1}{2}\chi(M)$

Proof. Choose $v \in S^2$ s.t. both $v, -v$ are regular values of g . Wlog, $v = [0, 0, 1]^t$. For $q \in M$, let $w(q) = v(q) \times v$. $w(q) \in T_q M$.

Note. $w(q) = 0 \Leftrightarrow v(q) = \pm v$

Assume $v(q) = v$. Calculate $\text{ind}_q(w)$:

In local coordinates, we may express M as the set (picture) $z = \varphi(x, y)$. Since $v(q) = v$ (the unit normal is pointing up), $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}(0) = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}(0) = 0$.

The parametrization $(x, y) \mapsto (x, y, \varphi(x, y))$ induces $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mapsto (1, 0, \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x})$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mapsto (0, 1, \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y})$ on $T\mathbb{R}^2$. Then $v(q) = \frac{n(q)}{|n(q)|}$ $n(q) := \begin{pmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} & -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Now we can compute $w(q)$: $w(q) = \frac{n(q) \times v}{|n(q)|} = \frac{1}{|n(q)|} \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} & -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{|n(q)|} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ In local coordinates

$$w(x, y) = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix}}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}\right)^2\right]^{1/2}} \text{ To compute } \frac{\partial w}{\partial q} \Big|_{q=0} \text{ we first note that } \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \Big|_{q=0} = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \Big|_{q=0} = 0, \text{ so } \frac{\partial w}{\partial q} \Big|_{q=0} = \frac{1}{|n(q)|} \begin{pmatrix} -\varphi_{yx} & -\varphi_{yy} \\ \varphi_{xx} & \varphi_{xy} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \det \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial q} \Big|_{q=0} \right) = -\varphi_{xy}^2 + \varphi_{xx}\varphi_{yy}$$

Calculate the contribution of this point to $\deg(g)$.

$$v(v, y) = \frac{n(x, y)}{|n(x, y)|} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} & -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} & 1 \end{pmatrix}}{|n(x, y)|}$$

In x, y -coordinates on M and S^2 , we get $v(x, y) = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} & -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}}{|n(x, y)|}$

Hence (using again that $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \Big|_{q=0} = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \Big|_{q=0} = 0$), $\frac{\partial v}{\partial q} \Big|_{q=0} = \frac{1}{|n(x, y)|} \begin{pmatrix} -\varphi_{xx} & -\varphi_{xy} \\ -\varphi_{yx} & -\varphi_{yy} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial q} \Big|_{q=0} \right) = \varphi_{xx}\varphi_{yy} - \varphi_{xy}^2$

Finally $\chi(M) = \sum_{w(q)=0} \text{ind}_q(w) = \sum_{v(q)=v} \text{ind}_q(v) + \sum_{v(q)=-v} \text{ind}_q(v)$
 $= \sum_{v(q)=v} \text{sgn} \left(\det \frac{\partial v}{\partial q} \right) + \sum_{v(q)=-v} \text{sgn} \left(\det \frac{\partial v}{\partial q} \right) = 2 \deg(g)$ \square

Let X^n be a closed, connected, oriented manifold. Let $\Delta \subset X \times X$ -diagonal. Note: Δ is the graph of the identity map $X \rightarrow X$.

Assume $f : X \rightarrow X$ is smooth.

Definition 0.20. A **fixed point** of f is a point x s.t. $f(x) = x$. In $X \times X$, the set of fixed points is $\Gamma(f) \cap \Delta$, where $\Gamma(f)$ denotes the graph of f .

Definition 0.21. $L(f) := \Delta \circ \Gamma(f)$

Remark 0.22. $L(f) = L(g)$ if $f \sim g$, another remark $\#\text{Fix}(f) \geq |L(f)|$ generically.

What does $\Gamma(f) \pitchfork_q \Delta$ mean?

Lemma 0.23. $\Gamma(f) \pitchfork \Delta \Leftrightarrow \det \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial q}(q) - 1 \right) \neq 0$. Then $\Delta \circ \Gamma(f) = \text{sgn det} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial q} q - 1 \right)$.

Proof. Near the fixed point q , we may approximate $f(q)$ by $\frac{\partial f}{\partial q} q$. Locally: 1. $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ 2. $f(x) = Ax$ 3. 0 is a fixed point and $A = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}(q)$ 4. $\mathbb{R}^{2n} = \mathbb{R}^n \oplus \mathbb{R}^n$ 5. $\Delta = \text{Span}(e_1 \oplus e_1, \dots, e_n \oplus e_n)$ 6. $\Gamma(f) = \text{Span}(e_1 \oplus Ae_1, \dots, e_n \oplus Ae_n)$

$$\Delta \circ \Gamma(f) = \text{sgn det}(e_1 \oplus e_1, \dots, e_n \oplus e_n, e_1 \oplus Ae_1, \dots, e_n \oplus Ae_n) = \det \begin{pmatrix} I & I \\ I & A \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ I & A - I \end{pmatrix} = \det(A - I)$$

\square

Theorem 0.24. $\chi(x) = L(1_X)$

Proof. We need to perturb 1_X . Choose a vector field v on X . We can solve $\dot{x} = v(x)$ to get $f_t(x(0)) = x(t)$. This gives $f_0 = 1_X$ and $f_t \sim f_0$ for any t .

Locally, $f_t(x) = x + tv(x) + O(t^2)$. Assume v has non-degenerate zeroes. Then for any fixed point x , $x + tv(x) = x \Rightarrow v(x) = 0$. So for $|t| \ll 1$, we have that fixed points of f_t are 0's of v . By the Taylor expansion, $\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial x} - \text{id} = t \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, t > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \det \left(\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial x} - \text{id} \right) = t^n \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \Rightarrow L(f_t) = \sum_{f_t(x)=x} \text{sgn det} \left(\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial x} - 1 \right) = \sum_{v(x)=0} \text{sgn det} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) = \chi(X)$$

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3. Let $p : E \rightarrow M^n$ be a vector bundle, $f : N^n \rightarrow E$ be a smooth map transversal to all fibers (that is the sets of the form $p^{-1}(x)$). Show that $p \circ f : N \rightarrow M$ is a submersion (since M and N have the same dimension, f is a submersion whenever it is an immersion).
 5.2. Let S^2 in \mathbb{R}^3 be the unit sphere. Show that $f : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^1, (x_1, x_2, x_3) \mapsto [1 - x_3 : x_1 + ix_2]$ is a diffeomorphism. 5.3. Calculate the self-intersection number $\mathbb{CP}^1 \circ \mathbb{CP}^1$ of the projective line inside the projective plane \mathbb{CP}^2 . 5.4. Let $p(z) = z^m + a_{m-1}z^{m-1} + \dots + a_1z + a_0$ be a polynomial with complex coefficients. Consider the corresponding homogeneous polynomial $q(z, w) = z^m + a_{m-1}z^{m-1}w + \dots + a_1zw^{m-1} + a_0w^m$ so that $p(z) = q(z, 1)$. Find the degree of the map $g : \mathbb{CP}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^1, [z_0 : z_1] \mapsto [q(z_0, z_1) : z_0^m]$.

Homework 4.

2. Let a_0, \dots, a_n be non-zero complex numbers. Consider a map $f_a : \mathbb{CP}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^n, [z_0 : \dots : z_n] \mapsto [a_0z_0 : \dots : a_nz_n]$. Find all fixed points of f_a . For which a all of them are non-degenerate? For such a , calculate their indices and find the Lefschetz number of f_a . Apply this to the calculation of $\chi(\mathbb{CP}^n)$.

3. Consider the torus $T^n = \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n$. Let A be a $n \times n$ matrix with integer coefficients. Calculate the degree and the Lefschetz number of a map $f_A : T^n \rightarrow T^n, x \mapsto Ax \pmod{\mathbb{Z}^n}$.

4. Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a compact domain (that is, a compact n -dimensional submanifold with boundary) with a smooth boundary M . Define the Gauss map $GU : M \rightarrow S^{n-1}, x \mapsto v(x)$; where $v(x)$ is the outward Euclidean normal to M . 4.1. Let V be a vector field on U which coincides with v on the boundary M and whose zeroes in U are non-degenerate. Show that $\sum_{v(x)=0} \text{index}(v) = \deg(GU)$. 4.2. Let U be a tubular neighborhood. Show that $\chi(M) = \deg(GU)$.

5. Prove that two maps f and g from S^1 to S^1 are homotopic if and only if they have the same degree.

6. Let M^n be a closed connected oriented manifold, and let $f : S^n \rightarrow M$ be a map of degree 1. Show that M is simply connected.

homework 5

1. Let v be a vector field defined in a neighborhood U of 0 in \mathbb{R}^n so that $v(0) = 0$ and $v(q) \neq 0$ for all q in $U \setminus \{0\}$ (the point 0 is called an isolated zero of v). Choose $\epsilon > 0$ so that the sphere $S^{(n-1)}_\epsilon$ of radius ϵ centered at 0 is fully contained in U and put $f_\epsilon : S_\epsilon \rightarrow S^{(n-1)}_1$ by $q \mapsto v(q)/|v(q)|$.

Show that there exists I in \mathbb{Z} and $\epsilon > 0$ so that $\deg f_b = I$ for all $0 < b \leq \epsilon$. Show that if v has a non-degenerate zero at 0 , I coincides with the usual index: $I = \text{ind}_0(v)$. Hint: reduce the second part of the problem to the case when $v(q) = Aq$ where A is an invertible matrix $n \times n$, and use the polar decomposition. 2. Let M be a connected manifold of dimension ≥ 1 . Let $x_1, \dots, x_N, y_1, \dots, y_N$ be two collections of pair-wise distinct points on M . Show that there exists a diffeomorphism $f : M \rightarrow M$ with $y_j = f(x_j)$ for all $j = 1, \dots, N$. See Guillemin-Pollack, Chapter 3, beginning of Section 6. Is the same result true for $M = S^1$ and $N = 3$? $N = 4$? 3. Let M be a closed oriented connected manifold with $\chi(M) = 0$. Show that M admits a nowhere vanishing vector field. Hint: Start with any vector field v with non-degenerate zeroes. Reduce the problem to the case when all the zeroes of v are contained in a small ball B in M (use Problem 2). Use Problem 1 and a theorem proved in the class (which exactly?) in order to modify v in the interior of B to a desired vector field without zeroes.