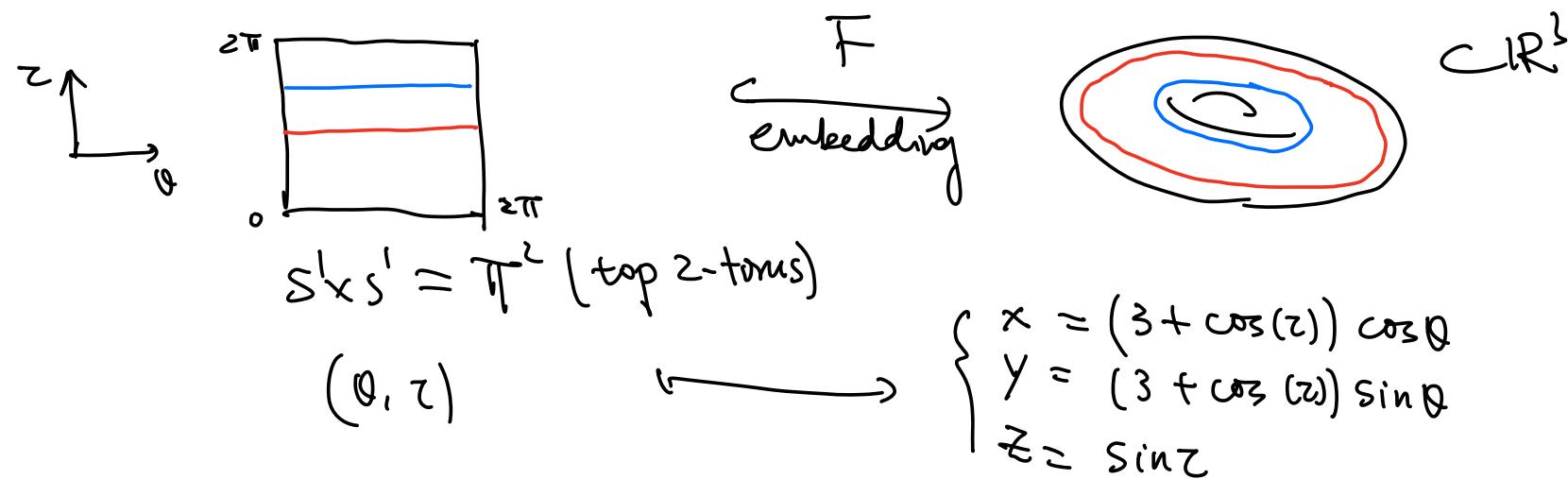


One can of course add stronger condition on embeddings

e.g Recall  $F: (N, g_N) \rightarrow (M, g_M)$  is called an isometry if  $F^*g_M = g_N$ . In particular,  $F$  preserves lengths.



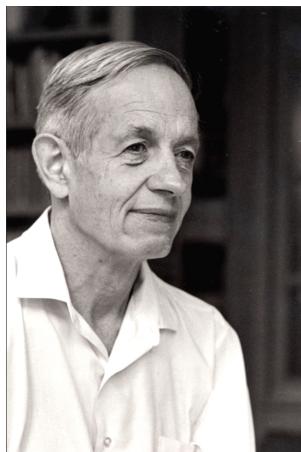
Note that  $F$  is an embedding but not isometric.

Question: Is it possible find a(n) (smooth) embedding from  $\mathbb{T}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that is also an isometry?

- Ans.: ① There always exists an isometric emb  $\mathbb{T}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  where  $k \leq 10$ . (Nash,  $C^\infty$ -embedding Thm (1956))
- ② There exists a isometric  $C^1$ -emb  $\mathbb{T}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  (Nash,  $C^1$ -embedding Thm 1954)

$$\frac{m(3m+1)}{2}$$

$n+1$   
(Kuiper)



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allowed one to avoid using this scheme. (For Nash embedding itself, a somewhat similar trick of Gunther in

Günther, Matthias, Isometric embeddings of Riemannian manifolds, Proc. Int. Congr. Math., Kyoto/Japan 1990, Vol. II, 1137-1143 (1991). [ZBL0745.53031](#).

can be used to also avoid applying Nash-Moser iteration.)

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Nash embedding theorem states that every smooth Riemannian manifold can be smoothly isometrically

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## 5. Relation between submfld & mfd ↪ ambient mfd

Exe For a mfd  $M^m$ , its tangent bundle  $TM$  and cotangent bundle  $T^*M$  are  $\dim - 2m$  mfd.

covariant

(Recall) For categories  $C$  and  $D$ , a functor  $\Phi: C \rightarrow D$  is

a map { on the level of objects  $X \xrightarrow{\quad} \Phi(X)$   
 $\text{Ob}(C) \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{Ob}(D)$

on the level of hom-set:  $\varphi \mapsto \Phi(\varphi)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Phi(X) \\ \varphi \downarrow & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \Phi(\varphi) \\ Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Phi(Y) \end{array}$$

and satisfies  $\Phi(1_X) = 1_{\Phi(X)}$  and  $\Phi(\varphi \circ \psi) = \Phi(\psi) \circ \Phi(\varphi)$

Rank. A contravariant functor  $\mathbb{E}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is defined in a similar way, but with two exceptions:

$$\varphi: X \rightarrow Y \text{ in } \mathcal{C} \mapsto \mathbb{E}(\varphi): \mathbb{E}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}(X).$$

$$(\text{so, } \mathbb{E}(\varphi \circ \psi) = \mathbb{E}(\psi) \cdot \mathbb{E}(\varphi)).$$

e.g. "Taking tangent bundle and differential" is a covariant functor.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{E}: M^m & \longrightarrow & M^{2m} \\ \text{cat of } m\text{-dim} & & \text{cat of } 2m\text{-dim} \\ \text{smooth mfd} & & \text{smooth mfd} \end{array} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M \mapsto \mathbb{E}(M) := TM \\ F: N \rightarrow M \mapsto \mathbb{E}(F) := dF: TN \rightarrow TM \end{array} \right.$$

$$(b/c \quad \mathbb{E}(G \cdot F) = d(G \cdot F) = dG \cdot dF)$$

e.g. "Taking cotangent bundle and pullback" is a contravariant functor.

$$\text{In particular, } \mathbb{E}(F: N \rightarrow M) := F^*: T^*M \rightarrow T^*N.$$

Using (vector) bundle language,  $dF: TN \rightarrow TM$  is called a bundle map b/c the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 TN & \xrightarrow{dF} & TM \\
 \pi_N \downarrow & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \pi_M \\
 N & \xrightarrow{F} & M
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 (x, v) & \longrightarrow & (F(x), dF(v)) \\
 \pi_N \downarrow & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \pi_M \\
 x & \longrightarrow & F(x)
 \end{array}$$

$\overset{dF(F(x))(v)}{\curvearrowleft}$

The key in this def is  $dF(v) \in \pi_1^{-1}(SF(x))$ .

Def. For two vector bundles  $\overset{E_1}{\downarrow}_N$  and  $\overset{E_2}{\downarrow}_M$ , a bundle map from  $\overset{E_1}{\downarrow}_N$  to  $\overset{E_2}{\downarrow}_M$  is a pair of smooth maps

$$\Xi: E_1 \rightarrow E_2 \text{ and } f: N \rightarrow M$$

s.t. the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E_1 & \xrightarrow{\Xi} & E_2 \\
 \pi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_2 \\
 N & \xrightarrow{f} & M
 \end{array}
 \quad + \quad \Xi|_{\pi_1^{-1}\{f(x)\}}: \pi_1^{-1}\{f(x)\} \rightarrow \pi_2^{-1}\{f(x)\}$$

is a linear map.

Rank. Often  $f = \mathbb{1} : N \rightarrow N$ .

Suppose  $E_1 \xrightarrow{\Phi} E_2$  then  $\Phi$  is injective if  $\Phi|_{\pi_i^{-1}(\{x\})}$  is injective for any  $x \in N$ .

Suppose  $E_1 \xrightarrow{\Phi} E_2$ , then  $\Phi$  is surjective if  $\Phi|_{\pi_i^{-1}(\{x\})}$  is surjective for any  $x \in N$ .

e.g. Given vector bundles (over  $N$ )  $E_1, E_2$ , one can construct a vector bundle  $E_3$  (over  $N$ ) s.t. the following short exact sequence holds:

$$0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow E_3 \rightarrow E_2 \rightarrow 0.$$

← tran. map of  $E_1$

The transition map of  $E_3$  is given by  $\begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 & \\ & \Phi_2 \end{pmatrix}$

↑ tran. map of  $E_2$

This  $E_3$  is called the direct (or Whitney) sum of  $E_1, E_2$ .

e.g. Given injective  $\varPhi: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ , one can construct a vector bundle  $E_3$  s.t. the following short exact seq. holds

$$0 \rightarrow E_1 \xrightarrow{\varPhi} E_2 \rightarrow E_3 \rightarrow 0$$

where  $\pi_3^{-1}(\{x\}) = \frac{\pi_2^{-1}(\{x\})}{\pi_1^{-1}(\{x\})}$  (and the trans. map is the induced map  $\varPhi(\pi_1^{-1}(\{x\}))$  on  $E_3$  from  $E_2$ ).

This  $E_3$  is called the quotient bundle of  $\varPhi: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ .

e.g.  $N \subset M$  embedded submfld and  $i: N \hookrightarrow M$  inclusion.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } 0 \rightarrow TN &\xrightarrow{di} \underbrace{TM|_N}_{:= TM \cap \pi^{-1}(N)} \rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{TM|_N}{TN}}_{:= \text{normal bundle of } N \text{ in } M} \rightarrow 0 \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Rank Normal bundle of  $N$  in  $M$  is often denoted by  $\mathcal{N}_N M$ .

Similarly, taking dual of (\*), one defines conormal bundle, denoted by  $\mathcal{N}_N^* M$ .

$$\mathcal{N}_N^* M \stackrel{\text{defn}}{=} \left\{ (p, f) \mid \begin{array}{l} p \in N, f: T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \text{s.t. } f(v) = 0 \text{ for any } v \in T_p N \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\dim \mathcal{N}_N^* M = \dim N + (\dim M - \dim N) = \dim M = \frac{1}{2} \dim T^* M$$

e.g. Recall that  $S^2 = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 \}$  is an embedded submfld in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (Why?)

Let us work out  $\mathcal{N}_{S^2} \mathbb{R}^3$ .

↑ by def

Let us work out  $T S^2$ .

$S^2 = F^{-1}(S^2)$   
where  $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $(x, y, z) \mapsto x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

Observe  $i: S^2 \xrightarrow{\text{inclusion}} \mathbb{R}^3$  composed with  $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (above)

satisfies  $F \circ i(p) = 1$  (constant map), so

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} TS^2 & \xrightarrow{di} & T\mathbb{R}^3 & \xrightarrow{dF} & T\mathbb{R} \\ & \searrow & \nearrow & & \\ & & d(F \circ i) = 0 & & \begin{array}{l} \text{injective} \\ \text{and equal to} \\ \text{identity on } TS^2 \end{array} \end{array} \quad (\text{i.e. } dF - di = 0)$$

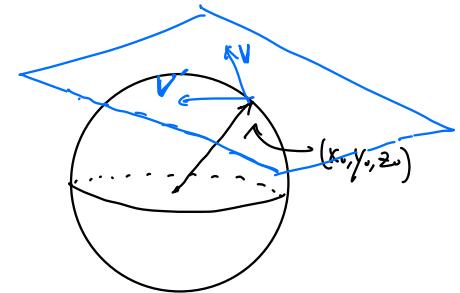
$\Rightarrow$  For every pt  $p \in S^2$ ,  $T_p S^2 \subset \ker dF(p)$ .

Then by the dim - counting ( $\dim T_p S^2 = \dim \ker dF(p) = 2$ ), we know  $TS^2 = \ker(dF)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{N}_{S^2} \mathbb{R}^3 = \frac{T\mathbb{R}^3|_{S^2}}{TS^2} = \frac{T\mathbb{R}^3|_{S^2}}{\ker(dF)}$$

At pt  $p = (x_0, y_0, z_0) \in S^2$ ,

$$\ker(dF)(p) = \left\{ v \in \overset{\text{"}}{T_p \mathbb{R}^3} \mid (x_0, y_0, z_0) \cdot (v_1, v_2, v_3) = 0 \right\}$$



Then  $\overset{\text{"}}{V_{S^2} \mathbb{R}^3}$  is a rank-1 vector bundle over  $S^2$ , where each fiber is represented by a vector <sup>any</sup> not lying in the blue plane.

Rank In order to specify a vector in  $\overset{\text{"}}{T_p \mathbb{R}^3}$ , representing the fiber of  $\overset{\text{"}}{V_{S^2} \mathbb{R}^3}$ , one needs an inner product (use its non-deg).

Rank Argument in e.g. above works in general, so we proved the following prop (seen earlier) :

$$F^{-1}(\{\text{reg. values}\}) = \underset{NCM}{\text{emb submfld}} + TN = \ker(dF).$$

conclusion 1

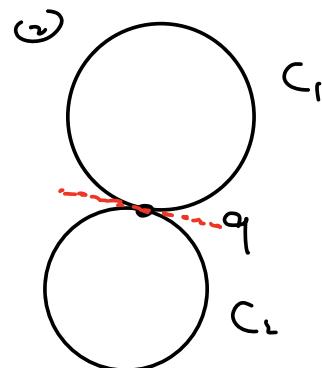
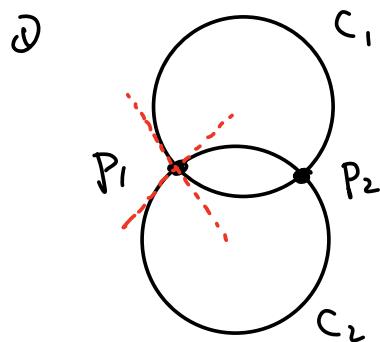
conclusion 2

Exe. Prove that  $T_e O(n) = \{ A \in M_{n \times n} \mid A + A^T = 0 \}$ .

identity

## 6. Relation between subwds

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , two circles may interact in the following two ways:



Key difference:

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ At either } P_1 \text{ or } P_2, \quad T_{P_i} C_1 + T_{P_i} C_2 = T_{P_i} \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ At } q \quad T_q C_1 + T_q C_2 \text{ is 1-dim} \neq T_q \mathbb{R}^2$$

Rmk. Case  $\textcircled{1}$  seems appearing more often than case  $\textcircled{2}$ .

Def Given two emb. submfds  $N_1^{n_1}, N_2^{n_2}$  in  $M^m$ , we call them intersect transversally if for any  $p \in N_1 \cap N_2$ ,

$$T_p N_1 + T_p N_2 = T_p M \quad (*)$$

not nec a direct sum. (i.e.  $T_p N_1 \cap T_p N_2$  may be non-trivial)

Notation:  $N_1 \pitchfork N_2$ .

Rmk. If  $N_1 \cap N_2 = \emptyset$ , then they do not intersect trans..

e.g. Case ① above,  $C_1 \pitchfork C_2$ ; Case ②, they do not.

Intersection in a transverse manner is the "best" one can hope.  
(intersection theory in general) is a hard subject in math :(.

Rmk To satisfy condition (\*) above,  $n_1 + n_2 \geq m$ .

Why do we like transverse intersection?

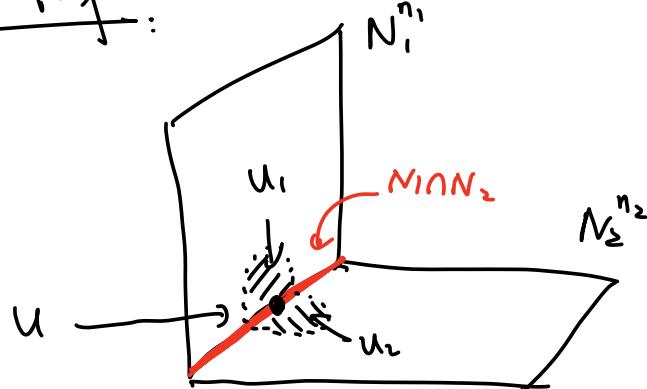
Prop Suppose  $N_1^{n_1} \pitchfork N_2^{n_2}$  in  $M^m$ , then  $N_1 \cap N_2$  is an embedded submfld in  $M$ . Moreover,  $\dim(N_1 \cap N_2) = n_1 + n_2 - m$ .

Rank. If  $n_1 + n_2 = m$ , then  $N_1 \cap N_2$  = collection of pts.

Rank A better way to memorize the dim formula in Prop above is the "additivity of codim": if  $N_1 \pitchfork N_2$  in  $M$ , then

$$\text{codim}(N_1 \cap N_2) = \text{codim } N_1 + \text{codim } N_2$$

Pf of Prop:



$$U_1 = U \cap N_1 \simeq \underbrace{\{x_{n_1+1} = \dots = x_m = 0\}}_{m-n_1}$$
$$U_2 = U \cap N_2 \simeq \underbrace{\{y_{n_2+1} = \dots = y_m = 0\}}_{m-n_2}$$
$$U \cap (N_1 \cap N_2) \simeq \underbrace{\{z_m = \dots = z_{n_1+n_2-m+1} = 0\}}_{\text{locally constant rank}} \checkmark$$

e.g. In  $\mathbb{C}^5 \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $N_1 = \{z_1^2 + z_2^2 + z_3^2 + z_4^3 + z_5^{6k-1} = 0\}$

*it has only 1 singular pt at 0 ∈  $\mathbb{C}^5$*

$$N_2 = \{ |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + |z_3|^2 + |z_4|^2 + |z_5|^2 = 1\}$$

Then one can check  $N_1 \pitchfork N_2$  and it is homeomorphic to  $S^7$ .

For  $k=1, \dots, 28$ , there are <sup>all</sup> 28 different exotic differentiable str.  
not equ. to the standard one.

$N_1 \cap N_2$  is an example of Brieskorn spheres.

By discussion above,  $N_1 = F(X)$  and  $N_2 = G(Y)$  for some embeddings  
 $F: X \rightarrow M$  and  $G: Y \rightarrow M$ . Then  $N_1 \pitchfork N_2$  can be translated  
to transversality of maps  $F, G$ .

Def Two embeddings  $F$  and  $G$  are transverse if

$$\text{Im } dF(x) + \text{Im } dG(y) = T_p M$$

for any  $x \in X, y \in Y, p \in M$  satisfying  $F(x) = G(y) = p$ .

Notation:  
 $F \pitchfork G$

e.g. The condition  $F \pitchfork G$  implies  $F \times G: X \times Y \rightarrow M \times M$  intersect transversely with diagonal map  $\Delta: M \rightarrow M \times M$ .

$$\text{iff. } - (F \times G)(x, y) = \Delta(p) \iff F(x) = G(y) = p$$

$$- \quad \text{Im } d(F \times G)(x, y) \simeq \text{Im } dF(x) + \text{Im } dG(y)$$

this "sum" should be product

$$\text{Im } d\Delta(p) \simeq T_p M.$$

This implies that  $\text{im}(F \times G) \cap \text{im} \Delta$  is a submfld of

under the condition that both  $F$  and  $G$  are embeddings

$$\dim(X \times Y) + \dim M - \dim(M \times M) = \dim X + \dim(Y) - \dim M.$$

This submfld is called the fiber product of  $F: X \rightarrow M$  and  $G: Y \rightarrow M$ .  
 (of  $M \times M$ )