

# Homework 4

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**Problem** (LN12 0.2.2). Show that the stereographic projection  $\pi : S^2 \setminus \{(0, 0, 1)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a conformal transformation.

To show that  $\pi$  preserves angle, we use the Euclidean metric. Recall that by treating  $S^2$  as the unit sphere with north pole  $N = (0, 0, 1)$ , the stereographic projection is  $\pi : (\bar{p}, p_3) \mapsto \frac{\bar{p}}{1-p_3}$ , where  $\bar{p} = (p_1, p_2)$ . Notice for any  $p \in S^2$ , we have  $\|\bar{p}\|^2 = p_1^2 + p_2^2 = 1 - p_3^2$ ; for any  $v \in T_p S^2$ , we have  $\langle v, p \rangle = 0$  so  $\langle \bar{v}, \bar{p} \rangle = -v_3 p_3$ . Let  $\gamma$  be a curve s.t.  $\gamma(0) = p$  and  $\gamma'(0) = v$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} d\pi_p(v) &= (\pi \circ \gamma)'(0) \\ &= \left( \frac{\bar{\gamma}}{1 - \gamma_3} \right)'(0) \\ &= \left( \frac{\bar{\gamma}'(1 - \gamma_3) - \bar{\gamma}(-\gamma_3')}{(1 - \gamma_3)^2} \right)(0) \\ &= \frac{\bar{v}(1 - p_3) + v_3 \bar{p}}{(1 - p_3)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we compute

$$\begin{aligned} g_p(d\pi_p(v), d\pi_p(w)) &= \langle d\pi_p(v), d\pi_p(w) \rangle \\ &= \frac{\langle \bar{v}, \bar{w} \rangle}{(1 - p_3)^2} + \frac{v_3 \langle \bar{w}, \bar{p} \rangle + w_3 \langle \bar{v}, \bar{p} \rangle}{(1 - p_3)^3} + \frac{\|\bar{p}\|^2 v_3 w_3}{(1 - p_3)^4} \\ &= \frac{\langle \bar{v}, \bar{w} \rangle}{(1 - p_3)^2} - \frac{2v_3 w_3 p_3}{(1 - p_3)^3} + \frac{\|\bar{p}\|^2 v_3 w_3}{(1 - p_3)^4} \\ &= \frac{\langle \bar{v}, \bar{w} \rangle}{(1 - p_3)^2} + \frac{v_3 w_3 (2p_3^2 - 2p_3 + \|\bar{p}\|^2)}{(1 - p_3)^4} \\ &= \frac{\langle \bar{v}, \bar{w} \rangle}{(1 - p_3)^2} + \frac{v_3 w_3 (p_3^2 - 2p_3 + 1)}{(1 - p_3)^4} \\ &= \frac{\langle \bar{v}, \bar{w} \rangle}{(1 - p_3)^2} + \frac{v_3 w_3 (p_3 - 1)^2}{(1 - p_3)^4} \\ &= \frac{v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2}{(1 - p_3)^2} + \frac{v_3 w_3}{(1 - p_3)^2} \\ &= \frac{\langle v, w \rangle}{(1 - p_3)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{g_p(v, w)}{(1 - p_3)^2}.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(d\pi_p(v), d\pi_p(w)) &= \arccos \left( \frac{g_p(d\pi_p(v), d\pi_p(w))}{g_p(d\pi_p(v), d\pi_p(v))^{\frac{1}{2}} g_p(d\pi_p(w), d\pi_p(w))^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \\ &= \arccos \left( \frac{g_p(v, w)}{g_p(v, v)^{\frac{1}{2}} g_p(w, w)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \\ &= \theta(v, w). \end{aligned}$$

**Problem** (LN12 0.3.2). Compute the metric of the surface given by the graph of a function  $f : \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $F(x, y) = (x, y, f(x, y))$  be the graph of  $f$ . We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix} \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Then the pullback metric is

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} & 1 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Problem** (LN13 0.2). Compute the area of a torus of revolution in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Let  $R$  be the radius of the longitudinal circle and  $r$  be that of the meridian circle. Any point on the initial meridian can be parameterized by  $(x(\phi), z(\phi)) := (R + r \cos \phi, r \sin \phi)$ , where  $\phi \in (0, 2\pi)$ . Then we can parameterize the torus using

$$f(\theta, \phi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta x(\phi) \\ \sin \theta x(\phi) \\ z(\phi) \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$ . We compute

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta x \\ \cos \theta x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} = \begin{pmatrix} -r \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ -r \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ r \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus the pullback metric is

$$G(\theta, \phi) = \begin{pmatrix} x(\phi)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & r^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_U \sqrt{g} \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{\det G} \, d\phi d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x r \, d\phi d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (R + r \cos \phi) r \, d\phi d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (Rr\phi - r^2 \sin \phi)|_0^{2\pi} d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} 2\pi Rr \, d\theta \\ &= 4\pi^2 Rr. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem** (LN13 0.9). Show that every manifold is normal, *i.e.* for every disjoint closed sets  $A_1, A_2$  in  $M$ , there exists a pair of disjoint open subsets  $U_1, U_2$  of  $M$  s.t.  $A_1 \subset U_1, A_2 \subset U_2$ .

*Proof.* WLOG suppose  $M$  is path-connected since we can just take the union of disjoint open sets from all path components. Since every manifold admits a metric, let  $g$  be a Riemannian metric of  $M$ . Therefore, for every point  $x \in A_1, y \in A_2$ , let  $\Gamma$  be the set of all possible paths between  $x$  and  $y$ , we can define the distance between them  $d(x, y) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma} L[\gamma]$ , where  $L[\gamma]$  is computed the usual way using  $g$ . This distance can be checked to be a metric and therefore endows  $M$  with a metric space structure. Every metric space is normal. We prove this below.

Define the distance between a point  $x$  and a set  $A$  to be  $d(x, A) = \inf \{d(x, y) : y \in A\}$ . Since  $A_1, A_2$  are closed so they contain all their limit points, for any  $y \in M \setminus A_1$  and  $x \in M \setminus A_2$ ,

we must have  $d(y, A_1) = \varepsilon_y > 0$  and  $d(x, A_2) = \varepsilon_x > 0$ . Let  $r_x = \frac{\varepsilon_x}{3}$  and  $r_y = \frac{\varepsilon_y}{3}$ . Then take

$$U_1 := \bigcup_{x \in A_1} B_{r_x}(x)$$

$$U_2 := \bigcup_{y \in A_2} B_{r_y}(y),$$

which are unions of open balls and thus open. Now suppose there exists a  $p \in U_1 \cap U_2$ . Then by definition  $p \in B_{r_x}(x) \cap B_{r_y}(y)$  for some  $x \in A_1$  and  $y \in A_2$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_y}{2} &\leq d(x, y) && \text{definition of } \varepsilon_x, \varepsilon_y \\ &\leq d(x, p) + d(p, y) && \Delta \text{ inequality} \\ &\leq r_x + r_y \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_y}{3}, \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction since  $\varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_y > 0$ . Hence  $U_1, U_2$  are disjoint and are the open sets we seek.  $\square$

**Problem** (LN13 0.12). Let  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be an embedded submanifold which may be parameterized by  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , for some open set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ , *i.e.*,  $f$  is a 1-to-1 smooth immersion and  $f(U) = M$ . Show that then  $\text{vol}(M) = \int_U \sqrt{\det(J_x(f)^T J_x(f))} dx$ , where  $J_x(f)$  is the Jacobian matrix of  $f$  at  $x$ . (Note that since we define Jacobian differently than the lecture notes, the order is flipped.)

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is a 1-to-1 immersion onto  $M$ ,  $f$  is a diffeomorphism onto its image and thus a parameterization of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is an embedded submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , it is endowed with the ambient Euclidean metric. So we can endow the pullback metric on  $U$  which is just  $g_{ijx} = \langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x), \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(x) \rangle$ . Recall that the  $i$ th column of the Jacobian  $J_x(f)_i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$ . Therefore, the  $ij$ th entry of  $J_x(f)^T J_x(f)$  is precisely  $\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x), \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(x) \rangle = g_{ijx}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vol}(M) &= \int_U \sqrt{\det G_x} dx \\ &= \int_U \sqrt{\det(J_x(f)^T J_x(f))} dx. \end{aligned}$$

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