

Exercise 0.1

Let

$$M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 - 2z^2 = 0, x + y + z - 1 = 0\}. \quad (1)$$

Show the following.

1. M is a onedimensional submanifold of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Solution 0.1

Define $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ as

$$f(x, y, z) := (f_1(x, y, z), f_2(x, y, z)) := (x^2 + y^2 - 2z^2, x + y + z - 1). \quad (2)$$

For the partial derivatives of f , we have

$$\partial_x f_1(x, y, z) = 2x \quad \partial_x f_2(x, y, z) = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$\partial_y f_1(x, y, z) = 2y \quad \partial_y f_2(x, y, z) = 1 \quad (4)$$

$$\partial_z f_1(x, y, z) = -4z \quad \partial_z f_2(x, y, z) = 1 \quad (5)$$

hence we have

$$Df(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x & 2y & -4z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

This matrix has the rank 1 if $x = y = -2z$. But if we look at the given equation, we have

$$x + y + z - 1 = x + x - \frac{1}{2}x - 1 \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}x - 1 \quad (8)$$

As this equation should equal 0, we have $x = \frac{2}{3}$. With that, we also have $y = \frac{2}{3}$ and $z = -\frac{1}{3}$. But if we plug it into the second equation, we get

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 - 2\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{8}{9} - \frac{2}{9} = \frac{6}{9} \neq 0 \quad (9)$$

So for all $(x, y, z) \in M$, the differential Df is surjective and by definition M is a onedimensional submanifold in \mathbb{R}^3 .