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Exercise set 4

- 1 Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a submersion and U an open subset of X . Show that $f(U)$ is open in Y . (In other words, submersions are open maps.)
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 - a) If X is compact and Y connected, show that every (nontrivial) submersion $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is surjective. (Recall that a space Y is called connected if Y cannot be written as the union of two nonempty disjoint open subsets; or equivalently, if Y and \emptyset are the only subsets which are both open and closed in Y).
 - b) Show that there exist no submersions of compact manifolds into \mathbb{R}^n for any n .
- 3 Show that the orthogonal group $O(n)$ is compact. (Hint: Show that if $A = (a_{ij})$ lies in $O(n)$, then for each i , $\sum_j a_{ij}^2 = 1$.)
- 4 Show that the tangent space to $O(n)$ at the identity matrix I is the vector space of skew symmetric $n \times n$ -matrices, i.e. matrices B satisfying $B^t = -B$.
- 5 Prove that the set R_1 of all 2×2 -matrices of rank 1 is a three-dimensional submanifold of $\mathbb{R}^4 = M(2)$. (Hint: Show that the determinant function is a submersion on the manifold of nonzero 2×2 -matrices $M(2) \setminus \{0\}$.)