

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^∞ , 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 ϕ , 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 ϕ , 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^∞ map $F : M \rightarrow N$ is a fibration with fiber Φ , where Φ 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

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

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

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 $\forall q \in U_\alpha$, χ_α 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.