

Midterm

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Exercise 1. Let $P : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ be a smooth map, with $P(\lambda x) = \lambda^d P(x)$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and all $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$. Prove that the map

$$P_* : \mathbb{RP}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{RP}^n \\ [x] \mapsto [P(x)]$$

is well defined and smooth.

Proof: The projective space \mathbb{RP}^n consists of an equivalence class of points defined by the relation $x \sim y$ iff $x = \lambda y$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Thus for an equivalence class $[x]$, it can be equally represented as $[\lambda x]$. According to the function P_*

$$P_*([\lambda x]) = [\lambda^d P(x)] \\ = [\lambda^d y] \\ = [y],$$

which shows that P_* maps an equivalence class $[x]$ to an equivalence class $[y]$ regardless of the representation of $[x]$; therefore, it is well defined. By definition of the function P_* it maps an equivalence class $[x]$ using the smooth function P to the equivalence class $[P(x)]$. Since the equivalence class is represented using $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$, and P is a smooth map on $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$, P_* is smooth. ■

Exercise 2. If $S^1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$, prove that TS^1 is diffeomorphic to $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$.

Proof: Let $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow S^1$ denote a smooth curve on S^1 such that $\gamma(0) = p$, (U, φ) be a chart on S^1 and $\tilde{\gamma} = \varphi \circ \gamma$ denote the smooth curve in local coordinates. The tangent space $T_p M$ is defined as the set of equivalence class of curves such that $\tilde{\gamma}'_1(0) = \tilde{\gamma}'_2(0)$. As stated in class, this is independent of the chart used, so we can define the equivalence class in any chart. The derivative of the curve $\tilde{\gamma}$ at p is

$$\left. \frac{d\tilde{\gamma}}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x},$$

where $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus, all of the curves in the same equivalence class can be identified by α in the chart (U, φ) . Let $[\gamma]$ represent the equivalence class whose derivative at $t = 0$ in (U, φ) is

$$\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x},$$

we can then create a map $f : T_p S^1 \rightarrow \{p\} \times \mathbb{R}$ defined as

$$f(p, [\gamma]) = (p, \alpha).$$

which shows that $T_p S^1$ is diffeomorphic to $\{p\} \times \mathbb{R}$ since the map is invertible and smooth in both directions. The tangent bundle is the disjoint union of the tangent spaces; therefore, TS^1 is diffeomorphic to $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$.

Note: I know you mentioned in class that for U a neighborhood of p , TU is diffeomorphic to $U \times \mathbb{R}$; but this is not always true on the global scale. I don't understand it well enough to know when it holds globally and when it doesn't. ■

Exercise 3. Let M be a smooth compact manifold (without boundary), of dimension n , and $F : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ a smooth map. Prove that F cannot be a submersion, and it cannot be an immersion.

Proof: Since M is a smooth compact manifold (without boundary) of dimension n , it is not a subset of \mathbb{R}^n and it can be covered by a finite number of charts denoted (U_i, φ_i) . We denote the differential of F as

$$dF = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (F \circ \varphi^{-1}).$$

F is a submersion if $\forall p \in M$, dF is surjective. Since M and \mathbb{R}^n are of the same dimension, this requires that the rank of $dF = 2$ for all $p \in M$. F is an immersion if $\forall p \in M$, dF is injective. This also requires that the rank of $dF = 2$ for all $p \in M$. Now since F is smooth, it is continuous and thus $F(M)$ is compact which means it is closed and bounded. Let $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$ be a smooth curve such that $F \circ \gamma$ is a curve that moves straight towards a boundary in $F(M)$ and $\frac{d\gamma}{dt} = \text{constant}$. Then there is a $t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$ such that $\frac{d(F \circ \gamma)}{dt} = 0$ since $F \circ \gamma$ must stay inside $F(M)$. At this point $\gamma(p)$, the differential dF is not rank 2; therefore, F cannot be a submersion nor an immersion. ■

Exercise 4. Let M be a smooth manifold with Riemannian metric g . Let $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow M$ be a smooth curve, and $\tau : [c, d] \rightarrow [a, b]$ a diffeomorphism. Prove that the length of the curve γ is the same as the length of the curve $\gamma \circ \tau : [c, d] \rightarrow M$.

Proof: Let (U, φ) be a chart on M , $\tilde{\gamma}$ be the local representation of γ and $\tilde{\tau}$ be the local representation of $\gamma \circ \tau$ defined as

$$\tilde{\tau} = \tilde{\gamma} \circ \tau.$$

Since τ is a diffeomorphism, it is a differentiable and a homeomorphism. This means that τ is a curve that only moves “forward” from a to b . The length of γ is defined as

$$\ell(\gamma) = \int_a^b g \left(\left. \frac{d\tilde{\gamma}}{dt} \right|_t, \left. \frac{d\tilde{\gamma}}{dt} \right|_t \right)^{1/2} dt,$$

and the length of $\tilde{\tau}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\gamma \circ \tau) &= \int_c^d g \left(\left. \frac{\partial \tilde{\gamma}}{\partial x} \right|_{\tau(t)} \frac{d\tau}{dt}, \left. \frac{\partial \tilde{\gamma}}{\partial x} \right|_{\tau(t)} \frac{d\tau}{dt} \right)^{1/2} dt \\ &= \int_c^d g \left(\left. \frac{\partial \tilde{\gamma}}{\partial x} \right|_{\tau(t)}, \left. \frac{\partial \tilde{\gamma}}{\partial x} \right|_{\tau(t)} \right)^{1/2} \left| \frac{d\tau}{dt} \right| dt, \end{aligned}$$

where $\frac{d\tau}{dt}$ is a scalar and we are able to pull it out of the inner product. Notice that for every $\beta \in [c, d]$

$$g \left(\left. \frac{\partial \tilde{\gamma}}{\partial x} \right|_{\tau(t)}, \left. \frac{\partial \tilde{\gamma}}{\partial x} \right|_{\tau(t)} \right)^{1/2} \Big|_{t=\beta} = g \left(\left. \frac{d\tilde{\gamma}}{dt}, \frac{d\tilde{\gamma}}{dt} \right|_{t=\tau(\beta)} \right)^{1/2},$$

which represents the height of the function that is being integrated and $\left| \frac{d\tau}{dt} \right|$ is the change of the infinitesimal width of the integral. This is similar to the change of basis where $\left| \frac{d\tau}{dt} \right|$ is the Jacobian acting as the change in volume. Therefore,

$$\ell(\gamma) = \ell(\gamma \circ \tau).$$

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Exercise 5. Let M be a smooth manifold of dimension n , and let $\{(U_\lambda, \varphi_\lambda)\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ be a collection of coordinate charts which cover M . Suppose that for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, there are n^2 functions $g_{i,j}^\lambda : U_\lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. State a set of necessary and sufficient conditions on the functions $\{g_{i,j}^\lambda\}$ so that there exists a Riemannian metric g on M whose coordinate description under the chart $(U_\lambda, \varphi_\lambda)$ is given by the n^2 functions $\{g_{i,j}^\lambda\}$.

A Riemannian metric is an assignment g of an inner product $g(p) = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_p$ on each tangent space $T_p M$ such that for any coordinate chart (U, φ) on M , $g_{i,j}(p)$ is a smooth function on U for each $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. An inner product is symmetric, bi-linear, and positive definite.

Let $v, w \in T_p M$ which can be represented as $v = v_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ and $w = w_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ in local coordinates. We define the metric g^λ as

$$g^\lambda(v, w) = \sum_{i,j} g_{ij}^\lambda v_i w_j$$

which we can represent in matrix notation

$$g^\lambda(v, w) = [w_1, \dots, w_n] \begin{bmatrix} g_{11}^\lambda & \cdots & g_{1n}^\lambda \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g_{n1}^\lambda & \cdots & g_{nn}^\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix},$$

and we will denote as $[g_{ij}^\lambda]$. By this definition $[g_{ij}^\lambda]$ is bilinear. We then impose the conditions that $g_{ij}^\lambda = g_{ji}^\lambda$ and that g_{ij}^λ is a smooth function on U_λ such that $[g_{ij}^\lambda]$ is a positive definite matrix. Lastly, we need the metric to be independent of coordinate chart. Let (U_1, φ_1) and (U_2, φ_2) be coordinate charts on M where $1, 2 \in \Lambda$ and $U_1 \cap U_2 \neq \emptyset$. We can express the vectors v and w in either chart, and we want the measure of their length and angle to be independent of the chart we use. In other words, we want

$$g^1(v, w) = g^2(v, w)$$

for all $v, w \in T_p M$. We can show this relation in matrix notation as

$$[w_1^1, \dots, w_n^1] \begin{bmatrix} g_{11}^1 & \cdots & g_{1n}^1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g_{n1}^1 & \cdots & g_{nn}^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1^1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n^1 \end{bmatrix} = [w_1^2, \dots, w_n^2] \begin{bmatrix} g_{11}^2 & \cdots & g_{1n}^2 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g_{n1}^2 & \cdots & g_{nn}^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1^2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where the superscripts are used to denote the chart they are expressed in. Using the differential $d(\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1})$ we can map the vectors from the first chart to the second chart and map them back such that

$$g^1 \left(d(\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1})^{-1} d(\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1}) v^1, d(\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1})^{-1} d(\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1}) v^2 \right) = g^1(v, w).$$

Using this relation we get the last condition

$$\left(d(\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1})^{-1} \right)^\top [g_{ij}^1] d(\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1})^{-1} = [g_{ij}^2].$$

Exercise 6. Define the torus \mathbb{T}^2 as the quotient

$$\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / \{(x, y) \sim (x + n, y + m) \text{ for } m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Notice that any open square of the form $(a, a + 1) \times (b, b + 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ induces a coordinate chart $(U_{a,b}, \varphi_{a,b})$ on \mathbb{T}^2 in a natural way. Notice that the map $\omega : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ defined by

$$\omega(\alpha, \beta) ((\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4) \cos(2\pi\alpha), (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4) \sin(2\pi\alpha), \sin(2\pi\beta))$$

induces a well defined map $\tilde{\omega} : \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, which is a diffeomorphism onto its image $T_2 = \tilde{\omega}(\mathbb{T}^2)$. Equip T_2 with the metric induced by the standard metric on \mathbb{R}^3 . If S is the open square $(0, 1) \times (0, 1)$ and $S' = \omega(S) \subset T_2$, then the restriction of ω^{-1} to S' is a coordinate chart $\omega^{-1} : S' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ on T_2 . Compute the coordinate representation of the metric on T_2 in this chart, as well as the associated Christoffel symbols.

We begin by computing the derivative of ω and representing it in matrix notation.

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2\pi (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4) \sin(2\pi\alpha) & -2\pi \sin(2\pi\beta) \cos(2\pi\alpha) \\ 2\pi (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4) \cos(2\pi\alpha) & -2\pi \sin(2\pi\beta) \sin(2\pi\alpha) \\ 0 & 2\pi \cos(2\pi\beta) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let $v, w \in T\omega^{-1}(S')$, then the induced metric is

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} v, \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} w \right\rangle &= \begin{bmatrix} -2\pi (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4) \sin(2\pi\alpha) & 2\pi (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4) \cos(2\pi\alpha) & 0 \\ -2\pi \sin(2\pi\beta) \cos(2\pi\alpha) & -2\pi \sin(2\pi\beta) \sin(2\pi\alpha) & 2\pi \cos(2\pi\beta) \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad \begin{bmatrix} -2\pi (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4) \sin(2\pi\alpha) & -2\pi \sin(2\pi\beta) \cos(2\pi\alpha) \\ 2\pi (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4) \cos(2\pi\alpha) & -2\pi \sin(2\pi\beta) \sin(2\pi\alpha) \\ 0 & 2\pi \cos(2\pi\beta) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} g_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & g_{22} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2 & \\ 0 & 4\pi^2 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} g_{11} &= 4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2 \sin^2(2\pi\alpha) + 4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2 \cos^2(2\pi\alpha) \\ g_{22} &= 4\pi^2 \sin^2(2\pi\beta) \cos^2(2\pi\alpha) + 4\pi^2 \sin^2(2\pi\beta) \sin^2(2\pi\alpha) + 4\pi^2 \cos^2(2\pi\beta). \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying we get that the induced metric is

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} 4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2 & \\ 0 & 4\pi^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The Christoffel symbols are computed as

$$\Gamma_{ij}^m = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} g_{jk} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} g_{ki} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} g_{ij} \right) g^{km}.$$

We note that when $k \neq m$ the term $g^{km} = g_{km} = 0$ and $\Gamma_{ij}^m = \Gamma_{ji}^m$. We will use this to simplify our computations

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{11}^1 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} 4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} 4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} 4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2 \right) \frac{1}{4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_{12}^1 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} 0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} 4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} 0 \right) \frac{1}{4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2} \\
&= \frac{-8\pi^3 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4) \sin(2\pi\beta)}{4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2} \\
&= \frac{-2\pi \sin(2\pi\beta)}{(\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_{22}^1 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} 0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} 0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} 4\pi^2 \right) \frac{1}{4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_{11}^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} 0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} 0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} 4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2 \right) \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \\
&= \frac{-8\pi^3 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4) \sin(2\pi\beta)}{4\pi^2} \\
&= -2\pi (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4) \sin(2\pi\beta)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_{12}^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} 4\pi^2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} 0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} 0 \right) \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_{22}^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} 4\pi^2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} 4\pi^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} 4\pi^2 \right) \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

In summary, the induced metric is

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} 4\pi^2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)^2 & \\ 0 & 4\pi^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

and the Christoffel symbols are $\Gamma_{22}^2 = \Gamma_{12}^2 = \Gamma_{22}^1 = \Gamma_{11}^1$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_{11}^2 &= -2 (\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4) \sin(2\pi\beta) \\
\Gamma_{12}^1 &= \frac{-2 \sin(2\pi\beta)}{(\cos(2\pi\beta) + 4)}
\end{aligned}$$