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- 1) Consider the projection map $p: \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^n$. We want to show \mathbb{CP}^n is compact. Well, for all n , S^n is compact, so if we take

$$p(S^{2n+1}) = \mathbb{CP}^n.$$

Since p is a quotient map, we have that p is continuous, and since the continuous image of a compact set is compact we have that \mathbb{CP}^n is compact.

- 2) Suppose there is some homeomorphism $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, then there must be an induced homeomorphism $\tilde{f}: \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ and a corresponding isomorphism $\tilde{f}_*: \pi_1(\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}) \rightarrow \pi_1(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\})$. However

$$\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}) = 1 \neq \mathbb{Z} = \pi_1(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\})$$

so such an \tilde{f}_* cannot exist. Thus $\mathbb{R}^3 \not\cong \mathbb{R}^2$.

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- 3) Let $\varphi: \mathbb{R}P^2 \rightarrow T^2$ be a continuous map, and let $p: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow T^2$ be the universal cover of T^2 :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \tilde{\varphi} & \mathbb{R}^2 \\ & \searrow & \downarrow p \\ \mathbb{R}P^2 & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & T^2 \end{array}$$

Now, if $\varphi: \mathbb{R}P^2 \rightarrow T^2$ is a continuous map, then it induces a homomorphism $\varphi_*: \pi_1(\mathbb{R}P^2) \rightarrow \pi_1(T^2)$. Well $\pi_1(\mathbb{R}P^2) = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ and $\pi_1(T^2) = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$, so φ_* must be the trivial homomorphism. This gives us that $\varphi_*(\pi_1(\mathbb{R}P^2)) = \{0\} \subseteq p_*(\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^2))$ so there is a lifting $\tilde{\varphi}: \mathbb{R}P^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ with $\varphi = p \circ \tilde{\varphi}$.

Now, \mathbb{R}^2 is contractible the image of $\tilde{\varphi}$ is also contractible meaning $\text{im}(\tilde{\varphi})$ is homotopic to a constant map under some homotopy \tilde{H} . Well then, under the homotopy described by

$$H = p \circ \tilde{H}$$

we have that φ is homotopic to a constant map in T^2 .

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4) THIS QUESTION HAS MULTIPLE TYPES IN IT. FOR THE CORRECT VERSION SEE QUESTION 5 ON THE AUGUST 2014 EXAM.

5) (a) Suppose M is an n -dimensional manifold with $T_p M \cong \mathbb{R}^n$. Then the standard basis (e_1, \dots, e_n) produces a smooth global frame for M which has the desired criterion.

Suppose now that there exist n vector fields X_1, \dots, X_n such that $T_p M = \text{span}\{X_1(p), \dots, X_n(p)\}$. We'll then in some neighborhood U of any point there is an isomorphism $T_p U \cong U \times \mathbb{R}^n$ and for any $v \in T_p U$ there is a representation of v given by

$$v = v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} = \tilde{v}^i X_i(p).$$

So in a neighborhood of any point we have an isomorphism ϕ_p from $\text{span}\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$ to \mathbb{R}^n , and since these vector fields are globally defined these isomorphisms ϕ_p agree on all overlaps. Thus we have

$$TM \cong M \times \text{span}\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \\ \cong M \times \mathbb{R}^n.$$

(All we really did here is construct a global coordinate frame).

(b) First of all, S^1 is parallelizable, so $TS^1 \cong S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^1$. Then we have

$$T\mathbb{T}^2 \cong TS^1 \oplus TS^1 \\ \cong S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^1 \times S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^1 \\ \cong S^1 \times S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \cong \mathbb{T}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2.$$

If you want to use part (a) use the fact that S^1 is parallelizable to construct the global coordinate frame $\frac{\partial}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial}{\partial v}$ for \mathbb{T}^2 .

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- 6) (a) Let M be a smooth connected orientable n -dimensional manifold with boundary, and let ω be a compactly supported $n-1$ form on M . Then

$$\int_{\partial M} \omega = \int_M d\omega.$$

(b) Let

$$\alpha = \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} dx + \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} dy + (z+1) dz.$$

$$(i) d\alpha = \frac{-(x^2+y^2) dy dx - y(z dx + z dy) dx + (x^2+y^2) dx + x(z dx + z dy) dy}{(x^2+y^2)^2} + dz dx$$

$$= 0.$$

- (ii) Parameterize the circle $x^2+y^2=1$ by $\gamma(t) = (\cos(t), \sin(t), 0)$ $t \in [0, 2\pi]$.

Then

$$\int_{\gamma} \alpha = \int_{t=0}^{2\pi} -\sin(t)(-\sin(t) dt) + \cos(t)(\cos(t) dt)$$

$$= \int_{t=0}^{2\pi} dt = \boxed{2\pi}$$

- (iii) Suppose $C = \partial \pi$ with π a 2-chain in M . Then by Stokes' Theorem we should have

$$\int_C \alpha = \int_{\partial \pi} \alpha = \int_{\pi} d\alpha = 0,$$

but we computed $\int_C \alpha = 2\pi$ 2.