

# Math 591 Lecture 15

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**Thm:** (Regular Value Theorem for Manifolds) Let  $M$  and  $N$  be manifolds,  $F : M \rightarrow N$   $C^\infty$ , and  $q \in N$  a regular value of  $F$ . Then  $F^{-1}(q)$  is a regular submanifold of  $M$ .

Proof: Let  $p \in F^{-1}(q)$ . We want to show there are coordinates of  $M$  near  $p$  which are adapted to the preimage of  $F^{-1}(q)$ . Because  $q$  is a regular value,  $F_{*,p} : T_p M \rightarrow T_q N$  is onto for any  $p$ . By the normal form for submersions, there are coordinates  $(U, \phi = (x^1, \dots, x^m))$  near  $p$  and  $(V, \psi = (y^1, \dots, y^n))$  near  $q$ , with  $U \subseteq F^{-1}(V)$ , such that  $\tilde{F}(r^1, \dots, r^m) = (r^1, \dots, r^n)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{F} & V \\ \downarrow \phi & & \downarrow \psi \\ \phi(U) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{F}} & \psi(V) \end{array}$$

WOLOG assume  $\psi(q) = 0$ . Split  $\phi$ , with  $x' = (x^1, \dots, x^n) : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $x'' = (x^{n+1}, \dots, x^m) : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-n}$ . Then  $F^{-1}(q) \cap U$  corresponds to  $\tilde{F}^{-1}(0)$  by  $\phi$ , i.e.,  $F^{-1}(q) \cap U = \{a \in U \mid x'(a) = 0\}$ . Thus,  $(x'', x')$  are adapted coordinates to  $F^{-1}(q) \cap U$ .  $\square$

Observe: (Keeping the notation of the proof)  $x'' : F^{-1}(q) \cap U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-n}$  are coordinates on  $F^{-1}(q) \cap U$ . So  $\dim F^{-1}(q) = m - n$ . (Recall:  $m \geq n$ .)

**Defn:** The codimension of a submanifold is the dimension of the ambient space minus the dimension of the submanifold.

$\text{codim } F^{-1}(q) = \dim M - \dim F^{-1}(q) = m - (m - n) = n$ . This is the dimension of the target space.

Observe:  $\forall p \in F^{-1}(q)$  (if  $q$  is a regular value),  $T_p(F^{-1}(q)) \subseteq T_p M$  as a subspace. In fact,  $T_p(F^{-1}(q))$  is the kernel of  $F_{*,p}$ .

## A General Observation on Tangent Spaces of Submanifolds

Let  $S \subseteq M$  be a submanifold, and  $p \in S$ . Then  $T_p S \subseteq T_p M$  by:  $\forall \gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow S$  with  $\gamma(0) = p$ , we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \dot{\gamma}_S(0) & \xrightarrow{\iota_{*,p}} & \dot{\gamma}_M(0) \\ \downarrow \Psi & & \downarrow \Psi \\ T_p S & & T_p M \end{array}$$

by using the differential of the inclusion  $\iota : S \hookrightarrow M$ . The inclusion in adapted coordinates is  $x' \mapsto (x', 0)$ . If  $[f] \in C_p^\infty(M)$ ,  $\dot{\gamma}_M(0)[f] = \dot{\gamma}_S(0)[f \circ \iota]$ . Observe:  $f \circ \iota$  is the restriction of  $f$  to  $S$ .

Conclusion: Tangent spaces of submanifolds are subspaces of the tangent spaces of the original manifold.

**Defn:** A map  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is a submersion iff  $\forall p \in M$ ,  $F_{*,p}$  is onto.

**Cor:** If  $F$  is a submersion, then  $\forall q \in N$ ,  $q$  is a regular value, so  $F^{-1}(q)$  (“the fiber of  $f$  over  $q$ ”) is either empty or a codimension  $n$  submanifold of  $M$ .

**Ex:** Let  $M = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus S^1$ ,  $N = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $F : M \rightarrow N$  with  $F(x, y) = x$ . What are the fibers?

- For  $q \in (-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$ ,  $F^{-1}(q) = \mathbb{R}$ .
- For  $q \in (-1, 1)$ ,  $F^{-1}(q) = (-\infty, -\sqrt{1-q^2}) \cup (-\sqrt{1-q^2}, \sqrt{1-q^2}) \cup (\sqrt{1-q^2}, \infty)$ .
- For  $q \in \{-1, 1\}$ ,  $F^{-1}(q) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Note that in this example, some of the fibers are different topologically!

**Ex:** Let  $M = S^3$ ,  $F : S^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{RP}^1 \cong S^2$  (the Riemann Sphere). Then the fibers are all circles, and the map from  $S^3$  to  $S^2$  is called the Hopf fibration.

**Defn:** A  $C^\infty$  map  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is a fibration with fiber  $\Phi$ , where  $\Phi$  is a manifold, iff there is an open covering  $\{U_\alpha\}$  of  $N$  (called the base) and diffeomorphic maps  $\chi_\alpha : F^{-1}(U_\alpha) \rightarrow U_\alpha \times \Phi$  (called trivializations) such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F^{-1}(U_\alpha) & \xrightarrow{\chi_\alpha} & U_\alpha \times \Phi \\ & \searrow F|_{F^{-1}(U_\alpha)} & \swarrow \pi \text{ projection} \\ & U_\alpha & \end{array}$$

commutes (i.e. all paths are the same). We say that  $F$  is a fiber bundle with fiber  $\Phi$ .

Let's unpack what this means. Commutativity of the diagram means  $\forall p \in F^{-1}(U_\alpha)$ ,  $\chi_\alpha(p) = (F(p), \star)$  where  $\star \in \Phi$ . So  $\forall q \in U_\alpha$ ,  $\chi_\alpha$  restricts to the fiber  $F^{-1}(q)$ , where  $\chi_\alpha(p) \mapsto \star$ .

**Ex:** The tangent bundle  $TM$  is a fiber bundle, with fiber  $\mathbb{R}^m$  (with  $m = \dim M$ ).

$$\begin{array}{c} TM \\ \downarrow \\ M \end{array}$$

Note: This has additional structure:  $\Phi \cong \mathbb{R}^m$  is a vector space, the fibers are all vector spaces, and there exist trivializations that are linear on the fibers.