

Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ be open. to say X is a C^k immersion from U into \mathbb{R}^n means X is C^k from U into \mathbb{R}^n and for each $p \in U$, $\underbrace{X'(p)}_{n \times m}$ has rank m .

eg a C^k -regular curve $\gamma: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

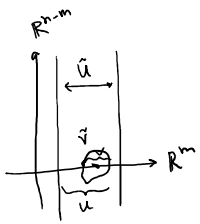
Remark Let $X: U(\subseteq \mathbb{R}^m) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a C^k immersion. Let $p \in U$. Then $\exists V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ with $p \in V \subseteq U$ s.t. $X|_V$ is a homeomorphism from V into $X[V]$.

Pf We'll use the inverse function theorem. Since $\text{Rank}(\underbrace{X'(p)}_{n \times m}) = m$, $m \leq n$.

Think of \mathbb{R}^m as $\{(u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : u_{m+1} = u_{m+2} = \dots = u_n = 0\}$. Let v_1, \dots, v_m be the columns of $X'(p)$. These are linearly independent since $\text{Rank}(X'(p)) = m$.

We can thus choose $v_{m+1}, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ s.t. $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^n .

Define $\tilde{X}: U \times \mathbb{R}^{n-m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ by $\tilde{X}(u_1, \dots, u_m, u_{m+1}, \dots, u_n) = X(u_1, \dots, u_m) + u_{m+1}v_{m+1} + \dots + u_nv_n$.
 $\tilde{X}' = (X' | v_{m+1} \dots v_n)$ so $\tilde{X}'(\tilde{p})$ is invertible where $\tilde{p} = (p, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$.



So apply the inverse function theorem to obtain an open set $\tilde{V} \subseteq U \times \mathbb{R}^{n-m}$ s.t.

$\tilde{X}|_{\tilde{V}}$ is a 1-1 mapping from \tilde{V} onto $\tilde{W} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ whose inverse is a C^k fn from \tilde{W} onto \tilde{V} . In particular, $\tilde{X}|_{\tilde{V}}$ is a homeomorphism from \tilde{V} onto \tilde{W} .

Let $V = \{(u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \tilde{V} : u_{m+1} = u_{m+2} = \dots = u_n = 0\} = \tilde{V} \cap \mathbb{R}^m$. Then V is open in \mathbb{R}^m ,

$p \in V \subseteq U$, and $X|_V$ is a homeomorphism from V onto $X[V]$. \square

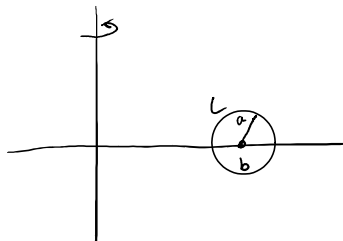
Note: the proof also shows that $(X|_V)^{-1}$ is C^k in the sense that $(X|_V)^{-1}$ can be extended to a C^k map on an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n containing $X[V]$.

Q Is a one-to-one C^k immersion a homeomorphism?

A \rightarrow (No)

eg (torus) Let $0 < a < b < \infty$.

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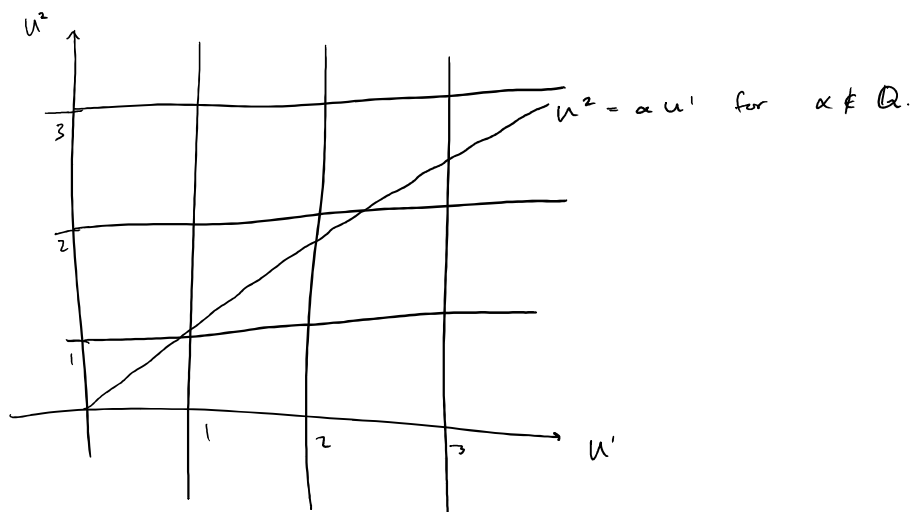
Define $\xi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ by $\xi(u) = (\cos 2\pi u, \sin 2\pi u, 0)$. Let $\eta = (0, 0, 1)$.

Define $\chi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ by $\chi(u^1, u^2) = b\xi(u^1) + a[(\cos 2\pi u^2)\xi(u^1) + (\sin 2\pi u^2)\eta]$

$\chi[0,1) \times [0,1)$ is the torus we get by revolving C around vertical axis.

(so is $\chi[\mathbb{R}^2]$)

χ is an immersion from \mathbb{R}^2 into \mathbb{R}^3 .



$u^1 \mapsto \chi(u^1, \alpha u^1)$ is a one-to-one immersion from \mathbb{R} into \mathbb{R}^3 .

$\{\chi(u^1, \alpha u^1) : u^1 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is dense in $\chi[\mathbb{R}^2]$ (the torus).

Defn T_0 say that χ is a C^k coordinate patch (or C^k simple surface) in \mathbb{R}^3 means that χ maps some open subset of \mathbb{R}^2 into \mathbb{R}^3 and is a C^k -immersion. ($\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial u^1} \times \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial u^2} \neq 0$ at each point in U). Also it's a homeomorphism on its range.