

# Differential Topology

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**Part I**

**Multivariable Calculus**

# Chapter 1

## Differentiation

**Definition 1.1.** A function  $f : U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is said to be *differentiable* at  $a \in U$  if there is a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  such that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(a+h) - f(a) - T(h)\|}{\|h\|} = 0$$

The linear transformation  $T$  is called the *derivative* of  $f$  at  $a$  and is denoted by  $Df(a) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ .

The following proposition establishes the uniqueness of the derivative at a point, if it exists.

**Proposition 1.2.** Let  $f : U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be differentiable at  $a \in U$ . Then, there is a unique linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  such that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(a+h) - f(a) - T(h)\|}{\|h\|} = 0$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mu, \lambda : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be two linear transformations satisfying the requirements. Then, we have

$$\|\lambda(h) - \mu(h)\| \leq \|f(a+h) - f(a) - \mu(h)\| + \|f(a+h) - f(a) - \lambda(h)\|$$

Consequently,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|\lambda(h) - \mu(h)\|}{\|h\|} \leq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|\lambda(h) - \mu(h)\|}{\|h\|} \leq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(a+h) - f(a) - \mu(h)\|}{\|h\|} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(a+h) - f(a) - \lambda(h)\|}{\|h\|} = 0$$

Now, let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then,

$$0 = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|\mu(tx) - \lambda(tx)\|}{\|tx\|} = \frac{\|\mu(x) - \lambda(x)\|}{\|x\|}$$

This completes the proof. ■

**Theorem 1.3 (Chain Rule).** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  be functions differentiable at  $a$  and  $b = f(a)$  respectively. Then, the composition  $g \circ f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  is differentiable at  $a$  and

$$D(g \circ f)(a) = Dg(f(a)) \circ Df(a) = Dg(b) \circ Df(a)$$

*Proof.* ■

**Proposition 1.4.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be given by  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ . Then  $f$  is differentiable if and only if each  $f_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and

$$Df(a) = \begin{bmatrix} Df_1(a) \\ \vdots \\ Df_m(a) \end{bmatrix}$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $f$  is differentiable and  $\pi_i$  denote the projection on the  $i$ -th coordinate. Since  $\pi_i$  is differentiable, so is  $f_i = \pi_i \circ f$ . Conversely suppose each  $f_i$  is differentiable and let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} Df_1(a) \\ \vdots \\ Df_m(a) \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, for  $h = (h_1, \dots, h_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|f(a+h) - f(a) - Ah\|}{\|h\|} &= \frac{\left\| \begin{bmatrix} f_1(a+h) - f_1(a) - Df_1(a)h \\ \vdots \\ f_m(a+h) - f_m(a) - Df_m(a)h \end{bmatrix} \right\|}{\|h\|} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\|f_i(a+h) - f_i(a) - Df_i(a)h\|}{\|h\|} \end{aligned}$$

whence the limit tends to 0 as  $h \rightarrow 0$  which completes the proof. ■

**Definition 1.5 (Partial Derivatives).** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The limit

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a_1, \dots, a_i + h, \dots, a_n) - f(a_1, \dots, a_n)}{h}$$

if it exists is called the  $i$ -th partial derivative of  $f$  at  $a$  and is denoted by  $D_i f(a)$ . We also define mixed partial derivatives of  $f$  at  $a$  by

$$D_{i,j} f(a) = D_i(D_j f)(a).$$

**Theorem 1.6.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $D_{i,j} f$  and  $D_{j,i} f$  are continuous in an open set containing  $a$ , then

$$D_{i,j} f(a) = D_{j,i} f(a)$$

*Proof.* The proof uses Fubini's Theorem and is therefore postponed. ■

**Lemma 1.7.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a closed rectangle. If the maximum (resp. minimum) of  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  occurs at a point  $a$  in the interior of  $A$  and  $D_i f(a)$  exists, then  $D_i f(a) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $h_i(x) = f(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, x, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n)$ . Then  $h_i$  has a maximum (resp. minimum) at  $a_i$ , is defined in an open interval containing  $a_i$  and is differentiable at  $a_i$ , whence from the calculus of a single variable, we see that  $0 = h'_i(a_i) = D_i f(a)$ , which completes the proof. ■

**Theorem 1.8.** If  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is differentiable at  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and is given by  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ , then  $D_j f_i(a)$  exists for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and  $Df(a)$  is the  $m \times n$  matrix  $\left[ D_j f_i(a) \right]_{i,j}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is differentiable,  $Df(a)$  is the matrix obtained by stacking  $Df_i(a)$  as rows. Therefore, it suffices to prove the statement of the theorem in the case  $m = 1$ , that is  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given to be differentiable.

Consider the map  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  given by

$$h(x) = (a_1, \dots, x, \dots, a_n).$$

Then, due to Theorem 1.3,

$$D_j f(a) = D(f \circ h)(a_j) = Df(h(a_j))Dh(a_j) = Df(a) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This completes the proof. ■

**Theorem 1.9.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ . If there is an open set  $U$  containing  $a$  on which  $D_j f_i$  exists and is continuous at  $a$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , then  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ .

*Proof.* Due to Proposition 1.4, we may suppose that  $m = 1$ . Let  $r > 0$  such that  $B(a, r) \subseteq U$  and  $h$  be sufficiently small such that  $a + h \in B(a, r)$ . Then,

$$f(a + h) - f(a) = f(a_1 + h_1, \dots, a_n) - f(a_1, \dots, a_n) + \dots + f(a_1 + h_1, \dots, a_n + h_n) - f(a_1 + h_1, \dots, a_{n-1} + h_{n-1}, a_n)$$

Using the mean value theorem, we have

$$f(a_1 + h_1, \dots, a_i + h_i, \dots, a_n) - f(a_1 + h_1, \dots, a_{i-1} + h_{i-1}, \dots, a_n) = h_i D_i f(c_i)$$

where  $c_i = (a_1 + h_1, \dots, b_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) \in B(a, r)$  for some  $b_i \in (a_i, a_i + h_i)$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Using uniform continuity on some (bounded) closed (and therefore compact) rectangle contained in  $U$ , we may choose an  $r > 0$  such that whenever  $|x - y| \leq r$ ,  $|D_i f(x) - D_i f(y)| < \varepsilon/n$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Note that this can be done because all the  $D_i$ 's are continuous on  $U$ . Then, we have, for any  $\|h\| < r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|f(a + h) - f(a) - \sum_{i=1}^n h_i D_i f(a)\|}{\|h\|} &= \frac{\|\sum_{i=1}^n h_i D(c_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n h_i D_i f(a)\|}{\|h\|} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|h_i (D_i f(c_i) - D_i f(a))\|}{\|h\|} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|D_i f(c_i) - D_i f(a)\| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. ■

## 1.1 Inverse and Implicit Function Theorem

**Lemma 1.10.**

**Theorem 1.11 (Inverse Function Theorem).** *Let  $f : U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be continuously differentiable and  $a \in U$  such that  $\det(Df(a)) \neq 0$ . Then, there is an open set  $V$  containing  $a$  and an open set  $W$  containing  $f(a)$  such that the restriction  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is a diffeomorphism.*

*Proof.* Upon composing  $f$  with a suitable linear transformation<sup>1</sup>, we may suppose, without loss of generality that  $Df(a) = \text{id}_{n \times n}$ . Then, we have

$$0 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(a+h) - f(a) - h\|}{\|h\|}$$

and thus, we may shrink  $U$  to a small enough open set such that  $f(x) \neq f(a)$  for all  $x \in U$ . Since  $f$  is continuously differentiable, the function  $\det Df(x)$  is a continuous function, and since  $\det Df(a) \neq 0$ , we may shrink  $U$  further such that  $\det Df(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in U$ .

Using the continuity and therefore uniform continuity of  $D_j f_i$  for each pair  $i, j$ , we may choose a closed rectangle  $A$  in  $U$  such that for all  $x, y \in A$ ,

$$|D_j f_i(x) - D_j f_i(y)| < \frac{1}{2n^2}.$$

Consider now the function  $g(x) = f(x) - x$ . This is also continuously differentiable and for  $x, y \in A$ ,

$$|D_j g_i(x) - D_j g_i(y)| = |D_j f_i(x) - D_j f_i(y)| < \frac{1}{2n^2}$$

Thus, using Lemma 1.10, we have for  $x_1, x_2 \in A$ ,

$$\|(f(x_1) - f(x_2)) - (x_1 - x_2)\| = \|(f(x_1) - x_1) - (f(x_2) - x_2)\| = \|g(x_1) - g(x_2)\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|x_1 - x_2\|,$$

consequently,

$$\|f(x_1) - f(x_2)\| \geq \frac{1}{2} \|x_1 - x_2\|$$

Thus  $f$  restricted to  $A$  is an injective map.

Let  $\gamma$  denote the boundary of  $A$ . Since  $f(\gamma)$  is a compact set not containing  $f(a)$ , there is  $d > 0$  such that for all  $x \in \gamma$ ,  $\|f(a) - f(x)\| \geq d$ . Let  $W = B(f(a), d/2)$ . We contend that for every  $y \in W$ , there is a *unique*  $x \in A$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .

Indeed, consider the function

$$h(x) = \|f(x) - y\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |f_i(x) - y_i|^2.$$

Since  $f$  is a continuous function, so is  $h$  and since  $A$  is compact, there is a point  $x_0 \in A$  at which  $h$  attains its minimum. First, notice that  $x_0$  may not lie on  $\gamma$  since for all  $x \in \gamma$ , by construction, we have  $\|f(a) - y\| < d/2 < \|f(x) - y\|$ .

Since  $x_0$  lies in the interior of  $A$  and the partials  $D_j h$  exist for all  $j$ , we have

$$0 = D_j h(x_0) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (f_i(x_0) - y_i) D_j f_i(x_0).$$

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<sup>1</sup>We may do this as  $\det Df(a) \neq 0$ .



Equivalently, we may write this in matrix form as

$$0 = \begin{bmatrix} D_1 f_1(x_0) & \cdots & D_1 f_n(x_0) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ D_n f_1(x_0) & \cdots & D_n f_n(x_0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_0) - y_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x_0) - y_n \end{bmatrix} = Df(x_0) \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_0) - y_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x_0) - y_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

We have  $\det Df(x_0) \neq 0$  since  $x_0 \in A \subseteq U$ , and thus  $f_i(x_0) = y_i$ , equivalently,  $f(x_0) = y$ . The uniqueness follows from the injectivity of  $f$  on  $A$ .

Let  $V = f^{-1}(W) \cap \text{int}(A)$ . Henceforth, we work with the restriction  $f : V \rightarrow W$ , which we have shown to be a continuously differentiable bijection. It remains to show that the inverse is continuously differentiable. Let  $p : W \rightarrow V$  denote the inverse of  $f$ . Then, we have

$$\|p(y_1) - p(y_2)\| \leq 2\|y_1 - y_2\|$$

for all  $y_1, y_2 \in W$  whence continuity of  $p$  follows. It remains to show the differentiability of  $p$ . ■

$p$  is differentiable

We note that the condition on the continuity of the derivative cannot be dropped from the hypothesis of Theorem 1.11. Indeed, consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{2} + x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

This is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $f'(0) \neq 0$ , but the derivative,

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} - \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 2x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & x \neq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

is not continuous at  $x = 0$ . For sufficiently large  $N$ , consider the point  $x_N = 2/(2N+1)\pi$ . It is not hard to argue that  $f'(x_N) < 0$  whence  $f$  is not injective in any neighborhood containing 0. Thus it may not have an inverse, let alone a differentiable one.

**Theorem 1.12 (Implicit Function Theorem).**

Add in later

# Chapter 2

## Integration

**Definition 2.1 (Oscillation).** Let  $f : A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be bounded and  $a \in A$ . For every  $\delta > 0$ , define

$$M(a, f, \delta) = \sup\{f(x) \mid x \in A, \|x - a\| < \delta\} \quad m(a, f, \delta) = \inf\{f(x) \mid x \in A, \|x - a\| < \delta\}$$

The oscillation of  $f$  at  $a$  is defined by

$$o(f, a) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} (M(a, f, \delta) - m(a, f, \delta))$$

We impose the boundedness condition on  $f$  to make sure that both  $M(a, f, \delta)$  and  $m(a, f, \delta)$  are well defined real numbers. Note that upon fixing  $a$ , the function  $M(a, f, \cdot)$  is a decreasing function of  $\delta > 0$  and  $m(a, f, \cdot)$  is an increasing function of  $\delta > 0$  whereby, the limit exists, since  $M(a, f, \cdot) - m(a, f, \cdot)$  is a decreasing function of  $\delta$  and is bounded below by 0.

**Proposition 2.2.** A bounded function  $f : A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous at  $a \in A$  if and only if  $o(f, a) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $\|x - a\| < \delta$  and  $x \in A$ . Then, for all such  $x$ ,  $M(a, f, \delta) - m(a, f, \delta) < 2\varepsilon$ , consequently,  $o(f, a) = 0$ .

Conversely, suppose  $o(f, a) = 0$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then, there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $M(a, f, \delta) - m(a, f, \delta) < \varepsilon$ . Then, for all  $x \in A$  with  $\|x - a\| < \delta$ , we have

$$-\varepsilon < -(M(a, f, \delta) - m(a, f, \delta)) \leq f(x) - f(a) \leq M(a, f, \delta) - m(a, f, \delta) < \varepsilon.$$

This completes the proof. ■

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be closed. If  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a bounded function and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then the set  $B = \{x \in A \mid o(f, x) \geq \varepsilon\}$  is closed.

*Proof.* We shall show that  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B$  is open. If  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus B$  and  $x \notin A$ , then there is trivially an open rectangle containing  $x$  disjoint from  $A$  and thus from  $B$ . On the other hand, if  $x \in A$ , then there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $M(x, f, \delta) - m(x, f, \delta) < \varepsilon$ . Let  $C$  be an open rectangle contained in the open ball  $B(x, \delta)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (this may contain points not in  $A$ ). Let  $y \in C \cap A$ . Choose  $\delta'$  such that  $B(y, \delta') \subseteq C$ . Then,  $M(y, f, \delta') < M(x, f, \delta)$  and  $m(y, f, \delta') \geq m(x, f, \delta)$  whence  $M(y, f, \delta') - m(y, f, \delta') < \varepsilon$  and  $y \notin B$ . This completes the proof. ■

### 2.1 The Setup

We borrow the idea of partitions from the Riemann Integral of a function of one variable.

**Definition 2.4 (Partition).** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a closed rectangle, i.e.  $A = [a_1, b_1] \times \cdots \times [a_n, b_n]$ . A partition of  $A$  is a collection  $P = (P_1, \dots, P_n)$  where each  $P_i$  given by  $a = t_0^{(i)} < t_1^{(i)} < \cdots < t_{m_i}^{(i)} = b$  is a partition of the interval  $[a_i, b_i]$ .

Rectangles of the form

$$[t_{r_i}^{(1)}, t_{r_i+1}^{(1)}] \times \cdots \times [t_{r_n}^{(n)}, t_{r_n+1}^{(n)}]$$

are called *subrectangles of the partition  $P$* . The collection of subrectangles of  $P$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{S}(P)$ . A partition  $P' = (P'_1, \dots, P'_n)$  is said to *refine*  $P$  if each  $P'_i$  refines  $P_i$ .

**Definition 2.5 (Integral).** Let  $f : A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded function on a closed rectangle  $A$  and let  $P$  be a partition of  $A$ . For each  $S \in \mathcal{S}(P)$  define

$$m_S(f) := \inf\{f(x) \mid x \in S\} \quad \text{and} \quad M_S(f) := \sup\{f(x) \mid x \in S\}.$$

Using this, we define the *upper and lower sums of  $f$  for the partition  $P$*  as

$$L(f, P) := \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}(P)} m_S(f) v(S) \quad \text{and} \quad U(f, P) := \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}(P)} M_S(f) v(S).$$

The function  $f$  is said to be *integrable over  $A$*  if

$$\mathbf{L} \int_A f := \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}(A)} L(f, P) = \inf_{P \in \mathcal{P}(A)} U(f, P) =: \mathbf{U} \int_A f.$$

This common value is called the *integral of  $f$  over  $A$*  and is denoted by either

$$\int_A f \quad \text{or} \quad \int_A f(x^1, \dots, x^n) dx^1 \cdots dx^n.$$

**Lemma 2.6.** Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is a closed rectangle and  $P, P' \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ .

- (a) If  $P'$  refines  $P$ , then  $L(f, P) \leq L(f, P')$  and  $U(f, P') \leq U(f, P)$ .
- (b)  $L(f, P') \leq U(f, P)$ .

*Proof.* (a) Straightforward computation.

- (b) Let  $P'' = P \cup P' := (P_1 \cup P'_1, \dots, P_n \cup P'_n)$ . Then  $P''$  refines both  $P$  and  $P'$  whence

$$L(f, P') \leq L(f, P'') \leq U(f, P'') \leq U(f, P).$$

■

**Proposition 2.7.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a closed rectangle and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a bounded function. Then  $f$  is integrable if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is  $P \in \mathcal{P}(A)$  such that  $U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $f$  is integrable. Then, there are partitions  $P, P' \in \mathcal{P}(A)$  such that

$$\int_A f - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < L(f, P) \leq U(f, P') < \int_A f + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Let  $P'' \in \mathcal{P}$  refine both  $P$  and  $P'$ . Then,

$$\int_A f - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < L(f, P) \leq L(f, P'') \leq U(f, P'') \leq U(f, P') < \int_A f + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

whence  $U(f, P'') - L(f, P'') < \varepsilon$ . The converse is trivial to prove. ■

**Lemma 2.8.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be a closed rectangle,  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a bounded function and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $o(f, x) < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in A$ . Then there is a partition  $P \in \mathcal{P}(A)$  such that  $U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \varepsilon v(A)$ .

*Proof.* ■

**Definition 2.9 (Integration over Jordan measurable sets).** Let  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a Jordan measurable set and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  a bounded function on a closed rectangle  $A$  containing  $C$ . Then, we define

$$\int_C f = \int_A \chi_C \cdot f.$$

## 2.2 Fubini's Theorem

**Theorem 2.10 (Fubini).** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  be closed rectangles and  $f : A \times B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded integrable function. Denote by  $g_x$  the function  $f(x, \cdot) : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and let

$$\mathfrak{L}(x) = \mathbf{L} \int_B g_x \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{U}(x) = \mathbf{U} \int_B g_x.$$

Then  $\mathfrak{L}, \mathfrak{U} : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are integrable and

$$\int_A \mathfrak{L} = \int_{A \times B} f = \int_A \mathfrak{U}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $P$  be a partition of  $A \times B$ . Then,  $P$  is of the form  $(P_A, P_B)$  where  $P_A$  is a partition of  $A$  and  $P_B$  is a partition of  $B$ . Then, every subrectangle in  $\mathcal{S}(P)$  is of the form  $S_A \times S_B$  where  $S_A \in \mathcal{S}(P_A)$  and  $S_B \in \mathcal{S}(P_B)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} L(f, P) &= \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}(P)} m_S(f) v(S) \\ &= \sum_{S_A \in \mathcal{S}(P_A)} \sum_{S_B \in \mathcal{S}(P_B)} m_{S_A \times S_B}(f) v(S_A \times S_B) \\ &= \sum_{S_A \in \mathcal{S}(P_A)} \left( \sum_{S_B \in \mathcal{S}(P_B)} m_{S_A \times S_B}(f) v(S_B) \right) v(S_A) \\ &\leq \sum_{S_A \in \mathcal{S}(P_A)} \left( \sum_{S_B \in \mathcal{S}(P_B)} m_{S_B}(g_x) v(S_B) \right) v(S_A) \\ &\leq \sum_{S_A \in \mathcal{S}(P_A)} \left( \mathbf{L} \int_B g_x \right) v(S_A) = \sum_{S_A \in \mathcal{S}(P_A)} \mathfrak{L}(x) v(S_A) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in S_A$ . Therefore,

$$L(f, P) \leq \sum_{S_A \in \mathcal{S}(P_A)} m_{S_A}(\mathfrak{L}(x)) v(S_A) = L(\mathfrak{L}, P_A).$$

Using a similar argument, we obtain  $U(f, P) \geq U(\mathfrak{U}, P_A)$  whence

$$L(f, P) \leq L(\mathfrak{L}, P_A) \leq \underbrace{U(\mathfrak{L}, P_A) \leq U(\mathfrak{U}, P_A)}_{\mathfrak{L} \leq \mathfrak{U} \text{ for all } x \in A} \leq U(f, P).$$

Since  $f$  is integrable, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a partition  $P$  of  $A \times B$  such that  $U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \varepsilon$  whence  $U(\mathfrak{L}, P_A) - L(\mathfrak{L}, P_A) < \varepsilon$ , implying that  $\mathfrak{L}$  is integrable over  $A$  and

$$\int_{A \times B} f = \int_A \mathfrak{L}.$$

A similar argument can be applied for  $\mathfrak{U}$ . This completes the proof. ■

## 2.3 Partitions of Unity

### 2.3.1 The Bump Function

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right) & x > 0 \\ 0 & x \leq 0 \end{cases}.$$

It is not hard to argue that  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ . Consider now  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$g(x) = f(1-x)f(1+x).$$

Then  $g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and  $g$  is nonzero only on  $(-1, 1)$  and is positive there. Define

$$h(x) = \frac{\int_0^x g\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) dx}{\int_0^1 g\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) dx}.$$

Then  $h \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $h(x) = 0$  for all  $x \leq 0$  and  $h(x) = 1$  for all  $x \geq 1$ .

Let now  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open and  $C \subseteq U$  a compact subset. For each  $a \in C$ , there is an  $\varepsilon_a > 0$  such that the cube

$$a \in \underbrace{[a_1 - \varepsilon_a, a_1 + \varepsilon_a] \times \cdots \times [a_n - \varepsilon_a, a_n + \varepsilon_a]}_{Q_a} \subseteq U.$$

Consider the function  $F_a : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  given by

$$F_a(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n f\left(\frac{x_i - a_i}{\varepsilon_a}\right).$$

Then,  $F_a(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \text{Int } Q_a$  and  $F_a(x) = 0$  for all  $x \notin Q_a$ . The collection  $\{\text{Int } Q_a\}_{a \in C}$  forms an open cover of  $C$  whence has a finite subcover, say  $\{Q_{a_1}, \dots, Q_{a_m}\}$ . Let

$$F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m F_{a_i}(x).$$

Then,  $F(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in C$  and  $F(x) = 0$  for all  $x \notin Q := \bigcup_{i=1}^m Q_{a_i}$ , which is a closed (in fact, compact) set contained in  $U$ .

Let  $\delta := \inf_{x \in C} F(x)$ . Since  $C$  is compact, this minimum is achieved somewhere in  $C$  and thus is nonzero. Consider the composition  $G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  given by

$$G(x) := h(F(x)/\delta).$$

Then  $G(x)$  is a  $C^\infty$  function such that

- $G(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in C$ ,
- $G(x) = 0$  for all  $x \notin Q$ ,
- and thus  $\text{Supp}(G) \subseteq Q \subseteq U$  is a compact set.

This is called the *bump function*.

## 2.3.2 Constructing Partitions of Unity

**Lemma 2.11.** Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set. Then, there is an ascending chain of compact sets  $K_1 \subseteq K_2 \subseteq \dots$  such that  $K_i \subseteq \text{Int } K_{i+1}$  and  $U \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} K_i$ .

*Proof.* ■

**Theorem 2.12.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  be an open cover of  $A$ . Then, there is a collection  $\Phi$  of  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  functions with the following properties:

- (a) For each  $x \in A$  and  $\varphi \in \Phi$ ,  $0 \leq \varphi(x) \leq 1$ .
- (b) For each  $\varphi \in \Phi$ , there is an open set  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $\text{Supp}(\varphi) \subseteq U$ .
- (c) The collection  $\{\text{Supp}(\varphi) \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}$  is a locally finite collection of compact sets.
- (d) For each  $x \in A$ ,  $\sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \varphi(x) = 1$ . This makes sense since only finitely many of the  $\varphi$  are nonzero for any  $x \in A$ .

Such a collection is called a partition of unity for  $A$  subordinate to  $\mathcal{U}$ .

*Proof.* There are three steps in this proof. First, we construct a partition of unity in the case when  $A$  is compact. Then, for an open  $A$ , we use the compact exhaustion of  $A$  to construct a partition of unity and finally, the case for an arbitrary  $A$  follows immediately, as we shall see.

**Case 1.**  $A$  is compact.

**Case 2.**  $A$  is open.

**Case 3.**  $A$  is arbitrary. ■

**Remark 2.3.1.** Since  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is second countable, every open cover of  $A$  can be reduced to a countable open cover of  $A$  whence we may choose our partition of unity to contain only countably many terms.

**Definition 2.13 (Extended Integral).** An open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of an open set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be *admissible* if each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  is contained in  $A$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that for all  $x \in A$ ,  $f$  is bounded in some open set containing  $x$  and the set of discontinuities of  $f$  in  $A$  has measure 0, then,  $f$  is said to be *integrable in the extended sense* if the sum

$$\sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_A \varphi \cdot |f|$$

converges for some countable partition of unity subordinate to  $\mathcal{U}$ . The integral of  $f$  is now defined as

$$\sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_A \varphi \cdot f.$$

Recall that due to Remark 2.3.1, we know that every admissible open cover admits a countable partition of unity subordinate to it.

**Theorem 2.14.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open,  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function.

(a) Let  $\Psi$  be another partition of unity subordinate to an admissible cover  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $A$ , then  $\sum_{\psi \in \Psi} \int_A \psi \cdot |f|$  also converges and

$$\sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_A \varphi \cdot f = \sum_{\psi \in \Psi} \int_A \psi \cdot F.$$

(b) If  $A$  and  $f$  are bounded, then  $f$  is integrable in the extended sense.

(c) If  $A$  is Jordan-measurable and  $f$  is bounded, then this definition of  $\int_A f$  agrees with the old one.

*Proof.* ■

## 2.4 Change of Variables

**Theorem 2.15.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set and  $g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  an injective, continuously differentiable function such that  $\det(Dg(x)) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in A$ . If  $f : g(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is integrable, then

$$\int_{g(A)} f = \int_A (f \circ g) |\det Dg|$$

*Proof.* ■

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# **Part II**

# **Manifolds**



# Chapter 3

## Smooth Manifolds

### 3.1 Topological manifolds

**Definition 3.1 (Locally Euclidean).** A topological space  $X$  is said to be *locally Euclidean of dimension  $n$*  if every  $x \in X$  has a neighborhood  $U \subseteq X$  that is homeomorphic to an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Definition 3.2 (Manifold).** A *topological manifold of dimension  $n$*  is a topological space which is Hausdorff, second countable and locally Euclidean of dimension  $n$ .

**Remark 3.1.1.** Recall from Algebraic Topology, that an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is homeomorphic to an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  only if  $m = n$ . This is proved using the Excision Theorem. Therefore, the dimension of a manifold is unambiguously defined.

**Definition 3.3 (Chart).** Let  $M$  be a topological  $n$ -manifold. A *coordinate chart* on  $M$  is a pair  $(U, \varphi)$  where  $U$  is an open set of  $M$  and  $\varphi : U \rightarrow \widehat{U}$  is a homeomorphism from  $U$  to an open subset  $\widehat{U} = \varphi(U) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ . The chart  $(U, \varphi)$  is said to be *centered* at  $p \in M$  if  $\varphi(p) = 0$ .

If  $\widehat{U}$  is an open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  then  $U$  is said to be a *coordinate ball*, and similarly, if  $\widehat{U}$  is an open cube in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $U$  is said to be a *coordinate cube*.

The map  $\varphi$  is called a *local coordinate map* and the component functions  $(x^1, \dots, x^n)$  of  $\varphi$  defined by  $\varphi(p) = (x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p))$  are called *local coordinates* on  $U$ .

An *atlas*  $\mathcal{A}$  is a collection  $\{(U_i, \varphi_i)\}_{i \in I}$  such that  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  forms an open cover of  $M$ .

**Example 3.4 (The Product Manifold).** Let  $M_1, \dots, M_k$  be topological manifolds of dimensions  $n_1, \dots, n_k$  respectively. Then, the topological space  $M_1 \times \dots \times M_k$  is Hausdorff and second countable. Further, let  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_k) \in M_1 \times \dots \times M_k$ . Then, for each index  $j$ , there is a coordinate chart  $(U_j, \varphi_j)$  containing  $p_j$ . It is not hard to argue that

$$\varphi_1 \times \dots \times \varphi_k : M_1 \times \dots \times M_k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_1 + \dots + n_k}$$

is an embedding and thus  $M_1 \times \dots \times M_k$  is a manifold of dimension  $n_1 + \dots + n_k$ .

From the above example, we see that the  $n$ -dimensional torus  $\mathbb{T}^n = \underbrace{\mathbb{S}^1 \times \dots \times \mathbb{S}^1}_{n\text{-times}}$  is an  $n$ -dimensional topological manifold.

### 3.1.1 Some Topological Properties

**Lemma 3.5.** *Manifolds are locally compact Hausdorff.*

*Proof.* Straightforward. ■

**Lemma 3.6.** *Manifolds are paracompact.*

*Proof.* Every regular Lindelöf space is paracompact. ■

## 3.2 Smooth Structure

**Definition 3.7 (Smooth Atlas).** Let  $M$  be a topological  $n$ -manifold. The charts  $(U, \varphi)$  and  $(V, \psi)$  on  $M$  are said to be *smoothly compatible* if

$$\psi \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U \cap V) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \psi(U \cap V) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

is a diffeomorphism. An atlas  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be a *smooth atlas* if any two charts in  $\mathcal{A}$  are smoothly compatible. An atlas  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be *maximal* if it is a maximal element in the poset of all atlases on  $M$ .

**Definition 3.8 (Smooth Manifold).** Let  $M$  be a topological  $n$ -manifold. A *smooth structure* on  $M$  is a maximal smooth atlas. A *smooth manifold* is a pair  $(M, \mathcal{A})$  where  $M$  is a topological manifold and  $\mathcal{A}$  is a smooth structure on  $M$ .

**Remark 3.2.1.** *There exist topological manifolds that admit no smooth structures at all. There is one such compact 10-dimensional manifold due to Kervaire.*

**Proposition 3.9.** *Let  $M$  be a topological manifold.*

- (a) *Every smooth atlas  $\mathcal{A}$  for  $M$  is contained in a unique maximal smooth atlas.*
- (b) *Two smooth atlases for  $M$  determine the same smooth structure if and only if their union is a smooth atlas<sup>a</sup>.*

<sup>a</sup>This is equivalent to requiring the charts in both the atlases to be compatible with one another.

*Proof.* (a) Let  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$  denote the set of all charts on  $M$  which are smoothly compatible with every chart in  $\mathcal{A}$ . This obviously contains  $\mathcal{A}$ . We contend that this is a smooth structure on  $M$ .

Let  $(U, \varphi)$  and  $(V, \psi)$  be two elements of  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$  we shall show that they are smoothly compatible. We need only check this when both are not in  $\mathcal{A}$ . We shall show that  $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$  is smooth. The same proof would show that  $\varphi \circ \psi^{-1}$  is smooth whereby both are diffeomorphisms.

Let  $x \in \varphi(U \cap V)$ . Then there is a unique  $p \in U \cap V$  with  $\varphi(p) = x$ . Let  $(W, \theta)$  be a chart in  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $x \in W$ . Since this chart is smoothly compatible with  $(U, \varphi)$  and  $(V, \psi)$ , the maps

$$\psi \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U \cap V) \rightarrow \psi(W \cap V) \quad \text{and} \quad \theta \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(W \cap U) \rightarrow \theta(W \cap U)$$

are smooth, whence the composition

$$\psi \circ \varphi^{-1} = (\psi \circ \theta^{-1}) \circ (\theta \circ \varphi^{-1})$$

is smooth on a neighborhood of  $x$ . Since this is true for all  $x \in \varphi(U \cap V)$ , we have that  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$  is a smooth atlas.

Now, if  $\mathcal{B}$  is any other smooth atlas containing  $\mathcal{A}$ , then every chart in  $\mathcal{B}$  is smoothly compatible with every chart in  $\mathcal{A}$  whence  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{A}}$ . This proves both uniqueness and maximality.

- (b) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be the two atlases on  $M$ . Due to (a),  $\overline{\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}}$  is a smooth structure containing  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ . Due to uniqueness of the smooth structure, we are done. ■

**Remark 3.2.2.** It is not necessary that a topological manifold admits exactly one smooth structure. Take for example the topological manifold  $\mathbb{R}$  and two homeomorphisms  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}$  and  $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $\psi(x) = x^3$ . We have two atlases  $\{\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}\}$  and  $\{\psi\}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and thus they give rise to two smooth structures on  $\mathbb{R}$ . We note that these structures are not the same since  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}$  and  $\psi$  are not smoothly compatible. Indeed,  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}} \circ \psi^{-1} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the map  $x \mapsto x^{1/3}$  which is not smooth.

**Definition 3.10.** If  $M$  is a smooth manifold, any chart  $(U, \varphi)$  contained in the given maximal smooth atlas is called a *smooth chart* and the corresponding coordinate map  $\varphi$  is called a *smooth coordinate map*.

A *smooth coordinate domain* is the domain of some smooth coordinate chart. A *smooth coordinate ball* is a smooth coordinate domain whose image under a smooth coordinate map is a ball in Euclidean space.

A set  $B \subseteq M$  is called a *regular coordinate ball* if there is a smooth coordinate ball  $B' \supseteq \overline{B}$  and a smooth coordinate map  $\varphi : B' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that for some positive reals  $r < r'$ ,

$$\varphi(B) = B(0, r), \quad \varphi(\overline{B}) = \overline{B(0, r)}, \quad \varphi(B') = B(0, r').$$

In particular, every regular coordinate ball is precompact in  $M$ .

**Proposition 3.11.** Every smooth manifold has a countable basis of regular coordinate balls.

*Proof.* It suffices to find a basis of regular coordinate balls since a countable basis can then be extracted from it, as is well known. For any  $p \in M$ , let  $\varphi_p : U_p \rightarrow \widehat{U}_p$  be a smooth coordinate map with  $p \in U_p$ . Let  $r_p > 0$  be such that  $B(\varphi_p(p), r_p) \subseteq \widehat{U}_p$ . It is not hard to see that the collection

$$\left\{ \varphi_p^{-1}(B(\varphi_p(p), r)) \mid 0 < r < r_p, p \in M \right\}$$

forms a basis and each element is a regular coordinate ball. This completes the proof. ■

**Lemma 3.12 (Smooth Manifold Chart Lemma).** Let  $M$  be a set, and suppose a collection  $\{(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)\}$  is given such that

- (a) Each  $\varphi_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow \widehat{U}_\alpha \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a bijection where  $\widehat{U}_\alpha$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (b) For each  $\alpha, \beta$ , the sets  $\varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$  and  $\varphi_\beta(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$  are open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (c) Whenever  $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \neq \emptyset$ , the map  $\varphi_\beta \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1} : \varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta) \rightarrow \varphi_\beta(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$  is smooth.
- (d) A countable subcollection of  $\{U_\alpha\}$  covers  $M$ .
- (e) Whenever  $p \neq q$  are distinct points in  $M$ , either there is some  $U_\alpha$  containing both  $p$  and  $q$  or there exist disjoint sets  $U_\alpha, U_\beta$  with  $p \in U_\alpha$  and  $q \in U_\beta$ .

Then  $M$  has a unique smooth manifold structure such that each  $(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)$  is a smooth chart.

*Proof.* We begin by first topologizing  $M$ . Let

$$\mathcal{B} := \{\varphi_\alpha^{-1}(V) \mid V \subseteq \widehat{U}_\alpha \text{ is open}\}.$$

We contend that  $\mathcal{B}$  forms a basis for some topology on  $M$ . Indeed, let  $V \subseteq \widehat{U}_\alpha$  and  $W \subseteq \widehat{U}_\beta$  be open sets and  $p \in \varphi_\alpha^{-1}(V) \cap \varphi_\beta^{-1}(W)$ . We have

$$\varphi_\alpha^{-1}(V) \cap \varphi_\beta^{-1}(W) = \varphi_\alpha^{-1}(V \cap (\varphi_\beta \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1})^{-1}(W))$$

which is an element of  $\mathcal{B}$  since  $\varphi_\beta \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1}$  is a smooth and thus continuous map.

Along with this topology, each  $\varphi_\alpha$  is an open continuous map which is also a bijection on  $\widehat{U}_\alpha$  whence it is a homeomorphism. That  $M$  is Hausdorff follows almost immediately from (e). Indeed, let  $p \neq q \in M$ . If there are disjoint  $U_\alpha, U_\beta$  containing  $p$  and  $q$  respectively, then we have a separation. If not, then  $p, q \in U_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha$ . Let  $V, W$  be a separation of  $\varphi_\alpha(p), \varphi_\alpha(q)$  in  $\widehat{U}_\alpha$ , then  $\varphi_\alpha^{-1}(V)$  and  $\varphi_\alpha^{-1}(W)$  forms a separation of  $p, q$  in  $U_\alpha$ .

Next, we must show that  $M$  is second countable. Note that each  $U_\alpha$  is second countable, owing to it being homeomorphic to an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and since a countable number of  $U_\alpha$ 's cover  $M$ , we have that  $M$  is second countable.

Finally, (c) guarantees that the collection  $\{(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)\}$  is a smooth atlas and is therefore contained in a unique smooth structure. This completes the proof. ■

The above lemma will be useful in defining the tangent bundle on a smooth manifold.

### 3.3 Manifolds with Boundary

**Definition 3.13 (Manifold with Boundary).** An  $n$ -dimensional manifold with boundary is a second countable Hausdorff space  $M$  in which every point has a neighborhood homeomorphic either to an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or an open subset of  $\mathbb{H}^n$  in the subspace topology.

A chart on  $M$  is a pair  $(U, \varphi)$  where  $U \subseteq M$  is an open subset and  $\varphi : U \rightarrow \widehat{U}$  is a homeomorphism onto either an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or an open subset of  $\mathbb{H}^n$ . In the former case, the chart is called an *interior chart* and in the latter case, it is called a *boundary chart*.

A point  $p \in M$  is called an *interior point* of  $M$  if it is in the domain of some interior chart and similarly, it is called a *boundary point* of  $M$  if it is in the domain of a boundary chart  $(U, \varphi)$  such that  $\varphi(p) \in \partial\mathbb{H}^n$ .

The set of all interior points in  $M$  is denoted by  $\text{Int } M$  and the set of all boundary points in  $M$  is denoted by  $\partial M$ .

**Remark 3.3.1.** From the above definitions, it is obvious that every manifold is a manifold with boundary but the converse is not true. This is illustrated in the following theorem, whose proof we postpone. In particular, if the boundary of a manifold with boundary is nontrivial, then it is not a manifold.

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**Theorem 3.14 (Topological Invariance of Boundary).** Let  $M$  be a topological manifold with boundary. Then,  $M = \partial M \sqcup \text{Int } M$ . That is, the boundary and interior of  $M$  are disjoint sets whose union is all of  $M$ .

**Proposition 3.15.** Let  $M$  be a topological  $n$ -manifold with boundary. Then

- (a)  $\text{Int } M$  is an open subset of  $M$  and a topological  $n$ -manifold.
- (b)  $\partial M$  is a closed subset of  $M$  and a topological  $(n - 1)$ -manifold.

(c)  $M$  is a topological manifold if and only if  $\partial M = \emptyset$ .

(d) If  $n = 0$ , then  $\partial M = \emptyset$  and  $M$  is a 0-manifold.

### 3.4 Smooth Maps

**Definition 3.16.** Let  $M$  and  $N$  be smooth manifolds with or without boundary and  $A \subseteq M$ . A map  $F : A \rightarrow N$  is said to be *smooth on  $A$*  if for every  $p \in A$  there is an open neighborhood  $W \subseteq M$  and a smooth map  $\tilde{F} : W \rightarrow N$  whose restriction to  $W \cap A$  agrees with  $F$ .

### 3.5 Partition of Unity

**Definition 3.17 (Partition of Unity).** Let  $M$  be a topological space and  $\mathcal{U}$  an open cover of  $M$  indexed by a set  $J$ . A *partition of unity subordinate to  $\mathcal{U}$*  is an indexed family  $(\psi_\alpha)$  of continuous functions  $\psi_\alpha : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the following properties:

1.  $0 \leq \psi_\alpha(x) \leq 1$  for all  $\alpha \in J$  and  $x \in M$ .
2.  $\text{Supp}(\psi_\alpha) \subseteq U_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in J$
3. The set  $\{\text{Supp}(\psi_\alpha)\}$  is locally finite.
4.  $\sum_{\alpha \in J} \psi_\alpha(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in M$ .

A partition of unity is said to be *smooth* if each  $\psi_\alpha$  is a smooth function.

**Theorem 3.18.** Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold with or without boundary and  $\mathcal{U} = (U_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J}$  be an indexed open cover of  $M$ . Then there is a smooth partition of unity subordinate to  $\mathcal{U}$ .

**Definition 3.19 (Bump function).** Let  $M$  be a topological space,  $A \subseteq M$  a closed subset and  $U \subseteq M$  an open subset containing  $A$ . A continuous function  $\psi : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a *bump function for  $A$  supported in  $U$*  if  $0 \leq \psi \leq 1$  on  $M$ ,  $\psi|_A = 1$  and  $\text{Supp } \psi \subseteq U$ .

**Proposition 3.20.** Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold with or without boundary. For any closed subset  $A \subseteq M$  and any open subset  $U \subseteq M$  containing  $A$ , there is a smooth bump function on  $A$  supported in  $U$ .

*Proof.* The collection  $\{U, M \setminus A\}$  is an open cover of  $M$  and thus has a smooth partition of unity  $\{\psi_1, \psi_2\}$  subordinate to it with  $\text{Supp}(\psi_1) \subseteq U$  and  $\psi_1 + \psi_2 = 1$  on  $M$ . Since  $\text{Supp}(\psi_2) \subseteq M \setminus A$ , we have  $\psi_2|_A = 0$  whence  $\psi_1|_A = 1$  and thus  $\psi_1$  is the desired smooth bump function. ■

**Lemma 3.21 (Extension Lemma for Smooth Maps into  $\mathbb{R}^k$ ).** Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold with or without boundary,  $A \subseteq M$  a closed subset and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  a smooth function. For any open subset  $U$  containing  $A$ , there is a smooth function  $\tilde{f} : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  such that  $\tilde{f}|_A = f$  and  $\text{Supp } \tilde{f} \subseteq U$ .

*Proof.* For each  $a \in A$ , by definition, there is an open neighborhood  $W_a$  of  $a$  and a function  $\tilde{f}_p :$  ■

Complete proof. Simple application of POU

# Chapter 4

## Tangent Spaces

### 4.1 Tangent Vectors

#### 4.1.1 On $\mathbb{R}^n$

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . A map  $w : C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a *derivation at  $a$*  if it is linear over  $\mathbb{R}$  and satisfies the product rule:

$$w(fg) = f(a)w(g) + g(a)w(f).$$

Denote by  $T_a\mathbb{R}^n$  the set of all derivations of  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  at  $a$ . This is obviously a vector space under the operations:

$$(w_1 + w_2)(f) = w_1(f) + w_2(f) \quad \text{and} \quad (cw)(f) = cw(f)$$

for all  $w_1, w_2 \in T_a\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** Suppose  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $w \in T_a\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f, g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

(a) If  $f$  is a constant function, then  $w(f) = 0$ .

(b) If  $f(a) = g(a) = 0$ , then  $w(fg) = 0$ .

*Proof.* (a) Let  $f \equiv c \in \mathbb{R}$ . First, consider the constant function  $g \equiv 1 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Note that  $g = g^2$  and thus

$$w(g) = w(g^2) = g(a)w(g) + g(a)w(g) = 2w(g)$$

whence  $w(g) = 0$  and  $w(f) = cw(g) = 0$ .

(b) Trivial. ■

For a vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and a point  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $D_v|_a$  denote the *directional derivative* at  $a$  in the direction of  $v$ , which is given by

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} f(a + vt) \right|_{t=0}$$

It is not hard to see that  $D_v|_a \in T_a\mathbb{R}^n$ . Indeed, if  $f, g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_v|_a(fg) &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} (f(a + vt)g(a + vt)) \right|_{t=0} \\ &= f(a) \left. \frac{d}{dt} g(a + vt) \right|_{t=0} + g(a) \left. \frac{d}{dt} f(a + vt) \right|_{t=0} \\ &= f(a)D_v|_a(g) + g(a)D_v|_a(f). \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 4.3.** The map  $v_a \mapsto D_v|_a$  is an isomorphism of vector spaces from  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_a\mathbb{R}^n$ .

*Proof.* Call this map  $\Phi$ . The fact that  $\Phi$  is a linear transformation follows from

$$D_v|_a(f) = v \cdot \nabla(f)(a).$$

Next, we shall show that it is injective. Let  $v_a \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $D_v|_a \equiv 0$ . Consider the function  $\pi_j : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which is the projection on the  $j$ -th coordinate. This is obviously in  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then, we have

$$0 = D_v|_a(\pi_j) = \frac{d}{dt}(a^j + v^j t) = v^j$$

whence  $v = 0$  and the kernel of  $\Phi$  is trivial.

Lastly, we must show that  $\Phi$  is a surjection. Let  $w \in T_a\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Due to , we may write

$$f(x) = f(a) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(a)(x^i - a^i) + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n (x^i - a^i)(x^j - a^j) \int_0^1 (1-t) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(a + t(x-a)) dt.$$

Reference  
Taylor's  
Theorem

Evaluating this at  $x = a$ , we have that

$$w(f)(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(a)w(x^i) = D_v|_a(f)$$

where  $v = (w(x^1), \dots, w(x^n))$ . This completes the proof. ■

**Corollary 4.4.** For  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the  $n$  derivations

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right|_a, \dots, \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n} \right|_a$$

form a basis for  $T_a\mathbb{R}^n$ , which therefore has dimension  $n$ .

### 4.1.2 On a Manifold

**Definition 4.5.** Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold with or without boundary and let  $p \in M$ . A linear map  $w : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a *derivation at  $p$*  if it obeys the product rule:

$$w(fg) = f(p)w(g) + g(p)w(f) \quad \text{for all } f, g \in C^\infty(M).$$

The set of all derivations of  $C^\infty(M)$  at  $p$ , denoted by  $T_p M$  is a vector space called the *tangent space to  $M$  at  $p$* . An element of  $T_p M$  is called a *tangent vector to  $M$  at  $p$* .

**Lemma 4.6.** Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold with or without boundary,  $p \in M$ ,  $w \in T_p M$  and  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$ .

(a) If  $f$  is a constant function then  $w(f) = 0$ .

(b) If  $f(p) = g(p) = 0$ , then  $w(fg) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Same as the proof for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . ■

**Lemma 4.7.** Let  $p \in M$  and  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$  such that  $f = g$  in some open neighborhood of  $p$ . Then, for any  $v \in T_p M$ ,  $v(f) = v(g)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $h = f - g \in C^\infty(M)$  and  $p \in U$  be a neighborhood on which  $h$  vanishes. The collection  $\{M \setminus \{p\}, U\}$  is an open cover of  $M$  whence there is a smooth partition of unity  $\{\psi, \psi'\}$  subordinate to it.

Note that for all  $x \in M \setminus U$ ,  $\psi(x) = 1$  and  $\psi'(x) = 0$  whence  $\psi \cdot h = h$  on all of  $M$  and  $\psi(p) = 0 = h(p)$  and thus

$$0 = v(\psi \cdot h) = v(h) = v(f) - v(g). \quad \blacksquare$$

## 4.2 Differential of a Smooth Map

**Definition 4.8 (Differential).** Let  $M$  and  $N$  be smooth manifolds with or without boundary and  $F : M \rightarrow N$  a smooth map. For each  $p \in M$ , the *differential of  $F$  at  $p$*  is the map

$$dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$$

given by

$$dF_p(v)(f) = v(f \circ F)$$

for all  $f \in C^\infty(N)$ .

**Proposition 4.9.** The map  $dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$  is a linear transformation.

*Proof.* Let  $v \in T_p M$ . Then, for  $f, g \in C^\infty(N)$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$dF_p(v)(f + cg) = v((f + cg) \circ F) = v(f \circ F + cg \circ F) = v(f \circ F) + v(cg \circ F) = v(f \circ F) + cv(g \circ F),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} dF_p(v)(fg) &= v((fg) \circ F) \\ &= v((f \circ F)(g \circ F)) \\ &= (f \circ F)(p)v(g \circ F) + (g \circ F)(p)v(f \circ F) \\ &= f(F(p))v(g \circ F) + g(F(p))v(f \circ F). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $dF_p(v)$  is indeed a derivation on  $N$  at  $p$ .

Next, we must show that  $dF_p$  is a linear transformation. Indeed, if  $v, w \in T_p M$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have for all  $f \in C^\infty(N)$ ,

$$dF_p(v + cw)(f) = (v + cw)(f \circ F) = v(f \circ F) + cw(f \circ F) = dF_p(v) + cdF_p(w).$$

This completes the proof. \blacksquare

**Proposition 4.10.** Let  $M, N$  and  $P$  be smooth manifolds with or without boundary, let  $F : M \rightarrow N$  and  $G : N \rightarrow P$  be smooth maps and let  $p \in M$ .

(a)  $d(G \circ F)_p = dG_{F(p)} \circ dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{G \circ F(p)} P.$

(b)  $d(\text{id}_M)_p = \text{id}_{T_p M} : T_p M \rightarrow T_p M.$



(c) If  $F$  is a diffeomorphism, then  $dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$  is an isomorphism, and  $(dF_p)^{-1} = d(F^{-1})_{F(p)}$ .

*Proof.* (a) This is almost by definition. Let  $f \in C^\infty(P)$  and  $v \in T_p M$ . Then,

$$d(G \circ F)_p(v)(f) = v(f \circ G \circ F) = v((f \circ G) \circ F)$$

and

$$dG_{F(p)}(dF_p(v))(f) = dF_p(v)(f \circ G) = v(f \circ G \circ F).$$

(b) For any  $v \in T_p M$  and  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ ,

$$d(\text{id}_M)_p(v)(f) = v(f \circ \text{id}_M) = v(f).$$

(c) Let  $G = F^{-1}$ . From (a) and (b),

$$\text{id}_{T_p M} = dG_{F(p)} \circ dF_p,$$

whence the conclusion follows. ■

In particular, Proposition 4.10 shows that the map  $T : \mathbf{Diff}_* \rightarrow \mathbf{Vec}$  which maps

$$(M, p) \mapsto T_p M \quad \text{and} \quad [F : (M, p) \rightarrow (N, F(p))] \mapsto [dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N]$$

is a *covariant functor*. We shall see a similar functor from  $\mathbf{Diff}$  to  $\mathbf{Diff}$  in an upcoming section.

**Lemma 4.11.** *Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold with or without boundary, let  $U \subseteq M$  be an open subset (and thus a manifold in its own right) and let  $\iota : U \hookrightarrow M$  be the inclusion map. For every  $p \in U$ , the differential  $d\iota_p : T_p U \rightarrow T_p M$  is an isomorphism of vector spaces.*

*Proof.* ■

**Proposition 4.12.** *Let  $M$  be a smooth  $n$ -manifold (without boundary). Then for any  $p \in M$ ,  $T_p M$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector space.*

*Proof.* Let  $(U, \varphi)$  be a smooth chart containing  $p$ . Due to the preceding lemma,  $T_p U$  is isomorphic to  $T_p M$  as vector spaces. Thus, it suffices to show that  $T_p U$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector space. We have a diffeomorphism  $\varphi : U \rightarrow \hat{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  whence  $d\varphi_p : T_p U \rightarrow T_{\varphi(p)} \hat{U}$  is an isomorphism of vector spaces but since the latter is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (as a vector space) as we have seen earlier, we are done. ■

### 4.3 The Tangent Bundle

**Definition 4.13 (Tangent Bundle).** Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold with or without boundary. The *tangent bundle* of  $M$ , denoted by  $TM$  is defined as

$$TM = \coprod_{p \in M} T_p M.$$

This is equipped with the natural projection  $\pi : TM \rightarrow M$  which maps every vector in  $T_p M$  to  $p \in M$ .

<b>Topology on <math>TM</math> for a manifold.</b>
Let $M$ be a smooth manifold (without boundary). We shall use Lemma 3.12 to construct a smooth structure on $TM$ . Let $(U, \varphi)$ be a smooth chart for $M$

**Definition 4.14 (Global Differential).** Let  $M$  and  $N$  be smooth manifold with or without boundary and Let  $F : M \rightarrow N$  be a smooth map. The *global differential* or *global tangent map* is a map  $dF : TM \rightarrow TN$  which maps  $v \in T_p M$  to  $dF_p(v) \in T_{F(p)} N$ .

In other words, the global differential obtained by simply stitching together the  $dF_p$ 's for all  $p \in M$ .

# Chapter 5

## Submersions and Immersions

### 5.1 Maps of Constant Rank

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $F : M \rightarrow N$  be a map between smooth manifolds with or without boundary. For a point  $p \in M$ , define the *rank of  $F$  at  $p$*  to be the rank of the linear transformation  $dF_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$ . If  $F$  has the same rank  $r$  at all points in  $M$ , then it is said to have *constant rank* and we write  $\text{rank } F = r$ . The map  $F$  is called a *smooth submersion* if  $\text{rank } F = \dim N$  and a *smooth immersion* if  $\text{rank } F = \dim M$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** Let  $F : M \rightarrow N$  be a smooth map between smooth manifolds with or without boundary and  $p \in M$ . If  $dF_p$  is a surjection, then  $p$  has a neighborhood  $U$  such that  $F|_U$  is a submersion. If  $dF_p$  is an injection, then  $p$  has a neighborhood  $U$  such that  $F|_U$  is an immersion.

**Definition 5.3 (Local Diffeomorphism).** A map  $F : M \rightarrow N$  between smooth manifolds with or without boundary is called a *local diffeomorphism* if every  $p \in M$  has a neighborhood  $U$  such that  $F(U)$  is open in  $N$  and the restriction  $F|_U : U \rightarrow F(U)$  is a diffeomorphism.

**Theorem 5.4 (Inverse Function Theorem for Manifolds).** Let  $F : M \rightarrow N$  be a smooth map between smooth manifolds (without boundary). If  $p \in M$  is a point such that  $dF_p$  is invertible, then there are neighborhoods  $U_0$  of  $p$  and  $V_0$  of  $F(p)$  such that  $F|_{U_0} : U_0 \rightarrow V_0$  is a diffeomorphism.

*Proof.* Let  $(U, \varphi)$  and  $(V, \psi)$  be smooth charts for  $M$  and  $N$  centered at  $p$  and  $F(p)$  respectively. Then,

$$\hat{F} := \psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1} : \hat{U} = \varphi(U) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \hat{V} = \psi(V) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

is a smooth map with  $\hat{F}(0) = 0$ . Since  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are diffeomorphisms, the linear transformations  $d(\varphi^{-1})_0$  and  $d\psi_{F(p)}$  are invertible and thus the composition

$$d\hat{F}_p = d\psi_{F(p)} \circ dF_p \circ d(\varphi^{-1})_0$$

is invertible. Thus, due to Theorem 1.11, there are open subsets  $\hat{U}_0 \subseteq \hat{U}$  and  $\hat{V}_0 \subseteq \hat{V}$  such that the restriction  $\hat{F}|_{\hat{U}_0} : \hat{U}_0 \rightarrow \hat{V}_0$  is a diffeomorphism. Let  $U_0 := \varphi^{-1}(\hat{U}_0)$  and  $V_0 := \psi^{-1}(\hat{V}_0)$ . Then,  $F$  restricts to a diffeomorphism of  $U_0$  to  $V_0$ . This completes the proof. ■

### 5.1.1 The Rank Theorems

**Theorem 5.5 (Local Rank Theorem).** *Let  $F : M \rightarrow N$  be a smooth map between smooth manifolds (without boundary) of dimensions  $m$  and  $n$  respectively with constant rank  $r$ . For each  $p \in M$ , there exist smooth charts  $(U, \varphi)$  for  $M$  centered at  $p$  and  $(V, \psi)$  for  $N$  centered at  $F(p)$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq V$  in which  $F$  has a coordinate representation of the form*

$$\widehat{(x^1, \dots, x^r, x^{r+1}, \dots, x^m)} = (x^1, \dots, x^r, 0, \dots, 0).$$

## Chapter 6

# Vector Fields

**Definition 6.1 (Vector Field).** Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold with or without boundary. A *vector field* on  $M$  is a continuous section  $X : M \rightarrow TM$  of the map  $\pi : TM \rightarrow M$ .

A vector field is said to be *smooth* if the section  $X : M \rightarrow TM$  is a smooth map of manifolds. A *rough* vector field is simply a section  $X : M \rightarrow TM$  which need not be continuous. The value of a vector field at a point is denoted by either  $X(p)$  or  $X_p$ .

The support of  $X$  is defined to be

$$\text{Supp } X = \overline{\{p \in M \mid X_p \neq 0\}}.$$

A vector field is said to be *compactly supported* if  $\text{Supp } X \subseteq M$  is compact.

In other words, a section  $X : M \rightarrow TM$  is said to be a

**vector field** if it is a morphism in **Top**.

**smooth vector field** if it is a morphism in **Diff**.

**rough vector field** if it is a morphism in **Set**.

# Chapter 7

## Vector Bundles

### 7.1 Vector Bundles

**Definition 7.1.** Let  $M$  be a topological space. A *real vector bundle of rank  $k$  over  $M$*  is a topological space  $E$  together with a continuous surjection  $\pi : E \rightarrow M$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (a) For each  $p \in M$ , the fiber  $E_p = \pi^{-1}(p)$  over  $p$  is endowed with the structure of a  $k$ -dimensional real vector space.
- (b) For every  $p \in M$ , there is a neighborhood  $U$  of  $p$  in  $M$  and a homeomorphism  $\Phi : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{R}^k$ , called a *local trivialization of  $E$  over  $U$*  satisfying the following additional conditions:
  - If  $\pi_U : U \times \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow U$  is the natural projection, then  $\pi_U \circ \Phi = \pi$ .
  - For each  $q \in U$ , the restriction of  $\Phi$  to  $E_q$  is a vector space isomorphism from  $E_q$  to  $\{q\} \times \mathbb{R}^k \cong \mathbb{R}^k$ .

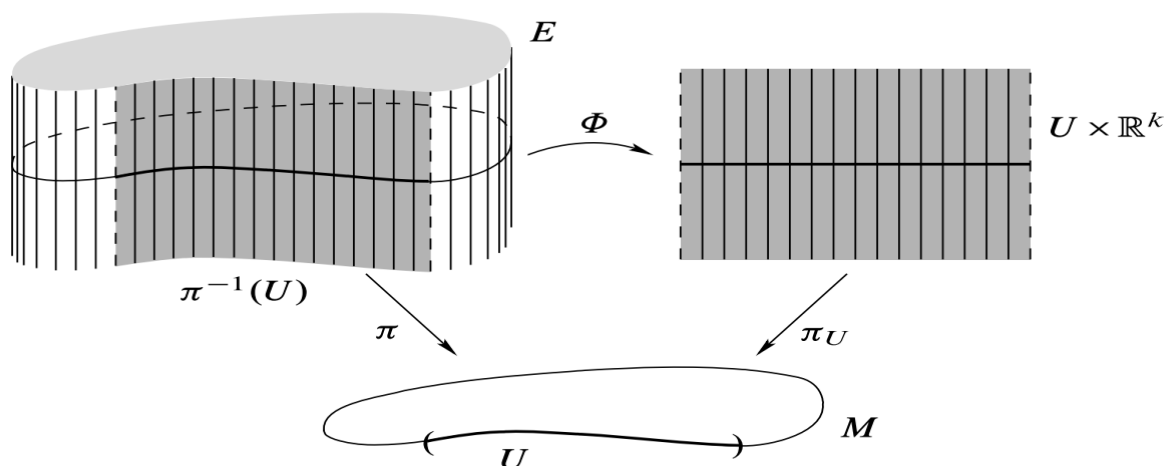


Figure 7.1: A local trivialization of a vector Bundle

## Chapter 8

# Tensors and Differential Forms

Throughout this chapter, all vector spaces are assumed to be over  $\mathbb{R}$ . They will usually be finite dimensional but we shall explicitly mention this in order to avoid confusion.

### 8.1 Tensors

**Definition 8.1.** Let  $V_1, \dots, V_k$  and  $W$  be vector spaces. A map  $F : V_1 \times \dots \times V_k \rightarrow W$  is said to be alternating if for each  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,

$$F(v_1, \dots, av_i + a'v'_i, \dots, v_k) = a_i F(v_1, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_k) + a'_i F(v_1, \dots, v'_i, \dots, v_k).$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{L}(V_1, \dots, V_k; W)$  the set of all multilinear maps from  $V_1 \times \dots \times V_k \rightarrow W$ .

For linear map  $f_i : V_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , define the multilinear map

$$f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_k : V_1 \times \dots \times V_k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

by  $(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_k)(v_1, \dots, v_k) = f_1(v_1) \dots f_k(v_k)$ . This notation is a consequence of the forthcoming Theorem 8.2.

**Remark 8.1.1 (Constructing the Tensor Product).** In this remark we recall a construction from module theory. Let  $V_1, \dots, V_k$  be vector spaces. Let  $\mathfrak{F}(V_1 \times \dots \times V_k)$  denote the free vector space on  $V_1 \times \dots \times V_k$ . Let  $W$  denote the subspace spanned by elements

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{e}_{(v_1, \dots, v_i + v'_i, \dots, v_k)} - \mathbf{e}_{(v_1, \dots, v_k)} - \mathbf{e}_{(v_1, \dots, v'_i, \dots, v_k)} \\ & \mathbf{e}_{(v_1, \dots, av_i, \dots, v_k)} - a\mathbf{e}_{(v_1, \dots, v_k)} \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, the vector space  $\mathfrak{F}(V_1 \times \dots \times V_k)/W$  is called the tensor product of  $V_1, \dots, V_k$  and is denoted by  $V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_k$ . The tensor product has the property that every multilinear map from  $V_1 \times \dots \times V_k$  factors through it.

**Theorem 8.2.** Let  $V_1, \dots, V_k$  be finite dimensional vector spaces. Then, there is a natural isomorphism

$$V_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes V_k^* \cong \mathcal{L}(V_1, \dots, V_k; \mathbb{R}).$$

*Proof.* Consider the map  $\Phi : V_1^* \times \dots \times V_k^* \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(V_1, \dots, V_k; \mathbb{R})$  given by

$$\Phi(f_1, \dots, f_k)(v_1, \dots, v_k) = f_1(v_1) \dots f_k(v_k).$$

It is not hard to see that  $\Phi$  is a multilinear map. Thus, this induces a map

$$\varphi : V_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k^* \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(V_1, \dots, V_k; \mathbb{R}).$$

The fact that  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism follows from the fact that it maps the basis of  $V_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes V_k^*$  to the basis of  $\mathcal{L}(V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k, \mathbb{R})$ . ■

### 8.1.1 Covariant and Contravariant Tensors

**Definition 8.3 (Covariant, Contravariant Tensor).** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space. If  $k$  is a positive integer, a *covariant  $k$ -tensor* on  $V$  is an element of the  $k$ -fold tensor product  $T^k(V^*) = \underbrace{V^* \otimes \cdots \otimes V^*}_{k\text{-times}}$ . The number  $k$  is called the *rank* of the aforementioned covariant tensor.

Similarly, a *contravariant  $k$ -tensor* on  $V$  is an element of the  $k$ -fold tensor product  $T^k(V) = \underbrace{V \otimes \cdots \otimes V}_{k\text{-times}}$ .

Again, the number  $k$  is called the *rank* of the contravariant tensor.

Due to the natural isomorphism of Theorem 8.2, we may identify a covariant  $k$ -tensor as a multilinear map  $V_1 \times \cdots \times V_k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and similarly, we may identify a contravariant  $k$ -tensor as a multilinear map  $V_1^* \times \cdots \times V_k^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . We shall switch between these identifications to suit our needs.

### 8.1.2 Symmetric and Alternating Tensors

**Definition 8.4 (Symmetric, Alternating Tensor).** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space. A covariant  $k$ -tensor  $\alpha$  on  $V$  is said to be *symmetric* if for every  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_k$ ,

$$\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \alpha(v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(k)}).$$

Similarly, it is said to be *alternating* if

$$\alpha(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \text{sgn}(\sigma) \alpha(v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(k)}).$$

### 8.1.3 Tensor Fields on a Manifold