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# 1 Introduction

The simplest 1-dimensional object that isn't  $\mathbb{R}$  is

$$S^1 := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\} = [0, 1] / \sim$$

where  $0 \sim 1$ .

Consider the 2-sphere  $S^2$  :

$$S^2 = \{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$$

It can be regarded as

- The level set  $F^{-1}(1)$  of  $F : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$
- The Riemann sphere  $\hat{\mathbb{C}} := \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} = U \amalg V / \sim$  where  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C}\}$  and  $V = \{w \in \mathbb{C}\}$  with  $z \in U \sim w \in V \leftrightarrow z = w^{-1}$  for  $z \neq 0$ .
- Stereographic projection defines parametrizations of  $S^2 \setminus \{N\}$  and  $S^2 \setminus \{S\}$ , where  $N = (0, 0, 1)$  and  $S = (0, 0, -1)$ . We define  $\pi : S^2 \setminus \{N\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$(u, v) = \pi(x, y, z)$$

where

$$x = \frac{4u}{u^2 + v^2 + 4}$$

$$y = \frac{4v}{u^2 + v^2 + 4}$$

$$z = \frac{2(u^2 + v^2)}{u^2 + v^2 + 4}$$

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$$S^2 = D_+^2 \amalg D_-^2 / \sim$$

where

$$D_+^2 = \{(x, y, z) \mid z \geq 0, x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$$

$$D_-^2 = \{(x, y, z) \mid z \leq 0, x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$$

and  $(x, y, z) \in D_+^2 \sim (x', y', z') \in D_-^2 \leftrightarrow z = 0, x = x', y = y'$

Examples of 2-manifolds:

- The torus: We identify the sides of a square as follows
- The Klein bottle: We identify the sides of a square as follows
- The real projective plane: We identify the sides of a square as follows
- genus  $g$  oriented 2-manifold: Identify the edges of a  $4g$ -gon as follows. All  $4g$  vertices are identified to the same point.

Manifolds of dimension  $n$  are objects parametrized locally by open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For example,  $S^2$  is parametrized locally by open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Themes:

1. Smoothness: Some level sets  $F^{-1}(a_1, \dots, a_m)$  (for  $(a_1, \dots, a_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $F : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ) are not smooth. We will establish a criterion for when a level set is a smooth manifold.

For example,  $F : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by  $F(z, w) = z^3 - w^2$ . In this case,  $F^{-1}(0)$  is not locally modelled on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We see this by examining  $F^{-1}(0) \cap \mathbb{R}^2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^3 = y^2\}$ . This is  $y = \pm x^{3/2}$  which is not smooth at  $(0, 0)$ .

2. Tangent space  $T_x M$  to a manifold  $M$  at  $x \in M$

- If  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$  and

$$(dF)_{ij} = \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j}$$

( $i = 1, \dots, N$  and  $(j = 1, \dots, n)$ ) then  $\text{Im}(dF)_x$  is the tangent space to  $M := F(\mathbb{R}^n)$  at  $F(x)$ .

- If we look at  $b = F^{-1}(a)$  for  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ , then the tangent space to  $F^{-1}(a)$  at  $y$  (where  $F(y) = a$ ) is the kernel of  $dF$ :

$$\{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (dF)_y(\xi) = 0\}$$

We will make sense of manifolds and their tangent spaces in a way that is independent of their description as subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .

Remark: In fact all manifolds of dimension  $n$  can be written as subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  (Whitney embedding theorem)

3. Tangent bundles: The set of points in a manifold  $M$  together with their tangent spaces gives an object called a *tangent bundle* of  $M$ . For example, for  $S^1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  the tangent bundle is

$$(x, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |x| = 1, \langle \xi, x \rangle = 0\}.$$

Tangent bundles of smooth manifolds are also smooth manifolds. The key map is the projection  $\pi : TM \rightarrow M$  with  $\pi^{-1}(x) = T_x M$ . Locally  $TM|_U \cong U \times \mathbb{R}^m$  but usually we don't have  $TM \cong M \times \mathbb{R}^m$ .

4. Vector bundles over a manifold  $M$  generalize the tangent bundle  $TM$  of  $M$ . These are objects  $E$  with a surjective map  $\pi : E \rightarrow M$  for which  $\pi^{-1}(x)$  has the structure of a vector space.
5. Sections: A section of the tangent bundle consists of the specification of a tangent vector at each  $x \in M$ , in other words  $s : M \rightarrow TM$  with  $\pi \circ s = \text{id}$ . A section of the tangent bundle is called a vector field.

Do sections exist, must they have a zero somewhere? We will prove a theorem that on  $S^2$  there is no nowhere vanishing section.

6. Integration on manifolds: Recall the change of variables formula

$$\int_{g(U)} f(y) dy = \int_U f \circ g(x) |dg/dx| dx$$

where  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $U$  open in  $\mathbb{R}$ . More generally  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ ,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$$\int_{g(U)} f(y) dy = \int_U f \circ g(x) |\det dg_x| dx$$

Integration of *functions* on manifolds is not well defined. We must pass to *differential forms*, whose description in terms of a local parametrization of the manifold transforms under change of parametrization so that integration of differential forms is well defined.

7. Orientability: Orientability of a manifold  $M$  is a consistency condition on parametrization of tangent spaces. It is equivalent to the existence of a nowhere vanishing  $n$ -form (if  $n$  is the dimension of  $M$ ).

The sphere, the torus and the manifolds of dimension  $4g$  obtained by gluing the sides of a  $(4g)$ -gon are orientable. Examples of nonorientable manifolds include the Klein bottle, the Möbius strip and the real projective space (obtained by attaching the boundary of a disk to the boundary of a Möbius strip). Integration of differential forms can only be defined on orientable manifolds.

8. Differential calculus of forms: We define the exterior derivative  $d$  which takes  $r$ -forms to  $(r + 1)$ -forms.

9. Stokes' Theorem
10. De Rham cohomology

## 2 Smooth functions

**Definition 2.1** A function  $F : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is smooth (or  $C^\infty$ ) if its partial derivatives to all orders exist and are continuous.

**Definition 2.2** The Jacobian  $(dF)_x$  is the matrix

$$\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n; j = 1, \dots, m)$$

**Definition 2.3**  $F$  is a homeomorphism if it is a continuous bijective map whose inverse is also continuous.

**Definition 2.4**  $F$  is a diffeomorphism if it is a smooth homeomorphism whose inverse is also smooth.

**Theorem 2.5 (Chain Rule)** Suppose  $F : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $G : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then  $d(F \circ G)_x = (dF)_{G(x)} \circ (dG)_x$ .

**Definition 2.6** A topological manifold  $M$  of dimension  $m$  is a topological space which is Hausdorff and second countable (i.e. there is a countable base of open sets for its topology) and for which each point has an open neighbourhood homeomorphic to an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

**Definition 2.7** A chart of  $M$  is  $(U, \phi)$  where  $U$  is an open subset of  $M$  and  $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a homeomorphism.

**Definition 2.8** Let  $\pi_k : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be projection onto the  $k$ -th coordinate. Let  $x_k = \pi_k \circ \phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The  $x_k$  are coordinate functions of the chart.

**Definition 2.9** Let  $(U_1, \phi_1)$  and  $(U_2, \phi_2)$  be charts of  $M$ . They are  $C^\infty$ -compatible if  $\phi_1 \circ \phi_2^{-1}$  and  $\phi_2 \circ \phi_1^{-1}$  are  $C^\infty$ -mappings whenever they are defined, in other words whenever  $\phi_1 \circ \phi_2^{-1}$  is a bijective map from  $\phi_2(U_1 \cap U_2)$  to  $\phi_1(U_1 \cap U_2)$ .

**Definition 2.10** An atlas for  $M$  is a collection  $\{V_\alpha, \phi_\alpha\}$  with  $\cup_\alpha V_\alpha = M$ .

**Definition 2.11** A  $C^\infty$ -atlas is an atlas for which all the charts are  $C^\infty$ -compatible.

**Definition 2.12** A  $C^\infty$ -structure is a maximal  $C^\infty$ -atlas (every chart which is compatible with every chart of the atlas is already a member of it).

**Definition 2.13** A  $C^\infty$ -manifold is a topological manifold equipped with a  $C^\infty$  atlas.

**Remark 2.14** There may be inequivalent  $C^\infty$ -structures on a topological manifold – manifolds homeomorphic but not diffeomorphic – for example  $\mathbb{R}^4$  (S. Donaldson) and  $S^7$  (J. Milnor).

**Example 2.15** 1.  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with the chart  $\phi = \text{identity}$

2.  $S^1 = \{e^{i\theta} \in \mathbb{C}\}$  Take  $V_1 = \{e^{i\theta} : -\epsilon < \theta < \pi + \epsilon\}$  and  $V_2 = \{e^{i\theta} : \pi < \theta < 2\pi\}$   
 $\phi_1 : V_1 \rightarrow (-\epsilon, \pi + \epsilon)$  and  $\phi_2 : V_2 \rightarrow (\pi, 2\pi)$  given by  $\phi_i(e^{i\theta}) = \theta$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  
 $\phi_1(V_1 \cap V_2) = (-\epsilon, 0) \amalg (\pi, \pi + \epsilon)$ .  $\phi_2 \circ \phi_1^{-1}|_{(-\epsilon, 0)}(\theta) = \theta + 2\pi$  while  $\phi_2 \circ \phi_1^{-1}|_{(\pi, \pi + \epsilon)}(\theta) = \theta$ .

3.  $S^n = \{(x_0, \dots, x_n) : \sum_i x_i^2 = 1\}$  Charts  $U_i^\pm = \{\pm x_i > 0\}$  ( $i = 0, \dots, n$ ) Chart maps  
 $\phi_i^\pm : U_i^\pm \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\phi_i(x_0, \dots, x_n) = (x_0, \dots, \hat{x}_i, \dots, x_n)$$

So

$$\phi_j^+ \circ (\phi_i^+)^{-1}(z_1, \dots, z_n) = (z_1, \dots, \hat{z}_j, \dots, \sqrt{1 - \sum_k z_k^2}, \dots, z_n)$$

(where the  $\sqrt{1 - \sum_k z_k^2}$  occurs in the  $(i - 1)$ -th place).

4. Stereographic projection on  $S^2$ : There are two systems of coordinates on  $S^2$ ,  $(u, v)$  and  $(\hat{u}, \hat{v})$ .

$$\hat{u} = \frac{u}{u^2 + v^2}$$

and

$$\hat{v} = \frac{-v}{u^2 + v^2}$$

and  $u(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{1-z}$  and  $v(x, y, z) = \frac{y}{1-z}$ . The map  $\phi_N : S^2 \setminus \{(0, 0, 1)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  (stereographic projection from  $N$  on the plane through the equator) is

$$\phi_S = (\hat{u}, \hat{v})$$

where

$$\hat{u} = \frac{x}{1+z}$$

and

$$\hat{v} = \frac{y}{1+z}$$

So

$$\frac{u}{u^2 + v^2} = \frac{x/(1-z)}{x^2/(1-z)^2 + y^2/(1-z)^2}$$

$$= \frac{x(1-z)}{x^2+y^2} = \frac{x}{1+z} = \hat{u}.$$

Likewise

$$\frac{-v}{u^2+v^2} = \hat{v}.$$

More generally this method in fact works for  $S^n$ :

$$\phi_N(\bar{x}, x_{n+1}) = \bar{y}$$

where

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\bar{x}}{1-x_{n+1}}.$$

Also,  $\phi_S(\bar{x}, x_{n+1}) = \frac{\bar{x}}{1+x_{n+1}}$ .

5. Real projective space  $\mathbb{R}P^n = S^n / \sim$  where  $x \sim -x$  ( $x$  and  $-x$  are related by the antipodal map, which is multiplication by  $-1$ ). Denote by  $[x_0 : \dots : x_n]$  the equivalence class of  $(x_0, \dots, x_n)$  under the antipodal map

$$U_k = \{[x] \in \mathbb{R}P^n : x_k \neq 0\}$$

and

$$[x_0 : \dots, x_n] \mapsto \text{sgn}(x_k)(x_0, \dots, \hat{x}_k, \dots, x_n)$$

We may check that this endows  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  with the structure of a  $C^\infty$  atlas.

6.  $\mathbb{R}P^2 = D^2 / \sim$  where  $s \sim -s$  for  $s \in \partial D^2$  (the elements in the boundary of  $D^2$ ).
7. Complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^n$

$$\mathbb{C}P^n = (\mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}) / \sim$$

where  $(z_0, \dots, z_n) \sim (\lambda z_0, \dots, \lambda z_n)$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . The equivalence class is normally denoted  $[z_0 : \dots : z_n]$ . The sets

$$U_i = \{[z_0 : \dots : z_n] | z_i \neq 0\}$$

form a covering of  $\mathbb{C}P^n$ .

Define

$$\phi_i : [z_0 : \dots : z_n] \mapsto \left( \frac{z_1}{z_i}, \dots, \hat{z}_i, \dots, \frac{z_n}{z_i} \right).$$

$$\phi_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$$

$$\phi_i^{-1} : (w_1, \dots, w_n) \mapsto [w_1, \dots, 1, \dots, w_n]$$

so

$$\phi_j \circ \phi_i^{-1} : (w_1, \dots, w_n) \mapsto \left( \frac{w_1}{w_j}, \dots, \frac{1}{w_j}, \dots, \hat{w}_j, \dots, \hat{w}_n, \dots, w_j \right).$$

**Remark 2.16**  $\mathbb{C}P^1 = S^2$

$$\mathbb{C}P^1 = \{[z_1 : z_2]\} = \{[1 : z]\} \cup \{[w : 1]\} / \sim$$

Here  $[w : 1] \sim [1 : 1/w]$  if  $w \neq 0$ .

### 3 The inverse function theorem

**Theorem 3.1** (*Inverse function theorem*)

Let  $A$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $F : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be  $C^1$  in an open neighbourhood containing  $\bar{a}$ . Suppose the square matrix  $dF_{\bar{a}}$  is invertible. Then there is an open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $\bar{a}$  and an open set  $W$  containing  $F(V)$  such that  $F : V \rightarrow W$  has an inverse  $F^{-1} : W \rightarrow V$  which is continuous and differentiable, and  $(dF_{\bar{x}})^{-1} = d(F_{\bar{y}}^{-1})$  if  $F(\bar{x}) = \bar{y}$ .

**Proof:** See Apostol, *Mathematical Analysis* (2nd edition) Chaps. 13.2 and 13.3 or Spivak, *Calculus on Manifolds* Thm. 2.11.

**Definition 3.2** (*Rank of a matrix*)  $\text{Rank}(F|_a) = \dim(\text{Im}(dF)_a)$ .

**Theorem 3.3** (*Constant rank theorem*) Suppose  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $F = (f_1, \dots, f_m) : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is  $C^\infty$  in a neighbourhood of  $\bar{a}$ , and  $\text{Rk}(F)_x = r$  for all  $x$  in a neighbourhood of  $\bar{a}$ . Then there are open neighbourhoods  $U$  (resp.  $V$ ) of  $\bar{a}$  (resp.  $F(\bar{a})$ ) and diffeomorphisms  $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\psi : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  with

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{F} & V \\ \phi \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{R}^m \end{array}$$

such that  $\psi \circ F \circ \phi^{-1}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_r, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

**Proof:** WLOG  $\bar{a} = 0$  and  $F(\bar{a}) = 0$  (by composing with translations). WLOG

$$(dF)_{\bar{a}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(by composing with suitable linear transformations of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  resp.  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ).

Define  $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_r(x), x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n)$  where  $r$  is the rank of  $f$ . Then

$$(d\phi)_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_r} & ? \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \\ \frac{\partial f_r}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_r}{\partial x_r} & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1_{n-r} \end{pmatrix}$$

So  $F$  is invertible if and only if there is a local neighbourhood  $V$  of  $0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\phi|_V$  is a  $C^\infty$ -diffeomorphism from  $V$  to  $\phi(V)$ . Define  $g = F \circ \phi^{-1} : \phi(V) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  for  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \phi(V)$ .

$$g(z) = (z_1, \dots, z_r, g_{r+1}(z), \dots, g_m(z))$$

since  $\phi$  and  $F$  agree on the first  $r$  components. Hence

$$(dg)_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1_r & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ ? & \frac{\partial g_{r+1}}{\partial z_{r+1}} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_{r+1}}{\partial z_m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ ? & \frac{\partial g_m}{\partial z_{r+1}} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_m}{\partial z_m} \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $F$  (and hence also  $g$ ) has constant rank  $r$  on a neighbourhood of  $0$ ,

$$\frac{\partial(g_{r+1}, \dots, g_m)}{\partial(z_{r+1}, \dots, z_m)} = 0. \quad (1)$$

Hence each of the  $g_{r+1}, \dots, g_m$  depends only on  $z_1, \dots, z_r$  in a neighbourhood of  $0$  (by the Mean Value Theorem applied to the last  $m - r$  coordinates). Recall that the Mean Value Theorem says that if  $f : U \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $[a, b] \subset U$  is a line segment then

$$\|f(b) - f(a)\| \leq \|b - a\| \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \|f'(x)\|$$

In our situation,  $\sup_{x \in [a, b]} f'(x) = 0$  for any  $[a, b]$  because of (1). Define

$$\Psi(y_1, \dots, y_m) = (y_1, \dots, y_r, y_{r+1} - g_{r+1}(y_1, \dots, y_r, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, y_m - g_m(y_1, \dots, y_r, 0, \dots, 0)).$$

Hence on a neighbourhood of  $0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi \circ F \circ \phi^{-1}(z_1, \dots, z_r) &= \Psi \circ g(\bar{z}) = \Psi(z_1, \dots, z_r, g_{r+1}(\bar{z}), \dots, g_m(\bar{z})) \\ &= (z_1, \dots, z_r, g_{r+1}(\bar{z}) - g_{r+1}(z_1, \dots, z_r, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, g_m(\bar{z}) - g_m(z_1, \dots, z_r, 0, \dots, 0)) \\ &= (z_1, \dots, z_r, 0, \dots, 0) \end{aligned}$$

as  $g_{r+1}, \dots, g_m$  depend only on  $z_1, \dots, z_r$ .

**Lemma 3.4** *The rank satisfies*

$$\text{rk}(dF)_x \geq \text{rk}(dF)_a$$

for all  $x$  in a neighbourhood of  $a$ .

This is because the set of points  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  where at least one minor of the matrix  $df_x$  is nonzero is an open set.

Special cases:

1. **Local submersion theorem:** Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $(df)_a$  is onto (for  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ). This implies the rank of  $(df)_x$  is  $m$  on a neighbourhood of  $a$ . Then there are neighbourhoods  $U, V$  and maps  $\Psi$  and  $\phi$  such that

$$\Psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_m).$$

2. **Local immersion theorem:** Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$  and  $(df)_a$  is injective (this implies the rank of  $(df)_x$  is  $n$  on a neighbourhood of  $a$ ). Then there are neighbourhoods  $U, V$  and maps  $\Psi$  and  $\phi$  such that

$$\Psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_n, 0, \dots, 0).$$

3. **Implicit function theorem:** Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R}^{n+m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is  $C^\infty$ . If  $f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 0$  (for  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\bar{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ) and  $\det M \neq 0$  (where  $M$  is the  $m \times m$  matrix  $M_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial y_i}$ ) then for some open neighbourhoods  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  there is a  $C^\infty$  function  $g : U \rightarrow V$  such that

$$f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 0 \leftrightarrow \bar{y} = g(\bar{x})$$

in other words

$$\{(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \mid f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 0\}$$

is locally the graph of  $g$ .

**Proof:** (of Implicit Function Theorem) The result follows from the Inverse Function Theorem. Define  $F(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = (\bar{x}, f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}))$ . Then  $\det(dF)_{\bar{x}, \bar{y}} \neq 0$  (here  $dF_{\bar{x}, \bar{y}}$  is an  $(n+m) \times (n+m)$  matrix). By the Inverse Function Theorem,  $F$  has a  $C^\infty$  inverse  $h : W \rightarrow A \times B$  for some neighbourhood  $W$  of 0 in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+m}$  and a neighbourhood  $A$  of 0 in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  together with a neighbourhood  $B$  of 0 in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , for which  $h(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = (\bar{x}, k(\bar{x}, \bar{y}))$  for some smooth function  $k$  whose domain is an open neighbourhood of 0 in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+m}$  and whose range is an open neighbourhood of 0 in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Put  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  with  $\pi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \bar{y}$  so  $\pi \circ F = f$ . Then

$$f(\bar{x}, k(\bar{x}, \bar{y})) = f \circ h(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \pi \circ F \circ h(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \bar{y}.$$

For  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\bar{z} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $f(\bar{x}, \bar{z}) = 0$  implies  $\bar{z} = k(\bar{x}, 0)$  as  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \mapsto (\bar{x}, k(\bar{x}, \bar{y}))$  is bijective and  $f(\bar{x}, k(\bar{x}, \bar{y})) = 0$  implies  $\bar{y} = 0$ .

## 4 Smooth maps between smooth manifolds

**Definition 4.1** Suppose  $M$  and  $N$  are smooth manifolds. A map  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is smooth iff for all charts  $(U, \phi)$  for  $M$  and  $(V, \psi)$  for  $N$ , we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{F} & V \\ \downarrow \phi & & \downarrow \psi \\ \phi(U) & \xrightarrow{G} & \psi(V). \end{array}$$

In the above diagram,  $G := \Psi \circ F \circ \phi^{-1} : \phi(U \cap F^{-1}(V)) \rightarrow \Psi(V)$ .

Special case:  $F : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is smooth iff  $F \circ \phi^{-1}$  is smooth.

**Remark 4.2** To establish that  $F$  is smooth it suffices to check for one choice of charts  $U, V$  with  $a \in U$ ,  $F(a) \in V$  because composition of  $C^\infty$  maps is  $C^\infty$ , and

$$\Psi \circ F \circ \phi^{-1} = \Psi \circ F \circ (\phi')^{-1} \circ (\phi' \circ \phi^{-1})$$

if  $\phi \circ (\phi')^{-1}$  is  $C^\infty$  (since the charts are  $C^\infty$ -compatible) so  $\Psi \circ F \circ (\phi)^{-1}$  is smooth iff  $\Psi \circ F \circ (\phi')^{-1}$  is smooth. Similarly if one replaces  $\Psi$  by  $\Psi'$ ,  $\Psi \circ F \circ (\phi)^{-1}$  is smooth iff  $\Psi' \circ F \circ (\phi)^{-1}$  is smooth.

**Remark 4.3** It is also useful to know that the composition of smooth functions is smooth in order to prove that specific functions are smooth. We can often reduce to specific examples:

1. linear functions
2. polynomial functions
3. roots  $x \mapsto x^{1/p}$
4. trigonometric functions  $\sin, \cos$
5. exponential functions

**Definition 4.4** •  $F$  is an immersion at  $p \in M$  if  $(dG)(\phi)$  is an injective map  $\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  (since the previous condition implies  $\text{rank}(dG)(\phi(x)) = m$ ).

- $F$  is a submersion at  $p \in M$  if  $(dG)(\phi(p))$  is surjective (this implies  $\text{rank}(dG)(\phi(x)) = n$ ).

In this situation  $m \geq n$ .

The following two theorems are special cases of the constant rank theorem:

**Theorem 4.5** (*Local immersion theorem*) If  $F$  is an immersion at  $p$  then there exists a chart  $(U, \phi)$  around  $p$  and  $(V, \Psi)$  around  $F(p)$ , with  $\phi(p) = 0$  and  $\Psi(F(p)) = 0$ , for which  $G$  is the immersion  $i : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  given by  $i(x_1, \dots, x_m) = (x_1, \dots, x_m, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 U & \xrightarrow{F} & V \\
 \downarrow \phi & & \downarrow \psi \\
 \phi(U) & \xrightarrow{G} & \psi(V)
 \end{array}$$

**Theorem 4.6** (*Local submersion theorem*) If  $F$  is a submersion at  $p$  then there exist charts  $(U, \phi)$  and  $(V, \Psi)$  as above for which  $G$  is the projection  $\pi$  where  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  given by  $\pi : (x_1, \dots, x_m) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

### Methods to construct manifolds

1. An open set of a manifold is also a manifold
2. If  $M$  and  $N$  are manifolds then so is  $M \times N$
3. The *regular value theorem* (a consequence of the local submersion theorem) yields many examples of manifolds

**Definition 4.7** If  $F : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is smooth, then  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a regular value for  $F$  if  $\forall a \in F^{-1}(b)$ ,  $(dF)_a$  is a surjective map from  $\mathbb{R}^m$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Definition 4.8** Suppose  $\dim(M) = m$  and  $\dim(N) = n$ . Then a point  $b \in N$  is a regular value for  $G$  if for all  $a \in F^{-1}(b)$  there are charts  $(U, \phi)$  near  $a$  and  $(V, \Psi)$  near  $F(a)$  for which  $(dG)_{\phi(a)}$  is a surjective linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^m$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Recall the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 U \subset M & \xrightarrow{F} & V \subset N \\
 \downarrow \phi & & \downarrow \psi \\
 \phi(U) & \xrightarrow{G} & \psi(V)
 \end{array}$$

for  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  as above.

**Theorem 4.9** (*Regular value theorem*) *If  $b \in N$  is a regular value for  $F$ , then  $F^{-1}(b)$  is a manifold of dimension  $m - n$ .*

**Proof:** Informally: If  $G : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $(dG)_{\phi(a)}$  is surjective for all  $a \in G^{-1}(b)$ , then in appropriate coordinates  $G : (x_1, \dots, x_m) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . So  $G^{-1}(0) = \{(0, \dots, 0, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_m)\}$ . The  $x_{n+1}, \dots, x_m$  define the structure of a manifold of dimension  $m - n$  on  $G^{-1}(0)$ .

More formally: WLOG  $G(x_1, \dots, x_m) = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\phi(b) = 0$ . Thus  $\phi(F^{-1}(b) \cap U) = G^{-1}(0, \dots, 0) \subset (0, \dots, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_m)$ . Write  $\phi(a) = (\phi_1(a), \phi_2(a))$  where  $\phi_1(a) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (the first  $n$  coordinates) and  $\phi_2(a) \in \mathbb{R}^{m-n}$  (the last  $m - n$  coordinates). A chart on  $F^{-1}(b) \cap U$  is given by  $(F^{-1}(b) \cap U, \phi_2)$  and  $\phi_2$  maps  $F^{-1}(b) \cap U$  to an open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^{m-n}$ .

We check that these charts form a  $C^\infty$ -compatible atlas: If we have another  $(\tilde{U}, \tilde{\phi})$ , write  $\tilde{\phi} = (\tilde{\phi}_1, \tilde{\phi}_2)$  and  $\tilde{\phi}_2 \circ \tilde{\phi}_1^{-1} = \Pi \circ \tilde{\phi} \circ \phi^{-1} \circ i$  where  $\Pi : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-n}$  is projection on the last  $m - n$  coordinates, while  $i : \mathbb{R}^{m-n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is inclusion as the last  $m - n$  coordinates. Hence  $\tilde{\phi}_2 \circ \tilde{\phi}_1^{-1}$  is  $C^\infty$ , since  $\tilde{\phi} \circ \phi^{-1}$  is.

The proof of the following result is similar to the proof of the regular value theorem:

**Theorem 4.10** (*Constant rank theorem*) *If  $F : M^m \rightarrow N^n$  is smooth and  $F$  has constant rank  $r$  on a neighbourhood of  $a$  for every  $a \in F^{-1}(b)$ , then  $F^{-1}(b)$  is a submanifold of  $M$  of dimension  $m - r$ .*

**Example 4.11**  $F : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $F(x) = \langle x, x \rangle$ .

$$(dF)_x(\xi) = 2 \langle \xi, x \rangle$$

So  $(dF)_x$  is onto  $\mathbb{R}$  unless  $x = 0$ . Hence any  $b \neq 0$  is a regular value of  $F$ . The corresponding  $F^{-1}(b)$  are manifolds of dimension  $m - 1$  (they are diffeomorphic to  $S^{m-1}$ ).

**Example 4.12**

$$O(n) = \{A \in M_{n \times n} : A^t A = 1\}$$

Define

$$F : M_{n \times n} \rightarrow S_n \cong \mathbb{R}^{n + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}}$$

by

$$F(A) = A^t A$$

so

$$(dF)_A(\xi) = \xi^t A + A^t \xi$$

**Claim:** The identity matrix  $I$  is a regular value of  $F$ .

**Proof:** (of Claim) We want to check that for all symmetric matrices  $C$  there exists  $\xi$  for which  $(dF)_A(\xi) = C$ . Put  $\xi = AC/2$ . Then

$$(dF)_A(\xi) = \frac{C^t A^t A}{2} + \frac{A^t A C}{2} = C.$$

**Theorem 4.13** (*Sard's Theorem*) *The set of critical values of a  $C^\infty$  map  $f : M \rightarrow N$  has Lebesgue measure 0.*

**Definition 4.14** (*Submanifolds*) *Let  $M$  be a manifold of dimension  $m$ . The space  $N \subset M$  is an embedded submanifold of  $M$  of dimension  $n$  iff for all  $x \in N$  there is a coordinate chart  $(U, \phi)$  around  $x$  in  $M$  in which  $\phi(U \cap N) = \phi(U) \cap \mathbb{R}^n$  where  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is identified with  $\{(z, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^m : z \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$ .*

**Definition 4.15** *If a map  $i : N \rightarrow M$  is an injective immersion,  $i(N)$  is called an immersed submanifold of  $M$ . If  $i$  is also a homeomorphism onto  $i(N)$ , then  $i(N)$  is called an embedded submanifold.*

This is equivalent to the assertion that for all open  $U \subset N$  there is an open  $V \subset M$  such that  $F(U) = V \cap F(N)$  is open in the relative topology on  $F(N)$ , or equivalently  $F^{-1}$  is continuous using this topology.

**Example 4.16** *The figure-eight is an example of an immersion of  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which is not injective.*

$$F(t) = (2 \cos(g(t) - \pi/2), \sin 2(g(t) - \pi/2))$$

where  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} g(t) = 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} g(t) = 2\pi$ , while  $g(0) = \pi/2$ .

**Example 4.17** *An injective immersion of  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which is not a homeomorphism onto its range. (Homeomorphism  $\leftrightarrow$  For all  $V \subset M$  there is  $U \subset N$  s.t.  $i(N) \cap V = i(N \cap U)$ ).*

**Example 4.18** *The skew line:  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1 \times S^1$*

$$f(t) = (e^{it}, e^{i\alpha t}).$$

*If  $\alpha$  is irrational then the image of  $f$  is dense in  $S^1 \times S^1$  so if  $V$  is an open neighbourhood of  $f(t)$  in  $S^1 \times S^1$  then*

$$\overline{V \cap f(\mathbb{R})} = V$$

so  $V \cap f(\mathbb{R}) \neq f(U)$ .

**Proposition 4.19** *If  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is an injective immersion and  $M$  is compact then  $F$  is an embedding and  $F(M)$  is a submanifold.*

**Proposition 4.20** *If  $F$  is an injective immersion and  $F$  is proper (in other words the inverse image of a compact set is compact) then  $F$  is an embedding and  $F(M)$  is a submanifold.*

**Proposition 4.21** *If  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is an immersion, then each  $p \in N$  has a neighbourhood  $U$  such that  $F|_U$  is an embedding of  $U$  in  $N$ .*

**Definition 4.22 Manifolds with Boundary:** *A manifold with boundary is a topological space  $M$  with a collection of charts  $(V_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)$  with*

$$\phi_\alpha : V_\alpha \rightarrow U_\alpha \subset \mathbb{H}^n := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_n \geq 0\}$$

*and every point has a neighbourhood homeomorphic to an open subset of  $\mathbb{H}^n$ . The boundary of  $M$  is the set of points which are mapped to  $\partial\mathbb{H}^n := \{(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, 0)\}$ .*

**Example 4.23**  $\{(x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |x| \leq 1\}$  *is a manifold with boundary. The boundary is  $S^1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |x| = 1\}$ .*

## 5 Tangent spaces

We have already defined smooth maps  $F : M \rightarrow N$ . Now we define an appropriate domain and range for  $dF$ , without reference to charts.

The tangent space  $T_aM$  to  $M$  at a point  $a \in M$  can be exhibited as follows.

- If  $M$  is an embedded submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the inclusion map  $U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U \subset M & \xrightarrow{i} & \mathbb{R}^n \\ \downarrow \phi & & \downarrow \\ \phi(U) \subset \mathbb{R}^m & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$

Then  $T_aM = \text{Im}(i \circ \phi^{-1}) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- If  $M = F^{-1}(0)$  for  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , then  $T_aM = (dF)_a^{-1}(0)$ .

We will revisit these two examples.

**Example 5.1**  $S^n$  is  $F^{-1}(1)$  for  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $F(x) = \langle x, x \rangle$ . Then  $(dF)_a^{-1}(0) = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle a, \xi \rangle = 0\}$  (this is the plane orthogonal to  $a$ ).

### Three definitions of the tangent space

#### First definition of tangent space:

**Definition 5.2** (*Short Curves*) A short curve  $\gamma$  at  $a$  is a smooth map  $\gamma : (-\delta, \delta) \rightarrow M$  with  $\gamma(0) = a$ .

**Definition 5.3** Two short curves  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  at  $a$  are tangent to each other if for a chart  $(U, \phi)$  we have  $(\phi \circ \gamma_1)'(0) = (\phi \circ \gamma_2)'(0)$ . We can check that this is independent of the choice of charts.

**Definition 5.4** A tangent vector is an equivalence class of mutually tangent short curves at  $a$ . The set of such equivalence classes is denoted  $S_a$ .

Note one may identify  $\gamma_1 : (-\delta_1, \delta_1) \rightarrow M$  and  $\gamma_2 : (-\delta_2, \delta_2) \rightarrow M$  even if  $\delta_1 \neq \delta_2$ .

**Remark 5.5** Any chart  $(U, \phi)$  gives a map  $T_\phi : S_a \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  defined by

$$T_\phi(\gamma) = (\phi \circ \gamma)'(0).$$

This allows the tangent space to be identified with  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Second definition of tangent space:** Suppose  $(U, \phi)$  is a local chart and  $x_i = \pi_i \circ \phi_U$  (projection on the  $i$ -th coordinate).

Likewise  $y_i = \pi_i \circ \phi_V$  for another compatible coordinate chart  $(V, \phi_V)$ .

Define

$$T_a M := \{(x, v) \mid \sim\}$$

where  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .  $(x, v) \sim (y, w)$  if

$$w = d(\phi_V \circ \phi_U^{-1})_{\phi_U(a)}(v)$$

Less formally: Tangent vectors are

$$\sum_j v_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$$

with the equivalence relation that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} = \sum_j \frac{\partial y_j}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}$$

( $\frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}$  is a notation for the  $j$ -th basis vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). The vector space structure is as follows:

$$[x, v] + [x, w] = [x, v + w]$$

$$\lambda[x, v] = [x, \lambda v]$$

(for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ).

The identification between Definition 1 and Definition 2 is as follows:  $[x, v]_a$  is identified with the equivalence class of  $\phi_u^{-1} \circ \gamma$  where  $\gamma$  is a curve in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\gamma'(0) = v$ .

The vector space structure is transferred from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to the space of equivalence classes of curves:  $\sum_i a_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$  corresponds to the curve  $[t \mapsto \phi_u^{-1}(t \sum_i a_i e_i)]$ . The basis element  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$  is identified with  $\gamma_i(t) = \phi_u^{-1}(t e_i)$ .

**Third definition of tangent space:**

$$T_a M = \{X : C^\infty(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid X(fg) = (Xf)g(a) + f(a)(Xg)\}$$

Here  $X$  is a derivation.

**Claim:**  $T_a M$  is the span of  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}$ .

**Lemma 5.6** *If  $f$  is smooth in a convex neighbourhood of 0 in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f(0) = 0$ , then there is  $g_i : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  with*

$$1. f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i g_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$2. g_i(0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(0).$$

Proof: Define  $h_x(t) = f(tx)$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Then  $f(x) - f(0) = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} h_x(t) dt$

$$= \int_0^1 \sum_i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right)(tx) w \cdot x_i dt$$

(by the chain rule). So set  $g_i(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(tx) dt$

Proof of Claim:

For any derivation  $X$

$$X(1) = X(1 \cdot 1) = 1 \cdot X(1) + 1 \cdot X(1)$$

so  $X(1) = 0$ . So  $\forall f$  defined on a convex domain around 0, where  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $Xf = X(f - f(0)) = X \sum_i x_i g_i = \sum_i (X x_i) g_i(0) + x_i(0) (X g_i) = \sum_i (X x_i) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(0)$  Hence  $\partial/\partial x_i$  span the vector space.

Stereographic projection of  $S^2$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  creates two coordinate systems:

$$u = \frac{x}{1+z}, v = \frac{y}{1+z}$$

and

$$\hat{u} = \frac{x}{1-z}, \hat{v} = \frac{y}{1-z}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} u/\hat{u} &= (1-z)/(1+z) = \frac{1-z^2}{(1+z)^2} \\ &= u^2 + v^2 \end{aligned}$$

so  $\hat{u} = \frac{u}{u^2+v^2}$  and  $\hat{v} = \frac{v}{u^2+v^2}$ . Likewise

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}/u &= (1+z)/(1-z) = \frac{1-z^2}{(1-z)^2} \\ &= \hat{u}^2 + \hat{v}^2 \end{aligned}$$

so  $u = \frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{u}^2 + \hat{v}^2}$  and  $v = \frac{\hat{v}}{\hat{u}^2 + \hat{v}^2}$  So

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{u}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \hat{u}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \hat{u}} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{\hat{u}^2 + \hat{v}^2} - 2 \frac{\hat{u}^2}{(\hat{u}^2 + \hat{v}^2)^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial u} - \frac{2\hat{u}\hat{v}}{(\hat{u}^2 + \hat{v}^2)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial v}. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 5.7** Polar coordinates on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos(\theta), y = r \sin(\theta) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ &= \cos(\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sin(\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ &= -r \sin(\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + r \cos(\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$$

We can also express the  $x, y$  coordinates in terms of the  $r, \theta$  coordinates:  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \theta = \arctan(y/x)$  so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \\ &= \frac{x}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{(y/x)^2 + 1} \left( \frac{-y}{x^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{(y/x)^2 + 1} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$$

Transformation properties of tangent spaces under  $F : M \rightarrow N$

1. Curves:  $dF[t \mapsto \gamma(t)] = [t \mapsto F \circ \gamma(t)]$
2. Local coordinates: Writing coordinates  $(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  on a chart in  $N$ , and  $z_j \circ F = F_j$ ,

$$dF\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j}.$$

3. Point derivations:  $dF(X)(g) = X(g \circ F)$

Less formally, if we choose coordinates on chart domains in  $M$  and  $N$  then  $dF$  is given by the Jacobian matrix  $\frac{\partial F_j}{\partial x_i}$ .

**Example 5.8**  $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$   $F(x, y) = (u, v, w)$  where  $u = xy$ ,  $v = x + 3y$ ,  $w = x^2y^2$

$$\begin{aligned} dF\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \\ &= y \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + 2x^2y \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \\ dF\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \\ &= x \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + 2x^2y \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \end{aligned}$$

Of course, a change of coordinates can be viewed as a diffeomorphism.

For example, we can view polar coordinates as a map  $F : \mathbb{R}^+ \times [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$   $F(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) = (x, y)$ . So  $dF(\partial/\partial r) = \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$

**Proposition 5.9**  $d(F \circ G)_p = (dF)_{G(p)} \circ (dG)_p$  for

$$M \xrightarrow{G} N \xrightarrow{F} P$$

**Proof:** This is immediate in terms of the first definition (since a short curve  $\gamma$  in  $M$  is sent to the curve  $F \circ G(\gamma)$ ). In the second definition (using local coordinates), it is a consequence of the chain rule. After all,  $dF$  reduces to the Jacobian matrix  $d(\Psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1})$

## 5.1 The cotangent space

The space of cotangent vectors  $T_p^*M$  is the dual space of  $T_pM$ . A basis for  $T_p^*M$  is given by the differentials  $dx_i$  corresponding to the coordinate functions  $x_i$ . These give the dual basis to the basis  $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\}$  for  $T_pM$ . Transformation under a change of coordinates:

$$dx_j = \sum_i \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial y_i} dy_i = \sum_i B_{ji} dy_i$$

where the matrix  $B$  is given by

$$B_{ji} = \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial y_i}.$$

For any smooth function  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(df)_p : T_pM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a cotangent vector, given by

$$df = \sum_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} dx_j.$$

**Remark 5.10** We shall see that the matrix  $B$  is  $(T^{-1})^t$  where  $T_{ji} = \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j}$ . The matrix  $T$  transforms bases of tangent vectors:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} = \sum_i T_{ji} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}$$

To prove this, we observe that

$$\sum_i \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial y_i} = \delta_{jk}$$

(where  $\delta_{jk} = 1$  when  $j = k$  and 0 otherwise).

$$dx_i = \sum_j \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial y_j} dy_j = \sum_j P_{ij} dy_j$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} = \sum_j \frac{\partial y_j}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} = \sum_j Q_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}$$

where  $P_{ij} = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial y_j}$  and  $Q_{ij} = \frac{\partial y_j}{\partial x_i}$ . We check that  $\sum_j P_{ij} Q_{kj} = \delta_{ik}$ . Hence  $P = (Q^{-1})^T$ .

**Example 5.11** On  $S^2$ , near  $(0, 0, 1)$  we can take coordinates  $x, y$ . Define  $z = \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} dz &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{z}(-x dx - y dy) \end{aligned}$$

## 5.2 Transformation properties under maps:

- Tangent vectors push forward:

$f : M \rightarrow N$  gives

$$(df)_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{f(p)} N$$

If  $(z_1, \dots, z_n) : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are coordinates on a chart in  $N$ , and  $(x_1, \dots, x_m) : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  in  $M$ ,

$$(df)_p \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right) = \sum_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (z_j \circ f) \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j}.$$

Alternative notation for  $(df)_p$  is  $(f_*)_p$ .

- Cotangent vectors pull back:

If  $f : M \rightarrow N$ , and  $dg$  is a cotangent vector on  $N$   $(dg)_q \in T_q^*N$ , then  $f^*((dg)_{f(p)}) = d(g \circ f)_p$ . In particular  $f^*dz_j = d(z_j \circ f) = \sum_i \frac{\partial(z_j \circ f)}{\partial x_i} dx_i$

**Example 5.12**  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$f(x, y) = (F_1(x, y), F_2(x, y), F_3(x, y))$$

where  $F_1(x, y) = xy$ ,  $F_2(x, y) = x + 3y$ ,  $F_3(x, y) = y^2x^2$

$$f^*(dF_1) = d(F_1 \circ f) = d(xy) = ydx + xdy$$

$$f^*(dF_2) = d(F_2 \circ f) = dx + 3dy$$

$$f^*(dF_3) = d(F_3 \circ f) = d(y^2x^2) = 2yx^2dy + 2xy^2dx$$

## 6 Vector bundles

A *vector bundle* over a manifold  $B$  is a triple  $(E, B, \pi)$  where

1.  $B$  is a manifold (base space)
2.  $E$  is also a manifold (total space)
3.  $\pi : E \rightarrow B$  is a surjective map (bundle projection) such that for each  $b \in B$ ,  $\pi^{-1}(b)$  is endowed with the structure of an  $n$ -dimensional vector space such that  $E$  is *locally trivial* (i.e. for each  $b \in B$  there is a neighbourhood  $U$  containing  $b$  such that  $E|_U := \pi^{-1}(U)$  is isomorphic to  $U \times \mathbb{R}^n$ )

(Bundle isomorphism: A collection of maps

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E_1 & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & E_2 \\
 \downarrow \pi_1 & & \downarrow \pi_2 \\
 B & \xrightarrow{=} & B
 \end{array}$$

The map  $\Psi$  is bijective. The restriction of  $\Psi$  to each  $\pi^{-1}(b)$  is a linear mapping.  $\Psi$  is called a *bundle chart*.

### 6.1 Construction of bundles

All bundles may be constructed by imposing an equivalence relation

$$E = \{U \times \mathbb{R}^n \mid \sim\}$$

where  $(a, \xi) \sim (a, g_{UV}(a)\xi)$  if  $a \in U \cap V$ . Here the  $g_{UV} : U \cap V \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  satisfy

- $g_{UU} = \text{id}$
- $g_{UV} \cdot g_{VW} = g_{UW}$
- $g_{UV} \cdot g_{VU} = \text{id}$

**Example 6.1** *The tangent bundle: Suppose  $U$  (resp.  $V$ ) are coordinate charts with coordinates  $\{x_i\}$  (resp.  $\{y_j\}$ ). The transition functions*

$$(g_{UV})_{ij} = \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j}$$

*are the transition functions for the tangent bundle  $TM$ .*

## 6.2 Sections

A *section*  $s$  is a smooth map  $s : B \rightarrow E$  such that  $\pi \circ s = \text{id}$ .

A section of the tangent bundle is called a vector field.

One obvious section is the zero section  $s(b) = 0 \forall b$ .

A bundle is trivial if  $E = B \times \mathbb{R}^N$

A bundle is trivial iff it has a basis of global nowhere vanishing sections  $s_i : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  so that  $\Psi : B \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow E$  defined by

$$\Psi(b, (x_1, \dots, x_n)) = \sum_i x_i s_i(b)$$

is a bundle isomorphism.

In some cases it is impossible to find even *one* nowhere vanishing section of a vector bundle (for example the tangent bundle of  $S^2$ ). In terms of transition functions, the sections  $s_U : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  satisfying  $g_{UV}s_V = s_U$  on  $U \cap V$

## 6.3 Complex vector bundles

Analogous definition: but each fibre  $\pi^{-1}(b)$  has the structure of a complex vector space and the bundle charts are subsets of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

## 7 Differential forms

Let  $M$  be a manifold with  $\dim M = m$ . Recall that  $\Omega^r M$  is defined as the smooth sections of  $\Lambda^r T^*M$ . In coordinates  $(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  on a chart  $U$ , an  $r$ -form  $\rho$  is  $\sum_I f_i(x) dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_r}$  for  $i_1 < \dots < i_r$ . If  $r > m$ ,  $\Omega^r(M) = \{0\}$ .  $\Omega^0(M) = C^\infty(M)$ .  $r = m$ : an  $r$ -form  $\rho$  defines a multilinear function on  $T^p M$  for all  $p \in M$ .

$$(Y_1, \dots, Y_r) \in T_p M \mapsto \rho(Y_1, \dots, Y_r) \in \mathbb{R}.$$

This function is linear in each  $Y_i$ .

Results about exterior algebras:

If  $\rho \in \Omega^r(M)$ ,  $\sigma \in \Omega^s(M)$ , then there exists  $\rho \wedge \sigma \in \Omega^{r+s}(M)$  satisfying

1.  $\rho \wedge \sigma = (-1)^{rs} \sigma \wedge \rho$  (for example if  $\rho$  is an odd-degree form then  $\rho \wedge \rho = 0$ : This is not necessarily the case for even-degree forms)
2.  $\wedge$  is bilinear on forms
3.  $\wedge$  is associative
4. if  $f$  is a smooth function, it may be viewed as a 0-form, so  $f \wedge (\sum_I g_I dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_r}) = \sum_I (f g_I) dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_r}$ .

Suppose  $V$  is a vector space with a basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  and the dual basis  $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_m\}$  for  $V^*$ . Then

$$\phi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \phi_m = m! \text{Alt}(\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_m) := \sum_{\pi} (-1)^\pi \phi_{\pi(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_{\pi(m)}.$$

Then  $\phi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \phi_m(v_1, \dots, v_m) = 1$  (only one permutation contributes). In particular for  $V = T_p M$ ,  $V^* = T_p^* M$   $\phi_i = dx_i, v_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ .

$$dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) = 1.$$

Assume  $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_r \leq m, 1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_r \leq m$ :

$$dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_r} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j_r}} \right) = 0$$

unless  $\{i_1, \dots, i_r\} = \{j_1, \dots, j_r\}$  in which case the result is 1.

**Example 7.1**

$$\begin{aligned} dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right) &= 1 \\ dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right) &= -1 \\ dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \right) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 7.2**  $((n-1)$ -form on  $S^{n-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ )

$$\omega_{(x_1, \dots, x_n)} = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i x_i dx_0 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_i \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$$

where  $x_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . For example, on  $S^1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$   $\omega = xdy - ydx$ . It will turn out that  $\omega$  is the natural volume form on  $S^{n-1}$ .

**7.1 Exterior differential:**

$d : \Omega^r(M) \mapsto \Omega^{r+1}(M)$  is defined by

$$d(a_I dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_r}) = \sum_{\ell} \left( \frac{\partial a_I}{\partial x_{\ell}} dx_{\ell} \wedge dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_r} \right).$$

Note that

1.  $dx_{\ell} \wedge dx_{\ell} = 0$  so if  $\ell$  appears among  $\{i_1, \dots, i_r\}$  then the term involving  $\frac{\partial a_I}{\partial x_{\ell}}$  vanishes.
2.  $dx_i \wedge dx_j = -dx_j \wedge dx_i$ .

The following Lemma follows from properties of exterior algebras.

**Lemma 7.3**  $F^*(\omega \wedge \theta) = F^*\omega \wedge F^*\theta$ .

We have

**Theorem 7.4**

$$dF^* = F^*d.$$

This is proved as follows.

**Proof:**

- (1) True if  $\omega = g$  is a  $C^\infty$  function, for  $d(F^*g) = d(g \circ F) = F^*(dg)$
- (2) True if  $\omega = dg$  for  $F^*\omega = F^*dg = d(g \circ F)$  and  $d(F^*\omega) = 0$ , also  $F^*d(dg) = 0$ .
- (3) If  $F^*d\theta = d(F^*\theta)$  for  $\theta \in \Omega^r(M)$ , and  $F^*(d\omega) = d(F^*\omega)$ , then  $d(\theta \wedge \omega) = (d\theta) \wedge \omega + (-1)^r \theta \wedge d\omega$  so  $F^*d(\theta \wedge \omega) = F^*(d\theta) \wedge F^*\omega + (-1)^r (F^*\theta) \wedge (F^*d\omega)$  (by the Lemma)  $= d(F^*\theta) \wedge F^*\omega + (-1)^r F^*\theta \wedge d(F^*\omega)$  (by hypothesis)  $= d(F^*\theta) \wedge F^*\omega = d(F^*(\theta \wedge \omega))$  (by Lemma)
- (4) By induction on  $r$ : use the fact that all  $r$ -forms are of the form

$$a_I(x) dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_r}.$$

Also (1) gives the result for  $a_I$  while (2) and (3) combine to give the result for  $dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_r}$ .

**Example 7.5**  $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$   $F(x, y) = (F_1(x, y), F_2(x, y), F_3(x, y))$  where

$$F_1(x, y) = x^2 \sin(y)$$

$$F_2(x, y) = y^3 e^{2x}$$

$$F_3(x, y) = xy$$

Then

$$F^*dz_1 = dF_1 = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} dy = 2x \sin y dx + x^2 \cos y dy$$

$$F^*dz_2 = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} dy = 2y^3 e^{2x} dx + 3y^2 e^{2x} dy$$

$$F^*(dz_1 \wedge dz_2) = F^*dz_1 \wedge F^*dz_2 = ((2x \sin y)(3y^2 e^{2x}) - (2y^3 e^{2x})(x^2 \cos y)) dx \wedge dy$$

Very important result:

**Theorem 7.6** On  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , for any smooth map  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  we have

$$F^*(dy_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy_n) = \det(dF)(dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n).$$

This follows by the determinant theorem.

The importance of this will appear when we reach integration on manifolds: if  $g$  is a smooth function on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and  $y = F(x)$ , then

$$\int_{F(A)} g(y) dy = \int_A g(F(x)) \frac{dF}{dx} dx.$$

This is best summarized by viewing  $g(y)dy$  as a 1-form so

$$F^*(g(y)dy) = g(F(x))\frac{dF}{dx}dx.$$

**Proof:** (of Theorem)

Write  $F = (F_1, \dots, F_n) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} F^*(dy_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy_n) &= dF_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dF_n = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_{i_1}} \dots \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_{i_n}} dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_n} \\ &= \sum_{\pi} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_{\pi(1)}} \dots \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_{\pi(n)}} dx_{\pi(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{\pi(n)} \\ &= \sum_{\pi} (-1)^{\pi} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_{\pi(1)}} \dots \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_{\pi(n)}} dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n \\ &= \det(dF) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n \end{aligned}$$

since  $dF$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix whose  $(i, j)$  entry is  $\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j}$ .

## 7.2 A useful differential form

On  $S^n \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  a nowhere zero differential form is given by

$$\omega_{x_0, \dots, x_n} = \sum_j (-1)^j x_j dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{dx}_j \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n.$$

For example, on  $S^1$  we recover  $x_0 dx_1 - x_1 dx_0 = r^2 d\theta$  in polar coordinates.

## 7.3 The exterior differential

**Definition 7.7** *The exterior differential  $d : \Omega^r(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{r+1}(M)$  is defined by*

$$d\left(\sum_I a_I dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_r}\right) = \sum_{\ell} \sum_I \frac{\partial a_I}{\partial x_{\ell}} dx_{\ell} \wedge dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_r}.$$

**Remark 7.8** 1.  $dx_{\ell} \wedge dx_{\ell} = 0$  so if  $\ell$  appears among  $\{i_1, \dots, i_r\}$  then the term involving  $\frac{\partial a_I}{\partial x_{\ell}}$  vanishes.

2.  $dx_i \wedge dx_j = -dx_j \wedge dx_i$ .

Properties:

1.  $d$  is linear
2. if  $f$  is a smooth function,  $df$  is a 1-form
3.  $\rho \in \Omega^r(M), \sigma \in \Omega^s(M) \Rightarrow d(\rho \wedge \sigma) = (d\rho) \wedge \sigma + (-1)^r \rho \wedge d\sigma$
4.  $d^2 = 0$

**Proof:** (of (3))  $d(a_I dx^I \wedge b_J dx^J) = d(a_I b_J) \wedge dx^I \wedge dx^J$

$$= (da_I b_J + a_I db_J)(dx^I \wedge dx^J)$$

(by Leibniz)

$$= (d\rho) \wedge \sigma + \rho \wedge d\sigma$$

**Proof:** (of (4))

$$d^2(a_I dx^I) = d\left(\sum_{\ell} \frac{\partial a_I}{\partial x^{\ell}} dx^{\ell} \wedge dx^I\right)$$

$$= \sum_{k, \ell} \frac{\partial^2 a_I}{\partial x_k \partial x_{\ell}} dx_k \wedge dx_{\ell} \wedge dx^I$$

But

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_k \partial x_{\ell}} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{\ell} \partial x_k}$$

while

$$dx_k \wedge dx_{\ell} = -dx_{\ell} \wedge dx_k$$

The following is proved in Guillemin-Pollack:

**Proposition 7.9**  $d$  is the unique operator with properties (1)-(4).

**Remark 7.10** If  $\dim(M) = m$  and  $\omega \in \Omega^m(M)$  then  $d\omega = 0$ .

**Definition 7.11** A form  $\alpha$  is closed if  $d\alpha = 0$ .

**Definition 7.12** A form  $\alpha$  is exact if  $\alpha = d\beta$  for some form  $\beta$ .

An important consequence of the fact that  $d^2 = 0$  is that exact forms are closed. We can define *de Rham cohomology* as follows:

**Definition 7.13** *The  $k$ -th de Rham cohomology group of a manifold  $M$  is*

$$\frac{\{\alpha \in \Omega^k M \mid d\alpha = 0\}}{\{\alpha \in \Omega^k M \mid \alpha = d\beta\}}$$

**Example 7.14** *Forms that are closed but not exact:*

- do not exist on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (Poincaré lemma)
- On  $S^{n-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  the form  $\sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i x_i dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{dx}_i \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$  is closed but not exact. This will follow from Stokes' theorem.

## 7.4 Consequences in dimension 3:

Vector fields	Forms
$F_0$ function	$\Omega_0 = F_0$ function
$F_1 = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ vector field	$\omega_1 = v_1 dx_1 + v_2 dx_2 + v_3 dx_3$ 1-form
$F_2 = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$ vector field	$\omega_2 = f_1 dx_2 \wedge dx_3 + f_2 dx_3 \wedge dx_1 + f_3 dx_1 \wedge dx_2$ 2-form
$F_3$ function	$\omega_3 = F_3 dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3$
$F_1 = \nabla F_0$	$\omega_1 = d\omega_0$
$F_2 = \nabla \times F_1 = \text{curl} F_1$	$\omega_2 = d\omega_1$
$F_3 = \nabla \cdot F_2 = \text{div} F_2$	$\omega_3 = d\omega_2$

Here  $\text{curl} F_1 = (h_1, h_2, h_3)$  where

$$h_1 = \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x_3}$$

$$h_2 = \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x_3} - \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial x_1}$$

$$h_3 = \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x_2}$$

in other words

$$h_1\hat{e}_1 + h_2\hat{e}_2 + h_3\hat{e}_3 = \det \begin{pmatrix} \hat{e}_1 & \hat{e}_2 & \hat{e}_3 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Also

$$\operatorname{div} F_2 = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_3}$$

Hence  $d \circ d = 0$  translates to

$$\nabla \times (\nabla F_0) = 0$$

and

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times F_1) = 0$$

## 8 Transversality

Let  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  be vector subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . Then  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are transversal if  $V = V_1 + V_2$  as subspaces of  $V$ . If  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are transversal, it follows that

$$\dim V = \dim V_1 + \dim V_2 - \dim(V_1 \cap V_2).$$

Submanifolds  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  of a manifold  $M$  are said to be transverse if

$$T_x N_1 + T_x N_2 = T_x M$$

for all  $x \in N_1 \cap N_2$ .

Whether or not  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are transversal in  $M$  depends on  $M$  as well as on  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ . For example the  $x$  and  $y$  axes are transversal in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  but not in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . If the sum of the dimensions of  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  is less than the dimension of  $M$ , then  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  can only intersect transversally if their intersection is empty.

**Proposition 8.1** *If  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are transverse submanifolds of  $M$  then  $N_1 \cap N_2$  is a submanifold of  $M$  of dimension  $\dim N_1 + \dim N_2 - \dim M$ , or  $\text{codim}(N_1 \cap N_2) = \text{codim}(N_1) + \text{codim}(N_2)$ .*

Two maps  $g_1 : N_1 \rightarrow M$  and  $g_2 : N_2 \rightarrow M$  are transverse if  $g_{1*}(T_{x_1} N_1) + g_{2*}(T_{x_2} N_2) = T_y M$  for all  $x_1, x_2, y$  with  $g_1(x_1) = g_2(x_2) = y$ .

Let  $\Phi : M \rightarrow N$  be a smooth map, and  $S \subset N$  an embedded submanifold. Then  $\Phi$  is transversal to  $S$  iff for all  $p \in \Phi^{-1}(S)$ ,  $\Phi_* T_p M$  and  $T_{\Phi(p)} S$  span  $T_{\Phi(p)} N$ .

**Theorem 8.2** *If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is transverse to a submanifold  $L$  of codimension  $k$  (i.e.  $\dim N - \dim L = k$ ) and  $f^{-1}(L)$  is not empty, then  $f^{-1}(L)$  is a codimension  $k$  submanifold of  $M$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $f(p) = q \in L$ . In some neighbourhood  $V$  of  $q$ ,  $L \cap V = \mathbb{R}^{n-k} \cap V'$  (where  $\mathbb{R}^{n-k} = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{n-k}, 0, \dots, 0)\}$ ). Define  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  to be the projection on the last  $k$  coordinates  $\pi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_{n-k+1}, \dots, x_n)$ . The transversality condition means that  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^k$  is a regular value of

$$U \xrightarrow{f} V \cong V' \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{R}^k$$

Hence for an open neighbourhood  $U$  in  $M$ ,  $f^{-1}(L) \cap U$  is a codimension  $k$  submanifold of  $U$  (by the Regular Value Theorem). It follows that  $f^{-1}(L)$  is a codimension  $k$  submanifold of  $M$ . If  $\Phi$  is transversal to  $S$ , then  $\Phi^{-1}(S)$  is an embedded submanifold of  $M$  whose codimension is  $\dim(N) - \dim(S)$ .  $\square$

Sard's Theorem: Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be a smooth map. Then the set of critical values of  $f$  has measure zero in  $N$ .

Proof: See Guillemin-Pollack, Appendix 1

**Theorem 8.3** (*Whitney embedding theorem*) *Every  $k$ -dimensional manifold admits an embedding in  $\mathbb{R}^{2k+1}$ .*

*Proof* (from Guillemin and Pollack chap. 1.8):

We first give an argument that shows that if there is an injective immersion from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}^M$  then there is an injective immersion from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{2k+1}$ . The hypothesis that there is an injective immersion from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}^M$  (for some  $M$ ) will be proved in the section 'Partitions of Unity'.

If  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$  is an injective immersion with  $M > 2k + 1$ , then there is  $a \in \mathbb{R}^M$  such that  $\pi \circ f$  is an injective immersion. (Here  $\pi$  is the projection from  $\mathbb{R}^M$  to  $H$ , where  $H = \{b \in \mathbb{R}^M : b \perp a\} \cong a^\perp \cong \mathbb{R}^{M-1}$ . So we have an injective immersion into  $\mathbb{R}^{M-1}$ . Here define  $h : X \times X \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$  by

$$h(x, y, t) = t(f(x) - f(y))$$

and  $g : TX \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$  by

$$g(x, v) = df_x(v).$$

Since  $\dim(M) > 2k + 1$ , Sard's theorem tells us that there is  $a \in \mathbb{R}^M$  which is not in the image of  $g$  or the image of  $h$ . (Sard's theorem tells us that the regular values of  $g$  and  $h$  in the image of a smooth map  $F$  from an  $n$ -manifold to a vector space  $V$  of dimension higher than  $n$  is dense. When the dimension of  $V$  is higher than  $n$ , the regular values are the complement of the image of  $F$ .)

Let  $\pi$  be the projection of  $\mathbb{R}^M$  on  $H$ .

**Lemma 8.4**  $\pi \circ f : X \rightarrow H$  is injective.

**Proof:** Suppose not. Then  $\pi \circ f(x) = \pi \circ f(y)$  implies  $f(x) - f(y) = ta$  for some  $t$ . If  $x \neq y$  then  $t \neq 0$  since  $f$  is injective. But then  $h(x, y, t^{-1}) = a$  contradicting the choice of  $a$ . Likewise

**Lemma 8.5**  $\pi \circ f : X \rightarrow H$  is an immersion.

**Proof:** Suppose  $v$  is a nonzero vector in  $T_x X$  with  $d(\pi \circ f)_x(v) = 0$ .  $\pi$  is linear, so  $d(\pi \circ f) = \pi \circ df$ . So  $\pi \circ df_x(v) = 0$  implies  $df_x(v) = ta$  for some  $t$ . Since  $f$  is an immersion,  $t \neq 0$ . Hence  $g(x, t^{-1}v) = a$ , contradicting the choice of  $a$ .  $\square$

(Note that in fact Whitney eventually proved that it was possible to embed a  $k$ -dimensional manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^{2k}$ .)

## 9 The Lie derivative

Let  $\alpha$  be an  $r$ -form and let  $\beta$  be an  $s$ -form on  $M$ . Let  $X$  be a vector field on  $M$ . Define the interior product  $i_X : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(M)$  by

$$(i_X \alpha)(Y_1, \dots, Y_{k-1}) = \alpha(X, Y_1, \dots, Y_{k-1})$$

(we insert  $X$  as the first argument of  $\alpha$ ). This is also called the contraction of  $\alpha$  by  $X$ . Then

$$i_X(\alpha \wedge \beta) = (i_X \alpha) \wedge \beta + (-1)^{|\alpha|} \alpha \wedge i_X \beta$$

**Remark 9.1** *If  $X$  is a vector field and  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a smooth function then*

$$i_{fX} \alpha(p) = f(p)(i_X \alpha)(p)$$

*(in other words the interior product is  $C^\infty(M)$ -linear in  $X$ ).*

*Also, We have already shown that*

$$d(\alpha \wedge \beta) = (d\alpha) \wedge \beta + (-1)^{|\alpha|} \alpha \wedge d\beta.$$

*Define the Lie derivative by*

$$L_X = di_X + i_X d$$

*which sends  $r$ -forms to  $r$ -forms. A straightforward calculation shows that*

$$L_X(\alpha \wedge \beta) = (L_X \alpha) \wedge \beta + \alpha \wedge (L_X \beta).$$

*A derivation is a linear map  $L$  from  $\Omega^r M$  to  $\Omega^{r+t} M$  (here  $t$  is independent of  $r$ ) satisfying*

$$L(\alpha \wedge \beta) = (L\alpha) \wedge \beta + \alpha \wedge (L\beta).$$

*An antiderivation is a linear map  $A$  from  $\Omega^r M$  to  $\Omega^{r+t} M$  (here  $t$  is independent of  $r$ ) satisfying*

$$A(\alpha \wedge \beta) = (A\alpha) \wedge \beta + (-1)^{|\alpha|} \alpha \wedge (A\beta).$$

*For example  $d$  and  $i_X$  are antiderivations. The above shows that  $L_X$  is a derivation. The formula  $L_X = di_X + i_X d$  together with the fact that  $i_X$  is  $C^\infty(M)$ -linear in  $X$  show that  $L_X$  is not  $C^\infty(M)$ -linear in  $X$ . Instead*

$$(L_{fX} \alpha)(p) = f(p)(L_X \alpha)(p) + (df) \wedge (i_X \alpha)(p)$$

**Definition 9.2** *(Lie bracket of vector fields) In terms of evaluation of vector fields on functions,*

$$[X, Y]f = X(Yf) - Y(Xf)$$

In a coordinate system, all vector fields are of the form

$$X = \sum_i a_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, Y = \sum_i b_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} X(Yf) &= \sum_i a_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \sum_j b_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i,j} a_i \left( \frac{\partial b_j}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} + b_j \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$Y(Xf) = \sum_{i,j} b_j \left( \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} + a_i \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right).$$

Hence

$$[X, Y]f = \sum_{i,j} \left( a_i \frac{\partial b_j}{\partial x_i} - b_i \frac{\partial a_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}.$$

It follows immediately that

**Proposition 9.3**

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right] = 0$$

The following is obvious:

**Lemma 9.4**  $[X, Y] = -[Y, X]$

The following can be proved by calculation with the above formula for the Lie bracket of vector fields:

**Lemma 9.5** (*Jacobi identity*)

$$[X, [Y, Z]] + [Y, [Z, X]] + [Z, [X, Y]] = 0$$

There is a formula for the exterior derivative in terms of the Lie bracket (see Boothby Chap. V, (8.4)). Here is the special case of the exterior derivative on 1-forms.

**Proposition 9.6** *If  $X$  and  $Y$  are vector fields on  $M$  and  $\alpha$  is a 1-form then*

$$(d\alpha)(X, Y) = X(\alpha(Y)) - Y(\alpha(X)) - \alpha([X, Y]).$$

**Proof:** WLOG  $\alpha = fdg$  for smooth functions  $f$  and  $g$ . So  $d\alpha = df \wedge dg$ .

$$\begin{aligned} d\alpha(X, Y) &= df(X)dg(Y) - dg(X)df(Y) \\ &= (Xf)(Yg) - (Xg)(Yf) \end{aligned}$$

while

$$\begin{aligned} X(\alpha(Y)) - Y(\alpha(X)) - \alpha([X, Y]) &= X(fdg(Y)) - Y(fdg(X)) - fdg([X, Y]) \\ &= X(f(Yg)) - Y(f(Xg)) - f([X, Y]g) \end{aligned}$$

By the Leibniz rule, this becomes

$$= (Xf)(Yg) + f(X(Yg)) - (Yf)(Xg) - f(Y(Xg)) - f(X(Yg)) - Y(Xg)$$

Four terms cancel, and we obtain

$$(Xf)(Yg) - (Xg)(Yf)$$

as claimed.

The more general formula is (if  $\alpha$  is an  $r$ -form)

$$\begin{aligned} d\alpha(X_1, \dots, X_{r+1}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} (-1)^{i-1} X_i \alpha(X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, X_{r+1}) \\ &+ \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \alpha([X_i, X_j], X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_{r+1}). \end{aligned}$$

## 10 Flows

Let  $X$  be a vector field on a manifold  $M$ .

**Definition 10.1** An integral curve of  $X$  is a smooth map  $F : (a, b) \rightarrow M$  for which

$$\frac{dF}{dt}(t_0) = X_{F(t_0)}$$

Let  $W$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R} \times M$  satisfying  $\exists \alpha(p) < 0 < \beta(p)$  such that

$$W \cap (\mathbb{R} \times \{p\}) = \{(t, p) : \alpha(p) < t < \beta(p)\}$$

**Definition 10.2** A local flow on  $M$  is a smooth map  $\theta : W \rightarrow M$  such that (introducing the definition  $\theta_t(p) := \theta(t, p)$ )

1.  $\theta_0(p) = p \forall p \in M$
2. If  $(s, p) \in W$   $\alpha(\theta_s(p)) = \alpha(p) - s$  and  $\beta(\theta_s(p)) = \beta(p) - s$ , and for  $t$  such that  $\alpha(p) - s < t < \beta(p) - s$ ,  $\theta_{t+s}(p)$  is defined and

$$\theta_t(\theta_s(p)) = \theta_{t+s}(p).$$

In particular  $\theta_t$  is a local diffeomorphism (the inverse is  $\theta_{-t}$ ).

Equivalently, we have a collection of open neighbourhoods  $V_\alpha$  covering  $M$  and maps  $\theta^\alpha : (-\epsilon_\alpha, \epsilon_\alpha) \times V_\alpha \rightarrow M$  such that

$$\theta_t^\alpha(p) := \theta^\alpha(t, p)$$

such that

1.  $\theta^\alpha$  and  $\theta^\beta$  agree on the intersection of their domains
2.  $\theta^\alpha(0, p) = p$
3.  $\theta_{t+s}^\alpha = \theta_t^\alpha \circ \theta_s^\alpha$  where both sides are defined

**Theorem 10.3** Given a vector field  $X$  on  $M$ , there exists  $\theta : (-\delta, \delta) \times V \rightarrow M$  for which

$$\frac{d}{dt}\theta(t, p) = X_{\theta(t, p)}$$

and  $\theta(0, p) = p$  for all  $p \in V$ , in other words  $\{\theta(t, p)\}$  is an integral curve of  $X$  through  $p$ . Any two such  $\theta$  are equal on the intersection of their domains.

**Proof:** Follows from existence and uniqueness of solutions for ordinary differential equations.

**Theorem 10.4** 1. Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $(f_1, \dots, f_n) : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  smooth. Then there exists an open subset  $V$  of  $U$  such that for any  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in V$  there exist  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow U$  satisfying

$$(a) \quad \frac{dx_i}{dt} = f_i(t, (x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t)))$$

$$(b) \quad x_i(0) = a_i \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n.$$

The functions  $x_i$  are uniquely determined.

2. Write  $x_i(t, (a_1, \dots, a_n))$ . Then  $x_i$  is smooth in  $t$  and  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .

**Proof:** (of existence of integral curves:) The vector field  $X$  is written in local coordinates  $(y_1, \dots, y_n)$  as  $(f_1, \dots, f_n)$ . Then

$$X = \sum_i f_i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}$$

If  $\theta = (\theta^1, \dots, \theta^n) : W \rightarrow M$  then solving

$$\frac{\partial \theta_t}{\partial t} = X$$

is equivalent to solving

$$\frac{\partial \theta^i}{\partial t} = f_i$$

The existence of solutions of this follows from existence and uniqueness of ODE's.

**Lemma 10.5** If  $I(p) = \{(\alpha(p), \beta(p))\}$  where the flow  $\theta(t, p)$  is defined for  $t \in (\alpha(p), \beta(p))$ , then we assume the domain  $W$  is maximal (in other words that  $|\alpha(p)|$  and  $|\beta(p)|$  are maximal for all  $p$ ).

**Lemma 10.6** If  $\beta(p) < \infty$  and  $t_n$  is an increasing sequence converging to  $\beta(p)$ , then  $\{\theta(t_n, p)\}$  cannot lie in any compact set.

**Proof:** Let  $K \subset M$  be a compact set. By the existence theorem, for all  $q \in M$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  and a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $q$  such that  $\theta$  is defined on  $I_\delta \times V$ . A finite number of these cover  $K$ . Let  $\delta_0$  be the minimum  $\delta$  for these neighbourhoods. So for any  $q \in K$   $\theta(t, q)$  is defined for  $|t| < \delta_0$ . If  $\{(\theta(t_n, p))\} \subset K$ , and  $N$  so large that  $\beta(p) - t_N < \delta_0/3$ , then  $\theta(t, \theta(t_N, p))$  is defined only for  $t < \beta(p) - t_N < \delta_0/3$ . But  $\theta(t_N, p) \in K$  so  $\theta(t, \theta(t_N, p))$  is well defined for  $|t| < \delta_0$ .  $\square$

**Definition 10.7** A vector field is complete if  $\theta(t, p)$  is defined for all  $p \in M$  and all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Corollary 10.8** (of Lemma) If  $M$  is compact then any vector field on  $M$  is complete.

**Example 10.9** If  $M$  is a compact manifold and  $X$  is a vector field on  $M$  consider  $M' = M \setminus \{p\}$ . The flow generated by  $X|_{M'}$  is not complete. Take  $y \in M$  for which  $\theta(t_0, y) = p$ , so  $y = \theta(-t_0, p)$ . Then on  $M'$ ,  $\theta(t, y)$  is only defined for  $t < t_0$ .

**Theorem 10.10** 1. Lie derivative on forms:

$$L_X \omega = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \theta_t^* \omega = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (\theta_t^* \omega - \omega)$$

2. Special case of above:  $L_X f = Xf$

3. Lie derivative on vector fields:

$$L_X Y = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} (\theta_t)_* Y = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (Y - (\theta_t)_* Y_{\theta_{-t}})$$

**Proposition 10.11** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are vector fields, then

$$L_X Y = [X, Y]$$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} (L_X Y) \circ f &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (Y(0)(f) - (\theta_t)_* Y_{\theta_{-t}(0)}(f)) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (Y(0)(f) - Y_{\theta_{-t}(0)}(f \circ \theta_t)) \end{aligned}$$

But  $\theta_t(p) = p + tX(p) + O(t^2)$  so  $f \circ \theta_t(p) = f(p) + tdf(X)(p) + O(t^2)$  and we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (Y(0)f - Y_{\theta_{-t}(0)}(f + tdf(X)(p) + O(t^2))) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (Y_0 f - Y_{\theta_{-t}(0)} f) = X(Yf) - Y(Xf) = [X, Y]f \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 10.12** (Cartan's theorem) On differential forms,

$$L_X = di_X + i_X d.$$

**Proof:** Since  $L_X$  and  $di_X$  and  $i_X d$  are derivations, it suffices to prove the identity on the differential forms  $f$  (0-form) and  $df$  (exact 1-form) since all differential forms are given locally as wedge products of forms of this type.

1.  $L_X f = i_X(df)$ : The left hand side is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \theta_t^* f = \frac{d}{dt} f \circ \theta_t = df(X)$$

This completes the proof.

2.  $L_X df = di_X df$ : The left hand side is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \big|_0 \theta_t^* df = d/dt \big|_0 d(f \circ \theta_t) = d(i_X df).$$

This completes the proof.

**Proposition 10.13** *If  $X$  is a smooth vector field with  $X(p) \neq 0$  then there are coordinates  $x : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  on a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $p$  for which  $X = \partial/\partial x_1$  on  $U$ . The flow in these coordinates is*

$$\theta_t(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1 + t, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

**Proof:** Start with an open set  $U \subset M$ . Assume we have coordinates  $(y_1, \dots, y_n) : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $y(p) = 0$ . Define  $\theta_t(q)$  the flow of  $X$  starting at  $q \in M$ . Assume  $X(p) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}(p)$ . We shall define new coordinates using the flow of  $X$ . In a neighbourhood of 0 there is a unique integral curve through each point  $y = (0, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ . If  $q$  lies on the integral curve through this point, use  $a_2, \dots, a_n$  as the last  $n - 1$  coordinates and the time it takes the curve to get to  $q$  as the first coordinate. Define new coordinates  $x : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  on a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $p$  by  $x^{-1}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \theta_{a_1} \circ y^{-1}(0, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ , in other words  $a_j = x_j \circ \theta_{a_1} \circ y^{-1}(0, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} (y_i \circ x^{-1}(0, \dots, 0)) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (y_i \circ \theta_t \circ y^{-1}(0, \dots, 0) - y_i \circ \theta_0 \circ y^{-1}(0, \dots, 0)) \\ &= (dy_i)(X(p)) = \delta_{i1} \text{ since } X(p) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (y_i \circ x^{-1})(0, \dots, 0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (y_i \circ \theta_0 \circ y^{-1}(0, \dots, t, \dots, 0) - y_i \circ \theta_0 \circ y^{-1}(0, \dots, 0))$$

(where the  $t$  in the first expression is the  $j$ -th coordinate)  $= \delta_{ij}$  since  $\theta_0$  is the identity so  $y \circ \theta_0 \circ y^{-1}$  is also the identity. Hence  $d(y \circ x^{-1})_{(0, \dots, 0)}$  is nonsingular (the Jacobian determinant is nonzero), which implies  $y \circ x^{-1}$  is a local diffeomorphism (by the inverse function theorem). Hence  $x$  are local coordinates (since  $y$  are).

**Proposition 10.14** *In the preceding situation,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} = X$ .*

**Proof:** For  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} f \right)_{x^{-1}(a_1, \dots, a_n)} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} (f(x^{-1}(a_1 + h, \dots, a_n)) - f(x^{-1}(a_1, \dots, a_n))) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} [f(\theta_{a_1+h} \circ y^{-1}(0, a_2, \dots, a_n)) - f(\theta_{a_1} \circ y^{-1}(0, a_2, \dots, a_n))] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} [f(\theta_h(p')) - f(p')] \end{aligned}$$

where  $p' = \theta_{a_1} \circ y^{-1}(0, a_2, \dots, a_n) = x^{-1}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ . This then equals  $(Xf)(p')$  since  $\theta_t(q)$  is the flow of  $X$  starting at  $q$ .

**Lemma 10.15** *Two flows  $\theta_t$  and  $\psi_s$  commute if and only if the corresponding vector fields commute.*

**Proof:** See Boothby IV.7.12

**Definition 10.16** *Suppose  $\dim M = n + k$ . A distribution on  $M$  is an assignment of an  $n$ -dimensional subspace  $\Delta_p$  of  $T_p M$  at each  $p \in M$ . Suppose in a neighbourhood  $U$  of each  $p \in M$  there are  $n$  linearly independent vector fields  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  which form a basis of  $\Delta_q$  for each  $q \in U$ . Then  $\{X_i\}$  are called a local basis of  $\Delta$ .*

**Example 10.17**  $M = \mathbb{R}^{n+k}$ ,  $\Delta$  spanned by  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Definition 10.18** *A distribution is integrable if each point has a coordinate neighbourhood  $(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  for which a local basis for  $\Delta$  is given by  $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, i = 1, \dots, m\}$ .*

**Definition 10.19** *A distribution is involutive if there exists a local basis in a neighbourhood of each point such that*

$$[X_i, X_j] = \sum_{k=1}^n c_{ij}^k X_k$$

*in other words  $[X_i, X_j]_p$  lies in the plane  $\Delta_p$  for all  $p \in M$ .*

**Theorem 10.20 (Frobenius)** *A distribution is integrable iff it is involutive.*

Note that 'if' is clear since

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right] = 0.$$

# 11 Smooth functions and partitions of unity

## 11.1 Smooth functions

**Example 11.1** The function  $\theta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$\theta(t) = 0, t \leq 0$$

and

$$\theta(t) = e^{-1/t}, t > 0$$

is smooth and all its derivatives are 0 at  $t = 0$ . In particular it is not represented by its Taylor series at 0.

The open cube  $C(r)$  is defined as follows.

**Definition 11.2**

$$C(r) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |x_i| < r \forall i\}$$

The closure of  $C(r)$  is denoted  $\overline{C(r)}$ .

**Lemma 11.3** There exists a smooth function  $h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with

1.  $0 \leq h(x) \leq 1$
2.  $h(x) = 1, x \in \overline{C(1)}$
3.  $h(x) = 0, x \notin C(2)$

**Remark 11.4** The function  $h$  is called the bump function.

**Proof:** Define

$$\phi(x) = \frac{\theta(x)}{\theta(x) + \theta(1-x)}.$$

Then  $\phi(x) = 1$  for  $x > 1$  and  $\phi(x) = 0$  for  $x \leq 0$ . Define  $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\psi(x) = \phi(x+2)\phi(2-x).$$

Then  $\psi(x) = 1, |x| \leq 1$  while  $\psi(x) = 0, |x| \geq 2$ . Thus define  $h(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \psi(x_1) \dots \psi(x_n)$ .

**Definition 11.5** The support of a smooth function  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the closure of the set of points  $x \in M$  where  $f(x) \neq 0$ .

Consequences of existence of the function  $h$ :

**Proposition 11.6** Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold and let  $(U, \phi)$  be a chart in an atlas for  $M$ . There exists a smooth function  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f(M) \subset [0, 1]$  and  $\text{Supp}(f) \subset U$ , and  $f(x) = 1$  on a neighbourhood of  $p \in U$ .

**Proof:** For a point  $p \in U$  choose a cubical neighbourhood  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  around  $\phi(p)$ , say

$$\{x : |\phi(p_i) - x_i| < \epsilon\}.$$

Define  $\alpha : B \rightarrow C(2)$  by

$$\alpha(x) = \frac{2}{\epsilon}(x - \phi(p))$$

and define

$$f(x) = \{h \circ \alpha \circ \phi(x), x \in U \cap \phi^{-1}(B)\}$$

and 0 otherwise. Then  $h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h(x) = 1$  if  $|x_i| \leq 1$  for all  $i$ , and  $h(x) = 0$  if  $|x_i| \geq 2$  for some  $i$ .

**Definition 11.7** A partition of unity subordinate to an open cover  $\{U_\alpha\}$  of  $M$  is a collection of smooth functions  $f_\gamma : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

1. For all  $\gamma$ ,  $\text{Supp}(f_\gamma) \subset U_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha$  (here  $\text{Supp}f_\gamma$  is the closure of the subset where  $f_\gamma(x) \neq 0$ )
2.  $0 \leq f_\gamma \leq 1$  on  $M$
3.  $\forall x \in M$  there is an open neighbourhood  $V_x$  of  $x$  s.t. there exist only finitely many  $f_\gamma$  s.t.  $\text{Supp}f_\gamma \cap V_x \neq \emptyset$  are nonzero at any points on  $V_x$
4.  $\sum_\gamma f_\gamma(x) = 1$  (this sum is finite because of (3))

We shall prove existence of a partition of unity. We require some facts from general topology.

**Lemma 11.8** Manifolds are regular (in other words if  $C \subset X$  is a closed subset,  $C \neq X$  and  $x \in X \setminus C$  then these can be separated by disjoint open subsets)

Let  $M$  be a Hausdorff space.

**Definition 11.9**  $M$  is paracompact if

1.  $M$  is regular
2. every open cover admits a locally finite refinement

**Definition 11.10** An open cover  $\{\mathcal{V}\}$  is a refinement of the open cover  $\{\mathcal{U}\}$  if there exists  $\iota : \mathcal{I}_V \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_U$  (where  $\mathcal{I}_V$  is the indexing set of  $\{\mathcal{V}\}$  and similarly for  $\{\mathcal{U}\}$ ) such that  $V_\beta \subset U_{\iota(\beta)}$ .

**Theorem 11.11** Manifolds are paracompact.

**Proof:** There exist compact subsets  $K_1 \subset K_2 \subset \dots$  of  $M$  such that  $K_r \subset \text{Int}(K_{r+1})$  and  $M = \cup_r \text{Int}(K_r)$ . Let  $\{W_i\}$  be a countable base of the topology with each  $\bar{W}_i$  compact.  $K_1 = \bar{W}_1, \dots, K_r \subset \cup_{i=1}^{\ell} W_i$  (let  $\ell$  be the smallest for which this is true) and  $K_{r+1} = \cup_{i=1}^{\ell} \bar{W}_i$ . Let  $\{U_\alpha\}$  be an open cover: to get a locally finite refinement, choose finitely many  $V_i = U_{\alpha_i}$  covering  $K_1$ . Extend this by  $\{U_{\alpha_i}\}_{i=\ell_1+1}^{\ell_2}$  to give an open cover of  $K_2$ .  $M$  is Hausdorff so  $K_1$  is closed, and  $V_i = U_{\alpha_i} \setminus K_1$  is open,  $\ell_1 + 1 \leq \ell_2$  and  $\{V_i\}_{i=\ell_1+1}^{\ell_2}$  is an open cover of  $K_2$ .

Note that  $K_1$  does not meet  $V_i$  for  $i > \ell_1$ .

By induction we get  $\{V_i\}$  such that  $K_r$  meets only finitely many elements of  $\mathcal{V} \forall r \geq 1$ .

For any  $x \in M$ ,  $x \in \text{Int}(K_r)$  for some  $r$ , there exists a neighbourhood meeting only finitely many elements of  $\mathcal{V}$ .

**Definition 11.12** A precise refinement of an open cover  $\{U_\alpha\}$  is a locally finite refinement indexed by the same set with  $\bar{V}_\alpha \subset U_\alpha$ .

**Proposition 11.13** If  $M$  is a paracompact manifold and  $\{U_\alpha\}$  is an open cover of  $M$ , then this cover has a precise refinement.

**Proof:** There exists a refinement  $\{W_k\}$  with  $j : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  such that  $\bar{W}_k \subset U_{j(k)}$  (since  $M$  is regular). Passing to a locally finite refinement of  $\mathcal{W}$  gives a locally finite refinement  $\mathcal{V}'$  of  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $\iota : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  with  $\bar{V}'_\beta \subset U_{\iota(\beta)}$ . The  $\bar{V}'_\beta$  are a locally finite family of closed subsets of  $M$ . For all  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ , define  $\beta_\alpha := \iota^{-1}(\alpha)$ .

$$V_\alpha = \cup_{\beta \in \beta_\alpha} V'_\beta$$

Because  $\mathcal{V}'$  is locally finite,  $\bar{V}_\alpha = \cup_{\beta \in \beta_\alpha} \bar{V}'_\beta \subset U_\alpha$ .

**Definition 11.14**  $M$  is normal if whenever  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint closed subsets of  $M$ , there is an open set  $U$  containing  $A$  and disjoint from  $B$  with  $\bar{U} \cap B = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 11.15** Paracompact spaces are normal.

**Proposition 11.16 (Urysohn's lemma)** *Suppose  $M$  is normal and  $A$  and  $B$  are closed subsets of  $M$ . There exists a smooth function  $f : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $f|_A = 1$  and  $f|_B = 0$ .*

**Theorem 11.17** *Suppose  $K$  is compact and  $K \subset U$  for an open set  $U$ . Then there exists a smooth function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with  $f|_K = 1$  and  $f$  supported in  $U$ .*

Use Lemma 11.3 to show that

**Lemma 11.18** *If  $A = (a_1, b_1) \times \dots \times (a_n, b_n) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  then there is a smooth function  $g_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $g_A > 0$  on  $A$  and  $g_A|_{\{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A\}} = 0$ .*

**Proof:** (of Theorem) Let  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be compact and  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  an open neighbourhood of  $K$ . For each  $x \in K$ , let  $A_x$  be an open bounded neighbourhood of  $x$  of the form

$$A_x = (a_{1,x}, b_{1,x}) \times \dots \times (a_{n,x}, b_{n,x})$$

with  $\bar{A}_x \subset U$ ,  $x \in A_x$ . By Lemma 11.18, there is a smooth function  $g_x : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with  $g_x(y) > 0$  for  $y \in A_x$  and  $g_x(y) = 0$  for  $y \notin A_x$ . Since  $K$  is compact, it is covered by finitely many  $A_{x_1}, \dots, A_{x_q}$ . Define  $G = g_{A_{x_1}} + \dots + g_{A_{x_q}} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $G$  is smooth on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $G(x) > 0$  if  $x \in K$  and  $\text{supp}(G) = \bar{A}_{x_1} \cup \dots \cup \bar{A}_{x_q} \subset U$ . Since  $K$  is compact, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $G(x) \geq \delta$  for  $x \in K$ . Define our bump function  $\ell$  so it is 0 for  $t \leq 0$  and 1 for  $t \geq \delta$ . Define  $f = \ell \circ G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . Then

1.  $f$  is smooth
2.  $\text{supp}(f) \subset U$
3.  $f|_K = 1$

**Theorem 11.19** *There is a partition of unity subordinate to any open cover  $\mathcal{U}$ .*

**Proof:** If  $\mathcal{V}$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{U}$ , then a partition of unity subordinate to  $\mathcal{V}$  induces one subordinate to  $\mathcal{U}$ .

$$\iota : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$$

$V_\beta \subset U_{\iota(\beta)}$   $\{\mu_\beta\}$  subordinate to  $\mathcal{U}$

$$\lambda_\alpha = \sum_{\beta \in \iota^{-1}(\alpha)} \mu_\beta.$$

So since manifolds are locally compact, WLOG each  $U_\alpha$  has compact closure in  $M$ .

A precise refinement has the property that  $\bar{V}_\alpha \subset U_\alpha$  is a compact subset. We may use Urysohn's lemma to give  $f$ . We choose a precise refinement  $\mathcal{V}$  with  $\mathcal{W}$  a precise refinement of  $\mathcal{V}$ .

$\{\gamma_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in U}$  satisfy  $\gamma_\alpha|_{W_\alpha} = 1$  and  $\text{supp}(\gamma_\alpha) \subset \bar{V}_\alpha \subset U_\alpha$ .

$\{\text{supp}\gamma_\alpha\}$  is locally finite.  $\gamma := \sum_\alpha \gamma_\alpha$  is smooth and  $> 0$ . Define  $v_\alpha = \gamma_\alpha/\gamma$ , which is smooth. The  $v_\alpha$  are a partition of unity.

**Applications of partitions of unity:**

The primary application is integration on manifolds. Let us begin with integration of a function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Assume  $\{U_\alpha\}$  is an open cover of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and consider a partition of unity  $\{f_\alpha\}$  subordinate to this open cover. Let  $g$  be a smooth function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_\alpha f_\alpha \right) g = \sum_\alpha \int_{U_\alpha} (f_\alpha g).$$

**Application to Whitney embedding theorem:**

**Proposition 11.20** *Let  $X$  be a compact manifold. Then there is an injective immersion from  $X$  into  $\mathbb{R}^M$  for some  $M$ .*

**Proof:** Construct a covering of  $X$  by charts  $(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)$ , and take a partition of unity  $\{f_\alpha\}$  subordinate to the covering  $\{U_\alpha\}$ . Since  $X$  is compact, WLOG we may assume the number of  $U_\alpha$  is a finite number  $M$ . Then define  $F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$  by

$$F(x) = (f_1(x)\phi_1(x), \dots, f_M(x)\phi_M(x))$$

## 12 Orientations and volume forms

**Definition 12.1** Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension  $n$ . The top exterior power  $\Lambda^n V^*$  has dimension 1 so  $\Lambda^n V^* \setminus \{0\}$  has two components. An orientation of  $V$  is the choice of one of these. Equivalently, an orientation on  $V$  is the choice of an ordered basis  $[e_1, \dots, e_n]$  of  $V$  with  $[e_1, \dots, e_n]$  declared equivalent to  $[f_1, \dots, f_n]$  if the linear map  $B : V \rightarrow V$  defined by  $Be_i = f_i$  has determinant  $> 0$ .

**Example 12.2** If  $(e_1, e_2)$  is the usual ordered basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then the two orientations of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are  $[e_1, e_2]$  and  $[e_2, e_1]$ .

**Example 12.3** If  $e_1, e_2$  are the first two basis vectors for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then the two possible orientations of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are  $[e_1, e_2, e_1 \times e_2]$  and  $[e_1, e_2, e_2 \times e_1]$  (where  $\times$  denotes the cross product).

An invertible linear map  $F : V \rightarrow V$  preserves orientation if  $\det(F) > 0$ .

### 12.1 Orientation of a manifold

**Definition 12.4** A manifold is orientable if we have a covering by charts  $(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)$  for which, for any two charts  $(U, \phi)$  and  $(V, \psi)$  with coordinate functions  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ , we have

$$\det d(\psi \circ \phi^{-1}) > 0.$$

**Proposition 12.5** A manifold  $M$  of dimension  $n$  is orientable iff it has a nowhere vanishing  $n$ -form (call it  $\omega$ ).

**Proof:** Suppose such a form  $\omega$  exists. Then in local coordinates  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,

$$\omega = f\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n,$$

and in different local coordinates  $y_1, \dots, y_n$ ,

$$\omega = f\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_n}\right) dy_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy_n.$$

Then denoting  $w_y := [\frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_n}]$  and  $w_x := [\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}]$  (these are local sections of  $\Lambda^n TM$ ) we have that  $\det(\frac{\partial y_j}{\partial x_i}) > 0$  which is the definition of orientability. Suppose on the other hand we know that  $M$  is orientable. Suppose  $\{U_\alpha, f_\alpha\}$  is a partition of unity subordinate to an open cover  $\{U_\alpha\}$  of  $M$ . Suppose that  $(x_\alpha)$  are coordinates on  $U_\alpha$ . We can choose the open sets  $U_\alpha$  so that

$\Lambda^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha}$  is nonzero on each  $U_\alpha$ . Then there is a nowhere vanishing  $n$ -form  $\omega_\alpha := dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$  supported on  $U_\alpha$ . This lets us make a nowhere vanishing  $n$ -form  $\omega$  on  $M$ ,

$$\omega := \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}.$$

**Proposition 12.6** *Suppose  $M \neq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  is an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold, given by an embedding  $\psi : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , and  $M$  has a nowhere vanishing normal vector field  $N$  (in other words  $\forall p \in M \exists N(p) \in T_p \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  smoothly varying as  $p$  varies in  $M$ , with  $N(p) \perp T_p M \forall p \in M$ ) with respect to the Euclidean metric on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ ). Then  $M$  is orientable.*

**Proof:** We will construct a nowhere vanishing  $n$ -form  $\omega$ . Take

$$\omega_p(X_1, \dots, X_n) = dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{n+1}(N(p), X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

Suppose there is  $p$  for which  $\omega_p = 0$ . as an element of  $\Lambda^n T_p^* M$ . In fact the formula we have given defines  $\omega_p(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  for  $v_i \in T_p \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . But all vectors  $v_j \in T_p \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  can be given as  $v_j = \xi_j + a_j N(p)$  for some  $\xi_j \in T_p M$ ,  $a_j \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\omega_p(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \omega_p(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \omega_p(\xi_1, \dots, N(p), \dots, \xi_n)$  (where  $N(p)$  is in the  $i$ -th place) + terms where at least two arguments are  $N(p)$ . The terms  $\omega_p(\xi_1, \dots, N(p), \dots, \xi_n)$  are equal to 0 since  $\xi_j \in T_p M$  (because we assumed  $\omega_p$  vanished on  $T_p M$ ). Likewise the terms with two or more arguments of  $\omega_p$  given by  $N(p)$  are = 0. Write  $N(p) = (N_1(p), \dots, N_{n+1}(p))$ . Then  $\omega_p(v_1, \dots, v_n) = 0 \forall v_j \in T_p \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . But

$$\omega_p = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^j N_j(p) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{dx}_j \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{n+1}$$

as a tensor on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  and at least one of the coordinates  $N_j(p)$  is nonzero. This is a contradiction. Hence  $\omega_p$  cannot be zero as a tensor on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , so our assumption that it is zero on  $T_p M$  must be false.

**Example 12.7** *The volume element on  $S^2$  is given by the restriction to  $S^2$  of the 2-form  $\omega$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by*

$$\omega = x_1 dx_2 \wedge dx_3 + x_2 dx_3 \wedge dx_1 + x_3 dx_1 \wedge dx_2$$

*Substituting spherical coordinates  $x_1 = \sin \theta \cos \phi$ ,  $x_2 = \sin \theta \sin \phi$ ,  $x_3 = \cos \theta$  one recovers*

$$\omega = \sin \theta d\theta \wedge d\phi.$$

**Definition 12.8** *A vector bundle is orientable if the transition functions  $g_{UV}$  can be chosen to satisfy*

$$\det g_{UV}(y) > 0 \forall y \in U \cap V, \forall U, V.$$

For example, the tangent bundle is orientable iff  $\det d(\psi \circ \phi^{-1}) > 0$  for all chart maps  $\phi, \psi$ . This is the usual definition of the manifold  $M$  being orientable.

## 12.2 Antipodal map on $S^n$

Let  $\omega$  be the volume form on  $S^n$ , and  $i : S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  the inclusion map.  $\omega = i^*\Omega$  where  $\Omega$  is the form

$$\Omega = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{j-1} x_j dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j-1} \wedge dx_{j+1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{n+1}$$

on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . Notice that if  $A : S^n \rightarrow S^n$  is defined by

$$A(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = (-x_1, \dots, -x_{n+1})$$

then  $i \circ A = \bar{A} \circ i$  where  $\bar{A} : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  is defined by  $\bar{A}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = (-x_1, \dots, -x_{n+1})$ . So  $A^*i^*\Omega = i^*\bar{A}^*\Omega$ . For  $F = (F_1, \dots, F_{n+1}) : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  and  $x_i : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a coordinate function, we have

$$F^*x_i = x_i \circ F = F_i$$

and

$$F^*dx_i = d(x_i \circ F) = dF_i$$

Applying this to  $F = \bar{A} : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  we get  $\bar{A}^*x_j = -x_j$ ,  $\bar{A}^*dx_j = -dx_j$ , and

$$\bar{A}^*\Omega = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{j-1} (-x_j) (-dx_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (-dx_{j-1}) \wedge (-dx_{j+1}) \wedge \dots \wedge (-dx_{n+1}) = (-1)^{n+1} \Omega$$

Thus

$$A^*\omega = i^*\bar{A}^*\Omega = (-1)^{n+1}i^*\Omega = (-1)^{n+1}\omega.$$

So if  $n$  is odd there is a nowhere vanishing  $n$ -form on  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  coming from the volume form  $\omega$  on  $S^n$ , for which  $A^*\omega = \omega$ . If  $n$  is even, we have seen (using a partition of unity) that if a manifold is orientable then it has a nowhere vanishing  $n$ -form. So if  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  were orientable, there would be a nowhere vanishing  $n$ -form on  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  and  $A^*q^*\omega = q^*\omega$ . But any volume form  $\hat{\omega}$  on  $S^n$  is of the form  $\hat{\omega} = f(x)\omega_0$  where  $\omega_0$  is the standard volume form on  $S^n$  and  $f : S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . Hence since  $A^*\omega = -\omega$ ,  $A^*(f\omega) = -(f \circ A)\omega$  so if  $A^*(f\omega) = f\omega$  (in other words, if  $f\omega$  were invariant under the antipodal map) then  $f \circ A(x) = -f(x)$ , which is impossible. It follows that  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  is not orientable if  $n$  is even.

**Remark 12.9** *The product of two orientable manifolds is orientable.*

**Proposition 12.10** *For any manifold  $M$  with charts  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  and chart transformations  $\psi \circ \phi^{-1}$  given by holomorphic maps  $f_i : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $M$  is orientable.*

**Proof:** If  $n = 1$ ,  $\psi \circ \phi^{-1} = f_1 + if_2$  where  $f_1, f_2 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$d(\psi \circ \phi^{-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The Cauchy-Riemann equations tell us that

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} = -\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}$$

This tells us that

$$\det d(\psi \circ \phi^{-1}) = \left| \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \right|^2.$$

More generally if a linear map  $F : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  comes from a linear map  $F : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  (i.e. an  $n \times n$  matrix of complex numbers) this means  $F_{\mathbb{R}}$  splits into blocks of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

and these can be reorganized into blocks of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_{\mathbb{C}} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{F}_{\mathbb{C}} \end{pmatrix}$$

so  $\det F_{\mathbb{R}} = |\det F_{\mathbb{C}}|^2 > 0$ . We apply this to  $F = d(\phi \circ \psi^{-1})$ .

**Example 12.11**  $\mathbb{C}P^n$  is orientable (because  $\phi_j \circ \phi_i^{-1}$  are of the form

$$(w_1, \dots, w_n) \mapsto (w_1/w_j, \dots, 1/w_j, \dots, \hat{w}_j, \dots, w_n/w_j)$$

(where  $1/w_j$  is in the  $i$ -th position and  $\hat{w}_j$  is in the  $j$ -th position), and these are holomorphic functions of  $(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ ).

**Example 12.12** (Möbius band)  $M = \{[0, 2\pi + \epsilon] \times (-1, +1)\} / \sim$  where  $(x, \lambda) \sim (2\pi + x, -\lambda)$  for  $x \in [0, \epsilon]$ .  $M$  contains  $M' = (0, 2\pi) \times (-1, 1)$  which is orientable. If  $M$  had an orientation it would restrict on  $M'$  to one of the two standard orientations of  $M$ . But the map  $(x, \lambda) \mapsto (2\pi + x, -\lambda)$  is orientation reversing, so  $M$  cannot have an orientation.

**Example 12.13** The Klein bottle  $K$  is nonorientable since it contains the Möbius band.

## 13 Integration on manifolds

Recall that integration of functions over domains  $U$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is not invariant under diffeomorphism. According to the Change of Variables Theorem in one variable,

$$\int_{f(a)}^{f(b)} h(y)dy = \int_a^b h(f(x)) \left| \frac{df}{dx} \right| dx.$$

In  $n$  variables we have

$$\int_{f(U)} h dy_1 \dots dy_n = \int_U h \circ f |\det df| dx_1 \dots dx_n.$$

But if we write

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= dy_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy_n \\ f^* \omega &= h \circ f (\det df) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\int_{f(U)} \omega = \int_U f^* \omega$$

if we define

$$\int h dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} h dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

for any integrable  $h$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $M$  be an oriented manifold with an oriented atlas with charts  $(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)$ .

**Definition 13.1** If  $\omega$  has compact support in  $U_\alpha$  and with  $((\phi_\alpha)^{-1})^* \omega|_{\phi_\alpha(U_\alpha)} = A(x) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$ , then  $\int_M \omega := \int_{\phi_\alpha(U_\alpha)} A(x) dx_1 \dots dx_n$ . In particular, if  $\omega$  has compact support in  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ , then  $\omega = A(x) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$ . Or  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \omega := \int_U A(x) dx_1 \dots dx_n$ .

**Definition 13.2** Suppose  $\omega$  is an arbitrary smooth form on  $M$ . Let  $\{f_\alpha\}$  be a partition of unity subordinate to  $\{U_\alpha\}$ , then

$$\int_M \omega := \sum_\alpha \int_M f_\alpha \omega$$

Note that  $f_\alpha \omega$  is supported in  $U_\alpha$ .

**Theorem 13.3** If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is orientation preserving, then  $\int_N \omega = \int_M f^* \omega$ . If instead  $f$  is orientation reversing then  $\int_N \omega = - \int_M f^* \omega$ .

**Proof:**

Case 1: First consider  $\omega$  supported in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ : If  $\omega(y) = h(y)dy_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy_n$  then  $f^*\omega(x) = h(f(x))\det(df)dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$ . If  $V$  is a coordinate chart in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (with coordinates  $x_i$ ) and  $f(V)$  is a coordinate chart with coordinates  $y_i$ , then  $\int_V f^*\omega = \int_V h(f(x))\det(df)dx_1 \dots dx_n$ . So  $\int_V f^*\omega = \int_{f(V)} h(y)dy_1 \dots dy_n$ . The two right hand sides are equal by the change of variables theorem.

Case 2: More generally if  $(\phi^{-1})^*\omega$  is supported in  $\phi(U) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\int_{f(U)} \omega = \int_{\phi(f(U))} (\phi^{-1})^*\omega$

$$= \int_{\psi(U)} g^*(\phi^{-1})^*\omega$$

(by case 1)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{\psi(U)} (\psi^{-1})^* f^* \phi^* (\phi^{-1})^*\omega \\ &= \int_{\psi(U)} (\psi^{-1})^* f^*\omega = \int_U f^*\omega. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, taking  $f = \text{id}$  but  $\phi, \psi$  arbitrary chart maps compatible with the orientation, we see

$$\int_{\psi(U)} (\psi^{-1})^*\omega = \int_{\phi(U)} (\phi^{-1})^*\omega,$$

so we have

**Proposition 13.4** *The integral is well defined independent of the choice of charts.*

**Lemma 13.5** *If  $\omega$  is supported in some chart  $U$  then the first definition agrees with the second definition.*

**Proof:**

$$\sum_{\alpha} \int_M f_{\alpha}\omega = \int_{\phi(U)} \sum_{\alpha} (f_{\alpha} \circ \phi^{-1})(\phi^{-1})^*\omega = \int_{\phi(U)} (\phi^{-1})^*\omega$$

The left hand side is Definition 13.2, while the right hand side is Definition 13.1.

**Lemma 13.6** *The definition of the integral is independent of the choice of partition of unity.*

**Proof:** If  $\{f_{\alpha}\}, \{g_{\beta}\}$  are two different partitions of unity then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_M f_{\alpha}\omega &= \sum_{\beta} \int_M g_{\beta}f_{\alpha}\omega \\ \int_M g_{\beta}\omega &= \sum_{\alpha} \int_M f_{\alpha}g_{\beta}\omega \end{aligned}$$

so  $\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}\omega = \sum_{\beta} g_{\beta}\omega$ .

## 13.1 Stokes' Theorem

**Theorem 13.7** [Stokes] *With the above orientation convention  $\int_M d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega$  if  $\omega$  is an  $(n-1)$ -form on  $M$ .*

**Proof:** First assume  $\omega$  has compact support in  $U$ , and  $\phi(U)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  (in other words  $U$  contains no boundary points of  $M$ ). Then  $\int_{\partial M} \omega = 0$ . We write  $\omega = \sum_i f_i dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{dx}_i \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$ . So

$$d\omega = \sum_i (-1)^{i-1} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_i} dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$$

and

$$\int_M d\omega = \sum_i (-1)^{i-1} \int \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_i} dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$$

(by definition)

$$= \sum_i (-1)^{i-1} \int dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{dx}_i \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{n-1} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_i} dx_i \right]$$

(by Fubini's theorem)

$$= \sum_i (-1)^{i-1} \int dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{dx}_i \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{n-1} (f_i(\infty) - f_i(-\infty))$$

(by fundamental theorem of calculus) = 0 (as  $\omega$  is compactly supported).

Now if  $U \subset H^n$  (the upper half space), we find instead that

$$\int \frac{df_n}{dx_n} dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n = (-1)^n f_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, 0) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{n-1}$$

But this is  $\int_{\partial M} \omega$  where we recall that the orientation of  $\partial M$  is equal to  $[\partial_1, \dots, \partial_{n-1}]$  where the orientation of  $M$  is  $[-\partial_n, \partial_1, \dots, \partial_{n-1}]$ . This is then  $(-1)^n$  times the orientation  $[\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n]$ .

Consequences of Stokes' Theorem in dimension 3: Recall the identification between 1-forms and vector fields (similarly between 2-forms and vector fields).

If  $\gamma$  is a dimension 1 line,

$$\int_{\gamma} (\nabla g) \cdot \frac{d\gamma}{dt} dt = g(b) - g(a)$$

(fundamental theorem of calculus applied to line integral)

If  $S_2$  is a 2-manifold with boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,

$$\int_{S_2} (\nabla \times V_1) \cdot \hat{n} dA = \int_{\partial S_2} \vec{V}_1$$

(classical Stokes' Theorem)

If  $B_3$  is a 3-manifold with boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,

$$\int_{B_3} \nabla \cdot \vec{V}_1 dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 = \int_{\partial B_3} \vec{V}_2 \cdot \hat{u} A$$

(Gauss's theorem, divergence theorem)

Consequences of Stokes' theorem for vector calculus:

1. Fundamental theorem of calculus (Stokes in dimension 1):

$$\int_a^b f'(x) dx = f(b) - f(a)$$

This follows from

$$\int_{[a,b]} df = \int_{\partial[a,b]} f = f(b) - f(a).$$

2. Green's theorem (Stokes for  $n = 2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ):

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} (f_1(x, y) dx + f_2(x, y) dy) = \int_{\Omega} (\partial f_2 / \partial x - \partial f_1 / \partial y) dx dy$$

if  $\Omega$  is a region in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with boundary  $\partial\Omega$  and  $f_1, f_2$  are smooth functions.

This follows from  $\omega = f_1(x, y) dx + f_2(x, y) dy$  and  $d\omega = (\partial f_2 / \partial x - \partial f_1 / \partial y) dx \wedge dy$ .

3. Gauss's theorem (divergence theorem) (Stokes for  $n = 3$ ): Let  $M$  be a 3-manifold with boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . The vector field  $\vec{F} = (F_1, F_2, F_3)$  on  $M$  corresponds to a 2-form

$$\omega = F_1(\vec{y}) dy_2 \wedge dy_3 + F_2(\vec{y}) dy_3 \wedge dy_1 + F_3(\vec{y}) dy_1 \wedge dy_2.$$

So

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} dy_1 \wedge dy_2 \wedge dy_3 = d\omega$$

and

$$(\vec{F} \cdot \vec{u}) \mathcal{A} = \omega$$

where  $\mathcal{A}$  is the area form on  $M$  and  $\hat{u}$  is the unit normal vector to  $M$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

4. Classical Stokes' theorem: Suppose  $\vec{F}$  is a vector field on a 2-manifold  $\Sigma$  embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with boundary  $\partial\Sigma$ , with  $\omega$  the corresponding 1-form  $\omega = F_1 dx_1 + F_2 dx_2 + F_3 dx_3$ . Then

$$\int_{\Sigma} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{u} \mathcal{A} = \int_{\partial\Sigma} (F_1 dx_1 + F_2 dx_2 + F_3 dx_3).$$

This translates to

$$\int_{\Sigma} d\omega = \int_{\partial\Sigma} \omega.$$

## 13.2 Line integral

If  $\omega = \sum_i f_i(x_1, x_2, x_3)dx_i$  is a 1-form on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  (where  $\gamma(t) = (\gamma_1(t), \gamma_2(t), \gamma_3(t))$ ) then

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\gamma(I)} \omega &= \int_I \gamma^* \omega = \int_0^1 \sum_i f_i(\gamma(t)) \frac{d\gamma_i(t)}{dt} dt \\ &= \int \vec{f} \cdot \frac{d\vec{\gamma}}{dt} dt.\end{aligned}$$

The line integral is

$$\int_I \nabla g \cdot \frac{d\vec{\gamma}}{dt} dt = g(1) - g(0).$$

**Proposition 13.8** *The line integral over a closed path  $\gamma$  bounding a surface  $S$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is equal to 0 if  $\omega$  is defined everywhere on  $S$  and  $d\omega = 0$ .*

**Proof:** By Stokes,  $\int_{\partial S} \omega = \int_S d\omega = 0$ .

**Remark 13.9** *If  $d\omega = 0$  but  $\omega$  is not defined everywhere, then the conclusion of Proposition 13.8 will not hold: for example*

$$\omega = \frac{xdy - ydx}{x^2 + y^2}$$

on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  but  $\int_{S^1} \omega = 2\pi$ .

**Proposition 13.10** *If  $\omega$  has the property that  $\int_\gamma \omega = 0$  for all closed curves  $\gamma$ , then one can define  $\int_p^q \omega$  as  $\int_0^1 c^* \omega$  for a curve  $c : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  with  $c(0) = p, c(1) = q$ . (This depends only on the endpoints  $p$  and  $q$ , not on the choice of  $c$ .) Any two such curves can be glued to form a closed curve  $\gamma = c_1 \cup (-c_2)$  so  $\int_0^1 c_1^* \omega = \int_0^1 c_2^* \omega$  since  $\int_\gamma \omega = 0$ .*

**Proposition 13.11** *If  $\int_\gamma \omega = 0$  for all closed curves  $\gamma$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  then  $\omega = df$  for some smooth function  $f$ .*

**Proof:** Define  $f(x) = \int_p^x \omega$  for any path  $\gamma$  from  $p$  to  $x$ . ( $f$  is well defined by the previous Proposition.) To compute  $\partial f / \partial x_1$ , take an open neighbourhood of  $x$  and

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \int_{p_1, x_2, x_3}^{x_1, x_2, x_3} \omega_1(t, x_2, x_3) dt = \omega_1(x_1, x_2, x_3).$$

Similarly to compute  $\partial f / \partial x_i$ , pick a path where only one coordinate  $x_j$  varies at any time and the coordinate  $x_i$  changes only in the last segment of the path. We choose a path which is piecewise linear and is obtained by concatenating the line segments  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  where

1.  $v_1$  is the line segment from  $(p_1, p_2, p_3)$  to  $(p_1, p_2, x_3)$ ,
2.  $v_2$  is the line segment from  $(p_1, p_2, x_3)$  to  $(p_1, x_2, x_3)$
3.  $v_3$  is the line segment from  $(p_1, x_2, x_3)$  to  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ .

**Remark 13.12** *These propositions generalize to connected manifolds  $M$  other than  $\mathbb{R}^3$  but we require that  $\int_\gamma \omega = 0$  for all closed curves  $\gamma \subset M$ .*

**Proposition 13.13** *If a manifold  $M$  is simply connected then every closed 1-form on  $M$  is exact.*

**Proof:** If  $M$  is simply connected, then every closed curve  $\gamma : S^1 \rightarrow M$  extends to a smooth map  $\sigma : D^2 \rightarrow M$  (where  $D^2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ ). Then  $\int_\gamma \omega = \int_{D^2} d\omega = 0$ , so  $\int_\gamma \omega = 0$  for every closed curve  $\gamma$ . This is the hypothesis of the previous proposition so  $\omega = df$  for some smooth function  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

## 14 Mayer-Vietoris Sequence

If  $U$  and  $V$  are open subsets of a manifold  $M$ , the Mayer-Vietoris sequence is as follows. (We refer to the 'Homological Algebra' notes for the result that a short exact sequence of chain complexes gives rise to a long exact sequence of the corresponding cohomology groups.)

$$0 \longrightarrow \Omega^*(U \cup V) \xrightarrow{f} \Omega^*(U) \oplus \Omega^*(V) \xrightarrow{g} \Omega^*(U \cap V) \longrightarrow 0$$

where if  $i_U : U \rightarrow U \cup V$  and  $i_V : V \rightarrow U \cup V$ ,  $j_U : U \cap V \rightarrow U$ ,  $j_V : U \cap V \rightarrow V$  are the canonical inclusions,

$$f = (i_U^*, i_V^*)$$

and

$$g = j_U^* - j_V^*.$$

Clearly  $f$  is injective since a differential form  $\alpha$  on  $U \cup V$  restricting to 0 on both  $U$  and  $V$  is simply  $\alpha = 0$ .

To see that  $g$  is surjective, we observe that a differential form  $\alpha_{U \cap V}$  on  $U \cap V$  can be written as  $\alpha_{U \cap V} = j_U^* \alpha_U - j_V^* \alpha_V$  for suitable forms  $\alpha_U$  on  $U$  and  $\alpha_V$  on  $V$ . Let  $\{\rho_U, \rho_V\}$  be a partition of unity subordinate to the open cover  $\{U, V\}$  of  $U \cup V$ . Then we have  $\alpha_{U \cap V} = \rho_U \alpha_{U \cap V} - (-\rho_V) \alpha_{U \cap V}$  on  $U \cap V$ . Now  $\rho_U \alpha_{U \cap V}$  can be extended by zero to give a differential form  $\beta_U$  on  $U$ . Likewise  $\rho_V \alpha_{U \cap V}$  can be extended by zero to give a differential form  $\beta_V$  on  $V$ . Now we have  $\alpha_{U \cap V} = j_U^* \beta_U - j_V^* \beta_V$ .

Finally we must check that  $\text{Im}(f) = \text{Ker}(g)$ . This is true because  $\text{Ker}(g)$  consists of forms  $(\alpha_U, \alpha_V)$  on  $U$  (resp.  $V$ ) with  $j_U^* \alpha_U = j_V^* \alpha_V$ . This means that  $\alpha_U$  and  $\alpha_V$  agree on  $U \cap V$ , so there is a form  $\beta$  on  $U \cup V$  with  $\alpha_U = i_U^* \beta$  and  $\alpha_V = i_V^* \beta$ .

This completes the proof that the above sequence is exact.

Then according to the course notes section on 'Homological Algebra' Definition 9.1.1 and Theorem 9.1.12, there is a corresponding long exact sequence of de Rham cohomology groups

$$\longrightarrow H^j(U \cup V) \xrightarrow{f} H^j(U) \oplus H^j(V) \xrightarrow{g} H^j(U \cap V) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^{j+1}(U \cup V) \longrightarrow$$

where  $\delta$  is the connecting homomorphism. The connecting homomorphism is defined as follows. If  $\alpha \in \Omega^j(U \cap V)$  satisfies  $d\alpha = 0$ , then there are  $\alpha_U \in \Omega^j U$  and  $\alpha_V \in \Omega^j V$  with  $\alpha = j_U^* \alpha_U - j_V^* \alpha_V$ . We find that  $j_U^* d\alpha_U = j_V^* d\alpha_V$  so there is  $\beta \in H^{j+1}(U \cup V)$  with  $i_U^* \beta = d\alpha_U$  and  $i_V^* \beta = d\alpha_V$ . We define  $\delta[\alpha] = [\beta]$ .

## 15 Poincaré Lemma

**Definition 15.1** A form  $\alpha$  is closed if  $d\alpha = 0$  and exact if  $\alpha = d\eta$  for some  $\eta$

Since  $d \circ d = 0$ , exact forms are closed.

**Definition 15.2** The  $k$ -th de Rham cohomology of a manifold is the quotient of the space of closed  $k$ -forms by the space of exact  $k$ -forms.

**Theorem 15.3** (Poincaré Lemma) If  $\eta$  is a closed  $k$ -form on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  then it is exact.

More generally if a manifold  $M$  is smoothly contractible to a point and  $\eta$  is a closed form on  $M$  then it is exact.

For example, a vector space and a ball are smoothly contractible to a point. A region  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is smoothly contractible to a point if it is *star-shaped* (in other words there is  $p_0 \in U$  s.t.  $\forall p \in U$ ,  $p_0 + t(p - p_0) \subset U$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ).

**Example 15.4** If  $\omega$  is the 1-form on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  given by  $\omega = \frac{xdy - ydx}{x^2 + y^2}$ , then  $d\omega = 0$  but  $\int_{S^1} \omega = 2\pi$ . So  $\omega$  is not exact, since the integral of an exact form around  $S^1$  would be 0.

**Example 15.5** The form

$$\omega = \frac{x_1 dx_2 \wedge dx_3 + x_2 dx_3 \wedge dx_1 + x_3 dx_1 \wedge dx_2}{(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)^{3/2}}$$

on  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$  is closed. It satisfies that its restriction to  $S^2$  is the volume form on  $S^2$ . So  $\int_{S^2} i^* \omega = 4\pi$ .

### 15.1 Chain homotopy

(Spivak, Chapter 7)

Suppose  $M$  is a smooth manifold and  $\iota_t : M \rightarrow M \times [0, 1]$  is given by  $\iota_t(p) = (p, t)$ . Define  $\mathcal{I} : \Omega^k(M \times [0, 1]) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(M)$  as follows. Write  $\omega = \omega_1 + dt \wedge \eta$  where (for  $\pi_M : M \times [0, 1] \rightarrow M$ ) we have

1.  $\omega_1(v_1, \dots, v_k) = 0$  if some  $v_i \sim \partial/\partial t$  (in other words if some  $v_i \in \text{Ker}(d\pi_M)$ )
2.  $\eta$  is a  $(k-1)$ -form with this property

Define

$$\mathcal{I}\omega(p)(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}) = \int_0^1 \eta(p, t)((i_t)_*v_1, \dots, (i_t)_*v_{k-1}).$$

Claim  $i_1^*\omega - i_0^*\omega = d\mathcal{I}\omega + \mathcal{I}d\omega$ .

**Proof:**

- Case 1: Assume first local coordinates  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  on a chart in  $M$ .

$$\omega = f(x, t)dx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_k}$$

(we denote the above by  $f(x, t)dx_J$ ). Hence  $d\omega$  is the sum of the term not involving  $dt$  plus  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}dt \wedge dx_J$ . So

$$\mathcal{I}(d\omega)(p) = \left( \int_0^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial t'}(p, t')dt' \right) dx_J(p)$$

for  $p \in M$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (f(p, 1) - f(p, 0))dx_J(p) \\ &= i_1^*\omega(p) - i_0^*\omega(p) \end{aligned}$$

and  $\mathcal{I}\omega = 0$ . So in this case  $\mathcal{I}d\omega + d\mathcal{I}\omega = i_1^*\omega - i_0^*\omega$ .

- Case 2: Assume  $\omega = f(x, t)dt \wedge dx_J$ . Then  $i_1^*\omega = i_0^*\omega = 0$  because  $i_1^*(dt) = d(c) = 0$  (where  $c$  is the constant function with value 1) since  $i_1(m) = (m, 1)$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}(d\omega)(p) &= \mathcal{I}\left(-\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_\alpha} dt \wedge dx_\alpha \wedge dx_J\right)(p) \\ &= -\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \left( \int_0^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_\alpha}(p, t')dt' \right) dx_\alpha \wedge dx_J. \end{aligned}$$

while

$$\begin{aligned} d(\mathcal{I}\omega) &= d\left(\int_0^1 f(p, t')dt'\right) dx_J \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} \left(\int_0^1 f(p, t')dt'\right) dx_\alpha \wedge dx_J \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \left(\int_0^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_\alpha}(p, t')dt'\right) dx_\alpha \wedge dx_J \\ &= -\mathcal{I}(d\omega) \end{aligned}$$

so in this case also  $\mathcal{I}d\omega + d\mathcal{I}\omega = 0$ .

Consequences:

1. If  $M$  is smoothly contractible to a point, then there exists a homotopy  $H : M \times [0, 1] \rightarrow M$  for which  $H \circ i_1 : M \rightarrow M$  is the identity and  $H \circ i_0 : M \rightarrow M$  is the constant map to a point  $p_0$ . Then  $\omega = (H \circ i_1)^*\omega$  and  $0 = (H \circ i_0)^*\omega$ . We have

$$\omega = i_1^*H^*\omega - i_0^*H^*\omega$$

so if  $\omega$  is closed, then  $H^*\omega$  is closed and  $i_1^*H^*\omega = \omega$  and  $i_0^*H^*\omega = 0$ . This shows  $\omega = d(\mathcal{I}H^*\omega)$ , so  $\omega$  is exact. This gives a proof of the Poincaré lemma which works if  $M$  is contractible.

**Definition 15.6** *If  $F_0, F_1 : M \rightarrow N$  are smooth maps, then a homotopy between  $F_0$  and  $F_1$  is a smooth map  $H : M \times [0, 1] \rightarrow N$  for which  $H \circ i_0 = F_0$  and  $H \circ i_1 = F_1$ . Here  $i_0 : m \mapsto (m, 0)$  and  $i_1 : m \mapsto (m, 1)$*

**Consequences of chain homotopy  $\mathcal{I}$ :**

If  $H : M \times [0, 1] \rightarrow N$  is a homotopy between  $F_0$  and  $F_1$ , then  $F_0^*\omega - F_1^*\omega = i_0^*H^*\omega - i_1^*H^*\omega = (d\mathcal{I} + \mathcal{I}d)H^*\omega = d(\mathcal{I}H^*\omega) + \mathcal{I}H^*(d\omega)$ . So if  $d\omega = 0$ , then  $[F_0^*\omega] = [F_1^*\omega]$ .

**Consequences of Poincaré lemma:**

*Cohomology of spheres*

$$H^\ell(S^k) \cong H^{\ell-1}(S^{k-1}) \text{ for } k > 1 \text{ and } \ell > 1$$

**Proof:** (Sketch) (following Guillemin-Pollack p. 182) We will show that  $H^k(S^k) = H^0(S^k) \cong \mathbb{R}$  and all the other groups are 0.  $S^k = U_1 \cup U_2$  where  $U_1 = \{(x_0, \dots, x_k) : x_0 > -\epsilon\}$  and  $U_2 = \{(x_0, \dots, x_k) : x_0 < \epsilon\}$ . So  $U_1 \cap U_2 = \{(x_0, \dots, x_k) : -\epsilon < x_0 < \epsilon\}$

Recall that if  $F_0$  and  $F_1$  are homotopic then  $F_0^*\omega - F_1^*\omega = (d\mathcal{I} + \mathcal{I}d)H^*\omega$  (where  $\mathcal{I}$  is a chain homotopy  $\omega^k(M \times [0, 1]) \rightarrow \omega^{k-1}(M)$ ). Hence if  $d\omega = 0$ ,  $[F_0^*\omega] = [F_1^*\omega]$

**Definition 15.7** *Two manifolds  $A$  and  $B$  are homotopy equivalent if there are maps  $F : A \rightarrow B$  and  $G : B \rightarrow A$  for which  $F \circ G \simeq \text{id}_B$  and  $G \circ F \simeq \text{id}_A$ .*

**Proposition 15.8** *If two manifolds  $A$  and  $B$  are homotopy equivalent then  $H^*(A) \cong H^*(B)$ .*

**Proof:**

$$F^* \circ G^* = \text{id}_{H^*(A)},$$

$$G^* \circ F^* = \text{id}_{H^*(B)},$$

(by the previous Proposition).

**Definition 15.9** If  $A$  is a manifold and  $B$  a submanifold, a deformation retraction from  $A$  to  $B$  is a map  $r : A \rightarrow B$  where  $i : B \rightarrow A$  is the inclusion map, for which  $i \circ r : A \rightarrow A$  is the identity map and  $r \circ i : B \rightarrow B$  is homotopic to the identity map. So if there is a deformation retraction from  $A$  to  $B$  then  $A$  and  $B$  are homotopy equivalent and  $H^*(A) \cong H^*(B)$ .

**Lemma 15.10** There is a deformation retraction  $r : A \rightarrow B$  where  $A = U_1 \cup U_2$  and  $B = S^{k-1}$  and

$$r(x_0, \dots, x_n) = \frac{(0, x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}}.$$

**Proof:**

$$H(t, (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)) = \frac{((1-t)x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\|((1-t)x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)\|}.$$

So  $H \circ i_0 = \text{id}$  and  $H \circ i_1 = r \circ i$ .

Hence  $H^p(S^{k-1}) \cong H^p(U_1 \cap U_2)$ .

Given a closed  $\ell$ -form  $\omega$  on  $U_1 \cup U_2$ , we produce a closed  $(\ell-1)$ -form  $\eta$  on  $U_1 \cap U_2$ . Start with  $\omega$ . The restriction of  $\omega$  to  $U_1$  is exact (by the Poincaré lemma, since  $U_1$  is smoothly contractible to a point).

$$i_{U_1}^* \omega = d\phi_1$$

and

$$i_{U_2}^* \omega = d\phi_2$$

for  $(\ell-1)$ -forms  $\phi_1$  on  $U_1$  and  $\phi_2$  on  $U_2$ . Thus  $d(\phi_1 - \phi_2) = 0$  on  $U_1 \cap U_2$ , so  $\phi_1 - \phi_2 = \beta$  is a closed  $(\ell-1)$ -form on  $U_1 \cap U_2$ .

Given a closed  $(\ell-1)$ -form  $\eta$  on  $U_1 \cap U_2$ , we produce a closed  $\ell$ -form on  $U_1 \cup U_2$ . Start with smooth functions  $\rho_1$  on  $U_1$  and  $\rho_2$  on  $U_2$  such that  $\rho_1 = 0$  on a neighbourhood of the north pole  $N$ , and  $\rho_2 = 0$  on a neighbourhood of the south pole  $S$ . (In fact we can assume  $\rho_2 = 0$  on  $U_2 \setminus (U_1 \cap U_2)$ .)  $\rho_i(x) \in [0, 1]$  and  $\rho_1 + \rho_2 = 1$  everywhere. Thus  $\rho_1\beta$  is a form on  $U_1$  and  $\rho_2\beta$  is a form on  $U_2$  and we can define  $\phi_1 = \rho_1\beta$  and  $\phi_2 = -\rho_2\beta$ . Note that  $\phi_1 - \phi_2 = \beta$  on  $U_1 \cap U_2$  as  $\rho_1 + \rho_2 = 1$ . Then  $d\phi_1 - d\phi_2 = 0$  on  $U_1 \cap U_2$  as  $d\beta = 0$ . Define  $\omega \in \Omega^\ell(U_1 \cup U_2)$  by  $\omega|_{U_1} = d\phi_1$  and  $\omega|_{U_2} = d\phi_2$ , and  $d\omega = 0$  since this is true on  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ . In fact these two procedures are inverse to each other (as indicated by the notation). So  $H^\ell(S^k) \cong H^{\ell-1}(S^{k-1})$  for  $\ell \geq 1$ . Hence  $H^k(S^k) \cong H^1(S^1) = \mathbb{R}$  and  $H^0(S^k) \cong H^0(S^1) = \mathbb{R}$  and all the other groups are 0.

To see this, we use Mayer-Vietoris.

$$0 \longrightarrow \Omega^j(U_1 \cup U_2) \longrightarrow \Omega^j(U_1) \oplus \Omega^j(U_2) \longrightarrow \Omega^j(U_1 \cap U_2) \longrightarrow 0$$

This gives the long exact sequence

$$\dots \longrightarrow H^j(U_1 \cup U_2) \longrightarrow H^j(U_1) \oplus H^j(U_2) \longrightarrow H^j(U_1 \cap U_2) \longrightarrow \dots$$

Using this we can show the following theorem:

**Theorem 15.11**  $H^\ell(S^k) \cong H^{\ell-1}(S^{k-1})$ .

## 16 Brouwer fixed point theorem

**Theorem 16.1** (*Brouwer fixed point theorem*) Any smooth map  $f$  from  $D^n$  to itself has a fixed point.

**Remark 16.2** *This theorem can be generalized to continuous maps.*

**Proof:** Suppose not. Then there is a map from  $D^n$  to  $S^{n-1}$  which is the identity on  $S^{n-1}$ , in other words there is a deformation retraction from  $D^n$  to  $S^{n-1}$ . We construct this map by using a line from  $x$  to  $f(x)$  and checking where this line hits  $S^{n-1}$ . Define

$$g_t(x) = tx + (1-t)f(x) = f(x) + t(x - f(x)).$$

We solve

$$1 = t^2(x - f(x))^2 + 2tf(x)(x - f(x)) + f(x)^2$$

We take the solution  $t_0$  with  $t \geq 1$ . This solution is a smooth function of  $x$  (using the quadratic formula). The map we seek is then  $g_{t_0}(x)$ . We note that  $g_{t_0}(x)$  is a smooth function of  $x$ .

If  $r : D^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$  is a retraction, then  $r \circ i = \text{id}$  for  $i : S^{n-1} \rightarrow D^n$  the inclusion. Then we have  $i^*r^* = \text{id}$  but this factors through  $H^{n-1}(D^n) = \{0\}$ . This is a contradiction.

## 17 Degree

In this section let  $M$  and  $N$  be compact oriented manifolds and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  a smooth map.

**Definition 17.1** *If  $M$  is connected and oriented, and  $\dim(M) = n$ , then*

$$H^n(M) = \Omega^n(M)/d\Omega^{n-1}(M).$$

(Note that for any  $\alpha \in \Omega^n(M)$ ,  $d\alpha = 0$ .)

**Proposition 17.2** *If  $M$  is compact, connected and oriented and  $\partial M = \emptyset$ , then there is a linear isomorphism  $B : H^n(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $B(\alpha) = \int_M \alpha$ .*

**Proof:** Using a partition of unity we can construct an  $n$ -form  $\alpha$  on  $M$  with  $\int_M \alpha \neq 0$ . If  $\alpha = d\beta$  then  $\int_M \alpha = 0$  by Stokes.

**Remark 17.3** *Later we will give the proof that the map  $R$  given by  $R([\alpha]) = \int_M \alpha$  is an isomorphism.*

An application of this result is the definition of degree.

**Lemma 17.4** *There exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  for which  $\int_M f^* \alpha = \lambda \int_N \alpha$  for all  $\alpha$ . ( $\lambda$  depends only on  $f$  – it is independent of  $\alpha$ .)*

**Proof:**  $f^*$  gives a linear map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^n(N) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & H^n(M) \\ \downarrow B_N & & \downarrow B_M \\ \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{\cdot \lambda} & \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

$\lambda$  is called the *degree*  $\deg(f)$  of  $f$ .

**Theorem 17.5** *If  $b$  is a regular value of  $f$  then  $\deg(f) = n_+ - n_-$  where  $n_+$  is the number of  $p \in f^{-1}(b)$  for which  $df_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_b N$  preserves orientation, while  $n_-$  is the number of  $p \in f^{-1}(b)$  for which  $df_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_b N$  reverses orientation.*

**Proof:**  $f^{-1}(q)$  is a finite set of points  $p_1, \dots, p_k$ . Choose a neighbourhood  $U_i$  around each  $p_i$  on which  $f|_{U_i}$  is a diffeomorphism. Such a neighbourhood exists because  $df_{p_i}$  is an isomorphism for all  $p_i$ . In particular these neighbourhoods cannot intersect.

Choose a compact neighbourhood  $W$  around  $q$ , and define  $W' := f^{-1}(W) \setminus \coprod_j U_j$ . Choose a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $q$  in  $W$ , so  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_k$ . Redefine  $U_i$  to be  $U_i \cap f^{-1}(V)$ , so  $f : U_i \rightarrow V$  is a diffeomorphism. Choose  $\omega = g dy_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy_n$  where  $g \geq 0$  has compact support contained in  $V$ . Then the support of  $f^*\omega$  is contained in  $U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_k$ . So  $\int_M f^*\omega = \sum_{j=1}^k \int_{U_j} f^*\omega$ . But since  $f : U_i \rightarrow V$  is a diffeomorphism,  $\int_{U_i} f^*\omega = \int_V \omega$  if  $f$  is orientation preserving on  $U_i$ , while  $\int_{U_i} f^*\omega = -\int_V \omega$  if  $f$  is orientation reversing on  $U_i$ .

**Remark 17.6** *The degree of  $f$  is independent of the choice of regular value. So since  $b$  with  $f^{-1}(b) = \emptyset$  is a regular value, the degree of  $f$  is 0 unless  $f$  is surjective.*

**Example 17.7** *If  $M$  and  $N$  are compact oriented manifolds and  $F : M \rightarrow N$  is an orientation-preserving covering map with  $n$  sheets (for example  $F : S^1 \rightarrow S^1$  defined by  $F(e^{i\theta}) = e^{in\theta}$ ) then  $\int_M F^*\omega = n \int_N \omega$  (as a consequence of the previous theorem).*

## 17.1 Consequences of chain homotopy

**Proposition 17.8** *Homotopic maps have the same degree.*

**Proof:** If  $H : M \times [0,1] \rightarrow N$  is a homotopy between the maps  $F_0 : M \rightarrow N$  and  $F_1 : M \rightarrow N$ , then  $F_0 = H \circ i_0$  and  $F_1 = H \circ i_1$  so  $F_0^*\omega - F_1^*\omega = i_0^*H^*\omega - i_1^*H^*\omega = d(\mathcal{I}H^*\omega) + \mathcal{I}dH^*\omega$ . Hence if  $M$  and  $N$  are compact oriented manifolds and  $F_0$  and  $F_1$  are homotopic then  $\int_M F_0^*\omega = \deg(F_0) \int_N \omega$  and  $\int_M F_1^*\omega = \deg(F_1) \int_N \omega$ . But by Stokes' theorem  $\int_M F_1^*\omega - \int_M F_0^*\omega = \int_M d\mathcal{I}H^*\omega$  (recall that  $\omega$  is closed since it is an  $m$ -form on an  $m$ -dimensional manifold) so  $\deg F_0 = \deg F_1$ .

## 17.2 Consequences of degree

**Proposition 17.9** *“Hairy ball theorem”) If  $n$  is even, there is no nowhere zero vector field on  $S^n$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be the antipodal map. Then  $A$  is an orientation reversing diffeomorphism since  $n$  is even (it is an orientation preserving diffeomorphism when  $n$  is odd). Because a reflection is an orientation reversing diffeomorphism, it has degree  $-1$ . The antipodal map of  $S^n$  is the composition of  $n + 1$  reflections, so  $\deg(A) = (-1)^{n+1}$  (see Proposition 17.11 below). At the same time the degree of the identity map is 1. But if there is a nowhere zero vector field  $X$  on

$S^n$  then we can construct a homotopy between  $A$  and the identity map. For each  $p$ , there is a unique great semicircle  $\gamma_p$  from  $p$  to  $A(p) = -p$  whose tangent vector at  $p$  is a multiple of  $X(p)$  (if  $p$  is the north pole,  $\gamma_p$  would be the longitude whose tangent at  $p$  is  $X(p)$ ).

Note that for  $n$  odd we *can* construct a nowhere zero vector field on  $S^n$ : for  $p = (x_0, \dots, x_n) \in S^n$  we define

$$X(p) = (-x_1, x_0, -x_3, x_2, \dots, -x_{n+1}, x_n) = (-x_1\partial_{x_0} + x_0\partial_{x_1} + \dots + (-x_{n-1}\partial_{x_n} + x_n\partial_{x_{n-1}})$$

**Theorem 17.10** *If  $M$  is a compact orientable  $k$ -manifold then  $H^k(M) \cong \mathbb{R}$ .*

The isomorphism is given by the map integrating differential forms over  $M$ .

**Proof:**

- Step 1:  $H^k(S^k) \cong \mathbb{R}$ , and the isomorphism is given by  $\omega \mapsto \int \omega$ . (This was already proved, since we proved  $H^k(S^k) \cong H^{k-1}(S^{k-1})$  and  $H^1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{R}$ )
- Step 2: If the  $k$ -form  $\omega$  is compactly supported in  $\mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $\omega = d\eta$  for some compactly supported  $\eta$  iff  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \omega = 0$ . (Proof: Let  $\Phi : S^k \setminus \{N\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  be the stereographic projection. Then  $\Phi^*\omega = \omega'$  is a differential form on  $S^k$ , for some  $\omega'$  such that  $\omega = 0$  on a contractible neighbourhood  $U$  of  $N$ . So if  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \omega = 0$  then  $\int_{S^k} \Phi^*\omega = 0$  so  $\omega' = d\nu$  on  $S^k$ . As  $d\nu = 0$  on the contractible neighbourhood  $U$  of  $N$ ,  $i_U : U \rightarrow S^k$  and  $d(i_U^*\nu) = 0$ . By the Poincaré lemma,  $i_U^*\nu = d\mu$  for a  $(k-2)$ -form  $\mu$  on  $U$ . Hence  $i_U^*\nu - d\mu = 0$  and  $\gamma := (\Phi^{-1})^*(i_U^*\nu - d\mu)$  is defined on  $\mathbb{R}^k$  and compactly supported, and  $\omega = d\gamma$ .

If  $\omega = d\eta$  and  $\eta$  is compactly supported, then we choose  $R$  so large that  $Supp(\eta) \subset \{x \in \mathbb{R}^k \mid |x| \leq R\} := B_K(R)$ . Then  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \omega = \int_{B_K(R)} \omega = \int_{B_K(R)} d\eta = \int_{\partial B_K(R)} \eta = 0$ .

- Step 3: If  $U \subset M$  is an open set diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^k$ , then any  $k$ -form  $\beta$  compactly supported in  $U$  satisfies

$$[\beta] = \left( \int_U \beta \right) [\omega]$$

for any  $k$ -form  $\omega$  compactly supported in  $U$  with  $\int_U \omega = 1$ . (This follows from Step 2, because  $\alpha := \beta - \left( \int_U \beta \right) \omega = d\eta$  for some  $\eta$ , because  $\int_U \alpha = 0$ .)

- Step 4: Cover  $M$  by a finite number of open sets  $U_1, \dots, U_N$  and pick homotopies  $H_i : M \times I \rightarrow M$  with  $H_i|_{M \times \{0\}} = \text{id}$  and  $H_i|_{M \times \{1\}} = G_i : U_i \rightarrow U$ . So  $[\omega] = G_i^*[\omega]$  if  $\omega$  is the extension to  $M$  of a form compactly supported on  $U$  with  $\int_U \omega = 1$ . This is true because homotopic maps induce the same map in de Rham cohomology.

- Step 5: Choose a partition of unity  $\{f_i\}$  subordinate to  $\{U_i\}$ . Any closed  $k$ -form  $\theta$  equals  $\sum_i f_i \theta$ , where  $f_i \theta$  is supported in  $U_i$  and

$$[f_i \theta] = \int_{U_i} f_i \theta \cdot [G_i^* \omega]$$

(by Step 3, because  $G_i^* \omega$  is compactly supported on  $U_i$  with  $\int_{U_i} G_i^* \omega = 1$  – in Step 3, we replace  $\beta$  by  $f_i^* \theta$  and replace  $\omega$  by  $G_i^* \omega$ )

$$= \left( \int_{U_i} f_i \theta \right) \cdot [\omega]$$

(by Step 4). Hence

$$\begin{aligned} [\theta] &= \sum_i [f_i \theta] = \sum_i \int_M f_i \theta \cdot [\omega] \\ &= \left( \int_M \theta \right) \cdot [\omega], \end{aligned}$$

in other words  $[\theta] = 0$  iff  $\int_M \theta = 0$ .

This completes the proof that  $F : H^n(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $F(\alpha) = \int_M \alpha$  is an isomorphism.

### 17.3 Further results about the degree

**Proposition 17.11** *if  $f : M \rightarrow N$  and  $g : N \rightarrow P$  then*

$$\deg(fg) = \deg(f) \cdot (\deg(g))$$

**Proof:** This follows from Theorem 17.5.

**Proposition 17.12** *The degree of an orientation reversing diffeomorphism is  $-1$ . Hence an orientation reversing diffeomorphism cannot be homotopy equivalent to the identity map.*

**Proof:** This also follows from Theorem 17.5.

**Proposition 17.13** *The antipodal map of  $S^n$  is the composition of  $n + 1$  reflections, so its degree is  $(-1)^{n+1}$ . So if  $n$  is even, the antipodal map is not homotopy equivalent to the identity. If  $n$  is odd, the antipodal map is homotopy equivalent to the identity (via the flow of a nowhere zero vector field on  $S^n$ ).*

**Proposition 17.14** *If  $f : S^n \rightarrow S^n$  has no fixed points, then  $\deg(f) = (-1)^{n+1}$ .*

**Proof:** If  $f(x) \neq x$  for any  $x$ , then the line

$$t \mapsto (1-t)f(x) + t(-x), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

does not pass through 0. So

$$f_t(x) = \frac{(1-t)f(x) - tx}{|(1-t)f(x) - tx|}$$

defines a homotopy from  $f$  to the antipodal map, which has degree  $(-1)^{n+1}$ .

## 17.4 Applications of degree to group actions

**Definition 17.15** *A group  $G$  acts on a space  $X$  if there is a homomorphism  $G \mapsto \text{Homeo}(X)$ .*

**Definition 17.16** *A group acts freely on  $X$  if the homeomorphism corresponding to each non-trivial element of  $G$  has no fixed points.*

**Example 17.17** *The rotation group  $SO(3)$  acts on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $S^2$ ; the group  $U(1)$  acts on  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{C}$  by*

$$e^{i\theta} : z \mapsto e^{i\theta}z.$$

**Proposition 17.18** *If  $n$  is even, then  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  is the only nontrivial group that can act freely on  $S^n$ .*

**Remark 17.19** *Note that  $S^1$  and  $S^3$  are groups (see the section on Lie groups) and all Lie groups act freely on themselves (by left or right multiplication) so there are some odd dimensional spheres which admit a free action of a group other than  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .*

**Proof:** The degree of a homeomorphism must be  $\pm 1$ . Hence a group action determines a function  $D : G \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  which is a homomorphism (by Proposition 17.11 above). If the action is free,  $D$  sends every nontrivial element of  $G$  to  $(-1)^{n+1}$  (using Proposition 17.14). So if  $n$  is even,  $D$  sends all the nontrivial elements of  $G$  to  $-1$ . Hence

$$\text{Ker}(D) = \{1\}.$$

So since

$$D : G/\text{Ker}(D) \cong \{\pm 1\},$$

we learn that  $G \cong \{\pm 1\} = \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

## 18 Riemannian metrics

**Definition 18.1** A Riemannian metric is an assignment of an inner product on  $T_x M$  for all  $x \in M$ , such that  $g_{ij} := g(\partial_i, \partial_j)$  are smooth functions.

**Definition 18.2** The length of a curve  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow M$  is

$$\int_a^b g_{\gamma(t)} \left( \frac{d\gamma}{dt}, \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \right)^{1/2} dt.$$

**Proposition 18.3** The length of a curve  $\gamma$  is independent of the parametrization of  $\gamma$ .

**Proof:**

$$\int_a^b g_{\gamma(s)} \left( \frac{d\gamma}{ds}, \frac{d\gamma}{ds} \right)^{1/2} ds = \int_a^b g_{\gamma(t)} \left( \frac{d\gamma}{dt}, \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \cdot \left( \frac{dt}{ds} \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} \frac{ds}{dt} dt = \int_a^b g_{\gamma(t)} \left( \frac{d\gamma}{dt}, \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \right)^{1/2} dt$$

**Definition 18.4** The arc length of the curve  $\gamma$  is  $L(t) = \int_a^t g_{\gamma(s)} \left( \frac{d\gamma}{ds}, \frac{d\gamma}{ds} \right)^{1/2} ds$

**Definition 18.5** The volume element is

$$\omega = \sqrt{\det g} dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$$

where  $\det g$  refers to the determinant of the  $n \times n$  matrix  $g_{ij}$ .

The volume element equals  $w^1 \wedge \dots \wedge w^n$  if  $\{w^j\}$  is the basis for  $T_x^* M$  dual to an orthonormal basis  $\{e_i\}$  of  $T_x M$ . The Riemannian volume element is  $\sqrt{\det h} w^1 \wedge \dots \wedge w^n$  if  $\{w^i\} \in \Gamma(T^* M)$  is the dual basis to a basis of vector fields  $\{X_i\}$ .  $h$  is the matrix  $h_{ij} = g(X_i, X_j)$ . For example we might write  $X_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ .

**Proposition 18.6** The Riemannian volume element is independent of the choice of basis  $\{X_i\}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\{Z_i\} \in \Gamma(TM)$  be another basis of tangent vectors and let  $\{\eta^i\} \in \Gamma(T^* M)$  its dual basis. Put  $f_{ij} = g(Z_i, Z_j)$  and define a matrix  $\gamma$  by  $X_j = \sum_{\ell} Z_{\ell} \gamma_{\ell j}$ . The determinant of  $\gamma$  must be positive because both  $\{X_j\}$  and  $\{Z_j\}$  are compatible with the orientation.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} h_{ij} &= g(X_i, X_j) = \sum_{\ell, m} \gamma_{\ell i} \gamma_{m j} g(Z_{\ell}, Z_m) \\ &= \sum_{\ell, m} \gamma_{\ell i} \gamma_{m j} f_{\ell m}. \end{aligned}$$

So  $h = \gamma^T f \gamma$ , and  $\sqrt{\det h} = \det(\gamma) \sqrt{\det f}$ . Thus evaluating on  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  we see that

$$\eta^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta^n = (\det \gamma) \omega^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^n$$

and so

$$\sqrt{h} \omega^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega^n = \sqrt{\det f} \eta^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta^n.$$

The collection of vector fields on  $M$  will be denoted  $\Xi(M)$ .

**Definition 18.7** A connection on  $TM$  is a map  $\nabla : \Xi(M) \times \Xi(M) \rightarrow \Xi(M)$  denoted  $(X, Y) \mapsto \nabla_X Y$  for which

1.  $\nabla_{fX} Y = f \nabla_X Y$  for  $f$  a smooth function and  $X, Y$  vector fields on  $M$ .
2.  $\nabla_X (fY) = (Xf)Y + f \nabla_X Y$ .

More generally if  $V$  is a vector bundle over  $M$ ,  $\nabla : \Xi(M) \times \Gamma(V) \rightarrow \Gamma(V)$  where  $X \in \Xi(M)$  and  $Y \in \Gamma(V)$ .

Note that if  $M = \mathbb{R}^n$  (for smooth functions  $f_j$ ) there is an obvious connection  $\nabla_{\partial_i} (\sum_j f_j \partial_j) = \sum_j (\partial_i f_j) \partial_j$  but this depends on the coordinate choice. A connection provides a way to compare tangent vectors at different points in a manifold.

**Proposition 18.8** For any connection on  $TM$ , write  $\xi_i = \partial_i$  and  $\nabla_{\xi_i} \xi_j = \sum_{k=1}^n \Gamma_{ij}^k \xi_k$ . The  $\Gamma_{ij}^k$  are called Christoffel symbols.

**Definition 18.9** The torsion of a connection is

$$T(X, Y) = \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y]$$

We can compute that the torsion is a tensor, in other words if we multiply  $X$  or  $Y$  by a smooth function  $f$ ,  $T(fX, Y) = fT_X Y$  and  $T(X, fY) = fT_X Y$  – there is no dependence on derivatives of  $f$ .

**Proposition 18.10**  $\nabla$  is torsion free iff in local coordinates  $\Gamma_{ij}^k = \Gamma_{ji}^k$

**Definition 18.11** (Connection along a curve, or covariant derivative) Let  $\Xi(s)$  be the collection of smooth maps  $v : [a, b] \rightarrow TM$  such that  $v(s(t)) \in T_{s(t)}M$ . The covariant derivative associated to a connection  $\nabla$  is  $\nabla/dt : \Xi(s) \rightarrow \Xi(s)$  such that

1.  $\nabla/dt$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear
2.  $\nabla/dt(fv) = (df/dt)v + f(\nabla/dt)v$

3. If  $Y \in \Xi(M)$  then  $\nabla/dt(Y|_s) = \nabla_{\dot{s}(t)}(Y)$ .

**Definition 18.12** A vector field  $v \in \Xi(s)$  is parallel along  $s$  if  $(\nabla/dt)v = 0$ .

**Definition 18.13** For a curve  $s$  in a submanifold  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and a vector field  $Y$  along the curve  $s$ , we define a covariant derivative by  $((\nabla/dt)Y)(t) = \pi(dY/dt)$ , where  $\pi$  is the projection from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $T_{s(t)}M$ .

Define  $\langle X, Y \rangle := g(X, Y)$

**Proposition 18.14**  $d/dt \langle v, w \rangle = \langle \nabla/dt v, w \rangle + \langle v, \nabla/dt w \rangle$  In particular if  $v$  and  $w$  are vector fields parallel along a curve  $s$ , relative to the Levi-Civita connection, they make a constant angle with each other and have constant lengths along  $s$ .

**Proof:** If  $v = \sum v^i \xi_i$ ,  $w = \sum_i w^i \xi_i$ , in terms of  $\xi_i = \partial_i$  we have  $\nabla v/dt = \sum_k dv^k/dt \xi_k + v^k \nabla_{\dot{s}} \xi_k$ . The right hand side is

$$\sum \langle dv^k/dt \xi_k, w^\ell \xi_\ell \rangle + \langle v^k \xi_k, dw^\ell/dt \xi_\ell \rangle + \sum \langle v^k \nabla_{\dot{s}} \xi_k, w^\ell \xi_\ell \rangle + \sum \langle v^k \xi_k, w^\ell \nabla_{\dot{s}} \xi_\ell \rangle$$

This is the sum of the first two terms plus  $\sum v^k w^\ell \dot{s} \langle \xi_k, \xi_\ell \rangle$  (because  $\nabla$  is Riemannian)  $= \frac{d}{dt} \langle v, w \rangle$ .

**Theorem 18.15**

$$\langle \nabla_X Y, Z \rangle - \langle \nabla_Y X, Z \rangle = \langle [X, Y], Z \rangle$$

## Poincaré Duality and the Hodge Star Operator

Let  $M$  be a compact oriented manifold of dimension  $n$ .

**Definition 18.16** *The Hodge star operator is a linear map*

$$* : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{n-k}(M)$$

which satisfies

•

$$* \circ * = (-1)^{k(n-k)}$$

•

$$\alpha \wedge *\alpha = |\alpha|^2 \text{vol}$$

where  $\text{vol}$  is the standard volume form and  $|\alpha|^2$  is the usual norm on  $\alpha(x)$  viewed as an element of  $\Lambda^k T_x^* M$ .

The definition of the Hodge star operator requires the choice of a Riemannian metric on the tangent bundle to  $M$ .

Let  $d$  be the exterior differential. Then  $d^* := *d*$  is the formal adjoint of  $d$ , in the sense that  $(d^*a, b) = (a, db)$ . This is because  $(*a, *b) = (a, b)$  for any  $a, b \in \Omega^k M$ , so

$$(da, b) = \int da^*b = (-1)^k \int a^d * b$$

(by Stokes' theorem)

$$= (-1)^{k(n-k)} (-1)^k (a, *d * b)$$

**Definition 18.17** *A  $k$ -form  $\alpha$  on  $M$  is harmonic if  $d\alpha = d^*\alpha = 0$ .*

**Theorem 18.18** *The set of harmonic  $k$ -forms is isomorphic to  $H^k(M; \mathbb{R})$ .*

**Theorem 18.19** *If  $\alpha$  is a harmonic  $k$ -form on  $M$ , its Poincaré dual is represented by  $*\alpha$ . The pairing between an element  $\alpha$  and its Poincaré dual is nondegenerate, i.e. for any form  $\alpha$   $\int_M \alpha \wedge *\alpha = 0 \implies \alpha = 0$ .*

## 19 Lie Groups

**Definition 19.1** A Lie group is a group  $G$  which is also a smooth manifold, for which multiplication  $m : G \times G \rightarrow G$  and inversion  $i : G \rightarrow G$  are smooth maps. The identity element is usually denoted  $e$ .

**Example 19.2**  $U(1)$ :  $m(e^{i\sigma}, e^{i\tau}) = e^{i(\sigma+\tau)}$   $i(e^{i\sigma}) = e^{-i\sigma}$ .

**Example 19.3**  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ :  $m(A, B)_{ij} = \sum_r A_{ir} B_{rj}$   $i(A)_{ji} = \frac{(-1)^{i+j}}{\det A} \tilde{A}_{ij}$  where  $\tilde{A}_{ij}$  is the determinant of the matrix obtained by striking out the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column of  $A$ .

**Example 19.4**  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ : the definition is exactly the same as  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  with  $\mathbb{R}$  replaced by  $\mathbb{C}$

**Example 19.5**  $\mathbb{R}$ :  $m(a, b) = a + b$ ,  $i(a) = -a$

**Example 19.6**  $O(n) = \{A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) : AA^T = 1\}$  where  $1$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

**Example 19.7**  $SO(n) = \{A \in O(n) : \det A = 1\}$

**Example 19.8**  $U(n) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{C}) : AA^\dagger = 1\}$  where  $A^\dagger = \bar{A}^T$

**Example 19.9**  $SU(n) = \{A \in U(n) : \det A = 1\}$

**Definition 19.10** A Lie subgroup of  $G$  is a regular submanifold which is also a subgroup of  $G$ .

Lie subgroups are necessarily Lie groups, with their smooth structure as submanifolds of  $G$ . The multiplication and inversion maps are automatically smooth. Lie subgroups are necessarily closed (Boothby, Theorem III.6.18).

**Example 19.11** 1.  $O(n) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) : AA^T = 1\}$  is a Lie subgroup of  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ .

2.  $SO(n) = \{A \in O(n) : \det(A) = 1\}$  is a Lie subgroup of  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ .

3.  $U(n) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{C}) : AA^\dagger = 1\}$  is a Lie subgroup of  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ . (Here  $A^\dagger$  is the conjugate of the transpose of  $A$ .)

**Example 19.12** ( $Sp(n)$ ) *The group*

$$Sp(n) = \left\{ M(A, B) := \begin{bmatrix} A & -\bar{B} \\ B & \bar{A} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

where  $A, B \in \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  and we insist that  $M(A, B) \in U(2n)$ . Equivalently

$$Sp(n) = \{U \in SU(2n) : \bar{U}J = JU\}$$

where  $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1_n \\ -1_n & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Classical groups:**

- $A_n \dots SU(n+1), n \geq 1$
- $B_n \dots SO(2n+1), n \geq 2$
- $C_n \dots Sp(n), n \geq 3$
- $D_n \dots SO(2n), n \geq 4$

The reason for the restriction on  $n$  is to avoid duplication: for low values of  $n$  many of the groups are isomorphic, or at least their Lie algebras are. For example  $SO(3)$  has the same Lie algebra as  $SU(2)$ .

The classical groups above and a finite list of “exceptional Lie groups” ( $G_2, F_4, E_6, E_7, E_8$ ) are basic building blocks for compact connected Lie groups.

**Theorem 19.13** *If  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are Lie groups and  $F : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  is a smooth map which is also a homomorphism, then  $\text{Ker}(F)$  is a closed regular submanifold which is a Lie group of dimension  $\dim(G_1) - \text{rk}(F)$ .*

**Example 19.14**  $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$  is the kernel of  $\det : GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

**Proof:** This is Boothby, , Theorem III.6.14.

**Definition 19.15** *A Lie subgroup  $H$  of a Lie group  $G$  is a subgroup (algebraically) which is a submanifold and is a Lie group (with its smooth structure as an immersed submanifold).*

**Proposition 19.16** *A Lie subgroup that is a regular submanifold is closed. Conversely a Lie subgroup that is closed is a regular submanifold.*

(Recall:  $X \subset M$  is a regular submanifold iff there is a chart  $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  for which  $\phi(U \cap X) = \phi(U) \cap \mathbb{R}^n$ .)

**Definition 19.17** Let  $F : N \rightarrow M$  be a diffeomorphism and  $X$  a vector field on  $N$ , while  $Y$  is a vector field on  $M$ . Then  $X$  is  $F$ -related to  $Y$  iff  $F_*(X_m) = Y_{F(m)}$  for all  $m \in M$ .

**Proposition 19.18** The Lie brackets of  $F$ -related vector fields are  $F$ -related.

**Proof:** We have to show that if  $X_i, Y_i$  are  $F$ -related vector fields then

$$dF([X_1, X_2]) = [Y_1, Y_2].$$

We are assuming  $dF(X_i) = Y_i$ . For all  $g \in C^\infty(V)$ , and  $x \in F^{-1}(V)$ ,

$$(Yg)(F(x)) = (dF)_x(X)(g) = X(g \circ F) \quad (2)$$

This is equivalent to

$$(Yg) \circ F = X(g \circ F).$$

If  $f \in C^\infty(V)$ , we replace  $g$  by  $Y_2f$ , and  $Y$  by  $Y_1$  in (2). This gives

$$Y_1(Y_2f) \circ F = X_1((Y_2f) \circ F).$$

Now apply (2) for  $g = f$ ,  $Y = Y_2$ . This gives

$$Y_1(Y_2f) \circ F = X_1(X_2(f \circ F)).$$

Likewise

$$Y_2(Y_1f) \circ F = X_2(X_1(f \circ F)).$$

So

$$([Y_1, Y_2]f) \circ F = [X_1, X_2](f \circ F)$$

so  $[Y_1, Y_2]$  is  $F$ -related to  $[X_1, X_2]$ .

## 19.1 Left invariant vector fields

For  $g \in G$  define  $L_g : G \rightarrow G$  by  $L_g(h) = g \circ h$ . For  $Y \in T_eG$  define a vector field  $\tilde{Y}$  by  $\tilde{Y}_g = (L_g)_*Y$ .

**Proposition 19.19**  $\tilde{Y}$  is a smooth vector field.

**Proposition 19.20**  $[\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]$  is left invariant.

**Proof:** For any  $h \in G$ ,  $\tilde{Y}$  is  $F$ -related to itself (where  $F = L_h$ ), so  $[\tilde{Y}_1, \tilde{Y}_2]$  is also  $F$ -related to itself, in other words it is left invariant (so  $[\tilde{Y}_1, \tilde{Y}_2] = \tilde{Z}$  for some  $Z \in T_e G$ ). Hence there is an operation  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  on  $T_e G$  (*Lie bracket*).  $T_e G$  equipped with  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  is called the Lie algebra of  $G$ , denoted  $\text{Lie}(G)$ .

**Proposition 19.21** *The tangent bundle  $TG$  of a Lie group  $G$  is trivial.*

**Proof:** We have a global basis of sections given by the left invariant vector fields.

**Example 19.22**  *$TS^3$  is trivial, since  $S^3 = SU(2)$ .*

**Theorem 19.23** *For every  $X \in T_e G$  there is a unique smooth homomorphism  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$  with  $d\phi/dt|_{t=0} = X$ .*

**Proof:** Given  $X$ , we construct the corresponding left invariant vector field  $\tilde{X}$ . Take the integral curve  $\phi : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow G$  through  $e$  (with  $\phi(0) = e$ ). Extend it to  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$  by defining

$$\phi(t) = \phi(\epsilon/2) \circ \dots \circ \phi(\epsilon/2) \phi(r)$$

where the number of  $\phi(\epsilon/2)$  is  $k$  and  $t = k(\epsilon/2) + r$ . Then  $t \mapsto \phi(s) \cdot \phi(t)$  is an integral curve of  $\tilde{X}$  passing through  $\phi(s)$  at  $t = 0$ . Also,  $\phi(s + t)$  is such an integral curve. So by uniqueness of integral curves

$$\phi(s + t) = \phi(s) \cdot \phi(t).$$

Conversely if  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$  is a smooth homomorphism, and  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is smooth, then  $d\phi/dt$  is a tangent vector to  $G$  at  $\phi(t)$ . Recall

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\phi}{dt}(f) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\phi(t+h)) - f(\phi(t))}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\phi(t)\phi(h)) - f(\phi(t))}{h} \\ &= \frac{d}{du} \Big|_{u=0} f \circ L_{\phi(t)} \circ \phi(u) \\ &= (L_{\phi(t)})_* \frac{d}{du} \Big|_{u=0} (f) \\ &= (L_{\phi(t)})_* X(f) = \tilde{X}(\phi(t))(f). \end{aligned}$$

So  $\phi$  is an integral curve of  $\tilde{X}$ .

**Definition 19.24** *A one parameter subgroup of  $G$  is a homomorphism  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$ .*

We have thus shown that there is a bijective correspondence between left invariant vector fields and one parameter subgroups.

Given  $X \in \text{Lie}(G)$ , let  $\phi$  be the unique smooth homomorphism with  $\frac{d\phi}{dt}(0) = X$ . Then we define the exponential map as follows.

**Definition 19.25** (*Exponential map*) *With the above notation,*

$$\exp(X) = \phi(1).$$

Clearly

$$\exp(t_1 + t_2)X = (\exp t_1 X)(\exp t_2 X)$$

and

$$\exp(-tX) = (\exp tX)^{-1}.$$

**Proposition 19.26** *The map  $\exp : \text{Lie}(G) \rightarrow G$  is smooth, and 0 is a regular value so  $\exp$  takes a neighbourhood of  $0 \in \text{Lie}(G)$  diffeomorphically onto a neighbourhood of  $e \in G$ .*

**Proof:** Define a vector field  $Y$  on  $\text{Lie}(G) \times G$  by

$$Y_{(X,a)} = 0 \oplus \tilde{X}(a).$$

(Note that  $T_{(X,a)}(\text{Lie}(G) \times G) \cong T_e G \oplus T_a G$ .) Then  $Y$  has a flow

$$\alpha : \mathbb{R} \times (T_e G \times G) \rightarrow T_e G \times G$$

which is smooth (since  $Y$  is smooth). Since  $\exp(X)$  is the projection on  $G$  of  $\alpha(1, 0 \oplus X)$ ,  $\exp$  is smooth (as it is the composition of smooth maps).

Given  $v \in T_e G$ , the curve  $c(t) = tv$  in  $T_e G$  has tangent vector  $v$  at 0.

So

$$\exp_0(v) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 \exp(tv) = v.$$

Hence

$$(d\exp)|_0 = \text{id}.$$

So  $\exp$  is a diffeomorphism in a neighbourhood of 0.

**Proposition 19.27** *If  $\psi : G \rightarrow H$  is a homomorphism then*

$$\exp_H \circ d\psi = \psi \circ \exp_G.$$

**Proof:** If  $\psi : G \rightarrow H$ , and  $X \in T_e G$ , then let  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$  be a homomorphism with

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} = X.$$

Then  $\psi \circ \phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow H$  is a homomorphism with

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\psi \circ \phi) \Big|_{t=0} = \psi_* X.$$

So

$$\exp(\psi(X)) = \psi \circ \phi(1) = \psi(\exp X).$$

**Proposition 19.28** *If  $G = GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  then  $\text{Lie}(G) = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  (the vector space of  $n \times n$  real matrices) and*

$$\exp(X) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{X^n}{n!}. \quad (3)$$

**Proof:** We define a norm on  $\text{Lie}(G)$  as follows:

$$|X| = \sup_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |x_{ij}|$$

so

$$|X^k| \leq \frac{1}{n} (n|X|)^k$$

(since  $|AB| \leq n|A||B|$ ). Hence the series (3) converges absolutely. Also the one parameter subgroup of  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  whose left invariant vector field has the value  $X$  at  $e$  is  $\exp(tX)$  since

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{t^n X^n}{n!} = \text{id} + tX + O(t^2)$$

hence

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{t^n X^n}{n!} = X.$$

**Proposition 19.29** *If  $G = GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  and  $A, B \in \text{Lie}(G)$  then*

$$[A, B] = AB - BA.$$

**Proof:**

$$A = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{ij}},$$

$$B = \sum_{i,j} b_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{ij}}$$

where  $a_{ij}, b_{ij}$  are constants. Let  $\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}$  be the left invariant vector fields corresponding to  $A$  and  $B$ . Then

$$[\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}]f = \tilde{A}(\tilde{B}f) - \tilde{B}(\tilde{A}f)$$

(by definition of the Lie bracket on vector fields).

If  $x \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ , then

$$\tilde{B}(x)_{ij} = (xB)_{ij} = \sum_r x_{ir} b_{rj}$$

so

$$A(\tilde{B}f) = \sum_{i,j} \sum_{k,\ell} a_{k\ell} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k\ell}}$$

$$= \sum_r a_{ir} b_{rj} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{ij}} r + \text{terms with } \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k\ell}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{ij}}$$

Likewise

$$B(\tilde{A}f) = \sum_r b_{ir} a_{rj} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{ij}} f.$$

It follows that

$$[\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}] = \widetilde{AB - BA}.$$

**Proposition 19.30** *If  $[X, Y] = 0$  then  $\exp(X + Y) = \exp X \exp Y$ .*

**Proof:** For matrix groups,

$$\exp(X + Y) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(X + Y)^n}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^m \frac{1}{(m-p)!} X^{m-p} \frac{1}{p!} Y^p$$

$$= \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} X^k \right) \left( \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ell!} Y^\ell \right)$$

$$= \exp X \exp Y.$$