

Differential Geometry I

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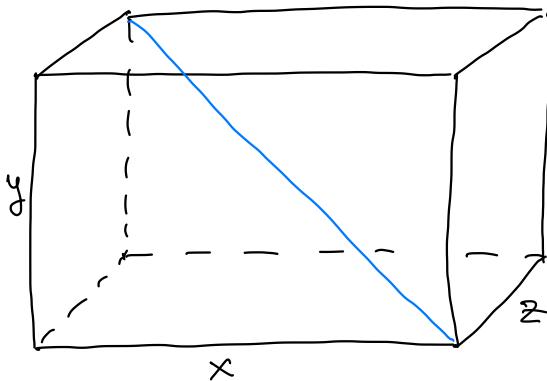
Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open subset and $f \in C^1(U)$. It is known from analysis that $x_0 \in U$ is a point of extremum for f if

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_0) = 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n.$$

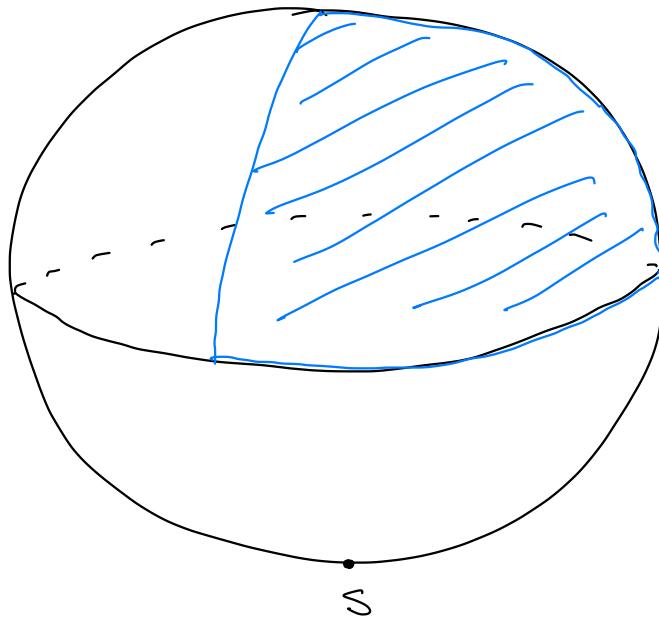
Notice that this is a necessary condition, which is not sufficient in general.

A more general type of problems does not fit into this scheme. For example, consider the following.

Problem Among all rectangular parallelepipeds, whose diagonal has a fixed length 1, find the one with maximal volume.



Thus, we want to find a point of maximum ② of the function $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ on the set $V = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x > 0, y > 0, z > 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\} \subset S^2$



However, V is not an open subset of \mathbb{R}^3 so that the receipt known from the analysis course is not applicable.

This ^{problem} is relatively easy to solve, however. Indeed, since $z > 0 \Rightarrow z = \sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}$ so that

$$f(x, y, \sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}) = \underbrace{xy\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}}_{F(x, y)}, \quad x^2+y^2<1$$

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Hence, we want to find points of maximum of the function F on the set $\{(x,y) \mid x^2+y^2 < 1, x>0, y>0\}$, which is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^2 .

We compute

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = y \sqrt{1-x^2-y^2} - xy \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}} = 0 \quad (*)$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = x \sqrt{1-x^2-y^2} - xy \frac{y}{\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}} = 0$$

Since $x \neq 0$ and $y \neq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (*) \Leftrightarrow \quad & 1-x^2-y^2 = x^2 \\ & 1-x^2-y^2 = y^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = y^2 \Rightarrow x = y \\ \Rightarrow \quad & 3x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x = y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \Rightarrow \quad & z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, among all rectangular parallelepipeds with the given length of the diagonal the cube maximizes the volume.

Exercise Show that $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$ is a point of maximum indeed.

Consider a more general problem of constrained maximum / minimum. Given $f, \varphi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ find a point of maximum / minimum of f on the set

$$S := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \varphi(x) = 0\}.$$

Prop 1 Assume that for $p \in S$ we have

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_n}(p) \neq 0. \quad (*)$$

Then \exists a neighbourhood U of p in S , an open subset $V \subset \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, and a smooth function $\psi: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$x = (y, z) \in S \cap U \iff z = \psi(y), y \in V.$$

This is a celebrated implicit function theorem, whose proof was given in the analysis course.

Thm 1 Let $p \in S$ be a point of (local) maximum of f on S . If $(*)$ holds, then $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(p) = \lambda \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j}(p) \iff \nabla f(p) = \lambda \nabla \varphi(p)$$

holds for each $j = 1, \dots, n$.

Proof Let $p = (y_0, z_0)$.

p is a (loc.) maximum for $f|_S \iff$

y_0 is a loc. maximum for a function

$$F: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad F(y) := f(y, \psi(y))$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial y_j}(y_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j}(p) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(p) \cdot \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y_j}(y_0) = 0$$

$\forall j \leq n-1$

$$\psi(y, \psi(y)) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y_j} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_n} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y_j} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y_j}(y_0) = - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y_j}(p) / \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_n}(p)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j}(p) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(p) / \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_n}(p) \right) \cdot \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y_j}(p)$$

\Downarrow λ does not depend on j

For $j = n$ we have

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(p) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(p) / \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_n}(p) \right) \cdot \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_n}(p) \quad \checkmark$$

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Let us come back to the example about maximal volume of parallelepipeds with a fixed length of the diagonal. Thus, if (x, y, z) is a point of maximum of f on

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1, x, y, z > 0\},$$

then there exists $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$yz = 2\lambda x$$

$$xz = 2\lambda y \Rightarrow (xyz)^2 = 8\lambda^3 xyz$$

$$xy = 2\lambda z$$

$$\Rightarrow xyz = 8\lambda^3$$

$$\begin{matrix} \parallel \\ 2\lambda x^2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \lambda \neq 0, \text{ since otherwise} \\ x=0 \text{ or } y=0 \text{ or } z=0. \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2\lambda$$

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A similar argument yields also $y = 2\lambda$ and $z = 2\lambda$

$$\Rightarrow 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y = z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

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Coming back to Prop. 1 on P. 4, it is clear that it is only important that one of the partial derivatives of φ does not vanish. This leads to the following definition.

Def (Surface) A non-empty set $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is called a (smooth) surface, if for any $p \in S$ \exists an open set $V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and a smooth map $\psi: V \rightarrow S$ such that the following holds:

- (i) $\psi(V) =: U$ is a neighbourhood of p in S .
- (ii) $\psi: V \rightarrow U$ is a homeomorphism.
- (iii) $D_q \psi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is injective $\forall q \in V$.

Ex Assume $\varphi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ satisfies

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z}(p) \neq 0 \quad \forall p \in S = \{ \varphi(x, y, z) = 0 \}.$$

Let ψ be as in Prop 1 on P. 4. Define

$\Psi(x, y) := (x, y, \varphi(x, y))$. If U and V are also as in Prop. 1 on P4, then

$\Psi: V \rightarrow S \cap U$ is a homeomorphism, since $\pi: S \cap U \rightarrow V, \pi(x, y, z) = (x, y)$

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is a continuous inverse. Furthermore,

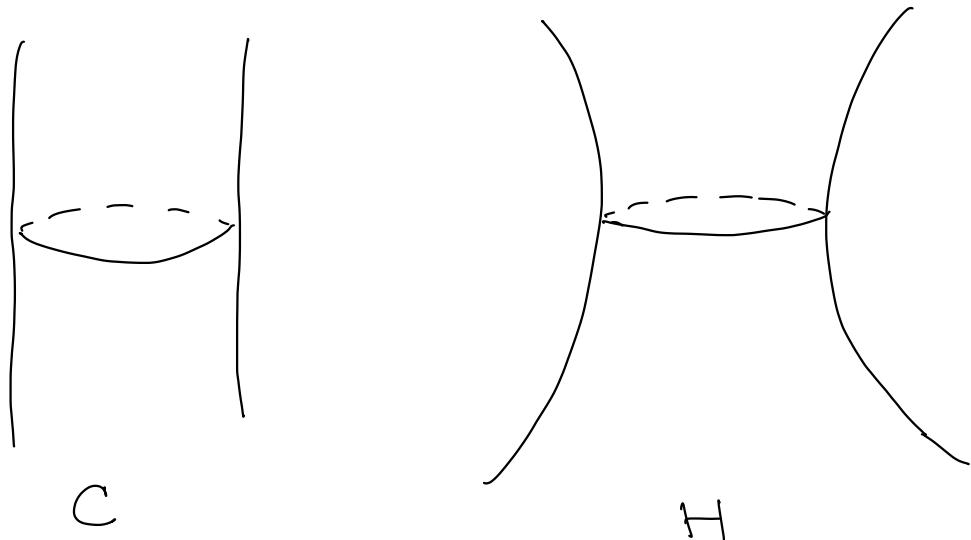
$D\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$ is clearly injective at all points.

Hence, S is a surface.

In particular,

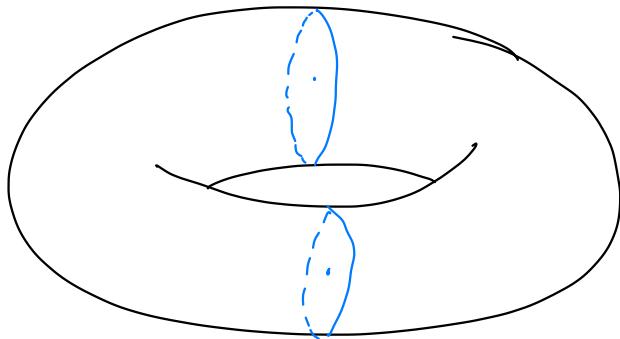
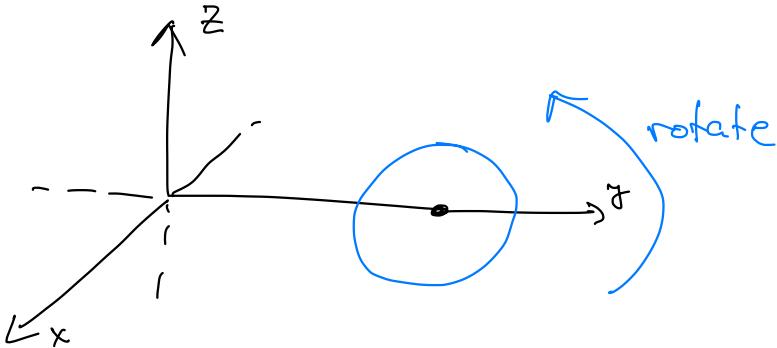
- the sphere $S^2 = \{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$
- the cylinder $C = \{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$
- the hyperboloid $H = \{x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1\}$

are surfaces



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Ex (Torus) Let C be the circle of radius r in the yz -plane centered at the point $(0, a, 0)$, where $a > r$



Torus

More formally,

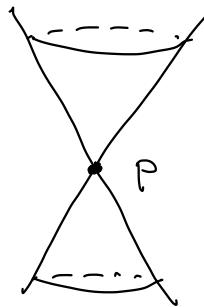
$$T := \left\{ (\sqrt{x^2+y^2}-a)^2 + z^2 = r^2 \right\}$$

Exercise Check that T is a surface indeed.

A non-example A double cone

$$C_0 := \{x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0\}$$

is not a surface.



Indeed, assume C_0 is a surface. Then the tip of the cone p must have a neighbourhood V homeomorphic to an open disc in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Let $f: V \rightarrow D$ be a homeomorphism.

Then $f: V \setminus \{p\} \rightarrow D \setminus \{f(p)\}$ is also a homes.

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Hence, p does not have a nbhd homeomorphic to a disc (or any open subset of \mathbb{R}^2).

Exercise Show that a straight line is not a surface.

Rem 1) The map ψ in the definition of the surface is called a parametrization.

2) Condition (iii) is equivalent to

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial u} \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial v}$$

are linearly independent at each pt $(u,v) \in V$.

Prop Let S be a surface. For any $p \in S$ \exists a nbhd $W \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ and $\varphi \in C^\infty(W)$ such that

$$S \cap W = \{x \in W \mid \varphi(x) = 0\}$$

and $\nabla \varphi(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in S \cap W$.

Proof Choose a parametrization $\psi: V \rightarrow U$.

Let $\psi(u_0, v_0) = p$ and choose
a vector $n \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial u}(u_0, v_0), \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial v}(u_0, v_0), \quad n \quad (*)$$

are linearly independent. Consider the map

$$\Psi: V \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \quad \Psi(u, v, w) = \psi(u, v) + w \cdot n$$

By $(*)$, $\det D\Psi(u_0, v_0, 0) \neq 0$. By the inverse map theorem, \exists open neighbourhood $W \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ of p and a smooth map $\Phi: W \rightarrow V \times \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ such that

$$\Psi \circ \Phi(x) = x \quad \forall x \in W$$

If $\Phi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3)$, then

$$\Psi \circ \Phi(x) = \psi(\varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x)) + \varphi_3(x) \cdot n = x$$

Observe that

$$x \in S \cap W \iff \exists (u, v) \in V \text{ s.t. } \Psi(u, v) = x$$

$$x = \varphi(u, v) = \Psi(u, v, 0)$$

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$$\Psi(\varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x), \varphi_3(x))$$

Since Ψ is injective (on an open nbhd of $(u_0, v_0, 0)$), we have

$$x \in S \cap W \iff \varphi_3(x) = 0.$$

Furthermore, let $D\Psi(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in W$

$\iff \nabla \varphi_1(x), \nabla \varphi_2(x), \nabla \varphi_3(x)$ are linearly independent $\forall x \in W$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \varphi_3(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in W.$$

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Corollary Any surface is locally the graph of a smooth function.

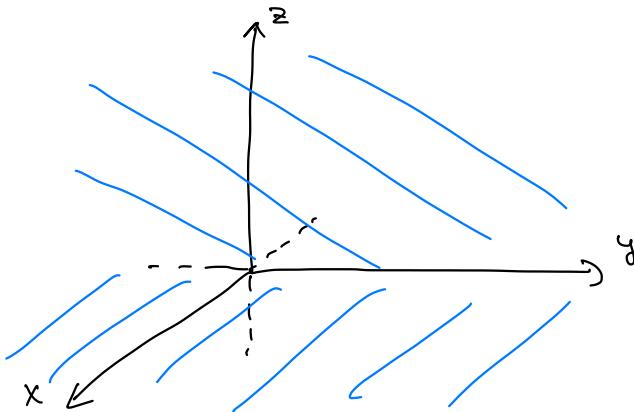
The proof follows from Prop 1 on P. 4.

A non-example A union of two intersecting planes is not a surface

Indeed, assume that

$$S := \{z=0\} \cup \{x=0\}$$

is a surface.



Then \exists a smooth function φ defined in a nbhd W of the origin such that

$$\varphi(x, y, z) = 0 \text{ on } S$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \varphi(0) = 0.$$

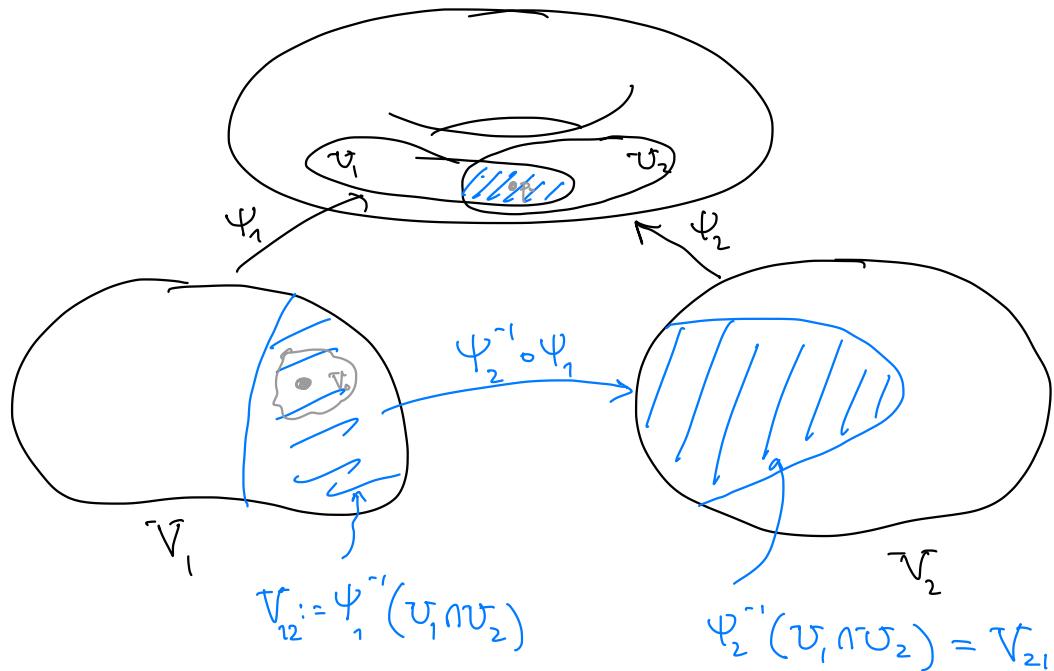
Thus, S is not a surface.

Remark Neither parametrizations, nor local functions as in the Proposition on P. 11 are unique. Our goal is to understand a relation between different parametrizations.

Thus, let $\Psi_1 : V_1 \rightarrow U_1 \subset S$

$$\Psi_2 : V_2 \rightarrow U_2 \subset S$$

be two parametrizations s.t. $U_1 \cap U_2 \neq \emptyset$



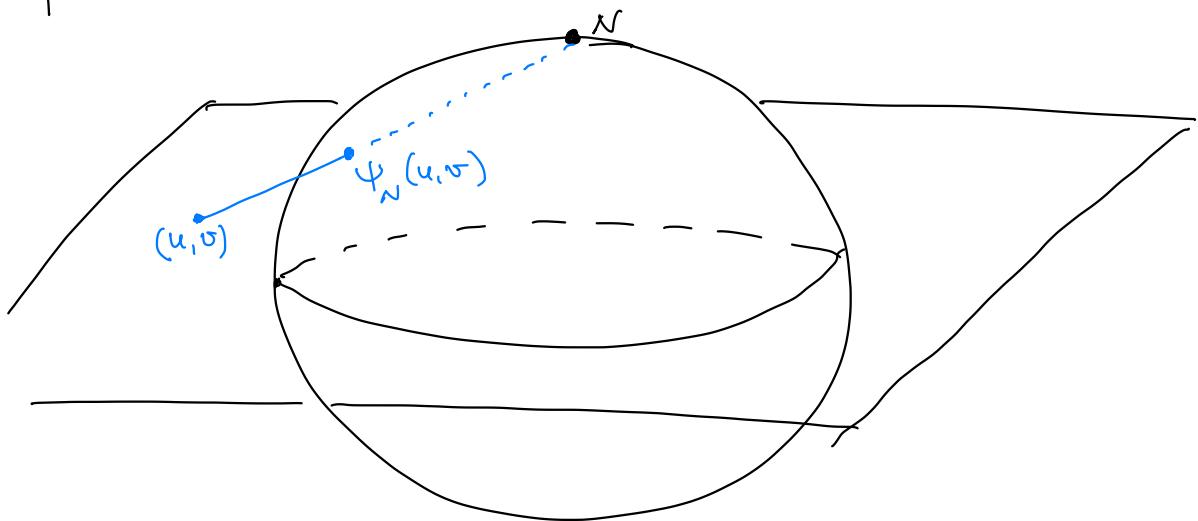
Since Ψ_1 & Ψ_2 are homeomorphisms, we have a well-defined continuous map

$$\Psi_{21} := \Psi_2^{-1} \circ \Psi_1 : V_{12} \rightarrow V_{21}$$

which is called "transition map" or "change of coordinates map".

Notice that Ψ_{21} is a map $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined on an open subset.

Ex Consider the sphere S^2 , which can be covered by the images of two parametrizations as follows.



The inverse of the stereographic projection from the north pole N is given by

$$(u, v) \mapsto \Psi_N(u, v) = \frac{1}{1+u^2+v^2} (2u, 2v, -1+u^2+v^2)$$

This is a homeomorphism viewed as a map $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S^2 \setminus \{N\}$ and is clearly smooth.

Exercise Show that $D\Psi_N$ is injective at each point.

Thus Ψ_N is a parametrization (at each point $p \in S^2 \setminus \{N\}$).

Of course, we have also the inverse Ψ_S of the stereographic projection from the south pole S. The images of these two parametrizations cover together the whole sphere S^2 .

Rem A computation shows that the change of coordinates map $\Psi_{SN} := \Psi_S^{-1} \circ \Psi_N : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ is given by

$$\Psi_{SN}(u, v) = \frac{1}{u^2 + v^2} (u, v)$$

Exercise Show that the sphere can not be covered by the image of a single parametr.

Thm The change of coordinates map is smooth.

Proof Since smoothness is a local property, it suffices to show that if $(u_0, v_0) \in V_{12}$ \exists a nbhd $V_0 \subset V_{12}$ such that $\Psi_{21}|_{V_0}$ is smooth.

Thus, set $p_0 := \Psi_1(u_0, v_0)$. For this p_0 and Ψ_2 construct a smooth map $\Phi_2 : W \rightarrow V_2 \times \mathbb{R}$ as in the proof of the Proposition on P. 11.

Recall that

$$\Phi_2 : S \cap W \longrightarrow V_2 \times_{V_0} \{ \} = V_2$$

equals ψ_2^{-1} .

The map $\Phi_2 \circ \psi_1 : \psi_1^{-1}(S \cap W) \rightarrow V_2$

is clearly smooth as a composition of smooth maps. Set $V_0 := V_{12} \cap \psi_1^{-1}(S \cap W)$.

Since the image of ψ_1 lies in S , we have

$$\Phi_2 \circ \psi_1 |_{V_0} = \psi_2^{-1} \circ \psi_1 |_{V_0} = \psi_{21} |_{V_0}$$

is smooth.

□

Def Let S be a surface.

A function $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be smooth, if for any parametrization

$\Psi : V \rightarrow U$ the composition

$$F := f \circ \Psi : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is smooth. The function $F := f \circ \Psi$ is called a local (coordinate) representation of f .

Reu The theorem on P. 15 implies that if $f \circ \psi_1$ is smooth, then $f \circ \psi_2$ is also smooth on $V_{21} = \psi_2^{-1}(V_1 \cap V_2)$.

Indeed,

$$f \circ \psi_2 = f \circ \psi_1 \circ (\psi_1^{-1} \circ \psi_2) = \underset{\text{smooth}}{(f \circ \psi_1)} \circ \underset{\text{smooth}}{\psi_{12}}$$

Hence, if (V_i, ψ_i) is a collection of parametrizations such that $\psi_i(V_i)$ covers all of S , it suffices to check that $f \circ \psi_i$ is smooth $\forall i$.

Ex Let $h: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an arbitrary smooth function. Define $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as the restriction of h . Then f is smooth, since for any parametrization ψ we have

$$f \circ \psi = \underbrace{h \circ \psi}_{\text{smooth}}.$$

For example, for any fixed $a \in \mathbb{R}^3$ the height function

$$f_a(x) = \langle a, x \rangle \quad x \in S$$

is a smooth function on S .

In particular, set $S = S^2$ and

$h(x, y, z) = z$. Then the coordinate representation of $f = h|_{S^2}$ with respect to ψ_n is

$$F(u, v) = f \circ \psi_n(u, v) = \frac{-1 + u^2 + v^2}{1 + u^2 + v^2}.$$

Ex Let $\psi: V \rightarrow U$ be a parametrization of a surface S . Since ψ is a homeomorphism, we have the inverse map

$$\varphi := \psi^{-1}: U \rightarrow V.$$

Since V itself is a surface (with a single parametrization ψ), it makes sense to ask if φ viewed as a map $U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is smooth, which means by definition that both components of φ are smooth functions.

This is the case indeed, since the local representation of φ is nothing else but

$$\varphi \circ \psi = \text{id},$$

which is certainly smooth.

Any pair (V, ψ) is called a chart on S .

Prop 1 Let S be a surface. Then the set $C^\infty(S)$ of all smooth functions on S is a vector space, that is

$$f, g \in C^\infty(S) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda f + \mu g \in C^\infty(S).$$

$$\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$$

In fact, we also have

$$f, g \in C^\infty(S) \Rightarrow f \cdot g \in C^\infty(S)$$

Proof We prove the last statement only.

Let $\psi: U \rightarrow V$ be a parametrization.

$$\text{Then } (f \cdot g) \circ \psi = (\underbrace{f \circ \psi}_{C^\infty(V)} \cdot \underbrace{g \circ \psi}_{C^\infty(V)}) \underbrace{\circ \psi}_{C^\infty(V)}.$$

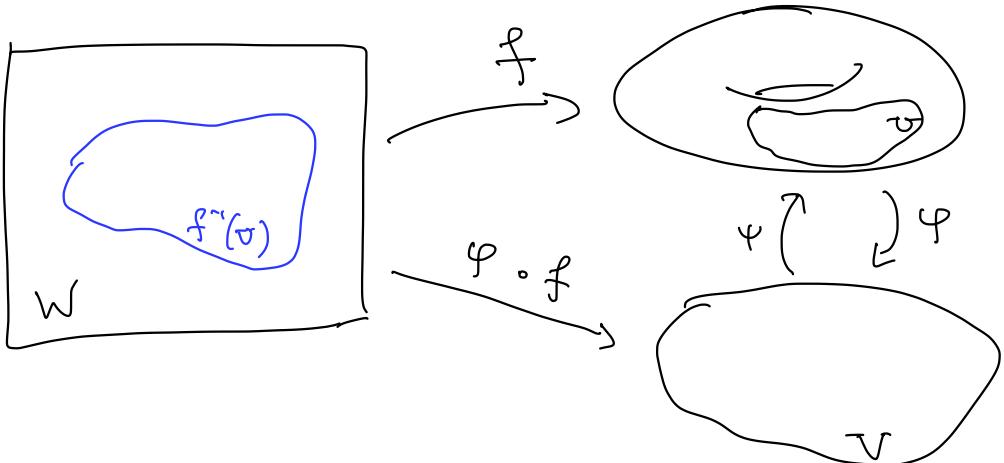
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Let $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set.

Def A cont. map $f: W \rightarrow S$, where S is a surface, is called smooth, if for any parametrization $\psi: V \rightarrow U \subset S$ the map

$$\psi \circ f = \psi^{-1} \circ f: f^{-1}(V) \rightarrow \begin{matrix} V \\ \mathbb{R}^n \end{matrix}$$

is smooth.



Prop $f: W \rightarrow S$ is smooth if and only if f is smooth as a map $W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$.

More formally, this means the following:

If $\iota: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ denotes the natural inclusion map, then

$$f \in C^\infty(W; S) \iff \iota \circ f \in C^\infty(W; \mathbb{R}^3)$$

Proof Pick a parametrization ψ of S and construct a smooth map $\Phi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ just as in the proof of the proposition on P.11, where $X \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is an open set.

Assume $f: W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is smooth. Then $\Phi \circ f$ is also smooth as the composition of smooth maps. However, since f takes values in S and $\Phi|_S = \psi = \psi^{-1}$, we obtain that $\psi \circ f = \Phi \circ f: W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is smooth.

Conversely, assume that $f: W \rightarrow S$ is smooth. Then

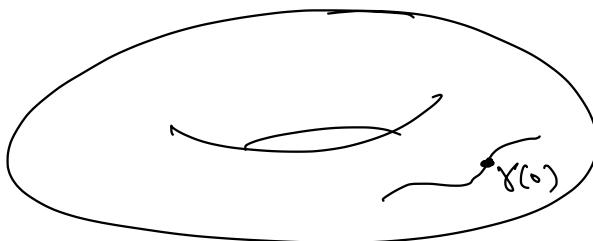
$$f|_{f^{-1}(U)} = (\psi \circ \varphi) \circ f|_{f^{-1}(U)} = \psi \circ (\varphi \circ f)|_{f^{-1}(U)}$$

is again smooth as the composition of smooth maps. \square

The following class of maps will be particularly important in the sequel.

Def Let $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ be an (open) interval. A smooth map $\gamma: I \rightarrow S$ is called a smooth curve on S .

If $o \in I$, we say that γ is a smooth curve through $p := \gamma(o) \in S$.



Ex Let $p \in S^2$ and $v \in \mathbb{R}^3$ s.t.

$\langle p, v \rangle = 0$. and $\|v\| = 1$.

Define $\gamma_v : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ by

$$\gamma_v(t) = (\cos t) \cdot p + (\sin t) \cdot v.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}\|\gamma_v(t)\|^2 &= \langle \cos t \cdot p + \sin t \cdot v, \cos t \cdot p + \sin t \cdot v \rangle \\ &= \cos^2 t \cdot \|p\|^2 + 0 + \sin^2 t \cdot \|v\|^2 \\ &= \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1,\end{aligned}$$

we obtain that $\gamma_v : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^2$ is a smooth curve through p . Of course, the image of γ_v is a great circle on S^2 .

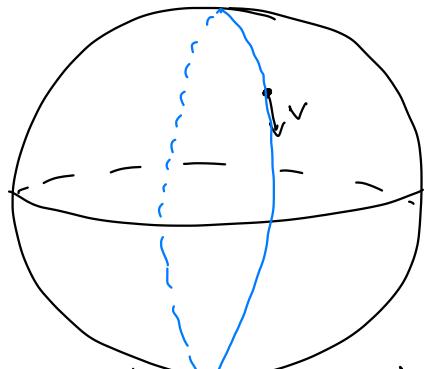
Even more generally, we can define smooth maps between surfaces as follows.

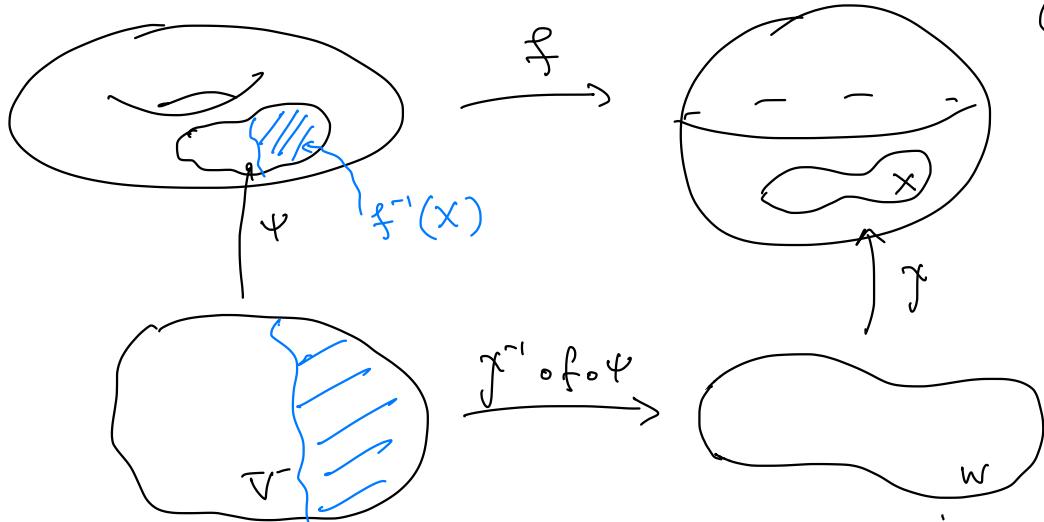
Def Let S_1 and S_2 be two surfaces.

A contin. map $f : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ is said to be smooth, if for any parametrizations $\psi : V \rightarrow U \subset S_1$ and $\chi : W \rightarrow X \subset S_2$ the map

$$\chi^{-1} \circ f \circ \psi : \psi^{-1}(f^{-1}(X)) \longrightarrow W$$

is smooth.





The map $f^{-1} \circ f \circ \varphi$ is called the coordinate (or local) representation of f .

Reu Since parametrizations and charts contain the same amount of information, we can also define smoothness of a map $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ in terms of charts as follows: f is smooth if and only if for any chart (U, φ) on S_1 and any chart (X, ζ) on S_2 the map

$$\zeta \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

is smooth (on an open subset where defined)

The map $\zeta \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is also called a coordinate representation of f (with respect to charts (U, φ) and (X, ζ)).

Rem Just like in the case of functions,
it suffices to find two collections
 $\{\psi_i : U_i \rightarrow V_i\}$ and $\{\gamma_j : W_j \rightarrow X_j\}$
of parametrizations such that

$$\bigcup_i U_i = S_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \bigcup_j X_j = S_2$$

and check that all coordinate representations
 $\gamma_j \circ f \circ \psi_i$ are smooth.

Consider the antipodal map

$$\alpha: S^2 \rightarrow S^2, \quad \alpha(x) = -x.$$

For any $(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ we have

$$\alpha \circ \Psi_N(u, v) = - \frac{1}{1+u^2+v^2} (2u, 2v, -1+u^2+v^2)$$

Since $\Psi_S^{-1}: S^2 \setminus \{S\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is given by

$$(x, y, z) \mapsto \left(\frac{x}{1+z}, \frac{y}{1+z} \right),$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_S^{-1} \circ \alpha \circ \Psi_N(u, v) &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1-u^2-v^2}{1+u^2+v^2}} \left(-\frac{2u}{1+u^2+v^2}, -\frac{2v}{1+u^2+v^2} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1+u^2+v^2}{2} \left(\frac{2u}{1+u^2+v^2}, \frac{-2v}{1+u^2+v^2} \right) \\ &= -(u, v) \end{aligned}$$

It follows in a similar manner, that

$\Psi_S^{-1} \circ \alpha \circ \Psi_S$, $\Psi_N^{-1} \circ \alpha \circ \Psi_N$, and $\Psi_N^{-1} \circ \alpha \circ \Psi_S$ are also smooth. Hence, α is smooth.

Prop Let $h: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a smooth map such that $h(S_1) \subset S_2$, where S_1 and S_2 are surfaces. Then $h|_{S_1}: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ is also smooth.

The proof of this proposition is similar (24) to the proof of Prop 2 on P. 18 and is left as an exercise to the reader.

To construct a more interesting example, pick a polynomial

$$p(z) := z^n + a_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1z + a_0$$

with complex coefficients. Identifying \mathbb{R}^2 with \mathbb{C} , we can view p as a smooth map $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$.

Define $f: S^2 \rightarrow S^2$ by

$$f(p) = \begin{cases} \psi_N \circ p \circ \psi_N^{-1}(p) & \text{if } p \neq N, \\ N & \text{if } p = N. \end{cases}$$

I claim that f is smooth. Indeed, since by the construction of f , the coordinate representation of f with respect to the pair (\mathbb{R}^2, ψ_N) & (\mathbb{R}^2, ψ_N) of parametrizations (the first one on the source of f , the second one on the target), is

$$\psi_N^{-1} \circ f \circ \psi_N = \underbrace{\psi_N^{-1} \circ \psi_N}_{\text{id}} \circ p \circ \underbrace{\psi_N^{-1} \circ \psi_N}_{\text{id}} = p.$$

Hence f is smooth at each point $p \in S^2 \setminus \{N\}$. To check that f is also smooth at $p=N$,

consider

$$\Psi_s \circ f \circ \Psi_s^{-1}(z) = \begin{cases} \Psi_s \circ \Psi_N^{-1} \circ p \circ \Psi_N \circ \Psi_s^{-1}, & z \neq 0 \\ 0, & z = 0 \end{cases}$$

We know that

$$\Psi_{SN}(z) = \Psi_s \circ \Psi_N^{-1}(z) = \frac{1}{|z|^2} z = \frac{1}{\bar{z} \cdot \bar{z}} \cdot z = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi_{NS}(z) = \Psi_{SN}^{-1}(z) = \frac{1}{\bar{z}}$$

Hence, we compute

$$\Psi_{SN} \circ p \circ \Psi_{NS}(z) = \Psi_{SN}\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}^n} + \frac{a_{n-1}}{\bar{z}^{n-1}} + \dots + a_0\right)$$

$$= \Psi_{SN}\left(\frac{1 + a_{n-1}\bar{z} + \dots + a_0\bar{z}^n}{\bar{z}^n}\right)$$

$$= \frac{z^n}{1 + \overline{a_{n-1}}z + \dots + \overline{a_0}z^n}, \quad z \neq 0.$$

This yields that $\Psi_s \circ f \circ \Psi_s^{-1}$ is smooth even at $z = 0$, that is f is smooth everywhere on S (or, simply, f is smooth).

Thm Suppose $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ and $g: S_2 \rightarrow S_3$ are smooth maps between surfaces. Then

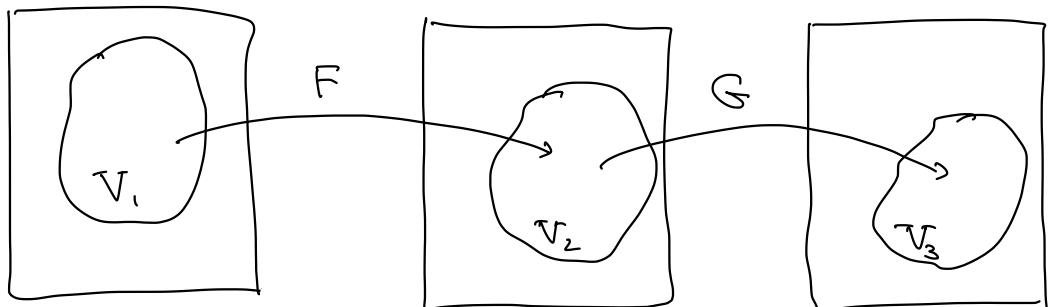
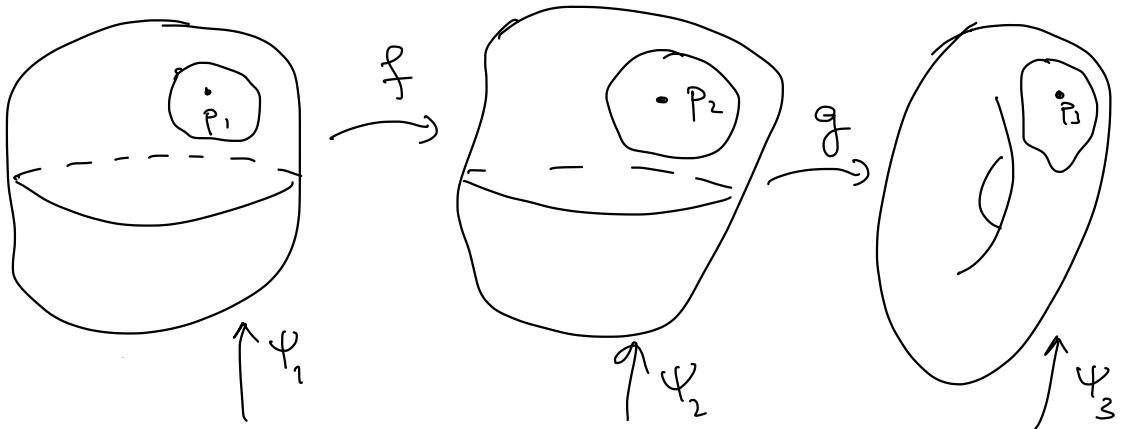
$g \circ f: S_1 \rightarrow S_3$ is also smooth.

Proof Pick a pt $p_1 \in S_1$ and denote

$$p_2 := f(p_1) \in S_2, \quad p_3 := g(p_2) = g(f(p_1)) \in S_3$$

Pick parametrizations

$$\psi_j: V_j \rightarrow U_j \subset S_j$$



In a sufficiently small nbhd of p_1 we have

$$\psi_3^{-1} \circ (g \circ f) \circ \psi_1 = \underbrace{\psi_3^{-1} \circ g \circ \psi_2}_{G \in C^\infty} \circ \underbrace{\psi_2^{-1} \circ f \circ \psi_1}_{F \in C^\infty}$$

$\Rightarrow g \circ f$ is smooth in a nbhd of p_1

$$\Rightarrow g \circ f \in C^\infty(S_1; S_3)$$

IV

Rem 1 The proof shows that the coordinate representation of the composition is the composition of coordinate representations.

Rem 2 The proof also shows that the following holds:

If $\gamma: I \rightarrow S_1$ is a smooth curve and $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ is a smooth map, then $f \circ \gamma: I \rightarrow S_2$ is also a smooth curve.

Def A smooth map $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ is called a diffeomorphism, if there exists a smooth map $g: S_2 \rightarrow S_1$ s.t.

$$g \circ f = \text{id}_{S_1} \quad \text{and} \quad f \circ g = \text{id}_{S_2}$$

Ex The antipodal map $a: S^2 \rightarrow S^2$ is a diffeomorphism.

Ex The hyperboloid $H = \{x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1\}$ and cylinder $C = \{x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ are diffeomorphic, that is there exists a diffeomorphism $f: H \rightarrow C$.

Explicitly, define

$$h: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ by } h(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+z^2}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{1+z^2}}, z \right)$$

Clearly, $h \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3; \mathbb{R}^3)$. If $(x, y, z) \in H$, then $\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+z^2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{1+z^2}}\right)^2 = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{1+z^2} = 1$,

that is $f := h|_H: H \rightarrow C$ is smooth.

Exercise Show that the restriction $h^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$h^{-1}(u, v, w) = \left(\sqrt{u^2 + v^2} u, \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} v, w \right)$$

yields a smooth inverse of f .

Rem A map $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ may fail to be a diffeomorphism in the following two ways: either f^{-1} does not exist or f^{-1} exists but is not smooth.

Non-example Consider a map

$f: C \rightarrow C$, $f(x, y, z) = (x, y, z^3)$,
which is smooth.

The inverse $f^{-1}: C \rightarrow C$ exists:

$$f^{-1}(x, y, z) = (x, y, \sqrt[3]{z})$$

It is continuous, but fails to be smooth.

Exercise Compute a coordinate representation of f^{-1} and check that this fails to be smooth.