

**Exercise 3.1.** Prove that for any open cover  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_j\}_{j \in J}$  of a  $\mathcal{C}^k$  manifold  $M$  there exists a partition of unity  $(g_j)_{j \in J}$  such that  $\text{supp}(\eta_j) \subseteq U_j$  for all  $j$ .

**Exercise 3.2.** A continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *proper* if  $f^{-1}(K)$  is compact for every compact set  $K \subseteq Y$ . Show that for every  $\mathcal{C}^k$  manifold  $M$  there exists a  $\mathcal{C}^k$  map  $f : M \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  that is proper.

Hint: Note that  $f$  must be unbounded unless  $M$  is compact. Use a function of the form  $f = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} c_i f_i$ , where  $(f_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a partition of unity and the  $c_i$ 's are real numbers.

**Exercise 3.3.** Let  $M$  be a  $\mathcal{C}^k$  manifold and let  $U$  be an open neighborhood of the set  $M \times \{0\}$  in the space  $M \times [0, +\infty)$ . Show that there exists a  $\mathcal{C}^k$  function  $f : M \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  whose graph is contained in  $U$ .

**Exercise 3.4.** Let  $M$  be a  $\mathcal{C}^k$  manifold with  $k \geq 1$ . Show that:

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$$(p, \varphi, v) \sim (\tilde{p}, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{v}) \iff \tilde{p} = p \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{v} = D_{\varphi(p)}(\tilde{\varphi} \circ \varphi^{-1})(v)$$

is an equivalence relation between coordinatized tangent vectors.

- (2) Fixed a point  $p \in M$  and a  $\mathcal{C}^k$  chart  $\varphi$  defined on  $p$ , the function  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_p M$  sending  $v \mapsto [p, \varphi, v]$  is a bijection.
- (3) Vector addition and scalar multiplication are well defined and make  $T_p M$  a real vector space of dimension  $n$ .
- (4) The differential of a  $\mathcal{C}^k$  map  $f : M \rightarrow N$  at a point  $p \in M$  is a well-defined linear map  $D_p f : T_p M \rightarrow T_p N$ .
- (5) *Chain rule:* for  $\mathcal{C}^k$  maps  $f : M \rightarrow N$ ,  $g : N \rightarrow L$  and a point  $p \in M$ ,

$$D_p(g \circ f) = D_{f(p)}g \circ D_p f.$$

In particular, if  $f$  is a diffeo, then  $D_p f$  has inverse  $(D_p f)^{-1} = D_{f(p)}(f^{-1})$ .

- (6) *Change of coordinates:* Let  $X \in T_p M$  be a tangent vector and let  $\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}$  be  $\mathcal{C}^k$  charts of  $M$  defined at a  $p$ . Let  $(X^i)_i$  be coordinate tuple of  $X$  with respect to the basis  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^i}\Big|_p\right)_i$ , and let  $(\tilde{X}^j)$  be the coordinate tuple of  $X$  with respect to the basis  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\varphi}^j}\Big|_p\right)_j$ , so that

$$X = \sum_i X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^i}\Big|_p = \sum_j \tilde{X}^j \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\varphi}^j}\Big|_p.$$

Show that

$$\tilde{X}^j = \sum_i X^i \frac{\partial \tilde{\varphi}^j}{\partial \varphi^i}\Big|_{\varphi(p)},$$

where  $\frac{\partial \tilde{\varphi}^j}{\partial \varphi^i}\Big|_{\varphi(p)}$  is the coefficient  $(i, j)$  of the matrix expression of  $D_{\varphi(p)}(\tilde{\varphi} \circ \varphi)$ .

**Exercise 3.5** (Velocity vectors of curves). Let  $M$  be a  $\mathcal{C}^k$  differentiable manifold. Show that for any tangent vector  $X \in TM$  there exists a  $\mathcal{C}^k$  curve  $\gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$  such that  $\gamma'(0) = X$ .

**Exercise 3.6** (Spherical coordinates on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ). Consider the following map defined for  $(r, \varphi, \theta) \in W := \mathbb{R}^+ \times (0, 2\pi) \times (0, \pi)$ :

$$\Psi(r, \varphi, \theta) = (r \cos \varphi \sin \theta, r \sin \varphi \sin \theta, r \cos \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Check that  $\Psi$  is a diffeomorphism<sup>1</sup> onto its image  $\Psi(W) =: U$ . We can therefore consider  $\Psi^{-1}$  as a smooth chart on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and it is common to call the component functions of  $\Psi^{-1}$  the **spherical coordinates**  $(r, \varphi, \theta)$ .

Express the coordinate vectors of this chart

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right|_p, \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right|_p, \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right|_p$$

at some point  $p \in U$  in terms of the standard coordinate vectors  $\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right|_p, \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right|_p, \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right|_p$ .

**Exercise 3.7** (The tangent plane of the sphere). Consider the inclusion  $\iota : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , where we endow both spaces with the standard smooth structure. Let  $p \in S^2$ . What is the image of  $D_p \iota : T_p S^2 \rightarrow T_p \mathbb{R}^3$ ? (Identify  $T_p \mathbb{R}^3$  with  $\mathbb{R}^3$  in the standard way. So the result should be the equation for a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .)

Hint: Use Exercise 6 on spherical coordinates.

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<sup>1</sup>Here “diffeomorphism” is meant in the standard sense of maps between open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . The inverse function theorem can be useful here.