

## Assignment 6

1. If  $U$  and  $V$  are open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$  respectively and  $\phi : U \rightarrow V$  is a diffeomorphism, prove that  $m = n$ . This says that if  $m \neq n$ , then an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  cannot be diffeomorphic to an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
2. Consider the function

$$f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, f(x, y) = (e^x \cos(y), e^x \sin(y)).$$

Show that the Jacobian of  $f$  is not zero at any point of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Thus, by IMT, any point of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  has a neighborhood in which  $f$  is one-one. Nevertheless, prove that  $f$  is not one-one on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

3. Define  $f : \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , given by  $f = (f_1, f_2)$  where  $f_1(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, y_3) = 2e^{x_1} + x_2y_1 - 4y_2 + 3$  and  $f_2(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, y_3) = x_2 \cos(x_1) - 6x_1 + 2y_1 - y_3$ .

- (a) Show that  $f(0, 1, 3, 2, 7) = (0, 0)$
- (b) Show that  $\exists$  a  $C^1$  map  $g$  defined on a neighbourhood of  $(3, 2, 7)$  such that  $g(3, 2, 7) = (0, 1)$  and  $f(g(y), y) = (0, 0)$ .
- (c) compute  $Dg(3, 2, 7)$ .

4. Using the implicit function theorem ( and not otherwise ), show that the system of equations:

$$3x + y - z + u^2 = 0$$

$$x - y + 2z + u = 0$$

$$2x + 2y - 4z + 2u = 0$$

has a local solution for  $x, y, u$  in terms of  $z$ ; for  $x, z, u$  in terms of  $y$ ; for  $y, z, u$  in terms of  $x$ .

5. Define  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f(x, y_1, y_2) = x^2y_1 + e^x + y_2$$

Show that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 1, -1) \neq 0$  and there exists a differentiable function  $g$  in a neighborhood of  $(1, -1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  so that  $g(1, -1) = 0$  and  $f(g(y_1, y_2), y_1, y_2) = 0$ . Moreover find  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial y_1}(1, -1)$  and  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial y_2}(1, -1)$ .

6. If  $S$  is a regular  $k$ -level surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+k}$ ,  $k$  is called the dimension of  $S$  and  $n$  is called the codimension of  $S$ . For each of the following examples, determine whether the set  $f^{-1}(0)$  is a regular surface. If your answer is yes, then also determine the dimension and the codimension.

- (a)  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1$   
 (b)  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 - y^2 - z^2$

7. Prove that the following are examples of regular surfaces. Also compute their dimension and codimension.

- (a) ( the 2-torus )

$$\mathbb{T}^2 = f^{-1}(1, 1),$$

where  $f : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is defined by

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (x_1^2 + x_2^2, x_3^2 + x_4^2).$$

- (b) ( the  $n$ -torus )

$$\mathbb{T}^n = f^{-1}(1, \dots, 1)$$

where  $f : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined by

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}) = (x_1^2 + x_2^2, \dots, x_{2n-1}^2 + x_{2n}^2).$$

Also prove that  $\mathbb{T}^n$  is the  $n$ -fold Cartesian product of  $S^1$ .

- (c) ( the  $(n-1)$  sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  )

$$S^{n-1} = f^{-1}(1)$$

where  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2.$$

8. Prove that  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\}$  is an  $n$ -manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .
9. Prove that  $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$  is a manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ . What is its dimension?
10. (a) Recall that the derivative of the function  $\det : \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $D(\det)(A)(X) = \det(A)\text{Tr}(A^{-1}X)$ .
- Compute the dimension of the vector space  $\text{Ker}(D(\det))(I)$ , where  $I$  denotes the identity matrix in  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ .
  - Show that  $\text{SL}_n(\mathbb{R}) := \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) : \det(A) = 1\}$  is a regular  $n^2 - 1$ -level surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ .
- (b) Prove that  $O(n)$  ( i.e, the set of all  $n \times n$  real orthogonal matrices ) is a manifold of dimension  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  in  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ .  
 ( **Hint:** Let  $S_n$  denote the vector space of all  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrices. Consider the function  $f : M_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow S_n$  defined by  $f(A) = AA^t$ . )
11. Suppose  $k, l$  are positive integers such that  $M$  is a  $k$ -manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and moreover,  $M$  is an  $l$ -manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $k = l$ .

12. Suppose  $M$  and  $N$  are  $k$ -manifolds in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a smooth function such that for all  $p$  in  $M$ , the linear map

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

is a vector space isomorphism. Then prove that if  $p \in M$ , there exists an open set  $V$  of  $M$  containing  $p$  which is diffeomorphic to an open set of  $N$  containing  $f(p)$ .

13. Let us recall the statement of the implicit function theorem:

Suppose  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is an open set and  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a smooth function. Moreover, assume that there exist  $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-m} \times \mathbb{R}^m$  such that  $f(x_0, y_0) = 0$  and  $D_{\mathbb{R}^m} f(x_0, y_0)$  is invertible.

Then I.F.T. states that there exists an open set  $V$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n-m}$  containing  $x_0$ , an open set  $W$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  containing  $y_0$  and a smooth map  $g : V \rightarrow W$  such that  $D_{\mathbb{R}^m} f(x, y)$  is invertible for all  $(x, y) \in V \times W$  and

$$\{(x, y) \in V \times W : f(x, y) = 0\} = \{(x, g(x)) : x \in V\}.$$

We also computed an expression for  $Dg(x_0)$ .

- (a) In the notations as above, prove that the set

$$M = \{(x, y) \in U : f(x, y) = 0\}$$

is an  $n - m$ -manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (b) Prove that

$$T_{(x_0, y_0)} M = \{(v, Dg(x_0)(v)) : v \in \mathbb{R}^{n-m}\}.$$

Thus, even without knowing the function  $g$  explicitly, the implicit function theorem helps us to understand the tangent space to the manifold  $M$ . This follows from the fact that we have a formula for  $Dg(x_0, y_0)$  in terms of the function  $f$  from the implicit function theorem.

14. ( \* ) We have seen that if  $p$  belongs to an open set  $U$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $T_p U$  can be identified with the set of all derivations of  $C^\infty(p)$ . We can go one step further, in the context of vector fields.

Suppose  $U$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . An  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear map  $\delta : C^\infty(U) \rightarrow C^\infty(U)$  is called a derivation of  $C^\infty(U)$  if for all  $f, g \in C^\infty(U)$ ,

$$\delta(f.g) = \delta(f).g + f.\delta(g).$$

The set of all derivations of  $C^\infty(U)$  is denoted by the symbol  $\text{Der}(C^\infty(U))$ . The goal of this exercise is to show that  $\mathcal{X}(U) = \text{Der}(C^\infty(U))$ .

- (a) We will need the following result, called the existence of partition of unity ( See Theorem 3.11 of Spivak for a proof ). We recall that the support of a real valued function defined on a topological space is

$$\text{supp}(f) := \overline{\{x \in \text{Dom}(f) : f(x) \neq 0\}}.$$

**Theorem**

**Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  be an open cover of  $A$ . Then there exists a collection  $\{\phi_i : i \in I\}$  of smooth functions on an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  containing  $A$  satisfying the following conditions:**

- i. For all  $x \in A$ ,  $0 \leq \phi_i(x) \leq 1$ .**
- ii. For all  $x \in A$ , there exists  $V$  open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  containing  $x$  such that all but finitely many  $\phi_i$  are zero on  $V$ .**
- iii. For all  $x \in A$ ,**

$$\sum_i \phi_i(x) = 1.$$

**Note that this equation makes sense by the previous point.**

- iv. For all  $i \in I$ ,  $\text{supp}(\phi_i) \subseteq U_i$ .**

**The collection  $\{\phi_i : i \in I\}$  is called a partition of unity subordinate to the cover  $\{U_i : i \in I\}$ .**

As an application of the theorem on partition of unity, prove the following statement:

Suppose  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is closed and  $U$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Then prove that there exists a real-valued smooth function  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\psi(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in A$ ,  $\text{supp}(\psi) \subseteq U$  and  $0 \leq \psi(x) \leq 1$ .

- (b) Given an element  $f$  of  $C^\infty(U)$  and  $X$  in  $\mathcal{X}(U)$ , we can define a real-valued function  $Xf$  on  $U$  by the formula

$$(Xf)(p) = X_p(f).$$

Here, the element  $X_p$  of  $T_p(U)$  is viewed as an element of  $\text{Der}(C^\infty(p))$  and  $f$  is viewed as an element of  $C^\infty(p)$  so that  $X_p(f)$  makes sense.

Prove that  $Xf$  is a smooth function on  $U$ .

- (c) Suppose  $X \in \mathcal{X}(U)$ . Then prove that the map

$$C^\infty(U) \rightarrow C^\infty(U), f \mapsto Xf$$

is a derivation of  $C^\infty(U)$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{X}(U)$  is a subset of  $\text{Der}(C^\infty(U))$ .

- (d) Finally , prove that  $\mathcal{X}(U) = \text{Der}(C^\infty(U))$ . This can be done in three steps:

- i. Prove that if  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(U)$  are such that  $X(f) = Y(f)$  for all  $f \in C^\infty(U)$ , then  $X = Y$ .

- ii. Suppose  $\delta \in \text{Der}(C^\infty(U))$  and  $f \in C^\infty(U)$  is such that  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x$  on an open subset  $V$  of  $U$ . Prove that  $\delta(f)(y) = 0$  for all  $y \in V$ .  
 ( **Hint:** By the problem in a), observe that there exists an open set  $W$  in  $V$  such that  $p \in W$  and a smooth function  $g$  on  $U$  such that  $g = 1$  on  $W$  and  $g = 0$  outside  $V$ . )
- iii. Prove that  $\mathcal{X}(U) = \text{Der}(C^\infty(U))$ . i.e, if  $\delta \in \text{Der}(C^\infty(U))$ , then there is an unique element  $X$  in  $\mathcal{X}(U)$  such that for all  $f \in C^\infty(U)$ ,  $\delta(f) = X(f)$ .
- (e) Let  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(U)$ . Define a map  $[X, Y] : C^\infty(U) \rightarrow C^\infty(U)$  by the formula

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

This means that for all  $p \in U$ ,

$$[X, Y](f)(p) = X_p(Yf) - Y_p(Xf).$$

Prove that  $[X, Y]$  is a vector field on  $U$ . Moreover, write  $[X, Y]$  as a  $C^\infty(U)$ -linear combination of the vector fields  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ .

15. Suppose  $M$  is a  $k$ -manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . A vector field  $X$  on  $M$  is called non-vanishing on  $M$  if  $X_p \neq 0$  for all  $p \in M$ . A vector field  $X$  on a  $k$ -manifold  $M$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called a unit vector field if  $\langle X(p), X(p) \rangle = 1$  for all  $p \in M$ .
- (a) Prove that there exists a non-vanishing tangent vector field on  $M$  if and only if there exists a unit tangent vector field on  $M$ .
- (b) Prove that there exists a non-vanishing normal vector field on  $M$  if and only if there exists a unit normal vector field on  $M$ .
- (c) Prove that on a connected regular level  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , there exist exactly two unit normal vector fields.
- (d) On a connected regular level  $k$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+k}$ , how many unit normal vector fields can you think of?
- (e) Suppose  $k \geq 1$  and  $n = 2k - 1$ . Consider the  $n$ -manifold  $M = S^n$  inside  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . Prove that

$$X = (-x_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}) + (-x_4 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + x_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4}) + \cdots + (-x_{2k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{2k-1}} + x_{2k-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{2k}})$$

defines a nowhere vanishing tangent vector field on  $M$ .

This shows that on an odd dimensional sphere, there always exists non-vanishing ( equivalently unit ) tangent vector fields.

This is false for the 2 dimensional sphere  $S^2$  but we won't prove this fact in this course.

16. Let  $V$  be a 3-dimensional inner product space. Fix two elements  $v, w$  in  $V$ .

- (a) Then prove that there exists a unique vector  $g(v, w)$  in  $V$  such that for all  $z$  in  $V$ , the following equation holds:

$$\langle g(v, w), z \rangle = \det(v, w, z)^t.$$

( **Hint:** Look at the map

$$\phi : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \phi(z) = \det(v, w, z)^t.$$

Observe that  $\phi$  is a linear functional on  $V$ . )

- (b) Prove that  $g(v, w)$  coincides with the cross-product  $v \times w$ . From now on, we will drop the symbol  $g(v, w)$  and instead continue to denote it as  $v \times w$ .
- (c) From the above-made definition of  $v \times w$ , prove that  $\det(v, w, v \times w)^t$  is always non-negative. Moreover, prove that  $v \times w$  is orthogonal to both  $v$  and  $w$ .
- (d) Prove that if  $(U, \psi)$  is a local parametrization of a 2-manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $U$  is a region, then there exists a unit normal vector field along  $\psi$ .
- (e) Compute this unit normal vector field for the parametrization  $(U, \psi)$  where  $U = \{(\theta, \phi) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : -\pi < \theta < \pi, 0 < \phi < \pi\}$  and  $\psi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is defined as

$$\psi(\theta, \phi) = (r \cos \theta \sin \phi, r \sin \theta \sin \phi, r \cos \phi).$$

17. Let  $(U, \psi)$  be a parametrized  $n$ -surface in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be the co-ordinate vector fields along  $\psi$ . Suppose  $x \in U$ . Prove that there is a unique vector  $N(x) \in (\text{Ran}(D\psi(x)))^\perp$  satisfying the following two conditions:

- (a)

$$\|N(x)\| := (\langle N(x), N(x) \rangle_{T_{\psi(x)}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1.$$

- (b) The determinant of the matrix with the rows  $X_1(x), X_2(x), \dots, N(x)$  ( in this particular order ) is positive.

18. The goal of this exercise is to show that the vector field  $N$  constructed in the previous problem is indeed a smooth vector field.

We continue with the notation of the previous exercise. Define

$$N'(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} n'_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} \Big|_{\psi(x)},$$

where  $n'_i(x) = (-1)^{n+i+1}$  times the determinant of the matrix obtained by deleting the  $i$ -th column from the  $n \times (n+1)$  matrix with the first row  $X_1(x)$ , second row  $X_2(x)$ ,  $\dots$  the  $n$ -th row  $X_n(x)$ .

Here, the entries of the vector  $X_i(x)$  are in the basis  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} \Big|_{\psi(x)}$ , where,  $y_1, \dots, y_{n+1}$  are the co-ordinates of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .

Prove that

- (a)  $N'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in U$ .
- (b)  $N'(x) \in (\text{Ran}(D\psi(x)))^\perp$ .
- (c) The determinant of the matrix with the rows  $X_1(x), X_2(x), \dots, X_n(x), N'(x)$  ( in this particular order ) is positive.
- (d) Prove that the assignment  $x \rightarrow N(x)$  constructed in the previous problem is a ( smooth ) vector field. The vector field  $N$  **is called the orientation vector field along  $\psi$** .
- (e) Now here comes the moral of the story.  
 Prove that if  $(U, \psi)$  is a local parametrization of an  $n$ -manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  so that  $U$  is a region, then there exists a unit normal vector field along  $\psi$ .