

Analysis 3H

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- This was part of the Analysis 3H module elective. This is a course on real analysis, touching on metric spaces, tangent spaces, vector fields, manifolds, and differential forms.
- **TODO!** diagrams, notation (bold vs not bold), highlighting of important bits, probably unbold things (to have k -forms and vectors agreeing in notation)

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1 Metric spaces

1.1 Basic notions

The field of real numbers \mathbb{R} is a totally ordered field which also satisfies the **completeness** axiom, i.e. a non-empty bounded set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ has a **supremum** and/or an **infimum**. The supremum of $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is a real number s where $a \leq s$ for all $a \in A$. If m is also such that $a \leq m$ for $a \in A$, then $s \leq m$, denoted $\sup A$. The infimum of A is where the inequalities signs are swapped, denoted $\inf A$.

Lemma 1.1.1 Let $I_n = [a_n, b_n]$ be a sequence of closed intervals such that $a_n \leq a_{n+1} < b_{n+1} \leq b_n$ for all $n \geq 1$, then $\cap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$ is non-empty. \square

Proof Let $a = \sup\{a_n\}$. Since $a_n \leq b_1$ for all n exists by completeness axiom, $a_n \leq b_k$ for any value of n and k , and so $a \leq b_k$. Hence $a_k \leq a \leq b_k$ for all k , and that $a \in \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$.

Let M be a set. A function $d : M \times M \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called a **metric** on M if

1. $d(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$;
2. $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in M$;
3. $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in M$.

The pair (M, d) is then called a **metric space**. It is easy to see any $N \subseteq M$ is also a metric space using the same d .

Example 1. On \mathbb{R} , $d(x, y) = |y - x|$ gives a metric.

2. On \mathbb{R}^2 , $d_1(x, y) = |y_1 - x_1| + |y_2 - x_2|$ is also a metric, but notice that, for example, $d_1((1, 1), (0, 0)) = 2$ as opposed to the expected distance of $\sqrt{2}$.

The standard (Euclidean) metric in \mathbb{R}^2 is given by

$$d(x, y) = \sqrt{|x_1 - y_1|^2 + |x_2 - y_2|^2}.$$

Let V be a real vector space. An **inner product** on V is a function $(\cdot, \cdot) : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that, for all $x, y \in V$, satisfies the following:

We will not be distinguishing vectors by bold quantities in this document.

- linearity in the first factor;
- $(x, y) = (y, x)$;
- $(x, x) \geq 0$ and is zero iff $x = 0$.

Example 1. For $V = \mathbb{R}^n$, the standard inner product is given by $(x, y) = x_i y_i$ (where Einstein notation is understood). If A is a symmetric matrix, then $(x, y) = x^T A y$ is an inner product if all eigenvalues of A are positive.

2. For $V = C[a, b]$, $(f, g) = \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx$ is an inner product since V is a vector space of continuous functions, and the only function that is everywhere zero and continuous is $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.

Theorem 1.1.2 (Cauchy–Schwartz inequality) *Let V be a real vector space, and (\cdot, \cdot) an inner product on V . Then*

$$|(x, y)| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|,$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ is the standard Euclidean norm of the vector, and there is equality iff $x = \lambda y$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof Note that $(x, 0) = (x, x - x) = (x, x) - (x, x) = 0$, so we may assume that $y \neq 0$. Then, with $\lambda = -(x, y)/\|y\|^2$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq (x + \lambda y, x + \lambda y) = \|x\|^2 + 2\lambda(x, y) + \lambda^2\|y\|^2 \\ &= \|x\|^2 - \frac{(x, y)^2}{\|y\|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

So $(x, y)^2 \leq \|x\|^2\|y\|^2$ and the result follows. ■

Lemma 1.1.3 *Let V be a real vector space with inner product (\cdot, \cdot) . Then $d : V \times V \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ gives a metric on V .*

Proof Clearly $d(x, x) = 0$ and is symmetric, so we just need to check the triangle inequality. By Cauchy–Schwartz,

$$\begin{aligned} \|a + b\| &= \sqrt{\|a\|^2 + 2(a, b) + \|b\|^2} \\ &\leq \sqrt{\|a\|^2 + 2\|a\|\|b\| + \|b\|^2} \\ &\leq \|a\| + \|b\|, \end{aligned}$$

as required. ■

Let $f : M \rightarrow N$ be a function metric metric spaces (M, d_M) and (N, d_N) . For $a \in M$, f is **continuous at a** if, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $d_N(f(a), f(x)) < \epsilon$ for all $x \in M$ when $d_M(a, x) < \delta$.

1.2 Sequences and Cauchy sequences

Let M be a metric space. A **sequence** (a_n) in M consists of elements $a_n \in M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $a \in M$, and (a_n) **converges to** a if, for all $\epsilon > 0$, $d(a_n, a) < \epsilon$ for some all $n \geq n_0$. We write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$. The sequence (a_n) is called **convergent** if there exists $a \in M$ where $a_n \rightarrow a$.

Lemma 1.2.1 *Let $f : M \rightarrow N$ be a function between metric spaces and $a \in M$. The function f is continuous at $a \in M$ iff $f(a_n) \rightarrow f(a)$ for $(a_n) \in M$ with $a_n \rightarrow a$. (Note that $f(a_n)$ is a sequence in N .)*

Proof Assume that f is continuous at $a \in M$, and let (a_n) be a sequence with $a_n \rightarrow a$. By continuity, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that, for $d(a, y) < \delta$, $d(f(a), f(y)) < \epsilon$ for arbitrary $y \in M$. Choose $n_0 \geq 0$ such that $d(a_n, a) < \delta$ for all $n \geq n_0$, then this implies $d(f(a_n), f(a)) < \epsilon$, and thus $f(a_n) \rightarrow f(a)$ as required.

On the other hand, assume $f(a_n) \rightarrow f(a)$ for all sequences such that $a_n \rightarrow a$. Given $\epsilon > 0$, assume that instead there is no $\delta > 0$ such that, for $d(a, y) < \delta$, $d(f(a), f(y)) < \epsilon$ for arbitrary $y \in M$. Then we can find $a_n \in M$ with $d(a, a_n) < 1/n$. However, this means $d(f(a), f(a_n)) \geq \epsilon$, which contradicts the assumption that $f(a_n) \rightarrow f(a)$ even though $a_n \rightarrow a$. So such δ exists and we have continuity. ■

Lemma 1.2.2 *The limit of a sequence is unique.*

Proof Assume there are two limits a and b for the sequence a_n . Then $d(a, b) \leq d(a, a_n) + d(a_n, b)$. As $n \rightarrow \infty$, the RHS tends to zero so $a = b$. ■

A **Cauchy sequence** (a_n) in the metric space M is a sequence such that, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $n_0 \geq 0$ such that $d(a_p, a_q) < \epsilon$ for all $p, q \geq n_0$.

Lemma 1.2.3 *A convergent sequence is a Cauchy sequence (the converse is not true).*

Proof Suppose $a_n \rightarrow a$. Then, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there is some $n_0 \geq 0$ such that $d(a_n, a) < \epsilon/2$ for $n \geq n_0$. Let $p, q \geq n_0$, then $d(a_n, a_q) \leq d(a_p, a) + d(a_q, a) < \epsilon$, so the sequence is Cauchy. ■

A metric space M is **complete** if all Cauchy sequences in M converges.

Theorem 1.2.4 *The real line \mathbb{R} is complete.*

Proof Let (a_n) be a Cauchy sequence in \mathbb{R} . Define the sequence of integers (n_k) where $n_0 = 1$, and n_{k+1} is the smallest integer bigger

than n_k where $|a_p - a_q| < 2^{-(k+2)}$ for $p, q \geq n_{k+1}$. Define the intervals $I_k = [a_{n_k} - 2^{-k}, a_{n_k} + 2^{-k}]$ and let $x \in I_{k+1}$. Now, since $x \in I_{k+1}$, this implies that $|x - a_{n_{k+1}}| < 2^{-(k+1)}$. By definition of the integer sequence, $|a_{n_k} - a_{n_{k+1}}| < 2^{-(k+1)}$, so then, by triangle inequality,

$$|a_{n_k} - x| \leq |x - a_{n_{k+1}}| + |a_{n_{k+1}} - a_{n_k}| < 2 \cdot 2^{-(k+1)} = 2^{-k},$$

so $x \in I_k$. However, $x \in I_{k+1}$, so $I_{k+1} \subset I_k$. By Lemma 1.1.1, $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k \neq \emptyset$, so assume $a \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k$. For $m \geq n_k$,

$$|a - a_m| \leq |a - a_{n_k}| + |a_{n_k} - a_m| \leq 2^{-k} + 2^{-(k+1)} \rightarrow 0$$

as $m \geq n_k \rightarrow \infty$. Thus $a_m \rightarrow a$ and this arbitrary Cauchy sequence converges in \mathbb{R} and thus \mathbb{R} is complete. ■

Proposition 1.2.5 For $X \neq \emptyset$, let $\mathcal{B}(X)$ be the set of functions $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that f is bounded. For $f, g \in \mathcal{B}(X)$, let $d(f, g) = \sup_{x \in X} |f(x) - g(x)|$. Then $(\mathcal{B}(X), d(f, g))$ defines a complete metric space.

Proof d is clearly a metric. For completeness, let (f_n) be a Cauchy sequence in $\mathcal{B}(X)$. For $x \in X$, $(f_n(x))$ is a Cauchy sequence of real numbers because, by definition of $d(f, g)$, $|f_q(x) - f_p(x)| \leq d(f_p - f_q)$, and since \mathbb{R} is complete, the sequence $(f_n(x))$ converges.

Defining $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$, we need to show that $f \in \mathcal{B}(X)$, and that indeed $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ regardless of $x \in X$. By definition of a Cauchy sequence, for $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $n_0 \geq 0$ such that $d(f_p, f_q) < \epsilon/2$ for $p, q \geq n_0$. Note also that, for all $x \in X$, there exists $n_1(x) \geq n_0$ such that $|f_{n_1(x)} - f| < \epsilon/2$. Then, let $x \in X$ and $n \geq n_0$, we have

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| \leq |f_n - f_{n_1(x)}| + |f_{n_1(x)} - f| < \epsilon.$$

Additionally note, $|f(x)| \leq |f(x) - f_{n_0(x)}| + |f_{n_0(x)}| \leq \epsilon + c_{f_{n_0}}$ since $f_{n_0(x)}$ is bounded, so $f \in \mathcal{B}(X)$. Further, $d(f_n - f) = \sup |f_n - f| = \delta < \epsilon$, so f_n converges to $f \in \mathcal{B}(X)$. Thus every Cauchy sequence converges and thus the space is complete and equipped with a metric. ■

1.3 Topology of metric spaces

Let (M, d) be a metric space with $x \in M$ and $r > 0$. Define the **open ball** around x of radius r to be

$$B(x; r) = \{y \in M : d(x, y) < r\}.$$

The analogous **closed ball** $D(x; r)$ is defined with the less than or equal to sign. A set $A \subset M$ is **bounded** if it can be contained in some

$D(x; r)$ for some $x \in M$, $r > 0$. A set $U \subset M$ is **open** if, for all $x \in U$, there exists $r_x > 0$ such that $B(x; r_x) \subset U$. A set $A \subset M$ is **closed** if $M \setminus A$ is open.

Lemma 1.3.1 *Let (M, d) be a metric space, then:*

1. M and \emptyset are open;
2. $\bigcup_i A_i$ is open if all $A_i \subset M$ are open;
3. $\bigcap_i^n A_i$ is open if all $A_i \subset M$ are open and $n < \infty$;
4. $B(x; r)$ is open for some $r > 0$.

Proof The first two are obvious. For 3), suppose the open sets U_i indexed by i are open and $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i$. Then $x \in U_i$ for all i , so there is some $B(x; r_i) \subset U_i$. Taking the minimum of such $r_i > 0$ means $B(x; r_i) \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i$, and thus the collective finite union is open.

For 4), let $y \in B(x; r)$, $r_y = r - d(x, y) > 0$ and $z \in B(y; r_y)$. Then $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z) < d(x, y) + r - d(x, y) = r$, so $B(y; r_y) \subseteq B(x; r)$. ■

Corollary 1.3.2 *The following may be shown by considering the appropriate complements:*

1. M and \emptyset are closed;
2. $\bigcap_i A_i$ is closed if $A_i \subset M$ for all i ;
3. $\bigcup_i A_i$ is closed if $A_i \subset M$ for all i and $n < \infty$;
4. $D(x; r)$ is closed.

□

Example Open intervals are open and closed intervals are closed.

(a, ∞) is open as it is a union of open bounded intervals.

$[a, \infty)$ is closed since $(-\infty, a)$ is open.

\mathbb{Z} is closed as $\mathbb{R} \setminus (\bigcup_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (n, n+1))$ is closed.

\mathbb{Q} and $[0, 1)$ are neither, while \mathbb{R} is both.

Proposition 1.3.3 *Suppose M is a metric space and $A \subseteq M$. A is closed iff every sequence converges to $a \in A$.*

Proof Assume A is closed and $a_n \rightarrow a$. Assume the converse so that $a \in U = M \setminus A$ which is an open set. Then there is some $r > 0$ such that $B(a; r) \subset U$, and since $a_n \rightarrow a$, there exists $n_0 \geq 0$ where $d(a_n, a) < r$ for $n \geq n_0$. This implies $a_n \in B(a; r)$ for all n , but this is a contradiction since $a_n \in A$, and thus $a \in A$.

Assume $a_n \rightarrow a \in A$. Let $x \in M \setminus A$, $r > 0$, and assume there is no such $B(x; r) \subset M \setminus A$. Thus there is an intersection, i.e., $B(x; 1/n) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. This implies that there is some i where $a_i \in B(x; 1/n) \cap A$. However, (a_n) is a sequence in A and $d(a_m, x) < 1/n$ for $m \geq n+1$, so $a_m \rightarrow a$, but this implies $x = a$ which is not possible since $x \in M \setminus A$. So $M \setminus A$ is open which means A is closed. ■

Theorem 1.3.4 Let M be a complete metric space and $A \subseteq M$ is closed. Then A is complete with the induced metric.

Proof Let (a_n) be a Cauchy sequence in A . Since M is complete, (a_n) converges in M , but A is closed, so (a_n) converges in A by previous proposition, which implies A is complete. ■

Let M be a metric space. M is **compact** if every sequence $(a_n) \in M$ has a convergent subsequence (a_{n_k}) .

Example • $(a_n) = (-1)^n$ is non-convergent but has a convergent sequence.

- $M = (0, 1)$ is not compact since $a_n = 1/n$ and its subsequences do not converge in M .
- \mathbb{R} is not compact as a_n has no subsequence converging in \mathbb{R} .
- $M = [0, 1]$ is compact. Let (a_n) be a subsequence in M . Let I_1 be either $[0, 1/2]$ or $[1/2, 1]$, and let (a_{n_k}) be the subsequences in I_1 . Continuing this we have a sequence of intervals $I_{m+1} \subset I_m$ with I_m of length 2^{-m} . Denote the subsequences $(a_{n_k}^m)$ to be those in I_m . Taking $b_m = a_{n_k}^m \in I_m$, we see that $b_{m+1} \in I_m$ since $I_{m+1} \subset I_m$, so that $d(b_m, b_q) \leq 2^{-m}$ for $q \geq m$. Thus (b_m) is a Cauchy sequence, which is a subsequence of (a_n) . Since $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, M is complete, so $b_m \rightarrow b \in M$, and thus M is compact.

Proposition 1.3.5 By extension, closed n -gons in \mathbb{R}^n are compact. □

Proposition 1.3.6 Let $f : M \rightarrow N$ be a continuous map between metric spaces. If M is compact, then $f(M) \subset N$ is compact.

Proof Let (a_n) be a sequence in $f(M)$. Then $a_n = f(b_n)$ for some $b_n \in M$. The sequence (b_{n_k}) converges in M since M is compact, thus

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_{n_k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(b_{n_k}) = f\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_{n_k}\right) = f(b)$$

since f is continuous. So (a_{n_k}) is convergent, thus $f(M)$ is compact.

□

Proposition 1.3.7 A closed subset of a compact space is a compact set.

Proof Let (a_n) be a sequence in $A \subset M$ where M is compact. Since $(a_n) \in M$, (a_{n_k}) is convergent, but A closed so $(a_{n_k}) \rightarrow a \in A$, thus A is compact. □

1.3.1 *Heine–Borel theorem*

Theorem 1.3.8 *A subset $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is compact iff A is closed and bounded.*

Proof Suppose A is compact, so clearly A is closed. If A is unbounded, then there exists $(a_n) \in A$ where $d(a_n, 0) \geq n$, so (a_{n_k}) does not converge in \mathbb{R}^n . However A is compact, which is a contradiction, so A is bounded.

Suppose A is bounded, then $A \subseteq [a, b]^n$. If A is closed, then it is a closed subset of a compact set, so A is compact by previous proposition. ■

For example, if $f : M \rightarrow N$ with f is a scalar continuous function, then $f(M) \subset \mathbb{R}$ is closed and bounded since M is compact, and thus $f(M)$ compact implies $f(M)$ is closed and bounded.

1.4 *Banach and Hilbert spaces*

Let V be a real vector space. The **norm** on V is a function $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ where:

1. $\|x\| = 0$ iff $x = 0$;
2. $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|x\|$ for all $x \in V$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$;
3. $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$.

The pair $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ gives a **normed vector space**.

Lemma 1.4.1 *Let V be a normed vector space, then $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ defines a metric on V .*

Proof Two of the properties follow from definition. To show the reflexive property, note that

$$d(y, x) = \|y - x\| = \|(-1)(x - y)\| = \|x - y\| = d(x, y).$$

■

Example 1. It may be shown that the metrics

$$\sum_i |x_i|, \quad \sum_i \sqrt{|x_i|^2}, \quad \max\{|x_i| \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

define norms on \mathbb{R}^n (the ℓ^1 , ℓ^2 and ℓ^∞ norms).

2. The **supremum norm** on $B(X)$ is defined by

$$\|f\|_\infty = \sup\{|f(x)| \in \mathbb{R} ; x \in X\}.$$

3. For X a metric space, $C_b(X) = \{f : x \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ continuous and bounded}\}$ is also a normed vector space with the supremum norm.

If $C(X) = \{f : x \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ continuous}\}$ then f does not have a supremum, however, we have the following:

Proposition 1.4.2 *If X is compact, then $C(X) = C_b(X)$, so $C(X)$ is a normed vector space.*

Proof $C_b(X) \subseteq C(X)$ regardless of X . For the converse, assume $f \in C(X)$, so that $f(X)$ is compact. This implies $f(X)$ is bounded and closed by the Heine–Borel theorem, so $C(X) \subseteq C_b(X)$. ■

Let $(V, \|\cdot\|_V)$ and $(W, \|\cdot\|_W)$ be two normed vector spaces. A function $f : V \rightarrow W$ is continuous at $x \in V$ if, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $\|x - y\|_V < \delta$ implies that $\|f(x) - f(y)\|_W < \epsilon$.

Let V be a normed vector space. V is a **Banach space** if V with the metric induced by the norm is complete.

Theorem 1.4.3 *Let X be a metric space, then $C_b(X)$ with the supremum norm is a Banach space.*

Proof Since $C_b(X) \subseteq B(X)$, if C_b is closed, then C_b is complete since $B(X)$ is complete. To show this, let $(f_n) \in C_b(X)$, and let $f_n \rightarrow f \in B(X)$. The convergence of f_n implies that there exists $n_0 \geq 0$ such that $\|f_n - f\| < \epsilon/3$ for any $\epsilon > 0$ with $n \geq n_0$. Also, $\|f_{n_0}(y) - f(y)\| < \epsilon/3$ for all $y \in X$. The functions are continuous, so there exists $\delta > 0$ where, if $d(x, y) < \delta$, $\|f_{n_0}(x) - f_{n_0}(y)\| < \epsilon/3$ for $x \in X$. Thus, for $d(x, y) < \delta$,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f_{n_0}(x)| + |f_{n_0}(x) - f_{n_0}(y)| + |f_{n_0}(y) - f(y)| < \epsilon,$$

so f is continuous, and $C_b(X)$ is closed and thus complete. ■

Corollary 1.4.4 *For $a < b$, $C[a, b]$ with the supremum norm is a Banach space.* □

Note that $C[a, b]$ is not a complete space with, for example, the L_2 norm

$$\|f\|_2 = \sqrt{\int_a^b (f(x))^2 dx}.$$

For example, with $f_n = x^n$, $f_n \rightarrow 0$ but clearly $f_n(1) = 1$ for all n . The underlying reason is the sequence is not a Cauchy sequence with respect to the norm.

Convergence with respect to the supremum norm is called **uniform convergence** (cf. Complex Analysis 2H).

Let $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space. If there is an inner product from V which induces this norm, then V is called a **Hilbert space**.

Theorem 1.4.5 Let (M, d) be a metric space. Then there exists $(\overline{M}, \overline{d})$ where \overline{M} is complete, and there is an embedding $\iota : M \rightarrow \overline{M}$ with $d(x, y) = d(\iota(x), \iota(y))$ for all $x, y \in M$. Also, for all $\bar{x} \in \overline{M}$, there is a sequence $(x_n) \in M$ with $x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. \square

Here, \overline{M} is called the **completion** of M , and it is unique up to some isomorphism.

Example The completion of \mathbb{Q} is \mathbb{R} with respect to the Euclidean metric.

The completeness of $C[a, b]$ with respect to the inner product metric is denoted $L^2[a, b]$.

Note that elements of L^2 are not exactly functions, but rather *equivalence classes* (cf. $11 \equiv 1$ modulo 10)

1.4.1 The contraction mapping theorem

Theorem 1.4.6 Let (M, d) be a complete metric space, $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ and a $f : M \rightarrow M$ with $d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \lambda d(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in M$. Then f has one unique fixed point where $f(x_0) = x_0$.

Proof Note that f is a contraction, and continuity is automatically satisfied from the condition that $d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \lambda d(x, y)$.

Let $x \in M$, and $a_n = f^n(x)$. So we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, a_n) &\leq d(x, f(x)) + d(f(x), f^2(x)) + \dots + d(f^{n-1}(x), f^n(x)) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} d(f^i(x), f^{i+1}(x)) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda d(x, f(x)) \\ &= d(x, f(x)) \frac{1 - \lambda^n}{1 - \lambda} \\ &\leq \frac{d(x, f(x))}{1 - \lambda}, \end{aligned}$$

by Cauchy–Schwartz and the arithmetic progression with $0 \leq \lambda < 1$. Now,

$$d(a_n, a_m) = d(f^n(x), f^m(x)) \leq \lambda^m d(f^{n-m}, x) \leq \lambda^m \frac{d(x, f(x))}{1 - \lambda}$$

assuming $n > m$. For $n, m \geq n_0$, we have

$$d(a_n, a_m) \leq \lambda^{n_0} \frac{d(x, f(x))}{1 - \lambda}.$$

Clearly (a_n) is a Cauchy sequence, and thus we have completeness and $a_n \rightarrow a \in M$. Now,

$$f(a) = f\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} = a,$$

Or, if you throw a map of the world on the floor, there is exactly one point on the map that exactly corresponds to one point on the floor.

so there is some $a \in M$ that is a fixed point.

To show uniqueness, suppose b is another fixed point. Then

$$d(a, b) = d(f(a), f(b)) \leq \lambda d(a, b),$$

and for $\lambda \neq 0$, $d(a, b) = 0$, so $a = b$. ■

1.5 *A norm for matrix spaces*

We want a norm reflecting the fact that matrices can be identified with linear maps. Let $A = (A_{ij}) \in M_{n,k}(\mathbb{R})$. We define

$$\|A\| = \sup\{\|Ax\|_2 : x \in \mathbb{R}^k, \|x\|_2 \leq 1\}, \quad (1.1)$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ is the Euclidean norm. Here, $Ax \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $x \mapsto \|Ax\|_2$ is clearly a continuous map. By the Heine–Borel theorem, $\{\|Ax\|_2 : \|x\|_2 \leq 1\}$ is bounded and closed, so the supremum exists, and there is x with $\|x\|_2 \leq 1$ such that $\|A\| = \|Ax\|_2$ exists.

Lemma 1.5.1 *We have*

- $\|Ax\|_2 \leq \|A\|\|x\|_2$ for all A and x
- $\|AB\| \leq \|A\|\|B\|$
- $\|A\|_\infty \leq \|A\| \leq k\sqrt{n}\|A\|_\infty$,

where $\|A\|_\infty = \max\{|A_{ij}| : A \in M_{n,k}(\mathbb{R})\}$. □

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open. A **vector field** or **autonomous differential equation** is a continuous map $v : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ with no explicit time dependence. Here, U is called the **phase space** of v .

For $x \in U$, $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$, a continuous differential curve $\alpha : (a, b) \rightarrow U$ is an **integral curve** of v at (x, τ) if $\tau \in (a, b)$, $\alpha(t) = x$ and $\alpha'(t) = v(\alpha(t))$. Note the integral curves have tangent vectors which agree with v at a given point.

More generally, for $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $I \subset \mathbb{R}$, a **differential equation** is a continuous map $V : U \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$. A **solution** of V at $x \in U$ and $\tau \in I$ is a continuously differential curve $\alpha : I \rightarrow U$ with $\alpha'(t) = V(\alpha(t), t)$ and $\alpha(t) = x$.

2.1 Picard–Lindelöf theorem

This is an existence and uniqueness theorem for differential equations.

Theorem 2.1.1 *Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ be open and $V : U \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a differential equation where, for all $x_1, x_2 \in U$, $t \in I$, there exists $L \geq 0$ such that*

$$\|v(x_1, t) - v(x_2, t)\| \leq L\|x_1 - x_2\|_2.$$

Given $(u, \tau) \in U \times I$, there exists $a, b > 0$ with

$$U_1 = \{x \in U : \|x - u\| < a\}, \quad I_1 = \{t \in I : |t - \tau| < b\}$$

such that the differential equation v has an unique solution for all $x \in U_1$ and $\tau \in I_1$. Furthermore, the resulting $\alpha : U_1 \times I_1 \rightarrow U$ given by $\alpha(x, t) = \alpha_x(t)$ is continuous.

Proof This one is quite long! The key idea is to construct a contraction mapping A and make use of the fixed point theorem to demonstrate existence and uniqueness. We are going to split this up into little bits.

- We first construct an integral curve α with $\partial\alpha/\partial t(x, t) = v(\alpha, t)$,

Compare this with the **Lipschitz condition** where $\|v(x_1) - v(x_2)\| \leq L\|x_1 - x_2\|$, where L is the **Lipschitz constant**.

$\alpha(x, \tau) = x$. By integrating,

$$\alpha(x, t) = x + \int_{\tau}^t v(\alpha(x, s), s) \, ds.$$

Define some operator A such that

$$A\beta(x, t) = x + \int_{\tau}^t v(\beta(x, s), s) \, ds,$$

then we note that $A\alpha = \alpha$, and α is a fixed point of the operator A . We aim to show that A is a contraction in a space satisfying the relevant properties.

- Let $a_1, b_1 > 0$ be such that

$$D_1 = D(u; 2a_1) \subset U, \quad D_2 = D(\tau; b_1) \subset I.$$

By the Heine–Borel theorem, $D_1 \times D_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ is compact, and so there exists some $K \geq 0$ such that, with respect to the Euclidean norm, $\|v(x, t)\| < K$ for all $(x, t) \in D_1 \times D_2$.

Recall D denotes *closed* balls, while B denote open balls.

Let $a, b > 0$ be such that

$$0 < a < a_1, \quad b < \min \left\{ b_1, \frac{a}{K}, \frac{1}{L} \right\}.$$

Recall that $U_1 = B(u; a)$ and $I_1 = B(\tau; b)$, so let

$$M = \{\beta : U_1 \times I_1 \rightarrow D \subset \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

where β is continuous and $\beta(x, \tau) = x$ for all $x \in U_1$. This implies that

$$M \subseteq (C_b(U_1 \times I_1))^n,$$

and since $(C_b(U_1 \times I_1))^n$ is a Banach space with the supremum norm, if M is closed, then M is complete.

- Suppose $(\beta_n) \in M$ where $\beta_n \rightarrow \beta$. For $(x, t) \in U_1 \times I_1$, $\|\beta(x, t) - \beta_n(x, t)\| \leq \|\beta - \beta_n\|$ so $\beta_n \rightarrow \beta$, but since D_1 is closed, $\beta \in D$ and obviously $\beta_n((x, \tau) \rightarrow \beta(x, \tau) = x$, so M is closed and so is complete.
- If we now consider $A\beta$, then we have $A\beta(x, \tau) = x$ and that

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\beta(x, t) - u\| &\leq \|A((x, t) - x) - \|x - u\| \\ &\leq \int_{\tau}^t \|v(\beta(x, s), s)\| \, ds + a \\ &\leq K|t - \tau| + a \\ &\leq Kb + a \\ &< 2a < 2a_1 \end{aligned}$$

by Cauchy–Schwartz, definition of U_1 , second bullet point, definition of I_1 , and definition of b and a respectively. By definition of D_1 , we have $A\beta(x, t) \in D_1$.

- Note then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A\beta(x, t) - A\beta(y, t')\| &\leq \|x - y\| + \left\| \int_{\tau}^t v(\beta(x, s), s) - v(\beta(y, s), s) \, ds \right\| \\
&\quad + \left\| \int_t^{t'} v(\beta(y, s), s) \, ds \right\| \\
&\leq \|x - y\| + L \int_{\tau}^t \|v(\beta(x, s), s) - v(\beta(y, s), s)\| \, ds \\
&\quad + K|t - t'| \\
&\leq \|x - y\| + L \sup_{s \in [\tau, t]} \|\beta(x, s) - \beta(y, s)\| + K|t - t'|,
\end{aligned}$$

by the Lipschitz conditions. All terms can be made arbitrarily small since x can be made close to y , t can be made close to t' , and since $[\tau, t]$ is compact, $\|\beta(x, s) - \beta(y, s)\|$ can be made arbitrarily small. So now $A\beta \in D_1$ is continuous, and therefore $A\beta \in M$, and $A : M \rightarrow M$ is a self mapping.

- Since A is a self-mapping, for $\beta_{1,2} \in M$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A\beta_1 - A\beta_2\| &\leq \int_{\tau}^t \|v(\beta_1(x, s), s) - v(\beta_2(x, s), s)\| \, ds \\
&\leq L \int_{\tau}^t \|\beta_1 - \beta_2\| \, ds \\
&= L|t - \tau| \|\beta_1 - \beta_2\| \\
&\leq (Lb) \|\beta_1 - \beta_2\|
\end{aligned}$$

by definition of I_1 . Note that $Lb < 1$ by the definition of b , and therefore A is a contraction.

$$b < 1/L.$$

Since A is a contraction and M is complete, by contraction mapping there is one unique point in M that is fixed under A . Clearly this is α by definition of β (see first bullet point), and hence α is the unique solution to the ODE satisfying the stated conditions. ■

Note that it doesn't matter if $\alpha : I_1 \rightarrow U$, since we can redefine M and A as $M_x = \{\beta : I_1 \rightarrow D\}$ with $\beta(t) = x$, and $A_x : M_x \rightarrow M_x$. There will be an unique solution for fixed $x \in U_1$, where the generation solution gives this solution.

2.2 Differentiation in \mathbb{R}^n

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open. Recall that $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is differentiable at $x \in U$ with derivative

$$Df(x) = \left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right) \in M_{p,n}(\mathbb{R}) \quad (2.1)$$

if near x we can write

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + Df(x) \cdot h + R(h), \quad \lim_{\|h\| \rightarrow 0} \frac{R(h)}{\|h\|} = 0.$$

If f is differential for all $x \in U$, then $Df : U \rightarrow M_{p,n}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}^{pn}$. If $D^i f$ is continuous then f is said to be of **i -class**, with $f \in C^i(U)$.

2.2.1 Mean value theorem

Theorem 2.2.1 Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open, $x \in U$, $h \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where $x + th \in U$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$ and $f \in C^1 : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$, then

$$f(x+h) - f(x) = \int_0^1 Df(x+th) \cdot h \, dt.$$

Proof Let $f_i : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $g_i(t) = f_i(x+th)$, so that $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then we have $g'_i(t) = Df_i(x+th) \cdot h$. By the fundamental theorem of calculus,

$$\begin{aligned} g_i(1) - g_i(0) &= \int_0^1 Df_i(x+th) \cdot h \, dt \\ &= f_i(x+th) - f_i(x). \end{aligned}$$

Since this is true per component, we have the result in higher dimensions. ■

Corollary 2.2.2 Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open and convex¹, and also that $f \in C^1 : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$. Assume that there exists some $C = \sup\{\|Df(x)\| \in \mathbb{R} : x \in U\}$, then $\|f(y) - f(x)\| \leq C\|y - x\|$.

¹ So for all $x, y \in U$, $xt + (1-t)y \in U$ for $t \in [0, 1]$.

Proof By the mean value theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x+h) - f(x)\| &\leq \int_0^1 \|Df(x+h \cdot h)\| \, dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \|Df(x+h)\| \cdot \|h\| \, dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 C \cdot \|h\| \, dt = C \cdot \|h\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since h is arbitrary (up to us assuming convexity), letting $h = y - x$ leads the result. ■

Note that for the above corollary, U can always be reduced so that C exists locally. For the Picard–Lindelöf theorem, we get $v \in C^1 : U \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ implies the Lipschitz condition is satisfied locally.

2.2.2 Matrices

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and $V \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ be open. A C^1 -function $f : U \rightarrow V$ is a **diffeomorphism** if there exists $f^{-1} : V \rightarrow U$ where $f \circ f^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ f = \text{id}$ (the identity map), and f^{-1} is differential for all $x \in V$.

Example $f = x^3$ has $f^{-1} = x^{1/3}$, but since f^{-1} is not differentiable at $x = 0$, x^3 is not a diffeomorphism on \mathbb{R} .

By the chain rule, note that

$$D(f^{-1} \circ f) = (Df^{-1}(f)) Df = I_n, \quad D(f \circ f^{-1}) = (Df(f^{-1})) Df^{-1} = I_p.$$

If $y = f(x)$ then $Df^{-1}(y) = (Df(x))^{-1}$, then inverse matrix of $Df(x)$, so $Df(x)$ is invertible and $p = n$ if f is a diffeomorphism.

Lemma 2.2.3 1. $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ is an open set.

This is the general linear group with real entries.

2. $A \in M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$ with $\|A\| \leq 1$ implies that $I - A \in GL_n(\mathbb{R})$.

3. $\text{inv} : GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ with $A \mapsto A^{-1}$ is a smooth diffeomorphism.

Proof Recall that the determinant is defined as

$$\det A = |A| = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i,\sigma(i)}.$$

S_n here is the group of symmetric permutations, and $\text{sig}(\sigma)$ is the signature of the permutation σ (+1 if even and -1 if odd).

This is a polynomial in components of A , so it is a smooth function.

1. $GL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \det^{-1}(\mathbb{R} - \{0\})$ so $A \in GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ implies that $|A| \neq 0$, which implies $|B| \neq 0$ for B close to A , and thus $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ is open.
2. If $\|A\| \leq 1$, define $B_n = \prod_{i=0}^n A^i$ where $A^0 = I$. $\{B_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence since

$$\|B_n - B_m\| \leq \sum_{k=\min\{m,n\}+1}^{\max\{m,n\}} \|A\|^k \leq \frac{\|A\|}{1 - \|A\|} \rightarrow 0$$

for sufficiently large m, n with $\|A\| \leq 1$. So there exists $B = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n$, and thus

$$(I - A)B = (I - A) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n.$$

B_n continuous implies that

$$(I - A)B = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (I - A)B_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I - A^{n+1} = I$$

since $\|A\| \leq 1$, so $B^{-1} = I - A \in GL_n(\mathbb{R})$.

3. By Cramer's rule, for $A = (a_{ij})$, $A^{-1} = (b_{ij})$ with $b_{ij} = \det A_{ij} / \det A$, where A_{ij} is the matrix obtained by replacing the i^{th} column with the standard j^{th} basis vector. So (b_{ij}) depends smoothly on (a_{ij}) since \det is a smooth map, and so inv is smooth. Note additionally that $\text{inv} \circ \text{inv} = \text{id}$, so it is a bijection and hence a diffeomorphism.

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2.2.3 Inverse function theorem

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open and $f \in C^k : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$. f is **locally invertible** at $x \in U$ if there exists $U_1 \subset U$ such that for $x \in U_1$, $V_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ where $f(x) \in V_1$ is open and $f : U_1 \rightarrow V_1$ is a diffeomorphism.

Theorem 2.2.4 Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open and $f \in C^k : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $u \in U$. f is locally invertible iff $Df(u)$ is invertible. Here the local inverse is of class C^k .

Proof This one is quite long!

- If f is locally invertible at u , then it is a diffeomorphism, so clearly $Df(u)$ is invertible. However, this is for an isolated point, and we need to show that is also true on the appropriate neighbourhood.
- Assume that $u = 0 = f(u)$, i.e. a fixed point, and $Df(0) = I$. Define, for $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$g_y(x) = y + x - f(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad y - f(x) = g_y - x.$$

Note that $Dg_y(x) = I - Df(x)$ and does not depend on y . Also that $Dg_y(0) = I - I = 0$.

By continuity, we have $\|Dg_y(x)\| = \|Dg_0(x)\| \leq 1/2$ for some x near 0. This implies that

$$\|g_y(x_1) - g_y(x_2)\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\|x_1 - x_2\|$$

for $x_{1,2} \in D(0; r)$. Taking $x_2 = 0$, we also get

$$\|g_y(x) - y\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\|x\|,$$

so we have

$$\|g_y(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\|x\| + \|y\|$$

for $y \in D(0; r/2)$ and $x \in D(0; r)$, and thus $\|g_y(x)\| \leq r$. Hence we have $g_y(x) : D(0; r) \rightarrow D(0; r)$, and $g_y(x)$ is by construction a contraction since $\|g_y(x_1) - g_y(x_2)\| \leq (1/2)\|x_1 - x_2\|$.

- By contraction mapping theorem, for all $y \in D(0; r/2)$, there exists a unique $x \in D(0; r)$ with $y = f(x)$, so there exists an inverse function defined on $D(0; r/2)$.

Define

$$U_1 = \{x \in U : \|x\| < r, \|f(x)\| < r/2\}, \quad V_1 = f(U_1) = D(0; r/2).$$

By definition, both the domain and image are open sets. $f : U_1 \rightarrow V_1$ is a restricted bijection since it is a bijection on $D(0; r/2) \supset$

$B(0; r/2)$. Given $x_{1,2} \in D(0; r)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1 - x_2\| &= \|g_0(x_1) + f(x_1) - g_0(x_2) + f(x_2)\| \\ &\leq \|g_0 - g_0(x_2)\| + \|f(x_1) - f(x_2)\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\|x_1 - x_2\| + \|f(x_1) - f(x_2)\|, \end{aligned}$$

so that $\|x_1 - x_2\| \leq 2\|f(x_1) - f(x_2)\|$. For $x_2 = 0$, we have $\|x_1\| \leq 2\|f(x_1)\|$. Since $\|f(x_1)\| < r/2$ by construction, we have $\|x_1\| < r$, so indeed $V_1 = B(0; r/2)$.

For $f^{-1} = \phi$, $\|x_1 - x_2\| \leq 2\|f(x_1) - f(x_2)\|$ implies that $\|\phi(y_1) - \phi(y_2)\| \leq 2\|x_1 - x_2\|$, so that f^{-1} is Lipschitz continuous.

- Note that $Df(x)$ is invertible for all $x \in D(0; r)$, since we have $g_0(x) - x = f(x)$, so that $Df(x) = I - Dg_0(x)$, but $\|Dg_0(x)\| \leq 1/2$ from point 2 above, so $Df(x)$ is invertible for all $x \in D(0; r)$, and in particular for $x \in B(0; r) \subset D(0; r)$.
- Recall that if f is differentiable, then $f(x_1) - f(x_2) = Df(x_1)(x_1 - x_2) + R(x_1 - x_2)$ with $R(h)/\|h\| \rightarrow 0$ as $\|h\| \rightarrow 0$. Let $y_i = f(x_i)$. For $i = 1, 2$,

$$y_1 - y_2 = Df(x_1)(\phi(y_1) - \phi(y_2)) + R(\phi(y_1) - \phi(y_2)),$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} (Df(\phi(y_1)))^{-1}(y_1 - y_2) &= (\phi(y_1) - \phi(y_2)) \\ &\quad + (Df(\phi(y_1)))^{-1}R(\phi(y_1) - \phi(y_2)). \end{aligned}$$

We want to show that the remainder term tends to zero, which will show that $\phi = f^{-1}$ is differentiable. For that, note we have, by Cauchy-Schwartz and point 3 above,

$$\frac{\|(Df(\phi(y_1)))^{-1}R(\phi(y_1) - \phi(y_2))\|}{\|y_1 - y_2\|} \leq \frac{\|(Df(\phi(y_1)))^{-1}\| \cdot \|R(\phi(y_1) - \phi(y_2))\|}{(1/2)\|\phi(y_1) - \phi(y_2)\|}.$$

$(Df(\phi(y_1)))^{-1}$ is bounded since f is differentiable. Further more, f differentiable means $\|R(\phi(y_1) - \phi(y_2))\|/\|\phi(y_1) - \phi(y_2)\| \rightarrow 0$ as $\|\phi(y_1) - \phi(y_2)\| \rightarrow 0$. Thus the desired remainder goes to zero since $y_1 - y_2 \rightarrow 0$ implies $\phi(y_1) - \phi(y_2) \rightarrow 0$, and $\phi = f^{-1}$ is differentiable.

- The derivative $D\phi(y) = (Df(\phi(y)))^{-1} = \text{inv} \circ Df \circ \phi$, so by construction, $D\phi = Df^{-1}$ is continuous. By chain rule, if $f \in C^k$, $D^{k-1}\phi$ is continuous, and thus $\phi = f^{-1} \in C^k$.

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2.2.4 Implicit function theorem

Theorem 2.2.5 Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ be open and $f : U \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a C^k -function, with $k \geq 1$. Let $(u, v) \in U \times V$ such that the matrix $[\partial f_i / \partial x_j](u, v)$ is invertible with $c = f(u, v)$. Then there is a C^k -function $\eta : U_1 \rightarrow V_1$ with $u \in U_1 \subset U$, $v \in V_1 \subset V$ where $\eta(u) = v$ and $f(x, \eta(x)) = c$ for all $x \in N((u, v); r)$. Further more, if $f(x, y) = c$ for $(x, y) \in U_1 \times V_1$, then we have $y = \eta(x)$ in the respective sets.

Proof Define $\phi : U \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m$ where $(x, y) \mapsto (x, f(x, y))$. We have

$$D\phi(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ \partial f_i / \partial x_j(u, v) & \partial f_i / \partial x_j(u, v) \end{pmatrix},$$

so $\det D\phi(u, v) \neq 0$, and so by the inverse function theorem, ϕ is locally a diffeomorphism.

Since $\phi(x, y) = (x, f(x, y))$, we have $\phi^{-1}(A, b) = (A, g(A, b))$. Setting $\eta(x) = g(x, c)$, then defining \hat{p}_2 as the projection operator for the second argument, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, \eta(x)) &= f(x, g(x, c)) \\ &= \hat{p}_2 \phi(x, g(x, c)) \\ &= \hat{p}_2 \phi \phi^{-1}(x, c) \\ &= \hat{p}_2(x, c) = c. \end{aligned}$$

So we have $f(x, y) = c$ iff $y = \eta(x)$ for $(x, y) \in W$ where ϕ is a diffeomorphism. This is achieved by choosing $u \in U_1 \subset U$, $v \in V_1 \subset V$ so that $U_1 \times V_1 \subset W$, with $\eta(U_1) = V_1$. ■

The implicit function theorem gives a criterion of when we can solve $f(x, y) = c$ unique for y . In fact, if the linear equation $[Df(u, v)](x, y) = 0$ is uniquely solvable, then $f(x, y) = c$ is uniquely solvable for y .

2.2.5 Manifolds

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $k \geq 0$, $\ell \geq 1$. M is a C^ℓ **k -dimensional manifold** if, for all $p \in M$, we also have $p \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ where there exists a C^ℓ -diffeomorphism $h : U \rightarrow U' \subset \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k}$ with $h(U \cap M) = U' \cap (\mathbb{R}^k \times \{0\})$. Informally, a manifold is a structure where every point of M has a neighbourhood that resembles \mathbb{R}^k . h here is called a **chart**, which maps neighbourhoods of the manifold to \mathbb{R}^k (think **co-ordinate system** or segments of maps). A collection of charts that spans the whole of M is called an **atlas**.

Example An open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}$ is a C^∞ n -manifold where the chart is $\text{id} : U \rightarrow U$.

Notice then in the previous proof, ϕ is a chart, and $W \cap \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x, y) = c\}$ is a k -manifold.

For a slightly less trivial example, consider the **unit n -sphere** $S^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : \|x\| = 1\}$. With $f : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $x \mapsto \|x\|^2$, we have $S^n = f^{-1}(\{1\})$. For every $x \neq 0$, $Df(x) \neq 0$, so by implicit function theorem with respect to some co-ordinate system, there exists charts (it turns out an atlas for S^n requires strictly more than 1 chart). Since f is a polynomial (e.g. standard Cartesian co-ordinates), S^n is a C^∞ n -manifold.

Note that 2-sphere would be the standard sphere, which is two-dimensional with zero volume.

Let $f : U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be a C^1 function. A point $x \in U$ is called a **critical point** if $\text{rank}(Df(x)) < k$, i.e. the columns of the derivative matrix do not span \mathbb{R}^k , and $f(x)$ is called a **critical value**. Otherwise x is called a **regular point**.

Example • For $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $f(x) = \|x\|$, clearly $x = 0$ is the only critical point, and 0 is the associated critical value.

- For $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$, if $k > n$ then there are no regular points in \mathbb{R}^n by definition.
- For $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, is we have $f(x, y, z) = (e^z x, (y - 1) \sin z)$, then

$$Df(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} e^z & 0 & e^z x \\ 0 & \sin z & (y - 1) \cos z \end{pmatrix}.$$

If $\sin z \neq 0$ then all points are regular since $e^z \neq 0$. If $\sin z = 0$, then $\cos z = \pm 1$, and points with $y \neq 1$ are regular points. Otherwise, the critical points are $(x, 1, n\pi)$ with $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, and the critical values are $f(x, 1, n\pi) = (xe^{n\pi}, 0)$ (or just the whole $y = 0$ line in \mathbb{R}^2).

Theorem 2.2.6 Let $f : U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be a C^ℓ -map with $\ell \geq 1$, and U is open. If $y \in \mathbb{R}^k$ is a regular value, then $f^{-1}(\{y\})$ is a C^ℓ $(n - k)$ -manifold.

Proof Let $x \in f^{-1}(\{y\})$. Since x is not a critical point, $Df(x)$ has rank k . After rearranging co-ordinates, we can assume that $(\partial f_i / \partial x_j)(x)$ is invertible, with $i = 1, \dots, k$ and $j = n - k + 1$. The existence of the chart follows from the implicit function theorem, and so $f^{-1}(\{y\})$ is a C^ℓ $(n - k)$ -manifold by definition. ■

Note that if $y \notin f(U)$ then $\phi = f^{-1}(\{y\})$ is still a $(n - k)$ -manifold.

Example • For $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $x \mapsto \|x\|$, we have $S^{n-1} = f^{-1}(\{1\})$ following from previous example.

- For $f(x, y, z) = (e^z x, (y - 1) \sin z)$, the inverse of the regular values $f^{-1}(\{(a, b) : b \neq 0\})$ is a 1-manifold.
- For $f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ with $(x, y) \mapsto (\|x\|, \|y\|)$, we have $f^{-1}(\{1, 1\}) = S^{n-1} \times S^{m-1}$.

3 Tangent spaces and vector fields

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a C^ℓ k -manifold with $\ell \geq 1$. The **tangent vector** v at $p \in M$ is an element in \mathbb{R}^n of the form $v = \gamma'(0)$ with $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$ being a C^1 curve, and that $\gamma(0) = p$.

The set of all tangent vectors at point $p \in M$ is the **tangent space** $T_p(M)$ at p .

Proposition 3.0.1 *Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a C^ℓ k -manifold, and $p \in M$. Then $T_p(M)$ is a k -vector space of \mathbb{R}^n . In fact, if $h : U \rightarrow U' \subset \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k}$ is a chart with $h(p) = 0$, then $T_p(M) \subseteq (Dh^{-1}(0))(\mathbb{R}^k \times \{0\})$.*

Proof Let h be a chart, $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$ with $\gamma(0) = p \in U$. We can assume $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow U \cap M$, so

$$h \circ \gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k \times \{0\},$$

which implies that

$$\gamma = h^{-1} \circ h \circ \gamma,$$

so that

$$v = \gamma'(0) = (Dh^{-1}(h \circ \gamma(0)))(h \circ \gamma)'(0) = Dh^{-1}(0) \cdot w,$$

and thus $T_p(M) \subseteq Dh^{-1}(0)(\mathbb{R}^k \times \{0\})$. On the other hand, let $\delta(t) = tw$, $w \in \mathbb{R}^k$, and we get a curve in M via $h^{-1} \circ \delta$. By the chain rule,

$$(h^{-1} \circ \delta)'(0) = Dh^{-1}(0) \cdot w,$$

which implies that $Dh^{-1}(0)(\mathbb{R}^k \times \{0\}) \subseteq T_p(M)$, and so $Dh^{-1}(0)(\mathbb{R}^k \times \{0\}) = T_p(M)$.

The chart h is a diffeomorphism so h is injective, which means $\dim(T_p(M)) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^k) = k$, as required. ■

Theorem 3.0.2 *Let $g : U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n-k}$ be a C^ℓ -function, U is open, and $c \in \mathbb{R}^{n-k}$ is a regular value. Then $M = g^{-1}(\{c\})$ is a k -manifold and $T_p(M) = \ker\{Dg(p) : p \in M\}$. □*

Here the kernel is the one induced by the matrix representing the linear map.

Example Let $M = \{(x, y, z) : x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 1\}$, and $g(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^3 + z^3$. If $p = (1, -1, 1)$, then $T_p(M) = \ker(3(1)^2, 3(-1)^2, 3(1)^2) = \ker(3, 3, 3) = \{(x, y, z) : x + y + z = 0\}$. On the other hand, for $q = (1, 0, 0)$, we have $T_q(M) = \ker(3, 0, 0) = \{(x, y, z) : x = 0\}$.

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a C^1 manifold, $u \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open, and $M \subset U$ with $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a C^1 -function. The point $p \in M$ is a **critical point** of $f|_M$ if for every C^1 curve $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$ with $\gamma(0) = p$, $(f \circ \gamma)'(0) = 0$, i.e., the tangent vector is zero at the critical point p .

If $f|_M$ has a local extreme at $p \in M$ then p is a critical point. By the chain rule, $f|_M$ has a critical point exactly when $Df(p)|_{T_p(M)} = 0$.

3.1 Method of Lagrange multipliers

Proposition 3.1.1 Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$ be open, $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a C^ℓ -function with $\ell \geq 1$, and $0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be a regular value of g . For $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a C^1 -function, $p \in M = g^{-1}(\{0\})$ is a critical point iff there exists some **Lagrange multipliers** $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$ with $D(f + \lambda_i g_i)(p) = 0$.

Einstein summation convention implied.

Proof Assume there exists the relevant Lagrange multipliers, then

$$0 = D(f + \lambda_i g_i)(p) \Leftrightarrow Df(p) = -\lambda_i Dg_i(p).$$

Hence $Df(p)$ is a linear combination of row vectors of $Dg_i(p)$. Note that $Dg_i(p)|_{T_p(M)} = 0$ by the previous theorem, so p is a critical point.

On the other hand, note that $\text{rank}(Dg(p) = n)$ if p is regular, so $Dg_i(p)$ are linear independent row vectors. Note also that $Df(p)$ is a linear map from \mathbb{R}^{n+m} to \mathbb{R} , vanishing on $T_p(M)$ which is m -dimensional and sits in the n -dimensional subvector space of the dual space $(\mathbb{R}^{n+m})^*$ housing all of the $Dg_i(p)$. Since $Dg_i(p)$ form a basis for this subspace, we must have constants where $Df(p) = -\lambda_i Dg_i(p)$. ■

The method of Lagrange multipliers gives a method of finding critical points and extrema. Let $F : U \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $(x, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \mapsto f(x) + \lambda_i g_i(x)$, the previous identity gives

So it is used a lot in optimisation procedures.

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial \lambda_j} = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n + m, \quad j = 1, \dots, n. \quad (3.1)$$

Solving the system gives finitely many critical points. Furthermore, if M is compact, then we can find extrema of f via this method.

Example Find the maximum value of $f(x, y) = x + y$ on $M = \{(x, y) : x^4 + y^4 = 1\}$.

Defining $g(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 1$, we have $g^{-1}(\{0\}) = M$ and is a manifold. We define

$$F(x, y) = f + \lambda_i g_i = x + y + \lambda(x^4 + y^4 - 1),$$

which results in

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 1 + 4\lambda x^3, \\ 0 &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 1 + 4\lambda y^3, \\ 0 &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial \lambda} = x^4 + y^4 - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since $(0,0) \notin M$, the first two equations give

$$x = y = \left(-\frac{1}{4\lambda}\right)^{1/3},$$

so the constraint results in $\lambda = \pm 8^{1/4}/4$, and the critical points are $\pm(2^{-1/4}, 2^{-1/4})$. The maximum is thus

$$f(2^{-1/4}, 2^{-1/4}) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Example Find the extrema of $f(x, y, z) = 5x + y - 3z$ on the intersection of $x + y + z = 0$ with $S^2 = \{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$.

Consider

$$F(x, y, z, \lambda, \mu) = 5x + y - 3z + \lambda(x + y + z) + \mu(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1).$$

It can be shown that $\lambda = -1$ from the first three equations. That results in $y\mu = 0$ in the second equation, and for a non-trivial constraint, we thus have $y = 0$. This leads then in $x = -2\mu, z = 2/\mu$, resulting in $2x^2 = 1$, and thus the critical points are

$$a = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right), \quad b = \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right).$$

The extrema are then $f(a) = 8/\sqrt{2}$ and $f(b) = -8/\sqrt{2}$.

Proposition 3.1.2 Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be compact, $B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be closed, and both non-empty. Then there exists $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ where

$$\|a - b\| \leq \|x - y\|$$

for all $x \in A$ and $y \in B$, and this can be any norm.

Proof Let $d = \inf\{\|x - y\| : x \in A, y \in B\}$. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists some $a_n \in A$ and $b_n \in B$ such that

$$\|a_n - b_n\| < d + \frac{1}{n}.$$

By passing to a sub-sequence, we can assume $a_n \rightarrow a$ since A is compact. Then we see that

$$\|b_n\| \leq \|b_n - a_n\| + \|a_n - a\| + \|a\| \leq d + 1 + \|a\|$$

for $n \gg 1$. This implies that $B \cap D(0; d + 1 + \|a\|)$ is compact, so $b_n \rightarrow b$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since $b \in B$, we have

$$\|a - b\| \leq \|a - a_n\| + \|a_n - b_n\| + \|b_n - b\| < d + \epsilon$$

for some ϵ . Since d is the infimum, we must have $\|a - b\| \leq \|x + y\|$ for all $x \in A$ and $y \in B$. ■

Example Find $q \in M = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 2x^2 + y^2 + z = 1\}$ which has minimum distance to $p = (0, 0, -5)$.

Now, $M = g^{-1}(\{0\})$ where $g = 2x^2 + y^2 + z - 1$, and since 0 is a regular value, M is closed (but not bounded). Let $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + (z + 5)^2 = \|x - p\|^2$ be the norm of choice, and minimising the norm gives us the desired solution. Consider

$$F(x, y, z, \lambda) = x^2 + y^2 + (z + 5)^2 + \lambda(2x^2 + y^2 + z - 1).$$

The usual manoeuvre gives $x = 0$ or $\lambda = -1/2$, which we consider separately.

- For $\lambda = -1/2$, we have $y = 0, z = -19/4, x = \pm\sqrt{23/8}$, so $f(\pm\sqrt{23/8}, 0, -19/4) = 47/16 < 3$.
- For $x = 0$, we have $y = 0$ or $\lambda = -1$. The former case gives $z = 1$ and thus $f(0, 0, 1) = 36 > 3$. For $\lambda = -1$, we have $z = -9/2$ and thus $y = \pm\sqrt{11/2}$, which gives $f(0, \pm\sqrt{11/2}, -9/2) = 23/4 > 3$.

So $q = (\pm\sqrt{23/8}, 0, -19/4)$.

3.2 Tangent spaces

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ and $N \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be two C^ℓ manifolds, $\ell \geq 1$. Assume we have a continuous map $f : M \rightarrow N$ which extends to a C^1 map $\bar{f} : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, where $U \supset M$ is open. We define, for $p \in M$,

$$T_p(\bar{f}) : T_p(M) \rightarrow T_{\bar{f}(p)}(N),$$

where for $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$ a C^1 curve with $\gamma(0) = p$ and $(\bar{f} \circ \gamma)(0) = \bar{f}(p)$, we have

$$T_p(\bar{f}) = (f \circ \gamma)'(0) \in T_{f(p)}(N).$$

By chain rule,

$$(\bar{f} \circ \gamma)' = D\bar{f}(\gamma(0)) \cdot \gamma'(0) = D\bar{f}(p) \cdot \gamma'(0),$$

which implies that for $T_p(\bar{f}) : T_p(M) \rightarrow T_{\bar{f}(p)}(N)$, we have

$$T_p(f(v)) = Df(p) \cdot v.$$

We observe that $v \in T_p(M)$ implies that $D\bar{f}(p) \cdot v \in T_{\bar{f}(p)}(N)$, and $T_p(\bar{f})$ is a linear map between the two tangent spaces.

A map $f : M \rightarrow N$ is called a C^ℓ **map** if f extends to a C^ℓ map $\bar{f} : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ as before. Here, if $T_p(f)$ is not surjective, then $p \in M$ is a **critical point**, and $f(p)$ its **critical value**.

Theorem 3.2.1 Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ and $N \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be two C^ℓ manifolds, $\ell \geq 1$, and $f : M \rightarrow N$ which extends to a C^ℓ map. If $x \in N$ is a regular value, then $f^{-1}(\{x\})$ is a C^ℓ manifold of dimension $\dim(M) - \dim(N)$.

Proof Let $y \in f^{-1}(\{x\}) \subseteq M$, and we seek a chart around y . Let $s = \dim(M)$ and $r = \dim(N)$. We need

$$\psi : U' \subset \mathbb{R}^{s-r} \times \mathbb{R}^{m+r-s},$$

with

$$\psi \left(f^{-1}(\{x\}) \cap U \right) = U' \cap (\mathbb{R}^{s-r} \times \{0\}).$$

Let $g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{n-r}$ be a chart around $x \in N$. Choose U_y such that $y \in U_y$, $f(U_y) \subset V$, and a chart

$$h : U_y \rightarrow U'_y \subset \mathbb{R}^s \times \mathbb{R}^{m-s}.$$

We have the following:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{R}^s \times \{0\} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & M & \xrightarrow{f} & N & \xrightarrow{\hat{p}} & \mathbb{R}^r \times \{0\} \\ & \nearrow h & & & & \searrow g & \\ \mathbb{R}^s \times \mathbb{R}^{m-s} & & & & & & \mathbb{R}^r \times \mathbb{R}^{n-r} \end{array}$$

Let $\phi : \mathbb{R}^s \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$, which has full rank since

- a chart maps tangent plane to tangent plane
- f is surjective by assumption since x is a regular point
- a chart maps to tangent plane.

For $0 \in \mathbb{R}^s$ corresponding to $g \in M$ via h , $D\phi(0)$ has full rank. The same conclusion follows with $0 \in \mathbb{R}^r$ corresponding to $x \in N$ via g . Thus $\phi^{-1}(\{0\})$ is a manifold and corresponds to $f^{-1}(\{x\}) \cap U_y$ by

$$h \left(\phi^{-1}(\{0\} \times \{0\}) \right) = f^{-1}(\{x\}) \cap U_y,$$

so ϕ is a chart and $f^{-1}(\{x\})$ is a manifold. ■

3.3 Vector fields

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a C^ℓ manifold with $\ell \geq 1$. A continuous function $v : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a **vector field** if $v(x) \in T_x(M)$ for all $x \in M$. It is called a C^ℓ -**vector field** if there is an open set $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ containing M such that v extends to a C^ℓ function $\bar{v} : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$.

Example For $S^{n-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\|^2 = 1\}$. Let $g(x) = \|x\|^2$, then $S^{n-1} = g^{-1}(\{1\})$. By theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} T_p(S^{n-1}) &= \ker Dg(p) = \ker(2p) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : 2x_i p_i = 0\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : (x, p) = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

So for a vector field $v(x)$ on S^{n-1} , we need $(x, v(x)) = 0$ for all $x \in S^{n-1}$. For $n = 2m$, let $v : \mathbb{R}^{2m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2m}$, with

$$(x_1, \dots, x_{2m}) \mapsto (-x_2 x_1, -x_3 x_2, \dots, -x_{2m} x_{2m-1}).$$

Here we have $(x, v(x)) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^{2m}$, so v restricts to a vector field on S^{2m-1} , is C^∞ , and $v(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in S^{2m-1}$.

v is called a **non-vanishing vector field** in this case. Note that there are no non-vanishing vector fields on S^{2m} .

This is related to the **hairy ball theorem**.

Example For $0 < \epsilon < 1$, define

$$\phi : (1 - \epsilon, 1 + \epsilon) \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3; \quad \Phi(r, \phi, \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} (2 + r \cos \phi) \cos \theta \\ (2 + r \cos \phi) \sin \theta \\ r \sin \phi \end{pmatrix},$$

where ϕ and θ are both full angles from 0 to 2π . The **2-torus** is then

$$T^2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (x, y, z) = \Phi(1, \phi, \theta)\}.$$

If we restrict Φ to small angles we get charts, and so we get tangent planes and vector fields. Note that the 2-torus does have non-vanishing vector fields, compared to the 2-sphere.

Let $U, V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open sets, $h : U \times V$ be a C^∞ diffeomorphism, and $v : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a vector field. We define the vector field on v by

$$h * v : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad h * v(x) = Dh(h^{-1}(x)) \cdot v(h^{-1}(x)).$$

Lemma 3.3.1 *If M is a C^∞ manifold and v a C^ℓ vector field, with $\ell \geq 1$. For all $p \in M$, there exists open $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ with $0 \in I$, and an integral curve $\gamma : I \rightarrow M$ such that $\gamma(0) = p$, $\gamma'(t) = v(\gamma(t))$ for all $t \in I$. \square*

Lemma 3.3.2 *As above, for $i = 1, 2$, let $\gamma_i : I_i \rightarrow M$ be integral curves of v with $\gamma_1(0) = p = \gamma_2(0)$, I_i open, and $0 \in I_i$. Then $\gamma_1(t) = \gamma_2(t)$ for all $t \in I_1 \cap I_2$.*

Proof Uniqueness follows from the Picard–Lindelöf theorem. \blacksquare

Note that the integral curve can now be extended to an integral curve of $I_1 \cup I_2$, and we get a maximal curve through a point p this way.

Proposition 3.3.3 *Let M be a compact C^∞ manifold and v and C^ℓ vector field with $\ell \geq 1$. For all $p \in M$, there exists $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$ with $\gamma(0) = p$.*

Proof Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow M$ be the maximal integral curve, and assume $I \cap [0, \infty)$ is bounded. Then there exists $T = \sup\{I \cap [0, \infty)\}$. Choose a sequence $(t_n) \in I$ with $t_n \rightarrow T$, then $\gamma(t_n)$ is a sequence in M . Since M is compact, we can assume $\gamma(t_n) \rightarrow x \in M$.

Let $\beta : (T - \epsilon, T + \epsilon) \rightarrow M$ be an integral curve with $\beta(T) = x$. Since $t_n \rightarrow T$ for large n , and $t_n \in (T - \epsilon, T + \epsilon)$, we should have $\gamma(t_n) = \beta(t_n)$ by uniqueness, and so γ can be extended beyond T . However, this is a contradiction since γ was assumed to be maximal, so I is not bounded, and thus γ can be extended to \mathbb{R} . ■

For v a C^ℓ vector field ($\ell \geq 1$) on a compact manifold M , the **flow** Φ is defined as

$$\Phi : M \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M, \quad (x, t) \mapsto \gamma_x(t) \quad (3.2)$$

where γ_x is the integral curve with $\gamma_x(0) = x$.

Theorem 3.3.4 *Let M be a compact C^∞ manifold and v a C^ℓ vector field, $\ell \geq 1$. Then the flow Φ is continuous and*

1. $\Phi(x, 0) = x$ for all $x \in M$,
2. $\Phi(\Phi(x, t), s) = \Phi(x, t + s)$ for all $x \in M, t, s \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof Continuity holds and follows from Picard–Lindelöf, and $\Phi(x, 0) = x$ follows from definition of the flow map. Let $y = \Phi(x, t)$, so $\gamma_x(t) = y$. Define $\gamma(u) = \gamma_x(u + t)$, which is an integral curve with $\gamma(0) = y$. By uniqueness, $\gamma = \gamma_y$, and so

$$\Phi(\Phi(x, t), s) = \gamma_y(s) = \gamma(s) = \gamma_x(s + t) = \Phi(x, t + s).$$

■

Note that if we write $x \cdot t = \Phi(x, t)$, then $x \cdot 0 = x$, and $(x \cdot t) \cdot s = x \cdot (t + s)$, so the abelian group \mathbb{R} acts on the set M . Since Φ is continuous we have a topological action. Every C^1 vector field v on a compact manifold M gives rise to an \mathbb{R} -action on M .

Note also that v is of C^ℓ class implies that Φ is of C^ℓ class.

4 Differential forms on \mathbb{R}^n

In lower dimensions, from the standard fundamental theorem of calculus, Stokes' theorem and divergence theorem, we see we have identities of the form

$$\int_M d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega, \quad (4.1)$$

where M is some (oriented) manifold, and ω is some function / vector field. This is in fact true in higher dimensions, and the result is the **generalised Stokes' theorem**. It will be seen ω is a **differential k -form**, and M are the **oriented ℓ -manifolds** in \mathbb{R}^n with boundary ∂M . To get to the general result, we go through some machinery first in \mathbb{R}^n , before proceeding to general (oriented) manifolds.

4.1 Riemann integrals

For $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, recall that for a partition $Z = \{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n\}$, the **upper/lower Riemann sums** are defined as

$$\mathcal{U}(f, Z) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} M_i(f)(t_{i+1} - t_i), \quad \mathcal{L}(f, Z) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} m_i(f)(t_{i+1} - t_i), \quad (4.2)$$

where for $x \in [t_{i-1}, t_i]$,

$$M_i(f) = \sup f(x), \quad m_i(f) = \inf f(x).$$

If Z' is a **refinement** of Z (i.e. $Z' \supset Z$, where Z' is a partition), then

$$\mathcal{L}(f, Z) \leq \mathcal{L}(f, Z') \leq \mathcal{U}(f, Z') \leq \mathcal{U}(f, Z).$$

For two partitions, the **common refinement** is $Z'' = Z' \cup Z$, which implies that

$$\mathcal{L}(f, Z) \leq \mathcal{L}(f, Z'') \leq \mathcal{U}(f, Z'') \leq \mathcal{U}(f, Z').$$

The **upper Riemann integral** is then defined as

$$\int_{[a,b]}^u f \, dx = \inf\{\mathcal{U}(f, Z) : Z \text{ a partition of } [a, b]\}, \quad (4.3)$$

while the **lower Riemann integral** is

$$\int_{[a,b]}^l f \, dx = \inf\{\mathcal{L}(f, Z) : Z \text{ a partition of } [a, b]\}. \quad (4.4)$$

For bounded f , we should have

$$\int_{[a,b]}^l f \, dx \leq \int_{[a,b]}^u f \, dx \leq \infty.$$

If the two sums coincide as $|t_{i-1} - t_i| \rightarrow 0$, then f is **Riemann integrable**.

In \mathbb{R}^n , to generalise, f defined analogously if each individual component of f is Riemann integrable.

Lemma 4.1.1 *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be integrable. Then $\|f\|$ is also integrable and*

$$\left\| \int_{[a,b]} f \, dx \right\| \leq \int_{[a,b]} \|f\| \, dx.$$

Proof $\|f\|$ is clear integrable. We see that for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a common partition Z such that

$$\mathcal{U}(f_i, Z) - \mathcal{L}(f_i, Z) \leq \epsilon, \quad \mathcal{U}(\|f\|, Z) - \mathcal{L}(\|f\|, Z) \leq \epsilon$$

for all components f_i of f . For any partition $Z = \{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$ and any choice ξ_i

$$a = x_0 \leq \xi_0 \leq x_1 \leq \xi_1 \leq \dots \leq x_{n-1} \leq \xi_{n-1} \leq x_n = b,$$

we have

$$\left\| \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(\xi_i)(x_{i+1} - x_i) \right\| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \|f(\xi_i)\|(x_{i+1} - x_i)$$

by the triangle inequality. For such a partition Z , we have both

$$\left| \int_a^b f_i \, dx - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f_i(\xi_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k) \right| \leq \epsilon,$$

$$\left| \int_a^b \|f\| \, dx - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \|f(\xi_k)\|(x_{k+1} - x_k) \right| \leq \epsilon,$$

which implies that, considering each component,

$$\left\| \int_a^b f \, dx - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(\xi_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k) \right\| \leq \sqrt{n\epsilon^2} = \sqrt{n}\epsilon.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_{[a,b]} f \, dx \right\| &\leq \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(\xi_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k) \right\| + \sqrt{n}\epsilon \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \|f(\xi_k)\|(x_{k+1} - x_k) + \sqrt{n}\epsilon \\ &\leq \int_a^b \|f\| \, dx + \epsilon + \sqrt{n}\epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since ϵ was arbitrary, we have the result as required. ■

4.2

Differential 1-forms and line integrals

Let V be a real vector space with norm $\|\cdot\|$, and $c : [a, b] \rightarrow V$ be continuous. The **length** of c is defined as

$$L(c) = \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|c(t_{i+1}) - c(t_i)\| : \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, t_i \text{ in } \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

The curve c is **rectifiable** if $L(c) < \infty$.

Note that the length of a curve is (and should be) independent of its parameterisation.

Proposition 4.2.1 For $c : [a, b] \rightarrow^n$ of class C^1 , c is rectifiable, and $L(c) = \int_a^b \|c'(t)\| dt$.

Proof Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i \|c(t_{i+1}) - c(t_i)\| &= \sum_i \left\| \int_{[t_i, t_{i+1}]} c'(t) dt \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_i \int_{[t_i, t_{i+1}]} \|c'(t)\| dt \\ &= \int_a^b \|c'(t)\| dt < \infty \end{aligned}$$

since $c \in C^1[a, b]$, so $L(c) < \infty$ and c is rectifiable.

Let $f(t) = L(c|_{[a, t]})$ for $a \leq t_0 < t \leq b$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{c(t) - c(t_0)}{t - t_0} \right| &\leq \frac{L(c|_{[t_0, t]})}{t - t_0} = \frac{f(t) - f(t_0)}{t - t_0} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{t - t_0} \int_{[t_0, t]} \|c'(s)\| ds = \|c'(t_1)\| \end{aligned}$$

for $t_1 \in [t_0, t]$ by the mean value theorem. So as $t_0, t_1 \rightarrow t$,

$$\|c'(t)\| \leq f'(t) \leq \|c'(t)\|,$$

and so $f'(t)$ exists and $f'(t) = \|c'(t)\|$. Thus

$$L(c) = f(b) - f(a) = \int_a^b f'(t) dt = \int_a^b \|c'(t)\| dt < \infty$$

as required. ■

Example For the helix, we have $c(t) = (at, r \cos t, r \sin t)$, so $\|c'(t)\| = \sqrt{r^2 + a^2}$, and

$$L(c)|_{[0, 2\pi]} = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{r^2 + a^2} dt = 2\pi \sqrt{r^2 + a^2}.$$

Recall the differential $Df(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a linear map. Denote this now has $df_x : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and the real vector space of all linear maps $\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ to be $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$. Since $\phi \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$ is linear, we only investigate the action of ϕ on the basis $\{e_i\}$. We see that

$$df_x(e_i) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x),$$

so

$$df_x(v) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} v_i = \langle \nabla f, v \rangle$$

Einstein summation.

for $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ the inner product on some vector space V housing v . We see $\partial f / \partial x_i$ are smooth coefficient functions, and that since $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is smooth, $df : U \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$.

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open and $\omega : U \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$, then there are functions $f_1, \dots, f_n : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where

$$\omega_x(v) = f_i(x)v_i \quad (4.5)$$

for all $x \in U$, $v = v_i e_i$. The coefficient functions f_i are calculated via

$$f_i(x) = \omega_x(e_i). \quad (4.6)$$

We call ω a **differential 1-form** on U if $f_i : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are of class C^∞ for all i . The set of all 1-forms is denoted by $\Omega^1(U)$, which has the structure of a real vector space. One can canonically multiply a 1-form $\omega \in \Omega^1(U)$ with a smooth function $f \in C^\infty(U)$ by performing

$$(f\omega)_x(v) = f(x)\omega_x(v).$$

Lemma 4.2.2 *Let ω be a 1-form and $U \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ be open. Then there exists a smooth vector field $X_\omega : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ where*

$$\omega_x(v) = \langle X_\omega(x), v \rangle.$$

Proof Since $F_\omega = f_i e_i$, $\langle F_\omega(x), v \rangle = f_i(x) \langle e_i, v \rangle = f_i(x) v_i = \omega_x(v)$. ■

Lemma 4.2.3 *Let $\omega \in \Omega^1(U)$, $x_i : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x_i(p_1, \dots, p_n) = p_i$. Then $\omega = f_i dx_i$ and $f_i(x) = \omega_x(e_i)$.*

Proof Since

$$dx_i(x)(v) = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x_j}(x) v_j = v_i,$$

we have

$$\omega_x(v) = f_i(x) v_i = f_i(x) dx_i(x)(v),$$

and since v was arbitrary, $\omega_x = f_i(x) dx_i$. ■

Example Suppose $\omega \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ and $\omega = 3xy \, dx + y^3 \, dy$, and we take $p = (7, 3)$. Then since

$$\omega_p(e_1) = 3 \cdot p_1 \cdot p_2 \, dx(e_1) + p_2^3 \, dy(e_1) = 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 1 + 27 \cdot 0 = 63,$$

while $\omega_p(e_2) = 27$ by a similar argument. So $\omega_p((1, -2)) = 63 - 2 \cdot 27 = 9$ for example.

A differential 1-form ω is **exact** if there exists some $f \in C^\infty(U)$ where

$$\omega = df. \quad (4.7)$$

For $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open and $c : [a, b] \rightarrow U$ be smooth and $\omega \in \Omega^1(U)$. The **line integral** of ω along c is

$$\int_c \omega = \int_a^b \omega_{c(t)}(c'(t)) \, dt. \quad (4.8)$$

If c is piecewise smooth, we can still define the integral.

For $c : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ a smooth curve and $\phi : [\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow [a, b]$ be a smooth bijective map, then $\tilde{c} = c \circ \phi : [\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a **orientation preserving reparameterisation** if $\phi' > 0$, otherwise it is orientation reversing.

Proposition 4.2.4 For $\omega \in \Omega^1(U)$, $c : [a, b] \rightarrow U$, $\tilde{c} = c \circ \phi : [\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow U$ orientation preserving,¹

$$\int_c \omega = \int_{\tilde{c}} \omega.$$

A 1-form eats a vector and spits out a number. Sometimes it can be regarded as a functional (eats a function and spits out a number). Exactness is like a function (0-form) having a primitive when we are talking about integration.

¹ If orientation reversing, then there would be an extra minus sign.

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\tilde{c}} \omega &= \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \omega_{\tilde{c}}(\tilde{c}') \, dt = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \omega_{c \circ \phi}((c \circ \phi)') \, dt \\ &= \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \omega_{c \circ \phi}((c' \circ \phi)) \phi' \, dt \\ &= \int_a^b \omega_c(c') \, dt = \int_c \omega. \end{aligned}$$

■

Lemma 4.2.5 For $f \in C^\infty(U)$, $c : [a, b] \rightarrow U$, then

$$\int_c df = f(c(b)) - f(c(a)).$$

Proof

$$\int_c df = \int_a^b [Df(c(t))](c'(t)) \, dt = \int_a^b (f \circ c)'(t) \, dt = f(c(b)) - f(c(a)).$$

■

Proposition 4.2.6 Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open and path connected, then the following are equivalent:

1. $\omega \in \Omega^1(U)$ is exact,
2. $\int_c \omega$ depends only on the end points (i.e. path independence),
3. $\oint_c \omega = 0$.

Proof • 1) implies 2) by previous lemma.

- 2) implies 3). Consider c with $c(a) = c(b) = p \in U$, and $c_p(t) = p$ for all t . Then since $c'_p(t) = 0$, $\int_{c_p} \omega = 0$ and so $\oint_c \omega = 0$ since we assumed path independence.
- 3) implies 2). For $c = c_1 \cup (-c_2)$,

$$0 = \oint_c \omega = \int_{c_1} \omega + \int_{-c_2} \omega = \int_{c_1} \omega - \int_{c_2} \omega,$$

which implies path independence.

- 2) implies 1). Choosing $p \in U$, $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ via $f(q) = \int_c \omega$, $c(0) = p$, $c(1) = q$, then f is well-defined by 2). Choose $h \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where $h + q \in U$, let

$$\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow U, \quad \gamma(t) = q + th.$$

Then

$$f(q + th) - f(q) = \int_\gamma \omega = \int_0^1 \omega_\gamma(\gamma') \, dt = \int_0^1 \omega_{q+th}(h) \, dt.$$

Now introduce vector field X_ω , as by lemma,

$$\begin{aligned} f(q + th) - f(q) - \omega_q(h) &= \int_0^1 (\omega_{q+th}(h) - \omega_q(h)) \, dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \langle X_\omega(q + th) - X_\omega(q), h \rangle \, dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \|X_\omega(q + th) - X_\omega(q)\| \, dt \cdot \|h\|. \end{aligned}$$

The right hand side has $R(h)/\|h\| \rightarrow 0$ as $h \rightarrow 0$ since X_ω is continuous, so f is differentiable, and

$$\omega_q(h) = Df(q)(h) = df_q(h),$$

and since q and h are arbitrary, $\omega = df$. ■

Proposition 4.2.7 If $\omega \in \Omega^1(U)$ is exact and $\omega = f_i dx_i$, then

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i}$$

for all i and j .

Proof Since

$$\omega = df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} dx_i,$$

we have $f_i = \partial f / \partial x_i$, so then since f is differentiable,

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = \frac{\partial^2 f_j}{\partial x_i}.$$

■

$\omega \in \Omega^1(U)$ is **closed** if for $\omega = f_i dx_i$, $\partial f_i / \partial x_j = \partial f_j / \partial x_i$. We see that exactness implies closed, but the converse is generally not true (but see Poincaré's lemma below). Note that, in \mathbb{R}^3 , $\omega \in \Omega^1(U)$ is closed if $\nabla \times X_\omega = 0$.

A subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is **star-like** if there exists $p \in U$ such that for all $q \in U$, the straight line segment joining p and q is entirely in U . The same subset U is **convex** if every straight line segment between any two points in U are in U .

Lemma 4.2.8 (Poincaré's lemma) For $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ that is star-like, a closed $\omega \in \Omega^1(U)$ implies ω is exact. □

For $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open, $c_{1,2} : [a, b] \rightarrow U$ be two curves with the same endpoints $x, y \in U$, then c_1 and c_2 are **homotopic** iff there exists some continuous $F : [a, b] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow U$ with

- $F(s, 0) = c_1(s)$, $F(s, 1) = c_2(s)$ for all $s \in [a, b]$,
- $F(a, t) = x$, $F(b, t) = y$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$

Corollary 4.2.9 If $c_{1,2}$ are homotopic with the same end points, then by path equivalence we have

$$\omega \in \Omega^1(U) \text{ closed} \Leftrightarrow \int_{c_1} \omega = \int_{c_2} \omega. \quad (4.9)$$

□

For $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open, $c_{1,2} : [a, b] \rightarrow U$ be closed curves. The $c_{1,2}$ are **freely homotopic** if there is a continuous map $F : [a, b] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow U$ with

- $F(s, 0) = c_1(s)$, $F(s, 1) = c_2(s)$ for all $s \in [a, b]$,
- $F(a, t) = F(b, t)$ for all $s \in [a, b]$ and $t \in [0, 1]$

Corollary 4.2.10 For $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and $c_{1,2}$ are closed curves, $\omega \in \Omega^1(U)$ closed, then if $c_{1,2}$ are freely homotopic, then

$$\int_{c_1} \omega = \int_{c_2} \omega.$$

□

So a star shape would be star-like but not convex, because there a centre point can be reached by any other point, but two points on two different arms are not joined by a single straight line. A ball would be convex (and also star-like).

Pictorially, two curves are homotopic if it can be deformed into another keeping the same end points.

4.3 Differential k -forms

Recall that the determinant function

$$\det : \mathbb{R}^n \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^n = (\mathbb{R}^n)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (v_1, \dots, v_n) \rightarrow \det[v_1, \dots, v_n], \quad (4.10)$$

and that this function is multi-linear and alternating (to mean swapping any two entries introduces a minus sign in the output).

Let V be a real vector field of dimension n . An **alternating k -form** is a map $\alpha : V^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where α is multi-linear and alternating in all its entries. The set of all k -forms is denoted $\Lambda^k(V)$, which is a real vector space.

For $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open, a map $\omega : U \rightarrow \Lambda^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is a **differentiable k -form** if all the coefficient functions of ω

$$f_{i_1, \dots, i_k}(\mathbf{p}) = \omega_{\mathbf{p}}(e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_k}) \quad (4.11)$$

are smooth.

Note that since $\Lambda^1(\mathbb{R}^n) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$, differentiable 1-forms agree with the earlier definition. Also, if $\alpha \in \Lambda^k(V)$ is alternating, then if any $v_i = v_j$, we have $\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_k) = 0$ by the anti-symmetry property.

For a collection of 1-forms $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in \Lambda^1(V)$, the **wedge product** is defined as

$$\alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_k \in \Lambda^k(V), \quad \alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_k(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \det(\alpha_i(v_j)) \quad (4.12)$$

for all indices i, j spanning from 1 to k . Note that elements of $\mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{R})$ are elements of the dual space V^* of linear forms on V . For every basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ of V there is a dual basis $\{v_1^*, \dots, v_n^*\}$ of V^* satisfying $v_i^*(v_j) = \delta_{ij}$.

Proposition 4.3.1 *A basis for $\Lambda^k(V)$ is the collection of $v_{i_1}^* \wedge \dots \wedge v_{i_k}^* \in \Lambda^k(V)$ for strictly ascending indices, and where $\{v_1^*, \dots, v_n^*\}$ is a basis of $V^* = \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{R})$. Further, $\dim \Lambda^k = {}^nC_k$ (n choose k).*

Proof We only need to consider wedge products of forms with strictly increasing indices because of the anti-symmetry property. Note that we have, by construction,

$$v_{i_1}^* \wedge \dots \wedge v_{i_k}^*(v_{j_1}, \dots, v_{j_k}) = \begin{cases} 1, & i_m = j_m \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

so if

$$\alpha = \sum (a_{i_1}, \dots, a_{i_k})(v_{i_1}^* \wedge \dots \wedge v_{i_k}^*) = 0$$

then this implies $a_{i_j} = 0$ for all j , and so $v_{i_1}^* \wedge \dots \wedge v_{i_k}^*$ are linear independent if indices are strictly increasing.

Notation consistent (?) up to here:
roman are vectors, greek are forms.
Move the notation note further up at
some point.

Recalling that a 1-form eats a vector
to get a number, and $(\alpha_i(v_j))$ are the
entries of a matrix.

Let $\omega \in \Lambda^k(V)$ and consider the k -form

$$\eta = \sum \omega(v_{i_1}, \dots, v_{i_k}) v_{i_1}^* \wedge \dots \wedge v_{i_k}^*.$$

By construction, $\omega = \eta$ when being evaluate at all tuples $(v_{i_1}, \dots, v_{i_k})$ with increasing indices, and so all of $v_{i_1}^* \wedge \dots \wedge v_{i_k}^*$ with increasing indices span $\Lambda^k(V)$, and thus we have a basis. ■

The wedge product operator extends naturally to alternating k -forms, since all k -forms can be expanded as a wedge product of 1-forms. It is also associative.

The set of differential k -forms on open $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is denoted by $\Omega^k(U)$, which has a structure of a real vector space. The set of differential 0-forms is identified as $C^\infty(U)$. Then, we note that the wedge product is a map

$$\wedge : \Omega^k(U) \times \Omega^l(U) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+l}(U). \quad (4.13)$$

Note that wedging with $f \in C^\infty(U)$ gives $f \wedge \omega = f\omega$.

Example Let

$$\omega = x \, dx \wedge dy + x^2 z \, dy \wedge dz \in \Omega^2(\mathbb{R}^3),$$

while

$$\eta = z^2 \, dx + y^3 \, dy - dz \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^3).$$

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{(1,0,0)}(e_1, e_2 + e_3) &= (1 \, dx \wedge dy + 0 \, dy \wedge dz)(e_1, e_2 + e_3) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} dx \, e_1 & dx \, (e_2 + e_3) \\ dy \, e_1 & dy \, (e_2 + e_3) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0+0 \\ 0 & 1+0 \end{vmatrix} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

For $\omega \wedge \eta$, we note that the only result has to be a 3-form, and in \mathbb{R}^3 the basis 3-form is $dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$ (since all others vanish by anti-symmetry, consistent with observation that $\dim \Omega^3(\mathbb{R}^3) = {}^3C_3 = 1$), so we have

$$\omega \wedge \eta = (-x + x^2 z^3) \, dx \wedge dy \wedge dz.$$

Lemma 4.3.2 For $\omega \in \Omega^k(U)$ and $\eta \in \Omega^l(U)$, $\omega \wedge \eta = (-1)^{k \cdot l} \eta \wedge \omega$.

Proof By linearity, we only need to consider $\omega = f \, dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k}$ and $\eta = g \, dx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_l}$ with no overlapping indices (since then $\omega \wedge \eta = \eta \wedge \omega = 0$ by definition). In that case,

Note the ordering in the second line requires k swaps, and there are l of them to do in the third line.

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega \wedge \eta &= fg \, dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k} \wedge dx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_l} \\
&= (-1)^k fg \, dx_{j_1} \wedge dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_l} \\
&= (-1)^{k \cdot l} fg \, dx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_l} \wedge dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k} \\
&= (-1)^{k \cdot l} \eta \wedge \omega,
\end{aligned}$$

as required. ■

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open and $\omega \in \Omega^k(U)$ be given by

$$\omega = \sum (f_{i_1}, \dots, f_{i_k}) \, dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k}.$$

The **exterior derivative** of ω is given by

$$d\omega = \sum d(f_{i_1}, \dots, f_{i_k}) \wedge dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k} \in \Omega^{k+1}(U). \quad (4.14)$$

This could be seen as an extension of the ordinary differential df when $f \in C^\infty(U) = \Omega^0(U)$.

Example Let $\omega = xyz \, dx + yz \, dy + (x + z) \, dz$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
d\omega &= (yz \, dx + xz \, dy + xy \, dz) \wedge dx \\
&\quad + (z \, dy + y \, dz) \wedge dy + (dx + dz) \wedge dz \\
&= (-xz) \, dx \wedge dy + (1 - xy) \, dx \wedge dz - y \, dy \wedge dz
\end{aligned}$$

after collecting terms accordingly. Since ω is a 1-form, $d\omega$ is correctly a 2-form as it should be.

Example For $\omega = f_i \, dx_i$ on $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, since $df_i = \partial f_i / \partial x_j \, dx_j$, we have

$$d\omega = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \, dx_j \wedge dx_i = \sum_{k < l} \left(\frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_l} - \frac{\partial f_l}{\partial x_k} \right) \, dx_l \wedge dx_k. \quad (4.15)$$

Note that $d\omega = 0$ iff ω is closed, and since every exact 1-form is closed, we have $d(df) = 0$ for all $f \in C^\infty(U)$ where $df = \omega$.

Proposition 4.3.3 For $\omega, \eta \in \Omega^k(U)$, the exterior derivative $d : \Omega^k(U) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(U)$ has the following properties:

1. For $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$, we have linearity where

$$d(\lambda\omega + \mu\eta) = \lambda \, d\omega + \mu \, d\eta. \quad (4.16)$$

2. We have the (graded) product rule

$$d(\omega \wedge \eta) = d\omega \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d\eta. \quad (4.17)$$

3. $d(d\omega) = 0$ ²

² This is a useful property for defining de Rham cohomology.

Proof 1. By definition.

2. By linearity, we only need to prove this for $\omega = \sum_i f dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k} = f dx_I$ and $\eta = \sum_j g dx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_l} = g dx_J$,

$$\begin{aligned} d(\omega \wedge \eta) &= d(fg) dx_I \wedge dx_J \\ &= g df \wedge dx_I \wedge dx_J + f dg \wedge dx_I \wedge dx_J \\ &= df \wedge dx_I \wedge g dx_J + (-1)^k f dx_I \wedge dg \wedge dx_J \\ &= d(f dx_I) \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d(g dx_J) \\ &= d\omega \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d\eta, \end{aligned}$$

with appropriate uses of the reverse product rule.

3. We have, noting that we must have $d^2 f = 0$ and $d(1) = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} d^2(\omega \wedge \eta) &= d(df \wedge dx_I) \\ &= d^2 f \wedge dx_I - df \wedge d^2 x_I \\ &= -df \wedge d(1 dx_I) \\ &= -df \wedge d(1) \wedge dx_I = 0. \end{aligned}$$

■

Just like for 1-forms, $\omega \in \Omega^k(U)$ is **exact** if there exist some $\eta \in \Omega^{k+1}(U)$ where $d\omega = \eta$. The k -form ω is **closed** if $d\omega = 0$.

Theorem 4.3.4 If $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is open and star-like, then $\omega \in \Omega^k(U)$ closed iff ω is exact. □.

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ be open, and there is some smooth mapping $\phi : U \rightarrow V$. For $\omega \in \Omega^k(V)$, the **pullback** of ω with respect to ϕ , denoted $\phi^* \omega \in \Omega^k(U)$ is defined as

$$\phi^* \omega|_p(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \omega|_{\phi(p)}(D\phi(p)(v_1), \dots, D\phi(p)(v_k)) \quad (4.18)$$

for all points $p \in U$, $(v_1, \dots, v_l) \in (\mathbb{R}^m)^k$.

Proposition 4.3.5 For $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ and smooth $\phi : U \rightarrow V$,

1. The pullback is linear, where for $\omega_{1,2} \in \Omega^k(V)$,

$$\phi^*(\omega_1 + \omega_2) = \phi^* \omega_1 + \phi^* \omega_2. \quad (4.19)$$

2. For $f \in \Omega^0(V) = C^\infty(V)$ and $\omega \in \Omega^k(V)$,

$$\phi^*(f\omega) = (\phi^* f) \circ (\phi^* \omega) = (f \circ \phi) \circ (\phi^* \omega). \quad (4.20)$$

3. The appropriate chain rule with pullback of a 1-form is

$$\phi^*(df) = d(f \circ \phi) = \frac{\partial(f \circ \phi)}{\partial x_i} dx_i. \quad (4.21)$$

Note there are pullbacks of forms, but there is in general no pullbacks of vectors unless an inverse of ϕ is assumed. Pullback is akin to finding a Jacobian for doing integration when we do co-ordinate transformations.

4. For $\alpha_i \in \Omega^1(V)$, we have

$$\phi^*(\alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_k) = \phi^*\alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \phi^*\alpha_k. \quad (4.22)$$

Proof 1. By definition.

2. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^*(f\omega)|_p(v_1, \dots, v_k) &= f\omega|_{\phi(p)}(D\phi(p)v_1, \dots, D\phi(p)v_k) \\ &= f(\phi(p)) \circ \omega|_{\phi(p)}(D\phi(p)v_1, \dots, D\phi(p)v_k) \\ &= (f \circ \phi)|_p \circ \phi^*\omega|_p. \end{aligned}$$

3. Applying the standard chain rule in reverse, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^*(df)|_p v &= df|_{\phi(p)}(D\phi(p)v) \\ &= Df|_{\phi(p)}(D\phi(p)v) \\ &= D(f \circ \phi)|_p(v) \\ &= d(f \circ \phi)|_p(v). \end{aligned}$$

4. By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^*(\alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_k)|_p(v_1, \dots, v_k) &= (\alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_k)(D\phi(p)v_1, \dots, D\phi(p)v_k) \\ &= \det \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1|_{\phi(p)}(D\phi(p)v_1) & \dots & \alpha_1|_{\phi(p)}(D\phi(p)v_k) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_k|_{\phi(p)}(D\phi(p)v_1) & \dots & \alpha_k|_{\phi(p)}(D\phi(p)v_k) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \det \begin{bmatrix} \phi^*\alpha_1|_p(v_1) & \dots & \phi^*\alpha_1|_p(v_k) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi^*\alpha_k|_p(v_1) & \dots & \phi^*\alpha_k|_p(v_k) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \phi^*\alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \phi^*\alpha_k|_{\phi(p)}(v_1, \dots, v_k). \end{aligned}$$

■

Note that the last property generalises to k -forms. Also, if $\psi : V \rightarrow W$ is another map and now $\omega \in \Omega^k(W)$ (the end space), then the chain of pullbacks satisfy the usual function composition as $\phi^*(\psi^*\omega) = (\psi \circ \phi)^*\omega$.

Example To show that the pullback is akin to getting the Jacobian correction for integration when doing a co-ordinate transformation, start with the 2-form in Cartesian co-ordinates as $\omega = dx \wedge dy$. Transforming into polar co-ordinates, we use the map $\phi : (0, \infty) \times (0, 2\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ with $(r, \theta) \mapsto (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$. Then

$$\phi^*(dx = d(x \circ \phi) = d\phi_1 = \cos \theta \, dr - r \sin \theta \, d\theta,$$

since $x \circ \phi$ picks out the first component of $\phi = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$. Similarly,

$$\phi^*(dy) = d(y \circ \phi) = d\phi_2 = \sin \theta \, dr + r \cos \theta \, d\theta,$$

and by linearity of pullbacks on the wedged forms,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^*(dx \wedge dy) &= \phi^*dx \wedge \phi^*dy \\ &= (\cos \theta \, dr - r \sin \theta \, d\theta) \wedge (\sin \theta \, dr + r \cos \theta \, d\theta) \\ &= r \, dr \wedge d\theta, \end{aligned}$$

as expected.

Proposition 4.3.6 *The pullback commutes with the exterior derivative: for $\omega \in \Omega^k(V)$ and $\phi : U \rightarrow V$,*

$$d(\phi^*\omega) = \phi^*d\omega. \quad (4.23)$$

Proof By linearity, we only need to show it for $\omega = f \, dx_I$. Let $\phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_m)$, so $\phi^*(dx_j) = d\phi_j$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(\phi^*\omega) &= d(\phi^*(f \, dx_I)) \\ &= d((f \circ \phi)d\phi_I) \\ &= d(f \circ \phi) \wedge d\phi_I + (f \circ \phi)d(d\phi_I) \end{aligned}$$

by the definition of the exterior derivative (since $f \circ \phi$ is just a function), and the last term is zero since we have $d^2 = 0$. Observe also that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^*(d\omega) &= \phi^*(df \wedge dx_I + 0) \\ &= \phi^*df \wedge \phi^*dx_I \\ &= d(f \circ \phi) \wedge d\phi_I \end{aligned}$$

by reverse chain rule, so we have commutativity between the exterior derivative and the pullback.

Differential forms play an important role in integration, as will be demonstrated now.

4.4 Integration in \mathbb{R}^n

A subset $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is of **measure zero** if, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a countable set of rectangles Q_i such that

$$A \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} Q_i, \quad \sum_i \text{vol}(Q_i) < \epsilon.$$

Example Let $A = \mathbb{R} \times \{0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. Intuitively this has no area, which is the relevant measure in \mathbb{R}^2 . Formally, define the rectangles as

$$Q_i = [i-1, i+1] \times \left[-\frac{\epsilon}{2^{|i|}}, \frac{\epsilon}{2^{|i|}}\right], \quad i \in \mathbb{Z},$$

which has area $2(2/2^{|i|})\epsilon$. A is in the countably infinite union of the above rectangles, yet the area is (accounting for the symmetry of $|i|$ in the geometric sum)

$$2 \cdot 4\epsilon \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} = 12\epsilon,$$

which can be made arbitrarily small.

By similar arguments, every k -manifold in \mathbb{R}^n with $k < n$ has measure zero.

Proposition 4.4.1 1. For $A \subset B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, if B has measure zero, then A has measure zero.

2. If all $A_i \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ has measure zero then their union also has measure zero.

3. Rectangles Q_i are not of measure zero. □

Theorem 4.4.2 Let $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a rectangle and $f : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be bounded. Then f is Riemann integrable iff the set $D \subset Q$ of points in which f is not continuous is of measure zero. □

Theorem 4.4.3 (Fubini's theorem) Let $f : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be bounded and $Q = A \times B$. We write $f(x, y)$ for $x \in A$ and $y \in B$. For all x , we define

$$f_x : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f_x(y) = f(x, y).$$

Since f_x is bounded, we consider $g, h : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as

$$g(x) = \int_B^{\text{lower}} f_x(y) \, dy, \quad h(x) = \int_B^{\text{upper}} f_x(y) \, dy.$$

If f is integrable on Q , then g, h are integrable over A , and

$$\int_A g(x) \, dx = \int_A h(x) \, dx = \int_Q f \, dx. \quad (4.24)$$

□.

Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be bounded. Let the **extension** of f from $A \subset Q$ to $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ where Q is a rectangle be defined as

$$f_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f_A(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & x \in A, \\ 0, & x \notin A. \end{cases}$$

If f is integrable, then $\int_A f \, dx = \int_Q f_A \, dx$.

It's really saying when can we pull integrals apart as

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q f(x, y) \, dQ &= \int_A \int_B f(x, y) \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_B \int_A f(x, y) \, dx \, dy. \end{aligned}$$

This one is the weaker version of Fubini's theorem; there is a stronger one when f is **Lebesgue integrable**.

Proposition 4.4.4 (Transformation rule) For $U, V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open and bounded, $\phi : U \rightarrow V$ be smooth, and $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ integrable. then $f \circ \phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable and

$$\int_V f \, dx = \int_U (f \circ \phi) |\det D\phi| \, dy. \quad (4.25)$$

Note the similarity of this with the pullback; see below.

□

For open $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, and $\omega \in \Omega^n(U)$, we have

$$\int_U \omega = \int_U \omega(e_1, \dots, e_n) \quad (4.26)$$

where e_i are the basis vectors. In component form, we have

$$\int_U \omega = \int_U f \, dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n = \int f(x) \, dx. \quad (4.27)$$

For the ϕ mapping above, $\phi : U \rightarrow V$ is **orientation preserving** if $\det D\phi > 0$ for all $x \in U$, and is **orientation reversing** if $\det D\phi < 0$.

Proposition 4.4.5 For smooth $\phi : U \rightarrow V$ and $\omega \in \Omega^n(U)$, we have

$$\int_V \omega = \pm \int_U \phi^* \omega$$

where we take the plus sign if ϕ is orientation preserving.

Proof Let $\phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)$ and $\omega = f \, dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^* \omega &= (f \circ \phi) (d\phi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge d\phi_n) \\ &= (f \circ \phi) \left(\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x_i} dx_i \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{\partial \phi_n}{\partial x_i} dx_i \right) \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} (f \circ \phi) \left(\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x_{\sigma(1)}} \dots \frac{\partial \phi_n}{\partial x_{\sigma(n)}} \right) dx_{\sigma(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{\sigma(n)} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} (f \circ \phi) \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) \left(\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x_{\sigma(1)}} \dots \frac{\partial \phi_n}{\partial x_{\sigma(n)}} \right) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n \\ &= (f \circ \phi) \det D\phi \, dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\int_U \phi^* \omega = \int_U (f \circ \phi) \det D\phi = \pm \int_V f \, dx = \pm \int_V \omega$$

by the transformation rule (Proposition 4.4.4). ■

5 Differential forms on manifolds

5.1 Oriented manifolds

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a k -manifold, so all points $p \in M$ are contained in an open set $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Let h be a diffeomorphism given by

$$h : (U \cap M) \subset V \cap (\mathbb{R}^k \times \{0\}).$$

The restriction of h to $U \cap M$ maps the set essentially to an open set in \mathbb{R}^k . Let $U_0 = U \cap M$ and $V_0 \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ be defined by $h(U_0) = V_0 \times \{0\}$, so h restricts to a bijection $h_0 : U_0 \rightarrow V_0$ between an open set U_0 of $p \in M$ and $V_0 \subset \mathbb{R}^k$. Then the **local parameterisation of a co-ordinate system** is defined as the inverse of the restricted mapping h_0 , i.e.

$$\phi = h_0^{-1} : V_0 \rightarrow U_0. \quad (5.1)$$

Example The stereographic projection from $N = (0, 0, 1)$ and $S = (0, 0, -1)$ of the unit S^2 can be used to introduce two co-ordinate systems

$$\phi_N : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S^2 \setminus \{N\}, \quad \phi_S : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S^2 \setminus \{S\}$$

with

$$\phi_N(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{2x_1}{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 1}, \frac{2x_2}{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 1}, \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1}{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 1} \right) \quad (5.2)$$

and

$$\phi_S(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{2x_1}{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 1}, \frac{2x_2}{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 1}, \frac{1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2}{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 1} \right). \quad (5.3)$$

Their images overlap in all of $S^2 \setminus \{N, S\}$, and a co-ordinate transformation

$$\phi_S^{-1} \circ \phi_N : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}, \quad (x_1, x_2) \mapsto \left(\frac{x_1}{x_1^2 + x_2^2}, \frac{x_2}{x_1^2 + x_2^2} \right)$$

happens to be an orientation reversing diffeomorphism.

A k -manifold $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is **orientable** if there is a family of local parameterisations $\{\phi_\alpha : V_\alpha \rightarrow U_\alpha \subset M\}$ covering M such that

$$\phi_\alpha^{-1} \circ \phi_\beta : \phi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta) \rightarrow \phi_\beta^{-1}(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$$

are all orientation preserving. Such a choice would be called an **orientation**, the individual ϕ_α are the **oriented local parameterisations**, and the whole set of such ϕ_α is called an **atlas**.

Example For the example above the stereographic projection happens to be orientation reversing, we can instead define $\psi_N = \phi_N$ and $\psi_S(x_1, x_2) = \phi_S(x_2, x_1)$, and their compositions are then individually orientation preserving, so there is an atlas for S^2 , and thus S^2 is orientable.

Let W be a real k -vector space. Any choice of ordered basis (v_1, \dots, v_k) of W defines an orientation on W , in the sense that, for any other basis (w_1, \dots, w_k) , we have the transformation matrix $A = (a_{ij})$ with $w_i = a_{ij}v_j$, and if $|A| > 0$ then the two basis have the same orientation. Note that in this sense real vector spaces only have two orientations. The standard orientation of \mathbb{R}^n would be that associated with the standard basis.

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an oriented k -manifold. Let $p \in M$ be in the image of the local parameterisation $\phi : V \rightarrow U \subset M$ (so $p = \phi(x)$ for some $x \in V$). Recall that a basis of the tangent space $T_p(M)$ is

$$\{D\phi|_x(e_1), \dots, D\phi|_x(e_k)\} = \left\{ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_1} \Big|_x, \dots, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_k} \Big|_x \right\}.$$

The standard basis then induces an orientation on the tangent space. If $\psi : V' \rightarrow U' \subset M$ with $p = \psi(y)$, then we get the basis

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y_1} \Big|_y, \dots, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y_k} \Big|_y \right\},$$

and this choice induces the same orientation as the standard one if the transformation matrix has positive determinant.

A $(n-1)$ -manifold $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a **hypersurface** if there are two distinct unit normals at any point $p \in M$. For a unit vector $n(p)$ at $p \in M$ of an oriented hypersurface, it is said to be **positive oriented** if, for any oriented basis (v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}) of $T_p(M)$, $(n(p), v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})$ has the same orientation as the standard basis.

Lemma 5.1.1 *A hyperspace $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is oriented iff there is a well-defined unit normal field $N : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, i.e. $N \circ \phi_\alpha$ is smooth for all possible local parameterisations indexed by α .*

Example For $M \subset \mathbb{R}^3$,

$$N(p) = \frac{D\phi(e_1) \times D\phi(e_2)}{\|D\phi(e_1) \times D\phi(e_2)\|}$$

is well-defined for sufficiently smooth ϕ .

If we have a smooth map $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}^k$ is a regular value, then recall that $f^{-1}(y)$ is a $(n - k)$ -manifold. For $k = 1$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$ regular, $M = f^{-1}(c)$ is a hyperspace in \mathbb{R}^n , and a global unit normal vector field is given by

$$N : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad p \mapsto \frac{\nabla f|_p}{\|\nabla f|_p\|}, \quad (5.4)$$

since $T_p(M) = \ker(Df|_p)$ and $Df|_p(v) = \langle \nabla f|_p, v \rangle$.

5.2 Differential forms

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a k -manifold. A **differential l -form** $\omega \in \Omega^l(M)$ assigns to every $p \in M$ an alternative l -form $\omega_p \in \Lambda^k(T_p(M))$, and for all $v_1, \dots, v_m : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad p \mapsto \omega_p(v_1(p), \dots, v_l(p)) \quad (5.5)$$

is smooth.

Note that

1. for $\{\phi_\alpha : V_\alpha \rightarrow U_\alpha\}$ be an atlas on M , then $\omega_p \in \Lambda^k(T_p(M))$ is smooth iff the component functions

$$f_{i_1, \dots, i_l}^\alpha : V_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto \omega_{\phi_\alpha(x)} \left(\frac{\partial \phi_\alpha}{\partial x_1} \Big|_x, \dots, \frac{\partial \phi_\alpha}{\partial x_l} \Big|_x \right) \quad (5.6)$$

are smooth for all index α and $1 \leq i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_l \leq k$.

2. denoting $\omega_\alpha = \phi_\alpha^* \omega$ as the family of pullbacks of ω with respect to ϕ_α , since all pullbacks are obtained from a global l -form on M , the local family of l -forms $\{\omega_\alpha\}$ satisfy the **compatibility condition**

$$\omega_\beta = (\phi_\alpha^{-1} \circ \phi_\beta)^* \omega_\alpha \quad (5.7)$$

for all transformations indexed by α and β .

3. converse to the above, every family $\{\omega_\alpha\}$ satisfying the compatibility condition uniquely determines an l -form on M .

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a k -manifold with atlas $\{\phi_\alpha : V_\alpha \rightarrow U_\alpha\}$. The **exterior derivative** $d : \Omega^l(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{l+1}(M)$ is defined as $d\omega \in \Omega^{l+1}(M)$ being the global $(l + 1)$ -form uniquely determined by

$$\{d\omega_\alpha\}, \quad d\omega_\alpha \in \Omega^{l+1}(V_\alpha) \quad (5.8)$$

for all index α of the components making up the atlas (and the collection of V_α covers M).

Note that $d\omega$ is well-defined, since $\{d\omega_\alpha\}$ satisfies the compatibility condition

$$d\omega_\beta = d((\phi_\alpha^{-1} \circ \phi_\beta)^* \omega_\alpha) = (\phi_\alpha^{-1} \circ \phi_\beta)^* d\omega_\alpha$$

since the pullback commutes with the exterior derivative (cf. Proposition 4.3.6).

Let $\omega \in \Omega^l(M)$, M an oriented k -manifold, and $\phi : V \rightarrow U$ be an oriented local parameterisation such that $\omega_p = 0$ for all $p \notin U$ (cf. the extension of the form defined previously). The **integral of a differential form** is defined by

$$\int_M \omega = \int_V \phi^* \omega_p, \quad \phi^* \omega_p \in \Omega^k(V). \quad (5.9)$$

This definition is independent of the local parameterisation, because for $\phi_\alpha : V_\alpha \rightarrow U_\alpha$ and $\phi_\beta : V_\beta \rightarrow U_\beta$ be two oriented parameterisations with $\omega_p = 0$ for all $p \notin U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$,

$$\phi_\beta^{-1} \circ \phi_\alpha : \phi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta) \rightarrow \phi_\beta^{-1}(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$$

is an orientation preserving diffeomorphism, so

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{V_\beta} \phi_\beta^* \omega &= \int_{\phi_\beta^{-1}(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)} \phi_\beta^* \omega \\ &= \int_{\phi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)} (\phi_\beta^{-1} \circ \phi_\alpha)^* (\phi_\beta^* \omega) \\ &= \int_{\phi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)} \phi_\alpha^* \omega \\ &= \int_{V_\alpha} \phi_\alpha^* \omega. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 5.2.1 Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a k -manifold with an atlas $\{\phi_\alpha : V_\alpha \rightarrow U_\alpha\}$. Then there exists a family $\{f_\alpha\}$ of smooth functions $f_\alpha : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that

1. for all $p \in M$, there exists some $N(r; p)$ with $r > 0$ such that only finitely many functions f_α are non-zero in it;
2. $\{p \in M \mid f_\alpha(p) \neq 0\} \subset U_\alpha$ for all index α ;
3. $\sum_\alpha f_\alpha \equiv 1$ on M , and the sum is finite at each point.

Such a family of $\{f_\alpha\}$ is called a **partition of unity** sub-ordinated to $\{\phi_\alpha\}$.

□

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an oriented k -manifold with an oriented atlas $\{\phi_\alpha : V_\alpha \rightarrow U_\alpha\}$, and $\{f_\alpha\}$ is a sub-ordinated partition of unity. Then

for $\omega \in \Omega^l(M)$,

$$\int \omega = \sum_{\alpha} \int_M f_{\alpha} \omega. \quad (5.10)$$

Again, this definition is independent of the choice of partition of unity, since for $\{g_{\beta}\}$ another partition of unity,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_M \omega &= \sum_{\alpha} \int_M f_{\alpha} \omega = \sum_{\alpha} \int (\sum_{\beta} g_{\beta}) f_{\alpha} \omega \\ &= \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \int g_{\beta} f_{\alpha} \omega = \sum_{\beta} \int (\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}) g_{\beta} \omega \\ &= \sum_{\beta} \int_M g_{\beta} \omega = \int_M \omega. \end{aligned}$$

Example Suppose we take the manifold to a cylinder $M \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, with $M = \{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1, -1 < z < 1\}$. Then two possible (global) parameterisations are

$$\phi_1 : (-\pi, \pi) \times (-1, 1) \rightarrow U_1, \quad (\theta, z) \mapsto (\cos \theta, \sin \theta, z)$$

and

$$\phi_2 : (0, 2\pi) \times (-1, 1) \rightarrow U_1, \quad (\theta, z) \mapsto (\cos \theta, \sin \theta, z),$$

where we are only missing a set of measure zero in M (so for integration purposes it doesn't matter). Let the inclusion map be $\iota : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, $(x, y, z) \mapsto (x, y, z)$, and define the 2-form (related to the surface element)

$$\omega = -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} dx \wedge dz + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} dy \wedge dz.$$

We then have, using the first parameterisation ϕ_1 ,

$$\int \iota^* \omega = \int_{U_1} \iota^* \omega = \int_{V_1} \phi_1^* \iota^* \omega = \int_{V_1} (\iota \circ \phi_1)^* \omega = \int_{V_1} \phi_1^* \omega,$$

and since

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1^* \omega &= -\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta} ((-\sin \theta d\theta) \wedge dz) \\ &\quad + \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta} ((\cos \theta d\theta) \wedge dz) \\ &= d\theta \wedge dz, \end{aligned}$$

we have

We are basically integrating for the surface area here after a change of co-ordinates (which should be 4π).

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \iota^* \omega &= \int_{V_1} d\theta \wedge dz \\
&= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 (d\theta \wedge dz)(e_1, e_2) dz d\theta \\
&= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \det \begin{pmatrix} d\theta(e_1) & d\theta(e_2) \\ dz(e_1) & dz(e_2) \end{pmatrix} dz d\theta \\
&= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} dz d\theta \\
&= 4\pi.
\end{aligned}$$

Can check that $\phi_2^*(\omega) = d\theta \wedge dz$, and while the limits of the θ part goes from 0 to 2π , the integrand is just a constant so gives the same answer, as it should.

5.3 Stokes' theorem

Let the k -dimensional half space be defined as $H^k = \{(x_1, \dots, x_l) \in \mathbb{R}^k \mid x_1 \leq 0\}$. A subset $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a **k -manifold with boundary** if, for all $p \in U \subset M$ on which there exists a diffeomorphism $h : U \rightarrow U' \subset \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k}$, with $h(U \cap M) = U' \cap (H^k \times \{0\})$.

The **boundary points** are defined to be $\{p \in M \mid h(p) \in \partial H_k \times \{0\}\}$, and the set of boundary points is the **boundary** of M , denoted ∂M .

Every chart $h : U \rightarrow U'$ restricted to $U_0 = U \cap M$ can be interpreted as a bijective map $h_0 : U_0 \rightarrow V_0 \subset H^k \subset \mathbb{R}^k$. The inverse map $\phi : V_0 \rightarrow U_0 \subset M$ is called a local parameterisation or co-ordinate system of M , and the set of local parameterisations that covers M is an atlas similar to how it was defined before.

Here H^k intuitively has a boundary at $x_1 = 0$, and if the image of the map h defined by the intersection is non-empty, then the image should have a boundary.

Proposition 5.3.1 *If M is a k -manifold with boundary then ∂M is a $(k-1)$ -manifold without a boundary.*

Proof Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a k -manifold with boundary, and $\{\phi_\alpha\}$ an atlas of M . We seek an atlas of ∂M . Let $B = \{\alpha \mid U_\alpha \cap \partial \neq \emptyset\}$. For $\alpha \in B$, we note that

$$V_\alpha \cap \partial H_k = \{(0, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in V_\alpha\}.$$

Let $W_\alpha = \{(x_2, \dots, x_k) \mid (0, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in V_\alpha\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{k-1}$ be an open set. Then $\psi_\alpha : W_\alpha \rightarrow \partial M$ with $\psi_\alpha(x_2, \dots, x_k) = \phi_\alpha(0, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ defines an atlas for ∂M in the usual way. ∂M by construction is solely contained within H^{k-1} , so has no boundary. ■

Proposition 5.3.2 *For $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a k -manifold with boundary, $\{\phi_\alpha\}$ an oriented atlas of M , and $B = \{\alpha \mid U_\alpha \cap \partial \neq \emptyset\}$. Then the induced atlas is*

$$\{\psi_\alpha : W_\alpha \rightarrow Z_\alpha \subset \partial M\}$$

with $\det D(\psi_\beta^{-1} \circ \psi_\alpha)|_x > 0$ for all $\beta \in B, x \in \psi_\alpha^{-1}(Z_\alpha \cap Z_\beta)$. the atlas $\{\psi_\alpha\}$ defines an **induced orientation** on ∂M .

Proof Let $\alpha, \beta \in B$, and assume $\phi_\alpha(x) = p \in \partial M, x = (0, x') \subset \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{k-1}$. The mapping $D(\psi_\beta^{-1} \circ \psi_\alpha)|_x : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ defines a vector space isomorphism with $\partial H^k = \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}^{k-1}$ as the invariant subspace, i.e.

$$D(\psi_\beta^{-1} \circ \psi_\alpha)|_x (\partial H^k) = \partial H^k.$$

Let $D(\psi_\beta^{-1} \circ \psi_\alpha)|_x (e_1) = \lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_j e_j$ (with sum implied going from 1 to k). We cannot have vanishing e_q component so $\lambda_1 \neq 0$. Taking $c(t) = (c_1(t), \dots, c_k(t))$, we have

$$c(t) = (\psi_\beta^{-1} \circ \psi_\alpha)(x + te_1).$$

For $t < 0, c_1(t) < 0$, we have $\lambda_1 = c'_1(0) \geq 0$, so

$$D(\psi_\beta^{-1} \circ \psi_\alpha)|_x = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & D(\psi_\beta^{-1} \circ \psi_\alpha)|_{x'} & & \\ \lambda_k & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

By construction, $\det D(\psi_\beta^{-1} \circ \psi_\alpha)|_{x'} > 0$ and $\lambda_1 > 0$, so $\det D(\psi_\beta^{-1} \circ \psi_\alpha)|_x > 0$, and $\{\psi_\alpha\}$ is an oriented atlas for ∂M . ■

Theorem 5.3.3 (Generalised Stokes' theorem) Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an oriented k -manifold with boundary, and $\iota : \partial M \rightarrow M, p \mapsto p$ the inclusion map. For $\omega \in \Omega^{k-1}(M)$, we have

$$\int_M d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \iota^* \omega, \quad (5.11)$$

where ∂M carries the induced orientation.

For the (reasonably long) proof, we drop the inclusion map for convenience. Also, $dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dx_i} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_k$ will denote that we omit dx_i in the wedge product.

This generalises the usual fundamental theorem of calculus (for a line), Green's theorem and the usual Stokes' theorem in \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{R}^3 , and the divergence theorem in \mathbb{R}^n .

Proof We do the proof in three parts.

1. Consider the case where $M = H^k \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ with the standard orientation from \mathbb{R}^k , and take without loss of generality

$$\omega = f_i dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dx_i} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_k \in \Omega^{k-1}(M).$$

Assume that f_i has compact support (i.e. it is zero for sufficient large co-ordinates values). Then

$$\begin{aligned} d\omega &= \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_i} dx_i \wedge dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dx_i} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_k \\ &= (-1)^{i-1} dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_k \in \Omega^k(M). \end{aligned}$$

∂M in this case is equal to ∂H^K , with the induced orientation.

Consider an oriented local parameterisation $\phi : \mathbb{R}^{k-1} \rightarrow \partial H^k$ where

$$\phi(y_1, \dots, y_{k-1}) = (0, y_1, \dots, y_{k-1}).$$

Denote the component functions of ϕ by ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_k then $\phi_1(y) = 0$, $\phi_j(y) = y_{j-1}$, so the pullback by ϕ is

$$\phi^* \omega = (f_i \circ \phi) d\phi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{d\phi_i} \wedge \dots \wedge d\phi_k.$$

There are two separate cases to consider, where $i = 1$ and $i \geq 2$.

For the former, we note that we have

$$d\omega = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_k, \quad \phi^* \omega = (f_1 \circ \phi) dy_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy_{k-1}.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{H^k} d\omega &= \int_{H^k} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_k \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \int_{(-\infty, 0]} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_k (e_1, \dots, e_k) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \int_{(-\infty, 0]} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} \Big|_{(x_1, \dots, x_k)} dx_1 \dots dx_k \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} f_1(0, x_2, \dots, x_k) dx_2 \dots dx_k, \end{aligned}$$

where the last line follows from the usual fundamental theorem of calculus. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{H^k} \omega &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{k-1}} \phi^* \omega \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{k-1}} (f_1 \circ \phi) dy_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy_{k-1} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{k-1}} f_1(0, y_2, \dots, y_{k-1}) dy_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy_{k-1} (e_1, \dots, e_{k-1}) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{k-1}} f_1(0, y_2, \dots, y_{k-1}) dy_1 \dots dy_{k-1}, \end{aligned}$$

and we have the left and right hand side as required (up to re-belling of co-ordinates).

If $i \geq 2$, then by construction $\phi^* \omega = 0$ since $d\phi_1 = 0$, so the right hand side is trivially zero. On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{H^k} d\omega &= \int_{H^k} (-1)^{i-1} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_i} dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_k \\ &= (-1)^{i-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \dots \int_{(-\infty, 0]} \dots \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_i} \Big|_{(x_1, \dots, x_k)} dx_i dx_1 \dots dx_k \\ &= (-1)^{i-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \dots \int_{(-\infty, 0]} \left[f_i|_{(x_1, \dots, x_k)} \right]^{+\infty} dx_1 \dots dx_k \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Remember the use of a pullback is effectively a co-ordinate transformation, and there is one less component here because $d\omega$ raises the form's degree by 1.

by Fubini's theorem (to split the integrals; Theorem 4.4.3) and that f_i has compact support. By linearity this holds for arbitrary $\omega \in \Omega^{k-1}(H^k)$ with compact support.

2. Going beyond the half-space, consider $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ being an oriented k -manifold, and $\omega \in \Omega^{k-1}(M)$ is supported only on an oriented local parameterisation $\phi : V \rightarrow U$, where $V \subset H^k$, $U \subset M$ (i.e., $\omega = 0$ outside U). The result follows directly from the fact that the exterior derivative and the pullback commute and from the previous case of the Stokes theorem proved for the half-space H^k :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_M d\omega &= \int_U d\omega = \int_V \phi^*(d\omega) = \int_V d(\phi^*\omega) \\ &= \int_{H^k} d(\phi^*\omega) = \int_{\partial H^k} \phi^*\omega = \int_{\partial H^k \cap V} \phi^*\omega \\ &= \int_{\partial M} \omega. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose now ω has compact support throughout M , not just in U . Let $\{\phi_\alpha\}$ be an atlas, and $\{f_\alpha\}$ a sub-ordinated partition of unity. Then recalling that, for a partition of unity we are allowed to swap the ordering of summation and integral from (5.10),

$$\begin{aligned} \int_M d\omega &= \int_M d\left(\left(\sum_\alpha f_\alpha\right)\omega\right) = \sum_\alpha \int_M d(f_\alpha\omega) \\ &= \sum_\alpha \int_{\partial M} f_\alpha\omega = \int_{\partial M} \left(\sum_\alpha f_\alpha\right)\omega \\ &= \int_{\partial M} \omega. \end{aligned}$$

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Corollary 5.3.4 *If M is an oriented manifold with no boundary, then for all $\omega \in \Omega^{k-1}(M)$*

$$\int_M d\omega = 0.$$

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